

DISTRICT CHAMPS!



Keith Embry Elton Patton Stan Coffman George Pritchett M. C. Collins



Jerry Steed Terry Harvey Eddie Lewis Dennis Clayton Coach Ted Whillock

Tribe cops first league stage crown in 12 years

"We're Number One!" is the cry on the Morton High School campus this week, and with good reason, too! The Indians won their first outright district basketball championship in 12 years by romping over Frenship, 70-43, at the fourth Friday night, and by doing so assured themselves of a spot in the playoffs beginning next week.

The Indians had little trouble in putting Frenship, a team that Morton greatly respected. This was especially so considering that the Tigers had handed the Indians their worst loss of the season in three nights previous to Friday's game.

Morton trailed the host Tigers, 9-8, late in the first period, the only time the Tribe was behind in the game. George Pritchett hit a pass and scored two to give Morton a 26-16 lead for four minutes left in the half. The Tribe led 31-20 at intermission.

Terry Harvey broke the game open for Morton as he scored four quick points and stretched the Indian lead to 37-20 in the minutes of the third period. From that point, the Tribe had no trouble in holding a commanding lead, and built their widest margin at the end, 70-43. Jerry Steed, Stan Coffman, and Dennis Clayton, along with Eddie Lewis, came off the bench to wrap up the district title. Morton displayed its most balanced attack of the season as Elton Patton and Pritchett hit 12, Coffman and Harvey hit 10 and eight each, and Embry scored

nine. Lewis and Steed had six each, M. C. Collins scored five and Clayton hit two. The Indians hit 14 of 37 shots from the field the first half, and racked up a 37 per cent mark for the game. Morton scored 12 of 19 from the charity line. Jake Rogans and Johnny Carrizales scored 16 each for Frenship.

SBA announces loaning plan for businesses effected by poor crops

The Small Business Administration of the federal government has announced that it is now authorized to make loans to businesses that were adversely effected by the poor crop year in 1969.

Similar emergency loans to farmers under a Department of Agriculture program was announced recently. The announcement reads as follows:

To give relief to businessmen who have suffered economic injury as a result of the adverse weather and to aid those businesses to continue in operation, the Small Business Administration is permitted to make economic injury disaster loans in these counties:

Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Hale, Hall, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Parmer, Swisher, Terry, and Yoakum.

This action was taken because of substantial damage to 1969 crops as a result of various adverse weather conditions during the entire crop year, including hail.

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Bruce Ayers to appear on national television

Morton High School choral director Bruce Ayres has been chosen by talent scouts to appear on the national television show, Ted Mack's Original Amateur Hour.

Ayres was selected from among men talent acts that auditioned in recent weeks in Lubbock.

The Original Amateur Hour, seen in this area on KLBK-TV, channel 13, has been a regular feature of radio and television for over 30 years and has been the birthplace of such stars as Teresa Brewer, Jack Carter, and Frank Sinatra. The show usually originates from New York City and is seen at 4:30 p.m. on Sundays.

The show on which Ayres is appearing will originate from Dallas and will be taped on March 4 for showing at a later date.

Ayres performed an original yodel number for the auditions and will probably do the same number for the program. He has already become well-known in the local area for his quality entertainment ability and has written several musical compositions.

Ayres moved to Morton from Gruver last September after serving as music director of First Baptist Church there. He is a 1968 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and is married to the former Martha Blair of Farwell. The Ayres have a four-year old son, Barris.

Stock show entry list expected to top '69

Entries were being received at such a rate this week for the annual Cochran County Junior Livestock Show to be held here Feb. 26, 27 and 28 as to assure one of the biggest and best shows in recent years.

The school deadline for entries is Feb. 23 and the fee is \$2 per animal. Exhibit limitations per individual have been set at two steers, three lambs and three swine. In excess of 200 entries are expected this year with a good chance of exceeding the total of 209 entries shown here in 1969.

Ribbons and trophies valued at between \$50 and \$100 have been ordered by the Cochran County Livestock Improvement Association to be awarded to the various winners in the show. Prizes in the several divisions of the show have not been announced but are expected to total approximately the same as those awarded last year.

The show schedule will consist of arrival and preparation of animals on the 26th, the showing and judging of all animals on the 27th and the stock sale on the 28th.

Judge for this year's show was announced as Stanley Westbrook, associate professor of animal husbandry at Tarleton State College. Show superintendent will again be Bobby Neal of Whiteface, who served in the same capacity last year.

Division superintendents will be Truman Murdock, Cattle Division; Dwayne Cookston, Swine and Alvin Gladden, Sheep. The only major change in the show this

Easter Seal Appeal to open here Feb. 23

The 1970 Easter Seal Appeal will open in Cochran County on Monday, Feb. 23, according to Glen W. Thompson, who serves as Easter Seal Representative for the county.

Mr. Thompson said that Easter Seal Appeal letters would begin arriving at homes in the county about March 1. As Easter Seal Representative, Thompson is the local contact to request rehabilitation services from the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Texas. These services include physical and occupational therapy, speech and hearing program and special information services to help solve the many problems faced by the families of handicapped children and adults.

Last year 20,378 handicapped people received help from the Texas Society, Thompson explained. But the costs of providing expert professional care are rising, and more money than ever will

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★ We see you!

Morton school superintendent Bob Travis requests that drivers, both parents and students, exercise more caution when driving near school buses. Many instances, both on and off the campus, have been observed lately where cars have passed buses that are stopped or have their lights flashing.

"We realize that parents bringing their children to school are in a hurry, but they should either observe the school bus passing law or pick a route that takes them away from the areas used by the buses," Travis said, and added that stricter law enforcement will result from further abuses.

More care on the part of drivers could possibly save a life or prevent serious injuries, he stated.

School board awards contract extensions to five supervisors

Renewal of the contracts for all supervisory personnel in the system was the main order of business at the regular monthly meeting of the Morton Board of Education Monday night.

The contract renewals, all for one year, included principals Fred Weaver, High School; Jim Middleton, Junior High and Harold Dreannan, Elementary.

In addition to the principals, the board also renewed the contracts of Supervisor Robert Taylor and Athletic Director Ted Whillock. The vote was unanimous on all renewals.

April 4 was set by the board as the date for an election of two board of education members. Under the staggered system of electing board members in which there are two elected one year and three the next, the terms of John Fincannon, board member, and Van Greene, present board president, will expire April 1.

The deadline for filing for the two posts is March 4. An extended discussion of vehicle traffic problems in the vicinity of the schools, and the resultant dangers involved was held. Various suggestions for improvement were gone over with the possible establishment of Buchanan as a one way street receiving the most interest. The discussion centered around making it one way from SW Third St. to SW Eighth St. so as to direct the flow of traffic away from the bus unloading area and other student-congested areas.

No action was taken on the traffic matter at the meeting. Supt. Travis will meet with the city council at an early date to discuss solutions with city officials.

Travis advised the board that beginning

with the 1970-71 school year, that Kindergarten will become mandatory in being a part of the public school system in Texas. He emphasizes, however, that this applies only to children of the economic level.

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Historical landmarks dedication ceremonies scheduled here Feb. 28

Saturday, February 28, will be a memorable date for those in the area who are interested in the history of Cochran county and the preservation of its monuments.

That is the day set for a joint meeting of the Cochran County Historical Survey Committee and the Cochran County Historical Society for two separate dedication ceremonies. There will be a ceremony dedicating a historical medallion at the old Whiteface Hotel at 10 a.m., followed by the dedication ceremony at 2 p.m. for another medallion at the historical museum in Morton.

Two distinguished guests will be present for the Morton ceremonies, and a meeting to be held in the County Activities building immediately after the museum ceremony. Jerry Rogers, director of the Texas Tech museum ranch headquarters project, will be the featured speaker at the meeting. He will show films and explain the ranch headquarters complex which is now under construction

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HONORED WITH TEA...

THE FOUR WOMEN AND TWO STUDENTS who were recently selected for special yearly awards by the Area Council of Womens' Clubs are pictured above with their chief hostess at a tea given in their honor at the county activities building Sunday by the YM Study Club of Morton. Club president, Mrs. Leonard Groves, far right, greets the group which includes, left to right, Cindy Cumpston,

Whiteface outstanding student; Glorietta Gray, Morton outstanding student; Mrs. W. G. Freeland, "Teacher of the Year"; Mrs. John C. Crowder, "Mother of the Year"; Mrs. Rodney Fralin, "Junior Clubwoman of the Year" and Mrs. Joe Seagler, "Clubwoman of the Year". A large number of persons attended the honoring tea which was held in the banquet room from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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Comments on Conservation

By Wayne Wilcox

Would you believe that a state which receives 418 million acre feet of rain each year could become a water deficient state by 1990 or 2000? This is the prediction that Cochran Soil and Water Conservation District Directors Eddie Silhan and Eugene Bentle heard at Levelland last Tuesday, February 10.

District Conservationist Wayne Wilcox

of the Morton S.C.S. attended a bi-annual meeting of the South Plains Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, with Eddie and Eugene. Bill Clayton, Executive Director of Water Inc. presented an interesting and informative program to 52 conservation leaders from over the South Plains area.

Following the program, a business meeting was called. New officers were elected for the coming year.

Dick McGinty of Yoakum SWCD was elected chairman. Following the election of officers, a meeting site was selected for the February 1971 meeting. Eugene Bentley extended an invitation to the group to attend, and it was decided, the February 1971 meeting of the South Plains Association of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors will be held in Morton.

Easter Seal...

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be needed, he said.

Funds help support 20 centers in Texas, where crippled children and adults are treated, regardless of their ability to pay. Walkers, wheelchairs and related services are provided to those who cannot provide for themselves.

"Since 1929 the people of Texas have always responded to our needs, and I feel certain they will make it possible to increase Easter Seal services to crippled Texans throughout the coming year," Thompson said.

Sheppard's happiness arrives in bunches!

It's three for Mr. and Mrs. James Sheppard, three bouncing baby boys that is! The triplets arrived at Arlington Memorial Hospital February 16 at 2:30 a.m. Two of the boys weighed 3 pounds and 4 ounces each and the third weighed three pounds and 8 ounces.

Mrs. Sheppard is the former Phyllis Gardner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gardner of Morton. She attended eleven years of school in Morton before transferring to Lubbock her senior year.

James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sheppard of Maple and a graduate of the Three Way Schools.

The couple have two other sons, Steven, 8, and Scott, 4, who are in Morton with Mr. and Mrs. Gardner.

The Sheppards live in Mansfield.

Card of Thanks —

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks to every one who showed so many kind expressions during my recent illness. I appreciate the cards and letters, visits, flowers, gifts, food and phone calls, but most of all, your concern and prayers for my recovery.

Sincerely, Mrs. Ross Shaw

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Hulen L. Coon wishes to say "Thank you" for all the nice courtesies extended to us during the recent illness and passing of our loved one. There is no way one will ever know how much everything was appreciated. May God bless each and everyone who helped us in our time of sorrow.

The Family of Hulen L. Coon.

POLITICAL CALENDAR

Democratic Primary
May 2, 1970

General Election
Nov. 3, 1970

For County Judge:

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GLENN THOMPSON

For County Commissioner

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For County Commissioner

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B. H. TUCKER
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mically and culturally deprived and is not mandatory to the parent but only to the school system.

He further explained that the schools will be required to furnish this training if there are sufficient children in the dis-

trict whose parents qualify under the criteria and request the schooling. Children of parents not in the economically deprived category are not eligible for kindergarten training.

Authorization to replace two school buses, one 60 passenger and the other passenger, and the paying of the bus for the month of January in the amount of \$73,548.90, rounded out the business of the meeting.

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By Ace Reid



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NEWS from WHITEFACE

The Ladies Cotton Council met in the George Martin home February 5. The Council is an organization to promote and encourage the use of cotton. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. George Martin, who is also the area representative; Secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Wendell Peters; reporter, Mrs. Penn Cagle. Those attending the meeting were Mesdames: Ben Neal, Darwood Marshall, E. C. White, Olin Lewis, Jessie Pampa, Marvin Lasater, Wendell Peters, Willie Peters, Lore Coker, Don Lynskey from Morton, and special guest Mrs. Chris Hoover from Levelland. Mrs. Hoover, a member of the Hockley County Cotton Council, brought an interesting program on things to make with cotton. All

women who are interested in the promotion of cotton are invited to the future meetings.

Mrs. Opal Adams had surgery February 6 at the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Miss Margaret Melton, daughter of the Judson Meltons, has been a patient in the Levelland Clinic and Hospital.

Mrs. R. L. Hill's mother, Mrs. Simpson, a resident of the rest home in Levelland, fell Saturday night and broke her hip. She was taken to the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock for surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kuhler and children moved to Amarillo February 11. Mr. Kuhler has been employed at Beseda Grain.

'Madam Ghandi' reviewed by Mrs. Kennedy for club

"Madam Gandhi," by M. R. Alexander, a book about the Prime Minister of India, was reviewed by Mrs. Keith Kennedy at the meeting of the Town and Country Study Club February 4.

Mrs. Kennedy pointed out the many problems facing Mrs. Gandhi as a leader of the millions in India, mainly feeding them and curbing the birthrate which is increasing at the rate of one million each month. "Since the cow is sacred in India, the people will not eat beef, or allow the cows to be killed, so new programs are being initiated to increase the fishing industry and the raising of chick-

ens. None of the problems facing this overpopulated nation can be solved without the help of the United States and other nations," Mrs. Kennedy concluded.

Mrs. S. E. Williams, first vice-president, presided over the business meeting.

The club voted to cooperate with the YM Club in their clean-up campaign. Mrs. Ray Griffith was asked to represent the Town and Country Club at a planning meeting.

Names were presented by the nominating committee, Mrs. S. E. Williams, Chairman, Mrs. Joe Seagler and Mrs. Bob Spence, to the club for officers for the years 70-71 and 71-72. The club voted to elect the officers by acclamation. They are President, Mrs. W. G. Freeland; First Vice President, Mrs. A. A. Fralin; Second Vice President, Mrs. A. E. Sanders; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ross Shaw; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. N. Leavitt; Treasurer, Mrs. Bob Spence; Auditor, Mrs. W. L. Foust; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Joe Seagler; Historian, Mrs. Ray Griffith; and Reporter, Mrs. Alvie Harris.

The next meeting of the club will be March 5, Texas Day Observance, at the Community Activity Building at 7:30 p.m.

COUNTY AGENT NEWS

From the Office of Roy L. McClung, Jr.

The past few days our office has received numerous calls and questions concerning Hog Cholera from county and area swine breeders and feeders.

In order to keep everyone as up to date as possible and to try and keep down worrying rumors, I will attempt to answer the most frequently asked questions on this subject.

First of all, WHAT IS THE STATUS OF COCHRAN COUNTY AND OTHER COUNTIES IN THE AREA IN REGARDS TO QUARANTINE?

The only county with a hog cholera quarantine in this area is Lubbock. What this involves actually is two separate quarantines — one the State quarantine which involves only a portion of the county and this restricts movement of the hogs across state lines but they can be moved anywhere within the state if they are within the portion of the county. Hogs cannot be moved off the premise if confirmed cholera is found. This does not restrict our farmers from taking hogs to market in Lubbock County.

HOW DOES THE DISEASE SPREAD?

Susceptible hogs get cholera by direct contact with infected hogs or with yards, and sales barns. Since one of the chief reservoirs of the virus is the infect-

ed hog, shipment of infected or exposed swine is one of the primary ways the hog cholera spreads. Contaminated vehicles and clothing — dirty boots, for instance — provide a means of transporting this deadly virus. Uncooked garbage that contains pork trimmings from infected hogs is a common source of hog cholera.

Field evidence indicates that a sow exposed to hog cholera virus during pregnancy can transmit the disease to her unborn pigs, without showing clinical evidence of illness herself. The pigs thus carry the virus at birth and may transmit it to other susceptible hogs. In proper vaccination attributes to 21% of the cholera outbreaks according to a U.S.D.A. survey.

WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE ERADICATION IN TEXAS?

On August 1, 1969, Texas entered phase III of the eradication program. This is the active eradication phase of the program — the first phase in which cooperative State Federal indemnities are available and can be paid for hogs destroyed because of cholera. From August 1, 1969, until present time, approximately 200 herds have been depopulated in Texas, with the state share of indemnities amounting to about \$215,000. Producers with confirmed hog cholera are paid indemnities on the number of live hogs on the premises at the time of arrival of the State or Federal Veterinarian — no indemnities are paid on hogs having died prior to the arrival of the State or Federal Veterinarian.

HOW DOES A CONFIRMED CASE OF CHOLERA EFFECT COCHRAN COUNTY?

The area or areas within is defined by boundaries is Federally quarantined when the disease is diagnosed as cholera. Hogs from this area can not be shipped across the state line. The premises on which cholera is diagnosed is quarantined by the State Veterinarian.

HOW ARE THE INFECTED HERDS DEPOPULATED?

Herds having laboratory confirmed cases of hog cholera will be depopulated under the supervision of the State and Federal Veterinarian. All hogs will be temperatured and those having fever will be destroyed and buried or rendered. Hogs not having fever will be sent to slaughter at an approved plant. Twenty-one days must elapse from the date of depopulation before herds can be restocked.

If your questions concerning this eradication program are still unanswered let me know and we will attempt to answer them. Anyone that is a producer in the area should contact their local county agent or their veterinarian if they suspect their herd to be contaminated with hog cholera.

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and will be a permanent part of the Tech museum.

Elvis Fleming, historian, author and presently a professor of History and Government at Eastern New Mexico University, Roswell Campus, will be in charge of the dedication ceremonies. Fleming was formerly a teacher of History and Government in Morton High School. Officers of the Historical Survey Committee and the Museum Association urge the public to attend all the day's events. They wish to make clear that these events are important to the preservation of local history and are not limited to members of the respective organizations.

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storms, prolonged drought, and unseasonal freezes.

The Small Business Administration has authority to make either direct loans or loans in participation with banks or other lending institutions. Any small business concern located in these designated counties should apply to the Lubbock Small Business Administration's Regional Office at 1616 — 19th Street, Phone Area Code 806, 765-8541, Extension 262.

Mrs. Greene gives program for L'Allegro Study Club

L'Allegro Study Club Thursday, February 5, and also was in charge of the program.

The program was fifth in a series of programs under the years theme "Masterpieces-Art Through The Ages." Mrs. Greene presented brief sketches of the outstanding 19th Century painters. They are known as "impressionist painters." Among those she told about were the following: Edgar Degas, known as a man with "bitter heart and a dancing brush," also remembered for his ballet and theater scenes. James McNeill's most famous painting "Whistler's Mother" was the object of laughter and ridicule when it was displayed in the Royal Academy of Eng-

land because it was so different. McNeill was known for his quick wit and conspicuous dress. Renoir is famous for his paintings of young girls and children. He preferred rich gay color effects rather than the dull gray tones of earlier artists. Frederick Remington and Charles Russell are well known for their western and Indian scenes, also for animal sculpture. Remington was a self taught artist who went west for his health. He wrote western stories with illustrations. "Bronco Buster" was his best known piece of sculpture. Russell painted 2500 pictures during his career, a great number of these are reproduced on calendars.

A report on International Affairs was given by Mrs. J. C. Reynolds. She encouraged each member to study and be aware of world affairs.

Mrs. E. O. Willingham gave an interesting report about the court case pertaining to obscenity laws in Texas.

In connection with Americanism Day observance by Federated Club Women over the state, the club voted to have a flag sale. The purpose of which is to place a flag in every home in the Morton area.

The group voted to support the "Clean-up Campaign" being organized by the Y.M. Study Club.

Next meeting of the club will be on Thursday, February 19, in the home of the president, Mrs. Bud Thomas.

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District champ Tribe slates AAA Canyon for warm-up tilt

By DAVID MURRAH

The Morton Indians, champions of district 4-AA, will warm up for next week's state playoffs by taking on the Canyon Eagles Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Friona. The Eagles, winners of district 1-AAA, are 22-7 for the year and will provide stiff competition for the Tribe, now 24-6 in season play.

The Indians and their fans are anxiously awaiting the outcome of play in district 3-AA as the Tribe will play their champion for the bi-district title and the right to play in the Region 1-AA Tournament at Lubbock on February 28. Lockney and Dimmitt finished the regular season in a tie for the conference crown and will play for the championship Friday night.

Morton will play the winner of that game at a site to be determined this weekend. Levelland will be a highly pro-

bable site for the game and will probably be played Tuesday night. Other possible locations for the game include Muleshoe and Lubbock, depending on the winner of the Dimmitt-Lockney affair.

Ted Whillock's Indians achieved a 24-6 season record, the best in 12 years for Morton teams. Whillock is in his ninth year as Morton basketball mentor and has experienced only one losing season during that time and appears to be in good shape for several years to come. Without a senior on the starting lineup and an upcoming B team that posted a 19-4 season mark, next year indeed shows a great deal of promise.

This year's freshmen were 18-4 for the season and the eighth grade squad finished with an impressive 23-3 mark.

This year's highly successful season can be attributed to many factors, but one very important one was the strength of

the Indian bench. Whillock has utilized seniors Dennis Clayton and Jerry Steed liberally throughout this year's play. Junior Stan Coffman, playing as the "sixth man," came off the bench in games against Post and Frenship and scored in double figures. Sophomore Eddie Lewis has shown a great deal of promise in his frequent action on the court.

A well-balanced offense and a tenacious defense are other characteristics that contributed to the winning of the district title, but there have long been a part of the Whillock basketball philosophy.

The Indians, although showing some promise, were not thought of as championship material earlier in the season by many fans. Disappointing losses in the Friona and Denver City tournaments tended to cause some fans to think, "maybe next year." But the Tribe began to jell as a team during the Christmas holiday play, and in spite of a close loss to Seminole, started looking better.

Then came the Plains Tournament in which Morton edged by basketball powers, Seagraves, Lubbock Christian, and Eunice, N.M. From that point, the Indians began to play consistently good ball and won the remainder of their games except for the first Post clash, a game they

ASCS Farm News

By John W. Hall

Eight alternate non-surplus crops which may be grown on acreage diverted from production of wheat or feed grain under the 1970 programs were announced on January 29, 1970, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. They are: castor beans, guar, sesame plantago ovata mustard seed, crambe, sunflower, and safflower. Castor beans have been added to the list for

1970.

Producer sign-up in the voluntary 1970 wheat and feed grain programs is scheduled February 2 through March 20. The cotton program sign-up takes place at the same time, but there is no provision for acreage diversion under the cotton program.

Six of the alternate crops can be grown on any acreage diverted from wheat or feed grain production, either on diverted acreage normally required as a condition of program participation, or on additional acreage diverted for payment. This is a change from prior crop years. Two of the crops, safflower and sunflower may be planted only on additional acreage diversion eligible for payment.

When these non-surplus crops are planted on acreage diverted in 1970, a per acre reduction will be made, equal to a designated percentage of the additional diversion payment rate established for

dropped, 59-47, at Morton. Three weeks later, the Indians downed the same team 48-40, on top defensive play, and then were never really closely contested for the remainder of the season.

Thus, whether the Indians advance no farther than bi-district or win the state title, the team has done a tremendous service to its school and community by instilling a new pride and spirit that will be around for a long time to come. They won the district championship and broke a 12-year drought.

Ta Wanka girls meet Tuesday

The Ta Wanka Campfire girls met Tuesday, February 17, in the home of Mrs. E. L. Reeder.

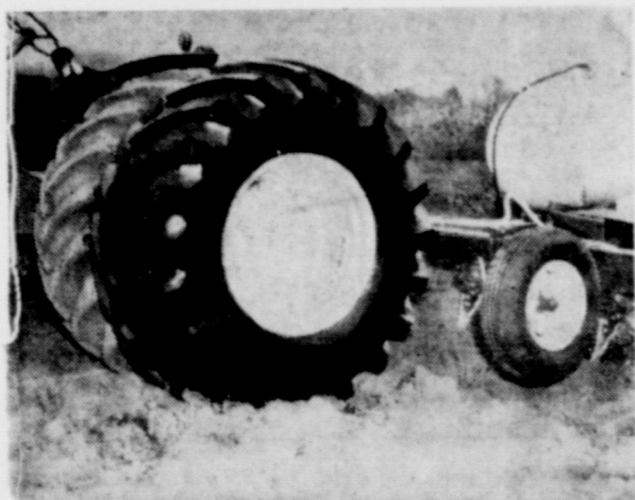
The group discussed plans for the Father-Daughter banquet to be held here soon. Debra Adams served refreshments to the members.

the farm. Where safflower or sunflower are planted, this deduction will be 10 percent of the applicable diversion payment rate for the farm. On any of the other six crops, the reduction will be 5 percent. These percentage rates are the same as those in effect for 1969.

The Texas State Committee did not grant Cochran County any more pounds of cotton to satisfy the proven yield. The county yield will have to be worked so the operators that have proved their yield can receive the yield proved. All farms should receive revised notices about the last of the week or the first part of next week. When you have received your yield you will have 15 days in which to appeal your yield.

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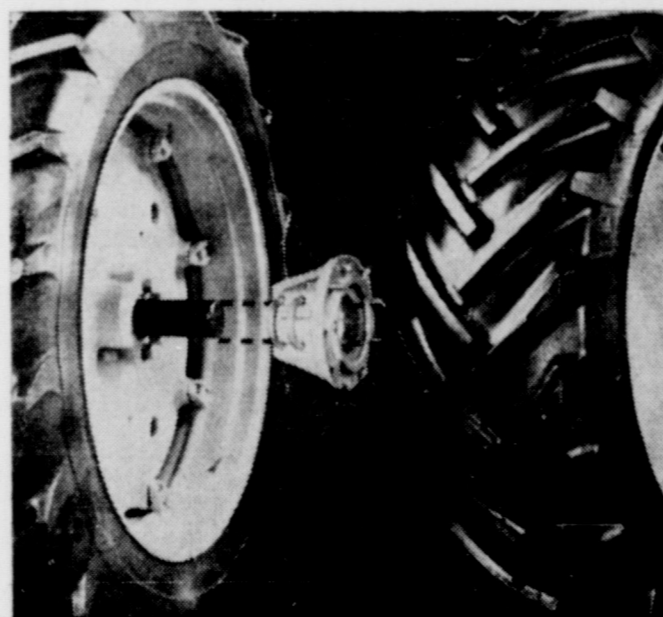
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Indians close regular season with ragged win over Idalou

The Morton Indians, after wrapping up the district title last week, had to put down a pesky Idalou crew Tuesday night, and after a cold shaky start, they did just that by a 69-57 count. The largest crowd of the season witnessed the final home contest.

The win left the Indians with a 24-6 season record, their best in twelve years. It also marked the ninth district win against one loss and the seventh win in a row.

Morton will put that win streak on the line Friday night as the Indians take on Canyon, winners of district 1-AAA, in a 7:30 p.m. match at Friona. The game will serve as a bi-district warmup for both teams.

The Indians will face either Lockney or Dimmitt next Tuesday for bi-district. The Indians were cool and hot against Idalou, but mostly cool. In fact, both teams had trouble putting the ball in the basket. The score stood, 7-6, in favor of Idalou, after seven minutes of play as Morton connected on only 16 per cent of their field goals during the first period.

Baskets by George Pritchett and M. C. Collins put the Indians ahead to stay in the final minute of the first quarter, 18-7.

Morton began to find the range a little better during the second period as Stan Coffman and M. C. Collins pumped in

six and four points to give the Tribe a 35-22 halftime margin.

In the third period, the Indians stretched their lead to 23 points, and led 52-29 at one point, but the Wildcats began to chip away at the lead much in the same fashion as they did in the earlier game at Idalou. The Wildcats outscored the Indians 14-2 after six minutes of play in the second half and cut the Tribe's margin to 58-48 early in the fourth period. But successive baskets by Pritchett, Collins, and Harvey put Morton ahead 63-50. Yet Idalou roared back and trimmed the Indians' lead to 63-55, but then Collins, Harvey and Patton pumped in field goals to give Morton the 69-57 win.

The Indians once again displayed a good balance in scoring. Collins led with 16 points, Harvey scored 11 and Patton and Pritchett scored 10 each. Ken Isom was high for the visitors with 16 points. The win was the fourth in a row for Morton over Idalou and marked the last time the two teams will meet in district play as the Indians move to district 3-AA next season.

Morton's B team won its nineteenth game of the season against four losses as the Tribe hopped Idalou, 71-40. The game was the last of the year for the B squad and marked the close of a highly successful season for Coach Doug Reed's quintet.

Local student member of winning livestock judging team at FW

The South Plains College Livestock Judging Team took first place in Hereford Breeding and Market Beef at the Fort Worth Livestock Exposition Feb. 6 and 7.

Twenty-two teams competed from Texas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Sixty-six contestants participated in the contests.

Jerry Townsend, South Plains College student from Earth took second high individual honors in Sheep, and third high in All Beef.

The college team took third high in Sheep, Breeding and Market; fourth in All Beef judging; and was sixth high team over-all, composed of Beef, Sheep, Swine and Horses.

Team members are: Jerry Townsend; Lillie Cox, Happy; Dwayne Gannon, Post; Jim R. Jenkins is coach of the team. Alternates are Alex Schuster, Muleshoe; and Randy Kelly, Morton.

Each team member was required to judge eleven classes of stock and give oral reasons on six of those classes, making a total of thirty-three judging classes and eighteen reason classes.

Shriner meeting held in Amarillo Sunday

Mr. C. A. Baird of Morton attended a Shriner buffet dinner in Amarillo Sunday.

Host for the dinner was J. Curtiss Neal, Illustrious Potentate of Khiva Shrine Temple.

Guests attended from Hereford, Dumas, Borger, Pampa, Lubbock, Amarillo, Friona and Morton.

Food Club meeting held February 12

The 4-H Food Club met Thursday, February 12, in the home of Mrs. Jackie Randolph.

The members made hot dogs and deviled eggs and studied the meat group.

Present were: Rhoda Abbe, Debbie Young, Belinda Hunter, Connie Randolph and Carla Seley.



TAKE TOP HONORS...

MEMBERS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM from left are Alex Schuster, Muleshoe; Jerry Townsend, Earth; Randy Kelly, Morton; Lillie Cox, Happy; Jim Jenkins, SPC Coach; and Dwayne Gannon, Post.

Delta Kappa Gamma meets in home of Mrs. Neal Rose

The Theta Epsilon Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society met Saturday, February 14, 1970, in the home of Mrs. Neal Rose.

The meeting was opened with an invocation by Mrs. A. E. Sanders, followed by committee reports and the presentation of the slate of officers for next year by Miss Lona Jackson. The following members were elected by acclamation:

President — Mrs. Bert Stockard, First Vice-President — Mrs. J. S. Birteiel, Second Vice-President — Mrs. Larry F. Roberts, Recording Secretary — Mrs. Cherylone Inglis, Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. O. R. Watkins.

The Program "Time and Tide" concerned the Mediterranean area and was presented by Mrs. Evelyn Seagler who spoke of famous artists of the Mediterranean and presented pictures of the art work from Leonardo da Vinci to present-day artists; Mrs. Gage Knox who spoke on

Spain — a proud people who welcome the foreigner, express gaiety even though they are basically serious, are never punctual except when attending bullfights and expect to be treated as they treat you — man to man; Mrs. Neal Rose who told of Italy's being divided into three main areas — the industrial area of the North, Central area of crafts and the agricultural area of the South — and displayed artifacts she had accumulated during her travels which included jewelry, framed pictures, trays, glasswork, woodcarving, leatherwork and decorative music boxes; Mrs. Cherylone Inglis played a tape which covered the contributions of Egypt — ink, labor and management, irrigation, engineering, drama, poetry, science, medicine, geometry — and the contributions of Greece to mankind science, medicine and literature.

The program was concluded with the Delta Kappa Gamma Song and refreshments of the Mediterranean World.

Members present were Mrs. Ted Bryant, Mrs. Henry D. Galvin, Mrs. Robert W. Hamilton, Mrs. Gage Knox, Miss Lona Jackson, Mrs. Cherylone Inglis, Mrs. J. P. Lattimore, Mrs. M. C. Ledbetter, Mrs. A. E. Sanders, Mrs. Evelyn Seagler, Mrs. Lessye Silvers, Mrs. Lois St. Clair, Mrs. Bert Stockard, Mrs. Nathan Tubbs, Mrs. O. R. Watkins, Mrs. Inez Witte, Mrs. T. C. Asbill, Mrs. Al Burrier, Mrs. Ina Fern Gray, Mrs. Neal H. Rose, and Mrs. Charles A. Sylvester.

Three Way news

by MRS. H. W. GARVIN

Monday night the Junior High Basketball team played Witharral at Witharral, winning both games. Tuesday the seniors played at Levelland for the District Championship. They played Anton and won the game.

Monday night the Three Way Lions Club held their monthly meeting at the school cafeteria with a dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Garvin visited the L. T. Smiths in Earth Sunday. Also visiting in the Smith home were Mrs. Billy Davis of Dimmitt, Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Sumner of Carlsbad, N.M. Mr. Garvin, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Sumner are cousins. Mr. and Mrs. Troy Tyson and daughter of Levelland visited his parents, the George Tysons, Sunday.

Mr. Carrol Fort was a patient in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Latimer and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Furgeson are spending this week on a tour of Florida and the Bahaha Islands.

An Elementary Tournament sponsored by Three Way School was held last weekend and the Three Way boys and girls won 2nd place.

The Three Way Fat Stock Show was held Saturday with a good showing by the FFA and 4-H.

Mrs. Paul Carlisle from Littlefield and Mrs. Bobby Carlisle and son from Morton visited the Nelson Carlisle family Monday.

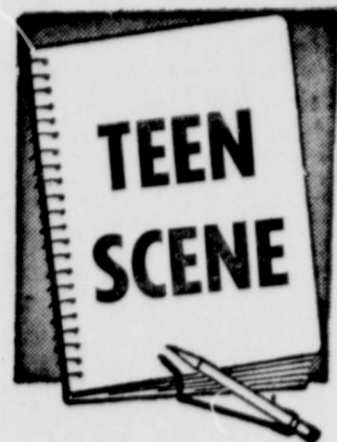
Mr. Cecil Lindsey was a patient in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock last week.

Three Way students to hear program on health careers

The Texas Health Careers Program will stage an assembly program for Three Way High School on March 11. A unique presentation, this assembly is designed to introduce students to the exciting opportunities which await the health-care professional of tomorrow. The need for health manpower in Texas is, indeed, great. Statistics indicate that 50,000 qualified health personnel will be needed by 1975 to fill vacant paramedical seats.

Speaker for the Health Careers Assembly will be Mr. Gerald Spraggins, R.N. A veteran of Vietnam, first male graduate of the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Dallas, and former member of the Texas Health Careers traveling Caravan show, this registered nurse is more than qualified to speak concerning importance of the male's role in the disciplines of Texas health care.

The Texas Health Careers Program is affiliated with the Texas Hospital Association.



by DORISE

Hi, gang! After the Indians tremendous victory over the Friendship Tigers last Friday night, the halls have been one gigantic roar. We are No. 1!! The Morton High School is filled with more enthusiasm and pride than we have ever seen before. For those of you who don't know, District play in Basketball. A great big Congratulations goes out to the Indians. We are proud to be a part of your victory, Indians.

Now for our name game. Try to guess who everyone is.

D. M. — What's this you've been eating in History Class?

T. L. — Who have you been seeing lately???

Mr. R. — How's your baby? Is he going to play football or basketball??

Mr. H. — Do you always turn red during 4th period??

D. M. — Do you always discuss your love life during the 6th period??

T. E. — Is it true that you are on a diet??

M. W. — Are you still worried about M. B. and the beauty contest winner??

D. B. — How do you like singing a solo in choir??

J. A. F. — Did you just not have your glasses on or were you distracted??

Mrs. S. — How do you like leaving your baby each morning??

The National Honor Society inducted its new members this week. We are real proud to have these new members in our MHS.

Time to close for now. WIN BI-DISTRICT, INDIANS!!!

"Busy Bees" study milk and meat groups

The "Busy Bees" cooking club held their second meeting Monday, February 16.

They studied milk and reviewed work about meat groups.

Plans were made for a party.

Served by the club were patties, sweet peas, creamed carrots, pickles, cabbage and apple salad and cake and peaches, all prepared by the girls.

Attending were: Mary Jo Hudson, Susan Cadenhead, Phyllis Ray, Shona Autry and Michele Ray.

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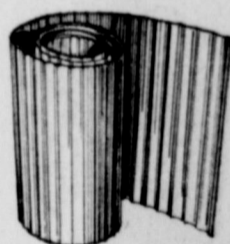
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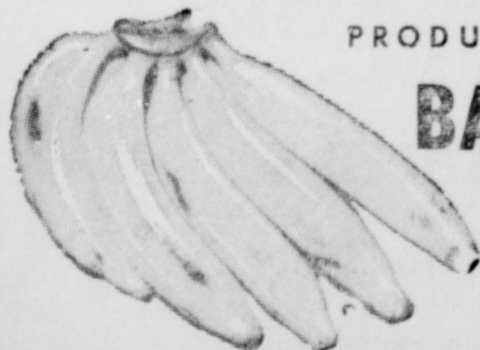
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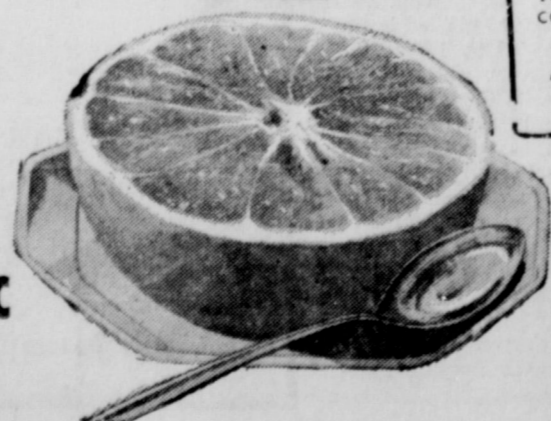
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The couple moved to Morton from Eldorado, Oklahoma in 1935 where Mr. Hill, a World War I veteran, was engaged in farming until his retirement.

Their children and their spouses are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reynolds of Morton, Mr.

Mrs. Johnson tours Army and AF units

Mrs. LeRoy Johnson, First Vice President of Caprock District T.F.W.C., was one of fourteen Texas Clubwomen invited by the Commanding General of Fourth Army, General Harry H. Critz, to make the operation "Understanding Tour."

The group met at Fort Sam Houston and flew from Randolph Air Force Base to Fort Bliss. While at Fort Bliss they had lunch with the enlisted men, toured their living quarters and witnessed demonstrations of small arms firing. Later they travelled by bus to Ma Gregor Missile firing Range to witness practice firing of the Ajax and Hawk and were made members of the "The Powder Puff Oozlefinchling" while at Fort Bliss.

The group also made a tour of the White Sands Proving Grounds and attended a luncheon and briefing on the work done there.

The ladies flew from Holloman Air Force Base to Colorado Springs for a tour of NORAD. The Texas group joined a group from Rhode Island and Connecticut, which included the Lt. Governor of Rhode Island, and were guests of the Commanding General of NORAD. There they were made "Ambassadors of Air Defence" and awarded a plaque designating this honor.

Commenting on her tour, Mrs. Johnson said, "I was most impressed by the clean, courteous, well trained young men, from bus drivers to briefing officers and came away with a renewed faith in the greatness of our young people and our military forces."

Mr. Jimmy Cook and Mrs. Laverne Davis of Lubbock were united in marriage at their home at 317 W. Perce. Rev. Moore performed the ceremony. Attendants for the wedding were her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Ragsdale. Members of the immediate family were guests. After a short honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Cook will reside at 317 W. Perce.

and Mrs. G. R. "Jake" Johnson of Calhan, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. R. W. "Jug" Hill of Mineral Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Greenhill of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill's eight grandchildren will assist with hospitalities.

All friends of the couple are invited to call between the hours of 2 and 3 p.m.

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ON MILITARY TOUR...

LT. COL. ALICE OBERG, military escort from the Fourth U. S. Army information office on an Operation Understanding Tour to Fort Bliss, Tex.; White Sands Missile Range, N.M., and the Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs, Colo., offers a cup of coffee to Mrs. LeRoy Johnson, Morton, first vice president of the Cap Rock District of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, as Miss Martha E. Graves, 1010 W. 7th, Cisco, president of the Cisco City Federation of Women's Clubs, looks on. The tour, from Feb. 3-7, was to familiarize civic leaders with some of the Army's activities toward the defense of the nation.

US Army Photograph

Services held Friday for Lewis C. Cole

Services for Lewis Glen Cole, 53, were held at 2 p.m. Friday in the First United Methodist Church.

Officiating were Rev. Clarence Stephens of Amarillo and the Rev. Ray Neal Johnson of Lubbock.

Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery under direction of Singleton Funeral Home.

Cole was found shot to death on the property of the funeral home Wednesday afternoon. A pistol was found near the body, officials said. Justice of the Peace Joe Gipson ruled death due to self-inflicted gunshot wounds.

A former Morton resident and former hospital administrator at Cochran Memorial Hospital, Cole moved to Lubbock 12

years ago and was employed as an insurance agent.

He was a native of Dawson County and a Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Virgie; two daughters, Mrs. Glen Woody of California and Miss Brenda Cole of Connecticut; two sisters, Mrs. Bell Ford of Fort Bayard, N.M., and Mrs. Harold Combs of Levelland; and two brothers, J. P. Cole of Stamford and Ben Cole of Albany.

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G.M.A. 4:00 p.m.
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Edna Bullard 9:30 a.m.

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Morning Service KRAN 11:00 a.m.
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Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays—
Helen Nixon W.N.U. 9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays—
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Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.
Church Choir Rehearsal 8:30 p.m.

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Thursdays—
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Worship 10:45 a.m.
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Unless a recent decision is reversed, a steady number of cotton farmers in 15 Texas counties, 10 of them on the High Plains, are going to be hopping mad at the U. S. Department of Agriculture. And rightly so.

USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service last November gave these farmers official notice of their projected yields for cotton — the number of pounds on which they'd receive price support payments in 1970 at the rate of 16.8 cents per pound.

Now, based on a decision made in Columbia Station February 10, the State ASCS Committee says it will tell these farmers in November notice was in error and that their projected yields for 1970 will be reduced.

Involved will be some, but not all farmers in Bailey, Briscoe, Cochran, Crosby, Floyd, Gaines, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock and Terry counties on the Plains. Other counties that will get hurt are Kent, Runnels, San Patricio, Tom Green and Wilbarger.

To a farmer with a 100 acre domestic allotment, a reduction of his projected yield by 100 pounds per acre means a reduction of his income by \$16.0 per acre

or a total of \$1.6.

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. is roundly protesting the action directly to State and Federal officials of ASCS and through Congressman George Mahon, Senator John Tower and others in Washington. Congressmen Mahon, Bob Price and Bob Poage are known to be taking an active interest in the matter. PCG is also looking into the possibility there may be grounds for legal action by affected farmers to recover damages.

Donald Johnson, PCG Executive Vice President, points out that cotton farmers since 1965 have based many of their plans for the succeeding year on the income they could expect from price support payments, figured from projected yield notices mailed to them in the Fall. They have learned to look on their "PY notices" as no less than a firm commitment from the Secretary of Agriculture that they could depend on a payment equal to the assigned projected yield times their domestic allotment times the rate of payment for that year.

And, since never before had the Secretary broken faith with them, many of the farmers involved have doubtless figured the amount of their cotton payment in-



The Farmer's Wife

By Libby Mudgett

WORRIED ABOUT what you're gonna do if you don't make a crop this year? Don't have any idea what to do when you make that move to the city that seems more and more inevitable?

Afraid your lack of training will be a hindrance? Well, fret no more. There's a new occupation starting up in the cities that can net you \$35 an hour if you're smart.

IT'S CALLED panhandling. Even the failures make around \$400 a week and claim that at the same time cleanses the soul.

You think I'm kidding? I'm not. It's prevalent enough that social psychologists sent Columbia University students (who'll do most anything, you know) on a panhandling experiment designed to see what inspires cynical, hard-shelled New Yorkers to fork over the contributions.

HERE'S THE RESULTS: A male begging subway fare alone had a 30% chance of success.

Teamed with a girl, his chances soared to 50%. When he said he had to make a telephone call, his chance was 64%.

A beggar that gave his name had his percentage of success jump from 34% to 50%.

When he claimed he lost his wallet, it hit 72%.

NOW THERE'S NO USE to be a-

come for 17, based on the projected yield assigned in November of 16, and have committed that expected income through various types of contractual arrangements. And, unlike USDA, these are commitments the farmer can't back out on.

Virtually all have by now made arrangements at the bank or elsewhere for production loans. Loans that will have to be repaid this Fall whether or not USDA lives up to its commitments.

Some, no doubt, have made rental contracts with landlords that call for a cash payment for each acre of land to be farmed. These landlords, if they haven't already been paid, will want their money before the year is out.

Others have either bought or leased cotton acreage from other farmers, depending on their cotton payment to help offset the cost of the lease or the price paid for the allotment. These leases or purchases of allotments had to be completed by December 31 of 16, and the terms of the contracts signed will have to be met whether USDA makes payments on the projected yields assigned in November or on some projected yield USDA decides later would be "more equitable."

Also, allotments are bought and leased by the pound. A farmer with a 5 pound projected yield has to buy two acres of allotment from a farm with a 25 pound yield in order to get one acre. But if the situation is reversed and the farm to which cotton acres are to be transferred has the lower projected yield, there is no adjustment. The leasing or buying farmer in this case, in effect, has to pay for 5 pounds to get 25 pounds, or one acre. Consider the case of the farmer who paid cents per pound lease on a 1 acre allotment. If both farmers have a 5 pound projected yield, he will be paying 4 per acre for his additional cotton acreage. But if USDA, after the lease is completed, decides to lower from 5 pounds to 25 pounds the projected yield on the farm to which the acreage is being transferred, then the lessee gets only 5 acres instead of the 1 acre he contracted to pay for. Put another way, the lessee winds up paying not cents but 16 cents per pound for the cotton allotment he agreed to lease.

ASCS gives a couple of reasons for the pending reduction of projected yields. One has to do with a revised procedure for appealing projected yields for farmers who were completely hailed out or suffered a total crop loss from some other disaster in one or more of the years 1966, 1967 or 1968. The new regulation permits these farmers to substitute their 1970 projected yield for the year in which the crop was lost in computing their three year actual yield average.

The change was good. It made projected yields more realistic. But it left some counties with insufficient pounds to make the required adjustments.

Secondly, the State ASCS Committee says county ASCS offices in some instances failed to withhold enough pounds in reserve for making adjustments for those farmers who were able to prove a yield higher than that assigned by the Committee.

The entire procedure for arriving at projected yields has always been somewhat complicated. And it hasn't always been easy to administer in a way that would be equitable to all counties and all farmers.

Nevertheless, projected yields are a part of the law under which farmers have been operating since 1965.

But now the State Committee is saying in some counties where there is not enough poundage to cover "projected" yields, that the farmer is to be given his "actual" yield for 1966, 1967 and 1968.

However plausible may appear the reasons given for this situation, they do not obviate the fact that the Government is renegeing on a commitment made in November. A commitment which farmers had every reason to believe they could count on.

shamed, the beggars themselves claim, because they give more than they get. For a quarter, they listen to all the donor's troubles.

This just all proves that we country people have not been using our beans. How many times have you listened to your neighbor's troubles lately free for nothing?

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How you told the banker off, 50 cents;

High price of groceries, 30 cents;

How expensive college is for one child, 50 cents;

How expensive college is for two children, 40 cents;

How expensive college is for three children, 30 cents;

How expensive college is for four children, I'll give you 10 cents;

Green bug troubles, 50 cents;

Cabbage looper troubles, 50 cents;

The high cost of spraying, 30 cents;

High cost of hoe hands, 30 cents;

You had to hoe your own weeds, I'll give you 10 cents;

Your farm equipment's shot, 50 cents;

You can't afford new equipment, 49 cents;

You need to borrow my equipment, \$1-00;

Your irrigation wells are weakening, 50 cents;

Your irrigation wells have gone dry, 50 cents;

And you just bought new irrigation pipe, I'll give you 10 cents;

National political worries, 50 cents;

State political worries, 30 cents;

Local political worries, 20 cents;

You're afraid Teddy's washed up, 50 cents;

You're afraid Teddy's not washed up, I'll give you 50 cents.

After vainly searching the remotest corners of the country, scientists have concluded the United States ran out of clean air six years ago when pollution from California finally reached Flagstaff, Arizona. (National Wildlife Federation Conservation News)

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

Thank you so much for the wonderful paper! The Federated clubs are very grateful for your wonderful tribute to them.

Of course, we always enjoy news of youth organizations, such as The Order of Rainbow Girls. We appreciate your advertisers and certainly hope people will patronize them.

Mrs. Connie Gray

Flag emblems aiding Georgia's policemen

Since July 1968 officers of the Macon, Ga., Police Department have been wearing U.S. flag patches on the sleeves of their uniforms and displaying flag decals on their patrol cars.

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1. Give members a financial report, progress report, and general condition of the Cooperative.
2. Elect two (2) Directors for Districts 2 and 4.
3. Appoint a Nominating Committee for the Annual Meeting to be held in 1971.
4. Consider and take action upon any other matters that might be presented or come before the meeting.

In Connection with the election of two (2) directors, the following members have been nominated:

DISTRICT NO. 2
Ray Precure
Duane Darling

DISTRICT NO. 4
Orvil (O. M.) Lackey
Lewis Dale

Additional nominations for directors may be made at the meeting.

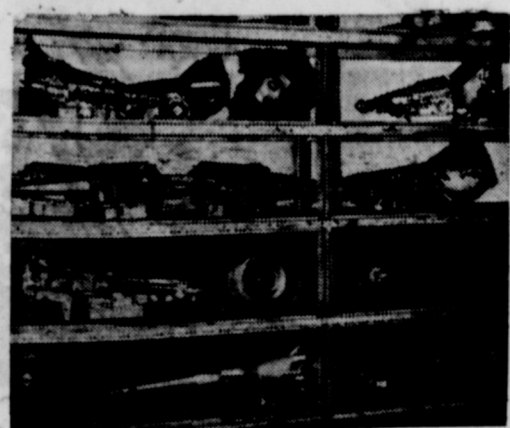
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Bula-Enochs news

by MRS. J. D. BAYLESS

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Taylor and children of Borger were guests in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Tony McKinney Thursday.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Milsap Monday night was James Davis of Levelland.

Mrs. L. E. Nichols and grand-daughter, Paula Nichols, spent Monday till Wednesday visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. B. Davis and family at Shallowater.

Mr. and Mrs. Vester Gillman of Lubbock and Mrs. Linda Ogel of Morton visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gillman Sunday.

Mrs. Guy Sanders, Mrs. W. M. Bryant and Mrs. J. D. Bayless went to the Goodwill Center at Mu'eshoe Tuesday afternoon to help those putting quilts in the frames and quilted some.

Mrs. Harvey Blackstone honored her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Brown of Morton with a dinner on their 56th wedding anniversary Sunday, February 8.

Supper guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beasley Friday night were his mother, Mrs. Minnie Mae Beasley, Dale Beasley, Roger Joe Pat and Donald Beasley all of Hereford. They also visited in the Harvey Blackstone home.

Mrs. Ray Seagler returned home Saturday after spending the past week in Las Cruces, N.M. with her daughter, Mrs. Terry Turner, who was in the hospital

for 8 days and to take care of her grandchildren.

Mrs. James Lee McDonald and baby, Stacy Lanell, of Anton were guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Blackstone Thursday.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Layton Sunday were her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burris and children of Wellman, and her parents, the Carl Halls.

Dale Blackstone of Lubbock spent last weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Blackstone.

Mrs. C. H. Byars visited her daughter, Mrs. Henry Hardaway and family at Littlefield Saturday.

Gene Vanlandingham from London, England and his sister Janet of Lubbock were guests in the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Vanlandingham Saturday. Gene is a Staff Sgt. in the Air Force. He will leave for Florida February 23 and will attend school two months before leaving for Vietnam.

The house on Charles Vanlandingham's farm east of Enochs burned Sunday night.

Paul Carlisle of Littlefield and Dale Nichols left Wednesday for a fishing trip to Falcon Lake. Dale called home Sunday night and said they had caught about 200 fish.

Mrs. Minni Mae Beasley of Hereford visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Vanlandingham Friday afternoon.

Hospital notes

Patients admitted to the Cochran Memorial Hospital February 11 through February 18 were: L. D. Burrell, Mrs. Roy Hill, Gregory Ramon, Katherine Lewallen, Mildred Ratliff, David Ramby, Mrs. Clara Ary, J. G. Wilson, Mrs. Jerry Winder, Annie Dobson and L. W. Marlar, from Morton. Also admitted were Mrs. Mattie Richardson and Mrs. Charles Abbe, from Maple; Tommy Singleton, from Levelland; Mrs. Jose Garcia, from Whiteface; and Dickson Martinez, from Sudan; and Edward F. Burns, from Bledsoe.

Billy Wood appointed DRA for 11th Region

The appointment of Billy C. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wood of Morton, as Deputy Regional Administrator of the Eleventh National Bank Region in Dallas, has been announced by Comptroller of the Currency William B. Camp.

The Eleventh Region covers all of Texas and Oklahoma.

Wood graduated from Morton High School in 1958 where he was an honor student and President of the Student Body for three years. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1962 and holds a B.B.A. degree in banking and finance.

Mr. Wood was serving as the National Bank Examiner in charge of the Oklahoma area at the time of his promotion. He resides in Dallas.

Dorise Van Hoose to wed Terry House

Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Van Hoose have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Dorise, to Terry House, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. House of Morton.

Dorise is a student at Morton High School and Terry is attending South Plains College.

The couple plan to marry June 20.



Dorise Van Hoose

Except during summertime nesting or during daytime foraging in winter, crows gather in flocks. And even when foraging, the flock remains largely intact.

"Landscaping" topic for CC Garden Club

Mrs. A. E. Sanders presented a program on landscaping at the meeting of the Cochran County Garden Club in the home of Mrs. Bill Sayers Monday, February 16.

She told the club there had been changes in landscaping the past few years, however, the division of the home grounds still remain very much the same. These three areas are the public area, or those viewed by one as he approaches the home, the private area, where the family enjoys family activities, and the utility area.

"The home is no longer covered with shrubs, or as it was called "foundation planting" but just enough shrubs are used today to tie the house to the surrounding landscape and may be combined with

attractive rocks, beautiful pieces of drift wood, gravel, ground cover and small pieces of statuary if one cares for it," she stated. She also suggested, if doing your own landscaping, to make scale models using drafting paper, as these are much easier to move than a large tree or shrub.

Slides of various Texas Wild Flowers were shown.

Mrs. Ray Griffith, president, conducted the business meeting and plans were discussed for more landscaping in Strickland Park and at Cochran Memorial Hospital.

The next meeting will be March 18 at the home of Mrs. Griffith.

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November 24	— Olton	here
November 25	— Plains	there
December 2	— Farwell	here
December 4-6	— Friona Tournament		
December 9	— Friona	.....	here
December 12	— Open		
December 16	— Levelland	.....	there
December 19-20	— Denver City Tournament		
January 6	— Plains	.....	here
January 8-10	— Plains Tournament		
January 9	— Littlefield	.....	there
January 13	— Kermit	.....	there

DISTRICT GAMES

January 16	— Denver City	.....	here
January 20	— Post	.....	here
January 23	— Tahoka (A only)	.....	there
January 27	— Frenship	.....	here
January 30	— Idalou	.....	there
February 3	— Denver City	.....	there
February 6	— Post	.....	there
February 10	— Tahoka	here
February 13	— Frenship	there
February 17	— Idalou	here

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