



## Dove Population Spotted Late Season Outlook Good

"There are very few birds in the county", reports Texas Wildlife Manager, Jerry Noles. Dove season opened Labor Day weekend with only two small areas of the county reporting successful hunting, north of Oglesby and west of Ireland. Noles reported that since Labor Day, even in these two locations, the birds have moved out.

The season is quiet in many ways, including the numbers of complaints of "road hunting". Only two complaints have been received for road hunting, reports Noles. "This is the quietest dove season in my seven years as a game warden," said Noles. Most hunting activity during dove season comes during the first two weeks of the season with a gradual decrease as the season wears on.

Asked if hunters could expect any improvement in dove population this season, Noles reported that there is a good possibility that the birds will move into this area when cooler weather begins.

Noles noted that Coryell County has ideal watering and food conditions for the doves. Why do we have a low dove population? Noles said, "This is nature, unexplainable at times." "We just don't know".

This area had a good nesting season and present conditions are favorable, just no doves. Horace Gore, Regional Wildlife Biologist Supervisor from Waco, reported to Mr. Noles, that "birds are three counties north of here." Noles speculated that one good cool front could start he doves moving into this area, but Noles again pointed to the uncertainty and

unpredictability of nature. The spotted dove hunting is not just in Coryell County, with Bell, McLennan, Hill, Bosque, and Hamilton counties all reporting a scarcity of birds. The outlook for the last part of the season is good and will probably attract renewed enthusiasm from early season hunters who found poor hunting last week.

## Deer Census Line Run For September

"Deer Census Lines have been run for September", reported Jerry Noles, Coryell County Game Warden. The deer census line is a sampling of the deer population of an area run each year. Noles reported that over several years, the procedure will show trends in deer populations and is of great value to wildlife management.

A census line is two miles long and is laid out with total "visible acreage" calculated. The visible acreage is the area along the two-mile line where the census taker can spot

deer. Noles reported that census taker walks the two mile line from west to east in the evening, stopping 100 yards to make observations. Any deer sighted during the walk is counted. Noles walked two lines for the September report and saw no deer on one line and fourteen deer on the other line. "I saw eight does, four bucks, one fawn and one unknown", reported Noles.

Turkey? "Yes, we have turkey in scattered areas of the county, many coming off of Fort Hood."

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE PROPOSES 10 YEAR IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Governor's Committee on Public School Education issued a 76-page proposal for a ten year program to give Texas the best public school system in the nation.

Local school administrators view the program as feasible. Gatesville Independent School District Superintendent, L.C. McKamie was out of town Monday, however, High School Principal, Sidney Pruitt said, "The report looks good if they can work out the detail problems." Pruitt pointed to the section on teachers' salaries as an important step toward making Texas schools tops.

Coryell County School Superintendent, W.H. Donaldson said Monday, "It is a step in the right direction." Donaldson questioned the feasibility of the minimum of 2600 students in a school district or a county-wide district.

The proposal contains a section out of county school organizations with consolidation of districts. Donaldson pointed to the "phasing out" as a logical outgrowth. The Governor's Committee recommends the phasing out when consolidation of districts make the post unnecessary. Suggestions are to dissolve the post as incumbent's term expire. The 2600 minimum school district would require only two school districts in Coryell County. The larger school systems are thought to facilitate a more complete education system offering a wider curriculum and more qualified instruction.

County School Superintendent Donaldson estimated the transportation cost of the larger schools would not be much greater than present transportation cost.

The Governor's Committee pointed tax reforms were needed. The Committee contracted with Mr. Charles Bartlett to study tax equalization. The proposal states, "The Bartlett study verified the fact that city school districts in Texas are being cheated in the distribution of State school aid because of county tax rolls favor rural areas."

Mr. Donaldson explained that "the proposal reflects the change that has already occurred." The trend toward urbanization is presently not reflected in many county tax rolls. Major areas of recommendations, listed by priority, for state action between 1969 and 1979 are:

1. Strengthen the organizational structure of the school system by requiring all districts to contain a minimum of 2600 students or be at least countywide in size.
2. Provide first - class compensation that would start teachers at a minimum of \$6,000 a year and let teachers, with master's degrees,

advance to minimums of \$9650 in ten years.

3. Initiate programs of dropout prevention and adult reclamation by use of more money, more personnel and more vocational offerings with new instructional techniques.

4. Install developmental programs of training that will provide "unequal opportunities for unequal children" and use new evaluation systems to provide guidance on the quality and results of the school system.

5. Make finance formulas effective and equitable so that the state may more accurately know each district's ability to locally pay for schools and thereby make state aid more fairly distributed.

## Goins Reports One

### Accident Over Weekend

Police Chief Gene Goins reported Monday, only one accident over the weekend.

Saturday afternoon at 3:30 p.m., Mr. Goins parked his patrol car in front of the courthouse and failed to apply the parking brake. The patrol car crossed the street and struck a parked car, causing \$100 damage to the parked car and no damage to the patrol car.

## Three Youths Apprehended By Plentl

Mr. Jerry Noles of the Texas Game and Wildlife Department reported Sunday that three youths were apprehended by State Highway Patrolman Wallace Plentl, hunting from a public road.

The incident occurred at 3:15 Sunday morning in the Oglesby area.

Noles reported that the three youths would appear in County Juvenile court, early this week. "The road hunting complaint is our most frequent violation", reports Noles. Landowners lose valuable livestock each year to the road hunter. Noles pointed out that some valuable livestock is accidentally shot while other cases show intentional destruction of animals.

## Businessmen To Meet With

### Federal Purchasers

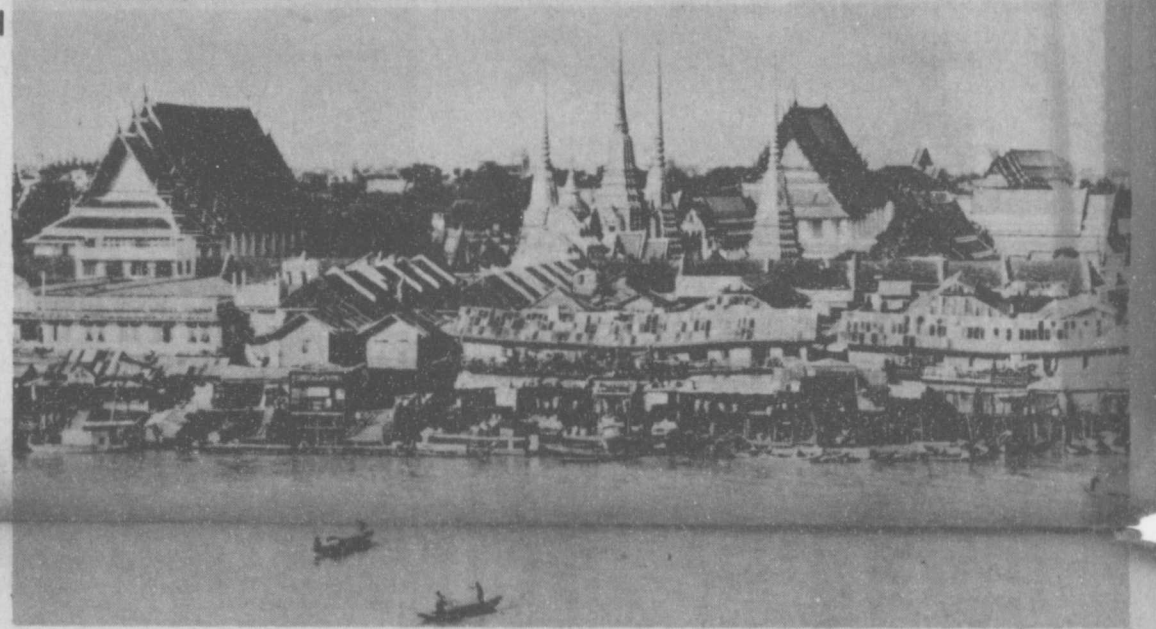
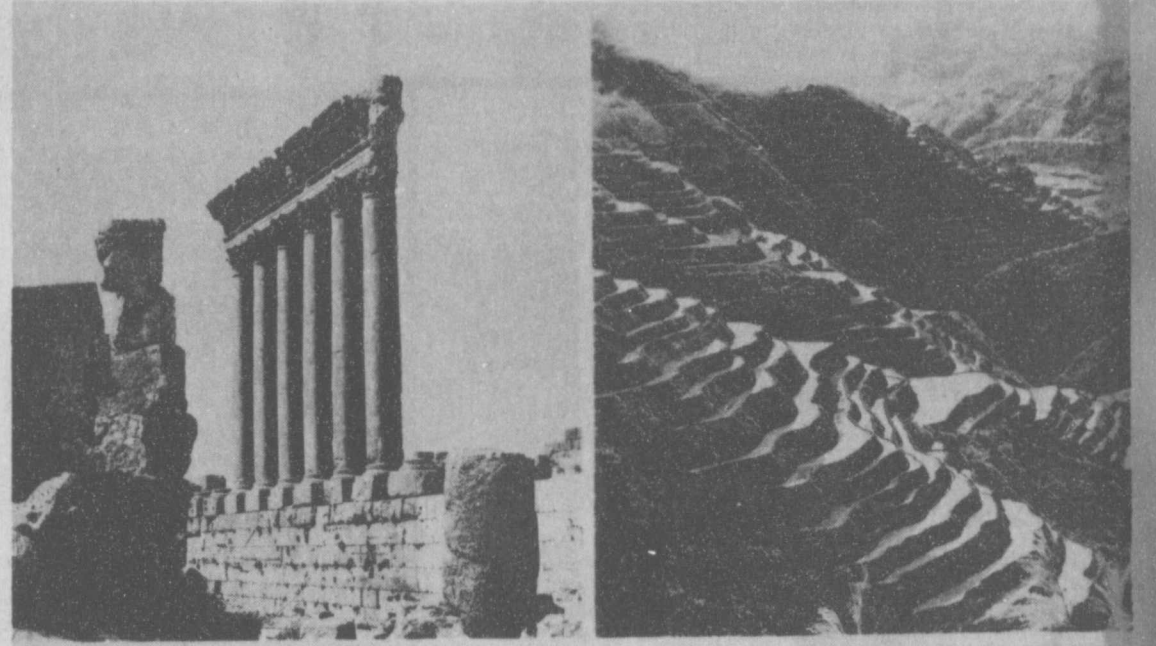
West Texas Businessmen will have a choice opportunity to zero in on millions of dollars worth of items which the Government needs for defense and general purposes when purchasing officers of the Federal government will be in Lubbock, Texas, October 3 to participate in a West Texas Business opportunity - Federal Procurement Conference.

The Conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Koko Palace, 50th Street and Avenue Q in Lubbock sponsored by Congressman George Mahon and Lubbock Chamber of Commerce. Coordinating the participation of the federal agencies are the Department of Commerce and Department of Defense.

About 40 Federal purchasing specialists will be available to talk to businessmen on sales opportunities in Government. They will represent the Department of Defense agencies - Army, Navy, Air Force and Defense Supply Agency and also a number of civilian agencies, including the Atomic Energy Commission, Department of Agriculture, General Services Administration, Post Office Department, Government Printing Office, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, small Business Administration, Veteran Administration and several large prime contractors.

According to Mr. Harry C. Meyers, Director, U.S. Department of Commerce Field Office at Dallas, Federal personnel and material assembled at the Conference would require businessmen three months time and expenditure of \$3,000 to contact individually. The Director pointed out that the Defense Department alone will have on hand approximately \$50 million of current invitations to bid and requests for proposals.

## TEXAS FARM BUREAU ON 31-DAY NINE NATION TOUR



FAR AWAY PLACES --- Strange sights in far away places are in store for the 64 members of the Texas Farm Bureau - sponsored world tour which will visit nine countries around the globe September 6th through October 6. The 31 - day tour includes such diverse scenes as the ancient ruins of the Six Pillars of the Temple of Jupiter (upper left) at Baalbek, Lebanon; lush mountainside rice terraces in the Philippines (upper right); and glittering Buddhist temples overlooking the teeming riverfront at Bangkok, Thailand (below). Countries to be visited include Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Thailand, India, Lebanon, Israel, Greece, and Italy. The goodwill - educational tour will include visits to farms and marketing facilities, meetings with importers and briefings at U.S. embassies.

## 4 - H CLUB MEMBERS TO SPEAK

The American Public will hear hundreds of speeches during the next few months from hopeful political candidates. Personal appearances, radio and television broadcasts will carry to the listener not only the speaker's message, but also his personality.

Another group -- considerably younger -- is also being heard throughout the country via the same media. They are

### Farmers Home

### Administration

### To Hold

## Bi-District Meeting

A bi-district meeting of the Farmers Home Administration will be held in Fort Worth, Texas, on September 12th and 13th, according to County Supervisor Paul V. Stephens.

Information obtained at a regional meeting held in St. Louis on how to check the flow of rural people into urban areas will be discussed by the State Office staff.

The local Farmers Home Administration office will be closed from Thursday, September 12th to Monday, September 16th at 8:00 A.M. due to the meeting.

Stephens said that through 138 county offices, the Farmers Home Administration in Texas will loan about \$130 million to rural families and communities this fiscal year.

Last year, about \$60 million was loaned for operating expenses. Over 4,100 rural Texans received loans to improve or construct homes. More than 660 farmers became landowners through the FIIA Farm Ownership loan program, and nearly \$250 Texas communities received FHA loans to build or expand water systems, sewer systems, recreation projects and grazing associations.

## the young people active in the

4-H Public Speaking program. They polish up their speeches for county, state and national contests, hoping to win an award furnished by the program sponsor, Pure Oil Division, Union Oil Company of California.

The top boy and girl in the state will get a \$50 U.S. savings bond. The state champions can then enter public speaking records in national competition. The award is a \$600 scholarship for the two most outstanding 4-H speakers from coast-to-coast, plus expense paid trips as delegates to the National 4-H Congress to be held in Chicago the first

## week in December.

In addition, the most eloquent pair of speakers in the county earn medals of honor. The public speaking program is steadily gaining in popularity according to enrollment figures reported by the Cooperative Extension Service.

In the 26-state area where the Pure Oil sponsored program, is carried on, well over 115,000 members participated last year. This was an increase of 16,000 over the last three years.

Any youngster interested in public speaking can contact the county extension office or a local 4-H Club leader.

## Coryell County 4-H Horse Club To Hold Sept. 18 Meeting

The Coryell County 4-H Horse Club will have their first meeting of the coming year on September 18th at the Community Center in Copperas Cove. Any youth in Coryell County, who owns a horse and is interested in horsemanship,

and care of the horse, is eligible to belong.

There are no dues to join, the only obligation is that the youth be willing to work and learn about horses.

We need parents who are willing to help as adult leaders, so parents as well as youth are urged to attend.

Each year the Horse Club gives trophies to the high point

James William Barton

### Rites

## Held September 7

James William Barton died September 5, 1968 in the Gatesville Coryell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held September 7, 1968 at 10:00 a.m. in the First Baptist Church with Rev. Kenneth Patrick officiating. Burial was in Restland Cemetery.

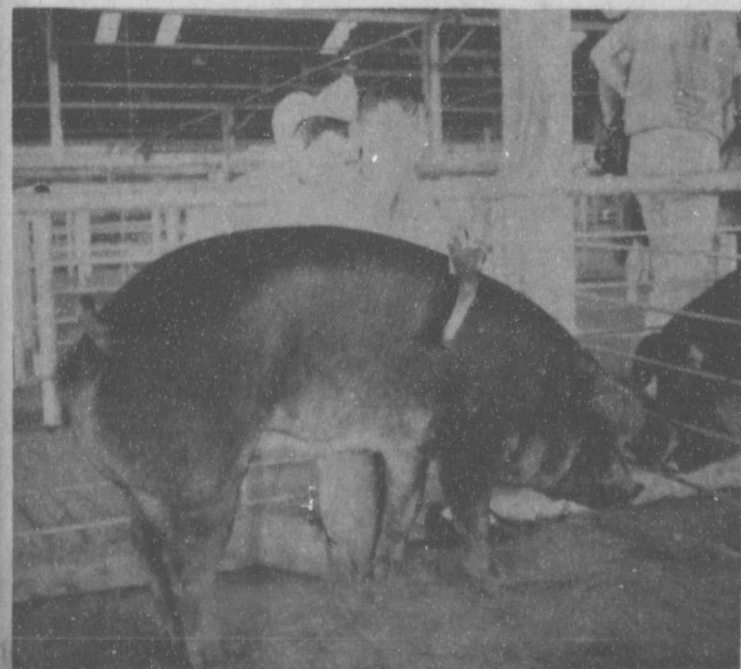
Mr. Barton was born March 12, 1905 in Marlin, Texas. He was a rancher-farmer. He was married to the former Elizabeth Bigham on November 14, 1949, who survives him.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Truman Bigham of Waco; two grandchildren, Jan and Susan Bigham of Waco; three sisters, Mrs. James D. Barton of Fort Worth, Mrs. H. B. Cannon of Fort Worth and Miss Mknnie Sue Barton of Waco; two brothers, Frank Barton of Marfa and John D. Barton of Riesel.

## WATCH FOR THE HORNETS NEST IN THE NEWS

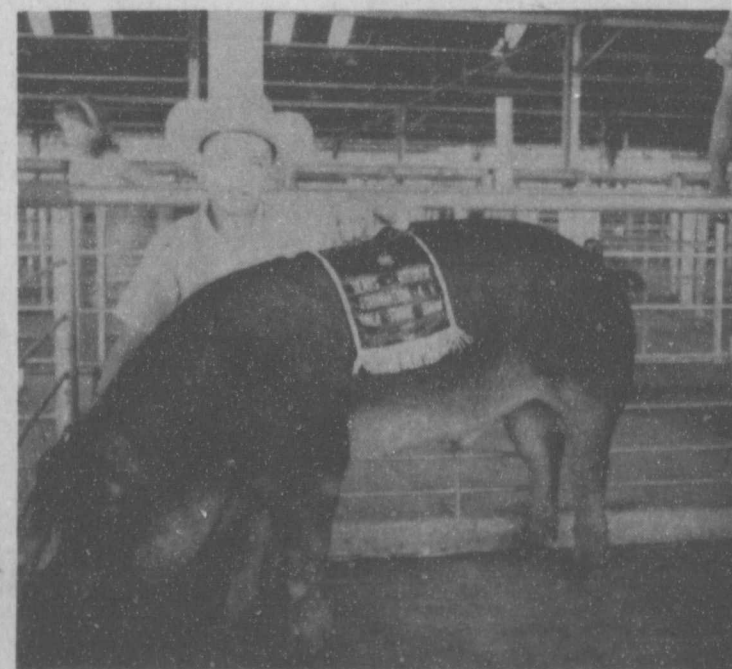
## Hospital News Patients

J.C. Parrish  
Jack Fenner  
Mrs. Sam Barron  
Quine Burke  
Mrs. Ward Jameson  
Mrs. Bettie Richardson  
Mrs. Cecil Rivers  
Homer Fore  
Mrs. W.A. Graham  
Mrs. Florence Graves  
Mrs. Nora Hunt  
Alice Morse  
Mrs. Stella Powell  
Henry Rabbe  
Harvard J. Smith  
Mrs. Eddie Winfield



Douglas Freeman

Douglas Freeman of Pearl took a second place ribbon for his prize gilts. The show included entries from eleven central Texas counties.



Ricky Chambers

Ricky Chambers of Jonesboro 4-H, produced the Champion Male at the Waco Sears 4-H Swine Show, this past weekend at the Heart O' Texas Fairgrounds.



Casey Dale Warren, 7, displays his prize 5 pound catfish caught in a Purnela Stock tank, Sunday, September 8th. The fish had seen action early in the afternoon on Mrs. Clyde Warren's line, but broke free. It looks like those that catch fish, last, catch them best.

## Miss Nicholson - Mr. Rhoads To Wed Sept. 21

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ray Nicholson of Memphis, Tennessee, have announced the engagement and marriage of their daughter, Carolyn, to Buddy Keith Rhoads, son of Mrs. Dorothy Rhoads of Temple, formerly of Gatesville and the late Mr. Harold Keith Rhoads.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Mrs. Bob Thompson of Temple and the late Mr. Thompson, former residents of Gatesville and a nephew of Mrs. W.D. Craddock of Osage.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Messick High School in Memphis, where she was a member of the Spanish Club and the band. She is a graduate of Memphis State University and served as summer vice president of the Baptist Student Union. She is also a graduate of Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Memphis where she was a member of the Tennessee Student Nurse Association and officer in the Young

at Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Florida as an advanced electronics technician.

Miss Nicholson and Mr. Rhoads have chosen September 21st as their wedding date in the Prescott Memorial Baptist Church in Memphis.

## Long-Time Gatesville Resident Dies

Funeral services for Jessie Benjamin Wiggins, long-time resident of Gatesville, were held September 2, 1968 at 2:30 p.m. in Scotts Funeral Chapel with Minister Wallace Gooch and Minister Max T. Neel officiating. Burial was in City Cemetery.

Mr. Wiggins, who had lived in Gatesville the past 56

### MOUNTAIN NEWS

by MRS. J.H. JEFFREY

Bob Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fisher, returned home, Friday, after serving three years in the U.S. Marines. Visiting in the Fisher home were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kunze, Denise and Douglas of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fisher and Keith of Waco, and Mr. and Mrs. Benton Fisher of Elm Mott.

Herb Robertson, of Comanche, visited John Easley, Sunday.

Mrs. Frison Murphy and David visited over the weekend in Cotton Valley, La. with their sister and aunt, Mrs. Dorris Harvey, who was hospitalized for injuries received in a car accident.

Mrs. Effie Peveto and Mrs. Frank Roads and Diann of Oglesby, visited Mrs. J.H. Jeffrey, Friday.

Mrs. P.E. Ballard returned home from Rotunda Convalescing home, Wednesday. Visiting in the P.E. Ballard home

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## ATER NEWS

by PATSY WEAVER

(Intended For Friday)

Well, Miss Ruth Ann Wilhelm is getting ready for a big jump, going to T.U. in Austin, good going, kid.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Weaver, of our community, is visiting Mrs. Weaver's father, Mr. Brumley, who lives in Odessa, and a sister.

Mrs. Ruby Weaver, of Pan- cake, called to say she had 41 at her home for Sunday dinner. They were her folks. Specially had a brother, Menlo Holloway, from Arkansas. She would have really had a house full if the Weaver side had walked in about that time, eh?

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Evans of Houston, were guests in the Sam

were Friday supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Jones and family.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bus Barton were Jerry Barton of Lawton, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Barton and girls, Mr. and Mrs. George Loers, Sr. and Junior Loer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barton, David and Douglas and Mr. and Mrs. Butch Barton and John were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Barton.

Visiting in the George Loer, Sr. home, Friday, were Wilber Galloway, Miss Glenda Evetts and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ochoa of Gatesville.

Neelie Adair and Sandra won the ribbon roping at the Burnett Rodeo. Little Jim Adair of Fort Worth spent last week in the Neelie Adair home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Ellis of Mineral Wells visited over the weekend with Mrs. Roland Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bob Price Jeb and Jana of Killeen, visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blanchard, Pam, Ricky and Randy, Sunday.

### Pearl News

By Mrs. Lyda Cooper

(Intended For Friday)

Those enjoying a fish fry at the Arlie Gartman fishing pond on Labor Day was the Johnnie White family of Belton, Mr. and

Mrs. Bob Mc Calester, Odessa, Gartman and Beverly of Gatesville, Leota Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cummings and children of Rumbley, Ronald and Linda Ray of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Shook, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Price and Fay and Arlie Gartman.

Those visiting in the Boone Wilkinson home, Sunday, were the Johnnie White family of Belton, Mr. and Mrs. Snow Wilkinson of Kemper and the Jim Wilkinson family of Coppas Cove.

Visiting in the Harry King home through the holidays were the Oney Lee Chafin family of Austin, Mary Chafin of Georgetown, Frank King and Todd Martin of Dallas. Jeanette King returned to Austin with the Chafins and plan to go on to San Antonio to attend HemisFair.

The Lynn Wood Miller family of Texas City and the Grady Von Culp family of Killeen visited the Grady Keeton family and Mrs. Myrtle Keeton over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harper left Tuesday morning for their home in Port Arthur, after living in Pearl for a few months.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldon Freeman and Mrs. Sallie Freeman visited a while one night recently with the Arlie Gartman.

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Gentry and family of Merkle, Texas and Mrs. Trudie Gentry of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Freeman and children and David Freeman of Coppas Cove visited Sunday with the Charlie Freemans.

Mrs. Alza Franklin is visiting in Gatesville this week with her sisters, Effie Lauderdale, Dessie Whitt and Sue Little.

Miss Carrie Beavers and R. L. Jones, of Waco, attended church at the Church of Christ, Sunday, and visited Mr. and Mrs. John Doyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gardner and children of Hurst, visited the Clifford Bates over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Freeman had supper with the Woody Williamson family in Waco, Monday. On returning home, they visited a while with the Shorty Arnolds of Gatesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Creed Oney visited Mr. Rob Calhoun in a Hamilton Rest Home, last Monday.

Mrs. Carrie Manning of Gatesville visited Mrs. Essie Bygum, last Saturday night and Mrs. Dessie Whitt visited Mrs. Bynum on Sunday night.

Mrs. Irene Upham of Bee House and Mrs. Glenn Herriman visited Leota Graham, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tinley Perry and children, of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hale and boys, of Lampasas, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilkinson and boys, of Coppas Cove, visited Sunday, in the Dan Fillmon home.

Sympathy from the people of our community is extended to Mrs. Gervis Smith in loss of her father.

Mrs. Tom Jones visited her sister, Mrs. Amanda Edmondson, in the Rotunda Rest Home, recently. Mrs. Edmondson was not feeling well.

4 roll pack CHARMIN Bathroom Tissue	39¢
10 lb. bag RUSSET Potatoes	
5 lb. bag SHURFINE Flour	
46 oz. can TEXSUN Grapefruit Juice	
5 lb. bag SHURFINE Corn Meal	
1/4 lb. LIPTON's Pekoe Tea	
2 lb. bag No. 1 Rcleaned Pinto Beans	25¢
Half ga. OAKFARMS Buttermilk	47¢
1 lb. ctn. Creamed or Low Calorie OAKFARMS Cottage Cheese	32¢
1 lb. box NATIONAL PREMIUM Crackers	31¢
Reg. Box, JELL-O Gelatin Dessert	10¢
Quart M RACLE WHIP Salad Dressing Limit One	49¢
One lb. YELLOW Onions	6¢

MARYLAND CLUB Coffee One lb.	69¢
FOLGER'S Coffee One lb.	67¢
No. 3 Squat Cans Sugary Sam Yams	23¢
No. 2-1/2 can WOLF Brand Chili	59¢
4 No. 303 cans LIBBY'S Garden Fresh Sweet Peas	88¢
Half gal. A.F. Melforine	29¢
4 boxes Instant or Reg. MY-T-Fine Pudding Dessert Flat can DEL MONTE Tuna	29¢
6 oz. can SHURFINE Frozen Lemonade	10¢
4 - 4 oz. cans HORMEL Vienna Sausage	89¢
4 No. 300 cans SHURFINE Pork & Beans	49¢
No. 2-1/2 can VAL VITA Peaches - 4 for	\$1
Ungraded Eggs - 3 doz.	
No. 303 Cans SHURFINE Corn - 5 for	\$1
No. 303 Cans SHURFINE Fruit Cocktail - 4 for	
No. 303 cans GOLD TIP Tomatoes - 6 for	\$1
20 oz. bot. DEL MONTE Catsup - 3 for	

22 oz. Liquid JOY	43¢
Giant Box Detergent TIDE	59¢
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# Highlights and Sidelights

Vern Sanford

A blue-ribbon governor's committee has recommended a monumental 10-year plan for improving Texas public school education that will triple costs and require a \$300 to \$400 million tax bill next year.

The 15-member panel said its plan would lift schools out of "mediocrity" and "inefficiency".

Highlights of the report include recommendations for more and better-paid teachers, free kindergartens, expanded free education for adults, required consolidation of small school districts, additional benefits for teachers and encouragement of educational innovations and experimentation. Committee, named by Gov. John Connally and authorized by the 1965 Legislature, also urged programs to point up the cultural heritage of minority groups and to encourage human dignity.

Altogether the proposals of this Committee on Public School Education would increase local, state and federal school costs in Texas from \$840 million to \$2.1 billion at the end of 10 years. Under the plan about four percent of the state's income would have to go to schools. Some \$503 million more would be required, bulk from state sources for 1970-71.

Committee recommended simplification in the complex finance formula to figure local school district costs, to provide that the local districts' 20 to 25 percent share would be based on taxable property values. Local share, of course would go up along with the state's. School building would remain a local responsibility. Key recommendations include:

\*Increasing basic allotments from \$23 to \$50 per pupil, plus additions for transportation, materials and vocational teachers.

\*Providing "basic foundation program" to replace 20-year-old minimum foundation program.

\*Adding 16,000 teachers, even though enrollment may decrease slightly (by about 22,000). This would provide a pupil-teacher ratio of 21 to one instead of 24 to one.

\*Increasing teacher pay from \$4,734 minimum to \$5,400 in 1969-70 and \$6,300 the following year. Maximum pay would go up from \$6,912 to \$8,800 by 1970-71, as covered by state guarantee.

\*Incorporating 17-step pay scale in 1971-72. This would provide \$3,000 for teacher aides and go up to \$28,567 for administrators.

Requiring districts with fewer than 2,600 average daily attendance in 12 grades to consolidate by June 1, 1972. (Some exceptions would be allowed for remote countywide districts, special districts and schools on military bases.) Redistricting recommendations will be provided in six weeks, committee said.

\*Encouraging districts with more than 50,000 enrollments to decentralize into community school systems with incentive payments of \$10 a student,

\*Abolishing county school superintendents as terms expire.

\*Creating free public kindergartens for five-year-olds by 1980, summer programs with priority for the poor and free adult courses for those over 18, who have not finished high school.

\*Offering wider selection of textbooks and materials and extra teachers and aides for districts with large numbers of low-income families.

\*Replacing 20 regional education service centers with fewer regional branch offices of Texas Education Agency.

\*Districting of the 21-member Board of Education to conform with 23 present congressional districts.

Establishing new program for 25,000 student teachers and another for interns in school administration.

\*Setting up a variety of teacher benefits including continuing contracts, professional consultation, teacher aides for every 100 students and 10 free hours a week for teachers to grade papers, plan lessons and study. Non-teachers would be used for routine supervisory duties in some cases.

Although the immediate pay raise is less than the \$1,000 sought by Texas State Teachers Association, Committee said recommendations would provide "nation's best state-guaranteed salary plan".

## Four State Conventions Coming Up

Four political conventions of just about every complexion of politics extant in Texas are coming up. Saturday (Sept. 14), a frankly illegal convention of liberal Democrats unhappy with their party majority will be held in Austin.

On the legal day for all official state party conventions - Tuesday (Sept. 17), the regular State Democratic convention will be held, also in Austin. Lt. Gov. Preston Smith, the party's nominee for governor, will present his campaign platform planks then, for adoption by the whole convention.

On that same day in Fort Worth, GOP gubernatorial candidate Paul Eggers and his platform will be featured in the State Republican convention. Keynote for the day will be the Republican vice-presidential candidate, Gov. Spiro Agnew of Maryland.

Additional convention excitement is expected to emanate from Dallas where the American Party will convene Tuesday and hear its presidential candidate, George Wallace. There, recently ousted party officials intend to challenge the party's state committee.

## Appointments

Governor Connally named Travis County Dist. Atty. Tom Blackwell judge of the 167th district court in Austin to succeed Judge Tom Reavley, re-

cently appointed to the Texas Supreme Court. Travis County Atty. Robert O. Smith succeeds Blackwell as D.A. All three are Democratic nominees to the posts to which they were appointed.

Connally selected Edgar Britton Hart of Electra, Marvin L. McCullough of Wichita Falls, Louis Pitcock, Jr. of Graham and Hugh T. Marshall of Quannah to Midwestern University Board of Regents.

James H. Harwell, Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce manager, will become executive director of Texas Industrial Commission on October 1.

## Auto Inspection Time Here

It's auto inspection time again. The 1969 inspection period began September 1. Deadline is April 15, 1969.

More than six million vehicles will receive compulsory inspection during period at 5,500 authorized inspection stations. Minimum fee is \$1.75. DPS urges early inspection to assure safe fall-winter driving.

## Crime Rate Up

Crime rate in Texas for the first six months of the year was 15 per cent over 1967, according to the Department of Public Safety.

DPS noted increases in all seven major crime categories. Murders and homicides were up nearly nine per cent, rape 14 per cent, robbery 14 per cent, burglary nearly 22 per cent, aggravated assault nearly six per cent, theft about 12 per cent and auto theft nearly 24 per cent. DPS Acting Director Wilson E. Speir said that means a major crime every minute and a half or a murder every seven and one half hours.

## Aid Granted Small Airports

A total of \$765,513 in grants have been authorized by the Texas Aeronautics Commission for construction and/or improvement of 44 airports. Largest grants, \$27,500 each, went to airports at Canadian, Edinburg, Fort Stockton, Jasper, Kingsland, Mineral Wells, Morton, Smithville and Taft.

TAC at same time said it would recommend eliminating aviation fuel exemption from state gasoline tax. Unclaimed refunds of tax payments finance TAC aid to small city airports.

## Pollution

It is almost certain that some state agency will take over regulation of salt water discharges from liquefied petroleum gas storage caverns near oil refineries and gas plants, but a public hearing by the Texas Water Quality Board did not settle the question of which agency.

WQB called a "show cause" hearing for LPG underground storage cavern operators with the idea of regulating brine-water waste discharges itself. But when the hearing opened, chairman Howard Rose of Austin said the Texas Railroad Commission had expressed an interest in handling the problem.

As it stands now, both agen-

cies apparently will be involved in this area of pollution control.

## Draft Quota Cut

State's draft quota has been reduced to 523 men for November, lowest since April, 1965.

Quotas have been dropping off since May when call reached 2,131. Call for August was 895, it's 683 for September, and 774 for October.

## Retarded Assessment

Parent of children under 21 in state schools for the retarded soon will be billed for their care under a graduated fee system based on the family's net income.

Under the state school student payment plan, a maximum of \$170 per month would be charged to parents of mentally-retarded persons under 21, and that ceiling would apply to the family netting \$20,000 or more after deductions. Families netting \$4,999 or less would pay \$5 per month or less and others between \$4,999 and \$20,000 would be billed according to a sliding scale.

## Short Snorts

In the light of long weeks of heavy rain, Agriculture Commissioner John White has granted Lower Rio Grande Valley farmers a cotton plow-up deadline extension to September 30, longest ever granted.

Atty. Gen. Crawford Martin has named James H. Cowden of Austin to head his newly-created Transportation Division to work with the Department of Public Safety and the Railroad Commission on problems in the transportation industry.

State Comptroller says cities which began collecting local option sales tax in April will learn how much they got in the first quarter about September 16.

Texas Education Agency reports that Houston and Fort Worth will receive \$500,000 each and Laredo \$300,000 in federal grants to help crowded schools in underprivileged neighborhoods.

# The Grove News

By Mrs. R.T. Fellers



(Intended for Friday)

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray Puckett from Garland, Texas, recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Ted Graham and Mrs. Hattie Thompson.

School started August 29th and what a hectic day! Miss Belva Fellers visited Thursday with Mrs. Janice Bundrant, Treasa Kay and Jimmy while this mother attended school. Mrs. R.T. Fellers, Belva,

Robert and Mrs. Tee Graham visited in Moffatt, Texas, with Mrs. Betty Landrum, Saturday, August 31.

The monthly drawing at Clawson's Grocery was held Saturday, August 31. The winners were Mrs. Ted Graham, Mr. Clarence Symm and Mr. C.E. Arldt.

Mr. and Mrs. Tee Graham visited the Fellers, Sunday. Visitors in the W.E. Ayres home, Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Bone and Phyllis,



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### T.F.B. "Travelers" Visit Farms And Markets

The Texas Farm Bureau-sponsored 1968 "market builder" tour left September 6, for a 31-day world tour with sight seeing and goodwill stops in nine countries around the globe. Included also on the itinerary are visits to farms and agricultural marketing facilities, meetings with buyers and briefings at U.S. embassies.

The 64 tour participants, comprised mostly of farmers and ranchers and their wives, are paying their own way to learn more about potential markets in the Far East and Europe. The trip is also intended to build goodwill and give the Texans a better understanding of farmers' problems in the lesser-developed nations.

About half of the tourists will fly to Hawaii two days early for sightseeing. They were to be joined by the others on September 6, in Honolulu, and the next day the group departed by jet for Osaka, Japan, on the first foreign leg of the trip.

In Japan, the Texans will visit Kyoto, the classical city of ancient temples and palaces and Nara, called the cradle of Japanese art and culture. They will ride the super swift, 150 MPH Kodama (echo) train from Kyoto to Tokyo. A one-day excursion takes them to the beautiful city of Nikko, famed for its shrines and gardens.

Next stop is Hong Kong, teeming free port located next door to Communist China. Here they will visit Victoria Peak, Repulse Bay and an ancient walled village on the Kowloon Peninsula. The itinerary gives ample time for shopping the famous bargains in Hong Kong.

A short jet hop takes the Texans next to Manila in the Philippines where they will visit Malacanang Palace, the World War II internment camp of Santo Thomas, and the Spanish walled city of Intramuros. A day's excursion takes them to Corregidor Island, site of surrender in World War II.

From Manila, the group will jet to Bangkok, Thailand -- "Fairy-land of the Orient" --

with its thousands of glittering temples. One sightseeing highlight here will be an early-morning excursion by motor launch through the many canals to the exotic floating markets of Bangkok.

A long flight takes the Texans next to New Delhi, capital of India. They will visit Chand Chowk, once known as the richest street in the world, and will tour the Red Fort, 300-year-old symbol of Mogul glory. A day's excursion takes them to Agra to view the majestic Taj Mahal, built by the great Shah Jehan as an everlasting memorial to his wife, Lebonon is the next stop.

After touring the capital city of Beirut, the group drives to Baalbeck to view the ruins of the Temple of Jupiter which are among the most impressive of all Roman ruins.

From Lebanon, the tourists fly to Israel by way of Cyprus. Among attractions they will visit in the Holy Land are Bethlehem, the Mount of Olives, Jericho, the River Jordan and Old Jerusalem. They will also tour a collective farm near Tel Aviv.

Athens comes next, and among the renowned archeological places to be visited here is the Acropolis with its Parthe-

non and Temple of Wingless Victory. Other highlights in Greece include a cruise among the Aegean Islands and a drive along the coast to Corinth.

Rome-- the Eternal City-- is final stop for the Texans. Here they will visit the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, the Baths of Caracalla, Trevi Fountain and the fashionable Via Veneto. They will also tour Vatican City, St. Peter's Cathedral and the Sistine Chapel with its magnificent "Last Judgement" by Michelangelo.

Finally, on Oct. 6, the Texans will board their Pan American jetliner for New York, Dallas and home.

**MUSHROOM ROT DAMAGE TO PEACH TREES**  
Mushroom rot on peach trees is causing serious decline in the yield of peaches over the state, says Jerral D. Johnson, Extension plant pathologist at Texas A & M University.

Mushroom root rot is caused by a fungus organism which lives in the soil and causes a lingering death of peach trees. Soon after attack by the organism, young trees are killed or reduced in vigor. When bark is peeled from the trunk of the tree, near the soil line, a white growth of the fungus is visible on the surface of the wood.

The disease is most prevalent in areas recently cleared of timber, stated the pathologist.

It is suggested that the growers not use recently cleared timberland for orchard sites. Also, where possible,

homeowners and commercial growers should not replant peaches on the same soil, said Johnson.



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#### STILL TIME FOR HAY CUTTINGS

There is still time to get high quality hay cuttings this season, but producers should follow recommended guidelines to get best results, Dr. Neal Pratt, Extension agronomist with Texas A & M University, says.

The proper stage of growth for harvest is the time when the greatest amount of total digestible nutrients per acre may be obtained. This usually means the best compromise between quality and quantity, he continues.

Generally, the younger the crop at the time of harvest, the higher the quality. The more mature the crop at harvest the lower the quality.

To achieve this balance between quality and quantity in hay, it is best to cut coastal and common bermudagrass after about four weeks of growth. Native grasses, sudan hybrids, and Johnsongrass should be cut before seed heads appear and legumes should usually be cut during the early bloom stage, the specialist points out.

In only one week after the cutoff point for harvesting, the hay can lose 15 - 20 percent of its palatability. And with many producers selling their hay on a quality basis, cutting and baling at the right stage can mean about \$20 more per acre.

To get more cuttings of high quality before frost, the producer should cut his mature, less nutritious hay now and fertilize heavily to get more cuttings. The extra amount of added fertilizer will make up the difference from the earlier forage production where the soil nutrients have been depleted, Pratt concludes.

#### HAY SHOW SLATED FOR OCT. 25

Hay producers across the state should be readying their entries for the State Hay Show set for October 25, in Houston, Dr. J Neal Pratt, Extension agronomist with the Texas A & M University, says.

Although local and county hay shows have been in existence

for the past few years, this will be the only full-fledged state hay show, the specialist and judge for the event points out.

"In the State Show there will be three major classes: perennial grasses, annual grasses and legumes," he continues.

Entries will be judged according to maturity, texture and pliability, leafiness, freedom from non-injurious foreign material and color. Also to be included in the judging will be a complete chemical analysis on each sample entered. The results of this chemical analysis will comprise 50 percent of the total score.

The show, which will be at the Northline Shopping Center in Houston, is sponsored by the Houston Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee, and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service and the Texas Education Agency, Pratt says.

"Each entry must be accompanied by the required entry fee. This fee will be matched by the Houston Chamber to help defray the cost of the complete chemical analysis. All entries must be in a cross-section string - tied block not less than four or more than eight inches in thickness. In the case of round bales, a four to eight inch cross section of the bale will be entered. Loose hay will not be accepted," said Pratt.

All entries must be turned in at one of the Official Hay Stations by October 4. Each entry should be tagged with the name and address of the exhibitor, type of hay and class to be entered. An error in class entry will disqualify the sample. For more information on preparing entries in the contest, Pratt suggests contacting the county agent.

#### Improvement Possible

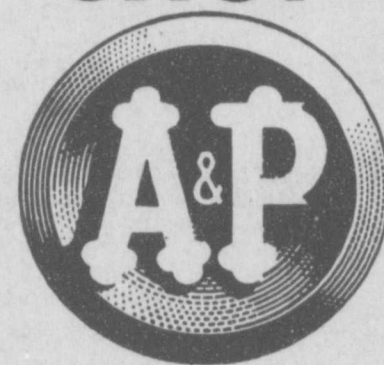
#### DISEASE CONTROL RECOMMENDED

Pecan growers can improve quality and quantity of pecan production by the use of recommended disease control practices, advised Jerral D. Johnson, Extension plant pathologist at Texas A & M University.

The USDA reported estimated annual losses of pecans due to disease over a ten year period at 21 percent. Fortunately, the major pecan diseases can be controlled by good management practices or by proper uses of protective fungicides.

Losses will vary from farm to farm depending upon such things as varieties being grown and disease control practice already in use, but disease losses do occur, however, and each grower should ask himself if he can afford a 21 percent loss of his crop. If not, then he should design control practices appropriate for his particular operation, says Johnson.

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