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## Weather

	HIGH	LOW	PREC.
February 5	49	28	
February 4	44	37	.21
February 3	46	38	.40
February 2	50	38	.02

Rainfall to date: 1.17"

# Fog, Drizzle Dominate Area Weather

## Rain Amounts Total Over 3/4 Of An Inch

# Junior Barrow, Lamb Show Set Feb. 21

## Entry Fees Due On February 14

The Bailey County Junior Livestock Show will be held in Muleshoe February 21 at the bus barn at Muleshoe High School. The barrow and lamb

show will be held at this time as the steer and heifer show was held last month.

Animals will arrive at the bus barn by 7 p.m., Thursday, February 20.

Entry fees are due February 14, 1975 and are \$1.00 per head. The judge this year will be David McCormick, a Junior College teacher at Tisomingo, Oklahoma.

Any boy or girl who is a member of the 4-H, FFA and FHA whose projects are supervised by the County Extension Agent or Vocational Agriculture Teachers of Bailey County and attend school in Bailey County are eligible to show in the Bailey County Junior Livestock Show. An exhibitor must be nine years of age by the day of the show to be able to participate in the show.

Exhibitors must have owned their pigs and lambs and have them in their care not later than December 1, 1974. Exhibitors in the Bailey County Show will not be permitted to purchase fitted animals or animals that have been through a premium auction sale and show in our county show.

Each exhibitor may enter

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## around muleshoe with the journal staff

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Osborne visited Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Panter of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. F.C. Panter and Carl and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Panter. They visited Charles Osborne, Mike and Sharla of Van Garland and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. John McCreary of Alba and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Madie Osborne. They also visited friends in Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Morris and family.

Mrs. Margie Hawkins has gone to a Dairy Queen Convention in Dallas. She left Sunday morning and will return home Thursday.

Chad Griswold and his mother, Mrs. Dale Griswold, returned home last Wednesday from the Shrine Burn Hospital in Galveston where Chad received his medical check-up for burns he received in September.

He received a good report and will continue the same home treatment and will go back to Galveston April 22 for another check-up.

Tani Jill Murrah, 20, is one of 103 college students who has been chosen to serve in the Baptist Student Union summer mission program this summer.

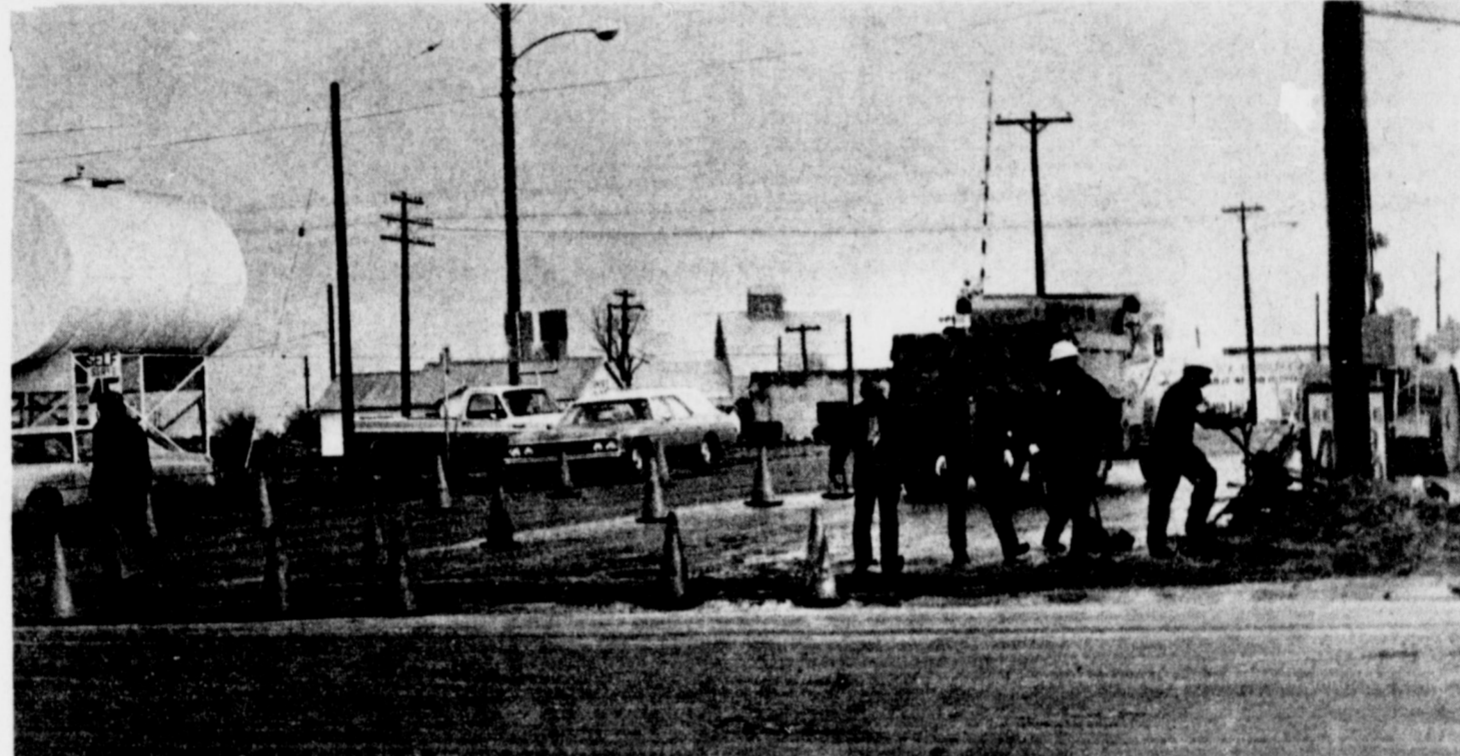
Miss Murrah, a student at Texas Tech University, will serve in Alabama. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon F. Murrah of Rt. 2, Box 271, Muleshoe.

Students from 34 colleges, universities, and specialized schools will work in mission areas across Texas and the United States, as well as number of overseas posts.

They are sponsored by the 2-million-member Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Southwest Texas State University's Baptist Student Union has elected officers for 1975.

They are Wetmore junior Bo Jackson, president; San Antonio senior Dwight Moody and Houston sophomore Lucille Earles, co-chairpersons for the worship committee; Maple junior Larry Neutzler and Levelland junior LaQuita Strickland, evangelism committee; Randolph Air Force Base freshman Pamela Grece, Bible study chairperson; and Los Fresnos sophomore Kirby Townsend and Levelland junior Linda Hart, missions committee.



WORK CONTINUES ON ROAD . . . The State Highway Department was working throughout the rainy weather this past week patching holes in the highways. The wet weather was the probable cause of the asphalt breaking on the highways.

Even though only .76 of an inch of moisture was recorded Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, water ran down the gutters and highways, breaking up the pavement.

# Rev. Puentes Named To Who's Who In America

Rev. Roque Puentes was chosen to appear in the 1976 77 Edition of Marquis' Who's Who in American Today in Religion.

## Morris Nowlin Submits JP Resignation

Justice of the Peace of Precinct One, Morris Nowlin, submitted his resignation to the Bailey County Commissioner's Court on January 31 to be effective February 1.

He resigned to go into the construction business. The position will be filled in the near future.



LEE HICKS

## Lee Hicks Named 'Feeder Of The Year'

The title of "1975 Commercial Feeder of the Year" has been awarded to a Clovis man, Lee Hicks.

The only award of its kind in the nation, the citation was presented to Hicks Thursday night in Las Vegas, Nev., during the American National Cattlemen's Association Convention.

A native of Hereford, and a commercial cattle feeder for 15 years, Hicks was one of 10 nominees originally selected to receive the award for 1975. During the dozen or so years the award has been presented, its recipients have included such national figures in the beef pro-

duction industry as Kenny Monfort of Greeley, Colo., and Paul Engler, now vice-president of Iowa Beef Packers in Nebraska. Presently serving his fifth year on the board of directors of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Hicks is one of the owners of Bovina Feeders, Inc. in Parmer County, and was manager of that operation for four years.

Hicks is featured on the cover of the February issue of the Feedlot Management Magazine, sponsor of the award. He is also the subject of a five-page illustrated spread in the national Minneapolis-based magazine.

The newest edition of Who's Who in America will be divided into separate volumes for each area it covers. Rev. Puentes was notified of his nomination during the summer and of his appointment on January 30.

Roque Leos Puentes was born in Yorktown, Texas on August 16, 1922. He is the son of the late Marquis and Leona Puentes of Cuero, Texas and attended the Yorktown Public Schools and the Cuero Public Schools.

Puentes entered the military service in 1942 and was discharged in 1943 due to an injury suffered in the army. He married the former Juanita Garza also of Yorktown on June 20, 1942. They have eight children, Ray Puentes of Littlefield; Sgt. Tony Puentes of Lawton, Oklahoma; Joe Puentes of Tucson, Arizona; Merced Mendoza of Canyon; Marcus Puentes of Tucson, Arizona; Rogelio Puentes of Sudan; and Lidia Sue and

Jeremiah both of the home.

Rev. and Mrs. Puentes were converted in 1952 in Kress, Texas. Shortly thereafter Rev. Puentes became a Sunday School teacher. Later he moved to Tulsa, where he surrendered to the ministry. In 1954, he was called to pastor the Dimmitt Baptist Mission. He was licensed by the Dimmitt First Baptist Church on October 30, 1955. The Dimmitt First Baptist Church was pastored by the Rev. George Ray.

Rev. Puentes founded and simultaneously served the Springlake Baptist Mission in 1955. Rev. Roque Puentes was ordained to the Southern Baptist Convention ministry by the First Baptist Church of Springlake on December 18, 1955.

Rev. Roque Puentes founded the Spanish Baptist Mission in Earth in 1956. He founded the Spanish Baptist Mission in Muleshoe in 1957 and served as its pastor until a near fatal heart attack in 1964. The Spanish Baptist Mission was under the auspices of the Trinity Baptist Church and the Rev. J.E. Moore, Rev. and Mrs. Puentes started the first public kindergarten in Muleshoe in 1959. It has now expanded

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# Gas Fumes Victims Related To Several Muleshoe Residents

A lethal cloud of poisonous gas took nine lives near the West Texas town of Denver City early Sunday morning. Seven of the dead were related to Muleshoe residents.

Eight of the victims died while apparently trying to flee hydrogen sulfide and carbon dioxide fumes which sped from a ruptured oil field well head about 150 yards from the house which they were staying in.

The ninth victim was an Atlantic-Richfield Oil Co. well runner who was enroute to re-

pair the ruptured well.

The dead were J.C. Patton, a 45 year old custom farmer who owned the house, and his wife, Glenda, 36; the couple's 17-year-old daughter, Dee Dee a senior at Denver City High School and her 14-year-old friend, Clara Peavy, an overnight house guest; Alma Lee "Pete" Amerson, 52, and his wife, Edith, 40, of Portales, Mrs. Amerson and Mrs. Patton were sisters; J.R. May, 57, and his 56-year-old wife, the mother of Mrs. Amerson

and Mrs. Patton; and Steve Sparger, 19, an employee of Atlantic-Richfield.

The fumes leaked from an experimental injection well in which Atlantic-Richfield was using gas instead of water to receive more oil.

One investigator, who said that two deep breaths were all it takes to kill you, indicated the heavy gas settled close to the ground and moved steadily toward the Patton house since there was no breeze and it was

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REV. ROQUE PUENTES

## Jaycee Convention Set February 7, 8, 9

The Muleshoe Jaycees met at noon Monday with President Charles Moraw presiding. The invocation was given by Gene McGuire. Roger Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance and Kevin Tucker led the Jaycee Creed.

Mike Armstrong reported on the Civil Defense meet going to be held at 8 p.m., Monday, February 10, in the city hall.

Gene McGuire reported on the Plainview Installation Banquet to be held February 15 at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Plainview. Several local members are planning to attend.

Terry Field reported on the Relative Organizational Concepts (ROC) Meeting held Monday night, February 3, to go

## Volleyball Tournery Set In Dimmitt

The Dimmitt Young Farmers and Young Homemakers will sponsor a volleyball tournament to be held March 10, 11, 13, 14, and 15 in the North Elementary Gym. Trophies will be awarded in both men and women's divisions for first, second, third and consolation.

Teams wishing to enter may obtain their entry blanks by writing or calling Carolyn Thompson, 707 Oak, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, phone 647-2250. All entries must be mailed by February 28, 1975.



SOGGY DAYS . . . The past few days in the Muleshoe area have been damp, foggy and rainy. It seemed as though the rainy season had set in the past few days as the sun has not shown in several days. Muleshoe area residents have made the best of the wet, foggy weather as they bundled up and hovered under umbrellas.



SPLASH, SPLASH . . . As usual when it rains, the dip on American Blvd. at 12th street fills with water providing a perfect place for drivers to drown out their cars. Local citizens have become accustomed to the dip and know to slow down for the water, but out of town cars like the one pictured splashing through the water, do not know the danger of the dip. The dip fills with water even when very little moisture is recorded. Only .76 of an inch of moisture was recorded in the city over a four-day period.



# PIGGLY WIGGLY

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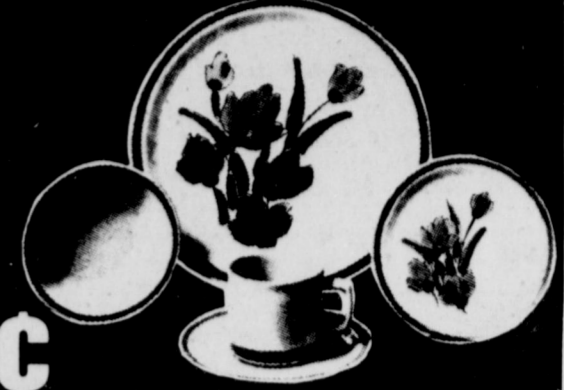
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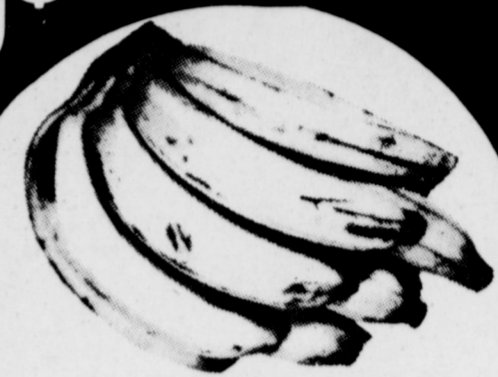
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## John Tower United States Senate

**RULE 22**  
A fight over procedure that is going on now in the Senate could have a profound effect

### Cotton Classing Lowest

Cotton classing volume was the lowest on the High Plains since 1950, according to Paul R. Dickson, in charge of the USDA's Cotton Classing Office in Lubbock. "We've had two years close to this season's total," "The 1967 crop of 1,117,000 and the 1971 crop was 1,121,000," he commented.

The USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service reported 20,000 samples were classed during the week ending Friday, January 31. This brought the season's total to 1,083,000. On this same date last year the total was 2,418,000, Dickson said.

Predominant grades this season were 41, 51, and 42. Grade 41 accounted for 21 percent, grade 51 was assigned to 23 percent and grade 42 was 28 percent of the samples. Last year the predominant grades were 31 and 41 at 26 and 46 percent respectively.

Twenty-nine percent of this crop was reduced one grade because of bark. Last year's crop had bark reductions on 4 percent.

The average staple length this year was 31.7 thirty-seconds of an inch compared to 31.1 last year.

Micronaire readings in the premium range of 3.5 to 4.9 accounted for 20 percent of this crop compared to 81 percent last year.

Pressley strength averaged 83,000 pounds per square inch for both crops.

Prices paid farmers for mixed lots this week ranged from 16.48 cents for low mike cotton to 26.75 cents for premium mike cotton. Most lots brought 20.00 to 25.50 cents per pound. Demand was steady to fair for current ginnings and trading was steady to slow.

Prices paid farmers for their cottonseed averaged \$122.50 per ton.

on you, I'd like to tell you a little bit about Rule 22 of the Senate Rules -- and about what you stand to lose if the rule is changed.

Most of our procedural fights aren't worth the time it takes to explain them to you. But this one is different. The outcome of this dispute probably will have more effect on you than any other measure we consider this session.

Those of you who work in the oil and gas industry or who have children in Texas schools have the most at stake.

But those of you who own your own businesses, or who work in defense related industries, or who simply are worried about the security of our nation also have reason to be concerned.

Rule 22 -- the so-called filibuster rule -- provides for unlimited debate on an issue until such time as two-thirds of all senators voting vote to shut off debate.

It is the result of an ingenious compromise worked out when the Senate first was organized in 1789, and maintained in roughly its present form for nearly two centuries. Although the Constitution is the principal safeguard of our liberties, the first senators knew that it was also important to build checks and balances into the procedures of the House and Senate.

They wanted to make sure that any law that was passed by the United States Congress would be the product of reflective thought, not an emotional response to temporary tribulations. They wanted the Senate to heed the voice of reason, not the shouts of demagogues.

Their answer was Rule 22 which permits the majority to rule, but only after passions have cooled and the minority has had a full opportunity to state its case.

Rule 22 has served the nation well for nearly two centuries. Judicious use of unlimited debate has forced the Senate to reconsider heat-of-the-moment measures that would have discriminated against foreign-born Americans, and would have brought this nation -- without good cause -- to the brink of war.

In recent years, some senators have been trying to weaken or abolish this safeguard of the right of the minority.

This year, Senator Walter Mondale of Minnesota, a Democrat, and Senator James Pearson of Kansas, a Republican, are spearheading a drive to reduce the margin required to shut off debate from two-thirds of all senators voting to three-fifths of all senators voting.

If Mondale and Pearson are successful, control of the

### Emergency FHA Loans Available

Farmers and ranchers in Bailey County who sustained production losses and physical losses caused by a sandstorm on June 8, 1974; drought from November 1, 1973 through August 1, 1974; hailstorms on August 8-14, 1974; and cool wet weather on September 12-24, 1974, may be eligible to receive an emergency loan from the Farmers Home Administration.

Those who have not received an emergency loan to assist them in recovering from their loss may apply for such a loan at the Farmers Home Administration county office at 114 E. Avenue D, Muleshoe before the close of business on February 10, 1975 for physical losses and September 15, 1975 for production losses.

These loan applications will be taken under the terms of a new law enacted January 2, 1974. Individual examination will be made of each application to determine date of the disaster occurrence and emergency loan benefits for which the applicant is eligible.

Loans based on qualifying production losses may include funds to reimburse applicants for production expenses which went into damaged or destroyed crop and livestock enterprises, but not to produce new crops during 1975. Payment terms depend on the purposes for which the loan is used and the applicant's payment ability. No loan may exceed the actual loss sustained. The interest rate for these loans is five percent and there will be no principal cancellation. These loans must be secured by crops, livestock, farm machinery, or real estate.

Senate effectively would be surrendered to a liberal clique that is pushing for measures that could cause severe -- and perhaps irrevocable -- harm to our economy.

Senators unwilling to face up to the hard truths about our economic crisis, spurred on by loud voices in the news media and the self-styled consumer groups, are looking for witches to burn.

A favorite scapegoat is the oil and natural gas industry, which provides employment to tens of thousands of Texans, and is the primary source of funds for Texas school systems.

Although we desperately need measures to boost incentives to search for more energy, the liberal clique will push for rash, poorly conceived measures this year that would cripple the industry's ability to raise more capital.

Without Rule 22, there may be no way to stop them.

Another effort will be made this year to create a so called Consumer Protection Agency, which would have unprecedented powers to meddle in our free economy.

Effective use of unlimited debate blocked passage of this unwise measure last year, but without Rule 22, there may be no way to stop it this year.

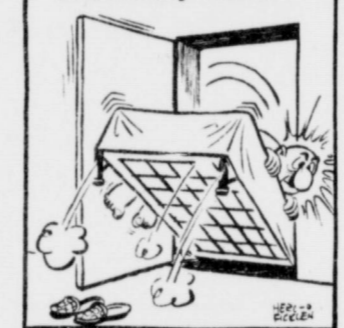
The lesson of Watergate we all should have learned is that we must carefully safeguard the checks and balances that have been built into our system of government to prevent abuses of power.

Events of the last week indicate that the procedural safeguards of the House are being swept out in a binge of radical change.

It is more important now than before that the Senate maintain its procedural safeguards so that the nation will be spared that "violence of faction" the Founding Fathers so dreaded.

I'm going to do all I can to keep Rule 22 intact. I hope you'll be with me in this fight.

### The Lonely Heart



### Puente...

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into the Muleshoe Area Goodwill Center. In 1958, he started a Spanish Service Group in the First Baptist Church at the time. During the week, in 1958, he held Spanish services at Oklahoma Lane. During the week in 1959, he held services in Three Way and Circleback.

After his heart attack, he deluged his various preaching points to qualified members of his congregation. Numerous of his old members are now actively involved as ministers, laymen, missionaries and church leaders. However, he continued to minister to his congregations as his health permitted. He began a service group in Lazbudie in 1965. About this time his various Service Groups began to form into churches under di-

rection of the Missionary Department of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He broadcast his first Spanish program in 1957 with a religious program every week over KMUL.

Rev. Puente received extensive special training in Bible, Administration, Doctrine and Teaching given by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention graduating in

### Stock...

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three hogs which may barrows, gilts or any combination of the same.

Each exhibitor may enter three sheep which may be ewes, wethers or any combination of the same.

Lambs must weigh 75 to 120 pounds at show day, and must be carrying milk teeth on show day. There are no regulations on shearing. Classes for sheep will include Fine Wool, Fine Wool Crosses, Medium Wool, and Southdowns.

Barrows will show by breeds when eight or more of a breed arrive at the show. Breeds of seven or under will show grouped together as one breed.

Barrows may be purebred or crossbred with all crosses grouped as a breed of hogs.

Barrows must weigh between 175 and 250 pounds, if not, they will not be allowed to show. Only one reweigh will be given for light and heavy barrows. Breeds of barrows will be equally divided into weight divisions.

Gilts may be purebred or crossbred and must be farrowed after July 15, 1974 and weigh at least 170 pounds on arrival at the show. Crossbreeds will be grouped as a breed and gilt classes will show by breed.

Clipping ears, tails and underlines will be permitted but purebred gilts must meet breed requirements for registration and all gilts must have 12 nipples. The judge will disqualify completely clipped gilts.

### Weather...

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very beneficial to farmers of the area. Wheat acreage was benefited greatly by the rain as the wheat was in need of moisture.

Skies began to clear over the area Tuesday as rain fell intermittently throughout the day. Through all of the wet weather, temperatures stayed in the upper 30's and 40's for lows and high temperatures ranged from the 40's to the 50's.

A cold spell is expected to swing through the area later this week, bringing colder temperatures to the Muleshoe area.

According to tradition, there should not be any more bitter winter weather as the groundhog did not see his shadow on Sunday, February 2, which was Groundhog Day.

### It All Depends

Joyce--What do you call a man who tries to pick you up in a car?

Jane--How big is the car?

November of 1957. The instructor was Dr. Oscar Romo then director of Missions Department of the Convention.

In 1959, Rev. Puente received extensive study in Evangelism, Spanish, Pastoral Ethics, and basic Theology under instruction of Dr. Robert Rocha, Dr. Robert Rodriguez and Benjamin Vera. These classes were held at the First Spanish Church in Lubbock.

In 1961, Rev. Puente completed a Bible course taught by F.W. Mattox, president, Lubbock Christian College; Dr. W. B. West, Jr., Dean of Harding College Graduate School of Bible and Religion, Memphis, Tennessee; Dr. George W. DeHoff, president, Magic Valley Christian College, Albion, Idaho; Frank Pack, Professor of Bible, Abilene Christian College; and M. Norvel Young, president, Pepperdine College, Los Angeles, California.

In 1960, he completed a course on "A Study of the Prophecies"

from a theological seminar in California and was cited for his "outstanding comprehension of the books of prophecy".

In 1964, he attended Lubbock Christian College and suffered a heart attack on his way to one of the final sessions. With him he had his dissertation on "Las Sagradas Escrituras" or "The Holy Scriptures". He was sent to the hospital and his dissertation was sent to his instructor.

Rev. Puente received a diploma from the Theological Institute of Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico in 1966 for completion of a course.

In January of 1969 he was cited by the Rev. Abel Ortiz of Hereford for his biblical knowledge with a special diploma. The diploma cites Rev. Puente for his sound fundamentalistic biblical knowledge and teachings.

In the close to 20 years of Rev. Puente's ministry, his evangelistic spirit has led him to revivals all over this part of Texas into New Mexico and all over South Texas.

Even though his health has deteriorated greatly in the past 10 years, he still pastors the Spanish Baptist Mission in Morton, still hosts his radio program every Sunday over KMUL and holds down a full time job as Head Custodian at the Muleshoe High School.

Mrs. Patton and Mrs. Ameron were daughters of Fred Johnson of Muleshoe and former Muleshoe residents. The two were also sisters of Mrs. Pat Gatewood of Muleshoe and the three were daughters of Mrs. May who also died in the tragedy.

Mrs. Patton's daughter, Dee Dee is survived by her grandmother, Mrs. Pete Robinson of Muleshoe.

The families are also survived by several other relatives in Muleshoe.

Funeral services for the Sparger boy and the Peavy girl were held Tuesday. Other funerals for the Pattons, Amerons and Mays were held Wednesday in Denver City.

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Mrs. Patton and Mrs. Ameron were daughters of Fred Johnson of Muleshoe and former Muleshoe residents. The two were also sisters of Mrs. Pat Gatewood of Muleshoe and the three were daughters of Mrs. May who also died in the tragedy.

Mrs. Patton's daughter, Dee Dee is survived by her grandmother, Mrs. Pete Robinson of Muleshoe.

The families are also survived by several other relatives in Muleshoe.

Funeral services for the Sparger boy and the Peavy girl were held Tuesday. Other funerals for the Pattons, Amerons and Mays were held Wednesday in Denver City.

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## Jacee-ettes Hold First Meeting Of 1975



MRS. FELIPE MIRAMONTES AND PHILLIP

### Get-Acquainted Party Fetes Mrs. Miramontes, Baby

Mrs. Felipe Miramontes and son, Phillip Scott were honored at a get-acquainted party, Friday, January 31 in the Muleshoe State Bank Community Room from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Refreshments of cookies and punch were served to the guests.

The part was given by Mr. and Mrs. Heriberto Mendoza, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Garza, Mr. and Mrs. Evesbio Baize and Mr. and Mrs. Juan Gutierrez.

Wit and wisdom are born with a man.

—John Selden.

The cruelest lies are often told in silence.

—R.L. Stevenson.

The Muleshoe Jaycee-Ettes met Monday, January 27th at the First National Bank. President Mrs. Gary Toombs called the meeting to order. Mrs. Mike Armstrong led the creed. Mrs. Charles Moraw read the minutes and the club approved.

The role was called with all members, one new member, and three guests present. The treasurer's report of \$89.30 was given. The travel fund has \$5.60.

Current correspondence was passed among the members. Items from the state newsletter were read.

Committee reports were given. Mrs. Mike Armstrong reported on the December Christmas Tea. Mrs. Bill Dale spoke on the area Sitting In Hen meeting in December held in Amarillo.

It was decided that four members would attend the Sitting In Hen in Amarillo hosted by Happy Chapter on Tuesday, January 28.

A scrapbook clinic is to be held Saturday, February 1 in Amarillo. Three members will attend.

A Leadership In Action course is to be given by one of the local Jaycees to the local club. Mrs. Bill Dale is to set up the first contact meeting with the Morton wives concerning a local club there. Mrs. Charles Moraw reported on the Perryton Work Forum. Mrs. Bill Dale reported on the Hereford Work Forum.

Mrs. Charles Moraw is to head the valentine box of candy with the money attached. Mrs. Hugh Young made the motion that tickets be sold for 25¢ each. Mrs. Butch Duncan seconded and the motion passed. Mrs. Charles Moraw made the motion that we get the candy donated or limit the cost to \$12.00. Mrs. Dale seconded and the motion passed.

Mrs. Hugh Young then reported on the outcome of the nomination committee for the coming year. President-Mrs.

Charles Moraw, Vice-President-Mrs. Butch Duncan, Secretary-Treasurer - Mrs. Mike Armstrong; Reporter-Historian Armstrong; Reporter-Historian-Mrs. Larry Goree; State Director-Mrs. Hugh Young.

A proposal by Mrs. Bill Dale was made to change Article Three, Section one of the club's by-laws. This is to add a parliamentarian.

Mrs. Charles Moraw proposed changing Article Two, Section Two concerning the raised cost of state dues. These changes will be voted on in February.

Announcements were the Plainview Jaycee and Jaycee-Ette Installation Banquet will be February 15, 8:00 at the Holiday Inn.

The president reminded the members that the outstanding member would be voted on in February. The meeting was adjourned.

Mrs. Gary Toombs was hostess. Members present were Mrs. Gary Toombs, Mrs. Charles Moraw, Mrs. Bill Dale.

Mrs. Butch Duncan, Mrs. Mike Armstrong, Mrs. Hugh Young, and Mrs. Larry Goree. Guests present were Mrs. Royce Harris and Mrs. Joe Mata.

### YL 4-H Club Studies Food

The YL 4-H Foods Group met Saturday, February 1 in the home of Mrs. Larry Goree at 10:00 a.m.

The members discussed the four basic food groups, the nutrient value of each group and the milk and meat group.

They learned the proper way to prepare wieners when fixing for hot dogs. They made orange Julius for their drink.

Members present were Tamara Gilliland, Jodie Cruickshank and Staci Vandiver.

### Market Report

COLLEGE STATION --- A record crop of navel oranges is coming to market, according to a consumer marketing information specialist.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service termed navel oranges "most economical" this year.

"Grapefruit quality is excellent and prices attractive--especially in the 15 - and 18-pound bags," she added.

"Other vegetables on this week's shopping list could be dry beans, dry peas, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, turnips, rutabagas, hard shell squash, onions and sweet potatoes. The Texas A&M University System specialist said.

"At fruit counters, apples still offer a good buy, price-wise, and winter pears--the Anjou variety, which is green even when ripe, and sweet--are in ample supply with prices steady."

Other choices are bananas, grapes and strawberries.

"At pork counters, supplies are about the same as a week ago. Boston butt, quarterloins cut into chops, and liver offer reasonable prices, while semi-boneless ham and frankfurters head the list of smoked items," Mrs. Clyatt said.

"Good beef values include both heavy and light beef. Feature cuts are chuck roasts and steaks, round steaks, ground beef and beef liver."

"At egg counters, prices are steady--moderate to low for this time of year."

CONSUMER WATCHWORDS: Onions are quite plentiful with low price tags. Look for firm, dry onions. Each should have a papery outer scale and be reasonably free from green sunburn spots and blemishes.

Bypass those with wet or soft necks, those with thick, hollow or woody neck centers, and those with fresh green sprouts.

## Cowbelles Discuss State Convention

The Bailey County Cowbelles held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 28 at the First National Bank.

President, Mrs. Wayne Tunnell presided over the business meeting. She reported on the sale of the Beef Gift Certificates sponsored by the Texas State Cowbelles and handled by the local banks. Twenty-six certificates were sold at the Muleshoe State Bank and thirty-seven at the First National Bank.

The local chapter has received and will distribute booklets entitled "Basics of Beef" to the Muleshoe and Lubbock schools Home Economics classes and also the local 4-H Clubs.

Mrs. Jerry Gleason was appointed chairman of the Beef for Father's Day Committee, and will be in charge of the local promotion of this project.

Mrs. Gene McGlaun was appointed chairman of the Legislative Committee, and will advise members of pending or proposed state or federal legislation affecting the beef industry, so that they may respond by letter or telegram to their legislators.

It was announced that the Cowbelles Convention will be held in March in Austin. More details will be released at a later date.

Material is being gathered for the Bride Packets to be distributed through the Marriage License Bureau.

### Muleshoe 4-H

#### Discusses

#### Soil Erosion

The Muleshoe 4-H Club met February 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the 18th and D. Church of Christ Fellowship Hall.

Berna Lopez lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Jerry Wenmohs spoke to the group about soil erosion. After the discussion the group was led in games by Lori Leak, Casey McGlaun and Lance Wenmohs.

Those attending were Julie Barnhill, Stacey Barnhill, Teri Boren, Shirley Burris, Jodi Cruickshanks, Eddie Flowers, Doyla Hight, Darla Hunter, Denise Hunter, Lori Leak, Agnes Lopez, Berna Lopez, Irma Lopez, Johnny Maddox, Casey McGlaun, Holly McGlaun, Mandy Plank, Shelly Sain, Tim Sain, Gary Watkins and Lance Wenmohs.

Recognition was given to the First National Bank and the Muleshoe State Bank for their help with the sale of the Beef Gift Certificates; also to Wayne Crittenden for the use of his trailer for the Christmas Float; and to Mary Neal Henry, State President, for speaking at the October meeting. Special recognition was given to Chow Tex Feed Lot and the First National Bank for their cash donations to the local.

Following the business meeting, refreshments were served by Mrs. Gene McGlaun.

The next regular meeting will be held on February 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Tri-County Community Room. Anyone interested in joining, is urged to attend.



Mary Elizabeth

Mr. and Mrs. Guadalupe Martinez of Friona are the proud parents of a new baby girl born February 3 at 9:00 a.m. in the West Plains Memorial Hospital of Muleshoe. The baby weighed six pounds and two ounces and was named Mary Elizabeth Martinez. She is the couple's first child.

## Heart Association To Start Heart Fund Drive

The Bailey County unit of the American Heart Association has announced a 1975 campaign goal of \$3,000.00. The Heart Fund Drive will be conducted nation-wide and in Bailey County during February.

Mrs. Steve Bass, campaign chairman said the money collected will support research, educational and community programs sponsored by the Heart Association.

The number of deaths caused by heart and blood vessel diseases, particularly heart attacks and strokes, is overwhelming. Heart attacks alone will kill more than 680,000 persons this year.

Research is unravelling some of the mysteries which will eventually lead to new methods of treatment and prevention and, hopefully, cures. Educational and community programs are being held here and across the

country to make residents aware of heart disease and provide up-to-date, heart saving information.

Local volunteers will visit area homes in February to distribute educational literature and collect funds to support the work of the Heart Association.

Men were born to lie, and women to believe them.

—John Gay.

The credit got by a lie lasts only till the truth comes out.

—H.G. Bohn.

Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle which fits them all.

—O.W. Holmes.

### Mr. & Mrs. Dudley

### Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Dudley were honored at their 50th Wedding Anniversary Saturday, February 1 in the Assembly of God Church from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Hosting the occasion were their children Mrs. Bernice Pierson and Mrs. Bill Townsend of Canyon, Texas.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Dudley of Duncan, Oklahoma; Mrs. Rachael Williams of Duncan, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coffman of Maypearl, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Row Grashan of Dallas, Texas.

The table was covered with a white lace table cloth with a centerpiece of gold mums. The guests were served with silver appointments.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley were married February 1 between Gainville and Benton. They moved to Muleshoe 49 years ago where he used to farm. Now he is the county commissioner.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley have six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

# AFTER Inventory Starts Thursday Feb 6th 1975 CLEAN-UP SALE!

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<b>LADIES PANT SUITS</b> VALUES TO \$96. PRICED FROM <b>\$14 TO \$35</b>	<b>LADIES SHOES</b> GOOD SELECTION OF STYLES. VALUES TO \$25.00 PRICED FROM <b>\$6 TO \$9</b>
<b>LADIES COATS</b> SMALL GROUP LEFT VALUES TO \$110.00 PRICED FROM <b>\$10 TO \$40</b>	<b>MEN'S SUITS AND SPORT COATS</b> SPECIAL GROUPS - REDUCED TO <b>1/2 &amp; LESS</b>
<b>LADIES BRAS</b> SPECIAL GROUP VALUES TO \$6.50 PRICED AT <b>\$1 &amp; \$2</b>	<b>MEN'S DRESS &amp; SPORT SHIRTS</b> STOCK UP NOW!!! VALUES UP TO \$16.00 PRICED FROM <b>\$2 TO \$5</b>
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## Scouts Council Annual Banquet Held

The South Plains Council's Annual Recognition Banquet, which was held Saturday night, was a very big success, according to Jack Baker, Council President.

The Banquet was held in the honor of Frank A. "Chief" Runkles, who began his Scouting career in 1922, at the age of 12. Frank attained the rank of Eagle Scout with 2 Silver Palms. For 11 years he was Scoutmaster of Troop 8, and during this period he was awarded with the Scoutmaster's Key and the Silver Beaver Award. He also received his Wood Badge beads in 1950.

From July 1949 to December 1974, Frank served Scouting as Plains Council's Camp Post. He has been very active in the Scouting program for the past 52 years, according to President Baker.

The featured speaker was Colonel Wilson E. Speir, the Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety. Colonel (Pat) Speir is an active participant in the Boy Scout Program, and has received the Silver Beaver Award. He has served as president of the Capitol Area Council, Austin, Texas. He also has three Eagle Scout sons.

There were over 400 Scouters, their wives and some Scouts who helped present part of the programs and awards to the volunteer Scouters of the Council which covers over 20 counties in the South Plains area.

There were six men who received their Wood Badge Beads, an award presented for receiving a training program and also for meeting certain challenges while attending the week long course. They were: Auvy McBride, Brownfield; Lester Carr, Hale Center; Cliff Keho, Lubbock; Roland Bell, Littlefield; Jim McHam, Whiteface; and L. C. Walker, Lubbock.

The Haynes District Chairman Kent Akin and the Haynes Promotion Chairman Dennis Kidd, both from Plainview received the Man Mile Award presented to the District that had the largest number of people driving the most miles to attend the Banquet.

The Arrowhead District Chairman Dr. Lowell Snyder and the Arrowhead Promotion Chairman Dick Kirby, both from Lubbock received the attendance award for the District by having 97 people attend the Banquet.

There were four men and one woman presented the Silver Beaver Award, which is the highest honor given by the Council. The Award is based not only on Scouting service but also on community service, according to the Silver Beaver Committee Chairman John Lott, Lubbock. They were: Mary Vines, Lubbock, Texas. She is the Chairman of Juvenile Problems Committee, Council on Ministries, Sunday School Teacher; and a very active member in Scouting.

Bill Warren, Lubbock. Bill is Scoutmaster of Troop 406. He has also worked in many other positions in the Cub and Scout programs. Bill also works with many of the Little League and Pony League ball programs.

Robert Schmidt, Lubbock. Robert has served Scouting since 1949. He is presently an elder in the Presbyterian Church. He is a Sunday School teacher and has been a sponsor of youth groups for many years.

Charles Ward, Lubbock. Charles has worked in many positions over the years serving the young people in Scouting. Charles is an active member of the PTA and was lead teacher for nine years in the Children's Church School Department.

Robert Lotspeich, Hale Center. Robert has served as Scoutmaster for eight years. He has also served as Scoutmaster to three National Jamborees. He is also a member of the City Council, Chamber of Commerce Board and Board

of Stewards in his church. He was selected as Citizen of the Year in Hale Center in 1972. This was one of the best Annual Council Banquets ever held in the South Plains Council, President Baker said. The Banquet Committee was Jack King, Chairman; Herb Allman; Bill Feminear; Bobby Moody; Charles Pugh; and Max Tidmore.

## Crawford Will Lead Easter Seal Appeal

Jimmie Crawford will lead the 1975 Easter Seal Appeal in Bailey County, it was announced by Thomas N. Jenness, Jr. of Fort Worth, President of the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Texas.

Residents in the county will receive the traditional Easter Seal Appeal letters beginning February 15. The Easter Seal Appeal is conducted each Spring to provide disabled persons and their families treatment and services. It will continue through Easter Sunday, March 30.

Crawford is one of 234 men and women throughout Texas who serve in this capacity to help meet the cost of the statewide Easter Seal program, which assisted 20,152 handicapped Texans in 1974.

The Texas Easter Seal Society and its statewide network of treatment centers and local volunteers spent \$1,410,302, financed by the traditional Spring Easter Seal Appeal and Fall Membership Drive. Over 90 percent of all funds raised remain in Texas to support the growing needs of the disabled in the State.

Special emphasis is being given in the 1975 Easter Seal Appeal to the disabled citizen who may need assistance and not know where to obtain it. Contact Crawford at Muleshoe State in Muleshoe to receive the simple, self-mailing request for service form. A determination of the extent and type of assistance needed, the most efficient means of obtaining that assistance, and arrangements for qualified treatment or other services will be made by the Texas Easter Seal Society.

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## Golden Gleams

Lying lips are abomination to the Lord.

-Proverbs 12:22

Lying is wrong even to save chastity.

-St. Augustine.

Who speaks not truly, lies.

-Shakespeare.

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## Enochs News

By Mrs. J.D. Bayless

Chad and Brad Harrison from Panhandle spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. H.B. King.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coats visited their son, Keith Coats at Hobbs, N.M. Thursday afternoon and Friday.

Mrs. Viola Battes of Maple and Mrs. Alma Altman attended an avon meeting at the Community Room at the First State Bank in Levelland, Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Norma McGrath, district manager of Lubbock, was in charge of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Adait of Lubbock were guests in the home of the J.D. Bayless', Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Byars and son, Scott of Friona, visited his mother, Mrs. Winnie Byars Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Derrington of Lubbock will be visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Layton and other relatives for the next two weeks. Mark is in the Air Force and they will be going to Turkey, where he will be stationed for the next two and a half years.

Mr. and Mrs. E.N. McCall were in Lubbock, Monday for his checkup with his doctor. They also visited their daughters, the Robert Georges and the Rusty Rowden's. He went back to work at the elevator, Wednesday.

Mrs. Robert Jones of Clovis, and Keith Coats of Hobbs, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coats last weekend.

The Baptist women met at their regular time Tuesday for their monthly business meeting with Mrs. J. E. Layton in charge. Mrs. Chester Petree opened the meeting with a song and Mrs. Charlie Shaw led in prayer. Mrs. Alma Altman led the closing prayer. Present were Mrs. Flo Nichols, Mrs. Harold Layton, Mrs. Dale Nichols, Mrs. J.W. Layton, Mrs. Charlie Shaw, Mrs. J.E. Layton, Mrs. Joey Vanlandingham, Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. Petree and one visitor, Mrs. Alma Altman.

Mr. and Mrs. R.C. McCormick of Clovis, N.M. spent Wednesday night with their son, Mr. and Mrs. John McCormick and family, and attended the fellowship at the Enoch's Methodist Church Wednesday night. They also visited Mrs. Alma Altman, Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Shaw visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Crocker at Tucumcari, N. M. Saturday and their little grandson, Ted. Ted returned home with them to spend the week.

Mrs. Ray Seagler spent the week with her daughter, Mrs. Royce Lane and children, at

Midland, Ray went Thursday and stayed till Saturday and Mrs. Seagler returned home with him. They stopped in Levelland as they returned home Saturday and visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seagler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mill-sap and daughters, Kena and Valrie of Tulsa spent last week-end with her mother, Mrs. Alma Altman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pollard and son, Steve, accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Goldman Stroud, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Dickey, and Gwin Pollard Sunday in Lubbock. Gwin is going to stay with her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Dickey, and get a job.

Mrs. Kenneth Coats and her mother Mrs. Alma Altman were in Clovis, Tuesday afternoon, to get her new glasses and visited her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones.

Mrs. Sharon Lytle, bride of Jimmy Lytle, of Morton was honored with a wedding shower Saturday in the Bula school lunch room. The serving table was covered with lace over pink, centered with a beautiful wedding cake. Mrs. Tom Newton, sister of the bride, and Mrs. Iva Noble served the cake and pink punch. Mrs. Pat Risinger registered the 28 guests present. Out of town guests was her grandparents, Mrs. Edd Aury of Denver City and an aunt, Mrs. Jack Jackson and girls of Clovis, N.M. The hostess gift was a set of stainless steel cook ware and a toaster. The hostesses were Mrs. Edward Crume, Mrs. Katie McDaniel, Mrs. Bob Newton, Mrs. Alma Altman, Mrs. Dewitt Tiller, Mrs. Ralph Beasley, Mrs. Bill Sowder, Mrs. Pat Risinger, Mrs. Robert Claunch, Mrs. Imajean Clawson, Mrs. Carolyn

## 4-H Club Elects New Reporter

The Progress 4-H cooking group had their first meeting Friday, January 24 in the home of Mrs. Dale Griswold.

The girls decided to call their cooking group "Baking Beauties" and also voted on Keva Roming as reporter. The girls then made pancakes with and without baking powder.

The Baking Beauties second meeting was held January 31 in the home of Mrs. Dale Griswold.

The members learned how to cook cheese at the right distance from the heating element. After learning this, they made broiled cheese sandwiches.

Those attending these meetings were Connie Puckett, Keva Roming, Delia Shaw, Lori Hunt, and the Jr. Leader, Shelia Hunt. Leaders for this group are Mrs. Bill Snell and Mrs. Dale Griswold.

Snitker, Mrs. E. N. McCall, Mrs. Iva Mae Clawson, Mrs. Iva Noble and Mrs. Jerry Teaff.

Mrs. Alma Altman were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McCormick Sunday.

E. M. Aury and son, Mitch, left Sunday for Las Vegas, Nevada to go waterdogging.

Mrs. Dennis Newton and children of Stinnett spent a few days last week with her husband's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Newton. She returned home Saturday.

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## Preparing To Leave Home

COLLEGE STATION --- The desire and outright struggle for independence is a natural consequence of youth, one family life education specialist said this week.

"This quest for independence usually peaks during high school years. The adolescent is trying to be free from adult dominance and take what he thinks is his rightful and logical place in society," Dorothy Taylor, with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, explained.

Parental control over an adolescent is the greatest block in the normal course of leaving home, according to this Texas A&M University System specialist.

She said that when youth acquire the ability to take their place as mature individuals in the economic and social world, they are ready to be free from parental control.

"Parents play a vital role in a youth's preparation for adulthood. In early childhood, a youth must be dependent upon parents--a child is unable to manage his affairs socially, emotionally, economically or intelligently."

When a youth develops successfully in these four areas, parents must be prepared to let the child go. This "letting go" isn't easy because it may make some parents feel a loss in importance, Miss Taylor

**The Genius**  
"Dad, it says here that a certain man was a financial genius. What does that mean?"  
"That he could earn money faster than his family could spend it."

## AAUW View Slide Presentation

The Muleshoe Branch of the American Association of University Women met Monday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary DeShazo Library.

The program chairman Mrs. Don Pierce, showed the slide presentation "Women: Call to Action" produced by the National Office of AAUW. After the slide presentation Mrs. Pierce led the group in a stimulating discussion of the woman's role in many areas of society.

Miss Virginia Bowers, president, presided and announced the State Convention which will

be held in Waco April 4-5. Mrs. Joe Costen gave a report on pending State and National legislation sponsored by AAUW.

New Officers elected for the new biennium are Mrs. Tony Clines, president, and Mrs. Gerald Allison, secretary. Hostesses for this meeting were Mrs. Robert Hooten and Mrs. John Gunter.

Members attending were: Mrs. Arvis Grogan, Mrs. Tony Clines, Mrs. Peggy Burnett, Miss Mary Helen Gutierrez, Mrs. Oscar Rudd, Mrs. Joe

Costen, Mrs. Ed Johnson, Mrs. Don Pierce, Miss Virginia Bowers, Mrs. Tom Jinks, Mrs. Eric Smith, Mrs. Mabel Wolfe, Mrs. R.G. Wilson, Mrs. Neal Dillman, Mrs. John Watson, Mrs. Robert Sanders and the hostesses.

Maybe So!  
Hubby--Don't you think your gown is cut a little too low, my dear?  
Wifey--Not at all. Why it's made in the height of fashion.

## LOUISA'S LETTER



Dear Louisa,

We have this problem of moving from a place we like very much to a town we know nothing about. If we were with a chain store business we would expect to be moved every few years but this is not true of our situation.

We have a nice business in our town and our children have their friends here and go to a good school. But a friend of my husband's has offered him a job in this other place which will mean more money. What if B doesn't like the work after he goes there and what if the children are all unhappy about leaving their friends? Do you think it is worth taking a chance just for more money?

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Carpenter and family visited his family at New London during the holidays.

Worried--Va.

Answer:

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## Editorial About Unemployment

One of the character traits which made this nation the strongest in the world was the work ethic so strongly embedded in pioneer America. Men and women in the early history of the nation often worked hard, for long hours, at any job they could get.

Thankfully, unions and government passed laws protecting workers came along and conditions improved. More laws were passed to provide emergency help--from the government (which is other workers)--for those caught in a crisis where work was unobtainable. Well and good.

As the federal government and states provided more and more benefits, the idea grew that an individual is entitled to a certain minimum income, whether he works or not; the idea and custom of drawing welfare, or unemployment compensation, captured the fancy of more and more.

In any society there are some who will never work--the chronically lazy, those lacking ambition, derelicts, addicts, etc. There are others on the borderline--who will work just enough to eat and survive, but who may not if welfare is available.

Of late millions have grown to accept the idea that there is no work for them if a job in their classification isn't available. Many of these Americans prefer to draw whatever they can get free from government (other workers) rather than do work not their preference. Others refuse to move to a job.

Of course, there are many families which cannot easily move. But most families can--in an emergency. And most people who find themselves unemployed can find some kind of work if they look and try hard enough.

These are hard but true words. One isn't opposed to welfare and unemployment compensation in recognizing the truth in them. In the current recession many need to be reminded of the early American spirit, a "can-do" spirit, which usually translated into taking the first job that came along in time of crisis and doing the best one could at it.

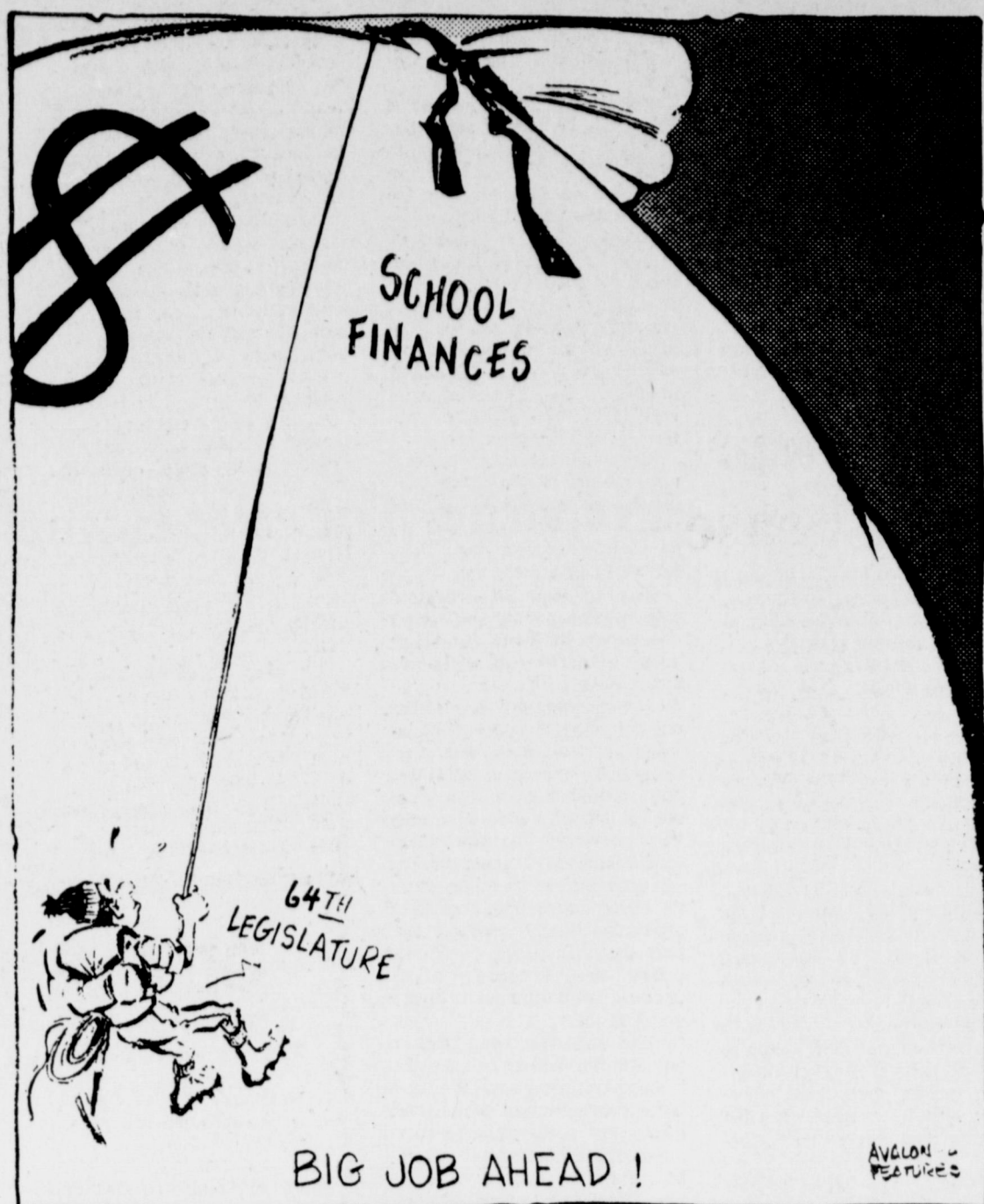
## The CIA

There is danger, in the post-Watergate climate now prevalent, that the Central Intelligence Agency and its activities will be overly-publicized by investigations to determine if the agency was exploited for improper purposes during Watergate.

While there should be no limit to the investigation into the CIA's improper role, it is best carried out by a panel such as that selected by President Ford and headed by Vice President Nelson Rockefeller. Such a panel is more likely to keep sensitive information out of the press than a congressional committee. Politicians with an eye on popularity, votes and publicity have a temptation to make headlines a presidential panel doesn't have.

America was behind most of the world in the field of intelligence and espionage when World War II began. Since that time we have become one of the leaders in this area--which is probably a necessity in behalf of national security in this nuclear age.

It's unfortunately true that our free press has printed stolen secrets on many occasions, and some of these leaks caused Americans to die. The price of a free press is sometimes high, but it's worth it. But a successful intelligence gathering agency also has its price--secrecy for most of its operations. It should not be the subject of a congressional or media witch hunt if it is to operate efficiently.



## NEWS NOTES

### BEARD TOO LONG

BERLIN -- A Freehold, N. J., soldier was found guilty of refusing to obey an order to cut his beard. He was fined \$200 a month for six months and reduced to private, according to the Army.

### BICYCLING OR JOGGING

DAVIS, CALIF.--Jack Wilmore, a University of California physiologist, says that bicycling improves the wind and slims the body just as well as jogging for the same period of exercise.

### FAIL AS FIRE-FIGHTERS

SAN JOSE, CALIF.--Twenty women applicants, competing against men for fire-fighting jobs, failed to pass the rugged physical ability test that included working with heavy hoses under fire conditions.

### TEACHER ADOPTS 3

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.--Beverly Emmert, an elementary school teacher, has adopted three children since 1970. She explained that she loved children but hasn't found a man she wanted to settle down with to have her own.

### 300 MILLION IN 2000?

PARIS--The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development has predicted that the population of the United States is expected to increase from 202 million in 1970 to 248 million by 1985 and 300 million by the year 2000.

### HIGHWAY PARTLOWMEN

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.--The California Highway Patrol reports that 176 women are taking the grueling patrol test, which, if they pass, would make them eligible for duty as highway patrolwomen.

## The Sandhills Philosopher

Editor's note: The Sandhill Philosopher on his Johnson grass farm claims he has found a new statistic, at least it's new to him.

Dear Editor:  
I never have understood how the government economists can figure out down to the last decimal point what the cost of living index was last month. You know, say it went up 8.1 percent, compared with 7.03 percent the month before. Things like that.

I suppose the figures are gotten up by school teachers who can tell you that the top student's knowledge after four years of high school stands at 94.5 compared with the next in line or salubrious at 94.4. It's an exact science and leave it at that. Don't be checking up to see how things turned out ten years after graduation.

Anyway, those are statistics you can take or leave but there's another batch that has me puzzled. Government statisticians have just announced that productivity by the country's whole work force declined 5.1 percent during the last three months of 1974.

How did the government get those figures? You talk about the C.I.A. snooping on private citizens, you mean to say somebody has been checking up on me and can tell you what my production level was during October, November and December of last year?

Furthermore, how many people in Muleshoe do you think would like it known how much they really produced last year or yesterday for that matter? And how can the government tell whether you're producing or not? It might look like an editor for example was just sitting in a cafe drinking coffee, when all the time his mind is racing, although I don't suppose the statisticians have figured out a gadget to tell actually how fast it's racing. People's minds, like windmills, turn at different rates of speed, depending, sometimes of course, on which way the wind is blowing.

Now I know that some people are saying Congress is spending too much time investigating the C.I.A., the F.B.I., etc., but I'd like to see it look into how somebody found out how hard I worked last year. I believe Congress will be willing to do it. After all, if I was faced with solving the economic crisis I'd find something else to do too. Yours faithfully, J.A.

## NEWS REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

### The Airlines-- The CAB-- New Routes-- Ten Years Late--

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The domestic U.S. airlines are in better condition, generally than some other sectors of business; that's because they have been allowed to cancel flights to increase the load factor and raise ticket prices by the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Some are still in difficulty but are faring better than the U.S. international carriers, primarily Pan Am and TWA, which with several other U.S. carriers on over-ocean runs are being hard-pressed by foreign lines.

American international carriers have a good case against the U.S. Government. The governments of many countries own all or part of their state international air carrier and it's subsidized in various ways. If these carriers lose money

the government pays it. There are route and charge discriminations against U.S. lines and we even give foreign lines U.S. mail contracts!

Belatedly, as always, the CAB is now seeking to help the U.S. carriers and, with much publicity, a C.A.B. official announced in late January--about ten years late--that Atlanta and Tampa were to become terminals for non-stop jet service to Europe.

Until now, everyone among the South's forty million population were forced through funnels at New York's Kennedy Airport or Miami, or elsewhere, to fly abroad. How ridiculous--and this was encouraged by those who benefited by the racket--motel and hotel people at the major international outlets, plus some airlines, etc.

The inconvenience in having to go to New York to fly to Europe was compound-

ed by scheduling arranged solely for the comfort of the airlines--not passengers. Practically all flights to Europe depart at night, or late in the day, from New York; that gives the airlines all day to collect their heads, but makes the passenger sit up all night!

Coming back from Europe (the most traveled international route) practically all flights depart in the afternoon--to convenience the airlines. They need a few hours to clean and fuel their morning-landing aircraft and want them used again as soon as possible.

That means practically all returning Americans arrive in New York or Miami late in the day, or at night. They are often unable to catch flights home, so they--tired and weary as they are--must rent a room that night, at some expense, and travel again the next day. The new routes, from Tampa and Atlanta, will help put an end to this ridiculous situation--so long condoned by the C.A.B.

## WASHINGTON NOTES

### ON U.S.-SOVIET TRADE

The United States and the Soviet Union have cancelled the 1972 trade agreement according to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

### ON BUMPER LAW

The Department of Transportation has proposed relaxing its automobile bumper standards to let manufacturers decrease car weight and improve fuel mileage by installing lighter bumpers on new cars.

### FORD'S VETO

President Ford said recently he would veto any mandatory gasoline rationing plan voted by Congress. He also rejected Democratic demands that he delay imposing tariffs on imported oil.

### PRICES PLUNGE

The Labor Department reported recently that wholesale prices plunged sharply in December which marks its first decline in 14 months.

### NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL

Edward H. Levi, president of the University of Chicago has been nominated by President Ford to succeed William B. Saxbe as attorney general.

**On Wall Street**  
By Bob Hill  
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### ENERGY BONUS

A big question, soon to be answered in Congressional hearings, is what will happen to automobile emission standards now that President Ford is pushing for an energy program designed to conserve the use of fuel. Detroit is pushing for some big concessions by maintaining that the 1977 and 1978 models can't meet the emission standards without a drop in fuel mileage and another increase in car prices. Those are two plenty tough arguments, these days. Congress is faced with a triple trade-off involving air quality, fuel mileage and new car prices. Consumers benefit either way if they aren't pollution conscious.

President Ford has called for a slight tightening of emission standards by 1977 followed by a five year freeze through 1981 models. In return, he wants the industry to increase fuel mileage to 18.7 miles per gallon by 1980, a 40 percent improvement over 1974 models. General Motors says the 1977 emission standards would boost new car prices by \$35 to \$50 with an additional \$60 to \$70

required to replace the catalytic converter at 30,000 miles. Chrysler claims the price increase would be \$260 more in total. Meeting the 1978 nitrogen oxides standard would cost hundreds of dollars more.

Detroit also says that tightening of the emission standards could mean cutting efficiency, resulting in a fuel loss of 15 percent to 20 percent and the 1978 rules would drain even more fuel. The Environmental Protection Agency argues that two recent government studies prove that the 40 percent mileage gain can be achieved while still meeting the 1977 emission rules, though prices would probably rise.

The most likely outcome is the suspension of the nitrogen oxide rule for 1978, probably indefinitely because it is difficult to achieve and carries the biggest fuel penalty.

However, Congress may insist on a mandatory fuel standard in return. Critics point out that President Ford's call for a 40 percent boost in mileage from 1974 levels is purely voluntary and compared to 1975 models (which are more efficient) the saving is only 24 percent.

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# The Consumer Alert

By John L. Hill Attorney General

AUSTIN -- Much has been heard recently about the discounts being offered to new car buyers to tempt them back into the market. But some shoppers are still more interested in locating a good used car than in purchasing a brand new model.

Lawyers in the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division say that most consumers looking for a used car realize there's a chance of getting a real bargain, or getting stuck with a "lemon".

But few consumers, they note, are really knowledgeable enough about cars to be 100 percent sure of a used car's potential either for useful service or for expensive trips to the repair shop.

There are some relatively simple things a consumer can do, however, to reduce the odds of getting stuck:

--Buy a car from someone you know. If you have an idea of how the car has been driven and cared for, you should be able to assess fairly accurately whether it is a good buy.

--If you can't buy from an individual you know, buy from a reputable dealer -- either a new car dealer who has a used car lot to sell customer trade-ins or a used car dealer. Get recommendations from relatives or friends as to the dealer's reliability and also check with the Better Business Bureau.

--Buying a used car in response to a newspaper classified ad can be risky, so always be especially careful in such cases.

--If you buy from a new car dealer's used car lot, you'll likely pay a higher price, but usually you will also get a car that has been reconditioned and carries some warranty. If you choose a lower-priced car from a used car dealer, plan to have any needed repairs made right away.

While appearance may not have much to do with the car's performance, it might be an indication of the kind of treatment and maintenance the car has received. But be wary too much attention to cosmetics -- remember that a paint job could indicate the

has been in a wreck. -- Check the interior for signs of wear or poor maintenance. This means lifting floor mats, looking in the glove compartment, under the dashboard, and in the trunk.

--Note the odometer reading. If the car has low mileage but seems to have a lot of wear, be suspicious of an odometer rollback. Tampering with a car's odometer is illegal, and should be reported to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division or your county or district attorney.

The average consumer can't tell much about a car by looking at its engine -- chances are it has been cleaned up to look almost as good as new anyway. Instead, spend some time trying out the car.

--Start the car several times, listening for any odd noises. Then have a friend check to see if any black smoke is emitted when you race the motor. Before leaving the car lot, try the brakes several times.

--Drive the car in traffic, on the road or freeway, and over as big a variety of surfaces as possible. Try out all gears and test the car's ability to accelerate.

--If the car passes these basic tests, you like it, and the price seems right, you still shouldn't make an immediate decision. Instead, shop a round -- go to at least three dealers before deciding. Look for the best deals in trade-in on your old car as well.

--When you have finished comparison shopping and have made a selection, take the car to a trusted mechanic for a complete professional check before committing yourself.

--Remember, too, that you should then shop around for the best deal in financing the car. You don't have to accept the terms the dealer offers. Banks, credit unions, savings and loan institutions, and finance companies all make car loans. In comparing finance terms, always look for the annual percentage rate that you would have to pay.

While it may seem trouble some to check on all these details, failure to do so could

mean that the used car you bought to save money might end up costing far more than you planned.

If you have a consumer complaint, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, your county or district attorney, or your local Better Business Bureau.

Imagine getting a letter indicating that you and your family might be heirs to the estate of a distant relative you never even knew existed! It sounds like the basis for a movie or novel but it could

be the basis for a consumer complaint instead.

That's because in many cases, if you receive a similar letter, you're far more likely to lose money than to gain it.

Some companies sending out such mass mailings are specialists in what are called "missing heir" schemes. Reports received by the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division indicate growing problems with these schemes in other states.

Most of them involve the company's mailing letters across

## Alcoholic's First Step: Recognition Of Disease

This article is part of a series on "The Progression of Alcoholism" produced by the Alcoholism Council of San Fernando Valley, Calif. The stories are made available locally by the Central Plains MH/MR Center.

Thirty years ago, alcoholism was considered hopeless. Today, use of the word "hopeless" in connection with this medicolegal-recognized disease is held to be defeatist talk. It does not have to be hopeless, although alcoholism cannot be cured, only arrested through abstinence.

Recognition of the disease through heeding symptoms, coupled with admittance of alcoholism by victim and family, can start the problem drinker toward recovery.

Statistics show that from 50 percent to 70 percent of unemployed alcoholics do recover if they seek help through such organizations as the Central Plains MH/MR Center.

Of course all heavy drinkers are not alcoholics. It is estimated that 80,000,000 in the United States imbibe seriously. Only about 9,000,000 of them are alcoholic.

A heavy drinker has a choice of getting drunk. The alcoholic has no choice. With the latter, one drink leads to a drunk, a result he seldom deliberately goes out to attain.

Even in the late chronic stage of alcoholism, it is not too late to ask for help.

At this point, the drinker is accustomed to prolonged benders, experiences a loss of morale, drinks almost anything to get the required jolt, finds a decrease in tolerance and plunges into fears and anxieties.

Because of poor physical condition, he usually gets the

shakes. His hands and lips quiver. The shakes increase the closer he comes to sobriety. Disturbed mental state also contributes to these shakes.

Naturally, this startling unsteadiness makes it impossible for the alcoholic to perform the simplest acts without liquor. Before he can tie his shoe laces or button a shirt, he needs a few drinks to steady his hands.

Morning drinking "shows" on him.

This creates a desperate, incessant tail-spin. He drinks to remove the symptoms brought on by boozing. Of course, this causes more symptoms to be covered up.

The compelling obsession to find self control and recapture the old pattern of casual drinking builds overwhelming remorse. He is crushed to see that others can drink the way he always though proper.

He asks why this has happened to him. What went wrong? Why are they different? Why can't he stop in time as they do?

Rambling, ever seeking the answer, many believe they have it. It must be religion. Others seem happy and contented. Strangely, multitudes of chronic alcoholics feel that others have which have not come to them.

Desperate, the alcoholic may even pray. Not a religious prayer, but a calling out for help from God or whomever can hear and will care. He concludes he can go farther, that he will go mad if something isn't done for him.

For the first time in his life, he truly is ready to admit he is licked. He has said so before, but always with secret reservations. Now he is convinced it is true. He knows he is emmeshed in a web stronger than he is.

the country to persons with common surnames such as Smith, Jones, Brown, Wilson, or Johnson.

The letters tell recipients that they could be heirs to money being held unclaimed in bank accounts--money which had been deposited by someone with the same surname as theirs.

Along with this initial contact letter comes an agreement form entitling the company to a finder's fee if the money is recovered by the person. In order for the company to research and process the claim, however, the recipient must send from \$10 to \$20 along with the signed agreement.

The consumer complaints that have arisen in other states indicate that when the recipient returns the agreement and fee he usually receives very little for his money.

What he gets often amounts only to the name and last known address of the bank depositor, as shown on the bank's records. Sometimes information is included on how to file a claim on the account in the state in which the bank is located. Our Consumer Protection attorneys point out, however, that filing such a claim would be of little value unless the consumer could establish his right to the money.

Texas and other states have "escheat" laws which apply to unclaimed bank accounts, other personal property, and real property. "Escheat" is the process by which real and personal property pass to the custody of the state when there is no other valid claim.

According to Texas law, if a person dies without a will and has no heirs, or is absent seven years and is believed dead, his property passes to the people of Texas. The State of Texas is very aggressive in its efforts to see that people who are entitled to property get it, however. The escheat process as applied to bank accounts works in the following way:

When a bank determines an account has been inactive for

seven years, it must report the property to the State Treasurer. Sixty days after such a report is received, the Treasurer mails a notice to the sheriff of the county in which the bank is located, and the notice is posted in the county courthouse for 30 days.

In 120 days after filing of the report, notice of abandoned property must be published in a newspaper in the county. Persons claiming it can then present proof of the claim to the bank within 60 days. If the property is not claimed after another 90 days have passed, only then is it considered permanently abandoned and escheated to the state. And any time after the property passes to the custody of the State, a person with a valid claim can recover it. The State Treasurer and the Attorney General have joint responsibility for establishing the validity of such claims.

The State Treasurer and our attorneys suggest that any person who believes he has a claim to an abandoned bank account first write the bank to find out if it has been escheated to the state. If it has, contact the State Treasurer, supply the name of the bank and the city

in which it's located, and indicate that a claim is to be made.

The Treasurer will send the proper forms to be filled out, notarized, and returned. If the Treasurer and the Attorney General determine the claim is a valid one, payment will be made to the claimant by the state.

If you have a consumer complaint about a missing heir scheme contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, your county or district attorney, or the local Better Business Bureau. If you need further information about claiming escheated property, contact the State Treasurer.

## Path Clear For Castlemen

COLLEGE STATION -- Relief from the present cattle situation can only come about through a reduction in cattle numbers or cattlemen, believes Dr. Ed Uvacek, livestock marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Migration into the cattle business was fast and furious during the last few years due to several factors but particularly the high calf prices of 1972 and 1973, says the specialist with the Texas A&M University System.

"Many went into the business as weekend ranchers while others put everything they had into it. As a result cow numbers in the United States by mid-1974 had increased by 16 percent over 1970 levels."

Now, with this oversupply of

both cattle and cattlemen, a liquidation must occur.

Uvacek contends that the true cattlemen whose major source of income is from the cattle business, is the one who has been hurt the most during the present crisis. He has no other place to turn for income and is forced to cut down on his cattle herds.

Although the true cattlemen has been hard hit the newly arrived cattlemen who came into the business full-time is in really bad shape, says Uvacek. "The long-time cattlemen has experience in the business and knows how to get through such bad years, while high breeding herd costs, lack of experience and indebtedness usually mean the end of a newcomer's operation."

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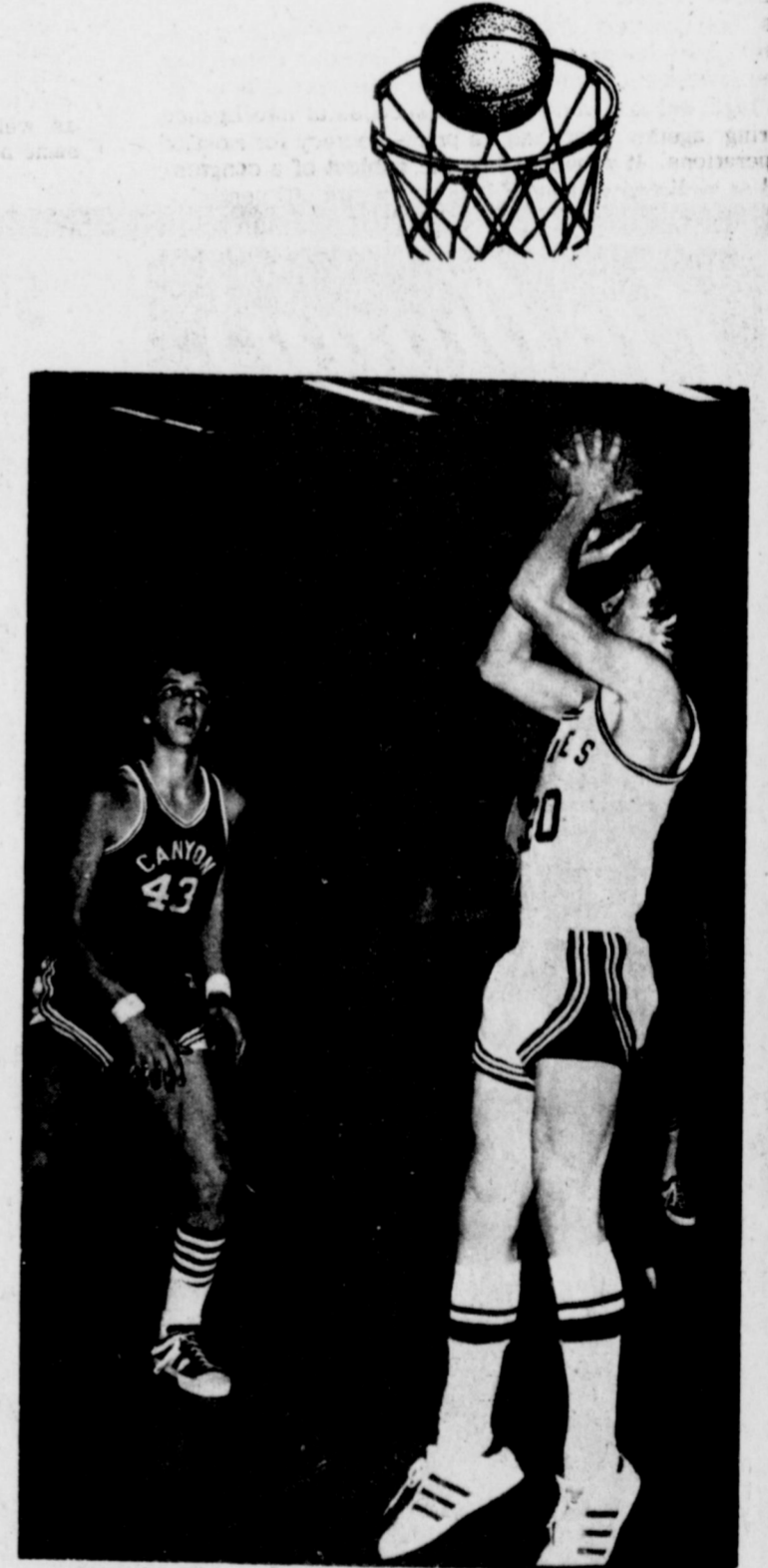
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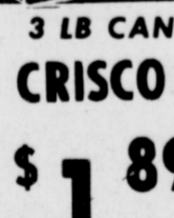


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# Are Seed Prices Too High

LUBBOCK—Can you afford to buy cheap seed? That's the question, says an agricultural economist, that farmers will have to answer as they gear up for next season's crop planting. And the answer may pose far greater risks than is first apparent, he warns.

"Last year, and again this year, prices for seed have been significantly increased. Each rise in seed prices causes a flood of farmer inquiries for alternative 'cheaper' sources of planting seed.

"Certainly, it is economically rational to obtain any product for the least cash outlay as long as the quality of the product is maintained."

So says Marvin Sartin, area specialist in farm management with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Lubbock.

Too often, bargain prices are associated with lower quality products, he explains. Quality in seed relates to considerations other than ability to germinate. For example, the variety or hybrid may not be ideal for a particular situation, some lot may contain significant quantities of other seeds or "off-types", and some weeds may be introduced with bargain seed.

In Sartin's opinion, a farmer needs to first consider all of the costs that will go into producing the crop besides seed. He should write these down on paper and add them up. He is risking this amount if he cuts corners in buying the seed which will be planted. The production of a crop depends first on the potential of the seed which is used.

Almost invariably, high quality, strong, clean seed of the best variety will produce a greater yield than will inferior quality seed. To economically justify the greater outlay for purchasing the better seed requires only that the income from the yield increase pay the additional cost of seed, the economist figures. Also, in years of adverse weather at planting time, better seed is more likely to withstand less than ideal conditions and still produce a vigorous stand. Thus, the risk

of losing a stand and having to replant is reduced when the best seed available is planted.

The yield increase necessary to pay the difference in seed cost is quite small, notes the specialist. At the current prices of farm products, a one or two percent increase in yield will justify buying seed at prices from 50 to 100 percent higher than last year's prices. Thus, only a 10-pound increase per acre on one bale of cotton will justify paying 50 percent more for cottonseed; or a 60-

## TEC Taking Claims For Benefits

The Texas Employment Commission will begin taking claims for extended unemployment benefits February 3, 1975, it was announced today.

Unemployed persons who have filed initial claims for benefits within one year prior to January 26, 1975, and who have exhausted those benefits, are eligible to file a claim.

Payments will be made at the same rate as for regular unemployment insurance, but the total extended benefits will equal only 50 percent of regular benefits. However, a new federal program may pay extended benefits in the same amount as regular extended state benefits.

Persons claiming unemployment insurance benefits as ex-servicemen or ex-Federal employees are also eligible for these extended benefits.

Extended benefits are available only so long as the rate of unemployment remains at levels specified by law.

Claimants who file for extended benefits on or before February 19 may file claims backdated to include January 26, 1975, if they meet the usual requirements for drawing unemployment insurance.

Claims for extended benefits may be filed at the nearest Texas Employment Commission office.

increase on 6,000 pounds miltio will warrant doubling the cost for hybrid grain sorghum seed. Risking anything for such small quantities of product (small increase in total production costs) does not seem practical.

"Looking at the problem from another viewpoint," Sartin adds, "total production costs per acre for irrigated cotton and grain sorghum will be in the neighborhood of \$175 to \$225. Costs for the best seed last year should not have exceeded \$3 per acre for miltio and \$6 per acre for cotton. Thus, seed accounted for only 1.5 to 3.0 percent of the total costs of growing and harvesting the crop. Because most of the other 97 percent of the production costs will be incurred regardless of the quality of the seed and the resultant production of the crop, seed seems to be a poor place to pinch pennies."

He suggests that similar analysis may be applied to farmers who catch their own cotton planting seed. Research has shown that in the majority of cases certified seed will yield higher than farmer-saved seed.

"Three different research tests conducted by Dr. Levon Ray at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock showed average yield advantage

es for certified seed to be 15, 16, and 76 percent of lint per acre," Sartin reports. "Using the low end, 15 pounds per acre with cotton priced at \$30 per pound, this increase is worth \$4.50 acre.

"If you plant 20 pound of seed per acre, you can afford to pay nearly \$22 per pound more for certified seed. Thus, if the value of your seed plus delinting, treatment, cleanout, transportation, and storage costs \$14 per pound, you can afford to pay \$36 for certified seed expecting only a 15-pound-per-acre yield increase."

Seed costs are a small part of the total costs of growing a crop, he emphasizes. Strong, vigorous seed are more able to withstand adverse weather conditions and may save the costs of replanting. Selection of the proper variety or hybrid is important in getting the best yield, and genetic purity can be best assured by purchasing certified cottonseed or sorghum hybrids from an established, reputable source. Weeds, undesirable strains, and other pests are sometimes included in bargain seed. The costs of eliminating such problems often far overshadow the yield reduction that occurs in a particular year.

"You are gambling all of your input costs on the ability of your seed to produce," he concludes. "Don't cut corners and save a few dollars by purchasing seed that is of questionable quality. The best seed available is usually the cheapest in the long run."

## Plan Grazing System For Spring

UVALDE - Ranchers looking for ways to ease the present pain in their pocketbooks should take a close look at an improved grazing system.

And the time to plan a grazing program for the coming year is now, so that it will be ready to put it into practice by the time maximum forage growth begins in spring and early summer.

"A properly planned and operated grazing system can mean lower operating costs per head, better breeding efficiency, greater gains per acre, reduced costs for vehicles and labor, and reduced

supplemental feeding," says Dr. Richard Bjerregaard, area range specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Most ranchers can initiate a deferred rotation grazing system with little or no initial expense if a moderate amount of cross-fencing and stock water development has already been done," points out Bjerregaard. "In some cases all that is required is to close gates between pastures and to move livestock from one pasture to the next in a planned time sequence that is compatible with management goals."

A grazing system need not be complicated, emphasizes the Texas A&M University System specialist. Two pastures and one herd make a working system. However, size and complexity depend on what a rancher wants to accomplish in terms of improved livestock and rangeland production in light of available resources.

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Information for planning and operating a successful grazing system is available from county Extension agents and Extension range specialists.

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A year ago, in January, 1974, the only interest in government cotton programs was found within Congress, USDA, and farm organizations with paid personnel who concern themselves with such things perpetually.

The 1973 harvest was good, demand was strong and seemingly insatiable, and prices were high. Consequently, the average farmer couldn't have cared less about such things as loan levels and target prices in the government program.

Today, in January, 1975, as the Senate prepares to open hearings on farm legislation, the situation could hardly be more dramatically reversed. Demand for cotton has almost completely dried up, prices are less than half and production costs almost double year-ago levels, and cotton producers are again vitally interested in government programs. Again they are hit with the full realization that a realistic government cotton program is their only protection against disastrous prices, and that the present program does not provide that protection.

Senator Herman Talmadge of Georgia, Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, will open hearings February 3 and hopes to have a Bill amending the present farm law on the Senate floor in late February or early March.

Farm spokesmen at the hearing will be seeking changes to beef up price protection in the form of a higher loan and target prices.

Consumer advocates will stomp for reserve supplies agriculture commodities, export restrictions and other mechanisms which, right or wrong, they believe will dampen food price increases.

Cotton people who will testify before the committee are being scheduled, generally, on February 17, the second week of the hearings. The National Cotton Council will open cotton testimony, advising the committee of the policies now under development and to be finalized at the Council's Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, February 3 and 4.

Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., representing producers in the 25 heavy producing counties on the High Plains, has also requested time on February 17.

- The PCG policy covers five points, calling for:
- (1) A higher loan level more closely related to the increased cost of production and an interest rate on cotton loans no greater than six per cent.
  - (2) A 28-month loan period.
  - (3) Resale prices on government-held cotton stocks high enough to keep those stocks from competing against producer-owned stocks in the marketplace.
  - (4) A target price which will reflect the increases in cost of production since 1973 and an improved method of computing the average price paid to farmers for cotton, and
  - (5) Opposition to the creation of reserve stocks, export licensing or controls or other proposals which tend to restrict markets and prices for cotton either in the U.S. or abroad.

It is generally believed that Congress will approve some form of increased price protection on 1975 crops. Even the consumer oriented members of Congress should be aware that without such protection, adequate supplies of food and fiber may not be produced in this country. And if shortages develop, the consumer is first to suffer.

"But," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson, "we must be on our guard against the adoption of changes in or additions to present law which might offset the advantages of better price protection."

U.S. Department of Agriculture intentions to eliminate 271 of the 532 grade and staple combinations or "qualities" from the Commodity Credit Corporation upland cotton loan

schedule in use since 1959 were revealed by the Federal Register of January 23.

USDA previously announced a "Preliminary" 1975-crop loan rate of 34.27 cents per pound for Middling 1-inch cotton, 3.5 to 4.9 micronaire at average location. Premiums and discounts for other qualities, other micronaire readings and individual warehouse locations are now under consideration along with proposed modifications to the schedule.

The qualities USDA wants to drop from the schedule would "lose their individual identities" but would remain eligible for the loan, the Federal Register notice stated.

USDA says many qualities are no longer produced in sufficient quantity to warrant an individual loan rate, and proposes to eliminate some and lump others into groups, each of which would carry the same loan value.

USDA will accept, and presumably consider, comment on the proposal until February 21. Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., said PCG would submit its views after the proposal is discussed at an upcoming meeting of the organization's Executive Committee.

The modifications wanted by USDA are detailed by the Federal Register in four parts, two of which would eliminate or combine certain colors and grades and two of which would combine staple lengths.

The color group "Yellow Stained" and all grades thereunder would be eliminated. Cotton classed as Yellow Stained would enter the loan at a discount 200 points greater than the discount for the same grade in the "Tinged" color category. Only 62 bales of Yellow Stained cotton were produced in 1973, and dropping that group would reduce by 42 the total number of qualities in the loan schedule.

The grade "Good Middling" would be cut from each of the remaining six color groups. Such cotton would be placed in a grade labeled "Strict Middling and better." Less than 100 bales of Good Middling cotton were produced in 1973, and deleting that grade cuts another 84 qualities out of the schedule.

The proposal calls for combining the three shortest staple lengths into a single classification and would do the same for the four longest staples.

The staples "13/16," "7/8," and "29/32," would all be combined and placed under a grouping called "13/16 through 29/32." This would "eliminate discounts for 58 additional qualities and, in effect, raise the value of the lower qualities involved," the notice reads. Presumably, this means the 13/16 and 7/8 inch staples would carry the same loan value as the longer 29/32 inch staples. Only 33,534 bales, a little over 0.2 per cent, of 1973 crop cotton fell in the two shorter staple designations.

On the long end of the staple range, all lengths "1-5/32" through "1-1/4 and longer" would be redesignated as "1-5/32 and longer." Only 1,335 bales, less than 0.01 per cent, of the 1973 crop fell in the 87 classifications that would be thus eliminated. Value-wise, the effect of the change would be "negligible," the notice stated.

## Speed Up Tax Refunds By Filing Early

Plainview, Texas -- Taxpayers expecting refunds on their income tax can speed up those refunds by filing now and using the pre-addressed label and envelope that came with their tax packages, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) said.

Walter Perry, Director's Representative of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for the Plainview area, said taxpayers filing their returns now can expect to receive their refund within four to five weeks. Those who

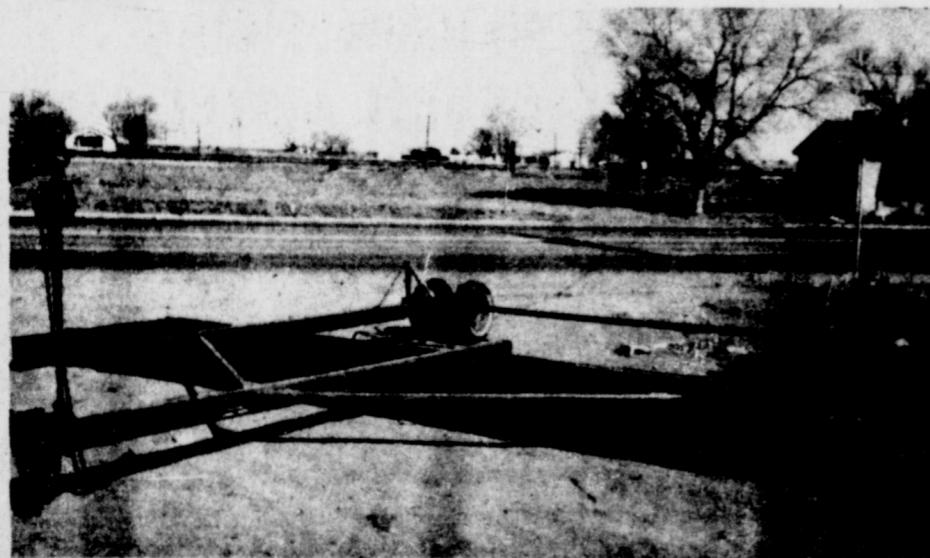
wait until March or April to file, he said, could face a delay of up to 12 weeks.

Perry explained that the Austin Service Center can process returns faster if they arrive with the labels affixed and in envelopes provided by the IRS. The envelopes are magnetically coded for automatic sorting and the pre-printed labels are designed to save time in the actual processing of the return.



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**STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights**  
by Lyndell Williams  
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**AUSTIN, Tex.**—Gov. Dolph Briscoe served up a smorgasbord of legislative recommendations which could keep lawmakers jumping for the next four months, even if they had no proposals of their own. Briscoe offered a 10-part package, assigning top priority to complete restructuring of the public school finance system and again serving warning he will not approve a tax bill. He said he hopes the 64th Legislature will be known as the "Public Education Session."

The governor made no mention of two much-discussed issues: Constitutional revision and creation of a public utilities commission. He called for the "weighted pupil approach" to distributing state aid. That would base state and local spending on actual cost of instructional programs geared to individual district needs and measured against the best 42 districts. The local district's ability to pay would be based on taxable value of its property.

Briscoe placed heavy emphasis on legislation to assure individuals' right to privacy. He drew some of his best applause with proposals to expand powers of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, to give it a veto over new higher education construction programs and creation of new departments. Many college boards of regents can be expected to fight the bill. The Governor's many recommendations included repeal of the state sales tax on utility bills and steps to remove problem drivers from the road.

**COMMITTEES NAMED**—The decks were cleared for action in the House of Representatives with Speaker Bill Clayton's appointment of standing committees which process legislation. Clayton named Rep. Bill Prenal of Bryan, 42, chairman of the budget-writing Appropriations Committee. Prenal is a conservative

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of Landscape Architects may not authorize its licensees to perform plumbing acts without a plumbing license.

**MANY CRIMES UNREPORTED**—Only a half to a third of all crimes are reported to law enforcement agencies, according to the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. J. Robert Grimes, LEAA regional administrator, said increased reporting probably accounts for a large part of the 16 per cent jump in national crime.

Current figures indicate no Texas city has failed to report a rise in the "Part I" crimes of murder, manslaughter, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and auto theft. Figures indicate the rates are in keeping with the national trend, LEAA said.

**PUSHING REVISION**—Attorney General Hill carried a plea for support of constitutional revision this year to the State Democratic Executive Committee. Hill also has asked the top officials to support his plan for article-by-article revision, with an effort to get proposals through the legislature in regular session and on a November 1975 ballot.

**APPOINTMENTS**—Ford D. Albritton Jr. of Bryan was named to the Texas College and University System Coordinating Board, succeeding Loren Bryce Meaders of Dallas, who resigned. Others appointed by Governor Briscoe included William Ralph Elliott of Sherman, 59th district judge; John D. Bevers of Lubbock, 72nd district judge; Ted Z. Robertson of Dallas, 95th district judge; Pat McClung of Dallas, juvenile court No. 2 judge of Dallas County; Belisario D. Flores as assistant adjutant general for air, and Brigadier Gen. Willie L. Scott as assistant adjutant general for Army.

**JOB BILL SIGNED**—Extended jobless benefits will be available for 25,000 Texans a month early, due to passage last week of the first bill of the 64th Legislature. The bill allows Texas to receive \$5 million in federal funds during the next month in recession-fighting aid. Unemployment benefits can be extended 13 weeks beyond the normal 26-week period by the act.

**SHORT SNORTS**—A "bakery" lease can be broken when the business starts permitting topless dancers to perform for supper club guests, the Court of Civil Appeals held.

The Senate Finance Committee is conducting hearings on a \$12.5 billion proposed 1976-77 appropriations bill. Texas turkey growers may raise six per cent fewer turkeys in 1975 than they produced last year, Secretary of Agriculture John White said.

About 36,000 Texans were arrested for driving while intoxicated in 1974, according to Department of Public Safety reports.

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## Boards' Assessments Ruled Unconstitutional

**AUSTIN**—The Texas Supreme Court declared commodity assessments unconstitutional in a Jan. 15 ruling which may make commodity boards a thing of the past.

"Without the assessment system, which is the boards' only source of income, more than 150,000 producers throughout the state will be denied the opportunity to participate in the valuable self-help programs carried out by the boards," said Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

The 5-4 decision declared unconstitutional Article 55c of the Texas Civil Statutes "insofar as it required payment of assessments," Article 55c gives commodity boards the authority to operate in the state.

The decision was in response to an appeal of a lower court ruling in which Conlen Grain and Mercantile Inc. was found guilty of not collecting and remitting assessments from producers for use by the Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board.

The ruling in favor of Conlen's appeal in effect declared all commodity assessments unconstitutional by striking down the civil statute under which they operate.

The decision was based on the majority opinion that assessments by commodity boards constitute an occupational tax against producers, which is unconstitutional under Texas law.

Dissenting opinion, however, saw the money

received by commodity boards as an assessment not a tax, since any producer has the legal right of prompt refund.

The Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board has 15 days to file for a rehearing. If no action is taken, the decision becomes final and the future of commodity boards will pass to the Texas legislature.

Seven commodity boards operate in the state, one for peanuts, grain sorghum, soybeans, wheat, pecans, turkey and pork. The commodity board system was established in 1967 to develop programs of research, disease, insect and predator control, education and promotion. The system encourages production, marketing and use of individual agricultural commodities.

Individual boards are established after producers of the commodity pass a referendum. Board members are elected by the producers. Members set the assessment fee for the particular commodity which is then collected from the producer by the primary receiver and forwarded to the board.

"These commodity boards are organizations developed and operated by the producer for the producer," White said.

"Texas commodity boards have done an outstanding job in furthering the development and marketing of their individual commodities and their loss would be felt throughout all segments of agriculture."

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### Three Way News

By Mrs. H.W. Garvin

The Three Way Junior High Basketball team and the B. Boys team of high school played in the tournament at Whiteface the past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Latham are enjoying the company of her mother, Mrs. Lillie Flowers, she will be spending two weeks with them. Her home is at Lake Thomas.

Saturday evening the Lathems along with her mother and Dennis McCain and Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Jackson of Littlefield, attended the Lubbock Junior Rodeo, held out at the Fair grounds, where the Lath-

ams' two grandsons, Cliff and Chris DeSautell of Slaton participated. Chris was in the bare back riding and Cliff in the bull riding. Mr. and Mrs. Latham and Mrs. Flowers and Dennis went on to Slaton and spent the night with the DeSautell's.

Timmy Price of Plains, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Price, is spending this week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Withrow.

Visiting over the weekend with Mrs. Ben Pierce and son, Jack, were a daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. David Perry of Monahans and Miss Kathrine Pierce of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hogue, accompanied by their granddaughter and small son, Mrs. Debbie Matthews and Chris of

Lubbock, spent Friday until Tuesday with the A-lus Hogue family at Fort Smith, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Medlin drove to Amarillo Thursday to be with his brother, Buddy, who underwent minor surgery at St. Anthony Hospital.

Three Way schools held their annual homecoming Friday night. The basketball teams played Pep, with our Three Way boys losing the game to Pep and Three Way girls winning their game. The Queen

and King of high school was crowned at half time. Miss Connie Richardson was Queen and Dan Simpson was King of Three Way.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Green from Jal N.M. spent the weekend with her parents, the Jack Furgerson's and attended homecoming at Three Way.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dewarte are parents of baby boy, Mike. He was born at the Air Force Hospital in Bilixi Miss. Grand-

parents are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dewarte of Maple and Mr. and Mrs. Sissalo Lucero of Portales, N.M., Martha Dewarte, aunt of the new baby, is in Mississippi taking care of the new boy and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fowler and children from Lubbock spent the weekend with his parents, the D.S. Fowler's.

Mr. and Mrs. O.S. Warren were in Levelland part of the past week with her mother

who is in the Levelland Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Kelley and Mr. and Mrs. Booster Kelley from Dallas spent the weekend with their parents, the Fred Kelley's.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Tyson and children from Levelland and Mrs. Bud Scaggs from Snyder visited the George Tyson's, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Garvin visited in Clovis Sunday after-

noon with their daughter, Sgt. and Mrs. Kenneth Fox and children.

The community has had an inch or more of rain the past week.

Mrs. T.D. Davis and Mrs. Allen Daves were in Clovis, Thursday shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Fowler visited the R.L. Reeves in Post Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D.S. Fowler were in Lubbock, Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roomiani from Lubbock spent the weekend with her parents, the Dutch Powell's.

Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Masten and Mrs. Beadie Powell visited Mrs. Masten's mother, Mrs. Vera Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Furgerson were in Lubbock Saturday, shopping.

## Farm-facts

A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News

Compiled From Sources Of The Texas Department of Agriculture John C. White, Commissioner

Cotton Planting Underway... Still Number One But Not Bragging... In Case You Missed It... Pesticide Question.

Now that February is here, cotton planting can officially begin in the Rio Grande Valley. A reduction of 50 per cent in acres to be planted this year compared to 1974 is now indicated for that section of the state.

The continued bleak outlook for cotton is the chief reason for the anticipated downturn in acreage. Expected to offset that cotton acre cut is an increase in grain sorghum, however.

While changes can yet occur, the following are recent percentage estimates of acres to be planted to cotton this season compared with last year: Coastal Bend 40 per cent; Upper Gulf Coast 40 per cent; Brazos-Navasota River Bottoms 40 per cent; Southern Blacklands 50 per cent.

EVEN though Texas continues to be the number one cattle feeding state in the nation, you don't hear too many people bragging about it any more, at least not for the present.

But for the record, Texas had 1,327,000 head of cattle on feed as of Jan 1., the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Services notes. This is 40 per cent below the 2,205,000 head on feed as of a year ago. It is seven per cent below the number on feed a month ago.

The number of cattle on feed is the smallest for Texas since June 1970 when there 1,292,000 head on feed.

Nationwide, similar downturns are reported. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the 23 major feeding states totaled 9,619,000 head. This is 26 per cent below a year ago and 31 per cent lower than two years ago.

In Texas, the "large" feedlots--those with 1,000 or more capacity--had an occupancy of 43 per cent of their capacity. Twenty-five per cent of the large lots were completely vacant.

Feedlot operators report intentions to market 850,000 cattle between now and March 31. This would be 64 per cent of the number on feed as of Jan. 1 and would be 13 per cent lower than marketing during the same time span a year ago.

IN CASE you might have missed the final 1974 projections for major crops in Texas, here they are. Cotton production is set at 2,260,000 bales; this is 2,053,000 bales less than the 1973 upland cotton. Production of American-Pima cotton, however, slowed a slight increase in 1974 over 1973. Production in 1974 was set at 27,000 bales compared with 25,800 bales in 1973.

Grain sorghum production for Texas in 1974 is expected to be down a fourth from 1973. Total 1974 production is set at 312,000,000 bushels compared with 417,000,000 bushels produced in 1973.

The 1974 corn crop in Texas which comprises 73,600,000 bushels is the largest for the state since 1943. Yield is expected to average 92 bushels per acre. Peanut production in Texas in 1974 is expected to total 420,375,000 pounds, or about 50,000,000 pounds less than 1973. Wheat production in 1974 was about half the 1973 crop. Rice is expected to be up 25 per cent, hay will be down about 12 per cent; oat production for 1974 will be down 70 per cent from 1973.


LEGISLATION will be needed to assure Texas farmers they can continue to use certain restricted-use pesticides. Under the law every state must submit a plan for certifying applicators of restricted-use pesticides to the Environmental Protection Agency on or before October, 1975. Thus, legislative action will be needed at the current session of the Texas Legislature.

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