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AROUND
THE
COUNTY
by



ARTHUR BARLEMANN, JR. COUNTY AGENT

The reserve champion pecan of the first annual Thanks-Pecos Pecan Show at Rankin on Tuesday was entered by John Brock of Sterling City. It was a Western Schley variety which required 45.8 pecans per pound with a shelling percentage of 60%. Previous to winning the reserve champion banner and a \$25 government bond, the Schley had won its variety class, and the honor of reserve champion in-shell pecan.

John also had the champion shelling pecan. It was a San Saba Improved variety with a shelling percentage of 61.2 percent on 66.3 nuts per pound. John entered only two varieties in the Rankin show because of short crop this year. He will also enter these two varieties in the San Angelo show next week. A.C. Lively will enter the Wichita variety class at the San Angelo show. If there are others who would like to make entries in the San Angelo show, they should let me know not later than Monday so the nuts can be prepared.

The State Meeting of the Texas Section of the American Society of Range Management will be held in San Angelo on December 4 and 5. Site of the meeting will be the Rio Concho Manor. This is an excellent opportunity for those interested in range management to take part in a good program.

The 4-H Awards Banquet on Saturday night was attended by 110 club members, parents, friends and supporters. They saw fifteen club members receive project awards, twenty-three receive year pins, and nineteen receive recognition for participation on judging teams and demonstration teams. Since a banquet was not held last year, the awards presented were for two years work.

Tommy Bynum was named the Gold Star Boy for 1970. He will receive his award and certificate at the District Gold Star Banquet in San Angelo on December 2. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ralph Bynum, will also attend. All the Gold Star honorees, their adult leaders, parents, and Extension agents from the twenty-two counties in District Seven will be present.

Janis Igo and Steven Foster were recognized as the 1969 honorees for the Gold Star. They received their awards at the District banquet last year.

Awards presented, the donors, and the honorees are as follows: Achievement Award—Ford Motor Company; winners are Tommy Bynum, Lee Wayne Igo, Jim Terry, and Skeete Foster for 1969; for 1970, Amy Hodges; Agriculture Programs International Harvester Co.; winners are—Amy Hodges for 1969, 1970 winners are Charlotte Foster, Russell Davis, Dwayne Davis, Bobby Bynum; Conservation of Natural Resources, John Deere Company, winners: DeNeal Reed and Charlotte Foster for 1969, and Janis Igo and Steven Foster for 1970; Grain Marketing Award—Chicago Board of Trade, honorees are Patti Bynum, Melinda Terry, Steven Foster, Jay Clark for 1969; Leadership Award—Sears-Roebuck Foundation; Pam McEntire, Janis Igo winners for 1969 while Skeete Foster received the award for 1970.

SCHOOL LUNCH ROOM MENUS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Corn Dogs with Mustard
Pork and Beans
Vegetable Salad
Corn
Apple Crisp
Rolls, Milk

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Pizza with Meat & Cheese
Pinto Beans
Buttered Spinach
Jello
Milk

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2

Fish Portions
Creamed Potatoes
Sweet Potatoes
Prunes
Cookies
Bread, Milk

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

Roast Beef with Gravy
String Beans
Macaroni and Tomatoes
Pickles
Cup Cakes
Rolls, Milk

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

Hamburgers
French Fries
Cake, Milk

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank the Sterling Volunteer Fire Department and all others who helped at the butane fire at our place Monday night. All help was appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. David Drennan

Citizenship Award by the Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation, winners for 1969 was Bobby Bynum while Tommy Bynum and DeNeal Reed were the 1970 recipients. Patti Bynum and Melinda Terry received the Safety Award from the General Motors Corporation for 1970. Certificates for participation in the Beef Cattle Symposium sponsored by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association went to Bobby and Tommy Bynum and the leaders certificate to Mrs. Billy Ralph Bynum.

Year pins were presented to Charles Blank, Bobby Bynum, Patti Bynum, Tommy Bynum, Jeff Cartrell, Jay Clark, Dwayne Davis, Russell Davis, Scott Davis, Charlotte Foster, Skeete Foster, Steven Foster, Amy Hodges, Becky Hodges, Larry Horwood, Janis Igo, Lee Wayne Igo, Pam McEntire, DeNeal Reed, Ray Sparks, Dow Tanner, Jim Terry and Melinda Terry. The twenty-three girls and boys receiving year pins had amassed a total of ninety-nine years of 4-H Club experience.

Receiving recognition for participation on judging teams and demonstration contests during the last two years were: Bobby Bynum, Tommy Bynum, Janis Igo, Ray Sparks, Amy Hodges, Becky Hodges, Scott Davis, Patti Bynum, Melinda Terry, Russell Davis, Jeff Cartrell, Charlotte Foster, DeNeal Reed, Skeete Foster, Steven Foster, Pam McEntire, Dwayne Davis, Lee Wayne Igo, and Jim Terry.

Mrs. Clinton Hodges presented the project awards to the club members while Clinton Hodges presented the year pins. The Hodges were selected as the outstanding adult 4-H Club leaders for 1969 in Sterling County by a committee of club members early this year. They received their awards at a banquet in Abilene in April.

Mrs. W. H. Sparkman Buried Wednesday

Mrs. Walter H. Sparkman, 90, a resident of Sterling for 75 years, died Tuesday in San Angelo following a long illness.

Funeral services were held here Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock in the First Baptist Church with the pastor, Rev. Andy Daniels, officiating. He was assisted by Methodist pastor, Rev. Harold Orr. Lowe Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Sparkman was born September 28, 1880 in Hillsboro. She was married to Walter Sparkman in 1905 in Sterling City. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Delbert Dearen of Sterling City; two sisters, Mrs. Annie Wilson of Missouri and Mrs. Kate Clements of Dallas and two grandchildren.

Palbearers were Will Durham, Dr. Wm. J. Swann, Bill Humble, Jeff Davis, David Glass and Roy Glass.

Noratadata Club Meeting

Mrs. D. Kirk Hopkins was hostess when the members of the Noratadata Club met Monday evening in the community center. Twenty-two members and the following guests were present: Mrs. Richard K. Hopkins, Mrs. Roy Foster and Mrs. Bill Watts.

Mrs. Joe Emery read a Thanksgiving poem and Mrs. Foster S. Price talked on "What's Right with America."

The members will have a birthday party on December 10 for Alma Lee Howard, a patient at the State Mental Health and Mental Retardation Hospital at Carlsbad.

Bridge was played and prizes went to Mrs. J.I. Cope. Mrs. Ross Foster, Mrs. Foster S. Price and Mrs. Worth Durham.

Behind the 8-Ball



By the editor.

The Thanksgiving Day holiday was in full force in Sterling City this week. We got in the act too, and so the paper is out Friday afternoon instead of Friday morning. Better late than never.

8-BALL

Most of the businesses here took off for the day. It was sorta like a dead town.

In fact, too dead. Some service businesses were open—but all the retailers and offices were closed. The school got out for two days. Much traffic went through and lots of travelling went on through here.

8-BALL

Most of the college kids got home for the holiday and of course, there was 'company' in many homes.

8-BALL

We went up to see the Texas Tech—Arkansas football game in Lubbock last Saturday afternoon. We were hoping that Tech would win again—like they did year before last. They knocked the Razorbacks out of the Southwest Conference title that year. But history did not repeat itself this year. Two Bronte boys are standouts on the Tech team. They are Doug McCutcheon, halfback and Davis Corley, a defensive end. They give added interest to the Tech team for me. They play outstanding games each time.

MARILYN FOSTER WINS TOP IN WOOL CONTEST

Marilyn Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Foster Jr. won first in the junior division of Make It Yourself With Wool Contest in district competition last Saturday in San Angelo. The contest was held in an all wool show at the Angelo State College.

Marilyn was first in the junior division with her formal of all wool. She will participate in the state contest finals on December 12 on the campus of Texas Woman's University at Denton.

Mrs. R. T. Caperton's Mother Dead

Mrs. Mary A. Slaughter, born September 14, 1888 at Trinity, Texas passed away November 14, 1970 in the Hendricks Memorial Hospital in Abilene after a lengthy illness. She was 82 years and two months of age and spent most of her life in Robert Lee but since 1952 had made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Percifull in Abilene.

She is survived by a son, Ray Ledbetter, Miami, Oklahoma; three daughters: Mrs. Melvin Seeley of Riverton, Kansas; Mrs. R. T. Caperton of Bronte; Mrs. Noel Percifull of Abilene; four granddaughters, one grandson, three great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Julia Wilson of Winters and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were under the direction of Kiker-Warren Funeral Home Monday, Nov. 16 at 10 a.m. and burial was in Robert Lee Cemetery. The Services were conducted by Rev. Fred H. Brown, minister of the First United Methodist Church, assisted by Dr. Gordon Bennett of Abilene.

Attends Director's Meeting

Clinton Hodges, director of District Three of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association, attended a director's meeting recently in the Association office in San Angelo. Because of the large membership and better representation throughout the United States, the directors are in the process of dividing the states into twelve districts instead of the original six. A director will be elected to serve each district.

Hodges, who also serves as chairman of the Advertising Committee, recently made a large registered Rambouillet sheep sale to the Department of Agriculture in Old Mexico.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients in the Sterling County Hospital on Thursday morning of this week included—

John Thompson
Mrs. D. C. Durham
W. R. Hudson
Ernest H. Freeman
Mrs. Doll Long
Mrs. W. B. Allen
Dismissals since Thursday morning of last week include—
Frank Milligan
Mrs. Spencer Jackson

A fire broke out at David Drennan's Monday night when he was putting butane into a tank. The fire call was answered by the Sterling Volunteer Fire Department. No damage was done to house or buildings.

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A. W. Anderson is in the V.A. hospital in Big Spring for tests and observation.

THAT'S A FACT

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Being prepared is not as difficult as many people believe. Remember to take along your social security card or the card of the person on whose record you are filing. For a widow, this would be the social security card of her late husband. This may sound hard to believe, but many people do come in to file their application and leave their number at home.

The next most important document to take with you is your birth certificate, if available. Proof of age is needed to qualify for nearly all social security benefits. If your birth was recorded when you were born or if you were baptized before age five, you will need one of these documents. If you don't have a copy, make arrangements now to get one, Mr. Talbot advises.

If you birth was not recorded and you were not baptized before age five, there are other documents you can use. In most cases, the earlier the record was made the better it is for helping to establish your date of birth.

The third thing that is needed in all claims is evidence of the worker's last year's earnings and an estimate of this year's earnings. Your W-2 Form or tax return for last year will give the information for last year. Be sure to bring these with you.

For further information, contact the Social Security Office at 3000 West Harris Avenue, (P. O. Box 3608) in San Angelo, Texas or see the representative when he is in your area.

GET PTA Cookbooks for Christmas gifts. All the favorite recipes of housewives in this area—\$3.50. Contact Mrs. Marvin Foster or Mrs. Troy Templin.

Phones Out Briefly Here Sunday

A blown fuse in the phone office here Sunday morning put out service from 9 a.m. to 2:30 at the community center 10:30 a.m. before it was corrected. Jack Goss, division manager of General Telephone Company of the Southwest, said he hoped it didn't inconvenience the patrons here.

Lions Hear Talks on Americanism

Four high school girls spoke on "Cheer Up, You're An American" when they met at noon Wednesday in the community center. The four girls were Marilyn Foster, DeNeal Reed, Debbi Hopkins and Janis Igo.

Other guests present were Ralph Emmerson of Big Spring, Dr. Roy Glass of San Angelo and Burl Pringle.

Lion Seth Bailey reported that the Christmas street decorations were to be put up on Wednesday afternoon. Skipper Lively reported on the turkey shoot held last Saturday by the club. He reported over \$80 netted by the club.

Lively said the club would raffle off a rifle and transistor radio in December and he thought the money raised thereby would go toward buying a colored TV set for the new nursing home here.

Eagle Cagers Drop Game to Mertzon

The Mertzon Hornets rolled past Sterling City Tuesday night 57-42 in a boys' varsity basketball contest.

Berney Shelton led Mertzon with 23 points while Clark Kilpatrick racked up 14 for the locals.

In the girls' game, Mertzon took a 43-37 decision. Melanie Boyd had 26 points to pace Mertzon.

P.T.A. Here on December 7

There will be a meeting of the Sterling City P.T.A. Monday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The junior class is in charge of the devotional. The guest speaker will be Lt. F.L. Bailey, juvenile probation officer. He will speak on "Are You a Guilty Parent?"

A special feature will be presented by the second grade students.

Parliamentary Procedure Course Scheduled

A parliamentary procedure course will be taught Thursday, December 3, from 1:00 to 2:30 at the community center by Mrs. Darel Highley, president of 16th district P.T.A. Anyone interested in taking the course is invited. All P.T.A. officers are urged to attend.

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The intelligent woman who examines her breasts monthly, and in a systematic manner, stands an excellent chance of detecting cancer early—before it can endanger her life. The case of Mrs. A. T., of Chicago, Ill., is fairly typical. Having carefully read the American Cancer Society's booklet on breast self-examination (available free from all local ACS offices), she knew that the odds were pretty good that the lump that she detected in her breast one morning wasn't cancerous. She also knew that only her doctor could tell her for sure.

Mrs. T. was unlucky—but not too unlucky. The lump was cancerous, but it was still very small and had not spread very far. A mastectomy was required, but Mrs. T. is alive and well today—years later—and still caring for her family. Her sensible precautions may well have saved her life. Mastectomy is not only a medical problem, however. It is a traumatic emotional experience for the woman partly because she knows that the fit of her clothes may well be affected, and she dreads the thought of making others feel awkward or self-conscious in her presence.

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By John W. Penn, U.T.S. Director

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"Two years have passed and many persons are still not aware of the change in the social security law which provides monthly benefits for disabled widows at age 50," said J. M. Talbot, social security manager.

Since the law became effective in February, 1968, more than 32,000 disabled widows have qualified for monthly payments, Mr. Talbot estimated however that another 30,000 widows who might qualify for these benefits have never applied.

"The requirements for disabled widows' benefits are apparently not as well known as those for the more familiar widows' benefits at age 62, or reduced widows' benefits at age 60," Mr. Talbot continued.

To qualify for benefits a widow, age 50 to 60, must have an impairment so severe that it keeps her from engaging in any work. The condition must also be expected to last for at least twelve months.

The widow's disability must have begun before her husband's death or not later than seven years after his death. A widow who has previously been entitled to benefits if she becomes disabled before payments to the children end or within seven years after they end.

Mr. Talbot encourages those who may qualify to call the Social Security Office at 3000 West Harris Avenue (P. O. Box 3808) in San Angelo, Texas or see the representative when he is in your area.

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NEWS OF ECOLOGY



PROGRESS REPORT: GIVING POLLUTION THE AIR

In the summer of 1928, thousands of weekenders and vacationers flocking to Lake Erie's sandy beaches found a strange and disturbing sight. Large areas of the lake, seemingly overnight, had become covered with a thick, green, evil-smelling carpet of scum.

Lake Erie, 42 years ago, had become one of the earliest victims of man-accelerated eutrophication—the stimulation of excessive algal growth. This is how it happened, and is still happening all over America:

Waste materials dumped into the water stimulate algal growth by supplying an overabundance of the essential nutrients on which algae feed. When the algae die, they decay and form large masses on the surface of the water (called "mats" or "blooms"), which are vile-smelling and which foul the surface of the lakes and inundate the shore. The decay process uses up much of the oxygen dissolved in the water, making it unsuitable for many forms of aquatic life, like game and commercial fish.

Though eutrophication is a normal, and very slow, occurrence in nature, it is greatly accelerated by the unchecked introduction of the raw waste products of our society into our waters.

Though the long-term solution to this problem is a nationwide commitment to proper and complete sewage treatment, there exists today an effective intermediary means of improving water quality. Formerly polluted lakes have already been successfully reclaimed by aeration.

Mechanical aeration purifies waters and controls accelerated eutrophication the way nature does—by mixing water with air. It also stimulates a return of game fish and other forms of desirable aquatic life.

This man-made nature's aid has proven itself in bodies of water ranging in size from one-acre ponds to a 3½ mile long, 140-foot deep reservoir and has been employed on portions of major U.S. rivers such as the Passaic and Delaware.

In the past, it was widely believed that by limiting the supply of the 15 to 20 different nutrient elements that algae feed on, effective eutrophication controls could be established. Phosphorus, in particular, was the element thought to be the easiest to control. It was even suggested that phosphates be removed from household detergents, in an effort to minimize algal growth.

It was later discovered, however, that even if it were possible to completely eliminate phosphorus input into Lake Erie, phosphates already deposited in the bottom sediments could still support algal growth for at least another 100 years. Therefore, the removal of phosphates from detergents as a "first step" would be no step at all in solving the eutrophication problem.

The American people need and deserve action—effective action—in the protection and restoration of water purity, and the key fact about aeration as an immediate answer is that it works.