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Around the County

By Arthur Barlemann, Jr.

The Sterling County 4-H Club grass identification team participated in the State 4-H Grass Identification contest at 4-H round-up June 5, 6, 7 did very well. The team placed fourth in the state competition with nineteen team competing. Team members were Amy Hodges, Michael Lackey, Russell Davis, and Jeff Cantrell.

The contestants were required to identify forty grasses from the state list of 72. In addition to identifying the grasses, they had to give the life span, season of growth, wildlife grazing value, livestock grazing value, and origin—native or introduced. Forty-five seconds is allotted for each plant.

Sterling County wool showed up very well in last week's Sonora Wool and Mohair Show. Foster S. Price showed the grand champion fleece of the pen show and won possession of the rotating trophy donated by the First National Bank of Sonora. This is the seventh time in the last eight years that a Price fleece has won the trophy, which can never be won permanently.

Wesley Hodges showed the champion registered wool fleece of the open show. It was produced by one of his Rambouillets.

The champion range fleece was entered by Foster S. Price and was the same fleece that went on to win grand champion honors in the open show.

In class placings in the range wool show, first and second places in the yearling ewe class were won by Foster S. Price. Allen Price took first place honors in the aged ewe class with second and third places going to Sims and seventh place to Frank. Both first and second place in the yearling ram class were won by Sims. He repeated this in the aged ram class with Frank taking third place and Allen fourth place.

In the registered Rambouillet show, Wesley Hodges won first and fourth place honors in the yearling ewe class while Amy took second and third places and Becky had the fifth place fleece. Wesley also won the yearling ram class with Amy in second place and Clinton in third place. Amy's aged ram fleece placed sixth.

Nursing Home League Officers

The Service League of the Sterling County Nursing Home elected new officers recently as follows.

Mrs. Rebecca Alexander, president

Mrs. Freda Brooks, vice-president

Mrs. Bill Foster, secretary-treasurer

The outgoing officers were Mrs. Cecile McDonald, president; Mrs. Lena Foster, vice-president; Mrs. Hallie Barlemann, secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Audrey King, reporter.

The new president has announced that the following appointments have been made:

Occupational therapy—Rebecca Alexander, Lynda Glass, and Mary Jo Durham.

Gift shop bazaar—Mary Jo

180 Attend Alumni Meeting Here

130 persons attended the Sterling Alumni Annual Meeting here in the park last Saturday evening. The meal was catered by McCowan's cafeteria of San Angelo.

Vern Davis was the oldest alumnus present and the Trinnon Revells of Houston came the longest distance to the meet. They were given one year subscriptions to the News-Record.

Reynolds Foster welcomed the new 1973 graduates to the gathering and his son, Steven, a 1973 grad, responded.

New officers were elected for next year as follows:

Mrs. Mike Bodine, president

Mrs. Bill Brooks, vice-president

Mrs. Ross Foster, secretary-treasurer

Mrs. Jim Bob Cave, historian
Dance committee — Billy Boyd Allen, Skeete Foster and Phil Cole.

While we were on vacation, General Telephone reported that the long distance cable was cut about 5 miles this side of the Cactus Patch Truck Stop. Service was restored the same morning.

Church of Christ Meeting On

The meeting now in progress at the local Church of Christ will end Sunday at the 7 p.m. service. Earl Danley of Odessa is the visiting speaker for the week.

Weekday services are being held at 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. On Sunday, the services will be at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Durham, Kay Davis, Carolyn Davis and Jackie Daniels.

Chairman for birthday parties—Johnnie Donalson

Visitation and rides for patients—Bill Foster, Flo Price, Vera Dell Allen, Freda Brooks, Dorothy Lowe, Mary Foster, Al Jones, Maggie and Ruth Reynolds. Lena Foster, Alta McGibany, Cecile McDonald, Mary Jo Durham, Kay Davis, LeRuth Stewart, Gladie Davis, Gladys Nichols, Al Bailey, Sandra Peel, Audrey King, and Mrs. R. V. Hamilton.

Scrapbook—Bea Bauer
Historical museum—Prebble Morgan

Entertainment and food—Willie Glass

The three women's clubs, the Wimodausis, the Noratada and the Epsilon Zeta are in on some of the projects.

The League meets the second Monday of each month in the Home. New members are needed and wanted, said Mrs. Alexander.

The Volunteer Service League concluded the year with regular meeting at the Sterling County Hospital-Nursing Home on June 11, 1973.

Mrs. L. C. McDonald gave a short resume of the year's work, emphasizing the success of the Bazaar in November and expressing appreciation to the community for their cooperation. A contribution, to be used for the purchase of bed tables for the Sterling County Nursing Home, was made by the Volunteer Service League from the proceeds.

New Man in Bank

John Williams has taken a job in the First National Bank here, and reported for work Monday of this week.

John, a native of Tom Green County, is a Veteran, attended ASU and has worked in the Texas State Bank in San Angelo the past three and one-half years.

The local bank lost assistant cashier, Nan E. Davis, to physical retirement recently, and Mrs. Mary Helen Reed is currently out with a broken hip. She is doing fine, it is reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Foster, John and Sheri returned from a two week's vacation trip that took them to California, Arizona, Las Vegas, and back to Toledo Bend, Tex.

IN HAWAII

Mrs. Stan Horwood and her daughter, Lisa, are in Hawaii vacationing. They will be joined on June 26 by her husband and her three sons, Larry, Lenard and Lonnie.

COUNTY COURT HELD HERE MONDAY

County Judge Roland Lowe presided at county court here Monday morning. Only one case was to be tried and was the State of Texas vs. Rodolfo S. Jimenez Jr. on a charge of DWI. He and his lawyers failed to show up.

Fourteen jurors showed up for the case and the State was ready declared County Attorney Worth Durham.

The jurors were dismissed until further notice by the judge.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice of Sterling County Intention to Receive Bids for New Fence Construction

Sealed proposals addressed to Roland L. Lowe, County Judge of Sterling County, Texas, at Sterling City, Texas, will be received at the office of the County Judge until 10 a.m. on the 9th day of July, 1973, for the construction of a new fence line.

From Coke County line, west 6.4 miles on State Highway 158 northeast from U. S. 87, Sterling City, Texas.

The right is reserved by Sterling County to reject any and all proposals. All bids will be retained by the County and will not be returned to the bidder.

(Specifications can be had by contacting the County Judge.)

Fireman's Barbecue July 14

The Sterling City Volunteer Firemen have set July 14th for their Benefit Barbecue in the City Park. Goat raisers are asked to donate the goats. Roy Martin will receive the goats a few days before July 14th.

The women of the community are asked to donate a cake or two pies. Other important committees were appointed.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Alexander and Don have recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Pete James of Corpus Christi. Mrs. James is a daughter of the Alexanders and is stationed in the Navy at Corpus.

Wells Hit on Collins Estate

Santa Fe Petroleum of Los Angeles No. 1 Collins Estate, in 72-17-Sterling County Ellenburger discovery and Mississippi and Wolfcamp prospect, 17 miles north of Sterling City and 1 3/4 miles southwest of the one-well Spade Ellenburger field, which formerly produced from the Mississippi and Spraberry, flowed 117.47 barrels of new oil in 16 hours from the Ellenburger.

Flow was natural through a 14-64-inch choke and perforation sat 3,096-100 feet.

Operator was preparing to take potential.

Mississippian production was indicated with the recovery of 1,600 feet of oil and 300 feet of heavily oil and gas-cut mud and 170 feet of filtrate water on a test at 8,025-46 feet, which flowed gas at the rate of 363,000 cubic feet daily.

Wolfcamp production was indicated with the recovery of 900 feet of gas and 618 feet of gascut and slightly oil-cut mud on a test at 5,781-6,050 feet.

Capataz Corp., Midland, operator for Santa Fe Petroleum of Los Angeles, announced potential of 560 barrels of 50-gravity oil, no water, with gas-oil ratio, of 400-1, for its No. 1 Collins Estate, Sterling County Ellenburger strike, 17 miles north of Sterling City, and 1 1/2 miles west-southwest of the one well Spade Ellenburger field, which formerly produced from the Spraberry and Mississippian.

Potential was based on an actual six-hour flow of 140 barrels of oil on a 10-64 inch choke natural through perforations at 8,096-8,100 feet.

Wolfcamp production was indicated with the recovery of 900 feet of gas and 618 feet of gas-cut and slightly oil-cut mud on a drillstem test at 5,781-6,050 feet.

Mississippian production was indicated with the recovery of 1,600 feet of oil and 300 feet of heavily oil and gas-cut mud and 170 feet of filtrate water on a test at 8,025-46 feet, which flowed gas at the rate of 363,000 cubic feet daily.

Location is 660 feet from the south and east lines of 72-17 SPRR

Mrs. Dayton Barrett of Sterling and Mrs. Dick Mitchell of Garden City left last week on a three week tour of Europe. They will tour in Southern Europe and the Holy Land. They went with a tour group from Odessa.

Attending TCTA Conference

Three local teachers are attending a Texas Classroom Teachers Association Conference for Improvement of Classroom Instruction in San Antonio this weekend. They are Mrs. Lynn Rich, Mrs. Arthur Barlemann and Mrs. Jack Douthit. They are staying at the St. Anthony Hotel, where the conference is being held.

NEW SERVICE MAN AT WTU

Jim Westbrook of San Angelo is the new service man at West Texas Utilities Co. here.

Son of David Westbrook of San Angelo, Jim began work here last week, said local manager, Albert McGinnes.

LIONS CLUB

Earl Danley of Odessa, currently doing the preaching at the Church of Christ meeting here, spoke to the Lions Club luncheon group Wednesday. Thirty-five members and guests were present for the meeting including the following guests—John Davis, Jimmy Hurt, Bill Ramsey, Jim Westbrook, Tom Garner, Skeete Foster and Danley.

The prize went to Roland Lowe.

It was announced that all who had signed up for the Astrodomo ball game week—end bus to turn in their checks to secretary Douthit or president James Thompson. Game tickets are about to be ordered and the trip finalized in all respects. Cost is \$19.80 per person round trip, and \$4 each for game tickets. Games to be seen (if one wishes) are Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

The community center kitchen is due to be remodelled and it is possible that work will be going on next week. If so, there will be no Lions meeting on that day, it was announced. Members are asked to check with County Judge Roland Lowe or some club officer to make sure of such developments.

Ross Foster presided when the Lions Club met on June 13. Guests included John Davis, Jimmy Hurt, Riley King, G. W. Tillerson, Danny Daniels and Skeete Foster.

The prize went to Lion H. L. Bailey.

School Honor Roll

Local school principal Bobby Dodds, released the final nine-week school honor roll as follows:

SEVENTH GRADE—	
Charles Blanek	90
Theresa Blum	93
Jeff Daniels	94
Susie Humble	92
Jennifer Lackey	93
EIGHTH GRADE—	
Patti Bynum	96
Dow Ferguson	92
Kim Rich	93
Melinda Terry	96
NINTH GRADE—	
Amy Hodges	93
Marylynn Rich	91
TENTH GRADE—	
Lisa Horwood	90
Amy Humble	91
Jeannie Wells	92
ELEVENTH GRADE—	
Don Alexander	96
Sherri Blanek	91
Judy Copeland	95
Linda Currington	90
Danny Glass	92
Jesse Lujan	94
Mike Watts	98
TWELFTH GRADE—	
Pat Blum	90
Tommy Bynum	93
Hector Delgada	91
Steven Foster	94
Lee Igo	94
Jim Terry	93
Dusky Wells	95

City Cafe Opened

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Wallace opened the City Cafe here on June 12. They rented the building from owner Earl Bailey.

The Wallaces said they really appreciated the nice reception given them upon opening the business and appreciated all the people who dropped in.

Lonnie Robinson is working for the Wallaces as a cook.



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PEEWEE LEAGUE SCHEDULE

The following schedule is for Pee wee League. All games will be played at 7:30 p.m.

June 11.....Robert Lee at Sterling City
June 14.....Bronte at Sterling City
June 18.....Robert Lee at Bronte
June 21.....Sterling City at Robert Lee
June 25.....Sterling City at Bronte
June 28.....Bronte at Robert Lee

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D.P.S. Recruiting Men and Women

MIDLAND — Major E. K. Browning, Jr., Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety's 49 County West Texas Region, announced today that an intensive effort is being made to recruit men and women for a school to begin at the Department's Academy in Austin, June 26, 1973.

Major Browning stated this is the first time since the Department was created in 1935 that applications are being accepted from women for the position of Patrolman.

Major Browning said the Department has been successful in recruiting persons from minority groups to the position of Patrolman. Efforts to recruit from these groups are continuing for this school.

All persons making application for the position of Patrolman must be between 20 and 35 years of age, between 68 inches and 76 inches of height, must weigh not less than two pounds nor more than 3 1/2 pounds per inch of height and visual acuity no worse than 20/40 correctable to 20/20. A person must be of good moral character, excellent physical condition and must have a minimum of 30 semester hours of college credit.

Persons selected as recruits will be assigned to Austin for an 18-week training school beginning June 26, at the Homer Garrison, Jr. Law Enforcement Academy. Successful graduates will be assigned to either the Highway Patrol Service, License and Weight Service, Motor Vehicle Inspection Service or the Driver License Service, according to the needs of the DPS and consideration of personal preference.

The salary during training will be \$600 per month. Room and board while at the Academy will be approximately \$55 per month.

When a person is commissioned as a Patrolman, his salary will increase to \$743 per month. Patrolmen also receive longevity pay after five years of service, a monthly uniform cleaning allowance and travel expenses when away from their home stations.

Recruits must furnish their own uniforms which consist of khaki shirts and pants, black shoes, belt and tie. When commissioned as a Patrolman, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, ammunition and related equipment are furnished.

Group life and hospitalization are paid for the employee, and dependent coverage is available at reasonable rates. Patrolmen participate in the Employees Retirement System of Texas, as well as Social Security. Vacation, holidays and sick leave are provided.

Browning said interested men and women should contact any DPS office or Patrolman for an application. After completing the application, it should be presented to the DPS office either in Midland, Abilene, San Angelo or El Paso for the examinations.

Browning urged persons interested in attending the June 26 school to contact the Department immediately.

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STERLING SENIOR LEAGUE 1973 SCHEDULE

May 17—Sterling City at Robert Lee
May 21—Sterling City at Carlsbad
May 24—Wall at Sterling
May 28—Garden City at Sterling
May 31—Sterling at Bronte
June 4—Robert Lee at Sterling
June 7—Carlsbad at Sterling
June 11—Sterling at Wall
June 14—Sterling at Garden City
June 18—Bronte at Sterling
June 21—Sterling at Robert Lee
June 25—Sterling at Carlsbad
June 28—Wall at Sterling
July 2—Garden City at Sterling
July 9—Sterling at Bronte.
Herb Edwards is manager or coach of the Senior Boys.

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CHEERLEADERS NEED SUMMER WORK

The 1973-74 Cheerleaders will be working this summer trying to earn money to go to cheerleading school. This year they plan to attend Sam Houston State University at Huntsville, Texas. The girls are willing to do any job you may have for them. Their motto this summer is—There is no job too small or too large for us to do.

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Sterling County farmers, ranchers learn value of soil conservation practices



Soil survey handbook being prepared

Ervin Blum, soil scientist with the Soil Conservation Service headquartered in Sterling City, is shown examining color, soil structure and depth of a clay loam range site called Angelo clay loam.

.. All of the 584,960 acres in Sterling County have been soil surveyed. More detailed soil investigations are being made and the Sterling County soil handbook is being prepared.

The Soil Survey handbook will contain facts about agriculture in the

county, geology and origin of the soils, production from various soils, local climate and relief, adapted plants and engineering interpretations of soils. Also, descriptions of each mapping unit will be shown. Aerial photograph maps with soil symbols placed on the maps will be shown with delineation lines.

The final field review for Sterling County was in April, 1973.

Blum is scheduled to be transferred to Junction, Texas in June to make a similar soil survey in Kimble County.

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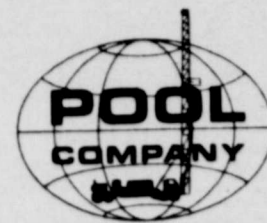
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KLEINGRASS PLANTED—
 J. L. "Cy" Richmond, Area Conservationist, and Gene Lindemann, Area Engineer, SCS, San Angelo are shown standing in a pasture of Kleingrass north of Garden City. Kleingrass is a deep rooted grass similar to Blue Panic introduced warm season. Local ranchers Jim Davis and Stan Horwood planted Kleingrass this spring. It will be well to watch these plantings to see how it adapts to local conditions.

Brush control study underway at Tech

More than 82 per cent of Texas' grasslands are infested with brush making its control a problem of growing concern to livestock men and conservationists throughout the state.

Efforts have been made to control brush by chemical means, rootplowing, chaining, roller chopping, discing, grubbing and shredding. While all these methods are effective, they are not used extensively because of cost and damage to native grasses. Better methods of brush control are being researched in an interdisciplinary study conducted by the College of Agricultural Sciences at Texas Tech University.

Among the brush control methods under research at the university is shredding. Dr. Thomas G. Carpenter, associate professor of agricultural engineering, said, "Shredding has not been widely utilized primarily because of the physical limitations of available equipment."

The professor said there is a need for equipment constructed specifically for brush shredding. Studies conducted in the Department of Agricultural Engineering have provided data to determine specifications for brush shredders.

Carpenter said the studies have included preliminary cost factors, type of shredding action, power and energy requirements, blade-tip speeds in the shredder, and shredder operations in varying field conditions.

The studies have shown flail-type shredders to be most effective for large brush control, but properly designed rotary shredders can also be used effectively. It was also learned that extremely high blade-tip speeds are not necessarily desirable for brush shredding. A moderate blade-tip speed, sufficient to cut the brush material, results in lower power requirements at lower cost and a higher degree

of safety than extremely high speed operation, said Carpenter.

The professor said the studies have shown that horsepower requirements are not excessive but that a relatively high level of kinetic energy, or energy resulting from the rotary motion of the shredder rotor and flails is most effective for handling the intermittent loads occurring in brush shredding operations.

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EFFECT OF DEVALUED DOLLAR—

According to a specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the recent U.S. dollar devaluation should boost agricultural exports. However, U.S. consumers will pay higher prices for certain imported food and fiber products such as spices, vanilla, pepper, coffee, tea, bananas, cocoa, silk and rubber.

343 million postings of individual earnings were made by social security's records keeping office in 1972.

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Tech studies coyotes living in cattle country

LUBBOCK — Red tagged and tattooed coyotes within a 200 mile radius of Knox and King counties in Texas are more important than they'll ever know.

They were a part of a project of Texas Tech University researchers studying the role of the doglike wild animal in the ecology of a predominately cattle country.

Already the researchers have partially disproved a dictionary description of the coyote as carnivorous. Five foods — including mesquite pods, rabbits, pricklypear tunas, grasshoppers and elbowbush berries — comprised about 83 per cent of the coyote's summer diet, proving that plants as well as meat contribute to its food supply.

The study was designed to determine: the role of the coyote in the ecology of the rolling plains of Texas; the seasonal diet of the coyote on rangeland grazed exclusively by cattle and the role of the coyote in spreading seeds of various desirable and noxious plants.

In addition to a study of diet,

the researchers were interested in the home range of coyotes in the rolling plains. Since June 1970 eight coyotes have been live-trapped and the right ear tagged. Fourteen coyote pups were tattooed with a number in the left ear.

The most reliable research data gathered by the scientists to date indicate that, from May through September, about 77 per cent of the coyote diet is vegetation, 18 per cent is vertebrates — rabbits, carrion, birds and mice — and about 5 per cent of the diet is insects. There was no evidence of chicken or young livestock in the diet, on the basis of stomach and fecal analyses techniques, said Ueckert.

Ranches cooperating in the project all are near Benjamin. They include the Driver, Ross, Burnett, Todd and League ranches. Meinzer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pate Meinzer, grew up on the League Ranch, and it was there he first became interested in the coyote.

If any of these are killed, Dr. Ueckert has asked that the hunter telephone him collect at Area Code 806: 743-3284.



TWO AND TWO SKIP ROW PATTERN—

This picture shows cotton planted in a 2 and 2 skip row pattern on the Jerome Hoelscher farm at St. Lawrence. The land is pre-irrigated during the winter months and, after planting, two or three more applications are used, depending on amount of rainfall received. Underground plastic pipe also aids in conservation of the limited amount of water.

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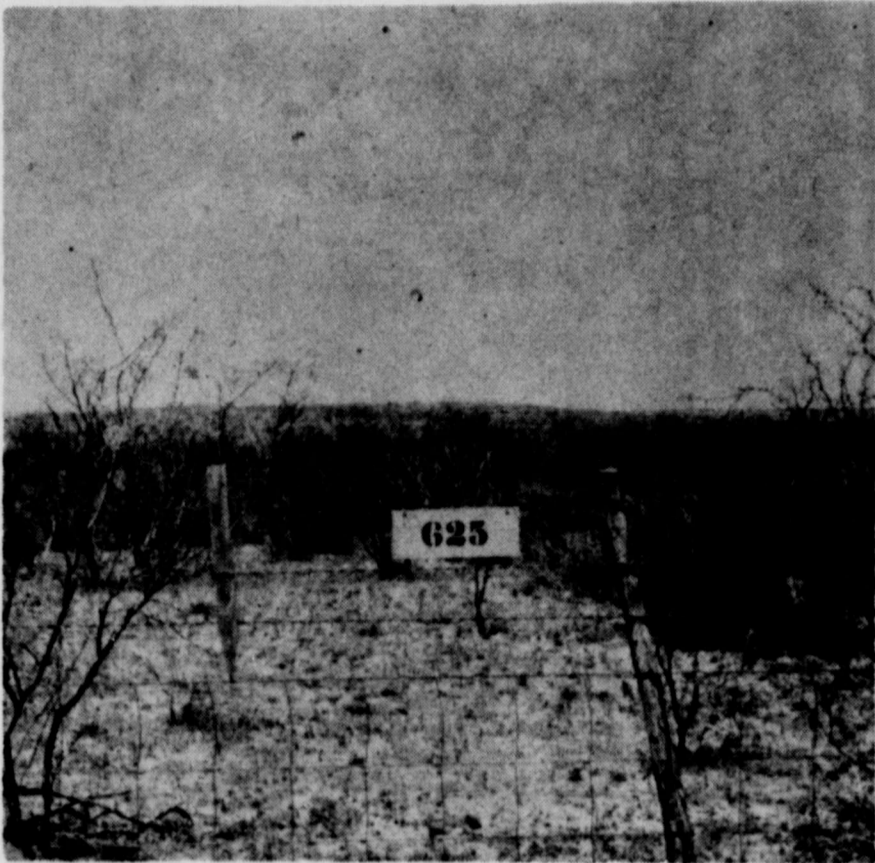
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MESQUITE KILLED—
The mesquite trees in the picture on the left were dozed and the pits seeded to Sideoats Grama and Green Sprangletop in the spring of 1967 followed by deferment. The picture on the right shows the same area with a good



stand of grass, following the treatment. The area pictured above is on the S. K. Horwood Sante Fe Ranch south of Sterling City. His pasture is in a Planned Grazing System.

GI Bill aids vets in school

College graduates have an average lifetime income that is \$237,000 more than persons with only a high school diploma—\$608,000 compared to \$371,000.

The earning averages from Department of Labor studies were pointed out by Jack Coker, Waco VA Regional Office Director, in urging the use of G.I. Bill training by Vietnam veterans.

Under the G.I. Bill, school-bound single veterans receive \$220 a month for full-time training, up to a maximum of 36 months of school attendance, or a total of \$7,920. The monthly allowance is increased for veterans with dependents.

The G.I. Bill has other features. Veterans enrolled in high school studies also receive monthly allowances without a charge against basic eligibility, so that full G.I. Bill entitlement is retained for college attendance.

Tordon-225 used to spray mesquite

Don Viktorin, SCS range conservationist at Sterling City aided in a program that sprayed mesquite with Tordon-225 last year on the Copeland Brothers ranch northeast of Sterling City. Several ranchers in the area have shown an interest in this new chemical and four pastures were sprayed last year.

Additional pastures are scheduled to be treated this summer.

SCS personnel have been keeping a close check on the results of these sprayings. Individual plants of both brush and forbs have been marked and a continued check on them for the next few years will tell what effects the chemical has on both desirable and undesirable plants.

Research on test plots in past years has shown that in addition to being an effective killer of mesquite, Tordon-225 kills a high percentage of prickly pear and tasajillo. Ranchers that have a high infestation of pear can gain extra benefits from use of this chemical in their spraying program.

Use hot water wisely — it takes a lot of fuel to heat water, notes Lynn Bourland, home management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University.



TORDON-225 USED—
Don Viktorin, SCS range conservationist at Sterling City, examines a mesquite seedling that was sprayed with Tordon-225 last year on the Copeland Brothers ranch northeast of Sterling City.

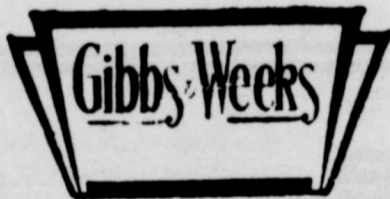
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Organic matter or humus, in other words, decaying crop residue is considered the life of the soil because of its desirable effect on soil structure and because it increases the number of beneficial soil organisms in the soil.

Organic matter increases the water-holding capacity of the soil. It will also cause water to be absorbed faster and reduce runoff and erosion.

A good cover, whether it is a dead cover or residue or close growing plants, will reduce the chance of soil particles being torn loose and washed away. Cover also lowers soil tempera-

ture during hot days and decreases evaporation.

Mechanical practices such as terraces, diversion and contour cultivation, are the tools of better management. Terraces are sometimes considered a necessary evil because they are hard to work and must be maintained, but some fields must have terraces if they are to be cultivated. Without terraces these fields would produce less each year.

Permanent grasses for pasture is the only alternative for those fields that are too steep to be cultivated without erosion.

FARM COSTS UP

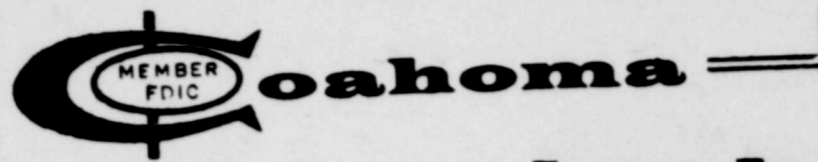
With farm costs continuing to spiral upward, cost control will be a critical factor during 1973, contends an economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Unless farm prices keep pace with increases in production costs, farmers will be struggling to make ends meet. The three major cost items for farmers—seed, feed and livestock—increased by 10 percent in 1972. Nationwide, farm production costs rose 7 percent last year.

Lynn Glass aerial sprays mesquite

Lynn Glass, ranching northwest of Sterling City in Glasscock County, is participating in a program of aerial mesquite spraying. The area sprayed is in a pasture that is part of a three-pasture rotation deferment system. The system consists of about 5,000 acres in three pastures of approximately equal carrying capacity. He runs two herds of cattle and sheep whereby grazing two and resting one pasture. Each pasture is rested six months and then is grazed 12 months. The six-month rest is generally long enough that rain is received in time to enable the grasses to make good growth.



AERIAL SPRAYING OF MESQUITE—Lynn Glass, Glasscock County rancher, looks over grass recovery following aerial spraying of mesquite.



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Experts see fuel shortage as big problem to farmers before September

The real impact of a fuel shortage may be felt by farmers by September, according to fuel experts in a conference at the University of Nebraska.

Localized shortages may be felt before September, the experts said, and fuel for irrigation could be critical in certain areas during peak pumping periods.

"The energy crisis is real," said James West, principle advisor on fuels and energy at the Department of the Interior.

"We may be hard pressed to supply fuel and energy requirements this year."

COTTON PICTURE

The cotton picture looks good going into the 1973 season, says a marketing economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Overall, prices should be good due to a strong demand, especially with allotments cut by 13 percent across the nation. However, reduced government payments and increased production costs will lower net income. Nationwide, production is expected to be down a million bales; in Texas the drop should be about 400,000 bales.

An increase in farm fuel storage capacity was urged by both federal and oil industry spokesmen at the conference, who warned that diesel supplies will be tight.

Irrigation producers using both natural gas and butane should check with suppliers and make arrangements for stand-by fuels, according to natural gas officials. And they added that some curtailment of natural gas is likely in peak pumping periods.

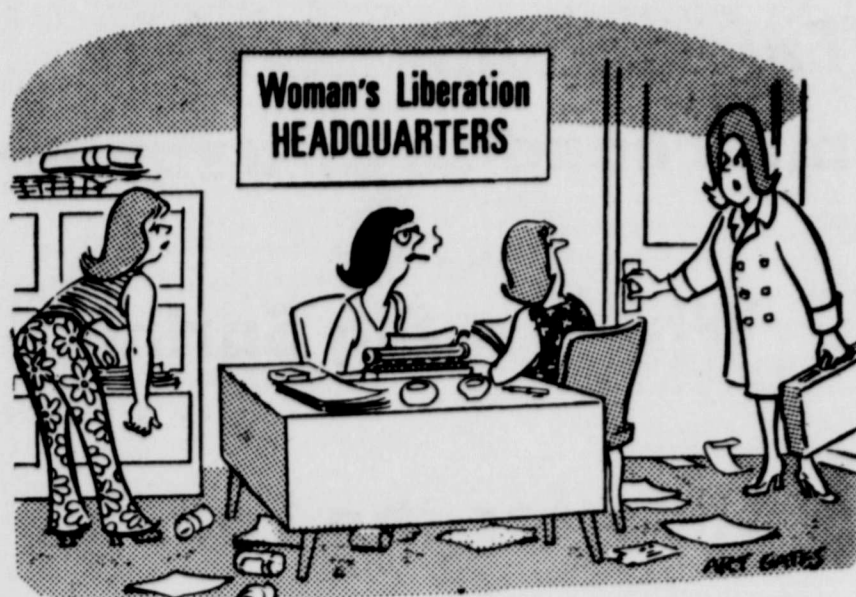
The fuel shortage has been developing since 1967 partly because Congress has not heeded warnings from government and industry fuel spokesmen, the experts concluded.

"The gasoline shortage is caused by lack of refinery capacity and by the emission control systems on cars," said Granville Garside, special counsel to the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

"Diesel fuel will be short because our refineries are producing gasoline which has a higher profit return," Garside continued. He added that while diesel will be short it probably will be available at least until

September, but farmers may have to search out supply sources.

Fuel shortages could continue for the next several years unless some leadership and proper planning emerges soon, the experts warned. They recommended the establishment of a National Energy Commission, incentives for industry to find new sources of oil and gas, and a more realistic approach to environmental problems.



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EXOTIC GAME ANIMALS—

Exotic game animals that have been stocked on several ranches in the area are thriving and are on the increase. Pictured are Fallow, Sika and Red deer on the William and J. Q. Foster ranch east of Sterling City. In addition to these, they have also stocked Blackbuck Antelope and Mouflon Sheep. These animals are hunted on a fee basis and since they are not native animals, can be hunted year round.



CHECKING CANE BLUESTEM—

Gary and William Foster are checking the cane bluestem on the William and J. Q. Foster ranch east of Sterling City. This pasture had the cedar and cane bluestem mixture followed by deferment. The Great Plains Game Ranch has 10,000 acres of which 7,098 acres had the brush control areas left for wildlife consideration.

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Working these bluestem on the Foster Ranch north of cedar and dozed and the pits seeded to a native grass the Great Migration Program contract consisted of 11,374 brush control spraying, chaining and tree-doing with in.

PREWATERING—
David Holik, St. Lawrence farmer, on the left and Hugh R. Lackey, District Conservationist, SCS, Sterling City, discuss prewatering by graded furrow irrigation. The wells in the St. Lawrence farming area are considered small by irrigation standards; however by prewatering January-April, Holik has been able to produce one and one-half to two bales of cotton per acre on three gallons of water per acre.

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WILDLIFE CONSIDERED—

Consideration for wildlife was given when Stan Horwood controlled the brush on the Hildebrand River Ranch located on the North Concho River east of Sterling City. The mesquite was aerial sprayed with 245-T in 1967. In spring of 1970, the area was two-way chained in a strip pattern. The pattern of control left about one-third of the brush in strips wildlife food and cover. Horwood also left a 300-foot strip down the river bed for turkey roosts.

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**Brush control considers
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With wildlife production and harvest becoming more important each year, brush control with consideration for wildlife is gaining in popularity. Chained areas are often done in patterns that are beneficial to wildlife.

On level topography the cleared strips are generally 1,000 to 1,500 ft. wide alternated with brush strips 300 to 900 ft. wide. On uneven terrain, brush is often left on rocky hillsides, headers, ridges and other rough areas. Either type of pattern leaves adequate escape cover for wildlife and the cleared strips aid in the harvest of surplus animals.

PROTECT TREES

Trees need special care to protect them from diseases, says a plant pathologist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Proper watering and fertilization are especially critical. Care should be used to prevent construction injury, and caution is needed when using weed killers and pesticides near trees.

White warns 2,4-D users

Users of 2,4-D and other hormone-type herbicides are reminded to be especially careful during this time of year, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has stated.

"We are getting several reports throughout the state of 2,4-D drift damage to tomato plants, cotton, and other broad-leaf crops. The herbicide is a valuable ally to our agricultural producers, but it should be used only according to directions," said White.

He suggested that users be especially on guard not to use 2,4-D when wind speeds are in excess of 10 miles per hour.

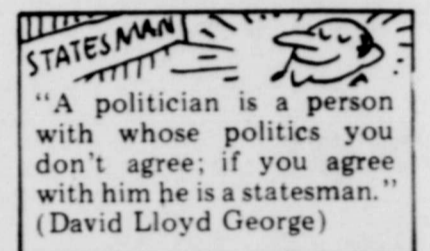
"The problem with 2,4-D is that it drifts from the field on which it is applied when wind is blowing and can cause considerable damage," White said.

About a third of the state's counties are under regulations for herbicide control which is administered through the Texas Department of Agriculture. The rules are designed to protect

measures for both users of 2,4-D and producers who have susceptible crops.

In regulated counties, a permit must be obtained for applying any herbicide on plots of 10 acres or more. On smaller plots, the operator must notify the same office of his intent to spray before making application.

Looking at some of the 1972 traffic statistics for the second year in a row, July had the most traffic deaths—404. This is the first time Texas has ever had 400 or more persons killed in one month. September 20 was the only day of the year on which no traffic deaths were recorded.



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New chemical shows promise in controlling Johnsongrass



ROTATION PROGRAM USED—
Robert Haynes, left, is shown looking over his cotton crop with Hugh R. Lackey of Sterling City, SCS District Conservationist. Haynes, who farms on the F. A. Wilde Farm, plants cotton and grain sorghum in a rotation program, with cotton planted in a two-one skip row pattern using a graded furrow irrigation system.

A chemical called glyphosate has shown much promise in tests for the control of Johnsongrass, one of the stubbornest field pests in Texas agriculture.

Glyphosate, said F. H. Fell of the Texas A&M University Soil and Crop Sciences Department, showed up best of six materials tried for controlling the grass in fields just after harvest of such crops as grain sorghum and cotton. The other chemicals were terbacil, asulox, dalapon, and DSMA plus MH.

Fell emphasized that glyphosate is aimed at fallow fields. It is not intended for Johnsongrass control while the cash crop is still growing.

He also emphasized that glyphosate is strictly experimental so far. It has not been cleared by the Environmental Protection Agency and so is not for sale.

Glyphosate starred in the tests because it killed both the tops and roots (rhizomes) of Johnsongrass. The other her-

bicides either would kill one but not both, or were erratic or too slow. Glyphosate's major shortcoming was lack of effect on grass seed.

Terbacil, Fell said, was found to leave a residue in the soil that might harm a following cash crop. However, the chemical could be a good one for fence rows and roadsides.

All the materials were applied in water at the rate of 15 gallons per acre with a tractor sprayer.

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Striped bass discovered

SAN ANGELO — In what appears to be a bona fide spawning run, spent striped bass have been found by Parks and Wildlife Department biologists in the Colorado River above E. V. Spence Reservoir.

An anadromous fish like the salmon, the striped bass lives in salt water and ascends rivers to spawn.

The striped bass is capable of living in fresh water and has been known to spawn far inland in the Arkansas River near Tulsa, Oklahoma.

High waters evidently sent the Spence stripers on a spawning run up the Colorado River north of San Angelo but Parks and Wildlife Department inland fisheries biologist Bill Follis is doubtful about the survival of any eggs deposited in the river.

"It takes about 50 miles of running water to hatch striper eggs," said Follis.

"The eggs must be kept moving downstream and not allowed to settle and be covered with silt."

The Colorado flooded and subsided within a few hours.

The earliest landlocked striped bass population was established in South Carolina after being trapped behind a newly constructed dam.

The fish living in the reservoir occupy the deep open water most of the year as they would in the ocean and ascend the remaining portion of the river in the spring to spawn.

Through delicate artificial spawning techniques, stripers have been produced in hatcheries and have been released in many freshwater impoundments across the Southeastern U.S.

In early April, Follis' crew successfully spawned striped bass in Texas for the first time in a makeshift laboratory on Lake Spence.

Since the initial hatch, Follis has supervised the hatching and transporting of some one million striped bass fry to the Lewisville and San Angelo Number Two State Fish Hatcheries for rearing to fingerling size.

Another one million eggs remain to be hatched. Follis expects a 50 percent hatch and the survival of 80 percent of the fry after the first three days of life.

An expected 55,000 to 70,000 hybrid white-striped bass eggs also are expected to hatch at the department facilities in San Angelo during the first part of May.

Male white bass and female stripers were taken from Spence and stripped of milt and eggs.

The hybrids seem to withstand handling better, have faster initial growth and are easier to catch.

Kinney County funds announced by Briscoe

AUSTIN — A \$186,900 acquisition and development project for Kinney County has been announced by Governor Dolph Briscoe. Costs for the project will be equally shared by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation's Land and Water Conservation Fund and Kinney County.

Approximately 2.5 acres will be acquired; development will include picnic units, tot lot, tennis courts, multipurpose courts, swimming pool, wading pool, bathhouse, restroom, walks, roads, parking areas, landscaping, fencing, signs and utilities.

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Branding resolution proposed by House

AUSTIN — Cattle branding, a practice recorded on ancient Egyptian tombs, is still going strong in Texas. So is cattle rustling, and state officials and livestock owners would like to see something done about it.

The Texas House of Representatives recently proposed a resolution appointing Agriculture Commissioner John C. White to head a committee to study a workable system of brand registration.

Brands currently are registered on a county-by-county basis, a practice begun in 1848. Though the Cattle Raisers Association Inc. in Fort Worth has kept an up-to-date record of every brand registered since 1945, a spokesman said many are duplicates. A brand registered since 1945, a spokesman said many are duplicates. A brand registered in one county can be used legally by livestock owners in any other county.

A statewide system would make it easier to track down cattle thieves," White said.

According to the Manual of Brands and Marks by Manfred R. Wolfenstine, the practice of branding in ancient Egypt was

recorded on the walls of tombs. Temple and royal herds were marked as were those owned by distinguished individuals.

During the trail days in Texas, road brands were required of all cattle driven beyond the northern limits of the state. The law required that the drover brand his cattle "with a large and plain mark of his choice on the left side behind the shoulder."

However branding is more than a part of the romantic past.

Over 105,000 brands have been filed with the Cattle Raisers Association during a current reregistration drive. Prior to reregistration 280,000 were on the rolls. Reregistration is held to clear the rolls of brands that are not being used.

The most popular form of branding—today as in the past—is done by heating the iron until it is ash gray and applying it to the hide of the animal. It is important that the right amount of heat and pressure are applied. Deep burning is cruel and unnecessary. Chilling the iron in dry ice and branding with acid are used to a lesser extent.

Reed manages hayland for extra dividends

Neal J. Reed, Sterling City ranchman, has found that good hayland management can pay extra dividends. With proper fertilization and good irrigation water management, he produces 8 to 10 tons of alfalfa per acre on five cuttings a year. He has recently increased his irrigated acres to enable him to rotate small grain with alfalfa and make more efficient use of his irrigation facilities.

Several other area ranchmen also produce alfalfa. Hay from this area is known for its high quality and is always in demand.

Study begun to determine suitability

AUSTIN — An 18-month cooperative study by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation on the Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande from Big Bend National Park to the headwaters of Amistad Reservoir has begun to determine the area's suitability to be included in the national wild and scenic rivers system.

A reconnaissance study group, under the leadership of Rolland B. Handley, regional director for the Bureau, will also identify and evaluate alternative uses of the area and make recommendations.

Also participating in the study are the U. S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, the National Park Service and the U. S. Forest Service.

Evaluation of the Rio Grande, an international stream, is being coordinated with the Government of Mexico through the International Boundary and Water Commission with each country studying its side of the river.

Full consideration will be given to the existing treaties between the two countries.

You might say that Shirley Tophigh of Las Vegas has a "split personality." She set a women's bowling record with 14 splits in a row and managed to convert only two.



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Old field on the Vera Dell Allen ranch, consisting of 61 acres, had grown up in mesquite and was producing very little forage. In spring of 1968 it was rootplowed, roller chopped and seeded to native grass. It was deferred during the complete growing seasons of 1968 and 1969 with periodic deferment since. The old field is now supporting an excellent stand of Sideoats Grama and Green Sprangletop instead of a thicket of woody, water-robbing mesquites.

A law passed last year makes mileage on the odometer, says it a federal offense to tamper Mrs. Doris Myers, home with an odometer. Now, anyone management specialist, Texas selling a car in the U.S. must Agricultural Extension Service, say whether he can vouch for Texas A&M University.

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San Angelo presents Fiesta del Concho

The Texas Forts Trail offers Texans and tourists from all over many intriguing historic sites and unique scenic attractions. However, some of the most exciting offerings of the Trail are the numerous special events sponsored by the various communities.

This year, San Angelo presented the first annual Fiesta del Concho, a three-day celebration built around the Concho River, Fort Concho and San Angelo's people. For several years the San Angelo Board of City Development has sought a way to establish the western hospitality and proud people of the area.

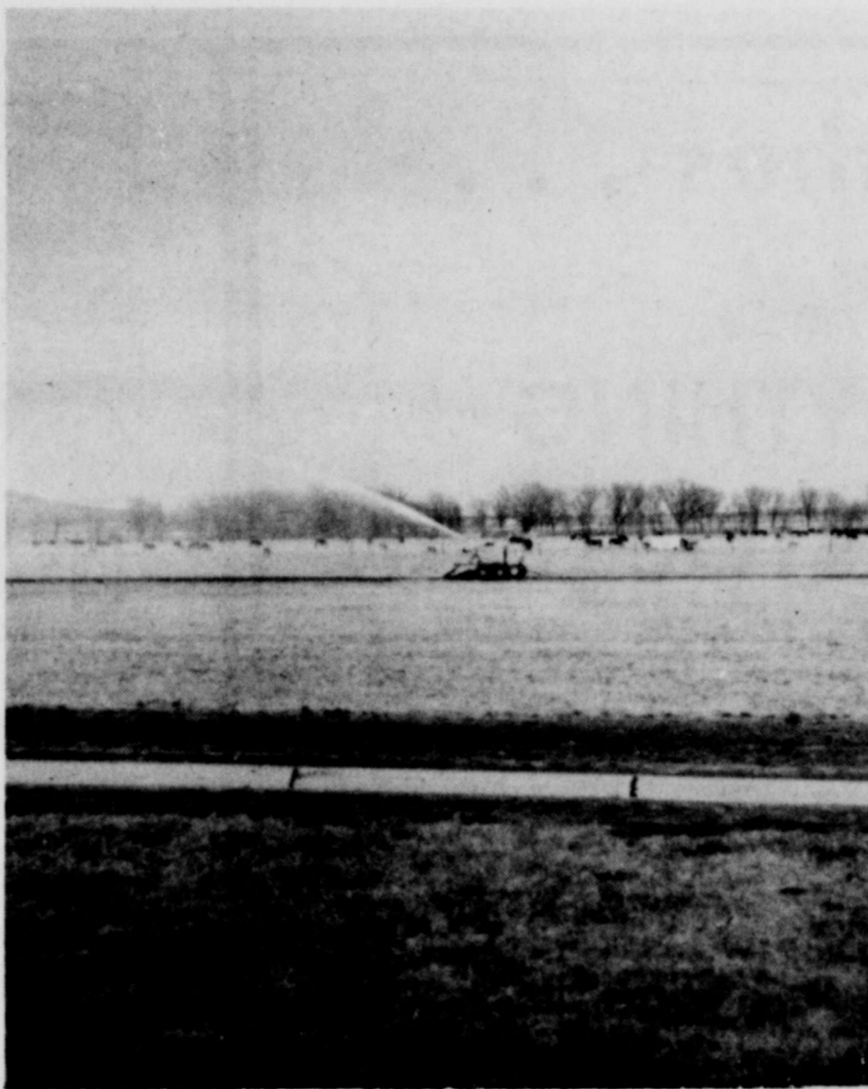
The Fiesta officially began June 7, with the Concho River Parade at 9:00 p.m. A variety of food booths were set up along the River Drive before and after the parade, and the street was blocked off for dancing.

June 8, in addition to style shows, golf tournaments, exhibits and dances, several special activities were planned for Fort Concho. One of the most completely intact garrisons on the Texas Forts Trail, old Fort

Concho, is located on a 14-acre site near downtown San Angelo. The fort is a Registered National Historic Landmark. Special events include the authentic mounted calvary troop from Fort Hood, the flag-raising ceremony each morning, and exhibits from 9 to 5 each day.

The gala activities continued June 9, with a regatta, Blue Grass and old Fiddlers Concerts and a Western Barbeque. Saturday evening the pageant, "The Land and The River," was performed. A river amphitheater has been built with seating on one side and three stages on the other side of the Concho River. The river itself will become a performing area as the Flood of 1882 is recreated with sound effects, lighting and water and debris pumped into the river to dramatize the destruction. The pageant will be performed weekends through June 30.

Of total Texas gas production, three-fourths came from 23,280 gas wells; about one-fourth from 171,884 oil wells (casinghead gas).



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We definitely need a generation gap—without it, parents would be doing the same foolish things children do, says Dr. Jennie Kitching, family life education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University.

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NOTICE—

COST OF ENGRAVINGS

—Due the high cost of cuts or engravings of pictures, we are now forced to charge for all society type pictures run in the paper. The costs have always been an item to be considered, but now the cost makes a charge necessary. Cuts or engraving run from \$1.95 for a one column cut to around \$5 for a two column cut. This is actual cost and will be charged for from now on.

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Lions Bus Trip to Astrodome Planned

A chartered bus trip to an Astrodome game (or games) the latter part of July is now being worked up by the Lions Club. Cost will be about \$19.80 per person for the bus round trip (it was last year) and the tickets are \$4. The cost of a motel room will depend somewhat on the number going, but last year it was \$10 a room.

The bus will leave early on a Saturday morning and the trippers will see a game that night and one Sunday afternoon, returning home Sunday afternoon.

If you want to go mail in your check for \$19.80 to the Lions Club in Sterling City. Signed up so far are—

- Seth Bailey—1
- James Thompson—2
- D. Kirk Hopkins—3
- Tom Asbill—2
- Jeff Davis—1
- Speedy Sparks—1
- H. L. Bailey—2
- Mark Sullivan—1
- Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Grigsby
- Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cannon
- Mr. and Mrs. Louie Alexander and Don
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NOTICE OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

In obedience to an order of the Board of Equalization, regularly convened and sitting, notice is hereby given that said Board of Equalization will be in session at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse in the town of Sterling City, Sterling County, Texas, at 9 a.m., beginning on Monday, the 27th day of June, 1973, and from day to day thereafter, for the purpose of determining, fixing and equalizing the value of any and all taxable property situated in Sterling County, Texas, until such values have finally been determined for taxable purposes for the year 1973, and any and all persons interested or having business with said Board are hereby notified to be present.

W. W. Durham,
 County Clerk
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 THIS 14th day of May, 1973.

NOTICE — Women baseball players will practice after the Little League game Friday night. Please attend.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Meeting of Board of Equalization

In compliance to an order of the Board of Equalization of the Independent School District No. 1, Sterling County, Texas, duly convened and now sitting for the year of 1973, this June 4, 1973, notice is hereby given that said Board of Equalization will be in session at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, June 27, 1973, at the courthouse in Sterling City Sterling County, Texas, at which time and place said Board will then consider any evidence you may elect to submit as to the value of said property for taxable purposes. The Board, on said date, will from evidence now before it and such additional evidence as may then be brought before it, finally fix, determine and equalize the value of your property for taxable purposes of the year, 1973, and any and all persons interested or having business with said board are hereby notified to be present.

By order of the Board of Equalization of Independent School District No. 1, Sterling County, Texas, this 4th day of June A.D. 1973.

Charlie Davis, Secretary
 Board of Education, Independent School District No. 1, Sterling County, Texas.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice of Sterling County Intention to Receive Bids for the Purchase of one Dump Truck.

Sealed Proposals addressed to Roland L. Lowe, County Judge of Sterling County, Texas, at Sterling City, Texas, will be received at the office of the County Judge until 10:00 A.M. on the 11th day of June, 1973, for the purchase of the following:

One 1973 Two Ton Truck with five yard dump bed 50 series or equal, color yellow.

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Behind the 8-Ball



By the editor.

In this week's paper we have a Soil Conservation Issue enclosed. We got the insert printed in another plant and did not tell them to date it any special week—we would use it when it did get printed;—then—they printed the date we had planned to take off for a week. With reservations already made and paid for in several places—we had to go on or else. So the Soil Issue carries last week's date line. Things like this are known as the Douthit syndrome. If it can happen, it will

8—BALL

Well, last week was the time for our usual trip away from it all—or our summer vacation trip—to get away from the shop, the phone, the yard work at home, feeding of the cats, and all the usual or mundane things of home.

We (my wife and I) took off on Thursday morning of last week. We made it up as far as Walsenburg, Colo. on the first night. A trip through the Garden of the Gods and the U.S. Air Force Academy took a part of the morning and we ate a buffet lunch in a Denver Holiday Inn. We drove on to Rawlins, Wyo. for the second night. A lot of snow showed in the high mountains.

8—BALL

Headed for Yellowstone National Park, we drove a snow route that was unbelievable. Snow was ten feet high in some places along the highway. We took along a styrofoam cooling chest to carry cold drinks and fruit juices for the trip. After the second day, we did not buy any more ice, we just packed it with snow that we would scoop up along the roadside parks or high-way turnouts. The snow that we packed it with in Yellowstone lasted until we got to Grant, N. M. days later.

8—BALL

Lot of antelope were in evidence on ranches in Wyoming. In fact the distaff side thought they might be antelope ranches they were so thick. From Rawlins, Wyo. to Yellowstone, we took the SNOW ROUTE. Snow was unbelievably high along the



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highway—like six to eight feet.

8—BALL

Entering Yellowstone from the south, we had to enter Teton National Park at the same time—all one payment of \$2 for both parks.

One crisscrosses the continental divide outside and in the parks. Snow was in evidence all along. The lakes were free of ice, but had not been for long, said a guide. We stopped to take slides of many waterfalls, scenic points all along and wended our way on to the Old Faithful Inn and cabins, where we had reservations for three nights.

8—Ball

I had bought a new casual jacket to wear on trail hikes and the like, and I left it at home. I shopped for such a jacket at the store concession and wound up buying a little sweatshirt type jacket for only \$6. (A dirty purple color.)

We watched Old Faithful go off on its appointed times and took a wildlife bus tour. We saw elk and buffalo grazing on the lawn of the Old Faithful grounds. We saw Canada Geese with their little ones on Firehole River. On the way up to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, we saw a brown mama bear with her little black cub. The old bear came out begging food from tourists (strictly forbidden) and the little bear was uneasy and hollered all the time for mama to come back to it. Some moose were seen as we drove up to Mammoth Hot Springs, and lots of elk. The wildlife guide said lots of coyotes were in evidence as a rule, but we failed to see any. We took several walking trails around the geysers and hot springs and dined in the Old Faithful dining room for the most part.

Firehole River was fed for the most part by hot springs. It never freezes in the winter. Steam arises out of thousands of hot springs all over a big area of Yellowstone. It is on bed rock and the earth heat below (far below) comes up and heats these springs. It was nice to walk along—and getting cold—then go stand in the steam of a hot geyser and warm up.

I left my slide camera in the dining room one day after lunch. A search of my table (which had just been cleaned off by the bus boy) failed to show it. BUT by dinner that night someone had turned it in, so all was well.

8—BALL

We encountered no gas rationing anywhere. We filled up everywhere. Once on the outskirts of Flagstaff, Arizona we had to take premium instead of regular at an Exxon station out on this end of the city. They just happened to be out temporarily. The cost of gas ranged mostly in the 40's up north and that premium was 50.9 per gallon. About 45c was the price in Wyoming, Utah, Idaho and in Northern Arizona.

8—BALL

Coming down toward Salt Lake City through the Tetons and Jackson Hole, we saw only green. Bear Lake in both Idaho and Utah was BIG.

On down into the Logan, Utah Valley, it was like driving through Zion National Park for oodles of miles. It was rugged and beautiful and green. Lots of little streams.

Into Salt Lake City for the night we went to Temple Square again and took the LDS tour—through the Mormon Tabernacle and the new

Visitor Center and the Old Museum. Still is fascinating to me.

8—BALL

We had reservations at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon for the next night. So we head south on an Interstate through Provo and then on to a small state road through picturesque area. At the Grand Canyon we checked in our cabin and made note of the fireplace, wood available. Ten big logs—and we used all of them that night—had to keep a fire going to keep warm. But it was a nice big cabin. Now TWA owns the park concessions in those Utah Parks.

We saw only one white tail deer for wildlife there. Back in Yellowstone, the rangers have trapped the bear and taken them to the high country, said a guide. There, they don't depend on marshmallows and cookies, etc. which will not carry them through winter's hibernation. Sometimes they die in hibernation due to the wrong kind of food fat.) So said a guide.

8—BALL

Meeting a nice couple with a little boy (looked about 2½ years old) coming out of the dining room at the Grand Canyon Lodge, he was pulling back somewhat from his parents. He said to his parents—But I need to go to the men's room.

Another sorta funny thing I heard in a Holiday Inn in Grants, N.M. as I was passing a room taking our stuff in—I heard a man's voice saying—I'm telling you all we are not going down there to eat; we've got crackers and cheese that spreads and we are going to eat right here in our room.

8—BALL

The trip from Grants on in to Sterling City was old hat to us. We ate lunch in the New Mexico town of Vaughan and supper that night at the Furr's Cafeteria in Big Spring and got here before dark—nearly.

8—BALL

It rained (misted mostly) at the Grand Canyon that night we got there. The mist filled the canyon. The next morning the sun would somehow get below a cloud and hit in favored spots in the canyon. It was not clear enough for a lot of clear slides.

8—BALL

Down a big state highway above Logan, Utah, lots of ranchers were driving big (I mean BIG) herds of Herefords along the highway. Motorists just had to squeeze by them.

8—BALL

Along the Snake River in Wyoming several raft trips could be spotted. Companies would put the rafts in the river and you could go on it—for a price—and a Volks-wagon bus with a trailer to haul the big rubber raft would follow along and pick passengers at a spot below.

8—BALL

In Yellowstone the guide said that one place there, on a canyon wall, one could see twenty-seven petrified forests each standing upright on top of the one below. Some of the trees on the lower ones were not known today.

8—BALL

It costs an average of \$40 a day to make such a trip for two. You could cut that if you would hunt out small independent motels, and not eat in the better dining rooms. But you wouldn't save over \$6 to \$8 a day by doing that. The car (gasoline) will average \$10 a day, meals \$15 and the motel room from \$16 to \$22

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depending. Course, a nice motel room with colored TV—so you could watch Watergate and the like—or your favorite programs, just cost more. Guess they are worth it though mostly.

8—BALL

A big Greyhound bus was stranded right in the middle of that old bridge on the Colorado at Marble Canyon and that bridge is so narrow, we had to inch by that parked bus and I wonder how a truck would have done it.

8—BALL

PRINTER'S DEVIL

By The Associate Editor

What does one do when one is left in charge without being able to get a paper out? Well, one does all those little and big things that the editor doesn't have the time or the inclination to do. For example, one cleans the front office. Now, accordingly, no one even comes close while dusting is going on and while we (editorially speaking) are in reasonable condition to receive customers. As soon as floor work begins, in troop a variety of people, all wanting something that entails walking on the freshly scrubbed portion of the floor. Too, we are not at our best while scrubbing; like Pig Pen in the comic strip, the grime settles around us.

Then one decides to clean out the linotype magazine, which means the linotype is running. Then customers can sneak up on you, create heart palpitations, and cause pied (jumbled) type.

We are not complaining, just stating a known law: when the wrong thing can happen, it will.

Incidentally, you know what a PD (printer's devil) is: it's a person who does all those things the boss doesn't want to fool with and preferably in such a way that he doesn't have to be bothered. That includes revising the mailing list sending out expiration notices, usually to people who have already paid their subscriptions, plus all of the above.

SALVATION ARMY

The new chairman of the Sterling County Salvation Army Committee is the Rev. Charles Tucker. Other members of the committee are Rev. Andy Daniels, Rev. Harold Orr, Seth Bailey, Jim Cantrell, D.K. Hopkins, Roland Lowe, and Rebecca Alexander.

It was decided that contributions to boost a sagging bank balance would be solicited by mail.

Please give if you can.

Dewey Ray Lauded

Outstanding in each community are always a select few who perform an outstanding civic duty in their community. Such a one is Dewey Ray, Chrysler, Plymouth, and Dodge dealer of Big Spring.

Other than one who can be called on to do his duty in his community, Ray is one of the outstanding car dealers in this area. His upright methods in the operation of his business have given leadership and praise to him. His knowledge of the automobile business and his fair trade methods have brought him many returns and a great record in the conduct of his business.

We are glad to laud Dewey Ray in this week's column of business leaders and only wish him continued success in the future.

TOMMY ROGER'S MOTHER BURIED TUESDAY

Big Spring — Mrs. Henry Roger, 63, was buried Tuesday in Big Spring (Trinity Memorial) with services held at 2 p.m. in the Nalley Pickle Funeral Chapel. She had died at 12:30 a.m. Sunday in a Big Spring hospital.

Mrs. Roger was born Feb. 10, 1910 in Missouri. She was married to Henry Roger in 1931. He died in 1968. The couple had lived in Big Spring since 1937.

Mrs. Roger was the mother of Tommy Roger, formerly of Sterling City. She was survived by four sons, three daughters, her mother, one brother, 20 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Scott of Murchison, Texas and daughter, Mrs. John Marable of Bryan and Mrs. David Parker and boys, Dan and Johnny of Tyler, were guests of Mrs. A. W. Dearen. Mr. Scott is Mrs. Dearen's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ayres of San Diego, Cal. and Kay Ayres of San Diego visited Mrs. Dearen, their grandmother on June 9.

LOST—Orange and white beagle in or near Sterling on Sat., June 16. Answers to Jocko. Please call Midland collect—915-682-1456.

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