



WIN JOSEPHINE BARTON AWARDS--The four girls above were named winners of the Josephine Barton Memorial Day Camp Awards, with expenses paid to day camp this summer. Left to right are: Ginger Gough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gough; Josie Mansanales, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mansanales; Hilda Lopez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Lopez; and Belinda Maurer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Maurer. (Review Photo)

1935 STUDY CLUB HAS GUEST DAY

The 1935 Study Club had their annual guest day tea Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. C. Mills. The welcome address was given by Mrs. J. L. Miller, Jr. Special guest was Mrs. Andy Reid of Lubbock, who reviewed the book, "OUR JOHN WILLIE". Those attending were: Mrs. Jim Mills, Jerry Miller, John Miller, Ted Middleton, V. A. Dodson, W. A. Goeth, Carl Phillips, Billy Smyers, C. J. Pharr, Vester Embry, Theo Struve, Al Jennings, Clayton Barrick, Vernon Bartlett, Horace Davis, Otey Shadden, Thomas Johnston, J. L. Miller, Jr., Frank Lovelace, Lee Echols, Jack Hackler, Billy Houston, Waldo Cox, Errol Givens, J. C. Mills, Hilburn Barrick, Ester Williams, Arno Struve, and Calvin Tucker. Reported.

CITY GARDEN CLUB HAS PROGRAM ON HOLY LAND

The City Garden Club met Thursday, March 13, at 3 p. m. in the City Club room. Members present were: Mmes. J. D. Pope, HB Coggin, N. M. Rodgers, G. D. Clapp, Floyd Shipman, M. M. Bell, Blanche Brown, J. C. Veach, Mel Boggs, T. A. Brewster, Harland Downs, J. M. Gardner, R. V. Hill, W. A. Scott, Vera Hawkins, and Dewey Price. Visitors were Mrs. R. R. Knox, Jenny Slough, Frances Howard, Mrs. Claude Shipman, Mrs. J. H. Downs, and Mrs. L. S. Wilson. Mrs. G. D. Clapp was in charge of the program "A Tour of the Holy Land". She introduced the Rev. Grover Stevens as guest speaker. He presented a very interesting and educational program concerning his recent trips to Russia, Europe, Africa, and Asia. Wonderful scenes of Jerusalem, Nazareth, Corinth, The Garden of Gethsemane, and many others of the Holy Land were shown. Also other interesting scenes of Moscow, London, Rome, and Athens were shown. The Club is thankful to Rev. Stevens for this outstanding program. During the business meeting, Mrs. Coggin, Mrs. Shipman and Mrs. Brewster were selected for the nominating committee. A social was planned for the members and their husbands for March 18th at 6:30 in the home of Mrs. HB Coggin. Hostesses were Mrs. Vera Hawkins and Mrs. Dewey Price. The next meeting will be April 10th. Reporter, Mrs. Mel Boggs

THOUGHTS FROM WITHIN

by Vicki

You know in this day and time we read so much in newspapers, magazines and hear so many negative thoughts on radio and television, it's no wonder that people seem discouraged, but I am thankful that we have the Bible to read and see all the wonderful promises that are given to the children of God. Some say I just don't have faith for this or that, but it says in Romans the 12th chapter that we all have been given a measure of faith, and also in Romans 10:17-Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. I know in my own experience that the more I read the Scriptures that the more I read and calm fills within. When I get to busy and don't read I really can tell there is a void in my soul, which is my mind, will and emotions. It really blesses me to talk to people who really trust in the Lord for their everyday life.

Since we have been working here at the paper different people come and share with us something the Lord has done for them and it brings a faith and strength to us. I was talking to a friend today and she said everyday she ask the Lord to give her something to do and He does. She also says that He keeps her in peace and content. I know that she is a person that in the past year has gone through many trials, but she has had the strength for each one because she calls upon the Lord for her help and He has never failed her and she knows He never will.

I was talking to a lady after church Sunday that ask us to pray for her little granddaughter that was to have surgery in a Lubbock hospital Monday. We know how how important those prayers are and how powerful they are because we have experienced this same situation in our family. You know we have to go along some of these trials in life so we can comfort and share with others along this life's road.

I was talking to a lady today that was giving us some news for the paper and she shared some things with me that are happening here in our own community that we were unaware of. Later on in the evening I had to go home for a little while and on the way back to the office I was thinking about all of the needs there must be right here in Abernathy and I just said, a short prayer and ask the Lord to make me more sensitive to others and if there be any way we could help someone for Him to show us. I hadn't been back at the office long when the phone rang and a young friend was on the other end of the line and this friend simply ask us to pray for him because he has some important decisions to make. This really thrills us to know that we have such wonderful young people in our community that know how important it is to look to the Lord for guidance. When I hung up the phone, the thought came to me about the short prayer I had said, just a short time before. There is so much we can do if we want to. God is so ready to use everyone of us and what blessing we get when we let Him use us.

We have heard several say that Jer. 33:3 is God's telephone number. Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things which you have not known. We heard a pastor say one time that many times we do call God but we do all the talking and then hang up and don't listen for the answer. I know this has been true in my life, but I thank the Lord. He is teaching me it is such a blessing if I will listen and hear Him speak. He may speak in many ways I am finding out.

Many say it is boring to be a Christian, but I really disagree because since I really am learning a step at a time to trust the Lord have I really begun to know what a adventure it is to be in the family of God.

A friend of mine sent a little booklet to me today that is entitled "Thought Conditioner" by Norman Vincent Peale. It give a scripture to learn and then a thought to go along with it. You know if we would do like Philippians 4:8 says, each one of us would have a new joy everyday. If we would dwell on the good thoughts and the "Good News" each day, everyday would be full of sunshine even when the clouds of life go rolling by.

Praise the Lord for His wonderful mercy and grace.

Mrs. Nathan Hopson went to Hereford to be with a sister-in-law who underwent surgery in a Hereford hospital.

In everything you do, put God first, and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success. (Pro. 3:6)

VISIT IN ARIZONA

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Stone had an exciting return trip following a visit with their son and his family, Rev. and Mrs. Gary Stone and daughter in Tucson, Arizona, where he is associate pastor at the Eastside Assembly Church in that city. The Stone's flew to Tucson and on the return home they had just taken off from the airport in El Paso and one of the engines caught fire. They had to make an emergency landing at the El Paso airport. Mrs. Stone reported that there were fire engines all around and they had to leave out the plane by the emergency chute. She reported that everyone kept very calm during all the excitement.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Carmickle, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Struve and Mr. and Mrs. Buford Dayenport were in El Paso. They returned home through Ruidoso, N. M., and reported seeing a lot of pretty snow.

Dr. and Mrs. James Friesen and children, former Abernathy residents, now of Clinton, Okla. visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vester Patterson last weekend. Cindy Riddell, went to Wilson last Friday night to visit in the home of friends, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ray, to help celebrate the birthday of one of their daughters.

Little Dribbler Results Listed

The Boys began league play March 13, 1975. The games began at 6:00 PM and were over by 10:00 PM. There was a good crowd of interested parents and grand parents, and friends.

The results of these games were: Maroon 20--Green 30; Green 18--Orange 11; Red 15--Yellow 10; Light Blue 8--Black 13.

The next games will be March 20 and 21. If you enjoy basketball come to see the Abernathy Little Dribblers.

SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

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WEDNESDAY---Vegetable beef soup, ham & beans, cole slaw, cornbread, butter, orange juice, fruit, 1/2 pt. milk.
THURSDAY--Vegetable soup, pizza, tossed salad with 1000 island dressing, English peas/wt. potatoes, fruit bars, 1/2 pt. milk.
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HEART FUND DRIVE

Saturday March 22 is the day for Abernathy to have their annual heart fund drive, according to chairman, Mrs. Ralph Davis and co-chairman Mrs. Ruth Fulton. The door to door drive for the Heart Fund will begin at 1 p. m. when members of the Abernathy 4-H club will be knocking on doors for contributions to the heart fund. Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Fulton urge everyone to have a part in the fight for heart diseases.

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS IN TRACK MEET AT IDALOU

The Junior High girls went to Idalou last Friday to compete in the track meet. Coach Billie McKinney reported the results of the meet as follows: 7th grade girls-80 yard hurdles-Jana Trollinger 1st; 440 Jo Ann Stone 5th; broad jump-Vicki Britton-3rd; high jump-Debra Cooper-1st and 660, Cindy Davis-6th. The 8th grade girls-80 yard hurdles-Jennie Ferguson-1st and Jana Smith 5th in the 80 yard hurdles; 440-Brenda Johnson-6th; triple jump-Sylvia Cuevas-1st; high jump-Linda Adkins-3rd; mile relay-Bellinda Maurer, Blenda Cooper, Sylvia Cuevas and Brenda Johnson-4th; 60 yard dash-Jana Smith.

AHS YOUNG MISS IS RUNNER-UP AT S. P. COLLEGE'S TEJANO DAY

Friday, Feb. 28, was Tejano Day at South Plains College. It was sponsored by Los Tejanos, a Mexican American service organization whose primary objectives are to promote continued education among Mexican Americans and emphasize the cultural aspects of the Mexican ancestry.

The theme of the day was "A Culture Without End." All area Mexican American high school students were invited. Each school was asked to take a student to enter one or all of these contests which were held throughout the day: an oratory contest, a talent contest and a queen contest. Prizes were given to the first and second place winners of each contest. The prize for first place was a \$50 scholarship and a trophy and second place was a \$25 Scholarship and a trophy.

Linda Valdivia was the contestant from AHS. She was runner-up and received a \$25 scholarship and a trophy. Besides the three contests, there was a general session

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT



Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Settle of Abernathy, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rita Paulette to Mr. Clay Scott Mimms, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mimms of Lubbock. A 1971 graduate of Abernathy High School, the future bride is candidate for May graduation from Lubbock Christian College, with a degree in Accounting, Mimms, a 1971 graduate of Lubbock High School, attended L. C. C. and is presently self-employed. A June 13th wedding is planned by the couple at the Abernathy Church of Christ.

LETTER

JOHN DEERE WATERLOO TRACTOR WORKS
P. O. BOX 270
WATERLOO, IOWA 50704

12 March 1975
Mr. Buford F. Davenport
P. O. Box 83
Abernathy, Texas 79311

Dear Mr. Davenport:
Mr. VanFleet, one of our tour guides at the John Deere Waterloo Tractor Works, permitted me to read your letter as well as the news clippings which were attached.

I was indeed very pleased that you and your wife enjoyed your visit to the John Deere Waterloo Tractor Works. It is favorable feedback such as this that makes all the planning and scheduling of the 13,000 Dealer/Customer "Fly-In Program 1974-75" worthwhile.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate your wife on her award, this is indeed an accomplishment of which she should be very proud.

Again, many thanks for the complimentary remarks on our tour guide service at Waterloo, it is much appreciated. We do hope that you and your wife will come back to see us in the not too distant future.

I will look forward to personally meeting you both. Sincerely,
John Deere Waterloo Tractor Works
Mary Ann Johnson
Manager, Visitors' Services

Mrs. Irene McAlistler is visiting a son Jim and his family in Huntsville. Jim is city manager of that city.

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Farm-facts
 A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News
 Compiled From Sources
 Of The Texas Department of Agriculture
 John C. White, Commissioner

Agriculture Day Set March 24 ... Farm Labor Force Increases ... Red Meat Production Shows Jump ... Some Words About Onions, Turkeys, Sheep.

National Agriculture Day is March 24. A number of activities are now being planned to point up the importance of agriculture to the economy. Special plans are being readied to acquaint urbanites with the financial facts of life down on the farm. Farmers are also going to get the word on the importance of their business as it relates to the rest of the economy.

All in all, its purpose is to create better understanding between the agriculture producer and the consumer.

AN 11 PER CENT increase in the farm labor force in Texas is reported by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. The farm labor force numbered 230,000 during a recent period. The 11 per cent increase for Texas compares with a one per cent decrease on a national basis. Family workers in Texas made up 70 per cent of the farm labor force.

PRODUCTION OF RED MEAT in Texas during January is 21 per cent above a year ago; nationwide, the increase is four per cent more than a year ago. The 243.8 million pounds this January in Texas compares with 201 million pounds in January a year ago.

The increase is significant in that it shows more cattle are being slaughtered, hence a reduction in livestock numbers.

But there still are record numbers of livestock on farms and ranches. The numbers of feeder cattle available are such that little or no price relief is expected for the cow-calf operator until probably 1977.

ONION crop forecast for Texas this spring is 12 per cent below a year ago. Acres for harvest are estimated at 17,500, which is down 17 per cent from a year ago. The crop is two to four weeks later than normal in the Valley due to weather conditions.

Supplies are expected to remain light until later this month and possibly early April. Peak movement should take place in late April or early May. In the Coastal Bend, only a small acreage has been planted and harvest is expected to begin there about mid-April. At Laredo, the crop is making fair progress; harvest is expected to begin about April 10. In the San Antonio-Winter Garden area, the crop is two weeks later than normal, thus harvest will not begin until late April or early May.

SHEEP AND LAMBS on feed in Texas continue to show a dramatic decline as well as some improvement. Drylot sheep feeders with a lot capacity of 2,000 head or more had 62,000 sheep and lambs on feed as of March 1. This is 45 per cent below a year ago, but is 13 per cent above a month ago.

Current intentions to market the 62,000 head are: March 32,000; April 28,000, and May 2,000. April and May intentions are incomplete because additional lambs could still be placed on feed and marketed during these months.

A DECREASE of seven per cent is noted in turkey poult hatchings. Nationwide, the total poult hatch for nine major states dropped 20 per cent from a year ago.

BROILER chick hatchings in Texas are reported 14 per cent below a year ago, but are six per cent above the previous week.

Eggs set for broiler production so far this year are down 12 per cent from a year ago. Nationwide, eggs set for broiler production are down eight per cent from last year.

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Ginners Wife Gets Discouraging Letter From Butts And Ford

City Gin Company, Inc.
 P.O. Box 1248
 Ph. 915 447-2449
 Pecos, Texas 79772
 March 5, 1975

Dear Mr. Ginmer and Oilmill Manager:

Sometime ago Mrs. G. G. Passmore of Pecos, Texas sent a registered letter to Pres. Gerald R. Ford and one to Secy. Earl Butts urging them to take some kind of action to alleviate the impossible situation of our American Cotton Growers. Please be advised that she did not ask for a govt. subsidy but rather a degree of parity (via the CCC loan rate) that would enable the cotton farmer to stay in business.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of their reply, which is self explanatory. Also enclosed is a copy of a letter Mrs. Passmore has written, which is being sent along with the President's reply, to every newspaper in the Cotton Belt asking them to publish both letters, side by side, for obvious reasons.

I am sending these to ginners in Texas, N.M., Arizona and California, and oil mills whose addresses I have. I am also sending copies to Cotton Wives groups across the cotton belt. I am hoping all of you will pick up the ball and run with it. We urged you to make copies of these letters and send or take them to your local newspapers, civic clubs and farmer organizations.

After twenty five years in the gin business, my husband and I are retiring but we will always have the

cotton grower and his many problems in our hearts. To me, it is incredible that the President and Secy. Butts can be as insensitive to these problems as their letter implies.

We would be very happy to hear from any of you who might have the time to write about the action you have taken and the results, if any. Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. H. L. Robertson
 Mrs. H. L. Robertson
 621 S. Plum
 Pecos, Texas 79772

March 3, 1975

Dear Sir:

Attached you will find a copy of an authorized reply from the President of the United States, Gerald R. Ford, and the Secretary of Agriculture, Earl Butts, to Mrs. Garvin G. Passmore concerning cotton farming in the United States.

We would like to point out to you the attitude which is evident in this letter; specifically, it is apparent that these people find it perfectly agreeable to see cotton disappearing as a crop in the United States, being displaced completely by synthetic fibers. Since synthetic fibers are manufactured from fossil fuels and require more energy than cotton production at a rate of about five to one, we find it difficult to understand the administration's position in this matter.

We should appreciate it if you see fit to print this letter, since we feel that it is important to all persons to understand this arrogant disregard to the wellbeing of

a large portion of our population; namely, those people who operate our farms and the vast numbers of laborers, who are employed on those farms, and also related industries.

In connection with this, we feel it proper to point out that this attitude toward the producer of agricultural products, which is so apparent today, may very well be the attitude of the administration toward the consumer tomorrow.

Thank you sincerely,
 /s/ Mrs. Garvin Passmore
 Mrs. Garvin G. Passmore
 (Farmer's Wife)
 1800 Jefferson
 Pecos, Reeves County,
 Texas

 ASCS
 UNITED STATES DEPT.
 OF AGRICULTURE
 Agricultural Stabilization
 and Conservation Service,
 Washington, D.C. 20250

Feb. 21, 1975

Mrs. G. G. Passmore
 1800 Jefferson Street
 Pecos, Texas 79772

Dear Mrs. Passmore:

President Ford and Secretary Butts have asked us to reply to your letters concerning price supports and prices received by farmers for cotton and cattle.

It is the Administration's policy to move away from restrictive farm programs and government payments to farmers and to encourage full production, with farmers making their own production decisions and looking to the marketplace for income instead of to the Federal Treasury.

With respect to cotton, in recent years the competitive position of cotton in the United States has been steadily deteriorating. This condition has been brought about primarily by three factors: (1) Competition from manmade fibers. Manufacturers of synthetic fibers are better able to control their production, quality and costs, mainly because they are not subject to the weather vagaries that cotton producers must contend with. (2) An increase in cotton production in other countries. Foreign producers generally have cheaper labor available and thus can produce and sell cotton at lower prices than U.S.

producers. (3) The prices received by farmers for their cotton crop have not kept pace with increasing production costs and living expenses.

With regard to cattle prices, USDA's Economic Research Service recently published a report which indicates that fed cattle prices could rise to the mid-\$40 range, up from the January lows of \$34-35 per 100 pounds. The report also indicates that consumer demand for meat may remain strong during the first half of 1975.

We thank you for your letter and appreciate your concern.

Sincerely,
 /s/ Wm. H. Cummings
 Wm. H. Cummings, Director
 Information Division

Texas Department of Public Safety Reports Accidents

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated 18 accidents on rural highways in Hale County during the month of February, 1975, according to Sergeant Thurman Keffer, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

These crashes resulted in one person killed and seven persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for this county during the first two months of 1975 shows a total of 37 accidents resulting in two persons killed and 20 persons injured.

The rural traffic summary for the 60 counties of the Lubbock Department of Public Safety Region for February, 1975, shows a total of 435 accidents resulting in 12 persons killed and 199 persons injured as compared to February, 1974, with 322 accidents resulting in ten persons killed and 208 persons injured. This was 113 more accidents, two killed, and nine less injured in 1975 at the same period of time.

The 12 traffic deaths for the month of February, 1975, occurred in the following counties; two in Potter, one each in Archer, Cochran, Collingsworth, Hale, Hockley, Hutchinson, Lubbock, Palo Pinto, Randall, and Wichita.



SHOTGUN BURST—Shannon Miller of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Hunter Safety staff shows what happens when a careless hunter uses 20-gauge shotgun shells in a 12-gauge gun. During 1974, 110 Texans were involved in hunting accidents and 16 lost their lives. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department administers a Volunteer Hunter Safety Program which is open to everyone 12 years of age or older for a \$1 registration fee. Department officials say that now when hunting season is over is the time to enroll in a hunter safety class. Local game wardens maintain lists of instructors. TP&WD photo.

NEWS FROM THE HALE COUNTY 4-H

Six Hale County youth graduated from the Sub-Novice division to Novice in the 4-H Dog Care & Training project. These six Amy Long, Janie Schwalm, Rico Rey, Rhonda Bray, David Higdon, and LeAnn Dunlap, all members of the Mainview 4-H club, have just participated in a 4-month project under the direction of their leader, Mrs. Dianne Schwalm of Mainview. During the past 4 months, these youth have learned the correct care of dogs, and obedience training on the leash.

At the graduation exercises, Tuesday, March 11, the youth and their dogs were graded against each other on obedience by Dr. Gail Wency of Jimmy Dean Meat Co. The youth were judged on a 170 point scale, and needed 100 points to pass from Sub-Novice to Novice division. The six 4-H'ers placed as follows: 1st--Rhonda Bray 2nd--Amy Long 3rd--David Higdon 4th--Janie Schwalm 5th--Rico Rey 6th--LeAnn Dunlap

Sub-Novice divisions will start meeting again this summer. Interested 4-H'ers can

contact Karen Miller, Asst. County Extension Agent, at 296-7466.

The Mainview 4-H Club met Monday, March 10th at the Agriculture Center. LaDonna Russell, Vice President presided over the meeting. The 4-H pledge was led by Diane Murphy and the American Pledge was led by DeLinda Russell. Gail Russell gave the inspiration. The 4-H Food Show report was given by DaVetta Russell. LaDonna Russell gave the Rifle Team and El Paso Stock Show report. All Mainview club officers are to meet at 6:45 p.m., April 14th to serve as the nominating committee. LaDonna Russell presented the program which was a film on the "Marx Brothers". The meeting was then adjourned. Mainview Club will meet on April 14, 1975, at 7:30 p.m. at the Agriculture Center.

Quote from Billy Graham: Divorce rate in America--One marriage in 3 1/2 end in divorce. One in 450 where there is prayer and Bible reading in the home and the family goes to church every Sunday.

FARMERS IN HALE, CASTRO, FLOYD ELIGIBLE FOR EMERGENCY LOANS

Texas farmers in Castro, Floyd and Hale counties may be eligible for emergency loans through the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) to cover crop losses from adverse weather conditions that occurred over the last two years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced.

These counties had extended drought from August 1973 up to August last year, in addition to hailstorm at intervals in May, June, and October 1974 that destroyed farm crops. Excessive rainfall from Sept. 1 until Nov. 31, 1974 also affected feed crops in the three counties. Reports from Castro county farmers disclosed some land erosion caused by heavy rain-

fall from early September to the end of October last year, and an early freeze in mid-October ruined crops.

FmHA emergency loans are made to farmers and ranchers to cover losses resulting from designated natural disasters.

Applications for emergency loan assistance may be filed in the FmHA office serving the area. Check the local telephone directory under U.S. Government for the exact location. Applications for physical losses are authorized until April 18, 1975, and for production losses until Nov. 18, 1975.

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