



**SOCIETY AND CLUBS**

**Garden Club Meets**

The City Garden Club met Thursday at 3 p.m. in the City Hall Club Room with seven members and two visitors present.

Election of officers for the new year was held. The officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Jessie Duty; Vice-president, Juanita Bell; Secretary-Treasurer, Dorothy Boggus; Parliamentarian, Cora Shuman; and Reporter, Lillie Mae Shipman.

Juanita Bell was in charge of the program. She invited Mrs. Edith Reid to give a book review. Mrs. Reid in her own way and style, reviewed the book, "My White Mother". She told us this was a true story about two little colored girls and how they fought the odd and hard times of childhood and became wonderful women and Christians. The group enjoyed every minute of it.

Refreshments were serv-

ed by Mrs. Vera Pope and Bessie Waters. "We may be a small group, but we have a wonderful time and fellowship together," a club member said.

Those present were: Juanita Bell, Dorothy Boggus, Blanche Coggin, Vera Pope, Lillie Mae Shipman, Bessie Waters, guest, Edith Gregg and speaker Edith Reid.

The next meeting will be May 12 with a luncheon at 12 noon. Installation of officers will be held at this meeting. Lillie Mae Shipman, Reporter.

**African Missionaries To Speak At Assembly Of God Church**

Missionaries, Ralph and Shirley Hagemeyer, and their two daughters, Stephanie and Melody, will be ministering at the Abernathy Assembly of God Church Monday, May 9 through Thursday, May 12. The dynamic Assembly of God missionaries will be sharing God's word in preaching and singing. Services will begin each evening at 7:45 p.m.

The meeting will conclude Thursday night with an African supper. These missionaries to Africa will help everyone get a clearer

understanding of the culture and life-style of this foreign land in which they have labored as God's servants for almost twenty years.

Everyone is welcome to come every night to hear

God's word and to be richly blessed by the ministry of these outstanding Assembly of God missionaries.

The Abernathy Assembly of God Church is located at 1404 Avenue B.



**TIN CONTAINERS** from the past will be on display until June at the Abernathy City-County Library. There are many interesting containers which have been collected by people in this area through the years. (Review Photo)

**Tin Containers On Display**

Displayed at the Abernathy Library until June are advertising tins. The collecting of tin containers has become quite popular within the past several years.

Air-tight tins were at first produced by hand to keep foods fresh, and after the

invention of the tin-printing machine in the 1870's, containers were manufactured in a wide variety of shapes and sizes and with colorful designs.

Some of the tins displaying originally contained products such as coffee, tob-

acco, candies, cookies and biscuits. Some of the unusual tins are Antiseptic-Bag Balm, Oxo Cubes, Armour's Peanut Butter and French Market Coffee.

View the exhibit at the Abernathy Library to see if you can remember some of these interesting containers of the past.

**Area Spina Bifida Chapter To Be Formed**

**WHAT WOULD YOU GUESS...** is the number one disabler of newborn children in this country? Muscular Dystrophy? Multiple Sclerosis? Polio? Guess again! The most common disabler of newborns in the United States is Spina Bifida. It occurs more frequently than Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis, Polio and Cystic Fibrosis combined.

Spina Bifida is a birth defect which involves damage to the spine and nervous system. The vertebrae of the spine and the spinal cord are not formed properly and surgery is usually required immediately after birth. The long-term effects frequently include paralysis of the legs and problems with bowel and bladder control. Spina Bifida is often accompanied by hydrocephalus (accumulation of fluid within the brain), which is controlled by surgical procedure (shunting) relieving the fluid pressure. Genetic counseling should be sought by all people with any form of Spina Bifida, hydrocephalus or a family history of either condition. Prenatal diagnostic testing for Spina Bifida is available to interested couples.

Spina Bifida, despite its prevalence, was virtually unknown until recent years. Prior to the early 1960's, the majority of children born with Spina Bifida either died shortly after birth or suffered serious multiple handicaps and retardation. Thanks to medical advances, nearly all newborns with Spina Bifida now survive. Today, with thanks to aggressive medical care, we can expect children born with Spina Bifida to have normal intelligence, normal lifespans, and be able to become contributing members of society.

Spina Bifida strikes thousands of newborns every year in the United States. This birth defect cannot be

workers, teachers, therapists, or other professionals are urged to become members also. In promoting public awareness and action by initiating a supreme effort to inform the public about Spina Bifida and associated crippling birth defects, Mrs. Funk asks for your help and support. "Let's make today's dreams tomorrow's reality," she said.

For more information, call or write: Rita Funk, Box 586, Shallowater, Texas 79363 or call 806-832-4032.

The initial purposes of the organization will be as follows:

1. To offer parental support.
2. To disseminate information.
3. To organize family oriented recreational activities.
4. To provide other services to children and adults with Spina Bifida.
5. To promote public awareness of Spina Bifida.

**Hobby Club Meets**

The Abernathy Hobby Club met Thursday, April 7 at 2:30 p.m. in the City Club Room. President, Vera Vaughn, called the meeting to order and the minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary, Ona Maserang.

There were 14 members present. After a short business session, secret pal gifts were given out and the program was turned over to Ada Howard, Beulah Woods and Jennie Slough. Each showed many beautiful hand made items they had made or that someone had given them.

Hostesses for the day were Juanita Bell and Jo Ann Kuhlers.

Those attending were: Frances Howard, Ada Howard, Wilma Pope, Dyvena



**Missionaries Ralph and Shirley Hagemeyer with daughters Stephanie and Melody**

Davis, Helen Totty, Jennie Slough, Glenna Downs, Juanita Bell, Wynell Pope, Beulah Woods, Jo Ann Kuhlers, Vera Vaughn, Ona Maserang and Nadine Rogers.

The next Hobby Club meeting will be a salad luncheon Thursday, May 5. By Glenna Downs, Reporter

**Those To Remember**

Jo Ann Myatt is in Methodist Hospital. She had ear surgery last Wednesday and is in room 682.

Dr. Gregory was in Methodist Hospital last week for some tests.

Mr. J.W. McReynolds is in Methodist Hospital.

**Spina Bifida Chapter Forming**

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**CHRISTOPHER ASHLEY FUNK**, 4½ years old, is a victim of Myelomeningocele Spina Bifida. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Funk of Shallowater.

**ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE**

**What Do We Pray For?**

Our prayer lives are, or at least should be, an important part of our lives. This is the time when we communicate directly to the very God who made us. Prayer should not be approached lightly.

Let's look for a moment at the Apostle Paul's prayers. How did he pray, and for what did he pray?

Philippians 1:9-11: "And this I pray, that your love may abound...that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness..."

Colossians 1:9-12: Paul prays that the Colossians might have understanding, wisdom, insight, the fruit of righteousness and joy.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3: Paul prays, "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering..." Remembering their physical problems? No! Their labor of love, their patience, and their faith.

Paul was preoccupied with spiritual needs and people's spiritual lives. He knew that the main issue was not the outer man which is dying every day, but that the inner man be renewed every day (II Corinthians 4:16). This follows the words of Jesus recorded in Matthew 6:33: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

When we are spiritually right with God, and we seek His kingdom and His righteousness first, all our physical needs will be met. That's our promise!

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## High PIK Sign-Up Should Help Farmers

Now that the wraps have been pulled off the PIK (payment-in-kind) sign-up, it's clear that farmers "went for" this latest government farm program.

Consequently, the high level of participation in the program, as announced by USDA officials yesterday (March 22), should bolster farm prices by getting rid of surplus stocks of commodities that have plagued the marketplace for the past several years.

"We have the potential for a substantial drawdown in surplus stocks of farm commodities due to the large number of farmers signing up for PIK," said Dr. Ron Knutson, an economist in marketing and policy with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. The PIK program revolves around paying

farmers with surplus commodities if they sign up to take a portion of their cropland out of production. So it reduces current stocks plus should reduce 1983 production.

"The potential effects of PIK have already caused positive reactions in some commodity markets," Knutson pointed out. "Whether this trend continues will depend largely on weather conditions this crop year and the level of export demand."

Knutson noted two keys to future market trends. The first is the yield that can be anticipated from land remaining in production, since this is the highest quality cropland. Weather conditions will have a big impact. The second key to future price prospects, said the economist, is the export picture. While the strong

PIK participation may make it more difficult for U.S. farmers to sell in the export market, the potential for shorter supplies of farm products next fall may prompt some importing countries to buy now rather than wait and face possible higher prices.

If PIK works as planned, what kind of farm program can farmers expect in the future?

"If highly successful, PIK will likely not be used again next year," said Knutson. "At the same time, PIK's effectiveness in reducing production this year could

mean that we'll see it again when surpluses become a problem.

"Assuming that PIK will get us through the 1983-84 crop year without major policy changes, lawmakers are already looking ahead to 1985," said the economist. "The choice for 1985 becomes one of a continuing drift toward production controls or a policy reversal—moving back in the direction of a freer market in which farmers would have to accept lower levels of price and income support."

One strategy for moving toward the freer market concepts involves "self-help" programs in which farmers would automatically share a portion of the costs of government programs when surpluses arise, said Knutson.



**COTTON TALKS**

FROM PLAINS COTTON GROWERS, INC.

LUBBOCK, Friday, April 15, 1983

An estimated 500 High Plains cotton producers and allied businessmen are expected in Lubbock April 22 for the 26th annual membership meeting of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Banquet Room of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, with adjournment scheduled at 4:15 p.m.

The 1983 meeting is billed as "A Look at the Research, Promotion and Politics that Shape Cotton's Destiny." Featured are four distinguished speakers, "each chosen for his ability to shed light on one or more aspects of the general theme," according to PCG President Tommy Fondren of Lorenzo.

Fondren will serve as general chairman and will open the meeting with the President's annual report.

First of the four main speakers will be State Senator John Montford of Lubbock. Montford is a member of the Committee on Natural Resources, and Vice Chairman of the Subcommittee on Water. "Montford is showing strong leadership qualities during his first year in the Texas Legislature," Fondren notes, "and we can expect him to exert considerable influence over future State legislation concerning not only water but other matters of importance to cotton as well."

The second speaker will bring to the podium knowledge gained from occupying important positions in one or another phase of the cotton industry over a period of almost 50 years. He is Ed Breihan, immediate past president of the National Cotton Council. Breihan, who served as vice president and treasurer of the Texas Bank for Cooperatives from 1936 to 1952 and executive vice president of Southwestern Irrigated Cotton Growers from 1952 to 1975, is now general manager of Plains Cooperative Oil Mill, Lubbock.

Breihan will be followed on the program by Nineteenth District U. S. Congressman Kent Hance. Hance, a member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, has exhibited an intense interest in the well-being of the High Plains cotton industry



**COTTON TODAY**

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**EXPORT SALES INCREASE:** Net export sales of U.S. cotton for the current marketing year increased 39,000 running bales during the week ended April 7, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Sales for 1983-84 delivery increased 102,000 bales.

The major buyer for the current year was Japan, with a net increase of 31,800 bales. Other Major Buyers were South Korea, 20,800 bales, and West Germany, 13,500.

Cancellation of 44,000 bales to Russia was announced. No one is certain why Russia canceled its purchase. Russia bought at least 400,000 bales of U.S. cotton in late February and early March after its officials revealed the country's high-grade yields would be much smaller than expected, according to the National Cotton Council.

**STOCKS MAY NOT COVER PIK NEEDS:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports the Commodity Credit Corporation may not own enough cotton for the payment-in-kind program and that a program to acquire excess stocks from farmers may have been implemented. Charles Cunn-

ham, ASCS deputy director, said the Department should know by mid-May if an acquisition program for cotton will be implemented.

**NCC BOARD TO MEET:** The National Cotton Council's Board of Directors will meet May 10-11 at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Chairman Edward Breihan, Lubbock, Texas, announced.

**CONFERENCE WILL SPOTLIGHT EFFICIENCY:** The Cotton Foundation's Ninth National Cotton Outlook Conference June 6-7 at the Hilton Hotel in Fresno will highlight the theme, "Efficiency Brings a New Day." President William H. Houston, III, has announced.

### 4-H Home Environment Project April 30

A county wide home environment project will be held at the Hale County Ag Center Saturday April 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 4-H'ers will take part in group sessions, tours and learn stenciling.

The project will be led by team leaders Joan Davis of Abernathy and Rosemary

Shepard of Hale Center. The cost of the project supplies will be \$5 and this can be paid at registration. 4-H'ers will need to bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Call the extension office at 293-8481 ex. 271 if you plan to attend.

### 4-H Judging Team Performs Well At Hockley County Contest

The Abernathy 4-H Livestock Judging Team performed well at the Hockley County Livestock Judging Contest held in Levelland Saturday, April 16.

Those on the judging team were Beth Windham, Mandy Kelley, Matt Kelley and Chris Eastland.

Beth Windham was 3rd high individual in Swine Judging and 7th high individual in the overall

contest. Mandy Kelley was the 8th high individual in the overall contest.

The Abernathy team tied for 3rd place in the contest and ended up in 4th place when the tie was broken with beef cattle judging.

The 4-H Livestock Judging Team will be competing at District Thursday, April 21 (today) at Texas Tech.

### Fruit And Pecan Tree Meeting April 26

There will be a meeting held on fruit trees, pecans and grape production on Tuesday, April 26 in the Centennial Room of the Hale County State Bank in Plainview beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Ollie Liner, County Agent, stated this meeting is for anyone who has one tree or one hundred trees of pecans, peaches, plums, apricots, apples, pears or any kind of fruit tree or grapes or other horticulture plants.

Liner stated that subjects to be covered would be new varieties of peaches and pecans, pruning, insect control, establishing a new tree, irrigation, fertiliz-

ing, use of herbicides and cultural practices. Dr. George McEachern, Horticulturist for the Texas A&M Extension Service, College Station, will be on hand to conduct the session.

Liner encourages all people with fruit trees and pecan trees to attend this educational horticulture meeting which should last about one and one-half hours. Dr. McEachern has been here in past years and has been well received by those who attended the meetings. His expertise is all in this field of work. Liner stated we are fortunate to get him for this meeting. Everyone is invited.

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# Varsity Boys Tennis Team 1st At District

The Abernathy Boys Varsity Tennis Team once again showed the rest of the District why Abernathy is one of the Regional power-houses when it comes to tennis. Abernathy won first place in District last Wednesday with 35 points.

Dimmitt came in second with 20 points, followed by Friona and Muleshoe with 10 points each, and Littlefield and Tulia shared last place with no points.

Cletus Irlbeck, Abernathy's number one tennis player for the past several years, will be making his fourth consecutive trip to the Regional Tennis Tourney. His freshman year, Irlbeck and doubles partner Sam Dominguez, won at Regional and went on to State. As a sophomore, Irlbeck and doubles partner Roger Pinson won at Regional and went on to State. And last year as a junior, Irlbeck won Regional in singles and competed at

State his third year in a row. This year he is playing singles again, and according to Tennis Coach Carl Irlbeck, "he is playing the best tennis I have ever seen him play."

Irlbeck captured the District singles championship by winning three matches. Being the number one seed at the District Tourney, Irlbeck had no trouble downing Silguero of Muleshoe 6-1, 6-1; Simmons of Littlefield 6-0, 6-0 in the semi-finals; and Charlie Veazy of Friona 6-2, 6-1 for the District title.

Charlie Ortiz also gave a fine performance in the boys singles. In the first round he defeated Lloyd Champion of Littlefield 6-1, 6-1. Next Ortiz took on the number two seed Terry Graves of Muleshoe and crushed him 6-2, 6-2. In the semi-finals, Ortiz lost a tough match to Charlie Veazy of Friona 4-6, 2-6. Ortiz then played Simmons of Littlefield for third place

and won easily 6-1, 6-0.

In boys doubles, Kelly Hill and Rupert Ramos got a bye the first round. In the second round, they wiped out Rusty Hopper and Shawn Jennings of Tulia 6-0, 6-0. They advanced to the semi-finals and took on the tough Muleshoe team of Preston Scoggin and Jarrod Embry. Hill and Ramos won this match 7-6, 6-1 to advance to the doubles final. In the finals, they took on the brother duo of Joe and Richard Saucedo of Dimmitt, but lost this close match by the score 2-6, 7-5, 0-6. They placed second in District and will advance to the Regional Tourney with Irlbeck.

Second doubles for Abernathy, Micah Griffin and Billy Nunn, defeated Jones and Pierce of Littlefield 6-3, 7-6; lost to Joe and Richard Saucedo 3-6, 3-6; then defeated two other teams to win 5th place in District.



LIZ LOPEZ is the first over the finish line at the District Track Meet held at Tulia two weeks ago. She will be competing at Regional this weekend.

## Green Thumb Training Focuses On Alcoholism, Two Locals Participate

Former Congressman Wilbur Mills, Doc Severinson to the "Tonight Show", and Ralph Waite of "The Waltons" all have at least two things in common: they used to suffer from alcoholism, and they now have much better lives after coming to grips with the disease.

The stories of these prominent people were part of the information provided to more than 40 Green Thumb workers attending a special alcoholism training session at Hale County State Bank in Plainview, April 18. Green Thumb employs about 1,000 persons aged 55 and over in community service projects across the state.

In a film entitled "They Do Recover," Waite, Mills, and Severinson discussed the development of their

alcohol problems and the paths they followed to find relief.

"The fact that these well-know people are alcoholics helps to show the disease--and alcoholism is a disease--can strike anyone, rich or poor, lonely or in the spotlight," said Green Thumb district director Susan Armstrong who conducted the training.

"Mills and Severinson suffered from severe blackouts, and Mills was afraid he had a brain tumor until examinations revealed his problem was alcoholism," she said.

"Waite says he often felt 'dead and alone,'" Armstrong said, "even though he was a national celebrity. May of our workers--especially widows and widowers--know the feeling. We want to demonstrate that alcohol will only make any existing problems worse."



SARAH MILLER hands off to Holly Shafer at the District Track Meet held two weeks ago. They will be competing at Regional this weekend in the 400, 800 and 1600 meter relays.



ONE THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY and this time Larry can prove it. Larry Deering is pictured with a catfish he caught recently at Lake Kemp, which is located nine miles north of Seymour. Larry said the catfish weighed less than 50 pounds and he caught it on a minnow. Later he confessed that it weighed a lot less than 50 pounds, probably between 15 and 20 pounds.

# President Of Textile Company Manages Smile...And Profit

By Larry Sutherland  
Avalanche-Journal Staff

One might think it inappropriate that Joe Thompson smile so readily. Thompson is president of Southwest Textiles, Inc., one of the largest employers in the small southern Hale County community of Abernathy.

Thompson's textile mill is tied to farming, a business in a tailspin.

Also, one would not think much of the economic prospects for textile mills; the large Postex sheet manufacturing mill in Sheet closed as the result of reduced demand for muslin and increased imports.

But Thompson has plenty to smile about. His company, by Thompson's estimation, has swum out of a sea of economic recession.

"Last year with the recession, we could really tell we were in one," Thompson said this week. "We cut back to 22 employees during the recession," the company president said. "What a difference a year makes."

"We are operating in the black. We do have quite a few orders and we operate day and night except Sunday," Thompson said.

Thompson did not want to disclose dollar amounts on how much sales have grown, but he said sales

more for new equipment. "Capital improvement spending, I believe, is picking up," Thompson said of the business community.

The mill sells cotton yarn made from South Plains cotton. The yarn in turn is sold to manufacturers to make cotton work gloves and cotton tube socks. The yarn is shipped to companies in California, Indiana, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas.

The mill produces about 10,000 pounds of cotton yarn a day, Thompson said, which is about as much as was produced last year when sales were poor.

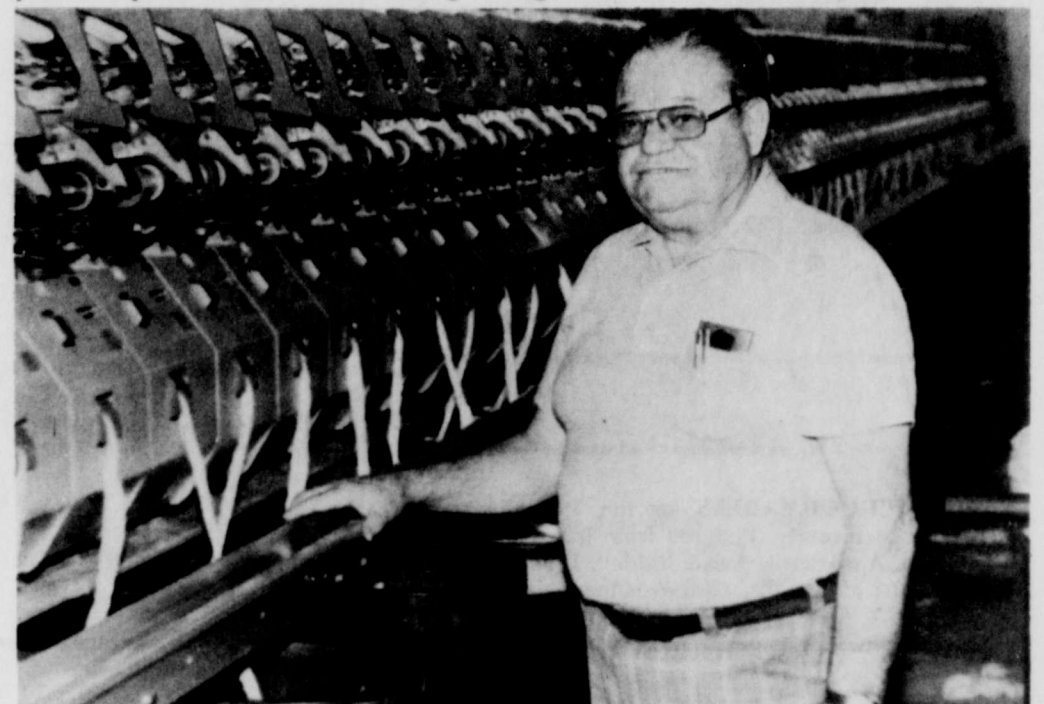
The good signs for the

mill have not yet carried over to other ag-related businesses in Abernathy, such as farm implement dealers, cotton gins, fertilizer and fuel dealers. These businesses continue to suffer economically.

Thompson also has a farm implement business in Abernathy, and he says sales are "much, much slower than it has been."

"The farming industry, as I see it, is going to need two years of good crops before it turns around," Thompson said.

But for now, it appears at least one major business in Abernathy has already begun turning around.



GOING STRONG...Joe Thompson, president of Southwest Textiles Inc. in Abernathy, shows a spinning frame making cotton yarn at the mill. The company has seen an upturn in sales compared to last year at this time, making Thompson optimistic about the economic future for the company. (Staff Photo)

Green Thumbers from Abernathy attending the session were Eusebio Castellon and Lupe Guillen.

**WILLIAMS SPONSORS 4-H PROGRAM**-For the fifth consecutive year, Clayton W. Williams Jr. of Midland, a prominent rancher and oil producer, will sponsor the statewide 4-H Beef awards program. The program recognizes 4-H members who have excelled with beef projects, says a 4-H specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. The top four beef producers in each county will receive special recognition, and the state winner will receive an expense-paid trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago each fall.

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**PARENTS WHO FEEL** they cannot afford the \$30-40 cost of a new child safety seat may be tempted to search the garage sales and want ads looking for a bargain. "But a used child safety seat that is defective is no bargain," says Dr. Mary Ann Shirer, a health education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Look first for a label stating that the device "meets or exceeds all federal safety standards," says Shirer. A torn harness or padding can be repaired with replacements ordered from the manufacturer. But twisted, bent, or loose metal frames and seat bars mean the seat is unsafe, says Shirer. Parents should ask the owner for the manufacturer's directions and try the seat in their car before making the purchase, adds Shirer.

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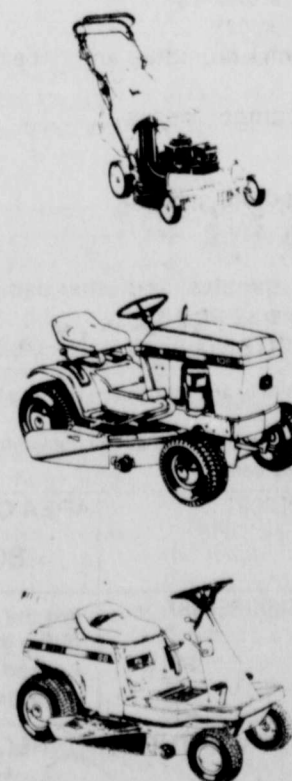
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