



County population is down 15.8 per cent

City count also drops

Post and Garza County populations have both dropped considerably in the last five years, according to a recently completed county-wide census undertaken by the county commissioners court to use as a tool in redistricting the county into four commissioners districts.

The total county population is 4,424 and that of Post is 3,191.

In the 1970 census, Post had a population of 3,854, the rural area 1,400 for a Garza county population of 5,254.

The Census count has been made this summer by a young people's crew under Paul Walker as supervisor. Walker told the court yesterday morning that "We've checked it over enough times to know we haven't missed it over 100 either way."

This is a 15.8 per cent population loss for the county.

County Judge Giles W. Dalby told The Dispatch yesterday after returning from a visit to Austin Tuesday that the Texas secretary of state's office reported that it is generally found that the 1970 census count was "about five per cent high in Texas."

If that yardstick was applied to the county, for example, Garza would have had a population of only 4,991 in 1970 instead of the 5,254 reported.

From the standpoint of minorities, the 1975 census came up with a total of 285 blacks representing 6.3 per cent of the county population and 816 Spanish-Americans representing 18.3 per cent for a total minority population of 24.6 per cent.

The commissioners court worked all-day Monday in its effort to redistrict the county's four commissioners district equitably according to actual population.

The court, meeting again yesterday morning to get Walker's final figures after a lot of juggling Monday of district boundaries.

New Boundary lines have divided the four precincts as follows:

Precinct 1: 1,307, 29.5 per cent, including 1,088 whites, 192 Spanish-American and 27 Blacks;

Pct. 2: 1,086, 25 per cent, including 986 whites, 95 Spanish-American, and five Blacks;

Pct. 3: 1,106 persons, 25 per cent, including 622 whites, 309 Spanish-Americans and 177 Blacks;

Pct. 4: 925 persons, 21 per cent, including 627 whites, 220 Spanish-Americans, and 76 Blacks.

The new boundary lines, when finally approved will be published in The Dispatch by map form for both city and county.

Judge Dalby pointed out that the new districts will not become effective until the 1976 election year. Redistricting must be completed quickly to qualify the changes.

All members of the court expressed the opinion that the court had made a good redistricting start in trying to get the districts equal in actual population according to a federal court order.

According to the present (See Population, Page 12)

Bob Arhelger is promoted

Bob Arhelger, district conservationist for the Garza soil conservation district, has been promoted to the same position in Lubbock County.

He will take over his new duties in Lubbock Sept. 28.

Arhelger has served in Post two years. He is vice president of the Post Rotary Club and a member of Mayor McCrary's advisory committee on the community-youth center.

'Meet Lopes' night Sept. 8

The Antelope Booster Club met Monday night for their first meeting of this year and tentative plans were made for the annual "Meet the Antelopes Night" and the ice cream supper. The date is set for Saturday night, September 8, at 6 p. m.

The next meeting will be held Monday night at 7 p. m. in a Junior High classroom. A film of the Post-Littlefield scrimmage will be shown.

New members are needed and welcome.



ARTHROITIC FORUM PANELISTS — Dr. Bruce Bartholomew, left, and Dr. Kenneth Scholz, right, both of the Texas Tech University School of Medicine, will be panelists on the free public forum to be presented here at 8 p. m. Friday in the bank community room on "Arthritis — the Nation's No. 1 Crippler."

Forum Friday on arthritis

"Arthritis — the nation's number one crippler" will be the topic of a public forum to be held at 8 p. m. Friday in the First National Bank community room.

The forum is being jointly



It was bad enough to take a severe population loss in the 1970 census. This week came another 15.8 per cent loss in county figures with about the same for the City of Post.

Judge Dalby, who was in Austin yesterday where he talked over the population count in the secretary of state's office, said it isn't too surprising.

Other Texas rural areas have continued to suffer population losses over the last five years, just as they did through the 1960s, he was told.

The schools are publishing their "school goals questionnaire" again in today's Dispatch on page 12. The questionnaire didn't "pull" too many replies last week and Supt. Shiver is hopeful that a second round will give the schools a good sampling of public opinion.

So if you put off last week filling out the questionnaire, be a good citizen and get out your pencil right now.

The Dispatch wants to know the first sunflower harvest in Garza County. Will you farmers call in your results when you start so we can try to keep up with a new harvest. It's so new we haven't figured out exactly how to "cover it" as yet and your cooperation will be appreciated. We'd like to know pounds per acre, moisture content, and anything else of interest.

Bibb Benson popped in the office the other day with one of the biggest tomatoes we ever saw. It was one of the tomatoes Charles Benson grew in his garden and she brought us a sack full for a real eating treat, including this giant "biggie." The tomato measured 12 inches in circumference one (See Postings, Page 12)

Rotarians planning fall pancake supper

The Post Rotary Club is planning a community pancake supper later in the fall as a fund-raising project to help finance the club's current project of converting a metal storage shed leased free to Boy Scout Troop 318 into a new scout hut.

Rotary directors at their August meeting in the Post Public Library Monday night voted for the club to undertake the pancake supper.

Rotarian Jack Alexander, an old hand at local pancake suppers, was named chairman of a special Rotary committee to stage the feed.

The date and other details will be announced later.

sponsored by the Family Living Committee and the Garza County Texas Extension Service, and by the Plains Division, West Texas Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

Interested persons are urged to attend this free meeting and learn more about the disease that strikes one in 10 Americans. Contrary to popular belief, rheumatoid arthritis, which is the most prevalent, painful and crippling type, strikes from birth to age 30 or 40. The economic toll in lost time and wages and medical bills last year in the United States exceeded \$9.3 billion, and Americans were billed of \$408 million in quack cures and remedies. There are an estimated 600 arthritis victims in Garza County.

Dr. Bruce Bartholomew, chairman of the Department of Rheumatology at Texas Tech University School of Medicine, will be one of the panelists. His specialty deals with arthritis and he is one of 22 rheumatologists in Texas. Dr. Bartholomew also heads the research lab, established by the West Texas chapter of the Arthritis Foundation, at TTUSM.

Also a member of the panel will be Dr. Kenneth Scholz, associate professor in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at TTUSM. He will present "New Techniques in Surgery for Arthritis," a portion of which will be a slide presentation.

Completing the panel will be William Breaand, Registered Physical Therapist, from Highland Hospital. He was formerly with the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene.

In addition to the panel discussion, displays of a paraffin bath and other self help aids will be demonstrated. After a (See Public forum, Page 12)

Schools closed for Labor Day

Labor Day Monday will be a partial holiday in Post.

It is the first holiday on the school calendar, giving teachers and students a long weekend before really bucking down to work.

The bank, post office, other state and federal offices will be closed with no mail deliveries during the day.

Downtown, it's not a closeup holiday by any means. A few stores will close, but many or even most will remain open.

A housing project be expanded to seven duplexes

A new rental duplex may be expanded from 14 units with the addition cost climbing over \$4,000 mark.

Stewart of Tahoka, who is the district Farmers Administration office, Ira Pena, a state FHA loan officer from Waco conferred with the Post Community Housing Association, Tuesday afternoon in the Post office at the bank.

Stewart heads the association to build and operate the project on government land. The state office explained the state office could not purchase the site on north Avenue S. Only half of it was to be used for the original five project (10 units.) Only 10 units were approved for purchase under a FHA loan. The state office wanted to sell the entire tract or none of it.

STUDENTS NEEDED

Only 24 enroll at new center

24 students enrolled last night for the four classes to be offered here in classes, beginning next Monday in the Post Extension of Western Texas

Charlotte McDonald, coordinator for the center, told The Dispatch yesterday that she needed to make some size classes in Engineering and business.

Students have enrolled in Spanish for a total more can be taken. Registration for classes in the extension center here have extended through Sept. 11.

Mr. Charles Hood, dean of Post High School, said that he and the registrar announced in Snyder.

Students who did not register for the initial registration held Tuesday night may register on Sept. 8-11 by contacting instructors of the extension courses at Post High School. They are asked to go

WTC rites in Slaton

Services for Robert Hagler, 85, of Rt. 2, Post, will be held Wednesday in Slaton by Christ with Cline of Dallas and Homer of Wellman officiating.

Services in Inglewood Cemetery under direction of Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Mr. Hagler died at 3:30 a. m. in Methodist Hospital of lengthy illness.

Mr. Hagler was born in McKenney. He attended schools in Post and was married to Mrs. Alpha in Ely, in 1916. They moved to Post in 1921 from where he farmed there until his death. He was a long member of the Church of

September gets 9 new members

Members of the Chamber of Commerce met Thursday to discuss reports, in the meeting room at Burlington. Those present were Ed Bruton, Will Gene Moore, Jimmy Ronald Thuest, Charles Cook, Curtis Hudman, Walter Didway and Jay Greer.

New members have been welcomed into the Chamber. Those recently and those present were Douglas R. Beauty Bar, Super Dog, Gibson's, Dr. Jack, Harman's, Hager Hut, Safeway, Transpuri and Acid, Home Stamp Center, and the Chamber. Robert Cox is chairman of the group.



TWO NEW STUDENTS — Jennifer Estella Kennedy, left, and Elvira Sanchez, right, stand outside the door of Mrs. Edna Owen's kindergarten classroom Monday waiting for their first day of school. Elvira isn't sure she's going to like it. — (Staff Photo)

Enrollment about same

First day enrollment in Post schools Monday totaled 1,101 students, just eight students less than 1974's opening day attendance of 1,109. Supt. Bill Shiver reports to The Dispatch.

The small difference, came in special education classes, only 19 this year compared to 38 a year ago.

For the rest of it, Post enrollment was up from 1,071 last year to 1,082 this year.

Although the senior class will be five smaller at 64, based on first day attendance, the high school student body will show a boost from 330 last year to 353 this year.

The ninth grade class is much larger this year, 111 to 81, while the sophomore class is down 89 to 103, and the junior class up 89 to 77.

Enrollment by grades with 1974 first day figures in parenthesis are as follows: Kindergarten, full-time, 24 (20); kindergarten half time 47 (32); first grade 68 (62); second grade 89 (73); third grade 69 (69); fourth grade 77 (87); fifth grade 81 (98); sixth grade 102 (93); seventh grade 91 (107); eighth grade 101 (100); ninth grade 111 (81); tenth grade 89 (103); eleventh grade 89 (77); twelfth grade 64 (69); special education 19 (38).

JUNIOR MISS AQUA-BOOM — Kathie King

15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex King of Kingsland, formerly of Post, is shown following her winning of the Junior Miss Aqua-Boom beauty pageant. Kathie is a sophomore at Llano High School where she is a cheerleader, was freshman favorite and homecoming princess. Last year Kathie lettered in basketball, track and swimming. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. King of Post.

TED ATEN ASSURES DISPATCH

Lubbock mill will honor sunflower seed contracts

There's nothing to the farmers' fear that the Plains Cooperative Oil Mill in Lubbock won't pay the 15 cents a pound contract price this fall for sunflower seed, Ted Aten told The Dispatch yesterday.

The Graham Coop Gin manager who was scheduled to attend a meeting of the Plains Coop Oil Mill directors Wednesday afternoon in Lubbock as the Dispatch went to press said that the oil mill president had written that all sunflower

Crusade opens Sunday night



COMING TO LUBBOCK — Evangelist Billy Graham will bring his West Texas Crusade to Lubbock's Jones Stadium next week for a seven-night run. Free tickets are available with reserved seats for 20 or more upon request.

A large number of Post residents will actively participate in Billy Graham's West Texas Crusade which will open an eight-night stand in Jones Stadium in Lubbock at 8 p. m. Sunday night.

A Dispatch check this week showed the First Baptist Church here is planning to provide about 26 trained counselors and five ushers.

The Trinity Baptist Church expects to provide five counselors, five ushers, and some seven members on the followup telephone committee and well as some singers for the huge crusade choir.

Both Rev. Glenn Reece, pastor of the First Baptist, and Bro. Gene Prevo, Trinity Baptist pastor, will serve as supervisors. A supervisor directs a group of counselors who counsel those who come forward at the conclusion of each service at Graham's (See Billy Graham, Page 12)