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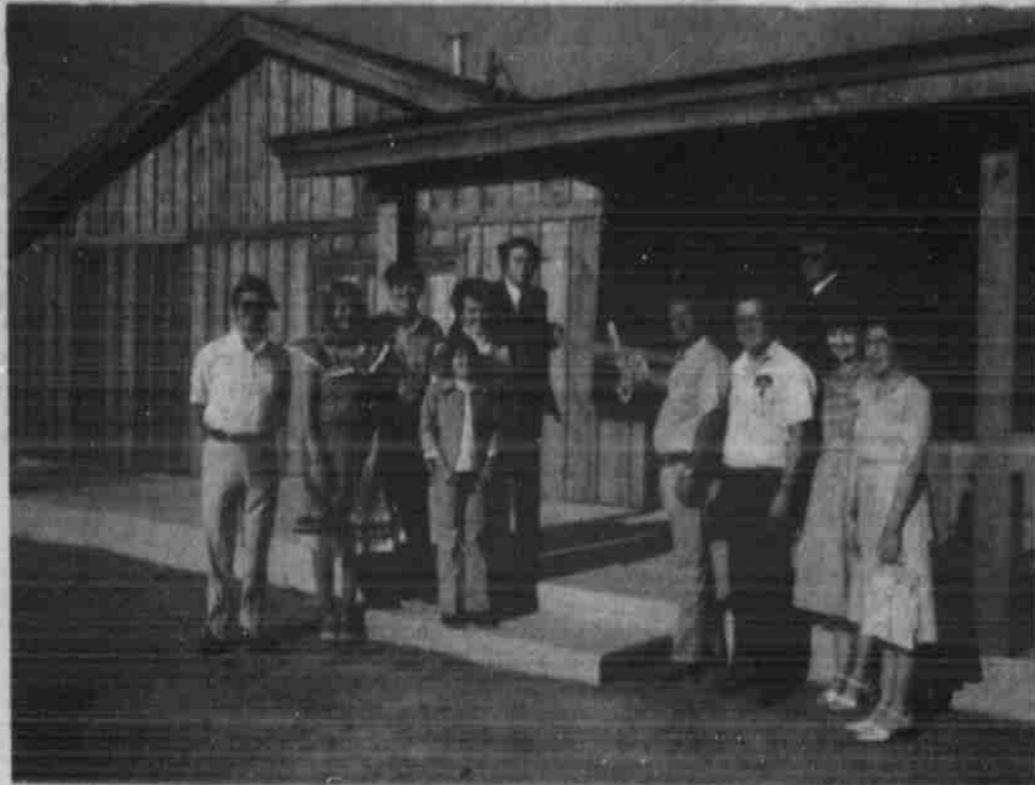
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allocating:
(1) \$12,500 for operation and maintenance of the Post Community Center with a \$2,500 additional request for center repairs by Mrs. Patty Kirkpatrick to be sought from county revenues.
(2) \$2,000 to Southland to complete its new fire protection water system, Supt. Tom Alvis making the request.
(3) \$4,000 to Justiceburg to help that rural community get started on a new water system Weldon Reed estimated will cost approximately \$20,000.
(4) \$1,600 for Meals on Wheels as half the cost of the 30 percent "match" with the federal government to finance the other 70 percent of the cost. Cleo Sappington and Joan Blacklock made this request.
(5) \$2,400 to pay utilities for a year for the new Algerta Senior Citizens Center, Jim Cornish making the request.
Also \$3,000 to county affairs division, \$4,142.00 as treasurer's commission, \$5,000 for former 4-H building purchased by county, \$1,500 for Post Special School, \$46,000 to the four precinct road funds equally at \$11,500 each, \$2,000 to the summer recreation program, \$3,000, to city-county park, and \$500 to Graham Community Center.
Mrs. Ruby Kirkpatrick requested \$6,000 for repairs to the help restore the Post Sanitarium building to go along with \$8,000 the Garza Museum Association had plus \$6,000 from a state restoration grant.
The court decided to give what help it could to this (See County cuts, Page 12)

Parade, crowds and rock boost rodeo

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5G Trailer Park's Hee Haw float won the \$125 first prize in that division. The Emergency Medical Technician's Club won the \$90 second prize with its float showing white coated technicians ready to go to work on a bloody auto wreck, with Patsy McCowen and Lu Allen's float, entitled "Summertime" winning the \$50 third prize. Five floats in all were entered in the competition.
William Todd Smith III won the \$20 first prize in the decorated bicycle division with Angela Graves taking the \$10 second prize and Mike Wells the \$5 third prize.
The Scurry County Sheriff's Posse won the first place trophy in the riding club division. The Lubbock Saddle Club was second and the Floydada Riding Club third. The Scurry County Junior Riding Club won first in the junior division.
The parade also saw the new Post Sheriff's Posse in their first local appearance. Tad Terrell was named the most typical young cowboy in the parade and (See Big rodeo, Page 12)



RIBBON CUTTING — Bob West Saddlery and Western Wear held it's Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting Monday morning, with the grand opening scheduled for the fall "OS Weekend". Shown l to r, Michael Beard, Phyllis Morris, Danny Shaw, Misty West, Bert West, Larry Willard, chamber president; Bob West, owner; Frank Rodriguez, boot repairman; Rob Robinson, Linda Waldrip and Iva Hudman. — (Staff Photo)



When Al O'Brien got up Tuesday noon in the community center to make a water speech to Post Rotarians, he faced up to his No. 1 problem right off. That's the bad taste of the water each August.

It happens every August and The Dispatch has referred to it as "the lake turning over."

Al said he wanted to start off by explaining the bad taste in the water and exactly how it happens.

The heat makes the top water in the lake heavy, he said. It's a density problem. When it gets too heavy it sinks to the bottom and the bottom water comes to the top.

When the heavy water gets to the bottom, it has no oxygen. The algae (plant growth) which grows in the bottom of the lake then dies for lack of oxygen. It's the dead algae, O'Brien ex-

Bob, Bert West open new western store

Bob West Saddlery & Western Wear, Post's new western store with distinctive eye appeal both inside and out, is now open for business at 503 South Broadway. Chamber of Commerce

Lightning sets 3 fires

Maybe it didn't rain here Tuesday night, but the lightning sure kept Post firemen busy.

They were called out to three grass fires set by lightning on ranches south of Post and went from one to another for four and one-half hours, winding up about 11 a.m.

The blazes were on the Fuller ranch, near the Scurry county line on US-84, the Spinning ranch, five or six miles out, and the O.S. Ranch.

The biggest of the three was on the OS spread, but Fire Chief Neal Clary said it was hard to estimate the area burned off at night.

officers and directors turned out Monday morning for the traditional ribbon cutting.

A grand opening is planned for the "OS weekend" on the last weekend in September.

The beautiful store is the 25-year-old dream of Bob and Bert West. They were hoping to get the store completed and opened for their 25th wedding anniversary July 18, but couldn't quite make it.

The store is 40 by 65 feet, building of California red cedar and divided into a large, comfortable display room featuring a large stone fireplace, and a large boot, shoe and saddle repair room. There's also a private paneled office with private shower and restroom.

The entire stock has refrigerated air conditioning and the sales room features thick carpet from Hudman Furniture.

The store design is basically Bob's own idea. His sister-in-law, B. J. West, sketched it for him and he took the sketch to Bill

(See New store, Page 12)

Nurses arouse six in burning trailer home

Two hospital nurses coming off night shift at 7 a.m. last Thursday noticed smoke pouring from a trailer house across the street from Garza Memorial Hospital and rushed over and awoke five children and one woman who were asleep inside.

Within five minutes a fire which exploded windows and roared 30 feet into the air completely burned out the interior of the trailer house causing \$10,000 to \$15,000 in damages.

The only casualty was Penny, a small dog that died of smoke inhalation.

Gene Moore, a volunteer fireman who had just arrived at the hospital for a breakfast meeting of hospital directors, rushed to the fire station and had the fire engine in front of the burning trailer house and a hose on the flames before the fire alarm was sounded.

A hot electric line fell into the street and a telephone cable was burned causing 236 local phones to be put out of service, according to O.D. Hearn, General Telephone's division manager from Brownfield.

Although the trailer was located only a few feet from Mary Cross's residence at 515 West Sixth, the blazing flames went straight up and caused no real damage to the residence.

A Chevrolet Blazer was parked in front of the trailer house, and received only a broken windshield from the heat and some peeled paint.

The trailer belonged to Dude McLaurin, who made her home in it in the backyard of her sister, Mrs. Cross.

Mrs. McLaurin told The Dispatch that the five children who were asleep in the trailer with her were her grandchildren from Dimmitt, Ray and Todd Cameron, 10 and 14, Jay Lou Cameron, 8, and their two cousins, LeAndrea Lynn, 10 and Cydna Lynn, 7.

Mrs. Jeri Lou Cameron, mother of three of the children, was up and had gone to the Cross residence a few feet away to drink a morning cup of coffee when

the fire broke out, apparently in a window air-conditioner or wiring.

"It's a miracle that we all got out alive," Mrs. McLaurin said.

She said the two nurses,

LVN Geraldine Ryan and RN Evelyn Sereno, rushed in and awoke the two boys asleep in one bedroom at one end of the trailer, while she got the three girls who (See Trailer fire, Page 12)

Post schools will offer breakfasts

With the opening of the fall school term, Post schools will offer a new breakfast program to students and interested parents.

The local schools had such a program about nine years ago but lost so much money on it they discontinued it. This year the breakfast program is mandatory by

Texas law. Mrs. Johnnie Wilson, lunchroom supervisor, told The Dispatch that the breakfasts will be served in the lunchroom from 7:45 to 8:15 a. m. on school days.

Students, who do not receive reduced-price breakfasts or free breakfasts in accordance with a (See Breakfast, Page 12)

Schools restrict use of 'packets'

School trustees have ordered a halt to use of the packet system of individualized instruction in Post classrooms by all teachers who have not been trained in its proper use.

Action came at the August board meeting last Wednesday night in response to a recommendation made in a report by Dr. K.G. Dueck on the Post packet system. The report was front-paged in The Dispatch July 20.

Dr. Dueck cited "Mis-use" of the packets by some teachers who have come into the system since

instruction was given the Post faculty in "packet" use in 1970.

Supt. Bill Shiver, who endorsed the action, said teachers who want to learn the use of "packets" will be given in-service training by school principals and quali-

(See Packet use, Page 12)

Mrs. Sweeten's rites today

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Hudman Funeral Home chapel for Mrs. Birdie Ann Sweeten, 48, of Post with the Rev. Jimmy Kennedy, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church officiating.

Mrs. Sweeten died at 2 p.m. Tuesday in University Hospital at Lubbock where she had been a patient for the past two weeks.

She was a spinner in the Postex Plant here, but had taken a leave of absence from her work because of poor health. A resident of Post for 30 years, she was married to A.P. Sweeten here in 1947.

Surviving besides her husband are two sons, Noah and Tommy, both of Post; four brothers, William Snow of Devilla, Ed Snow of Temple, and L.C. and Lee Snow, both of Post, four sisters, Estel Guthrie of Post, Odessa Gonzales of Anson, Ivie Guthrie of Temple and Alice Edison of Waco; and two grandchildren. Burial will be in Terrace Cemetery.

White River water still same 30 cents

Al O'Brien told Post Rotarians Tuesday that the White River Water District is able to continue selling Post and other member cities treated water at only 30 cents a thousand gallons delivered because White River Lake recreational revenues are used to pay part of the operational costs to purify and pump the water.

The White River water district manager compared the 30-cent rate to the Colorado Water District which charges 49 cents for raw water with the purchaser having to purify it.

He said the water district lost \$55,000 last year if it figured only water sales income against operating costs, but recreational revenue, which totaled \$120,000 last year, made up the difference.

O'Brien said recreational revenue has created a

\$742,000 investment fund for the White River water district.

Water sales last year totaled \$440,000 with \$210,000 of that made to oil companies for secondary water flooding.

Post, he declared, has one of the cheapest water rates he knows about with a \$3.50 minimum.

He said the water district pumped more water in July than probably in any month

of its history — 120 million gallons.

Of this 68 million gallons was pumped to Post with the city using 35 million and the oil firms 33 million; 40 million went to Crosbyton and Ralls, and 17 million to Spur.

O'Brien emphasized the purpose of the water district is to sell water to its four member towns and long ago his board of directors agreed there was nothing

wrong with using recreational income from the lake to hold water rates at 30 cents per thousand gallons and keep taxes off the water district.

"We can live off the recreational income for a long time," he said.

Turning to the possibility of the Post Lake, O'Brien said the position of the water district directors is that they will never jeopardize the (See White River, Page 12)

Three prize-winning floats in big Post rodeo parade



\$125 first prize winning float, at left, is the Trailer Park entry, Hee Haw. The \$90 second

prize winner in the middle is the Emergency Medical Technicians Club float showing a

wrecked car full of bodies with the EMTS in white coats preparing to clean up the human

mess. The \$50 third prize went to Patsy McCowen's and Lu Allen's float, Summertime.

Dispatch Editorials

Page 2 Thursday, Aug. 17, 1978 The Post (Tex.) Dispatch

Small, old-fashioned--and great!

If you think a few old-fashioned ways of doing things do not belong to today's world, take a close look at the White River municipal water district.

District manager Al O'Brien nailed down a few of them for us again Tuesday in a talk about water before local Rotarians.

He said the four West Texas small towns some 22 years ago in 1956 formed together into a water district, borrowed four and one-half million dollars from the state, and built their own central water system by damming a canyon, constructing a filtration plant, and laying miles of pipeline.

Not a single cent of federal funds has ever been involved. Nobody gave this water district a single dollar. That probably never happened before — or since.

The district hasn't abandoned its old-fashioned ways either. It refuses to grow bigger just for the sake of bigness. Nobody has tried to build a "personal kingdom."

It hasn't lost sight of its only real purpose — to obtain and maintain an adequate water supply for its four towns, today and in the future.

The profit and loss statement is amazing. The 30 cents per thousand gallons for filtered water delivered hasn't been raised a penny since the lake went into operation about 15 or 16 years ago.

It's probably the cheapest water today in Texas, certainly among the cheapest anyway. Costs went up of course, but the water district held the price line by applying lake recreational income to pay for water production and delivery as needed.

An investment fund of \$742,000 has been

built from the recreational income. Since it draws a lot more interest than the interest which could be saved paying off the state loan faster, the water district makes a profit each year on its investment.

Always somebody asks The Dispatch when the Post lake will become reality. Our answer has been when somebody will sign a contract to buy enough water to finance its construction.

That is true, but Al O'Brien put it in a more old-fashioned but just as logical way in his Tuesday talk.

He said the Post Lake would only be built when the circumstances do not jeopardize in any way the success of the White River water district to furnish an adequate water supply to four member towns.

Until that day comes, Post Lake of course won't be built. And this newspaper is pleased to think that the men who guide the White River Water district think that way.

We can look around our West Texas "neighborhood" today and find plenty of neighboring towns have passed up long ago chances to build for the future with a safe, new lake water supply.

But they failed to face up to their future then and are struggling today or paying through the nose for their mistake.

The Dispatch is glad the White River water district was built not only by men willing to face the future, but those who were willing to also look into their past for guidance and direction.

Our little old-fashioned water district. We think it is simply great.

Makes favorable impression

This newspaper was quite favorably impressed with Bill Clements, the Republican candidate for governor, during his visit to Post last Thursday.

He is an articulate conservative who lets you know exactly where he stands on things. Clements doesn't appear in any awe of the array of Democratic power he opposes either.

He points out Republican candidates for governor have been drawing about 45 percent of the vote in Texas since the early 1960s and all he has to do is change the minds of about six or seven percent of the voters and he will win.

Bill says he is campaigning about 18 hours day, six days a week in the small towns all over Texas this summer so he can devote the fall to the large population centers.

There is no doubt but what he has wooed a tremendous number of Governor Dolph Briscoe's county campaign managers into his camp to head counties for him in the fall campaign.

He will be the first Republican candidate in history to organize all the counties in Texas.

The efficient way he and his small traveling staff go about their campaigning is proof that Bill Clements is well organized and running hard.

Texas has never had a Republican governor properly elected but Clements claims he is going to change that and be the first.

Watch him close. This may turn into the most surprising campaign in Texas political history. That's the feeling Bill Clements leaves you with when he says goodbye.

And what does make a big difference is that most of the small towns Clements is visiting this summer will never see his opponent John Hill. Hill has his relatives and friends out doing his campaigning in the rural areas.

But what most voters want to see and hear is the candidate himself. They'll remember Bill Clements was here.

Remember When

10 YEARS AGO

Silas and Beth Short purchase Short Hardware; "The Estate" run by several high school boys opens with folk singing group from Lubbock performing; Mr. and Mrs. Dawyne Capps are parents of a daughter born in a Fort Worth hospital; Mr. and Mrs. Giles Dalby and family vacation Alaska; Mr. and Mrs. Giles McCrary return home after attending Republican National Convention in Miami Beach, Fla.; Curtis E. Hudman graduates from McMurray College; Martha Goode receives Masters Degree from North Western Texas College at Denton; Billy Light, a former Postite, joins KKAL radio in Denver City; Only 24 boys turn out for Antelope football squad, smallest number in years.

15 YEARS AGO

Tourist marker for Garza being constructed; Danny Odum, Pat Sullivan and Ricky Little are Post Antelope tri-captains; Dejuana Hays honored on her ninth birthday with party given by parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hays; Roger Hair enlists in army for three years; Mike Mitchell wins first flight in the Aspermont Gold Tournery; Jack Alexander attends TSTA president conference in Dallas; Mozelle Rogers, the Wade Peppers' and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Edwards attend reunion in Clarendon; \$2,000 sought for Community Student Loan fund according to Mrs. B.E. Young, treasurer; City council adopts new budget, holds line on tax rate at \$1.50.

25 YEARS AGO

Post Skeet Club formed with Oscar Garner and Julius Stelzer president and secretary; Small claims court set up here with J.D. King, justice of peace, over it; "Bing" Bingham, high school football coach sets up get acquainted party for team; Miss Virgie Ammons to marry Raymond Jenkins; Barbara Shumard honored on her eleventh birthday in home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Shumard; Mary Lee Wristen returns from vacation in New York; Tower Theater shows Esther Williams in "Dangerous When Wet"; Post Stampede Cowboys to ride at Roby parade.

Letters to the Editor

MORE IDENTIFIED

Dear Editor: How great to have part of the Class of '44 — as sixth graders — greet one on turning to page 3 of the August 3rd edition.

The teacher was Mrs. Troy (Thelma) Akin. Six of the seven missing names are Bobbie June Brant; Albert Odum, Geneva Ann (Gene) Stephens, Ervin Porter and Billie Louise Hester. As I recall, girl no. 7 was Hope ?

Thanks for the memories!
Zora Anne Evans
1408 Houston Dr. W
La Marque, Texas 77568

Window vandals hit four firms

Vandals broke out windows at four Post firms Thursday night and also got into Boston's Super Dog and stole \$27 in cash, Sheriff Jim Pippin reports.

The other three firms suffering from the glass-breakers were the Pioneer Natural Gas office, Gibson's Discount Center and Gandy's Gulf Service.



HUDMAN FUNERAL HOME Presents

Wordsworth

Care Charles V made many attempts to kill John Brentz, a minister friend of Luther and a stalwart of the Reformation. Hearing that a troop of Spanish cavalry was on the way to arrest him, Brentz asked God for guidance. "Take a loaf of bread and go into the upper town and where you find a door open, enter and hide under the roof," he was told. For 14 days he lay there while the search continued. The one loaf wouldn't have been enough, but day by day, a hen came up to the garret and laid an egg without cackling. The 18th day the hen didn't come, and friends told Brentz the search was over. God cares.

Meal program needs help

The Garza "Meals on Wheels" program is in financial trouble. Joann Blacklock, the Garza supervisor of this program wishes to ask help from anyone, church, club, etc., who will donate funds to help keep this very worthwhile program going for the county.

She is at the present time feeding some 30 elderly, shut-ins, and persons who cannot prepare meals for themselves. There are at least ten more who would be eligible for this service if funds were available. This program is funded by the Department of Human Resources and is a 70-30 program. The department furnishes 70 percent of the funds and Mrs. Blacklock must provide the remaining funds.

Donations of money and food would be tremendously appreciated. If you have anything to contribute to this program please contact Mrs. Blacklock at the Alexander Center, 501 Pine Street, 495-3019 or at her home 495-2071.

Happy Birthday

Aug. 19
Sam Bevers, Jr.
Paul Wheatley
Janette Brown

Aug. 20
John Schmidt
Beth Ann Ward
Keith Howard
Nedra Mosely
Donnie Clary
Sue Little

Aug. 21
Jerry Stegall
Lloyd Edwards
Ruel Smith
R.V. Burnes
Joe Clary
Mrs. C.A. Richards
Russell Morris
DaRita Snow
Patti Ayala

Aug. 22
Charles Neff
Ed Miller
Mrs. Curtis Christopher
Mike Krueger
Mrs. Preston Mathis
Mrs. J.F. Storie

Aug. 23
L.H. Tittle
Peggy Lee Mathis
Fred Long
D.W. Reed
Mrs. James McBride
Ronald Burnes
Cathy Smith
Tina Bevers
Melvin Lee
Rachel Vernon

Aug. 24
Mark Casey
Mrs. S.E. Camp
Harlan Morris
Clyde Cash
Reese Carter, Jr.
Jo Beth Huffman
Steven Jay White
Andrea Koerselman
Felipe Gutierrez
Andy Laws

New deputy sheriff goes to work

Sheriff Jim Pippin announced Wednesday the addition to his staff of deputies of Frank Harper, 22, formerly of Seminole, who is entering law enforcement work for the first time and is yet to be certified.

Harper's wife, Lynette, is employed here as a radio dispatcher.

WEEKEND GUESTS

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Malouf over the weekend were Tony Sarkes, Roger El Hachem and Ghazy Abi Zeid all with the Air Force stationed in Fort Worth. The three are from Lebanon. Mrs. Malouf took them to Lubbock to visit the museum, Texas Tech, library and the mall. Also visiting in her home was her nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Adib Hadda and family of Lubbock. The boys flew into Post airport and returned to Fort Worth Monday.

Youthoughts

By TRACY McALISTER

I've had many jobs so far in my lifetime, but probably the most unique for me was working in a woman's clothes stores.

I acquired this job after being dismissed from Jackson's Cafeteria. (Sounds better than fired, doesn't it?)

There are many myths about why I was dismissed. The truest myth is probably that I was eating the Jacksons out of house and home. Yes, folks, skinny, 115 pound Tracy Douglas McAlister was devouring Jackson's from the veggies to the meats to the pickles. The truth is that I was just testing the food for the customers. But for some reason, they didn't understand this and thus they dismissed me.

While working at Jackson's I was on the high school HECE program for working students. So very quickly I needed another job or I would lose my credits. Poor Mrs. Wheatley looked and looked for me another job. After a week or two of calling everybody in Post, she found me a position with Margie Wilson at Raferti's. Well, thinking that I would just have to clean up, I accepted the post. (In other words, I had no other choice.)

Well, everything was going fine. I would vacuum up the place, dust a little, price dresses, and dress the girl manikins, (my favorite part.) But I had the hardest time with those manikins. I always misjudged the sizes of the dresses for them. Everytime that I picked out a dress and put it on the manikin, something undecent would show or, like the song says, June was busting out all over. (But what the heck, I liked them that way.)

Then one day a terrible thing happened. Fannie Ballentine and Margie both left me in the store by myself and a customer came in.

This lady was about 70 years old and blind as a bat. She thought that I was a girl. Now this wasn't so bad, except that she came in wanting to buy a firm support bra so she wouldn't (as she called it) sag.

The first thing she asked me is what size did I think she needed. Well, seeing that this woman had nice (Excuse me) breasts, and thinking that you judged cups like you do meat, I said

Grade A. Needless to say, she was offended.

Well, I was embarrassed and grabbed a training bra — seeing that her breasts sure needed training. Well, she went in the dressing room and came out without her skirt asking me if I thought it fit. Well, seeing that her horses were just about to jump out the gate, I decided that we ought to try a larger one.

Finally, I sold her a D cup and she left. I still thank God that nobody else came in that morning. God knows what I would have done if she came in looking for panty hose.

But you know, one man's cup of tea is not a woman's cup of....Oh, forget it!

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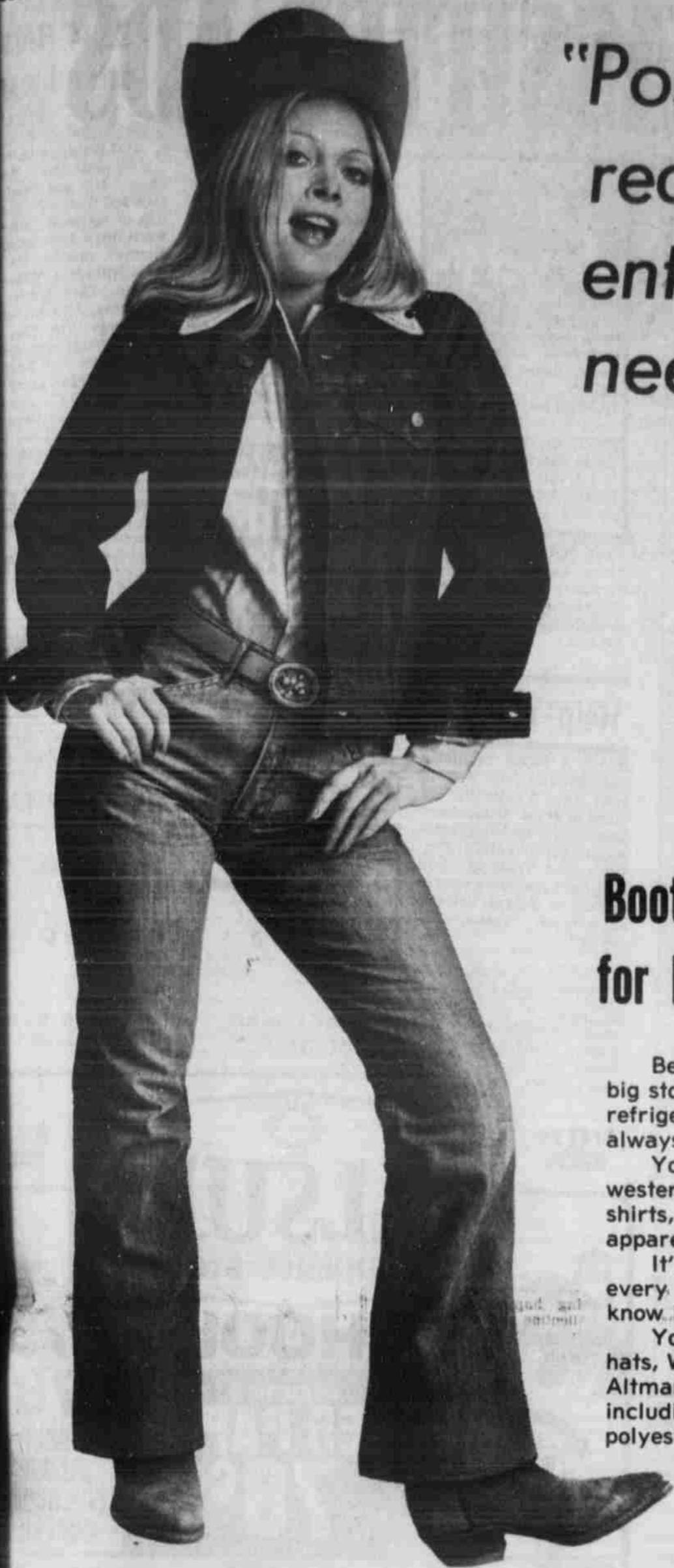
If your electric bill has jumped this summer, take a good look up at that Texas sun. Sure, we all like sunny days, but our friend the sun can be a villain in disguise. On these Texas scorches, you'll need your air conditioning to run more. Sometimes running day and night all night. Well, that runs up your electric bill. Just when vacation and school expenses are here.

We know you care about higher electric bills. And we want you to know that we care, too. We can't cool off the sun, but there are still time and ways to keep your bill from going much higher. Here are just a few:

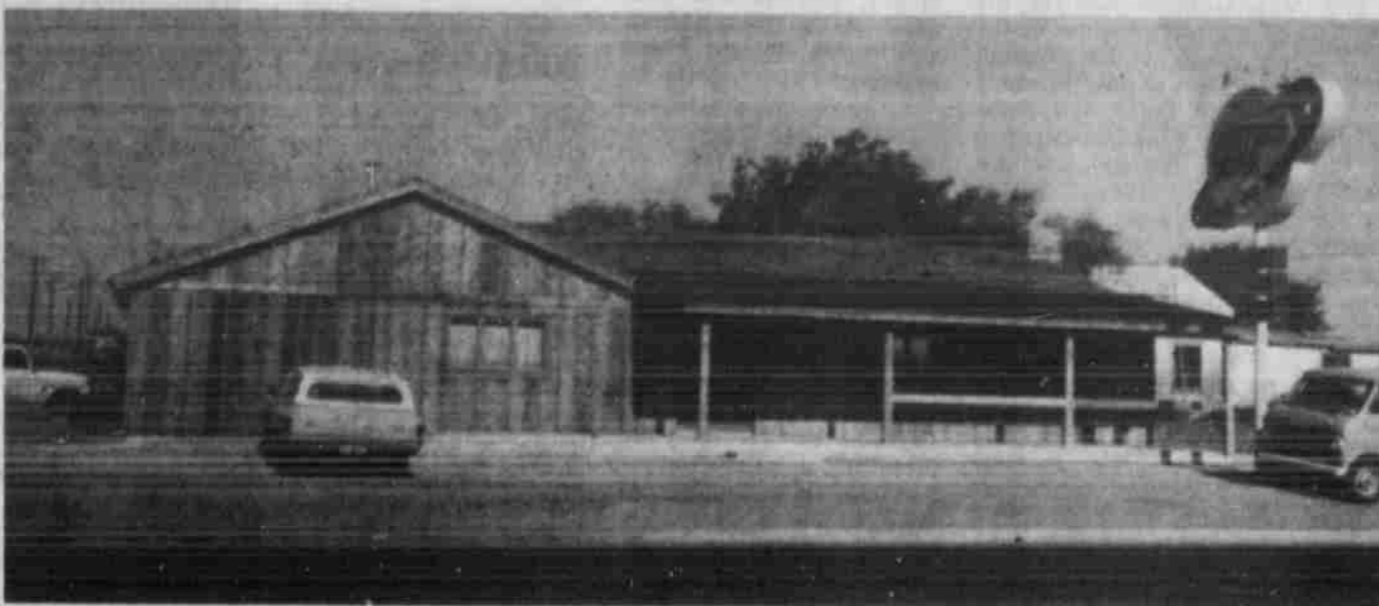
- Turn the thermostat to at least 78, or until you find the highest possible setting that feels reasonably comfortable to you. If you have window air conditioning units, run them only as much as is absolutely necessary.
- Check your insulation.
- When you buy major appliances, including air conditioners, be sure to check the EER (Energy Efficiency Rating). The higher the EER, the more energy and money you'll save.
- Clean and replace the filters regularly.
- Keep your drapes closed to block out direct sunlight.
- Weatherstrip around doors and windows.

At Southwestern Public Service, we care about you getting the most for your energy dollar. Call us for suggestions to help you change the size of your electric bill for the better.





"Post's new western store is ready to serve you—and your entire family—with all your western needs!"



Boots, Hats and Western Clothes for Dad, Mom and Kids All Sizes!

Bert West is in charge of the sales department. It features a big stone fireplace for warming wood fires in winter, and cool refrigerated comfort for summer's heat, with thick carpets always underfoot.

You'll find just about everything you'll possibly need in western wear . . . fine hats, three great brands of boots, western shirts, jeans, buckles, belts, and a variety of women's western apparel. There's plenty of everything for kids all sizes and ages.

It's not all in yet, but a lot of it is here, and more is arriving every day. We had it all ticketed for Aug. 1 delivery, but you know how the world is these days.

You'll like our brands too. They include Resistol in western hats, Wrangler jeans, D & J Western Wear, Suede Originals by Altman of Dallas, and a variety of Pioneer Western Wear, including ladies' western pants and all kinds of down-filled and polyester jackets.

We didn't mention the brands of boots because we want to emphasize these. We have Sierra, Masterson and Wrangler boots. Masterson and Sierra boots are two of the finest brands in the country. They contain no synthetics. Our boot department will include 500 pairs with lots of variety when we get it fully stocked.

There's a full line of students' western clothes here too. We've got a lot of it already for your back to school selections, and more is arriving daily.

But this new western store sells more than a full selection of boots and western clothes.

You'll find saddles by Billy Cook . . . bits and spurs by Trammel, by Andrews, and by even former Postite Ed Sims . . . plus all kinds of western tack.

Come in soon, say howdy and take a good look around.



Bert West racks up some new arrivals in the sales room with the big stone fireplace in the background.



Bob West and their daughter, Misty, pose in the private paneled office.



Frank Rodriguez is repairing a pair of boots in the well equipped repair room.

Grand Opening Planned for "OS Weekend"

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Political Column
The Post Dispatch is authorized to announce the candidacy of the following candidates subject to the May and June Democratic Primary Elections:
FOR CONGRESSMAN, 17th District:
Charles Stenholm, Stamford.
FOR STATE SENATOR, 25th SENATORIAL DISTRICT:
E. L. Short, Tahoka
FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 101:
W. S. (Bill) Heatley (reelection).
FOR 106th DISTRICT JUDGE:
George Hansard
FOR COUNTY JUDGE:
Giles W. Dalby (reelection).
FOR COUNTY TREASURER:
Voda Beth Voss
FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE:
Racy Robinson, (reelection).
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2:
Ted Aten, (reelection).
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4:
Herbert Walls, (reelection).
FOR DISTRICT AND COUNTY CLERK:
Carl Cederholm, (reelection).

Thank You

We want to thank Bro. Glen for his visits and prayers, also all the church members and friends who prayed for us and wished us well. Also I say thank you for all the beautiful flowers. Thank you for the food brought to the house. I also thank Dr. Wilson for his efforts to help me and all the personnel at the hospital, they were so good to me. I want to thank the First National Bank Directors and Officers and Employees for the pretty flowers sent to me. I enjoyed them very much. May God bless you all.
Addie and Terrell Brown

We wish to thank all of our friends who helped us move by furnishing boxes, trailers, time and a lot of hard work. We appreciate your help more than words can express.
The Jack Bishops

We would like to thank all our friends for their acts of kindness shown while I was in the hospital and since my return home. We would also like to thank all of you for your prayers, visits, phone calls, flowers and food.
Mrs. Oscar "Ann" Gray

The bleachers are empty, the arena is quite. It's a far cry from Saturday night. We are proud of our city and the rodeo committee. Congratulations for a job well done.
V. O.

Lost & Found

LOST: Rodeo banner that was hanging by Damon's Restaurant. If found please call Post Chamber of Commerce. ttc 8-17
FOUND: Saint Bernard dog Tuesday morning at Terry's Texaco Service. Call 3180. ttp 8-17

To Give Away

TO GIVE AWAY: Good large boxes. Guy's TV & Appliance. ttc 8-17

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FOR SALE: Hide-a-bed couch, good condition. See at Ralls Highway, four miles out, turn left. Mrs. Charlie Morrow. ttp 8-17
FOR SALE: Gas stove, \$25; refrigerator, \$50; large dog house \$15. Call 495-2204. ttp 8-17
FOR SALE: Used saxophone and clarinet in good condition. Call 495-3112. ttp 8-17
FOR SALE: Fiberglass boat with good 25 HP motor and trailer. See at 904 Pine St. ttp 8-17
FOR SALE: Ward's 23 cu. ft. chest type deep freeze \$250. Honda 90 Trail Bike \$150. Call 495-2278 after five. ttp 8-17
FOR SALE: March 14' aluminum fishing boat, 20 HP Johnson, no trailer. Call Charles A. Morris. 495-3151 after 6 p. m. ttc 8-10
FOR SALE: Pickup camper. Call 629-4277. ttc 8-22
Post Lodge No. 1058
A. F. & A. M. Regular Meeting on Second Thursday
Dennis Odum W.M.
Paul Jones Sect.

For Sale

FOR SALE: Used clarinet, good condition \$100. Call Donna Massey at 2790. ttp 8-17
FOR SALE: Air conditioners, good used furniture, refrigerators, cookstoves, new wood vanities, dog houses, bicycles and antiques. Ted's Trading Post. 1205 S. 9th, Slaton. Phone 828-6820. ttc 4-20
FOR SALE: 1974 Vega. See at 706 West 5th. ttp 8-15

Services

CUSTOM UPHOLSTERY
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STEAM CARPET CLEANING
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LET US copy and restore your family photographs. We are also available for weddings - Our new location 1813 North 1st in Tahoka. Hours 1 to 5 p. m. Call 998-4142. C. Edmund Finney. ttc 7-13
PUT YOUR PICTURE or name on a T-shirt at Hundley's. ttc 10-20
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D & J BAIT SHOP
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FOR RENT: Large trailer space on edge of town. Pins, cesspool and plumbed. 495-3603. ttc 3-30
FOR RENT: Three trailer spaces. Inquire at Jackson Cafeteria. ttc 5-1
Trailer space for rent in country. Call 327-5613, Elmo Bush. ttp 8-17
FOR RENT: Washers, dryers, refrigerators. Guy's TV & Appliance. ttc 8-17
FURNISHED apartments for rent. 315 N. Ave. H. ttc 8-3

Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE: Friday 1 to 5. Saturday 9 to 5. Chairs, miscellaneous items. 411 Osage. ttp 8-17
CARPOR SALE: Teens clothes, furniture, three families, Thursday and Friday 8 to 2. 801 West 6th. ttp 8-17
GARAGE SALE: Lots of clothes, record player, weight lift bench, dog house, tires A78-13, clarinet. Willa Didwad 219 S. Ave. F. Friday 9-1. No early calls please. ttp 8-17
GARAGE SALE: 103 S. Ave. S. All day Saturday. ttp 8-17
GARAGE SALE: Tricycle, pictures, toys, clothes. Friday only 9 a. m. 409 West 12th. ttp 8-17
EVERYTHING GOES. 25 cents to \$2. Cheap! Cheap! Cheap! 716 West 6th. 9 til 5 Saturday only. ttp 8-17
YARD SALE: Monday 9 til ? Baby bed, furniture, clothes, miscellaneous items. 1 1/2 miles on Lubbock Highway North. Sheila Melton. ttp 8-17
GARAGE SALE: Saturday. 507 West 8th. 8 til 5. ttp 8-17
PORCH SALE: Three families. Friday and Saturday. Refrigerator-freezer, baby items, clothes, real cheap. 214 N. Ave. I. ttp 8-17
GARAGE SALE: Backyard sale; Friday 8:30 to 5:30. Boys clothes, size 12 and 14. Lots of miscellaneous. 115 West 6th. ttp 8-17
GARAGE SALE: Thursday and Friday. 704 Chantilly. ttp 8-17
GARAGE SALE: 408 N. Ave. F. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. ttp 8-17
CARPOR SALE: Saturday 8 til ? Children and adult clothes, quilts, blankets, curtains, odds and ends. Beulah and Orabeth White. West 8th and Tahoka Highway, south side of road in rock house. ttp 8-17
YARD SALE: 409 N. Ave. K. Thursday afternoon. All day Friday and Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Infants and children's clothing to size 5. Vacuum \$5 and miscellaneous. ttc 8-17
GARAGE SALE: All day Friday, 816 West 4th. Bob Hudman. ttc 8-17
GARAGE SALE: Thursday, Aug. 17 10 a. m. to 5. 601 S. Ave. R. Furniture, dishes, sliding glass door, girls, boys, women, men's clothes, toys and games, etc. Patricia Reynolds, Marge Tannehill. ttc 8-17
FRONT YARD SALE: Double mattress, springs, bed; twin box springs; complete garage door; refrigerated air conditioner; glassware, TV (Make offer), double oven. Saturday only 9 to 5, 111 North Ave. K.

Wanted

WANTED: Lawn mower repairs. 706 West 12th or phone 495-2276. ttp 7-15

Public Notice

NOTICE
Pioneer Natural Gas Company, a division of Pioneer Corporation, hereby gives notice of its intent to implement new rates for residential and commercial, small industrial and air conditioning customer classes in the 63 cities and towns on its West Texas Distribution System, effective September 15, 1978. It is anticipated that the new rates will result in a 26.4% increase in Pioneer's gross revenues on its West Texas Distribution System, which increase is a "major change" as defined in Section 43(b) of Article 1446c, V.A.T.C.S.
A Statement of Intent to change said rates was filed with each of the cities and towns (listed below) on or about August 11, 1978, and is available for inspection at the Company's Amarillo office, 301 S. Taylor Street.
CITIES AND TOWNS AFFECTED
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Forsan Ralls
Friona Ropesville
Hale Center Seagraves
Happy Seminole
Hart Shallowater
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Canyon Springlake
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Midland

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Real Estate

FOR SALE: Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath on two corner lots, nice cement cellar, new cedar fence, evaporative cooling ducted to hall, panel ray heat, real nice. Call 3241 or contact Curtis Whitley. ttc 8-10
FOR SALE: Two houses 908 West 7th and 510 West 10th. Call 2318. After 5 call 2731.
FOR SALE: House with three bedrooms, one bath, kitchen, dining room, utility room wired for washer and dryer, all big rooms, 1400 square feet, separate garage and fenced back yard with grass and trees. Good neighborhood. 810 West 7th. Priced reasonable. Call 495-2355. ttc 8-10
FOR SALE: Phillips 66 Service Station. Call 495-3220. ttc 3-30
FOR SALE: Large 3 bedroom brick home, large living room, den, two bath, large fenced backyard, two car garage. Refrigerated air and central heating. Shown by appointment only. Contact Patsy McCowen 495-2200.
HOUSE FOR SALE "Cash"
Three bedroom, large closets, plumbed washer and dryer, central heat, air conditioner ducted into hall, nearly new air conditioner, garbage disposal, fenced in yard, paved street. Call 3366.

HALF TIME NURSE

The Southland School needs a half-time nurse for school duty for the 1978-79 school year, beginning Aug. 28. Salary is negotiable. Those interested should contact Dr. Thomas V. Alvis, school superintendent, at (806) 996-5339 or 996-5321.

SYD WYATT REAL ESTATE

Two bedroom home, good location, owner anxious to sell. Make offer.
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HAVE BUYER for good Garza County farm. Call Syd Wyatt, Real Estate Broker, 495-2957 or nights, 495-2972.

FOR RENT OR SALE: Store building in Post, formerly Marshall's Dept. Store location. Contact J. B. Hoskins (806) 795-9235 or 795-3448. ttc 8-3

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WANTED: Medically trained person to do insurance exams. Excellent part-time income, good handwriting. Phone and car necessary. Call Lubbock (806) 745-1009.

Miscellaneous

OIL LIKENESSES of people done on 18 x 24 permanent coated masonite from 5 x 7 or 8 x 10 photographs for \$20. Call Beth or Amy Ault at 495-2075. ttp 8-10
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Custom, residential, business and formica tops. Phone 495-2084. ttc 10-13

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SHURFINE MARGARINE QUARTERS 2 78c 1 LB. PKGS.
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SHURFINE MAC & CHEESE 3 7/8 OZ. CANS 78c
SHURFINE EARLY PEAS 3 1/2 OZ. CANS \$1.00
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Health Fair to be held here Sept. 16

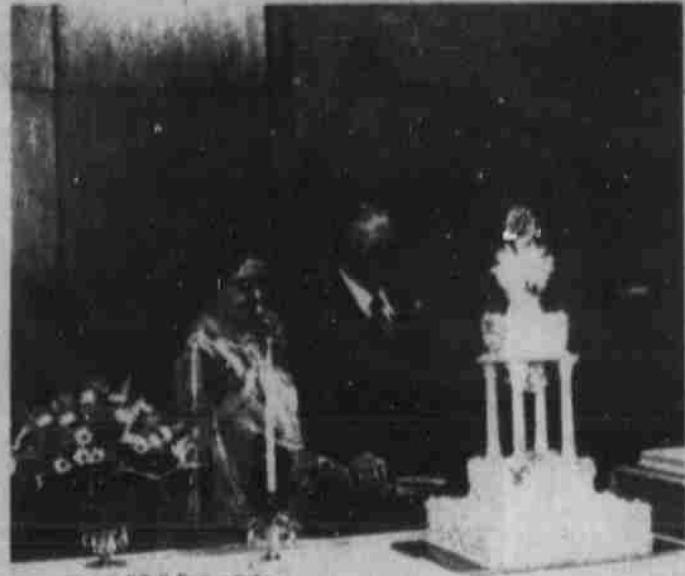
The Family Living Center under the direction of Texas Agricultural Extension Service will sponsor Health Fair in the Post Community Center Saturday, Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be a free medical screening done by qualified personnel at no cost to the patient. Nurses from the Department of Health Services in Lubbock will conduct this screening. Representatives from the American Heart Association, Arthritis Foundation, American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, and South Plains Association on Aging will be present. There will be free screening in blood pressure,

tetanus-diphtheria series and boosters, hearing and vision tests, pulmonary function tests, height, weight and skin fold test, teaching of self breast examination, urinalysis, hemoglobin, anemia test, RPR Syphilis, and sickle cell anemia tests. Pre-registration of 30 persons is needed to insure the Blood Services will be present.

Various self help aid, pamphlets and exhibits will be on display.

Everyone is invited to attend and have these tests made or to see and view exhibitions regardless of race, sex, creed or national origin. For further information contact Paula Cawthon, Court House, Post or phone 2050.



CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rogers were honored with a 50th wedding anniversary reception in the bank community room, Sunday, Aug. 6. The occasion was hosted by the couple's three children.

50th anniversary reception is held

A 50th wedding anniversary reception honored Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rogers in the bank community room, Sunday, Aug. 6.

The 100 guests attending the occasion registered between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m. and were registered by the couple's grandsons.

Receiving the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, their three children, Wanda Burton of Fort Worth, Kenneth Rogers of Africa, and Delta Allen of Kansas City, Mo.

Married April 29, 1928 in Grassland, the couple had postponed their celebration until their son, Kenneth, could be with them. Kenneth is a missionary in Africa and only comes home every four years.

Cake, punch and coffee were served to the guests from a table laid with yellow and white and featured a tiered cake in the same colors. Serving guests were Mrs. Philip Daniels, Mrs. Waldon Swanger, Mrs. Don Riley, Ella Mae Jones, Mrs. C.D. McCleskey and Mrs. J.C. Allen.

The couple have nine grandchildren.

Recreation workshop set

The Home Demonstration Clubs of Garza County will sponsor a recreational workshop, Aug. 28 at 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the bank community room.

Nell Finney of Tulia will present the demonstrations on flower making, basket weaving, and puffer painting.

Everyone is invited to this session regardless of race, creed, color or sex. A small fee will be required for materials used in making these things and you are asked to bring your scissors.

Maid of Cotton entries sought

Entry blanks are available at the Post Chamber of Commerce for eligible young women who would like to enter the South Plains Maid of Cotton contest.

Selection of the South Plains Maid of Cotton, sponsored by the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 6-7.

Deadline for accepting applications is 5 p.m. Sept. 12.

RETURNS HOME

Mrs. Hazel Evans of Truth or Consequences, N. M., returned to her home this past weekend following a two weeks visit in Post with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McCampbell.

approved legislation overriding Gov. Briscoe's objection to federal purchase of 69,000 acres of Texas coastal wetlands which local hunters wanted to retain in private hands.

Texas may get two extra congressmen if population continues to grow.

Focus on Home Economics

By PAULA CAWTHON
County Extension Agent

ORDERING MERCHANDISE BY MAIL
Read the advertisement, consider the item and give proper information before ordering merchandise by mail.

Each year, consumers purchase many items — books, records, auto accessories, plants and garden articles, clothing, home furnishings and novelty items — by mail order.

In a list compiled by the Office of Consumer Affairs, consumers ranked mail-order complaints second, with automobiles receiving more complaints.

Failure to deliver, long delays in delivery, failure to provide refunds for undeliverable goods and failure to answer letters of

complaint are common problems.

To avoid problems, consumers have certain responsibilities before ordering merchandise by mail. These include:

Read advertisements carefully before ordering. Know the exact size and complete information.

If the advertisement does not give complete information, write and inquire before ordering.

Find out if the merchandise is returnable or exchangeable before ordering. This is especially important in ordering clothing items.

Consider the purchase carefully. Is the item really needed and desired? Could it be purchased locally?

Know what kind of plan is involved when the mail-order purchase includes joining a book or record club.

After carefully reading the advertisement, and considering the item, the consumer should take care to give the proper information.

Mail-order companies often complain that consumers fail to give a complete address. The complete address of the buyer is necessary for delivery.

The consumer should keep a copy of the order and the advertisement being answered and a note of where it was sent.

Never send cash with an order. A cancelled check is proof that the seller received the order.

Make a notation on the check of the name and address of the firm to which the check is sent and securely fasten the check to the order.

AARP to hear from Huntley

The Garza County chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 18 in the Algerita Senior Citizens Center.

The program will be brought by Hank Huntley on plans for the convalescent home to be built here by him in the near future.

President Raymond Young urges all interested persons to come and hear this informative talk. All persons 55 and over are eligible to become members of the local AARP. Dues are \$2 for local chapter and \$3 for national membership yearly.

Heart group makes plans

The Garza County Heart Fund Association met for a called meeting on Aug. 9 in the community room.

Jerry Hearn, regional director for the Heart Association, reviewed the past years accomplishments including 170 blood pressure screenings and donations in excess of \$1300.

Goals were discussed for the 1978-79 year.

Plans were made for a Heart Fund booth at the Garza County Health Fair to be held Sept. 16.

Syan Nichols reported that 30 blood pressure checks were made on July 4th at the park and that the Heart Fund quilt was also given away at the holiday celebration.

Teenager ticketed after collision

Randy Littrell, 16, received two traffic tickets following investigation of a collision between the car he was driving and a county pickup truck driven by Louis Abraham on West 4th street about 7 p. m. Friday night.

The pickup received an unestimated amount of damage but neither driver was hurt.

Littrell was ticketed for violation of restriction P of his driver's license permitting driving only to and from work, and driving at an unsafe speed.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Texas legislators completed action on a billion tax relief program their special session which ended last week.

About half of it will be permitted to voters November 7 in the form of a Constitutional amendment.

Already signed into law effective October 1 is a 1 cent increase in the state's four cent tax on home utilities.

The one cent city sales tax on gas and electrical charges will be lifted October 1, 1979, unless city councils vote by May 1 to repeal it.

Also approved in the same session is an increase in inheritance tax exemptions from \$10,000 per beneficiary to \$20,000 per estate.

Included in the omnibus bill to be voted on at the general election are the following:

—A mandatory increase in the homestead exemption of \$5,000 for school tax purposes.

—An additional school tax exemption of up to \$10,000 on values of homesteads of persons over 65 and disabled.

—Assessment of farm and ranch land on the basis of productivity rather than market value. The legislature would be authorized to provide for taxing of timber lands on the same basis.

—A limitation on state spending to the rate of economic growth, but legislation could exceed the "limit" in an emergency vote.

—A watered-down tax reform section prohibiting general appraisals.

—A requirement that tax cases must be advertised and made subject to hearing.

—Removal of intangible property such as bank deposits from the mandatory base, but the legislature would be allowed to provide for taxing of the intangibles.

—Authorization for the legislature to exempt household goods and personal property from taxation.

—A \$450,000 fund was established to reimburse local school districts for lost revenue due to the property tax reductions.

Taxes Up
Income from the state general sales tax is up \$7.8 million for the first 7 months of the fiscal year.

Comptroller Bob Bullock said revenue totalled \$1.4 billion, 20 percent higher than last year.

The motor vehicle sales tax totalled \$227.5 million, 19 percent, cigarette and alcohol taxes, \$221.1 million, a six percent increase in motor fuel tax, \$332.8 million, a 10 percent hike.

Natural gas production declined produced \$389.8 million.

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million during the period, an 11 percent increase, and the oil production tax \$319.1 million, up just one percent.

Total revenues came to \$5.9 billion, \$691 million more than for the first nine months of the last fiscal year. State spending came to \$6 billion during 1978, \$964 million above 1977. Highway spending was up 40 percent and contributions to teacher retirement 47 percent.

Mondale on Way

Vice President Walter Mondale will address a \$100-a-plate dinner honoring retiring State Democratic Chairman Calvin Guest here August 25. Mondale will also campaign in the Rio Grande Valley for Democratic Senate candidate Bob Krueger.

Ag Opinions

The School Tax Assessment Practices Board is required to hear appeals from the commissioner of education's preliminary determination of any reductions in taxable value due to natural or economic disaster on school district property, Attorney General John Hill said.

The board, according to Hill's opinion, can adjust property values as it finds appropriate.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:

—On retirement, a teacher member of the Board of Trustees of the Teacher Retirement System vacates his office but continues to serve as trustee until a successor has qualified.

—It is the ministerial duty of the clerk of a district court to file returns of process served by "disinterested persons" authorized to serve process and to include a fee as an item of the cost bill of a lawsuit.

Serve Notice

A dissident House group of about 50 served notice on Speaker Bill Clayton they want changes in legislative rules to reduce his powers.

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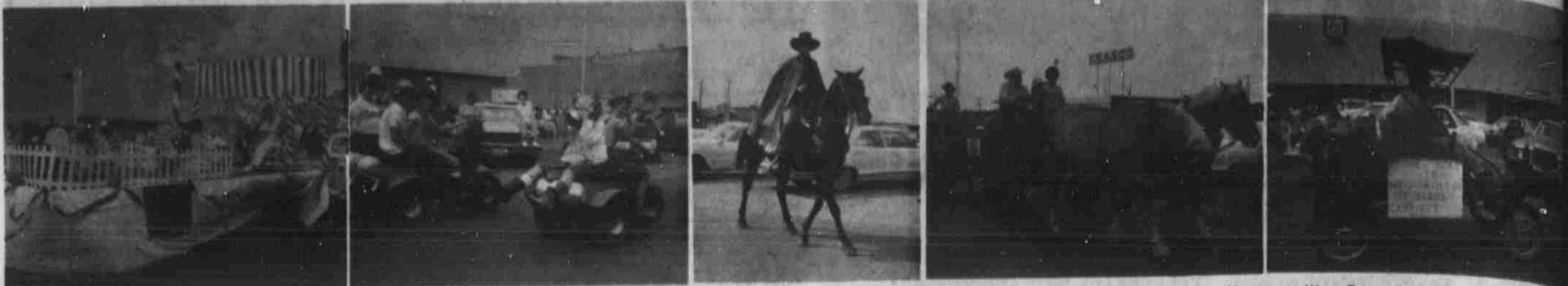
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Shown left to right, "Little Sugars of Post", float; PHS Student Council Clowns, Barry Morris, Darrell Reece, Patricia Craig, and Barry Wyatt; The Masked Red Raider, Lee Puckett from Texas Tech University; Belgian and Stanley Mathis in his "horseless carriage"

Pioneer asks 26% boost in Post's gas rates

Pioneer Natural Gas Co. Friday announced it will ask for an average gas rate increase of 26.36 percent in its natural gas rates for Post and the other 62 cities and towns in its West Texas Distribution System.

date of the rate increase is Sept. 15 and would apply on a system-wide basis to all domestic and commercial type, small industrial and large gas-air-conditioning or electric generating gas service customers.

notice June 30 it would seek its first rate increase since 1970.

K.B. Watson, company president, said that since 1970, in spite of the increased cost of gas to the consumer, the company's rate of return has decreased substantially.

Over the past several years the increase in the customers' cost of gas has come about by the "cost-of-gas adjustment", an adjustment that is designed to pass the increased cost of gas in the field directly through to the consumer.

The new rate increase to the average domestic customer of Pioneer will be about \$6 monthly, according to the gas utility.

The rate increase is calculated to produce a gross revenue increase of \$19,800,000 which the company says is still below the deficiency in earnings determined by a recent study.

Post and the other 62 cities probably will band together to hire experts to determine what they consider to be the fairness of Pioneer's proposal.

This was the method used in the recent application of the Southwestern Public Service Co.'s request for an approximate 10 percent boost in electric rates.

The cities' experts disagreed considerably with SPC's findings.

While the new state public utilities commission does not have direct jurisdiction over gas and electric rates as it does over telephone rates, utilities have the right to appeal to the state commission when cities refuse to grant what the utilities consider big increase rate boosts.

In effect, this gives final jurisdiction in all utility rates to the state commission. Southwestern Public Service already had its rate increase submitted to the state commission before even entering into negotiations with the many cities it seeks increases from.

Pioneer Gas is expected to take the same route.

More profits made by short grazing

More net profit per acre, rapid grassland improvement, and reduced labor needs are some of the benefits of a new method of rangeland management being used in Texas, a local conservation leader said today.

Dwaine Binford, district conservationist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service at Post, said the technique, called Short Duration Grazing, is now being used successfully by more than 400 livestock producers in Texas.

Binford also said that SCS has published a new booklet explaining the system in detail. Single copies can be obtained free from SCS offices.

"Short duration grazing is producing some excellent results in Texas," Binford said. "The major benefit is rapid grassland improvement, which leads to more net profit per acre."

Binford said that with the technique, livestock that are normally run in several pastures are put into one herd in a single pasture. The other pastures are left vacant. When the forage is grazed to the desired degree, livestock are moved to the next pasture in the rotation. That way, all pastures are deferred from grazing for several months before being grazed for a few weeks.

Under continuous grazing, livestock repeatedly use those plants they like best. As a result, these preferred plants are often over-used, become weakened, and may

not reproduce. At the same time, other plants are used to a lesser degree, maintaining more vigor than preferred plants.

Short duration grazing breaks this competitive edge gained by unpalatable plants. After a pasture is grazed briefly, it receives a rest five to ten times as long as the grazing period. If soil moisture and growing conditions are favorable, choice forage plants make rapid regrowth due to the high vigor developed during the rest periods. This improved vigor allows the better plants to reproduce and gradually crowd out the less palatable ones.

But short duration grazing systems require careful planning and close supervision," Binford warned. "Livestock must be moved when the desired degree of forage has been used. Some systems require more cross-fencing and a few producers have found that they need more livestock watering facilities."

"Most range scientists are convinced that short duration grazing is the system of the future," Binford stressed. The problem is to plan each system carefully so it can be made to work."

For a free copy of the booklet "Short Duration Grazing" contact personnel at the local SCS office at Post, Box 340, pho. 495-2056.

WEEKEND VISITOR
Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Seals over the weekend were Mrs. Seals aunt, Mrs. May Craeghead of Waxahachie.



News is rather scanty this week as kids are settling down to the finer things of life, such as football practice, band practice and the anticipation of school beginning.

As I predicted last week there seemed to have been lots and lots of visiting cowboys and cowgirls in town last weekend and everyone seemed to have enjoyed the rodeo and dances.

Several of the Post kids will be leaving for college this weekend, so as a last chance to see everyone before school begins, the Youth Center will have a "Back to School" dance Friday night beginning at 8:30 until 12 midnight. Admission will be \$2 per person and \$3.50 a couple. The Snyder DJs will play. All Garza County youth between the ages of the eighth grade and college age are invited and encouraged to attend. So hope to see you there.

Lenny Drake told me I left him out of the paper last week. He also went to Bowie water skiing. Sorry Lenny.

Dana Babb is not built quite right to play the part of Evil Knievel. If you don't believe me, ask her to show you her leg.

Vickie Teaff and other members of her family visited in Galveston recently.

As I said earlier, news is not in great abundance this week, so hope to see you all at the dance Friday night.

Chow

POOL TO CLOSE
The City-County swimming pool will close for the season August 27 and will be open on Thursday nights until that time from 7 to 11. Reservations may be had for swimming parties by calling 2489.

SCS offers variety of soil services

Garza County residents are urged to utilize the Soil Conservation Service.

The SCS offers a wide variety of services, according to Charles Morris, Soil Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service. Morris goes on to add services range from information on where to build houses to how to balance a grazing system.

The SCS provides technical information to all people on farm and ranch planning, soil properties, conservation education, erosion control and many other fields.

SCS Conservationists help farmers and ranchers develop and carry out a plan of conservation that not only preserves the land but helps the producer stay in business.

Farm and ranch planning includes livestock water development, brush control, specialized grazing systems, range seeding, irrigation system designs, cropping systems, terrace construc-

tion and other practices. Morris notes that a soil survey of Garza County is available, free of charge, to any one needing soil information. The survey

\$200 scholarship to Jenny Dickerson

WTSU — Jenny Dickerson of Southland has received a \$200 Residence Hall scholarship from West Texas State University for the 1978-79 academic year.

Residence Hall scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis with academic background and ability as important factors.

Jenny will be a junior majoring in nursing at WTSU.

points out soils that corrode steel or concrete, soils that can shrink and swell causing a building to crack, soils that are poorly drained or flooded, soils that are suited for buildings and many other properties of the soils here in Garza County.

Conservation education is carried out to all groups who request it. The SCS provides programs on a wide array of subjects.

Assistance is made available through the Garza Soil and Water Conservation District, free of charge and without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, or age. Contact the Soil Conservation Service at 495-2056 or write the SCS, Box 340, Post, Tex. 79356.

Rites held for ex-resident

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 10 for Mrs. Alvis Smith, 81, of Rogers, Ark. Rites were held in the Callison Funeral Home Chapel in Rogers with Rev. Charles Faulkenberry officiating.

Mrs. Smith died Monday at Rogers Memorial Hospital. She had lived in Post until six years ago. She was born in 1897 in Kent, Ohio and was a Methodist.

Survivors include three sons, Ernest Smith of Post, Alvis Smith of Rogers and Donald Smith of Germany; three daughters, Justine and Christine of Rogers and Doris Caldwell, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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62 Lopes set for Saturday morning scrimmage

Squad to be divided evenly for 1st look

The Post Antelope football squad, 62 strong, will put on pads for the first time Friday and hold their traditional intersquad scrimmage at 9 a. m. Saturday.

Coach Jackie Brown is planning about an hour of scrimmage Saturday and said the coaches would divide the squad about equally for the traditional head-knocking affair.

With more starting positions up for grabs this year, the scrimmage could be even livelier than usual.

Coach Brown said Tuesday afternoon he was pleased with the first three-hour conditioning sessions.

He commented that the 22 seniors, 20 juniors and 20 sophomores who have reported apparently "are looking forward to the season."

Coach Brown said they reported Monday in good physical condition, have worked hard, and have a really good attitude.

The drills switched Wednesday from a single long morning drills to two-a-days with an evening drill added to the morning workout. The second drill Wednesday was called for 4 p. m., but normally the squad will be working at 9 a. m. and 6 p. m. until school starts.

Coach Brown said everybody is out that was expected with 13 lettermen to form the nucleus of a team.

There were no injuries in the first two drills, but quarterback Rance Adkins is hobbled by an injured toe.

Cotton tarps for modules

PRATTVILLE, Ala. — Cotton producers trying to decide what kind of fabric to cover their modules with need look no further than their own fields.

Cotton tarps for covering modules provide the better protection for cotton than do plastic tarps, according to a study initiated here at McQueen Smith Farms in collaboration with Cotton Incorporated, the fiber company of American cotton producers.

Cotton tarps preserve the value of the fiber better than plastic, according to the study. The comparison showed cotton covered with a cotton tarp had a loan value of \$12.29 per bale more than cotton from the same field kept under a plastic tarp.

"The primary advantage of the cotton tarp is that it allows the seedcotton in the module to breathe, it allows the water vapor to escape," explains Jimmy Sanford of Prattville, Ala., who provided the facilities for the comparison test by Cotton Incorporated. Sanford is president of the McQueen Smith Farms.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Those admitted to Garza Memorial Hospital since Tuesday of last week were: Laura Castro and baby; Terry Curtis; Madege Webb; Lou Seals; Wayne Whitten; Kathie Rankin; Sandra Gilbreath; Dismissed: Radley Nichols; Raymond Raymundo; Charles Stoneman; Eddy Porter; Eddie Brown; Mary Bocanegra; Terry Curtis; Laura Castro and baby; Fredda Price; Clarence Foreman; Isaac Brown; Wayne Whitten; J. H. Haire; Hazel Sexton.

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The toe nail had to be removed after he dropped a pipe on it the week before practices began.

Until the Lopes get into pads there can be no real competition for positions, but that will be here by Saturday morning.

Coach Brown said he doesn't expect a great deal of position changes, that he anticipates a little more outside speed this year than last, with the starting units a little larger in the line.

In another week, the "scrimmage season" will begin with Ralls coming to Post for the opening Friday evening, Aug. 25, with the starting time still to be set. Littlefield will follow the following Friday with the Lopes then opening the season on the road at Lockney.

Seniors out include: Kelly Baker, tackle; Kelly Baumann, center; Shorty Bilberry, end; Rex Cash, strong guard; Bryan Compton, quarterback; Jimmy Couch, halfback; Clinton Curtis, halfback; Larry Dodson, tackle; Danny Gunn, quick guard; David Hawkins, end; Leslie Looney, center; Jay Lott, quick tackle; Tim Morris, halfback; Dan Nelson, guard; Jimmy Odom, end; Jerry Perez, tackle; Greg Pollard, tackle; Dale Redman, end; Darrell Reece, fullback; Shawn Scott, wingback; Carlos Varela, fullback; Jeff Williams, end; and Cliff Kirkpatrick, wingback.

Juniors include: Rance Adkins, quarterback; Jackie Ayala, halfback; Eddie Bass, quick guard; Chuck Black, strong tackle; Lenny Drake, split end; Lance Dunn, quick guard; Bobby Finch, wingback; Jeff Lott, end; Mike Macy, quarterback; Kelly Mason, strong guard; Brent Mason, end; Pat Mitchell, fullback; Delbert Palmer, tackle; Walter Perez, split end; David Poole, end; Larry Rodriguez, fullback; Lynn Simpson, center; Jackie Stelzer, end; Randy Teaff, quick guard; and Danny Wright, fullback.

Sophomores out are Mike Anthony, tackle; Gary Baker, fullback; Chris Beggs, quick guard; Ronnie Bilbo, quarterback; Charles Curtis, wingback; Lance Dunn, quarterback; Russell Fluit, halfback; Mark Holly, end; Benny Kennedy, quick guard; Drew Kirkpatrick, quarterback; Johnny Kirkland, tackle; Alonzo Luna, wingback; Hiram Martinez, quick guard; Barry Morris, halfback; William Morrow, tackle; Noel Pena, fullback; Kenny Reiter, tackle; Robert Quinonez, strong guard; Ruben Storie, end; Alvin Taylor, end; Adolpho Varela, strong guard; and Barry Wyatt, halfback.

Sheepmen to vote Sept. 1

Wool and lamb producers will be very shortly voting in a referendum to determine whether or not deductions will be made from shorn wool and unshorn lamb payments for the year 1978-79 to finance the American Sheep Producers Council's activities.

Voting will take place from Aug. 21 to close of business Sept. 1, at the county ASCS office in which the producer's farm or ranch headquarters is located. Any individual, corporation, partnership, or legal entity which had an interest as owner or partial owner in one or more sheep six months old or older for at least 30 days during 1977 is an eligible voter. For further information contact the Garza County ASCS office, Drawer 30, Post, Texas: (806-495-2801).



21 SENIORS WORK OUT TUESDAY — In top photo, are 13 linemen. Shown l to r, back row, Shorty Bilberry, Dan Nelson, Jay Lott, Rex Cash, Jeff Williams, Danny Gunn and Leslie Looney; front row, l to r, Larry Dodson, Kelly Baumann, Dale Redman, Greg Pollard, Kelly Baker and Jerry Perez. In lower picture are eight senior backs; l to r, back row, David Hawkins, Cliff Kirkpatrick, Jimmy Odom and Darrell Reece; front row, l to r, Shawn Scott, Tim Morris, Bryan Compton and Carlos Varela. — (Staff Photos)

\$583,000 budget OK'd for hospital

Garza Memorial Hospital directors last Thursday morning tentatively adopted a \$583,180 budget for the new fiscal year, beginning Oct. 1, and told Hospital Administrator Ed Zintgraff to call for a public budget hearing at the directors' September meeting.

In another action, directors by a 2 to 1 vote approved the new ambulance operations plan. Wayne Childers voted against because he said the agreement should provide that city and county should be responsible for all expenses, not just for maintenance of the emergency vehicles.

The breakfast session was delayed as Director Gene Moore hurriedly went to get the fire truck when a spectacular fire first noticed by night nurses going off duty totally destroyed a house trailer across the street from the hospital.

The \$583,180.10 new budget compares closely to the \$594,389 projection of expenditures for the current fiscal year which had six weeks still to go.

Salary increases for the staff, scheduled for late fall, are built into the new

budget. Of the income anticipated to meet the budget, \$156,600 is expected to come from taxes and the rest from operating income from patients.

Although all income is budgeted toward expenditures, Zintgraff told the board that with good luck the hospital could end next year with \$40,000 to \$50,000 left over that it can apply toward the early retirement of the debt it incurred this year to put in a new heating and cooling system, long needed but long unaffordable.

A total of \$57,472 was budgeted for the current year in the "doctor fund" which is used to pay unearned guarantees to physicians under contract. It is anticipated that no more than \$23,883 of this will be spent so quickly has the practice of Dr. Rodriguez grown.

Zintgraff pointed out that the projected income in the new budget is based upon the same rate of occupancy as for the current year, so if that occupancy is increased it will mean additional income.

In response to a question,

New wildcat is planned

A new deep wildcat test has been announced for Garza County and another new deep producer completed.

The new wildcat is Knox Industries Inc., No. 1 Lott, 14 miles south of Post, which is planned for an 8,700 foot depth.

The new producer is another in the Swenson-Baron field, Kerr McGee Corp.'s No. 5-C Swenson, 15 miles northeast of Post, which produced 245 barrels of oil daily and four barrels of water on test from a 7,688 foot depth.

Freshmen to get uniforms Monday

Coach Brown has asked that all ninth grade football players report to the field house Monday, Aug. 21 for the fitting of uniforms.

he said the new budget did not include the \$20,000 the hospital will receive for the sale of land to be used as the site for Post's new nursing home.

In one other action, directors reviewed without change the case of a nurse being dismissed for violation of the hospital's sick leave policy to take a personal holiday.



New Texas hunting licenses on sale

LUBBOCK — The new 1978-79 Texas hunting licenses valid Sept. 1, 1978, are available at license vendors and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department offices across the state.

The licenses which are good for one year ending Aug. 31, 1979, are \$5.25 for a resident hunting license and \$8.75 for the combination hunting-fishing license.

Non-resident small game licenses are \$37.75 and are required of out-of-state hunters after quail, prairie chicken, pheasant, dove and other small game species. Out-of-state sportsmen after bigger game such as turkey and deer will be required to purchase the \$100.75 license. This \$100.75 license will enable these hunters to hunt all legal Texas species during the regular open seasons.

All licenses will be printed on waterproof, tear-resistant paper and each license will contain buck, antlerless deer and turkey tags. The date and month of kill on all these tags must be marked out in ink or cut out and tags attached securely to the carcass prior to transporting or moving the carcass. The place and county of kill must also be filled in at this time.

There is also a space on the back of the hunting license to affix white-winged dove, archery and federal waterfowl stamps if required by the holder.

A resident hunting license is required of every Texas citizen hunting outside of the county of residence between the ages of 17-65 years old. Persons hunting on land where they reside or persons hunting deer, and turkey in county of residence must have an exempt hunting license available for \$1.25. Certain disabled veterans may hunt deer or turkey while in possession of a valid

exempt hunting license.

A legal citizen of Texas is any person except an alien who has been a bona fide resident of Texas for more than six (6) months immediately preceding application for a license. Members of the Armed Forces with proof of assignment on active duty at any Federal installation within the state for a period of more than thirty (30) days may purchase a resident hunting license.

A special archery stamp for \$3.25 will be required of all persons who hunt wild deer, turkey, and javelina during any open archery season in which only long bows and arrows are used. This archery stamp will be in addition to the regular hunting license for both the resident and non-resident.

More license information is available in the new 1978-79 Texas Hunting and Sport Fishing Guide which can be obtained at all license vendors and P & WD offices.

ATTEND FUNERAL
Mrs. Flora Fry and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Spaner of Spur were in Rogers, Ark., last week attending the funeral of Mrs. Fry's aunt, Mrs. Riley Smith.

Grid ducats go on sale

The office at the High School has announced the season tickets to the Post Antelope football games are now on sale. The persons who wish to keep the reserved seats they had last year are asked to pick up their tickets by Sept. 1, which is the day of the home game.

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Cotton outlook not so favorable

LUBBOCK — The 1978 cotton crop in 25 Texas High Plains counties will be an estimated 2.1 million bales, percent below last year's record yield, the area cotton agronomist of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service says.

But that figure may be reduced even more unless early August rains break the area's drought and night-time temperatures remain high enough to favor fiber development, Dr. James Supak, the agronomist, cautioned.

Last year, the 25-county area represented by Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., produced more than 3.2 million bales on some 3.6 million acres, Supak said Saturday (July 29) at a seminar sponsored by Continental Commodity Services, Inc. which harvested acreage 424 pounds, or 41 pounds above the 10-year average of 383 pounds for the area.

Yield projections for the 1978 crop are 480 pounds of cotton per acre under adequate irrigation, 335 pounds under dry irrigation, and 120 pounds per acre in dryland areas. If the drought continues, Supak said, further deterioration of the dryland and light water portions of the crop would force a reduction of this estimate.

The 25 counties to which Supak referred are Bailey, Borden, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Howard, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Motley, Parmer, Swisher, Terry and Yoakum.

Following the 1977 record, cotton producers in these counties found the outlook for the 1978 crop to be somewhat dismal, Supak said. "In addition to the deteriorating prices, this area faced a drought situation. Fall rains, which are essential for the replenishment of subsoil moisture reserves, failed to materialize and in many instances, winter precipitation was not even adequate to allow timely land

preparation for the upcoming crop."

In order to get the crop planted during the optimum period (May 1-20) farmers with irrigation water had to apply a heavy preplant irrigation. Dryland producers had to wait on the spring rains, which in most instances, didn't come until late May and early June.

"When the rains did arrive, they were frequently accompanied by high winds, blowing sand and hail which destroyed a portion of the early-planted crop. In addition, a cool spell which accompanied the rain in early June resulted in an outbreak of Ascochyta or Wet-Weather Blight which damaged or destroyed even more of the early-planted acreage," the Extension agronomist said.

The 25-county area — which according to projections by both public and private sources was supposed to plant around 3.9 million acres of cotton — is estimated to have about 3.5 to 3.6 million standing acres of cotton, Supak reported. Of this total, only about two million acres were planted in May and perhaps a third of this acreage suffered some stand loss and delay in growth and development due to weather and disease factors, he said.

"It is often assumed that 50 to 55 percent of the High Plains cotton acreage is irrigated and therefore, not overly vulnerable to drought effects," Supak said. "This approximation is somewhat misleading in that the quantity of water available for irrigation varies greatly across the area."

Attempts to classify the irrigated acres into "light water" (adequate water for preplant only or up to preplant plus 1 summer watering) and "adequate water" (sufficient water for a preplant plus 2 summer waterings) suggest that less than a third of this acreage falls into the latter category, he explained.

In addition to its availability, the amounts of water a farmer will actually allot to his cotton crop will be tempered by such factors as rainfall distribution, price outlook for cotton and competing crops, irrigation costs, water needs of other crops being grown, and the date on which the cotton crop was planted, the agronomist said. "When combined, these factors make it difficult to evaluate the impact irrigation will have on High Plains cotton



LAWN OF THE WEEK — Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Tipton stand in their yard at 502 West Main as they are presented the Post Chamber of Commerce's yard of the week certificate by Chamber President Larry Willard. — (Chamber Photo)

Bollworms pose threat for cotton

South Plains cotton farmers are facing the prospect of a tough battle with the cotton bollworm and tobacco budworm.

James F. Lesser, area Extension entomologist at Lubbock, says there is no sure way of escaping bollworm injury in some of the better cotton because of the large numbers which are due to move out of corn, some earlier-infested cotton fields and weeds.

"You can cut off water to cotton during predicted egg-laying periods and make plants unattractive for an egg lay," Lesser said. "This would also lower field humidity, increasing the likelihood of an egg drying up. Rains and cooler weather we normally experience during August could offset some of the benefit derived from irrigation scheduling."

Bollworm and budworm egg-laying activity is predicted to increase during the next several days and peak out around Aug. 17. After this, it would be anybody's guess as to what will happen, the entomologist said. Another egg-laying period is projected for the end of August in the corn-producing areas, but egg lay could be continuous before this time.

Eggs are generally laid on the top surface of newer leaves, bracts of small squares and the terminal area. The eggs hatch in three days and the young larvae feed first on the tender terminal growth, but gradually move into larger and larger fruit. The larvae require 14 days to develop and about 14 more days to change from a worm to a moth. Thus, there are 30 days or more between egg-laying cycles.

"A bollworm can be expected to consume or

destroy 6-8 squares, one bloom and one boll during its lifetime," Lesser said. "More boll damage can be expected later in the season when squares are in short supply."

In most years, he said, farmers don't consider the bollworm to be any kind of threat. "We are guessing that even in a light year, some irrigated cotton loses up to \$40 to bollworm damage."

The entomologist said it is now time to start checking fields at least every three days to avoid costly damage from cropping up.

Bollworm eggs and newly-hatched larvae found in terminals give an early warning of possible outbreaks. Beneficials often give control before any damage occurs. Green square counts usually detect damage caused by 1/4 to one third grown worms up to 3/8 inch long. Larger worms have passed the stage of effective biological control.

Insecticides applied promptly as square damage counts indicate will generally hold boll damage below economic levels.

Lesser advised any farmer planning to treat bollworms with an insecticide should apply the material before worms get larger, especially beyond 1/2 inch. Larger worms also begin entering bolls and are out of reach of insecticides.

"Do not use insecticides against bollworms in cotton before bloom. After bolls are present, begin treatment when eight to 10 percent of the green squares are damaged," he said.

Treatment may be delayed when beneficials are present in heavy numbers. Sometimes the use of one of the microbial insecticides such as Bactur, Dipel, Elcar or Thuricide may be all that is necessary to bring the infestation under control.

When squaring levels out and small bolls are numerous, treatment may be necessary if a moth flight is on and a sharp increase in eggs and small worms is found. "If farmers wait for square damage to increase to recommended treatment levels, they might get overwhelmed in these instances," Lesser said.

"Eggs and small worms indicated continued infestation pressure and call for repeated applications," he advised. "Early in the season, a single application may suffice. Later during the season, with heavy pressure, multiple applications may be required."

Application by plane requires at least three to five gallons total spray volume if successful control can be expected. Insecticides that can be used are Azodrin, Lannate, Mudrin, methyl parathion plus toxaphene, Orthene and Sevin, the entomologist said.

Since bollworm infestations can be explosive, twice-a-week scouting is needed. Continued high square damage and large worms after treatments are signs of control failure. Most failures are due to low rates,

low volume, poor coverage or too large a worm target. If there is no fault in application, resistant tobacco budworms should be suspected."

Under section 18, the Texas Department of Agriculture can release five materials when the situation indicates their need. Ambush, Pounce, Pydrin, Bolstar and Curacron are insecticides which can deal with the resistant budworm problem. Only a qualified entomologist can request TDA to declare a section 18 emergency on a county wide basis. Some of these materials may be in short supply in our area," Lesser reports.

"We really don't know what the ultimate extent of infestations or damage we can expect for our area. All signs indicate a rough bollworm battle this year."

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Eggs, bananas among top market 'buys'

COLLEGE STATION — Best buys at Texas grocery markets this week include eggs, bananas, some fresh vegetables, store 'features' and dry milk products.

Also, fryer chicken features offer low-cost meat choices, according to Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt, a consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

This week's price-quality trends are the following: FRESH FRUIT — Along with bananas, watermelons have reasonable prices. Peaches have moderate prices. Lower prices appear on Thompson seedless grapes and nectarines.

FRESH VEGETABLES — Most economical choices are carrots, cabbage, corn, cucumbers, squash and dry yellow onions. Onions from the Texas High Plains have excellent quality.

Lettuce supplies are reported back to normal levels.

GROCERY AISLES — Features include peanut butter, catsup, tuna, pasta products, dry milk products and jelly making and canning supplies.

BEEF — Although specials are few and far between, there are some on chuck cuts, sirloin steak, ground beef and liver.

In general, for the most value from a "meat dollar," buy chuck cuts, liver and sirloin tip roasts. Ground beef and T-bone steaks are also suggested.

PORK — Good values are available on some smoked and canned hams. Features include hams, bacon and frankfurters for smoked items. Fresh pork specials focus on Boston butts, end chops, rib-end and loin-end roasts and liver.

DAIRY — Thrifty buys

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"Now I know!" she said. "You're going to

send me to Poland to visit Aunt Emilia."

"No, Mom. Her face fell, but she tried to hide her emotions.

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As It Looks from Here

By OMAR BURLESON
WASHINGTON, D.C. — People are asking if Washington has received the "message" from California's adoption of Proposition 13. The answer is definitely yes.

As a matter of fact, for the last several months, momentum has been gathering for the reduction of taxes at all levels of Government. The California action is spurring efforts in many states, including our own state of Texas, to reduce taxes. On the Federal level there is reasonable certainty that when a tax bill is enacted by the congress, there will be a reduction of approximately \$15 billion — \$10 billion for individual taxpayers and \$5 billion for business.

There is also great momentum to reduce tax on capital gains from its present rate of about 49 percent to at least 35 percent or possibly to 25 percent, which was the rate before the tax act of 1969.

When a tax bill is brought up for consideration before the year is out, there will be a proposal to cut income taxes by as much as one-third. This is known as the Kemp-Roth Amendment which we will, in the meantime, be hearing a great deal about. There is no question that people are fed up with big government, big spending and big taxes. The weakness in these proposals for tax reductions is the usual failure to relate it to spending. In the case of California, the State is already looking to Washington for money to make up



In Germany it was believed good luck to have weasels on the roof.

revenues lost by the property tax decrease recently voted. New York City has led the nation in asking the Federal Government to bail them out of their bankrupt situation. Aside from taxes, the only way a State or municipality can raise

Hamburger frying hit

COLLEGE STATION — Pan-frying hamburger meat may increase the risk of cancer for those who eat the meat, says Frances Reasonover, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System.

However, the potential risk is reduced by 90 percent if meat is cooked only to the rare stage, broiled under a heat source or cooked in a microwave oven, she points out.

Ground beef hamburgers cooked on a hot metal surface at temperatures above 300 degrees F. is the cause of this increased cancer risk, a Washington University team of research scientists has concluded.

Chemical substances called mutagens that may represent a risk of cancer in people tend to form at this high temperature — a mutagen is a substance that causes genetic change, Miss Reasonover explains.

In experimental animals, 90 percent of the mutagens tested caused cancer in test animals.

Beef bouillon cubes, beef broth and seasoning bases as well as beef-flavored sauce concentrates also contain these same mutagens.

Charcoal grilled meats are likely to produce the same mutagens, the specialist adds.

The browned fringe as seen around the edge of pan-broiled hamburger is the source of the mutagen in the cooked meat, she says.

money is through the sale of bonds voted by the people; the Federal Government can either turn the crank at the Federal reserve and issue more paper money or go out into the money market and borrow it.

Through revenue sharing and grants of various kinds, the Federal Government is already contributing a substantial part in support of State and local Governments. As taxes are reduced by local governments, Washington will be looked to more and more to make up the difference in the cost of various programs. Forty-four states have a surplus in their treasuries at this time, five States have a balanced budget, and one State is in deficit. But, the Federal Government with its huge National debt and a deficit hovering between \$50 and \$60 billion will be called upon to make up the difference to finance programs at levels before tax cuts were made.

The point here is that it is more popular to talk of reducing taxes, than reducing expenditures.

Everyone has their ideas about where cuts in spending should be made. Some want to cut back on defense preparedness by eliminating some of the most modern weapons. We know that Social Security is not going to be trimmed and no one really believes that our expensive unemployment compensation system, costing \$20 billions, is going to be appreciatively cut back.

Those from the cities think that a crackdown should be made on agricultural supports, others believe that our interstate highway system, the finest in the world, should be practically eliminated, while some feel that more money instead of less should go into environmental protection, industrial safety, and public health.

No one believes that veterans benefits are going to be tampered with and so on and on it goes with not very much said about how all these obligations, authorized for four or five years in advance, are really going to be shrunk to the point of real savings.

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes once said that he was glad to pay taxes. They were, he said, his "investment in civilization". Most people probably feel this way too, but as we have said in this space time and again, the real complaint should be how our hard earned tax money is spent. So, firing one barrel at tax reductions is half the answer; the other has to shoot down high spending.



GETS HIS ANSWER — Jim Pollard, local businessman, center, listens to the answer of his question from Bill Clements, Republican candidate for governor, right, during a coffee for Clements last Thursday morning in the bank's community room. At left is Radio man Jim Boles. — (Staff Photo)



Grasshoppers have been appearing in abundance in several areas of the state. In some of these areas, economic damage has been recorded. Infestations were first noted early in south Texas, primarily in the Wilson, Karnes and Bee county area.

Subsequently large populations have occurred in counties to the north and west with current reports indicating infestations beginning in the high and rolling plains.

Currently recommended insecticides have been for the most part ineffective. Most of these compounds have relatively short residual qualities and; although seemingly produce mortality immediately after applications, do not remain effective long enough to reduce grasshopper migrations from hatching areas into growing crops.

Insecticidal baits have been employed successfully for grasshopper control in the past. The literature indicates baiting was used as early as 1923. These baits usually contained compounds having a long residual. The feeding habits of grasshoppers and their migrating nature place particular importance on an economic poison that will not degrade appreciably under normal environmental conditions and that can be applied in a formulation attractive as an ingestant.

Tide Products, Inc. has received approval from the Texas Department of Agriculture for incorporating toxaphene into a bait mixture. This addition to their current toxaphene formulation, Toxaphene 6E, was obtained under the provisions of the Texas Pesticide Control Law, Section 5(j) and FIFRA, amended, Section 24 (C) for the purpose of meeting special local needs. Directions for use of this product E.P.A. Reg. No. 6735-190, EPA SLN TX-780028, include the following:

BAIT PREPARATION
To prepare a wet bait, mix the following ingredients in the correct proportions: Stir Toxaphene 6E into the amount of water and molasses specified and mix with mill-run bran to make a crumbly mash. The finished bait should be uniformly moist and yet will scatter into small flakes when broadcast. Mill-run bait, 100 lb.; Toxaphene 6E, 1 1-3 pts.; water, 7-8 gal.; Blackstrap molasses, 2 gal.

Sawdust may be substituted for up to 1/4 the mixture, i.e. 75 lbs., sawdust plus 25 lbs., bran.

Rate and Methods of Application: Spread the bait uniformly, by hand or with a broadcasting machine, at the rate of 10 to 20 pounds per acre. The most effective applications are made in the morning hours and when the bait is still moist.

Treatment areas: Make applications to roadsides, ditch banks, field margins and idle areas bordering fields. See restrictions on label regarding application to crops. All applicable directions, restrictions and precautions on the EPA-registered label are to be followed. This labeling must be in the possession of the user at the time of pesticide application.

Although Tide Products, Inc., currently has the only label addition for a toxaphene bait mixture, subsequent registrations may be forthcoming. Inquire of your local pesticide dealer for this label addition to other toxaphene products.

Toxaphene bait is intended as a barrier treatment to reduce migrations into fields. Crops already infested should be treated with recommended insecticides to reduce grasshopper populations in conjunction with the bait applications.

Library Bookshelf
Among the new books going onto the shelves of the Post Public Library this week are "Lord, Let Me Love", non-fiction by Marjorie Holmes; "The Case of the Real Earle Stanley Gardner, a biography by Dorothy B. Hughes; "The Memoirs of Richard Nixon, non-fiction; "The Tarot Murders", a mystery of Mignon Warner; "The Moonchild", fiction by Kenneth McKenney; and "Watch for the Morning", a fiction book by Elisabeth Macdonald.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Eloy Castro announce the birth of a son, Louise Antonio Castro, born Aug. 8 in Garza Memorial Hospital.

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Farmers check pulse of farm strike movement

EDITOR'S NOTE — Farmers from 19 West Texas communities gathered in Brownfield last Thursday night for an update on the American Agriculture Movement. Here is the story on the meeting as reported by Sunday's Brownfield News. We even "borrowed" the News' headlines.

BROWNFIELD — Over 50 farmers from 19 towns all across West Texas met Thursday night to talk "strike talk." Recently, the American Agriculture Movement divided Texas into five districts. The purpose of the move was to better communications and organization of striking farmers. Brownfield has been named the district office of District 2 which reaches from Abilene, to the southern border of Texas, to El Paso, and north to Abilene.

Mike McCathern, son of AAM Kingpin Gerald McCathern of Hereford, addressed those gathered and informed them of strike activity across the state and nation. He said AAM currently has a lawsuit filed against the State Health Department for their failure to require agriculture products to be labeled with the name of the country of their origin. "There's a law that's been on the books since 1965 that says labels have to say where an agriculture product comes from," said McCathern.

"The consumers are excited about it," added McCathern. "The consumers have a right to know what they are buying," he said. McCathern told the farmers State Representative Joe Robbins has been attempting to get a proposed bill into the current special session that would require that all agriculture products prepared, transported, or sold in Texas be labeled from the county of their origin. It would also prohibit the importing of foods which have been exposed to chemicals that have been banned in the United States.

The law would require that foreign products be subjected to the same requirements as domestic products. The two issues were strong points which the farmers were striving for during the beginnings of the strike movement. The farmers are also opposed to allowing foreign investors to purchase and own land in the United States.

Sam White of Stratford, who has been manning the Washington, D.C. strike office also addressed the group. He told them there was a resolution which is currently in the House and Senate which will issue a mandate to Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland to raise the loan rates on corn, wheat, and milk to 90 percent of parity. The stop-gap measure would be in effect until Congress could put the issue into law. "The bill isn't out yet, and we need to make some contacts in Washington," said White.

"We need to hit them on the head a few more times and just tell them to do it. We're making progress and we'll get it passed," said White, adding, "Let's don't quit, gripe, and complain that it isn't going to work. We've got a real good start. We've got to hit them every day to let them know we're still here."

Marvin Meeks of Plainview, who has worked at the Washington Strike Office earlier in the year, attacked McCathern accusing District 2 of "draggin its heels." He added, "We need to make an effort to get at least eight people from District 2 to visit Washington every month." He suggested the farmers work the plan on a rotating basis, sending four men each time. "Maybe we could set up a special fund to pay their way," he added.

E.D. "Wimp" Holcombe, who is District 2's official delegate to the national convention, said "None of the delegates' expenses have been reimbursed. We need quality people to go up there and reason with them. That's the way to get things done." Farmers have been asked to contribute \$100 to the national office at Hereford to help keep the office as well as the Washington office open. Farmers have also been contributing to keep local and district offices open.

Jerry Sims of Brownfield told those gathered that if all farmers had participated in the 50 per cent no-plant program, "We would have had 100 percent parity by now." He added that most farmers are committed to what AAM decides. "Farmers would have gone along

with it if everybody else had done it. One way to have made it mandatory," said Sims.

Sims suggested that AAM present Congress with an ultimatum saying that farmers want 100 percent parity by a specific date or they will withhold produc-

tion. "A lot of people are saying that American Ag is dead. Well, we're just like a big ol' grizzly bear that's been hibernating, except we've just got our season wrong. We've been busy this summer and sort of hibernating, but when we come

out we'll be lean and hungry," said Wimp Holcombe.

The farmers agreed that AAM priorities should be representation in Washington and Austin, money for the state office trust fund which is used to keep the office alive, ticket sales for

a pickup truck to be given away to raise money, and telegrams to Washington.

The farmers will hold a district meeting each first Thursday of the month in Brownfield, the next scheduled meeting will be Sept. 7. A time and place has not been decided.

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