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New Businesses To Host Barbecue Next Thursday Night

The Valley Mill & Elevator, Inc. of Turkey and the Valley Elevator, Inc. of Quitaque will host a barbecue dinner at the Valley School Cafeterium Thurs-

day night, March 29, from 6:30 until 8:00 o'clock. The meal will be co-hosted by Browning Seed Company of Plainview. The meal will be homecooked.

All the men of the area are invited to attend and get acquainted with the new ownership of these businesses and see how they can work with you in common interest.

Door prizes will be given. This is for men only. Make plans to get together and enjoy the evening.

Quitaque School Homecoming Set

This is the year set for the Quitaque School Homecoming. Everyone is asked to start now making plans to attend Saturday, August 4.

If anyone knows of someone who would like to attend, please mail the address to Jim Saul, Route 1, Quitaque, Texas 79255, or to Mrs. Truman Merrell, Star Route, Quitaque, Texas 79255.

Flomot Homecoming Association To Sponsor Tournament

The Flomot Homecoming Association is sponsoring a Volleyball Tournament to be played April 12-13-14.

Anyone wishing to enter a team is asked to call Dianne Washington, 469-5278, or Doyle Calvert, 469-5212.

Valley 4-H News

The Valley 4-H Club met Monday night. A program was presented by Miller Walker.

Twenty-eight members enjoyed this interesting program.

The club also met in February when a program was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Kidwell of Silverton on gun safety. This program was attended by thirty-eight members.

The 4-H also presented a program for the Lions Club of Quitaque. Thanks to Roye Pigg for letting us serve dessert to the Lions Club and thanks to the Lions Club for the donations made to the 4-H.

Kay Lynn Edwards and Oleta Lane, reporters

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Yeisley of Lubbock visited in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Stone, weekend before last. On Monday of last week, the Stone's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Nelda Copaus and her daughter, Misti Stone, were visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Green spent last Friday and Saturday in Lubbock visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Strickland, and his brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Green

Quitaque Methodists To Sponsor Lay Witness Mission

There will be a Lay Witness Mission at the United Methodist Church in Quitaque March 30-31 and April 1.

Those on the program from out of town are Jimmie and Ruell Dickey of Palestine, Texas; Stan and Betty Leffingwell of San Marcos, Texas; Pierce and Mary Lou McDowell of El Paso; Walter and Estell Hill of Sinton; Jeff and Millicent Collins of Dallas, and R. C. and Virginia Hyde of Plainview.

The youth who will participate include Angie and Melissa Barnes of Alvin, Texas; Monica Wright of Buda, Texas, and Cliff Leffingwell, San Marcos.

The coordinators of the team are John and Nell Anderson.

The schedule for the three days is as follows: Friday—6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Spaghetti Supper in Fellowship Hall; 7:30 p.m. First General Session in Fellowship Hall; Saturday—6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall; 12:00 noon Women's Luncheon in Fellowship Hall and Youth Hamburger Cookout; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sandwich Supper in Fellowship Hall; Sunday, April 1—10:50 a.m. Morning Worship, and 12:30 p.m. Farewell Covered Dish Luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

MICROWAVE SCHOOL BEING HELD TODAY

The public is invited to a Microwave School at the West Texas Utilities office in Turkey Thursday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m.

Karen Burgess, home economist with West Texas Utilities in Childress will be conducting the program on use of the microwave and will demonstrate food preparation using this appliance.

There is no charge.

GRANDDAUGHTER OF LOCAL FOLK WINS SPELLING BEE

Heidi Rhoderick, 11, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Brown of Quitaque and granddaughter of Mrs. J. C. Rhoderick of Silverton, won the Farmington School District spelling bee recently. She attends Northeast Elementary School. She won by spelling "inwardly," the 199th word in the contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Morris left for their home Friday morning after spending from Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Morris. Danny took his dad to the doctor in Lockney on Thursday. Buddy had fallen and torn some cartilage.

They planned to stop in Breckenridge to visit the Travis Morrisons.

Turkey To Hold General Election

General election for the City of Turkey will be held on Saturday, April 7, 1984, in the Senior Citizens Room at City Hall.

Those running for mayor are Hubert Price and Leroy Stone, incumbent; Alderman Place 1, are Walter Geissler and B. J.

Robison, and Alderman Place 4 is running unopposed, Rex Fuston, incumbent.

Absentee voting may be done at the City Hall until Tuesday, April 3, 1984, at 5:00 p.m.

Sybil Young
City Secretary

American Cancer Society Has Free Patient Services In County

The Hall County unit of the American Cancer Society has announced that it has a variety of services available to cancer patients without charge.

"Many people are unaware of all the services we can provide right here in this county," said Beatrice McCauley, Service Rehabilitation Chairman. "And all that is required in most cases is written permission from the

Booster Club To Meet Friday Night

A Booster Club meeting has been called Friday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Valley Cafeterium, to discuss and make plans for the All-Awards Banquet.

All parents are urged to attend.

"ADOLESCENT SEXUALITY" IS TOPIC OF PROGRAM

Parents of teens and pre-teens, teachers and others who work with adolescents are invited to a program on "Adolescent Sexuality" Tuesday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank in Silverton. The program will be repeated at the First National Bank in Quitaque April 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Speaker will be Virginia Stark of Planned Parenthood in Tulia. The Briscoe County Extension Family Living Committee is sponsoring the program to help parents better understand and communicate their values on this subject to their children.

Parent Seminars are planned as a follow-up for this program. There is no charge.

Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Patterson and granddaughters, Brenda and Jennifer Aubuchon, were supper guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Otha Castle, Saturday night. Other guests were another sister, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Morgan of Perryton, and their son, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Morgan, Rachel and Jim of Lubbock.

patient's physician." Loan equipment such as hospital beds, wheel chairs, commode chairs and walkers are available as well as expendable items including dressings, hospital gowns, bed pads, pillows and other items.

"These are all in addition to our basic information and referral services," said Mrs. McCauley. "And, depending on location, we also have several rehabilitation programs including Reach To Recovery for mastectomees, esophageal speech lessons for laryngectomees, ostomy rehabilitation and related patient and family support groups."

The concept for these rehabilitation programs is the volunteer-to-patient relationship," added Ms. McCauley. "We have many volunteers who are themselves former patients and who are specifically trained by the Society to help other patients and even their families adjust to living with cancer."

Mrs. McCauley cited that when most people think of the American Cancer Society, they relate the name to cancer research. "While it is true the ACS funds millions of dollars for cancer research, we are also a community-based organization providing many local services. These patient services as well as education materials of all types are just a few of the ways we can help."

"Since September, an estimated \$330 worth of services to patients has been utilized in this county already this year, but even more could be done if more patients were referred to us," added Mrs. McCauley.

Anyone needing more information on these services may call Mrs. McCauley at 259-2324, or Sandy St. John in the Amarillo office at 353-4306.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Clay of Hereford spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odis Reagan, and other relatives.

On Sunday, the Reagans had all their children and part of their grandchildren with them to attend services at the United Methodist Church. They were they Clays, Mrs. Elaine Harmon and children, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Price and children.

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**THE SUPERINTENDENT'S
 CORNER**
 by Wilburn Leeper

Source close to the Governor's office say that a special legislative session is almost certain to take place in late May or early June. The predicted agenda for the session will call for action concerning schools, highways, and a tax bill to pay the cost. The Governor's Select Committee on Education is looking for \$5.5 billion over the next two years to pay the cost of its recommendations. That's a lot of money. The state currently spends slightly more than \$8 billion on schools each two years. The \$5.5 billion would represent more than 60 percent increase in school spending on the state level alone. It makes us wonder what the local tax bill will be if such a money bill is passed by the legislature. Neither the taxing public nor the school districts like the possibility of facing a 60 percent tax increase. A number of the state legislators are already voicing opposition and some have said, "The best possible tax bill couldn't raise that kind of money." Perhaps the legislature will have some reason about them.

Kids enjoy imitating people, especially adults, and TV personalities seem to be among their favorites. The Valley kindergarteners filed into the cafeteria yesterday in their own lively way and began imitating a popular Wendy's commercial now seen on TV. Several of the youngsters began chanting, "Where's the beef? Where's the Beef?" Much to their delight, there was no beef that day because the menu was hotdogs.

Christie Gragson is the 1984 Hall County Spelling Bee Champion. She competed last Tuesday in the National Spelling Bee elimination meet at Memphis and will represent Hall County and Valley School April 28 at the regional meet in Amarillo. Christie is an eighth grader at Valley and her parents are Connie and Robert Gragson. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Cruse and Mrs. Cora Gragson. We are all very proud of Christie and wish her well at the regional meet.

WITH THE SICK

Milton (Mick) Cotton is a patient at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, where he was conveyed on Thursday from Central Plains Hospital in Plainview. He had entered the hospital there on Monday. He is in room 430, it was reported, and his condition is not good at this time.

Floyd Gilmore, Dow Aplin and Mrs. Billy Wheeler are patients in Hall County Hospital in Memphis. Mr. Gilmore had sur-

gery Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Oleta Crump was a patient a few days last week in Hall County Hospital in Memphis. S. D. (Buster) Crump was taken to the hospital on Monday of this week.

Janet House underwent surgery at Nichols Clinic in Plain-

view on March 7, and returned to her home in Turkey on March 14. She went back for a check-up on Monday of this week.

J. R. Jones was taken to Central Plains Hospital in Plainview by Turkey ambulance on Monday morning. He remained for treatment.

Mrs. Bernice Morgan was scheduled for surgery at Childrens General Hospital on Wednesday, it was reported.

Buddy Morris of Quitaque was taken by Quitaque ambulance to Lockney General Hospital again Tuesday morning. He remains there for treatment.

Mrs. Cleo Ham is in St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

Doreas Gaddis underwent surgery at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo on Friday of last week.

Mrs. Murry Morrison and Joe, Mrs. Ruby Cushenberry drove to Dimmitt Sunday to visit the ladies' brother, Bailey Eddleman, and their sisters, Mrs. Neva Hickey and Mrs. Era Heckerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Eudy returned home Saturday from DeSota after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Eudy.

Mrs. David Guest is visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Guest, Greg, Tammy and Cory in Pensacola, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gilmore of Springfield, Oregon are visit-

ing his sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jones. Later they will visit their son and family at Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Farley and Mrs. Reddell Irby, all of Turkey; James Wesley Farley, Memphis, and Lanita Garnett of Portales, New Mexico visited their brother and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Farley at Stamford, Texas on Saturday, March 17. Billy Ray Farley of Decatur, Texas was also visiting his parents. They reported a good day of visiting.

Fred Davidson and son, Steven, and two friends of Steven, all of Amarillo, spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with Mrs. Estelle Davidson in Quitaque. They also visited the Jimmy David-



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 Mrs. Williams died at 4:30 a.m. Monday, March 19, at Harris Memorial Hospital in Fort Worth after a brief illness.
 Born January 19, 1922, in Turkey, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Roy Russell and had lived in Turkey all her life. She was married to B. D. (Red) Williams on August 12, 1945 in Turkey.
 She was a member of Turkey First Baptist Church, the Eastern Star and Hall County Retired Teachers Association. She received her degree from Texas Tech, Lubbock, and taught school 26 years in Turkey and Valley Schools before retiring a few years ago. She was very active in church and community work.
 Survivors include her husband; a son, Doyle of Dallas; two daughters, Pam Williams of Dallas and Mrs. David (Pat) Brown of Clyde; two sisters, Mrs. Jack (Mary Jo) Barnhill of Turkey and Mrs. Peggy Weatherly of Fort Worth; and two grandchildren, Aaron and Lulynn Brown of Clyde.
 Pallbearers were Buster Hanna, Byron Young and Jimmy Robison, all of Turkey; Gary Barnhill and Don Tarver of Clarendon, and Alfred Barton of Matador.
 Honorary pallbearers were Smitty Guest, Lowell Proctor, Claud Robison, J. R. Adamson, J. W. Lacy, Homer Hawkins, Jerry Morgan, Clyde Johnson and Tink Lane, all of Turkey; Sam Elliott and Bud Meacham of Amarillo, and John Barnhill of Matador.
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 Mr. Perkins died Monday morning at West Texas Hospital in Lubbock after a lengthy illness. He married Grace Alexander on January 7, 1931 in Hollis, Oklahoma. She died March 15, 1974. He was a Baptist. Two nieces live in Turkey, Mrs. Laverne Hamner and Mrs. Vernell Russell.
 Survivors include four sons, Freddie of Smyer, Butch of Dublin, Billy of Mead, Oklahoma and Bobby; three daughters, Mrs. Darlene Niles of Carter, Oklahoma, Mrs. Pamela DeSautell of Santa Rosa, New Mexico and Mrs. Norma Fancher of Smyer; two brothers, Ray Perkins of Paducah, and Frank Perkins of Washington, D. C.

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two sisters, Mrs. Hubert (Lois) Melton of Amarillo and Mrs. Pearl Wright of Plainview. One brother, Vernon, preceded him in death in 1943 and a son, Jimmy, in 1961.

Pallbearers were Freddie Perkins, jr. of Smyer, Larry Washington of Meadow, Kenneth Melton of Amarillo, Marvin Randall, Virgil Blakney and Harold Thrasher, all of Turkey.

ORVAL COBB BURIED IN REST HAVEN

Services for Orval (Runt) Cobb, 68, were held Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque with the Rev. Bill Fuller of Kress officiating. Burial was in Rest Haven Cemetery by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cobb died Sunday at Lockney General Hospital. He was born in Greenwood. He was a farmer and served as commissioner of Briscoe County Precinct 1 for fourteen years. He was a member of the Fairmont Baptist Church and had been a Lions Club member for fifteen years.

Survivors include his wife, Florene; one son, Melvin of Amarillo; a daughter, Janice McBee of Kress; a brother, Woodrow Cobb of Hale Center; a sister, Ravenel Grewe of Silverton, and three grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were Jack Pigg, Ike Gilbert, Ronald Clay, Warren Merrell, Henry Hastey, M. C. Jones.

Honorary pallbearers were O. C. Payne, Jake Merrell, James Brunson, James Kimbell, Joe Edd Smith and O. E. Chandler.

Mrs. Brown's Uncle Buried Last Thursday

Joseph Franklin Teague, 95, died at Dumas Monday, March 12. Funeral services were held at the Calvary Baptist Church in Dumas at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 1984, with the Rev. Jake Armstrong and the Rev. Larry Hall officiating. He had two brothers surviving and they were both in their 90's and both attended.

He was an uncle of Mrs. S. C. Brown of Quitaque. She and her husband attended the services.

Interment was in Dumas Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors, Inc. of Dumas.

Mrs. Jarrell Rice and children, Mike and Nadine, Mrs. Rice's mother, Mrs. Sam Sanders of Hedley, drove to Freeport during last week's spring break. They met other family members there. Mike went deep sea fishing and landed 18 red snappers. They report a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Pointer enjoyed having their grandsons, Randy and Ricky, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Pointer of Lubbock, during the spring break last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Larry Farley and children, April and Cory of Amarillo spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Farley in Quitaque. Joining them for dinner Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wellman and children, Jamie, Richard and Ryan, and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Farley and children, Melody and Vance, and Mrs. E. J. Farley and Junior Farley.

Mr. and Mrs. James Barefield and Joey, who was home from WTSU on spring break, spent from Monday until Friday at Lake Hubbard fishing. They report they caught lots of fish. They also visited with Mr. Barefield's brother, W. D. Barefield, and wife in Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunean Chandler of Kaufman spent Friday night and Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Leon McCracken in Quitaque. They are spending time in

Lubbock with her brother, Mick Cotton, who is seriously ill in a hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Richmond and children, Sandy and Mandy of Anson spent the spring break last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mayfield in Quitaque and with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Richmond in Turkey.

Tuesday of last week, Ty and Tod Mayfield of Panhandle visited their grandparents.

LaCretia Johnson of Vernon spent week before last at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson. Mrs. Johnson works at Matador and she got a spring break last week, then this week Kavla Johnson is home from South Plains College in Levelland. The girls didn't get to see much of their mother, but their grandmother and granddad, Mr. and Mrs. James May, got to enjoy them.

A group from Turkey went to Red River, New Mexico last week on a skiing trip. They were the Ricky Fustons, Ronald Lynn Mullins, Jerry Bob Smiths, Scott Saul, Craig Setliff, all of Turkey, Cari Morrison, Quitaque, and Karen Irwin of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Woods had their grandchildren, Rodney and Becky Corgill, and their children, Dusty and Chad, of Midland week before last. Dusty and Chad are the Woods' great-grandchildren.

The past week, the other grandchildren, Trevor and Ashley Woods, spent the week with them. Their dad, Terry Woods, joined them Saturday and took them home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Louise Chandler participated in a bowling tournament at San Angelo over the weekend. She is a member of the Tullia Auto Parts bowling team.

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Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Cooper of Afton are the proud parents of a new baby daughter, Cassie Ann, born Monday, March 19, at 7:37 a.m. at Lockney General Hospital. She weighed 4 lbs. 13 1/2 ozs. and measured 16 1/2 inches.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Truman Merrell of Quitaque (their first grandchild) and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cooper of Lockney.

Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Dollie Woods of Quitaque and Mrs. Hall of Abernathy.

Great-grandmother is Mrs. Bertha Woods of Quitaque.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Stewart of Quitaque are the proud parents of a new baby daughter, Holly Diane, born Monday, March 19, at 9:40 p.m. at Lockney General Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 6 ozs. and measured 20 inches.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Auston of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Stewart of South Plains.

Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Lottie Stewart of Lockney and Mrs. Ruth Babb of Logan, New Mexico.

Dr. and Mrs. David Fuston of Childress are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Monday, March 12, at Childress General Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 11 ozs. and has been given the name of Matthew Allen.

He has a sister, Megan, who is three years old.

Grandparents are Mrs. Hazel Fuston of Turkey and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reid of Silverton.



Nellie T. Ross of Wyoming held two important firsts for women. She was the first woman governor in the U.S. from 1925 to 1927 and later was the first woman to serve as director of the U.S. Mint.

Russell Ramsey Celebrates Birthday

Russell Ramsey, son of Dale and Carol Ramsey, celebrated his fourth birthday Sunday, March 11, at 3:00 at McDonald's in Plainview.

All those attending enjoyed the games the clown played with them. A cake from McDonald's was served with ice cream and orange drink.

Those celebrating with Russell were Kevin and Michelle Ramsey of Claytonville, Bryan, Amy, Kayla and Dara Ramsey of

Silverton, Jamie Wellman, Melody Farley and Kristin Ramsey, Quitaque, Scotty Slaughter, Don-di, Deidra and DeAndra Long of Plainview.

Adults attending were the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ramsey; grandmothers, Mrs. A. B. (Marie) Ramsey, Quitaque, and Mrs. Ann Houtman, South Plains; Jana Boyles, Turkey; Johnny and Linda Long, Debi Slaughter, all of Plainview.

Mrs. Davidson Honored On Birthday Anniversary

Mrs. Estelle Davidson was honored on her birthday anniversary Sunday when many of her relatives (thirty in number) met at the First Methodist Church in Quitaque to attend services.

After church, they all went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Davidson for lunch.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Stewart McCracken, Tulia; Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Curtis, Mrs. Jo Beth Edwards and children, Cris and Kevin, Olton; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davidson, Bonnie and Steve, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Shackelford, Dan Shackelford, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Pieis, Tracy and Angie, Sophie Cook, all of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Oreutt, Memphis; Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie McCracken and Travis, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Jon Davidson, Dimmitt; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Don Davidson, Sterling City; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Davidson, Quitaque; Esker Curtis, Silverton; Mrs. Floye McCracken and Mrs. Dolly Woods, Quitaque.

Some of the group drove to Memphis in the afternoon and attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration for the E. R. Oreutts.

CORN FED

The average American consumes about 45 pounds of corn each year. Much of that is supplied by Del Monte Corporation, the largest U.S. producer of canned corn. ▲

ASCS Deadline Is Approaching

Producers who operate farms are reminded that all 1984 program enrollment documents with signatures of owners and other producers, must be in the county office not later than March 30.

Without all signatures, farms become ineligible to participate in the 1984 farm program.

Farm operators who had to mail these documents out of town should keep in mind this March 30 deadline.

WATCH COVER CROPS WHEN STRIPPING COTTON

Farmers planting cover crops on land next to cotton should make sure they stay off these crops when harvesting cotton this fall, cautions a cotton specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Running a cotton stripper through cover crops or turning the stripper around on such land can seriously contaminate cotton lint. This is particularly a problem when cover crops are planted on turn rows or in skip rows between cotton.

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FACTS ABOUT POISONINGS

There are some 150,000 poisonings that occur each year in Texas.

75-85% of all poisoning episodes occur in children under five years old.

The Texas State Poison Center handled 29,109 poisoning emergencies during 1983, and answered some 19,000 general information inquiries.

Nearly 10% of the ingestions by children involved their eating household and garden plants.

March 18-24 is National Poison Prevention Week.

Medicines are involved in poisoning episodes some 40% of the time.

Even if you do not live with small children, you should store cleaning products and medications safely, because small children visit everyone.

Syrup of ipecac, a substance for inducing vomiting, should be in every home where small children live or visit. It should never be given before calling the Poison Center or your family physician.

Never take medicine in the presence of small children because they like to imitate adults.

"April is love's spring."
William Shakespeare

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against drunk and unsafe drivers.

"I'm hopeful that this concern will lead to a long-term change in attitudes which will encourage safe driving habits by motorists," Adams said. "Since law enforcement resources are limited, we must continue to seek voluntary compliance with the traffic laws."

Adams noted that at least 26 percent (1,006) of the 1983 fatalities involved DWI.

"Since state law did not require blood alcohol measurements from drivers involved in fatal accidents last year, we believe this statistic substantially understates the drunk driver's role in fatal accidents," Adams said.

Statewide DWI arrests in 1983 totaled 149,621, an increase of 33 percent compared to the 1982 figure.

Motorcycle operator and passenger deaths totaled 349 last year, a decline of 13.4 percent compared to the previous year. About three out of four motorcyclists killed were not wearing helmets when the accidents occurred.

Almost 98 percent of the persons killed in passenger vehicles were not wearing seat belts at the time of the crash. The number of persons injured in 1983 traffic accidents increased by 1.7 percent, totaling 208,157.

"We'd like to see the use of seat belts and child safety seats become a standard driving practice in Texas," Adams said. "Widespread use of these lifesaving devices would substantially

reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries in vehicle crashes."

The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation estimated that motorists traveled 129,309 billion miles in 1983, an increase of 3.5 percent above 1982.

Oil industry assists transplant patients with OIL Flights

A nationwide emergency air transportation program is assisting individuals in critical need of organ transplants.

Known as Oil Industry Life-saving Flights, or "OIL Flights," the petroleum industry-sponsored program is the first formalized national effort to make corporate or chartered aircraft available for transplant-related purposes.

"With the development of new anti-rejection drugs, the medical community is making great strides in its efforts to successfully transplant organs," said J.B. Coffman, president and chief operating officer of Amin-oil Inc., and OIL Flights chairman. Yet, one critical and often limiting element of transplant programs is the timely transportation of the organ to the recipient.

"To help satisfy this humanitarian need," Coffman added, "many oil and gas companies and firms that provide services to the industry are offering their corporate aircraft, or alternatively, cash contributions to charter planes through the OIL Flights program."

The OIL Flights network is underwritten by a cross section of companies engaged in oil and natural gas operations as well as firms which provide services to the petroleum industry.

Under the program, aircraft will be made available to transport organs, donors, recipients, or surgical teams who recover organs for numerous transplant centers in the United States.

The program is administered through a non-profit foundation of the Greater Houston Hospital Council and governed by a board composed of petroleum industry, hospital administration and medical representatives. ▲



Joseph Wright's longtime fascination with Kentucky long rifles led him to make three of the legendary guns. On the stock of one, Wright carved a replica of the eagle on the Winston cigarette pack.

Gunsmith hits the mark with Kentucky long rifles

When it comes to knowing Kentucky long rifles, Joseph Wright hits a bull's eye every time.

Wright, a machine inspector for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., has made the frontier gun his hobby. "There were about a hundred gunsmiths making Kentucky rifles," Wright said. "A researcher can look at an old Kentucky rifle and tell who made it."

Most Kentucky long rifles were made by Pennsylvania gunsmiths between 1740 and 1840, Wright said. "That's the funny thing about Kentucky rifles," he said. "Not one that's ever been made has been made in Kentucky."

After spending months researching the gun through libraries, college history departments and historical societies, Wright decided to try his hand at crafting a Kentucky long rifle.

He shopped around and bought parts for two guns. He was able to buy barrels, triggers, trigger guards, butt plates and flintlocks.

Still, Wright had to make many intricate parts for the guns — stock plates, thimbles that hold hickory tap sticks beneath the barrels, and patch boxes that store bullet wadding inside the stock. He made the rest of the stock fittings out of a sheet of brass bought at a radiator shop.

After more than 100 hours of sawing, sanding, filing and polishing, Wright completed the two Kentucky long rifles. The stocks were made of curly maple. The barrels, which lived up to the gun's name, were 42 and 48 inches long.

"I put the finishing touches on my second gun this spring, so I was ready to start another one. This time I decided to make a long rifle of my own design," Wright said.

Wright is especially pleased with the cherry stock of his latest rifle. On it, he has carved a replica of the eagle on the Winston cigarette pack. "It's a beautiful bird, and it goes well on the gun," he said. ▲

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New Texas Onion Tastes Sweeter And Lasts Longer

AUSTIN—Always billed as sweet and mild, Texas spring onions will grow even sweeter this season with the harvest of around 2,000 acres in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of a new strain 12 years in the making.

"It's a real big, succulent onion," said Dr. Leonard Pike, Texas A&M University horticulture professor and one of the new onion's breeders. "I can't state for sure, but it may have more sugar than the other onions we grow. It's actually sweeter and milder than (Georgia's) Vidalia and the Walla Walla Sweet out of Washington state."

Pike should know those are fightin' words. Georgia and Texas have already tussled over the respective merits of their spring onion crops, a tiff that started last year when some Texas onions sneaked into Georgia labeled as Vidalias. Georgians, claiming their onions superior, tried to ban Texas shipments, while Texans, reacting to the slur, pointed out that Vidalias had been produced from Texas stock in the first place.

The new onion, one of three recently marketed Granos, will be labeled SpringSweet and will compete directly with out-of-state crops also known for their lack of pungency. The SpringSweet is a close relative of the original Texas Grano, developed here in 1947. The Vidalia, in fact, is actually a hybrid Granex, also developed in Texas.

"Texas onions have always been known for their sweet, mild taste, but until now growers have allowed the onion to speak for itself," said Paullette Schwartz, Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) assistant marketing director. "This new label will identify our onions and allow us to more aggressively promote them with consumers."

Ordinarily Texas is first on the market with spring onions, but this year's crop was pushed back about a month by the winter freeze. Shipments from the Valley, where harvest begins, are expected around April 1. From there harvest will move to Laredo and the Winter Garden area south and west of San Antonio. Around 16,300 acres of spring onions will be harvested, a drop from 19,000 last year. The 1983 crop was valued at \$42.5 million.

In June harvest will move into the area around Progreso, Fort Stockton and El Paso and from there onto the High Plains. Cash receipts for last year's summer crop amounted to \$194.6 million.

SpringSweet onions, known as Grano 1015Y among plant scientists, evolved during 12 years of research and testing. Research began to breed greater disease resistance into Grano onions, one of two major varieties grown in

Texas. Granos are yellow and white onions shaped like tops. Their cousin Granex is semi-flat like the Bermuda of old. Both onions were developed from the Bermuda.

As Pike and Paul Leeper of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Weslaco began breeding for disease resistance, they also selected for other desirable characteristics. These included single centers and symmetrical rings in great demand by onion ring processors.

A single center onion has one growing point. Most onions have two or three growing points, or centers and as many asymmetrical rings. The onion industry prefers not to use these, especially for commercial onion rings. The Grano 1015Y produces more single centers than other onions and more perfect circles.

Another important quality bred into SpringSweets and two later maturing Granos is increased storage life. Fresh onions, especially mild ones with a high water content, deteriorate much more rapidly than storage onions, which are cured, extremely pungent and the only kind available in the winter. Most spring onions will last up to a month from harvest to consumption. Pike said SpringSweet will remain in good condition up to 40 days, providing they are transported and stored with care.

To prolong the life of these onions even further, TDA home economists suggest that consumers can store them in a dry, well-circulated spot such as a shaded porch or garage where temperatures are 90 degrees or higher. Onions will



SIGN OF SPRING—Fresh onions are a sure sign of spring in Texas. Usually the country's first fresh onion crop, Texas onions are about a month behind schedule this season. Shipments will start coming out of the Lower Rio Grande Valley around April 1.

remain dormant at these temperatures and will not sprout.

Because of their mild flavor, Texas onions are excellent when eaten raw in salads or sliced and served on top of a juicy hamburger. TDA home economist Carol Ware has tested a spring salad of tomatoes, avocado and fresh onion and a hot onion canape that makes a simple but delicious snack for guests. For a stronger onion flavor in the canape spread, grate the onions instead of mincing them.

SPRING ONION SALAD

- 2 med. chopped onions
- 4 med. firm, ripe tomatoes, peeled and cubed
- 3 ripe avocados, peeled and cubed
- 1/4 C. wine vinegar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. granulated sugar
- 1/2 tsp. dry mustard
- 1/4 tsp. paprika
- Black pepper to taste
- 1 C. salad oil

Combine vegetables and set aside. Place other ingredients

except oil in screwtop jar. Cover and shake well. Add oil, cover and shake again. Pour over vegetables and toss. Marinate in refrigerator 1 hour.

HOT ONION CANAPES

- 1/2 C. minced onion
- 1/2 C. mayonnaise
- 4 drops hot red pepper sauce
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 1 T. minced fresh parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Toasted bread rounds, melba toast or thin crackers

Heat broiler. Combine first 6 ingredients and spread on toasted bread rounds, melba toast or crackers. Brown on second rack of broiler until hot and bubbly. Serve immediately. Makes approximately 32 canapes.

CATTLEMEN ABANDONING CATTLE CYCLE

U. S. cattle producers may have finally "moved off the track" of the typical cattle cycle and moved into a new era—one in which producers respond more immediately to profits and losses.

From a total inventory standpoint, cattle and calf numbers have not varied more than one percent since 1981, points out an economist in livestock marketing with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

That suggests no strong directional change in herd size and that cattlemen may be in a sort of holding pattern.

STRESS AND VITAMIN REQUIREMENTS

The store shelves are overflowing with "stress formula" vitamin supplements. But are they necessary?

That depends on how you define stress, says Dr. Alice Hunt, a nutrition specialist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service.

Stress resulting from injury, infection, fever, shock, bone fractures or surgery may increase nutrient requirements, she says. But the stresses of everyday life have not been scientifically shown to cause vitamin deficiencies.

The one exception, says Dr. Hunt, is if you eat improperly over a long period of time as a result of your stress. "Sometimes good nutrition takes a back seat to increasing pressures, problems and responsibilities in our lives, and if this goes on for months or years, vitamin supplementation could be needed," says the specialist.

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bridal shower in the home of Mrs. Ross Herrington. The bride's chosen colors were carried out on the table set with silver and linen with a centerpiece of purple silk flowers.

Refreshments of finger sandwiches, blueberry tarts, coffee and spiced tea were served to the guests by DeLane Proctor and Lisa Herrington.

Out-of-town guests attending were Mrs. J. E. Sherrill, mother of the prospective bridegroom, and his sisters, Wendy and Patti Sherrill, his sister-in-law, Mrs. Steve Sherrill, all of Bovina; Mrs. Patsy Rhoderick, aunt of the bride-elect, and Mrs. Terry Williams, both of Lubbock.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fuston and family left Turkey Wednesday for Littleton, Colorado to visit her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McNabb and girls. They reported a very nice visit but had some trouble getting back home Sunday. In fact, they didn't get home until Monday as weather conditions were so bad they had to spend the night in Clayton, New Mexico. Mrs. Fuston said it was snowing when they left Sunday and they hoped the weather would get better, but it got worse instead.

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If you get less than the recommended allowance for a vitamin for a few days, that will not create a vitamin deficiency, says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service food and nutrition specialist.

Even the water-soluble B vitamins and vitamin C are stored in the body to some extent.

For example, it takes 90 days without vitamin C before any clinical signs of a deficiency will appear.

The best way to improve your nutrition is to invest your time and money in a balanced diet rather than vitamin supplements. In addition to the unnecessary costs of vitamins, there are also dangers associated with overdosing on them. Fat soluble vitamins like A and D are stored in tissues where they can accumulate and become toxic, cautions the specialist.



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Hightower Named To Bipartisan Hunger Committee

Congressman Jack Hightower has been named as one of 17 key House members to a newly-created bipartisan House Select Committee on Hunger. The Committee was recently created to focus congressional attention on the problem of domestic and international hunger in a single committee, and to recommend actions that might be taken to further address this problem.

"I was very pleased to have been assigned to a position on this committee," Hightower said. "We have tremendous agricultural surpluses in America and hungry people all over the world. We must find answers to these difficult and costly problems."

Hightower currently serves on the Agriculture Subcommittee of Appropriations, and other Hunger Committee members have been drawn from the House

Agriculture Committee, Education and Labor, Budget and Foreign Affairs committees. The Committee has been charged with reviewing general food production and distribution problems, corporate and agribusiness efforts to further international development, study trade relations between the United States and the developing countries, evaluate food assistance programs in America, and to recommend to the appropriate House committee additional action believed necessary.

Because no single committee of the Congress has been given full-time responsibility for this problem, a bipartisan coalition of Members worked to establish the hunger panel earlier this month. Approximately 258 Members co-sponsored the legislation which has been endorsed by over 60

national organizations including the U. S. Conference of Mayors, Salvation Army, B'nai B'rith, Bread for the World, and the U. S. Catholic Conference. The committee is composed of both Democrats and Republicans.

ESTATE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP OFFERS TAX PLANNING HELP

Ways to reduce a taxable farm or ranch estate and to pass an operating business on to the next generation without burdens on taxes will be explained in a two-day seminar in Lubbock March 27-28.

The seminar is one of four being presented across the state by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Each day's program at the Civic Center Holiday Inn, 801 Avenue Q, will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. The \$50 registration fee covers all seminar materials, refreshments and lunches for both days.

"The seminar will explain a wide variety of estate tax savings and estate administrative features to farmers, ranchers and agribusiness people," said Dr. Wayne Hayenga, Extension economist and an attorney, who leads three other specialists in conducting the program.

The seminar will begin with a discussion of estate taxes, including deductions, expenses and tax rates. Basic estate planning devices will be explained in detail. These include by-pass trusts, estate tax deferral, gifts, disclaimers and property titles.

The first day's program also will include discussion of treating beneficiaries fairly and details of the estate planning process. Another segment will examine planning tools for agricultural estates, including use of corporations, partnerships, selling part of the business to heirs, and oil and gas interests.

The second day of the seminar will focus upon special estate tax rules for agriculture. These include special farm land evaluation, rules for deferred estate tax payment, life insurance, "flower" bonds, stock in cooperatives, and other property.

"There will be plenty of time to discuss individual situations throughout the seminar," Hayenga said.

Other seminar instructors will be Dr. Jerry Cornforth, Extension management economist for northeast Texas; Dr. Tom Jones, Extension management economist at Weslaco, and Lawrence A. Kippke, Extension management economist at College Station.

Registration forms and additional information about the seminar may be obtained from County Extension offices.



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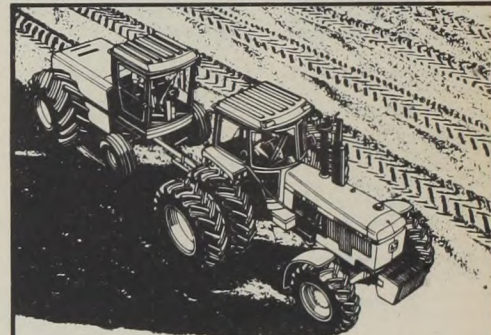
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of our experiments are rather steadily and rapidly applicable to many areas of applied research.

"The area of application that is currently receiving the most attention and appears to be, in the long range, the most exciting is the example mentioned earlier of the use of bacterial luciferase as a replacement for radioimmunoassay.

"Radioimmunoassay, as it is currently performed in hospitals and clinical laboratories around the country, and indeed around the world, requires the use of highly radioactive materials.

"As such, radioimmunoassay is a dangerous procedure to both technicians involved and the environment, and is complicated by the short half-life of the radioisotopes in common usage.

"The replacement of the radioactive compounds with bacterial luciferase in this type of assay is thought by many to have the potential of leading to diagnostic analysis being performed in doctor's offices, rather than requiring several days to several weeks to send biological samples to clinical laboratories for analysis.

"It is even possible that these techniques would be developed to the point that, for example, veterinarians would be able to conduct very sophisticated procedures in the field, using portable equipment on large animals.

"Another area in which the bacterial luciferase can be used directly to assay (test) compounds of economic importance is due to its ability to react with, and therefore assay or measure, a vast array of different compounds carrying aldehyde functional groups.

"An example is insect pheromones, or chemical scents

These are thought to be one way insects communicate. The luciferase is potentially useful in the development of tests for insect reproductive cycles.

"Another development in our laboratory which occurred nearly two years ago was the successful cloning of bacterial luciferase from a luminous marine bacterium into the common enterobacterium *E. coli*.

"This technical maneuver has received substantial attention, not for scientific reasons, but because of the striking observation of seeing *E. coli* glowing in the dark.

"The cloned luciferase has many different potential applications. One of the most exciting and readily developed applications for the cloned luciferase is an assay (test) of toxic substances in water.

"This is an assay which has been worked at some length by scientists at Smith-Kline-Beckman, an industrial laboratory, and it would appear that they should be able to develop a commercially meaningful assay in the very near future.

"Another potential use of cloned luciferase is as a 'marker' gene for study of transfer of other genetic material into plant and animal cells. Since the product of the reaction catalyzed by the bacterial luciferase is light, the successful transfer of the genes and expression of the genes in a new host cell is readily observable merely by turning off the room lights and viewing the subject material.

"This use for the cloned luciferase has received substantial attention from scientists around the country, and we have sent cloned genes to many scientists who are interested in pursuing its use in this format.

"A related but somewhat different use for the cloned luciferase is in the analysis of genetic material which serves a regulatory function.

"By inserting pieces of DNA, thought to have a regulatory function, in front of the luciferase genes, and viewing the effect of this regulatory DNA on the expression of bioluminescence, one has available a very rapid, sensitive and easily quantified parameter (i.e., light) with which to study the regulatory nature of the inserted DNA.

"The history of research in bioluminescence exemplifies the logic followed by such science funding organizations as the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and the State Experiment Stations. For years bioluminescence

CANCER ANSWER LINE

American Cancer Society
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QUESTION: Is research close to finding the secret of how cancer begins?

ANSWERline: Recent findings from studies of the genetic factors in malignancy suggest that an understanding of the mechanics of cancer may be rapidly developing. The recent identification of certain genes - called "oncogenes" - in normal cells is one of the promising new discoveries. Oncogenes appear to be involved in the production of cancer by somehow eluding normal cell controls and triggering the uncontrolled growth which is characteristic of cancer.

QUESTION: What new treatments are under development for the control of cancer?

ANSWERline: Now in the experimental stage are "hybridomas," hybrid cells that can be programmed to produce antibodies that seek out foreign substances or cancer cells and destroy them. Researchers are also devising ways to put anticancer drugs into antibodies which then become "guided missiles" carrying anticancer drugs directly to cancer cells without affecting normal cells. Work also is progressing with "biological response modifiers" like interferon, which is still in the experimental stage. Interferons are natural body substances which can cause at least partial regression in some forms of malignant tumors. These natural prod-

ucts have a different mode of action than the anticancer drugs now in use, and are not as toxic.

QUESTION: Is there any connection between the smoking habits of parents and children?

ANSWERline: Yes. Studies show that two-thirds of the high school students who smoke cigarettes have parents who smoke.

QUESTION: Why does cigarette smoking cause coughing?

ANSWERline: The irritation of cigarette smoke destroys tiny hair-like structures in the throat called cilia. When the cilia can no longer function properly, coughing is the only way a person can get rid of debris and mucus which the cilia would normally carry away from the lungs.

QUESTION: Can cancer develop without any symptoms?

ANSWERline: Yes. Symptoms may not appear until cancer has invaded an organ or spread to other parts of the body. However some cancer may be detected by tests and physical examination before they would otherwise be noticed. This is why regular cancer check-ups are so important.

QUESTION: Does everyone suffer from nausea and vomiting after radiation therapy?

ANSWERline: Although nausea and vomiting are typical side effects of radiation therapy, not all patients experience these discomforts during treatment. Such side effects usually depend on the level of radiation received, and sometimes there are ways to avoid or overcome them. Patients preparing for radiation therapy should consult their physician as to what to expect, and what instructions to follow.

QUESTION: Do women get bladder cancer?

ANSWERline: Bladder cancer is more prevalent among men by almost three to one. It occurs mostly in persons above 50 years of age. Men who work in industries using dyes and other chemicals are at higher risk.

QUESTION: Do young men get prostate cancer?

ANSWERline: Prostate cancer generally occurs in men over 50, although younger men have been known to get it. Prostate cancer also occurs more frequently in married men than among single men.

Do you have further questions? Call your local unit of the American Cancer Society or call M. D. Anderson Hospital & Tumor Institute's Cancer Information Service, 1-800-4-CANCER toll-free in Texas, 792-3245 in the Houston area.

James Garfield, the 20th U.S. president, was both a canal bargeman and a professor of Greek and Latin before entering the White House.

was viewed as an interesting biological phenomenon with little, if any, practical utility.

"However, scientists interested in the basic science of light emission from biological systems have been working with funding from the NSF, the NIH, and in our case TAES, to develop an understanding of the biochemistry of bioluminescence.

"In recent years, use of radioisotopes in medical and other applications has reached such a level that disposal of the waste has become a serious problem. Fortunately, the solution to this problem is readily available, thanks to basic research started years ago. The large body of data available concerning the bioluminescent systems has allowed the very rapid development of nonradioactive methods to replace the radio-tracer procedures.

"This is but one example offered in defense of funding of basic science. It is indeed true that the product of basic science is the knowledge that feeds applied research. Without basic research, applied research would soon die," Baldwin concluded.

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The Governor's Office of Economic Development will co-sponsor regional workshops on the SBIR program in Austin on January 30, in Dallas on January 31, and in Houston on February 1. Interested company representatives will receive a crash course in writing, budgeting, and filing project proposals. This is an important first step to make sure that more small businesses in Texas take advantage of these federal dollars.

Program participants, who can develop technically feasible projects with commercial potential, are eligible for Phase II awards of up to \$500,000 under the SBIR program to lay the groundwork for developing a prototype. As an incentive, inventors are allowed to retain all patent rights in most cases.

Greater participation by Texas companies in this innovative research and development program can help diversify the state's economy and provide needed jobs. Last year, several Texas small businesses won multiple SBIR awards, but most of this federal financing went to firms in Massachusetts and California.

Our state must compete more aggressively for these dollars. Ten participating federal agencies awarded \$45 million under the Small Business Innovation Research program in 1983, and 11 agencies are expected to distribute close to \$136 million this year to small businesses nationwide.

Competition is stiff and, out of the 8,775 proposals for initial SBIR funding submitted last year, only one in 12 received federal approval.

Under the Small Business Assistance Act, the State of Texas set a goal of giving at least 10 percent of its business to small firms—recognizing that "small" can mean "big" when it comes to quality performance.

By helping small Texas companies obtain federal funds to develop tomorrow's technology, state government is renewing its commitment to bolster this important segment of the business community.

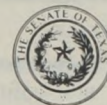
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The Targeted Jobs Tax Credit was passed in 1980 when the national unemployment rate was about 9 percent. Employers such as KFC and Del Monte see the program as an example of using economic incentives to reduce chronic unemployment. ▲

Senator Bill Sarpalius Reports



AUSTIN — Education of the children of the world is as varied as the cultures from which they come. The educational goals between the U.S. and other countries also differ.

It is difficult to compare test scores and national rankings without remembering these facts.

By comparing the U.S. and Texas educational systems with those of other countries we can gain some insights as we set about to restructure our educational

system.

Schools in West Germany, Japan, Switzerland and the Soviet Union are known for producing exceptionally well educated students.

American and Texas students usually score lower on standardized tests than do the students in other highly industrialized countries, but the goals of these foreign education systems are basically different than those in this country.

Our system attempts to provide each student with a good education while maintaining the child's individuality and options. In other countries, students are tracked in academic or vocational courses from an early age. They are weeded out at certain stages of the education process through rigorous national exams.

At first glance, American and Texas children appear to be much less well educated than their foreign counterparts. U.S. high school seniors ranked 14th out of 18 countries tested in science and last among 12 countries tested in mathematics.

In the U.S., however, a much greater percentage of children attend high school than in other countries. The approach where almost everyone attends high school and takes similar courses, is much different from other countries. In these countries, only the better academic students take the comparative tests, while a much broader cross section of U.S. students were tested.

If we compare the top percentages of students tested in each country, we find that U.S. students improved from 14th to 7th in science and from 12th to 9th in mathematics. American students also scored consistently higher in reading and social sciences.

Next we will discuss what makes the difference in education systems.

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