

There is an old Roman maxim which asks: "Who shall guard the guards themselves?"

It comes to mind in considering the extent to which the judicial ukase is being imposed upon the democratic processes of this country in the name of the Constitution. It goes without saying that we are witnessing a remarkable and certainly critical phenomenon in the evolution of the type of government in the United States.

What is remarkable is the anvil upon which the pattern is being hammered out, an instrument of principles devised almost 200 years ago for the foundation of our political system and so little changed in all that time.

What is critical to the pattern is, however, not the shape of the anvil, but the hammer blows that forge it. In admiring the permanence of the anvil we often forget that what is really determinative are the philosophy and skill of those who wield the hammer.

About the turn of the century an American humorist said, with as much wisdom as wit, that the Constitution is what the Supreme Court says it is.

What he pointed to, consciously or not, is an avenue of threat to the representative system as we know it, the suggestion of a judicial oligarchy. It is not a question of the virtues of those judicial decrees and mandamuses that issue through it; in the main they have been remarkably valid and soundly related to the principles that govern. Therein lies the deception.

It is purely a question of the method and the authority by which they issue and the degree to which they contravene the fundamental democratic faith. We have ample reason to foresee through what has been happening in our Federal and to some extent our state courts over the past two decades, a virtual denial of the democratic voice, a nullification of the authority of the people as expressed through their elected representatives. It could happen because the power to interpret a law is the power to make it and power gravitates to its use.

The philosophy which endows all dictatorships is basically uniform; it proclaims the welfare of the people, ignoring the truth that the public good is not a matter of condition so much as a matter of the public will. Without that will, any condition, however righteously admired, can be intolerable.

It seems a good time to examine whether or not the political equilibrium of our 3-part system of government is now in process of becoming overbalanced in the exercise of veto powers not popularly endowed, and consider if there should not be some check upon an unqualified right to declare an unconstitutionality—to return some portion of the process to the sovereignty of the people—lest the system fall because of the corruption of its own virtues.

I wonder what the framers of the Constitution might have done had they foreseen this judicial usurpation?

No. 643-3001 is the number to be called when one wishes to report a fire or contact the Fire Department for other reasons, and No. 643-4261 is the number of the City Hall telephone. Firemen have requested that the listings be stressed in The Rising Star. They get jumpy when the telephone rings a lot of times.

High School Students to Crown '72 Queen Feb. 10

Students of Rising Star High School will crown their La Estrellita Queen for 1972 in a ceremony Thursday evening, February 10, that has become one of the highlights of the school year.

The colorful event, attended by all the pomp and ceremony of an imaginative court, will be presented in the new gymnasium beginning at 7 o'clock in the evening.

To be crowned as queen of the court will be Cynthia Hounsel, a member of the Senior Class and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hounsel.

Following the coronation, she and her court will be entertained with a program honoring the "Stars of the School Year of 1971-72."

The program will be directed by Mr. C. L. Claborn, sponsor of the Annual Staff which annually presents the coronation spectacle both as a school social event and to raise funds for the publication of the school yearbook.

Members of the court and other details of the program will be announced in the Feb. 3 issue of The Rising Star.



CYNTHIA HOUNSEL

To be crowned High School Queen

County Agriculture Yields Over \$12 Millions in '72

By DeMarquis Gordon
County Ag. Agent

Over \$12 million worth of agricultural products came from Eastland County in 1971. Those are the estimates we have. This is an increase of about 1/2 million over last year.

The increased income is due mainly to beef cattle and forage crops. Good grass during the

summer and fall plus favorable cattle prices helped to give this increase. Income from most crops dropped below the 1970 figures. Peanut yield fell about 100 pounds per acre on the average. However, because of an increase in number of acres of peanuts and an increase in price the total county peanut income in 1971 was about the same as in 1970.

The current state-wide program to increase agricultural income in Texas to \$3.76 billion in 1976 is geared to help the agriculture industry—but what does it mean to the consumer?

Consumers are concerned with an assurance of adequate

food supply, and 3.76 in '76 is a program of growth. The program is important because the increasing population must be fed on a decreasing amount of land used for agricultural production.

Guidelines in the program are meant to increase production and improve quality. The project seeks to increase cash receipts to agriculture by one billion dollars at the end of the 1976 crop year.

The increase in production and cash receipts will benefit the consumer as well as the producer. Food prices will undoubtedly reflect an increased efficiency in production and marketing as costly practices in current use are improved or eliminated.

Technology in production and food preparation will be reflected in food prices, although cost of individual items will also be determined by the amount of preparation before purchase by the consumer. This would include special services such as pre-cooking and speciality packaging.

Farmers will gear their production to specific markets that are dictated by consumers' preferences. This in turn will provide consumers with higher quality foods in greater amounts at stable prices.

Former Resident Here Succumbs

Mrs. Clara V. Smith, 67, formerly of Rising Star, died in Medical Arts Hospital in Dallas Monday, January 17, after a long illness.

Funeral services and burial were at Baird with the Rev. Roger Powell officiating.

She was born in Louisiana on Dec. 16, 1904, the daughter of William and Lela Baker. She was married to Marcus L. Smith on April 29, 1934. Her husband died on May 29, 1951.

She was a resident of Rising Star from 1948 until two years ago when she moved to Dallas. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rising Star.

Survivors include a brother, Truman L. Baker of Dallas; a sister, Mrs. Evalena Pugh of Shreveport, La.

Funeral for Easter Gray Held Tuesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Easter Gray, 76, were held in Higginbotham Chapel at 3 p. m. Tuesday, January 25, with the Rev. Vic Allen, pastor of the Rising Star First Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in the Rising Star cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Gray died at 1:10 a. m. Monday in Twilite Acire Nursing Home after an 8-month illness.

Born in Eastland County on April 14, 1895, she had spent her life in the county. She was a retired seamstress. She was married to Burette Gray at Eastland on June 18, 1914.

Survivors are one son, Burette H. Gray of Corpus Christi; four sisters, Mrs. W. P. Lyon and Mrs. A. A. White, both of Rising Star, Mrs. M. C. Bowden of Bakersville, Clif., and Mrs. Thadja Jo Awalt of Eastland, and three grandchildren. Her husband preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Arley Bibby In Lists for Constable

Arley Bibby this week asked The Rising Star to announce that he will be a candidate for constable of Precinct 3, Eastland County, subject to the will of the voters in the Democratic primary next May.

"I am asking for this office because I have had experience in the duties and type of work required, and I believe I know what the people want," he said.

"The doctors have assured me that I am in the process of complete recovery from the heart attack which I suffered several months ago, that there was no damage to my heart that I will be able to handle the duties of the office with efficiency.

If elected, I will cooperate fully with the local police and other officers and give my best thought and effort to the service of the people of the precinct.

"I will appreciate their votes and support."

Week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Dukes were her two brothers and wives, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stark and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. S. Stark, both of Croysbyton; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Graham of Sipe Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Butch Graham of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong of Sidney.

CofC Banquet Date Finalized Feb. 24



FOR GOOD GRASS—This photo shows that soil fertility is responsible for establishment of grass on cropland in many instances. Kenneth Bostick let his fertilizer distributor run out of fertilizer on the area shown in the foreground. A dry July and August left the unfertilized area with a poor stand of grass. Photo taken on the Bostick Farm near Nimrod, Texas.

Seedbed Vital in Grass Planting

A good seed bed is necessary for the successful establishment of grass, according to Raymon Wade of the local Soil Conservation service.

Early seedbed preparation allows for early planting and a clean seedbed is necessary for a uniform stand.

For the lovegrasses and Kleingrass seed bed firmness is especially important. A spike tooth harrow is used by many farmers to firm the seedbed. Others do the job with a heavy roller. Depth of seed placement is also important when planting these grasses. The best depth is one-half inch. A grass seed drill or planter is equipped with depth regulators to keep the seed from being planted at too great a depth. This equipment is best to use when planting these grasses. These grasses are usually dry planted because of the shallow covering.

A seed bed for coastal bermuda grass can be prepared in about the same way as one is prepared for peanuts, except that the rows are not laid out. The seedbed should be smooth so that uniform placement of sprigs can be obtained. The sprigs should always be placed in moist soil.

The best time to plant coastal bermuda grass in January 15 to May 1 and March 1 to

May 15 for lovegrasses and Kleingrass. Harding grass (Tam Wintergreen) should be planted from September 15 to November. Range type grasses such as sideoats grama and the bluestems should be planted from March 15 to May 15.

Fertilizer should be applied to cropland which is being planted to grass unless the soil fertility is known to be good. Grass seed should be bought on a Pure Live Seed basis. Germination plus firm seed times purity will give the amount of pure live seed per pound of material. Seeding recommendations are based on Pure Live Seed. It is not difficult to get a good stand of grass if the seed has a high percent pure seed. For lovegrasses and Kleingrass, high quality seed will test from 80 to 90 percent PLS.

Coastal bermuda grass sprigs should be fresh when planted. After the sprigs are dug it is important to protect them from the sun and wind to keep them from drying out too rapidly. Sprigs are usually baled when dug to facilitate handling and to help prevent rapid drying. Dry sprigs take root slowly if at all.

Farmers and ranchers in the Rising Star area planted over 5,000 acres of grass in 1971. The Great Plains Conservation Program assisted planting over 3,000 acres.

Brownwood Man Will Be Speaker

The date for the annual Rising Star Chamber of Commerce dinner and other details of the program have been firmed up and the annual event, marking the end of one CofC year and the beginning of another, will be held at the Rising Star High School gymnasium on Thursday evening, Feb. 24, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Groner Pitts of Brownwood will be the speaker for the evening. Pitts, a talented speaker is much in demand for speaking engagements in this area.

Tickets for the dinner, to be catered by an Abilene firm and not to consist of barbecue as the piece de resistance will be on sale as soon as they can be printed, President John W. Lee said.

Arrangements for the meal are in the hands of Bill Medley and decorations for the evening will be provided by a committee headed by Bill Denard.

James Rutherford, Ralph Lee and B. A. Butler will arrange program details.

New officers for the 1972 year will be announced and introduced at the program. They will be elected at the next meeting of the CofC from a list of nominations to be presented by a nominating committee named by President Lee at the dinner meeting of the CofC at the Star Drive-In Cafe Tuesday noon.

Included in the program will be a review of last year's CofC activities and a preview of the year to come. The dinner will be dedicated to Cecil Shults, one of the leaders in the CofC and community activities for many years, and now incapacitated by a stroke which he suffered in December.

BATTER BELLES MEET

The Batter Belles, a 4-H Foods Group met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Payton Scott.

Mrs. Judy Cardwell, association. Mrs. Judy Cardwell, association county home demonstration agent, discussed the county foods show to be held on February 19.

A light supper of Tuna Salad submarines, deviled eggs, iced tea and apple crunch was prepared and served.

VAT Considered as Advalorem Tax Replacement for Schools

A "value added tax" which was introduced in Europe a number of years ago and has been under study by the U.S. Treasury pundits for about 20 years is being suggested as a federal replacement for the ad valorem tax in the support of the public schools, according to Con. Omar Burleson.

The letters VAT will identify the tax which is being discussed in Burleson's column "As It Looks From Here" this week.

"Actually," writes Mr. Burleson, "the added value tax is a sales tax slightly less painful because, if adopted, it will be buried in the price the consumer pays for goods. The tax starts with the manufacturers. In each step of the process until

the final item is ready for sale, a tax is added for increased value.

"If this type of tax is proposed, it will probably be related to raising revenue for a specific purpose. Since the courts in California and Texas have ruled that the property tax works inequality on school districts, the tax could be proposed to fund Federal contributions to public schools instead of the personal property tax.

Such a substitution would brighten the hearts of property owners dizzy from the escalation of real estate taxes. Likely it would partly solve the dilemma of mayors and school boards and inspire builders to respond to the housing shortage.

It is estimated that each one per cent of the tax levied by this method would produce \$4 billions. It follows that if 5 percent were levied \$20 billion would be produced, even excepting from the tax certain essentials now exempt from most state sales taxes.

It is estimated that \$20 billion raised in this manner would meet approximately 30 per cent of the cost of the nation's schools.

This type of tax has been studied by our treasury officials for 20 years or more without any proposal for its enactment, but since State Supreme Courts have ruled that school systems funded from property taxes are unequal and unconstitutional, a great deal of emphasis has been given to it. These decisions and

the unhappiness of property owners build up pressures to further this idea of a new tax.

There are arguments pro and con on this method of taxation. Eventually they will all be voiced and the development of any such idea will come slowly. The fact that the States are in such a bind for ways to support public schools necessitates some answers not yet available. Since there is no choice but to look for other ways of financing schools some way will have to be found to raise the money.

Some have already labelled such a system as a regressive tax since everyone would pay something, just as everyone has to pay sales taxes. These would argue that since it is not based on the ability to pay, it is not as fair as the

income tax. Remember the income tax is more often referred to as a progressive tax.

There are two valid arguments against such an ap-

proach as it involves public schools. One is that the Federal Government, with this method of contribution would further control our public

schools. A second concern is the fact that, like the sales tax, VAT would be easy to increase each time more tax revenue was needed.

To say the least, if such a tax is proposed it will be a long drawn out controversy.

where else.

Burleson to Run In Redrawn 17th

Cong. Omar Burleson announced Sunday that he is a candidate for re-election to Congress from the 17th Texas District, no matter who else may enter the race.

An unexpected federal court ruling approving a new plan of congressional redistricting for Texas has expanded the 17th to include the Wichita Falls area and portions of

North Texas in which Rep. Graham Purcell of Wichita Falls resides. Purcell's plans were not known, but the possibility exists that there may be a confrontation between two veteran members of congress should be elect to run.

"The 17th is my district," Burleson said, emphasizing that he would not run any-

Burleson sent The Rising Star an announcement of his candidacy last week before the court's ruling approving the redrawn districting scheme.

He has represented the district in the congress since his election to the 80th Congress 25 years ago, and is a member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee considered the most prestigious in the House.

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GEO. N. (Slim) CREECH A. B. (Duby) JONES

L. T. OWEN W.G. (Bill) REED

For Criminal District Attorney: EMORY C. WALTON

For Sheriff, Eastland County: L. E. (Lefty) SUBLETT

For County Tax Assessor-Collector: NANCY TROUT

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Nimrod News

By Mrs. Eva Stroebel Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ziehr spent Sunday in Sweetwater with their son, Ronald, and his family. Others visiting there were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Weiser and son and Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Ziehr.

Miss Carolyn Plambek of Austin is spending several days with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Stroebel visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stroebel Sunday evening.

Mrs. Vernie Allen has returned home after spending several days with her mother in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cozart and Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cozart are taking turns sitting with their brother, Doss Cozart, who is a patient in Cisco Hospital.

Mrs. Edgar Townsend and Mrs. Sheridan visited friends in the Cisco Nursing Home and the hospital recently. They also visited Mrs. Dee Coffee in her home.

The Nimrod Progressive Club met Monday night with E. E. McAlister as guest speaker. He spoke on "How to Improve Pastures."

Visitors in the Martin Wende home last Sunday were Mrs. Otto Wende, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Nauret of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Ziehr of Cisco.

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CARD OF THANKS My deepest appreciation to my friends and relatives who I was in the Eastland Hospital. Your thoughtfulness meant more than I will ever be able to tell. Otto and Faye Adams.

Brownwood Cattle Auction

Market: Buyer attendance above normal. Market very active; lull steady to strong. All classes in good demand. Light calves and feeder cattle \$1 to \$2.50 higher. Pack-er cows about steady.

Estimated receipts: 1,099. Stocker steer calves, wts. 250-425 -41.00-63.00; Stocker heifer calves, wts. 250-425 -36.00-45.50; steer yearlings wts 500-700 -36.50-41.50; bull yearlings - 36.00-41.00; heifer yearlings - 35.50-37.50; plain feeder steers - 36.90-39.50; plain feeder heifers - 33.25-36.50; cows and calves, pair - Good, 300.00-385.00; plain, 225.00-285.00; stocker cows 200.00-260.00 per head (24.00-33.25 per head); stocker bulls 28.00-33.75; Slaughter cattle Fat calves 34.50-38.00; fat cows 21.80-24.75; utility and culler cows 21.30-23.50; canners 19.80-22.60; shells 16.00-18.00; slaughter bulls 26.00-31.50; hogs none.

Representative Sales Green Oaks Ranch, B wd, 3 blk wt str. 247 lb avg. wt. 62.50; 280 lb blk wt hel, 45.50; 885 lb blk cow, 27.50; Ry Steep, Zephyr, 550 lb wt str. 41.00; B. W. Edmondson, Richland Springs, 1060 lb wt cow 24.40; D. L. Barret, Richland Springs, 300 lb wt str. 38.00; T. J. Hudson, Coleman twl str, 734 lb avg. wt. 37.40; L. L. Galger, B wd, 865 lb wt str. 35.75; and 315 lb wt str. 41.00; L. L. Snodgrass, Brady, 1350 lb hot cow, 24.30; Phillip Nicolis, Goldthwaite, 4 Angus pairs, 394.00 per pair; W. C. Winsor of May, 615 lb red str. 38.00; Alan Day, B wd, 1170 lb red str. 34.30; Jerald Beasley, Mercury, 610 blk bull 37.50; W. R. Taylor, May, 500 wt bull, 40.25; Mrs. M. A. Richmond, Blanket, 390 lb wt hel. 34.00; R. F. Winchester, Rising Star, 780 lb wt cow and cll. 302.50.

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Lloyd Coker, Pastor

A friendly church with a warm heart welcomes you to
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a. m.
Evening Worship 6 p. m.
Choir practice Wednesday at 7:30 p.
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BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
West College Street
Rising Star, Texas

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Preaching Service 10:45 a. m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p. m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p. m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
May, Texas

Sunday Morning Service 10:45
Sunday Evening Service 7:30

BAPTIST CHURCH
Carbon, Texas

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Preaching 11 a. m.
Training Union 6:30 p. m.
Mrs. Bob Hastings, training director.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
May, Texas

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Preaching Service 11 a. m.
Training Union 5:15 p. m.
Evening Service 6 p. m.
Prayer Meeting (Wed.) 6:30 p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rising Star, Texas
James Haney, Minister

Sunday Bible School 9:30 a. m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a. m.
Young People's Meeting 5:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p. m.
Midweek Devotional and Bible Study, Wednesday 7 p. m.
Ladies Class meets each Thursday at 9:30 a. m.

MOUNTAIN TOP PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Sunday Services 11 a. m.
Midweek Services Each Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

LONG BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a. m.
Sunday Service 11 a. m.
Training Union 6 p. m.
Preaching Service 7 p. m.

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Saturday Club Officers Announced

Fifteen members of the Saturday club enjoyed an interesting program on "House Decorations," presented at the last meeting of the club by Mrs. John D. Clark.

Roll call was answered with a suggestion for home improvement.

Mrs. Louis Mayfield read a note of appreciation from Mrs. David Braungardt of Fort Worth. Mrs. Braungardt reviewed "The Bird's Christmas Carol" by Kate Douglas Wigand also gave the review to, and also gave the review to, the high school English class.

Word was received from the Texas Department of Mental Health, Abilene, for the contribution made by club members.

Miss Elizabeth Robertson read a letter from Mr. Emory Walton of Eastland explaining recently enacted legislation in the State Penal Code. The club continues to sponsor the drive for the Permanent Cemetery Fund and Mrs. Mayfield expressed appreciation to all who have helped build the fund to more than five thousand dollars.

New officers for 1972-73 were announced as follows: President, Dorothy Shook; vice-president, Mrs. Olice Jones; secretary, Miss Elizabeth Robertson; and treasurer, Mrs. Hazel McCollum.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bullard have been visiting her father, J. R. Bucy, and Mrs. Bucy. The Bullards have just returned from a six month stay in Ponce, Puerto Rico, where he was employed.

Continental Acquires 5 New Members

CHANTILLY, Va. — Continental Telephone Corporation has acquired five independent telephone companies serving some 10,000 stations. The largest of the properties is the Poland Telephone Company of Raymond, Maine, serving 3,700 stations. The other acquisitions are Owyhee Telephone Company, Idaho; Evaris Telephone, Kentucky; Jackson Telephone, South Carolina; and Hysham Telephone, Montana. The number of telephones in the Continental system now exceeds 1.8 millions.

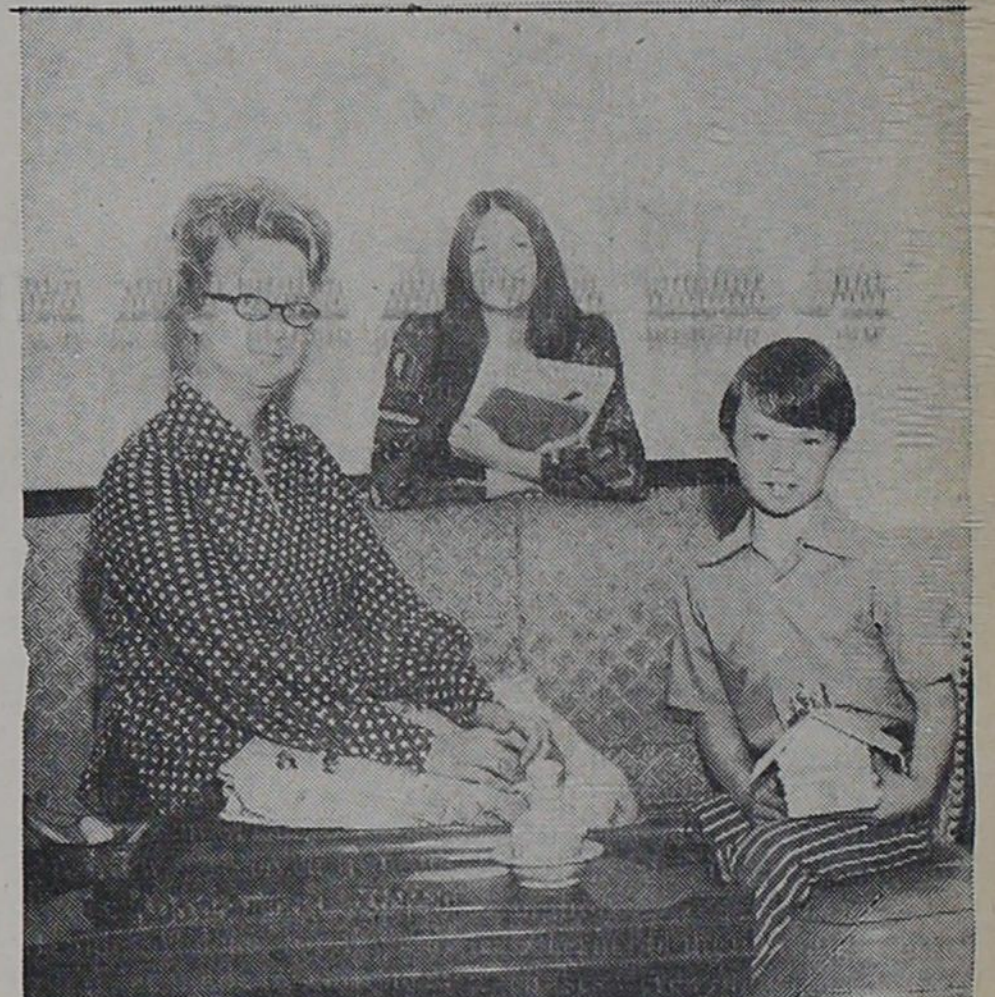
Terms of the individual purchases were not disclosed, but all were acquired with Continental stock, the total being 131,700 shares of Continental common.

It was also announced by Continental that agreement has been reached for the acquisition of Delhi Telephone Company, New York, serving 4,000 stations in the southwestern portion of the state.

CARD OF THANKS

It is so good to be home after a stay in the Denver, Colo., hospital. I shall never forget and I will never be able to express my thanks to you, my friends, for the lovecards, gifts, calls and prayers. They meant so much to me. I can only say Thank You from the depths of my heart and may God bless and keep you.

Mrs. C. L. (Lessie) Smith.



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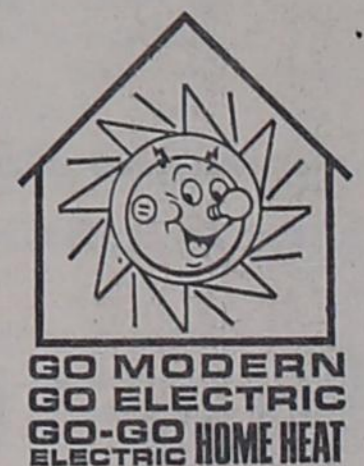
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Wildcat Tales

NOT FINISHED! JUST BEGUN

Hello!
Is everyone having a good week?
It hardly seems possible that half of the six-weeks is gone. We will be taking those tests again before you know it!
In Homemaking III we are learning how to buy mens clothes, which might be helpful to some - right, Wanda?
In American History we have just finished with Chapter XII, which means a test. We did get to have an open book test, though, so that helped.

In Bookkeeping we are still in our practice set. Maybe I will get my journals correct one of these days.

In Geometry we are studying trapezoids, rectangles, rhombuses and squares.

We got to move into our new typing room finally! I am sure Mrs. Diddle will be happy

as we about that.

In English III we have just begun the second unit of grammar after a test.

We started taking our showers in P. E. Be careful what you drop in a shower, E. W.!!
Til next week!
Sharon.

STRONGER BECAUSE UNITED

Hello! Time really has flown since we began the second semester. This is already the fourth week! Not long until six weeks tests.

In Physical Science the Sophs are already having a rough time getting valances. A few have caught on very well though.

In English II we are going fast in our work books. We also have book reports due this week.

In Home Ec II the girls' garments are beginning to have shapes.

Geometry has us working with all kinds of peculiar fig-

ures.
World History class seems to keep us with the changing times.

Ag II boys are studying for the Range and Pastures contest.

That's all for now -
C-Ya next week,
Tudi.

TODAY, NOT TOMORROW

Hi again! We seniors have been studying and working hard in all our classes! Civics was really hard last week - right, D. T.?

We have been talking about our Senior trip. Nearly all of us have decided that we want to go to New Orleans, so the people in New Orleans had better look out for the Sober Seniors of '72!

Everyone is up to par in typing. Mr. Hill gave us extra time on our last unit, and I think we are all through with it. We are in our new class in the gym and truly enjoying it.

Mrs. Webb came and settled with us on jars of hand cream. We Seniors want to thank everyone who bought the hand cream from us.

In Bookkeeping we are working on our work sets. English finds us studying adverbial nouns and pronouns.

That's all the news for this week...

Paula.

IN THE FISHBOWL

We start sewing in Home Econ. this week. The experienced sewers will make a tote bag; those who have not sewed will make an apron. (Poor Mrs. Diddle!) In Math, we are continuing with steps that will

help us to do Algebra. In Eng. we are working hard to learn the many parts of a sentence, diagramming, and we have written a theme this week. The Biology classes are studying plant life and plant structure. (Ho Hum).

Track has started and the Freshmen girls have been running a half mile each day. Now we can take showers, too.

It feels great after a workout. That's about all that has happened lately. Til next week.
Sharon.

TOWARD NEW HORIZONS

Hi! Ya, People! Back again to bring you news from the far out horizon.

On January 19, 1972, President Yvonne Killion called our meeting to order, and Secretary Cynthia Hounsel read the minutes. For our program, Yvonne showed slides of localities where she had lived overseas - Hawaii, Rome, Holland, Japan, and many other beautiful countries.

We are trying to decide on the F. H. A. Banquet, reminding some that it is an organization for each to decide and participate in the activities. The Senior girls, Shelly Polk, Martha Wilson, Cynthia Hounsel, Debbie Chambers, Mary Kizer, and Sheila Green - are all on the committee; We would like for all the F.H.A.s. to give us ideas. We are asking Rising Star citizens to help us with projects; F. H. A. needs your support!
Sheila.

WITH THE FARM HANDS

This week brought about our regularly scheduled meet-

ing for January, opened with the usual ceremony. In our new classroom we began making plans for our Father-Son Banquet and various other activities for future meetings.

The meeting was divided into teams, which competed against each other in various mathematical exercises. The game was called a drawn after both sides ran out of players.

One Of Farm Hand,
Stony Smith.

L. C.'S GOALFLINGERS

District basketball is in mid-season and last week's game decided whether or not the Csts would remain in competition. Cross Plains will be hosting a B-team tournament and both boys and girls will be there next week.

Rising Star will be having a Junior High district tournament in a few weeks. It has been a long time since Junior High has had a tournament all their own.

The track girls have been running cross country, and have already been invited to many track meets. The P. E. seventh period girls are working on the universal gym and playing a very rough game of Army basketball.

Mary Lee.

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Barbara Williams

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I enjoyed your article on clothing accessories, and it reminded me of a problem I have. I have always been embarrassed by the size of my hips. A friend told me that even the purse I carry can make a difference in how big they look. Is this true?
"Hippy"

Dear "Hippy,"

Your friend is in the know. A brightly colored or contrasting bag draws attention to itself, and to the part of the body where it is carried. Most purses are carried at hip level, so by carrying such a bag you would emphasize the part of your body that you want to de-emphasize. The better your purse blends with your clothing, the less attention it will attract.

Think twice about a bag that is decorated to look like a flower, or a fruit garden or Sherwood forest! Because of its design it will become the main attraction of your ensemble and, like the contrasting bag, will draw the eye to your hips. These bags should be carried only by women who do not mind drawing such attention to their hips, and even then should only be used when everything else in the ensemble is simple in line, design, and color; the purse WILL dominate, no matter what, and other dominant patterns worn with it will only give the wearer a cluttered look.

Be careful to find the right size bag for you, too. A tall or large person only makes herself appear larger when she carries a tiny purse— unless of course it is an evening clutch bag, which would be carried in the hand rather than dangling from a handle.

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