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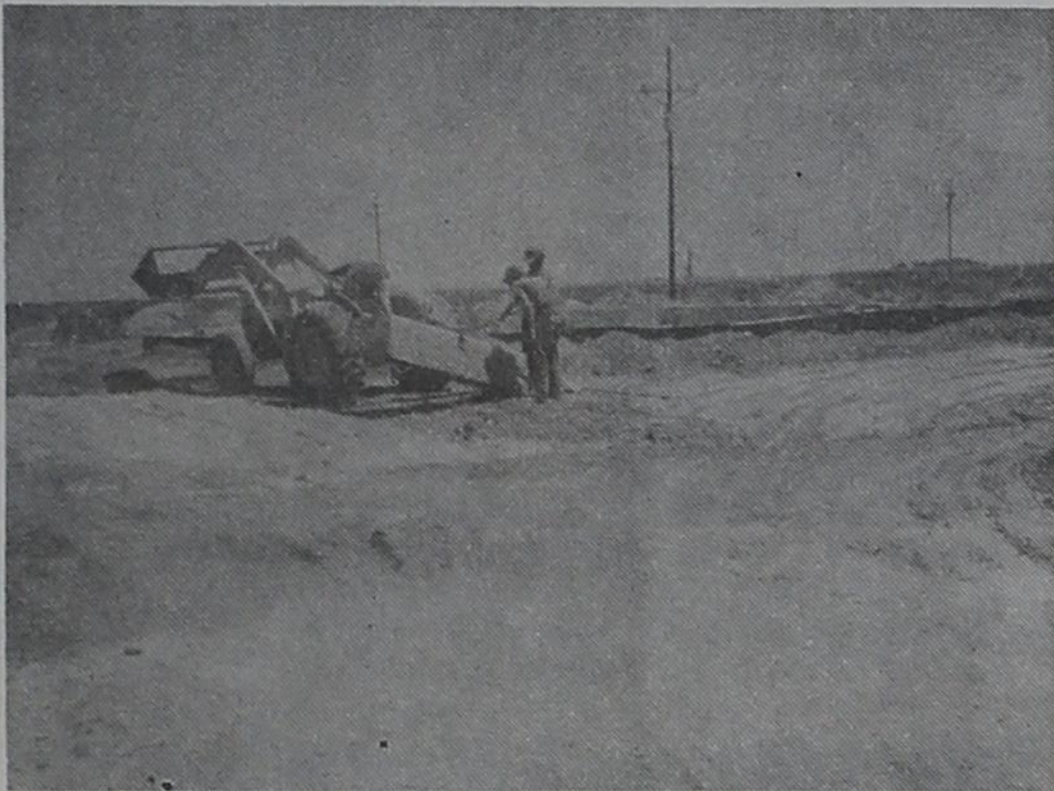
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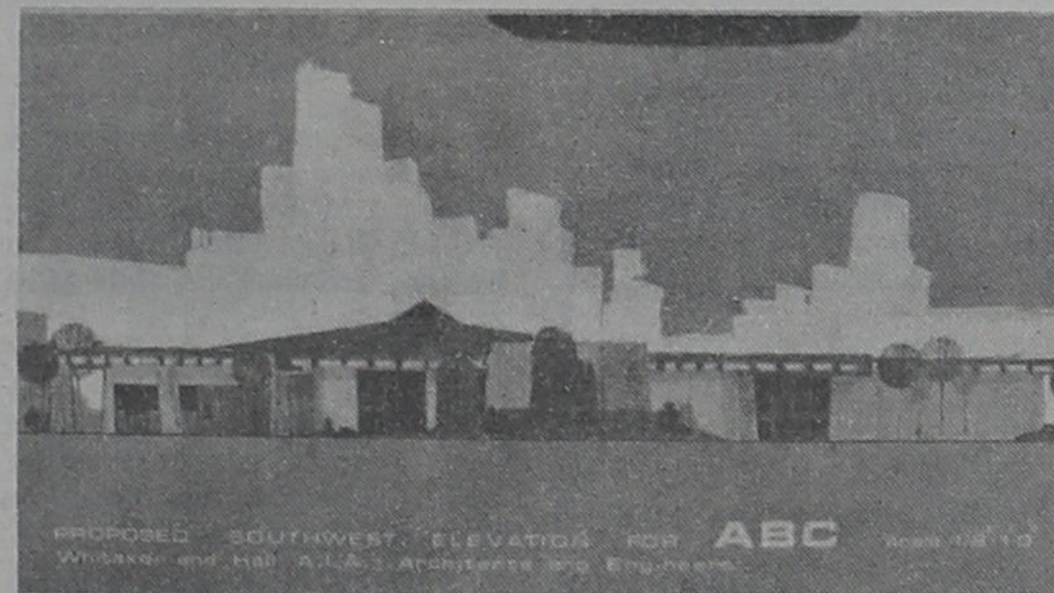
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## Mahon Condemns OSHA Bureaucratic Harassment

### Construction Continues on New ABC Building



Construction is continuing on the new location of the American Bank of Commerce. Above workmen continue moving fill dirt for the construction of the foundation of the ground level. Below is an artists rendering of how the building will look upon completion.



Though delayed by rain, the American Bank of Commerce building is moving along fine, according to bank officials.

The new building, to be located on the Brownfield Highway and the Wolfforth Loop on the northeast edge of the city, will contain 8,465 square feet of floor space plus an additional 2,447 square feet of basement area.

Jim Moore, Chairman of the Board, said the construction is about two weeks behind schedule, but the basement area is completed to the extent that construction crews are moving fill dirt to begin laying the foundation for the ground floor.

The bank, with a completion date of about 9 months, will have six teller stations inside the building and two drive up windows. The \$500,000 expansion also includes plans for a community room to accommodate 50 persons.

Bank President Jim Beavers said, "We are constructing the new site because our deposits have almost doubled in the last two years, and we estimate a continued growth in the future."

The building, designed by Whitaker and Hall of Lubbock, will be a modern building with a copper roof and fascia.

Beavers said he believes the bank will be located in an excellent position for the people of Wolfforth and the surrounding area.

The American Bank of Commerce has been in operation in Wolfforth since 1962.

Congressman George Mahon today called upon the Secretary of Labor to review the performance and take corrective action against officials of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration responsible for "a ridiculous waste of the taxpayers' money" to produce a booklet entitled, "Safety with Beef Cattle," which has been held up to scorn by farm and ranch groups across the nation. At the same time Mahon lashed out in a House speech on July 30 at OSHA officials for proposing field sanitation standards for farms and ranches which "are totally unworkable and ridiculous."

The 19th District Congressman used these examples to complain about harassment of the private citizen by government personnel charged with the administration of laws passed by Congress.

The booklet referred to by Mahon contains numerous admonitions such as, "When floors are wet and slippery with manure, you could have a bad fall"; "You

can get too tired when working with cattle."

"We must declare war on such ineptness if respect for government is to be restored and maintained," said Mahon.

The proposed sanitation standards, which among other requirements, would make mandatory toilet and handwashing facilities within a five-minute walk of farm and ranch workers, have also been heavily criticized by farm and ranch groups.

In his speech Mahon pointed out that those responsible for the actions "do not have to answer to the public for the outrages they perpetrate in the name of administering the law. By their actions they bring contempt on the government. If there is to be a free democratic society, the people must support and believe in their government. Without this trust, government breaks down. We must find a way to instill in the Federal worker that he is a servant of the people and that he holds a public trust."

### SPC Orientation To Be Held

A two-day Freshmen orientation beginning Aug. 24 at South Plains College for all new students will precede College registration Aug. 26-27.

Students attending orientation activities will receive registration packets listing dates and times they are to report for registration. Other students should contact the office of Jerry Barton, dean of admissions and registrar, for registration packets.

Day class registration is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Aug. 26-27 in the SPC Technical Arts Center. Evening class registration will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 26.

Orientation activities on Aug. 24 will include registration at 12:30 p.m., information on the orientation program, meals, schedules for the fall at 2 p.m. and information on three SPC divisions — academic, technical-vocational-occupations and continuing education — at 2:30 p.m.

An evening meal at 5:30 p.m. in Texan Hall will cost \$1.60 a person. Both the SPC Student Union Building and the Natator-

ium, indoor swimming pool, will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. Aug. 24.

On Aug. 25, breakfast will be served at 7 a.m. in Texan Hall, also for \$1.60 a person. Following will be reports on student activities at 9 a.m., parking rules and regulations and disciplinary action at 9:30 a.m., financial aid at 10 a.m., a coke break at 10:30 a.m. with musical entertainment in front of the SPC Auditorium; registration procedures, SPC grading system at 11 a.m., and a noon lunch in Texan Hall at a cost of \$1.25 a person.

Introduction of SPC departmental chairmen at 1 p.m. will precede a general information session concerning trial schedules and college majors at 1:30 p.m., and completion of trial schedules at 1:45 p.m.

An outdoor cook-out is scheduled from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. for all SPC students. Cost is \$1.60 a person.

### Job Oriented Courses Offered At LCC this Month

Two "job-oriented" courses aimed at giving skills to those seeking a new career will be part of the August offering in the Lubbock Christian College Continuing Education Department.

The two classes are Intermediate Bookkeeping will learn all aspects of the accounting cycle, while Secretarial Skills will focus on typewriting and Gregg shorthand.

Two other courses starting in August could lead an individual in a new career direction. The first, Commodity Futures and Hedging, will be of interest to potential investors. The second is Preparation for FCC 3rd Class License that will cover broadcast operation, procedures and laws that regulate the airwaves.

Other August offerings are Leaded Glass, Organic Gardening and Defensive Driving.

For registration or further information, contact Frankie Faver at Lubbock Christian College, 792-3221, extension 222.

### Ropes Man Found Dead at Lubbock Truck Stop

Joel Howard Davis, son of Mrs. Gertrude Davis of Ropesville, was found dead late Monday night in the parking lot of an Idalou Highway truck stop in Lubbock.

Davis' body was dumped in the parking lot by two men in their mid 20s.

The body was taken to St. Mary's Hospital for an autopsy which, according to Justice of the Peace Wayne LaCroy, proved to be inconclusive as to the cause of death.

Blood and tissue samples have been sent to the Department of Public Safety laboratory in Austin.

LaCroy, who was called to the Rip Griffin Truck Stop shortly after the body was discovered about 9:45 p.m., is withholding a ruling pending results of the lab tests.

Sheriff's deputies said a truck stop cook told them the men laid the body against a sidewalk and told the cook to call an ambulance.

The cook said they told him

they found the body on the side of a road.

Sheriff's deputies are searching for the suspects who reportedly drove off in a blue 1966 Chevrolet.

### Remember to Keep EMS Number

Your Emergency Medical Service ambulance phone number can be as near as your telephone—exactly where you need it.

Lubbock County Hospital District has had the number printed in large blue letters on adhesive labels to attach to your phone. You can remove the backing and the labels will adhere to metal, plastic, wood or paper.

Meals on Wheels volunteers are making certain this week that the number is attached to the phones of each of their subscribers, persons who live alone and might need this extra help in time of emergency.

Other organizations and individuals are encouraged to distribute and use the labels. Sheets of six labels each may be obtained by phoning the Hospital District at 765-5727.

The emergency ambulance number (747-3461) is answered by dispatchers in the sheriff's office, a distinct advantage in an emergency situation.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System, sponsored by LCHD, now serves the entire county with 10 new modular ambulances and the latest lifesaving equipment staffed by trained emergency medical technicians.

The EMS stations in the city of Lubbock are located at 10th St. and Ave. G, 19th St. and Orlando Ave. and 48th St. and Ave. Q. Other ambulances operate out of Idalou, Abernathy, Wolfforth, Slaton and Shallowater.

### Frenship School Calendar of Events

Teachers at Frenship will report to work, August 17. Registration day is set for August 19 with first day of classes August 23. Labor day, Sept. 6 will be the first holiday for students.

End of the first six weeks will be October 1; TSTA District Teachers' meeting, October 29; end of second six weeks, November 18. Teachers' duty day and end of first quarter, November 19; Thanksgiving holidays Nov. 25-26, and Christmas holidays Dec. 22-31. End of the third six weeks is January 14; end of fourth six weeks, Feb. 24; teachers duty day and end of second quarter, Feb. 25. Spring vacation is set for March 21-25; and end of fifth six weeks, April 15; end of the last six weeks, May 27, which is also the last day of classes. Pupils report cards are distributed on May 31.

### Physicals Set for Friday Evening

Varsity, Jr. Varsity, Freshman, 7th and 8th grade football physicals will be on Friday, August 6th at 6 p.m. at the Frenship High School Field House.

### Enchilada Supper To Be Held in Ropes August 10

An enchilada supper will be sponsored by the Ropes Volunteer Ambulance Staff August 10 at 7 p.m. in the Ropes Cafe. Admission will be \$2.50 for adults and \$1.25 for children under 10.

Tickets are available at the Ropes City Hall or at the door. All proceeds will go to the Volunteer Ambulance for supplies and upkeep on the ambulance.

## "Extension Update"

by Georgia Doherty  
Lubbock County Extension Agent

Are you ready for a new concept in food preservation? Actually, this method may be new to you, but it has been used by civilizations for centuries.

Consumer interest in home food preservation by drying is reviving due to the cost of other preservation methods and a previous shortage of jar lids.

Basically, drying preserves food by removing sufficient moisture to prevent decay, since moisture is necessary for bacteria to grow.

Drying causes some nutritional changes. Although bulk and energy are not affected, there is some mineral and vitamin loss.

Foods that can be dried include most fruits and vegetables and some meats and fish.

In hot climates, foods can be sun-dried sufficiently for preservation in a few days. In any climate, however, satisfactory drying conditions can be created at a moderate cost by using artificial heat and circulating air over the food.

Some special equipment is needed for home drying of food. To dry in a kitchen oven, items needed are drying trays, an oven thermometer and a small fan. Or, a portable food dehydrator may be used.

Most foods are dried at about 140°F. in an oven or portable dehydrator.

For sun drying, trays and cheesecloth are needed. For sun drying, temperatures of over 98°F. and relatively low humidity are needed.

Since drying does not improve the quality of foods, only top quality foods should be used. Vegetables in prime condition should be selected and prepared for drying on the day they are harvested. Only fully-ripe fruits should be used. If fruit is not

suitable for eating fresh, it is not suitable for drying.

All foods need some preparation or pre-treatment before drying.

Vegetables may be blanched with hot water or steam. This inactivates enzymes in the food that otherwise would cause deterioration of color and flavor during drying and storage.

Blanching causes some loss of nutrients through leaching. To keep leaching at a minimum, blanch only as long as required.

However, underblanching will not inactivate enzymes, and the dried food will be of inferior quality. Prepare only the amount of food that can be dried at one time.

Although fruits may be blanched before drying, sulfuring is preferred. Sulfuring effectively maintains the quality and nutrients of the food during drying and storage. However, oven drying is not preferred for sulphured fruits because of the objectionable odor of the sulphur fumes. Sulphuring should be done outdoors away from close contact with plants, trees and shrubs.

Fruits and vegetables are dried, packaged and stored in a similar manner. Fruits and vegetables pieces are distributed on trays in a single layer. The total amount of food being dried at one time with artificial heat should not exceed that recommended by reliable instructions.

Do not use galvanized screen on drying trays. There is an acid reaction that darkens food and may cause a dangerous reaction. Also do not use fiberglass, vinyl or copper screening. Wood slats are excellent. They may be covered with cheesecloth.

More than one kind of fruit or vegetable can be dried at the same time. But strong-smelling vegetables should be dried separately.

Drying times vary according to the types of food, size of pieces and load on the tray. While tables giving approximate drying times can serve as a guide to judge

proper dryness, experience is usually the best teacher. Some foods should be dried to the brittle stage, while others should be pliable or leathery.

Dried foods should be packaged as soon as they are cool in dry, scalded, insect and rodent-proof containers. Dehydrated foods are free from insect infestation when removed from the dehydrator or oven.

However, despite precautions, sun-dried foods may be contaminated and should be packaged and placed in the home freezer for 48 hours to kill any possible insects or their eggs.

Containers of dried foods should be stored in a dry, cool and dark place.

All dried foods deteriorate to some extent during storage, which can range from six months to a year depending on the kind of food. To keep nutritional losses to a minimum, vegetables and fruits should be used in a reasonable length of time, especially carrots, onions and cabbage.

Pamphlet # MP-1209, "Drying Fruits and Vegetables at Home" is available through the Lubbock County Extension Office at 763-5351, Ext. 235.



By the beginning of the 1800s, the concept of offering education to young girls on the same basis as boys took hold. Women insisted that the natural rights tradition, on which American government was based, should apply to both sexes, and three women were especially active in establishing female seminaries and colleges that allowed women to acquire an education. More importantly these three established a tradition of equal education for women. Who were they? Emma Willard, Catherine Beecher and Mary Lyon.  
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Old fools aren't more foolish than young ones, they just look sillier.



Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Kimberlin of Ropesville observed their 25th Wedding Anniversary Sunday at a family gathering at their home. The couple have six children and one grandchild. The former Nellie Inez Odom and Kimberlin were married August 4, 1951 in Portales, N.M.

## Safety Glasses A Must When Using Power Tools

What's midsummer madness? To the Texas Society for the Prevention of Blindness, it's mowing or edging the lawn all through the long, hot Texas summer without ever wearing safety goggles or glasses.

"The power tools of industry have jumped the fence and gone into the home," says Dr. Fay E.

A miser is not as bad as those who don't know how to give of themselves.

Despite your fears, the world can get along as usual without you, and will.

Enough money can buy anything, with the exception of peace of mind and conscience.

Millett, state medical chairman of the society, "and unfortunately without the eye safety precautions that the law requires for industry."

Safety goggles daily save the eyesight of industrial workers, he says, citing a recent accident at a Brown and Root Engineering plant in Houston that was caused by the familiar home-style lawn mower.

Donald Ray Speights was mowing at the plant when the mower blade hit a metal object and threw a piece of metal against the left lens of his safety glasses.

"Without the glasses, Speights might be blinded in one eye today," says Dr. Millett. "Another mower not so long ago threw up a seemingly fragile pine needle into the eye of Gary Burgoff, the well known Radar O'Reilly of "Mash", and did so with such force that the cornea of his eye was damaged."

Mowing — or any activity involving power tools — should never be thought of as a spectator sport, cautions Dr. Millett for the Texas Society, which is an affiliate of the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness. "Machines throw debris to the side as well as to the rear and can as easily injure onlookers as operators."

The Texas Society recommends that all safety eye wear purchased meet government safety standards. These need not be expensive or special order items as they can usually be purchased at hardware counters.



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## Named New City Secretary



Mrs. George (Martha) Gidden has been hired by the City Council members as city secretary for Shallowater, replacing Jessie Lee Vance who has resigned to devote full time to JP duties.

Martha began work Monday, Aug. 2, and is looking forward to serving the local patrons and invites everyone to come by and get acquainted.

A native Texan, Martha graduated from Brownwood High School and was formerly employed by South Plains Construction Company on the Brownfield Highway.

Martha's husband George is employed in the Civil Engineering Dept. at Reese Air Force Base and the couple reside three miles east of Shallowater on Farm Road 1294 and 2528 where they have lived for the past year, moving from

## Shower Honors Cindy Jouett

A lovely come and go bridal shower, honoring Cindy Jouett, bride-elect of Steve Rackler, was given Saturday, July 24 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the First State Bank party room.

Mrs. Bruce Cody registered guests at a table covered with a white cloth, accented with a dainty bouquet of daisies held together with a blue bow.

The honoree's chosen colors of blue and green were used. The serving table was covered with a lovely white cloth, centered with an arrangement of daisies, dainty cookies, mints, lime punch and coffee was served to the 55 guests who registered, with many sending gifts who were unable to attend.

Special guests were the couples mothers, Mrs. J.H. Jouett and Mrs. J.D. Rackler. The honoree and the mothers were presented with white carnation corsages accented with blue and green ribbon.

The honoree was assisted in opening the gifts by her mother, Mrs. Jouett, her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Jouett of Lubbock and Mrs. Connie Davis.

Hostesses were Mesdames Connie Davis, B.H. Thomas Jr., E.R. Merrell, W.F. Williamson, W.A. Hardin, Bruce Cody, Carry Kirkland, J.T. Hunter, Jesse Hayes, Rocky Blair, Roy Blair, Oleta Sandlin, Miss Theresa Davis and Jessie Lee Vance. Hostess gift was an avocado Sunbeam Mix Master.

The couple will be married Saturday, August 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Shallowater.

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Lubbock where they had been residents since 1964.

The couple attend Westminister Presbyterian Church and have eleven children, all married, but one daughter, Deborah, who is a junior at Texas Tech University where she is majoring in elementary education.

Martha stated when time permits she enjoys painting but most of all her happiest times are being with her thirteen grandchildren with two more expected in the near future.

## Shallowater Girls Basketball Coach Named this Week

Jan Averitt, a high school graduate of Hart and a college graduate of West Texas State University, will be the new girls basketball coach this coming school year in Shallowater.

Coach Averitt was the varsity basketball coach and junior high coach for Cotton Center last year. She was employed with their school district for two years. Before going to Cotton Center, Jan spent two years in Lampasas Middle School coaching the sixth grade girls.

### Long Ago

In the good old days the government could spend a million dollars and have something to show for it.

—Grit

A good neighbor is one who loans but never borrows.

Jealousy, like cancer, is often fatal, and never productive of good.

## \$10.8 Million Collected on Mix Drink Tax in State

Texas Comptroller Bob Bullock said last week that mixed drink tax collections during the April-June quarter of 1976 totaled \$10.8 million.

Bullock said he has mailed checks totaling \$1.6 million to 188 counties and other checks totaling \$1.5 million to 310 cities as their share of the tax collected.

The remainder, \$7.7 million, stays in the state general revenue fund, the Comptroller said.

The mixed drink tax is collected by the Alcoholic Beverage Commission and represents 10 percent of all gross receipts from the sale of mixed drinks.

Bullock explained that the Comptroller's Office remits to counties and cities 15 percent of the total mixed drink tax collected within their boundaries on a quarterly basis.

He noted that the \$10.8 million collected is 21 percent more than the \$8.9 million collected in the second quarter of 1975 and 44 percent more than the \$7.5 million collected during the same period in 1974.



Herbs that are easy to grow on a kitchen window include dill, chives, garlic, parsley, shallots and watercress.

## Miracle Baby Starts School



by Janice Jarvis

When Patty Lester was born doctors said that she would not survive more than a few days. But Patty proved them wrong and now at five years old she will start school this fall.

Patty, who is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Brockman, 1216 10th Street in Shallowater, has the rare Hirschsprungs Disease. When she was six days old she had emergency surgery and has had a total of 10 operations during her short lifetime.

"She's a miracle baby" said Mrs. Brockman. Over the past five years there have been about eight times when we thought we had lost her, Mrs. Brockman said.

Her last surgery was a year ago and hopefully she will not require any further operations. During

her last stay in the hospital her intestines, which are partially dead because of the disease, were lined with a tube to make them stronger. After major surgery she has been left with a colostomy three times.

The disease is considered a birth defect, according to Mrs. Brockman. Despite the illness, Patty has remained alert and is well prepared for kindergarden this fall.

She is smaller than the average child and although she is five years old, she wears only a size two in clothes. Malnutrition suffered because of her disease has stunted her growth and doctors say that she will be lucky to reach 4ft. 6in. when fully grown.

During the very early stages of the disease, doctors suspected she had cystic fibrosis because Patty suffered with the same symptoms, but tests and surgery proved otherwise.

Patty has made numerous visits to the Children's Medical Center in Dallas, and is familiar with the building each time she arrives at the door. She is, however, a good patient, said her grandmother.

When school bells ring this fall, Patty will be one of the children attending kindergarden for the first time. Many people thought this time would never come for Patty, but fortunately she showed them differently.

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Mrs. Marcia Powe is also an operator at the shop.

Velma's Beauty Shop announces that Gwen Avery has assumed duties as new operator and will be in the shop Tuesday through

## Shallowater Mustangs to Begin Football Practice Monday, Aug. 9

In just a few days, the 1976 Fighting Mustang football season will begin. Shirts and shorts were issued Wednesday, August 4, and the first day of fall practice will be Monday, August 9. Players should report to the gym at 8:00 a.m. Workout will begin at 9:00 a.m. (shorts only). August 13 is the first day for workouts in contact equipment.

The first scrimmage game is August 20 at Meadow. The time will be set later. August 27 is the second scrimmage game at Wilson.

There are 10 returning lettermen, who along with 45 other players, will combine to play a varsity, JV and freshman schedule this fall.

## Funeral Services Held for Maude Ellen Gage

Funeral services for Maude Ellen Gage, 80, of Littlefield were held Tuesday, July 27, at 10 a.m. in Hammons Funeral Home Chapel in Littlefield with Rev. Danny Brock, pastor of Missionary Baptist Church in Littlefield, officiating.

Burial was in Littlefield Memorial Park under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gage died Sunday, July 25 at 3:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock, following a lengthy illness.

Survivors include her husband, three daughters, Mrs. Wanda Paul of Shallowater, Mrs. Celesta McWilliams of Littlefield, and Mrs. Shirley Turner of Levelland; three sons, Ralph of Plainview, L.C. Jr. of Lubbock, and Frank of Jal, N.M.; two sisters, Mrs. Nora Miller of Shamrock and Mrs. Ella Kitchens of San Antonio; 22 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

## Summer Seminar Set for Seniors at SPC

For the second year, South Plains College will sponsor an annual Summer Seminar for Seniors Aug. 9-13.

Six courses will be offered, and cost will be \$2.00 a class.

The courses offered include Our Changing Culture, Physical Fitness, History of the Southwest, Psychology of Aging, Environment and You, and Macrame.

Persons attending may select one class from each time period. The \$2.00 charge per class covers cost of supplies and coffee and donuts for the morning coffee break. Lunch will be available in the College Cafeteria daily for \$1.25 per person.

Registration for the seminar must be made by Aug. 6. For additional information, contact either Don Yarbrough, dean of continuing education at SPC, or Bobby James, administrative assistant for continuing education, at (806) 894-4921.

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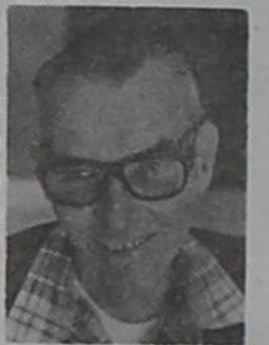
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## Sheridan's Ride

by Jack Sheridan

This is the one weekend coming up that is unique to Lubbock and the rest of the country at large, for that matter. For this is circus time once again, a situation in this city that occurs about this time every other year, if we are lucky.

Into the Santa Fe freight yards Friday will stream the long silver train bearing the animals and the performers who make up "The Greatest Show on Earth" and this time it has the added significance of being Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus' gala Spectacular Bicentennial Edition.



Traditionally, the "animal walk" has been scheduled for 3 p.m. Friday. In this event the menagerie of the circus is unloaded at the freight yards and walked up Broadway to University, thence down to 6th Street and over to the huge Coliseum where performances will begin at 8 p.m. Friday. There will be performances at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and the final day Sunday at 1:30 and 5:30 p.m.

That "animal walk" procession has a special identification with me, for one year I rode one of the big elephants all the way from the Santa Fe yards up 4th Street to the Coliseum. It was a rolling, rocky ride but something to remember.

There's no denying that my all-time circus performing favorite is the blonde German-born Gunther Gebel-Williams. This paragon is something to behold, no matter how many repeats you are lucky to experience. It is Gebel-Williams who is animal trainer par excellence, who thinks nothing of riding a tiger on top of an elephant. His work is breath-taking and his talents are augmented by his lovely wife and small son Oliver, the youngest member of the troupe.

Lou Williams, the noted clown with his motorized bathtub and his tiny car routine, is easily the show's other "superstar." This clown represents the highest tradition of this wonderful show and his clown family supports him all the way. By "clown family" I mean the whole galaxy of fun-makers that bring laughs and fun throughout the show. Incidentally, Lou's daughter has joined the circus in the family tradition; she is a showgirl in the production.

Where else can one single out a single attraction to mention now. That the Ringling production numbers are colorful, lavishly costumed and arranged with care, good taste and canny precision, have been keynote for the show all during its 105 year history.

The Rudi Lenz Chimps are a riot in themselves and Miss Anna's Poodles are, too. The mere training of these animals is a study of patience and expertise unequalled anywhere.

If you've never seen Victoria Uris, as "La Toria," perform her swing-overs and one-arm planges attached to a swivel and a ring far above the audience have earned her a place in the Guinness Book of World Records. What adds to this act is that the audience does the counting aloud as this intrepid girl continues for what seems an exhausting period.

There are other old favorites in the show and a good many appearing in high-wire, balancing and other acts for the first time in America. Among these are the Carillo Brothers from Columbia, aerialists; The Dimitrovs and The Lilianas on the perch pole; Gebel-Williams "Elephant Roundup"; gymnasts The Jabczynski and The Parvanovi; aerialists The Flying Wilastons, The Flying Farfans, act which features 11-year old son, an accomplished trapeze artist; and all the other superb and expert, attractive members of Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus.

That indefatigable and seemingly timeless epitome of the Western star, John Wayne, is back in town at Showplace 4 in a film that must rank as one of his best. As in "True Grit," Wayne this time portrays a gunfighter in a characterization that is realized with more depth and insight than is usually a Wayne trademark. The film is called "The Shootist" from Paramount-Dino De Laurentis and is rated PG, running one hour and 39 minutes.

This absorbing film portrays Wayne as a dying gunfighter around 1900 and set in Carson City. He rides into the town as an outgoing character of an era that is on the way out. The hint of things to come are found in the suburban touches, the everyday activities of the city's citizens. Wayne is dying of cancer and he takes lodging in the home of widow Lauren Beall, playing a most effective, telling performance. Her young son, played by Ron Howard, is fascinated with tales of hardier times, learning that legendary people are sometimes very human, indeed.

The film is replete with telling characterizations. There is the worried at first, Marshall Harry Morgan, fearful at first of Wayne's past performances, then turning vicious knowing that Wayne is not the strong man of earlier times. The doctor is played by James Stewart, while Richard Boone is the isolated, hating man, murderous over what Wayne did to his brother. Hugh O'Brien is the card sharpie and Sharee North is Wayne's old flame. There is a fine characterization by veteran John Carradine as the scheming promoter of an undertaking parlour.

The whole thing culminates in the inevitable showdown between Wayne and O'Brien, Boone and Bill McKinney, the town braggart.

"The Shootist" is not just another run of the mill western entry. It has maturity and it examines the thinking and the motivations of its characters with sharp perception. It is a highlight, if not THE highlight, of Wayne's long and illustrious career.

At the Fox complex, the Disney Studios release of "Gus" will provide fun for most everyone. G-rated of course, "Gus" is a soccer-playing mule from Yugoslavia, who is imported by Edward Asner, owner of a less than expert, pro football team. Gus's role is to be the team's kicker and, with Gary Grimes as his resentful athlete owner, he leads the team to the NFL championship. Don Knotts as the coach jitters in his usual manner to laughs, while the villains, Harold Gould, Tom Bosley and Tim Conway try every sabotage trick in the book to halt Gus's winning streak. With various football stars such as Johnny Unitas in the cast, "Gus" is fun and sure to be a winner, what with the Nation's total commitment to weekend and week night football telecasts as the late summer and fall come on.

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# SPORTS

by Joe Kelly

And what, pray tell, are we TV sports nuts going to do with our time now that the Olympics are over? We'll probably get some things done that were ignored for the last two weeks.

The Olympics, for 1976, bowed out in splendor, just as they opened. The closing ceremonies were stirring, just as were the opening rites. Despite friction between nations, there was little evidence as the athletes paraded.

These will go down as among the most stormy of all the Games, and yet, they also will go down in history as one of the most record breaking, record making, Olympics in history.

Let's face it, athletes are simply getting better each year. They are better trained and probably in better physical shape, too. They're bigger and stronger. They accept the challenges and they perform. Oh how they do perform!

All told, the United States did well. The U.S. picked up a heap of gold, silver and bronze, to say nothing of records. Individually and as a team, the Yankee athletes stood out.

Boxing, swimming and wrestling, for the men, were the great victories. We picked up other top scores, but the bulk of the medal crop came in these events. And the women? They ran a poor second or third, most of the time—despite Women's Lib.

In my mind, the two most memorable performances were by Bruce Jenner and Frank Shorter. Jenner won the Decathlon, the most punishing event, while Shorter finished only second.

But Shorter gave his best, beat the time he established in winning a gold medal at Munich. To me, that's what the Games are all about. A man gives everything he has. If he does not win, that's too bad, but within himself he knows that he did the best he could. He is no less a champion for that.

Jenner, of course, earned the right to be called the world's greatest athlete. In two days the field runs off nine events, topped by the gruelling 1,500 meter run. It's terrible punishment, both during the events and for months beforehand.

Jenner not only did well, he beat his own previous marks and finished with the highest point total in the history of the Olympics. He is, by any standard, a super athlete.

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There were disappointments, primarily in track, where we used to dominate. We were shut out in the shot put, 1,500 meters. We did poorly in the high jump, pole vault and others. We did well, as usual, in the relays.

We absolutely dominated swimming and boxing, where the U.S. National Anthem must have become a royal pain to competing nations. In most other sports we barely scratched. But we did regain the basketball title and that was fitting and proper.

Dwight Stones probably was the biggest disappointment, but he was more than that. He was not a good ambassador for this country. He was, in short, "The Ugly American."

Babe Ruth still is being cheered for pointing to a spot and then hitting a home run against the Cubs. Joe Namath is being cheered for saying that he would lead the Jets past the Packers and in victory in the Super Bowl. Both men did what they said.

But Stones was something else. The fact that he said that he would win the gold medal in the high jump could be accepted, even when he failed. It was his other antics.

He knocked the Canadians for their organization and direction, among other things. He went back to California because he didn't like living conditions. He blasted the French Canadians and then showboated a shirt that said "I Love French Canadians."

Then he lost the high jump, watched two others better his height and then complained that he couldn't jump in the rain. It must have rained only on him, hm?

If Stones knew that he couldn't jump in the rain, why didn't he work on that in the months before the Olympics? He had plenty of time to perfect himself. It's obvious that he is a "fairweather" athlete. He didn't want to pay the price.

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The rap of the Canadian Olympic committee was most unfortunate. Here was a country that was belabored with problems. Strikes threatened not to allow completion of the stadia. Nations pulled out. Taiwan was denied entry.

And yet, when all was said and done, the Canadians did a marvelous job. The facilities appeared to be among the finest and apparently everything was on schedule.

And not one gold medal, what a shame for a proud nation that proved to be the perfect host.

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In case it had escaped your attention, what with the rain and hot weather, Texas Tech plays its first football game just five weeks from this Saturday.

Colorado moves in for the opener and Steve Sloan & Co. won't have much time to prepare for a Big 8 Conference title contender. In fact, in slightly over two weeks, the gridders will be reporting.

Whatever happened to summer this year?

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### Sewing With Today's Fabrics

Selecting needles and threads for homesewing is more than just picking up a package of needles and finding thread to match the fabric color, Marlene Odle, a clothing specialist, says.

"Kind and size of needle and thread necessary depend upon fiber, fabric construction and purpose for stitching.

"For example, in buying needles, choose ballpoint needles when sewing knits and sharp needles when sewing woven fabrics," she explained.

Miss Odle is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

She recommends using 100 per cent polyester or cotton-covered polyester thread for polyester or polyester blend fabrics. These threads have elasticity and do not shrink in washing.

"Because of their irregularities, today's American-made polyester or cotton-covered polyester threads are not sized like 100 per cent cotton thread.

"Consequently, larger size (size 14 or 16) needles are necessary when sewing with this thread to prevent breaking, tangling and uneven tension. The eye of the needle must be large enough for the largest part of the thread to pass through," she said.

Some Swiss-made polyester threads are more uniform in shape, and they are sized. A fine needle may be used when sewing with fine thread, she said.

"Thread for topstitching, commonly called buttonhole twist, is available in polyester or cotton. It is heavier and thicker than regular thread. Choose the kind which is most compatible to the fabric being used. A size 16 or 18 needle, used when sewing with buttonhole twist, allows the thread to move through the eye freely without fraying.

"Swiss-made cotton buttonhole twist may be preshrunk on the spool before used in stitching on polyester, polyester blends or cotton fabrics. Cotton thread has a higher luster than polyester," she

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### Plans for Egg Production Facility Near Idalou Announced Recently

SunnyMead Ranch Inc. of Texas announced ground breaking plans for a new million dollar egg production facility. The total-cycle egg production facility will be located six miles north of Idalou.

The total-cycle plant will begin construction in the next 60 to 90 days and will employ some unique new techniques for egg production. A feed mill will be constructed and the feed will handle requirements for the self-contained plant.

Joe Raith, vice-president and general manager of the plant said initially the plant should have

50,000 laying hens in three to four houses, with an expansion over the next three to four years expected to bring capacity up to 300,000 laying hens. When the construction is completed thirty to forty persons will be employed in various production areas.

Charles Jackson, an Idalou banker, is accredited with the total-cycle concept. Original plans had called for construction of a facility in Grand Prairie but the South Plains location was chosen after it was pointed out that the cost of hauling feed to Dallas-Fort Worth area would be greater than the transport of the eggs.

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## South Plains 4-H'ers Earn Dress Revue Honors

Under the theme, "Flight Into Fashion" at the new Lubbock Regional Airport, four young ladies showed off their own creations and earned themselves a trip to the State 4-H Dress Revue in San Antonio by winning top honors in the District 2 4-H Dress Revue Thursday (July 15).

The winners are Annette Weil of Hale Co.; Pearl Perez, Swisher Co.; Prynness Parkman, Bailey Co.; and Cindy Mitchell, Lubbock Co.

Named as alternates are Sheree Jerden of Lynn Co., first alternate; and Linda Sue Gohlke

of Parmer Co., second alternate. These two girls will fill in at San Antonio, Sept. 17-18, in case any of the others can't compete in the finals during the State 4-H Dress Revue.

All 17 contestants, who represented a 20-county area of the South Plains, made and modeled their own outfits.

Special honors went to Miss Prynness Parkman for showing the best outfit constructed of fabric of cotton or cotton blend.

Also awarded during the show was a \$500 Aubrey W. Russell Scholarship. Agnes Acker of

Castro County was presented the award by Mrs. Lucille Witten, district 2 director of the Texas Home Demonstration Association, and Mrs. Sheila Fillingim, treasurer of the scholarship fund. The scholarship is offered each year based on best record book and other criteria to a 4-H girl majoring in home economics at Texas Tech.

In addition to senior level competition, 17 juniors vied for honors. They'll not compete beyond the district level.

There are no 1-2-3 placings in the annual dress revue. Contestants are judged on their sewing and construction skills, overall appearance, modeling abilities, and their 4-H record books.

A special tour of the new regional airport facilities and a dinner for contestants, parents, Extension agents and special guests kicked off the awards phase of the event. Presenting the awards was Mr. Edward Breihan, general manager of the Plains Cooperative Oil Mill which sponsored the dinner.

Steve Lee, 4-H'er from

Lubbock County, was master of ceremonies. Other 4-H'ers on the program were Charmi Wood of Lynn Co., and Darlene Gunn of Garza Co.

Wynon Mayes, county Extension agent (home economics) in Hale Co., served as chairman of the event, with Catherine B. Crawford, district Extension agent (home economics), serving as coordinator.

## Texas Tech Receives Grant

The Texas Tech University Research and Training Center in Mental Retardation has received a \$315,000 grant from the Rehabilitation Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW). According to Dr. Gerald J. Bensberg, director of the Research and Training Center, the grant will be used to support its 1976-77 program.

A total \$30,000 has been awarded for conducting an International Symposium on

Normalization and Integration of the Mentally Retarded, to be held August 16-20, in cooperation with the National Association of Retarded Citizens.

Other funds will support three regional conferences and five in-state conferences to provide short-term training for 250 professionals working in the field of mental retardation.

The major budget allocation goes toward support of a basic research staff conducting research projects in cooperation with agencies serving the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled.

The Texas Tech Training Center is one of 19 supported by HEW. The Center conducts applied research aimed toward alleviating disability, reducing dependency and formulating more effective rehabilitation service delivery systems for the mentally retarded.

It also seeks ways to share research findings and participate in the training of mental retardation and vocational rehabilitation personnel in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

## Record Money Paid Out by Coors Yearly

A record total of \$4,016,358 had been paid out so far this year to the general public by Adolph Coors Company in its "cash-for-cans" recycling program, a company spokesman said this week.

The money represents payment to individuals and organizations who have collected aluminum beverage cans and redeemed them at Coors recycling centers for 15c per pound. The four million dollar figure registers a dramatic increase over the \$2.9 million paid out during the same period in 1975.

A spokesman for the regional brewer based in Golden, Colo., said from January to June of this year, 642,617,328 cans were turned in for recycling through the company's 170 independent distributors in the 11-state Coors distribution area.

A total of 26,775,722 pounds of aluminum was recycled in the program in the past six months for a 46 percent return rate.

"We are pleased that our consumers throughout our marketing areas recognize the importance of recycling in order to conserve our natural resources and reduce litter," said William K. Coors, president of the brewery.

He stressed that Coors recycling centers pay cash for all aluminum beer and soft drink containers, regardless of brand.

Since the start of the nationally-recognized conservation program in January 1970, consumers have recovered 220,521,205 pounds of aluminum beverage cans. At an estimated 24 cans per pound, more than 5.2 billion containers have been forwarded by Coors and its independent distributors to aluminum producers for recycling into new can-making aluminum sheet.

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