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## Schleicher Inventory Is Released

The Schleicher County records inventory, a softbound publication listing 432 record entries, has been released to county offices. The

### Just Talking

By NELL EDMISTON

Phil Ryan is an interesting man. He used to be a country club alcoholic, then a skid row alcoholic. Today, he is a recovered alcoholic and a consultant at the Kerrville State Hospital.

Ryan was in Judge Johnny Griffin's office last week and he shed a lot of light on the problems and causes of alcoholism.

We all know alcohol has a lot of lasting effects. Ryan says the first thing to go is the motor skills. Alcoholics usually walk with their feet apart, their hands shake and their speech is slurred. Also, each ounce of alcohol destroys a large number of brain cells, making alcoholics unable to make rational decisions.

Alcohol also hurts your liver and pancreas. After a while, the substance makes your body unable to break down the alcohol and it remains in your body, stored in fatty tissue. This is why, he says, alcoholics may or may not be drunk, they may be only a little intoxicated, but all the time.

He says there are more men than women alcoholics, but that the number of women is growing. He believes this is because of the number of job and family pressures men have been facing all these years, and of course, women are becoming more common in the job market these days, they are feeling these pressures, too. Thus, there are more women alcoholics than before.

There may be something to the feeling that alcoholism runs in families, says Ryan, because many alcoholics have parents or close relatives who were alcoholics. However, researchers are wondering if this has to do with genetics or environment.

He also noted that half of the people afflicted with alcoholism came from homes that never had any alcohol in them, the other half from homes where it was a common thing. He feels that if parents don't make a "big thing" out of drinking or taking a drink, children would not think another thing about it.

He also says that close family members have the least influence on alcoholics, and outsiders have the most influence. But no one will do a bit of good until the problem person realizes and admits he needs help.

When asked for a definition of an alcoholic, Ryan replied that an alcoholic is a person dependent on alcohol and whose work or productivity is hurt by that dependence. He said that few people with a drinking problem think there is a problem because they still hold down a job and keep their marriage together. But once these things start to fail, they may think differently.

There is an irony that is a part of this topic. We live in a society, that for the most part, pushes alcohol, at parties, dances, barbecues, even family outings. It is usually okay if someone gets a little "tooted" at one of these and "has a good time". But if he gets a DWI on the way home, it's something else; he gets the cold shoulder for gettin caught at something a lot of other people were doing, too.

When Jack Brown, a representative of the financial advisory company Rauscher, Pierce and Rufnes, met with the Commissioners Court last week, he noted that he had worked with officials in this county several times with bond elections. In fact, he said, he has worked with three generations of Schleicher County residents. He worked with the city council at the end of World War II, the hospital election in the 1960's and with the school board now.

Needless to say, he is well acquainted with the people here and knows some of them very well.

announcement was made by Mary Pearson, director of the Texas County Records Inventory Project.

The publication was compiled by Dr. Jack Bates, professor of history at Angelo State University; James E. Riney, County Records Project Field Director; and Maurice Fortin, Project Assistant Field Director.

The Schleicher inventory is the 46th Texas county to be completed and published in the ongoing statewide series. The inventories of Texas are directed by the County Records Project located on the campus of North Texas State University. The Texas State Library in Austin publishes and distributes the manuscripts.

Mrs. Pearson said there are two major reasons for the inventory of

Schleicher and other Texas counties.

"The inventory provides historical documentation and collects data for the records management system developed by the Texas State Archives."

She said Article 5442c, Texas Revised Civil Statutes, allows a county official to institute a records retention and disposal system after first completing the records inventory.

Mrs. Pearson said the success of the inventory is due in large measure to the cooperation of Schleicher County officials: former County Judge and ex officio School Superintendent Robert L. McWhorter, former County and District Clerk Jim F. Thornton and present County and District Clerk Helen Blakeway, Sheriff/Tax Assessor-Collector Orval Edmiston, Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Frank Bradley and County Treasurer A.G. McCormack.

Mrs. Pearson said any citizen interested in purchasing a copy of the Schleicher publication should contact the Local Records Department, Texas State Library, Box 12927, Capitol Station, Austin, Tex. 78711.

Inquiries about the county inventories may be addressed to the Project headquarters at North Texas State University, P.O. Box 5344, NT Station, Denton, Tex. 76203.

## Rodeo Books Open Monday

Books for entries of the Eldorado Open Rodeo will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, announced Steve Whitten, rodeo chairman. There will be no entry forms; instead, entries should be called in at 853-2944 that day. There are unlimited entries.

The rodeo will be Aug. 17 and 18 beginning at 8 p.m. It is being sponsored by the Eldorado Jaycees.

Festivities will begin with a parade in downtown Eldorado at 4 p.m. Friday afternoon. Several riding clubs and drill teams have been asked to participate. Anyone wishing to enter the parade should be mounted and at the Memorial Building at 3 p.m. Johnny Mayo is in charge of the parade.

A meal will be catered by Jerroll Sanders after the parade and before the rodeo that Friday and at lunch and supper on Saturday.

Several local girls are participating in a queen's contest during the rodeo. The girl selling the most tickets will be named queen. Girls in junior high and high school wishing to participate should contact Ray Lewis Ballew.

Also during the rodeo, the Jaycees will be drawing for several door prizes which were donated by several merchants. The drawing will be from the rodeo tickets, which will cost \$3 at the gate for school aged children and up. Tickets may be purchased before the rodeo from Jaycees at \$2.50.

Anyone riding in the grade entry at the rodeo will get into the rodeo free of charge.

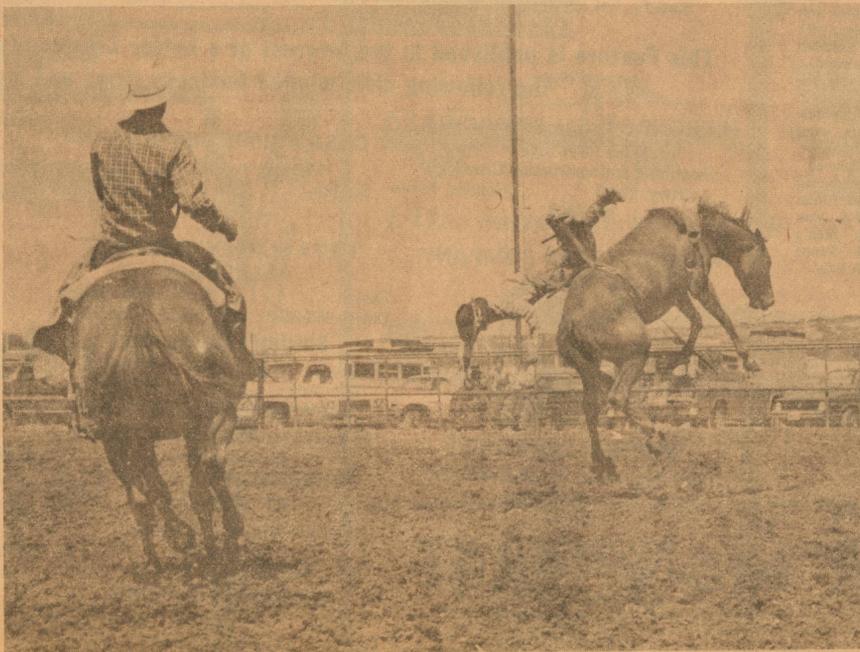
## History Books Are Coming

Members of the Schleicher County historical society have received official word that the history books will be in Eldorado the week of Aug. 13.

Anyone wishing to purchase one of the books has until Aug. 12 to pay \$24.95 for it. After that date, the price will rise to \$30.

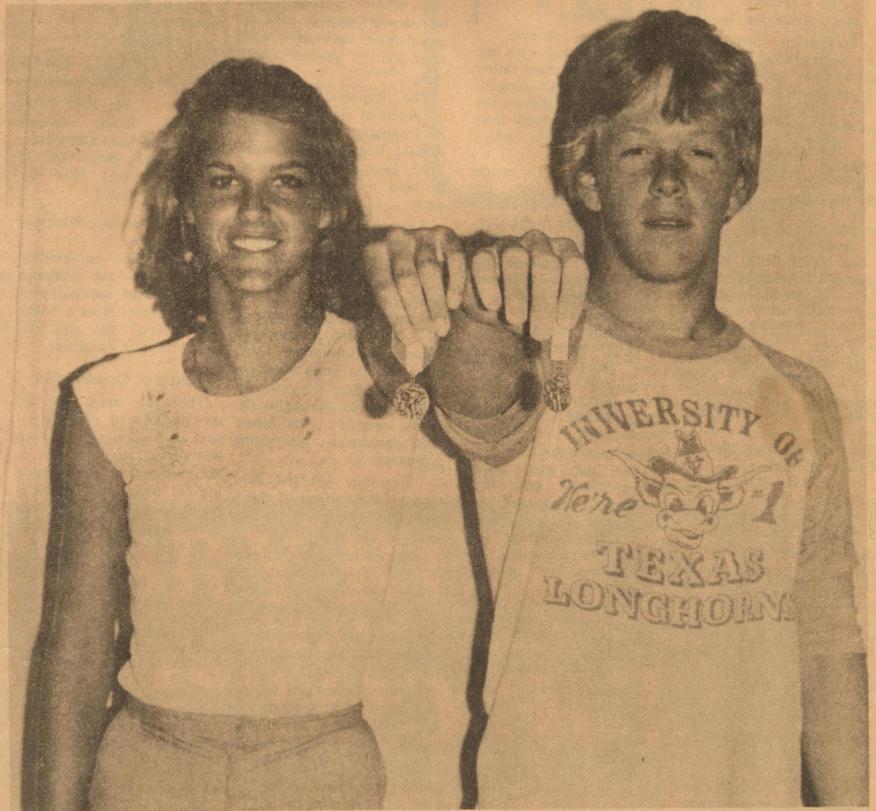
Margaret Frost reported that the museum would be open from 2-5 p.m. the week of Aug. 6-11 for persons who wish to order a book and/or pick up pictures used in the book. A total of 677 books have been sold so far.

The historical society will have a meeting at 3 p.m. Aug. 6 in the museum.



WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE--An unidentified cowboy gets thrown off a bucking bronco during a rodeo held last year. This scene will be repeated during the upcoming Open Rodeo held here August

17 and 18. The rodeo is being sponsored by the Eldorado Jaycees. Festivities begin with a parade at 4 p.m. Friday.



LOOK AT WHAT WE WON--Lori Patton and Mickey Nixon show off medals they won at the state amateur athletic Federation Meet held at Baylor University in Waco July 27 and 28. Mickey won the first place medal with a vault of 13 feet, six inches and Lori won third place medal with a high jump of five feet, two inches. Mickey, Lori and Gina Patton competed at summer track meets in Sanderson, San Angelo and

the regional meet in Odessa. They brought home first, second and third place ribbons from each track meet. Mickey and Lori brought home first places at the regional meet which qualified them both for state. Coaches Larry and Randy Mitchel, Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Nixon and Gina Patton accompanied the two to Waco.

## Half-Million Dollar Budget Is Presented To Commissioners

A 1980 budget for Schleicher County that is quite a bit smaller than the 1979 budget will go up for public approval during a public hearing at 10 a.m. Aug. 13.

The tentative budget, which county commissioners closely scanned last week, is for \$565,913.21, compared to the \$608,693.48 spent by the county in 1979.

In a time when inflation has increased the price and cost of everything, the county's budget is smaller for only one reason--there will be no more revenue sharing funds beginning at the end of the 1980 fiscal year. This means the county must close out the money in the fund, which is \$4,657. Last year, the county used \$74,957.04 in revenue sharing money.

Previously, revenue sharing was used for new cars for the sheriff's department, the county trapper, library expense, golf course custodian, and new equipment for the road department. Now all of these things will have come out of the general fund, which is estimated to have about \$240,514.43 not already appropriated to other expenses.

The remaining funds in the revenue sharing account will be used for expenses on the sanitary land fill, Little League park, airport, publications, swimming pool and the 4-H Club.

County Judge Johnny Griffin pointed out that the other funds in the county's treasury were increased by ten percent, to cover inflation and increasing services the county offers.

Because of a recent pay increase, the road and bridge fund increased by about \$5,000, with the commissioners' salaries and retirement coming out of it. This fund also covers road employees' labor, parts and repair for the road equipment, and other expenses for road repair.

The same is true for the Farm to Market Road fund, which also pays a part of the road crew's salary in addition to cattle guards, county barn utilities, caliche and welding supplies.

The other two road funds, the lateral road fund and the road and bridge special fund changed very little.

The biggest account, the general fund, jumped from \$383,109.83 spent in 1979 to an estimated

\$425,791.53 in 1980. This fund covers fuel, prisoner's board, county attorney office expense, office equipment, election expenses, advertising, autopsies for indigents and lunacy cases.

Remaining the same were the law library fund and the social security fund. The permanent improvement fund dropped from \$3,519.14 to \$1,019.14, with most of the money going toward the golf course watering system last year.

Assessed valuation of the county this year is \$36,741,620 which is an increase of \$8,751,700 from 1979. Valuation is based on about 33 percent of the true or market value of property assessed.

The proposed tax levy contained in the budget is \$1.14 on each \$100 of assessed valuation. It is estimated that \$393,723.19 of the tax money, or 94 percent, will be collected.

The county also receives incomes from other sources, such as jury fees, license plates (\$65,000), county and district court fines (\$16,500), cemetery lots, district probation fees (\$600) and liquor and beer licenses (\$140). The biggest drop in this category was that in justice of the peace fines, which netted \$4,614 in 1979 but is estimated to bring in only \$4,600 in 1980.

This is a brief breakdown of the 1980 budget for Schleicher County. The public hearing for approval of the budget is set for Aug. 13, in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Commissioners Court.

Funds	1979 (amended)	1980 (estimated)
Jury	\$4,836.41	\$4,900.09
Road and Bridge	80,556.60	85,136.96
Road and Bridge Special	70,330.46	65,319.78
Farm-Market Road	136,053.19	147,614.34
Lateral Road	14,965.74	16,082.40
General	383,109.83	425,791.53
Officers Salary	151,581.77	155,816.26
Social Security	30,165.22	31,451.05
Revenue Sharing	75,957.04	4,657.04
Permanent Improvement	3,519.14	1,019.14
Law Library	935.92	1,065.92
Total	4,455.06	938,914.51

## Youths Go To Paisano

A large delegation of local youngsters headed for Paisano Baptist Encampment recently. The girls who attended were Lori Griffin, Becky Ragsdale, Melissa Burselon, Stephanie Thomas, Amy Heald, Dannelle Dunagan and Bonnie McAlpine. Boys that went were Kirk Griffin, Danny Pina, Clint Bungardner, Mark Wallis, and John Paul Joiner. Joining the group were Vince Bedner and Steve Capps of Eola. Sponsors were Miss Joe Swenter, Mrs. Susan Minnick, Kevin Shelburne and Clint Young.

This was the 59th annual consecutive session of the camp held in the beautiful Davis Mountains mid-way between Marfa and Alpine.

A newly redecorated Crawford

Mitchell Tabernacle greeted the encampment attenders. The 1800 seat auditorium, has refinished seating, a new roof, and inside refinishing. Adequate housing was available, although the encampment lost a large women's dormitory to fire recently. Quick action by the Marfa and Alpine Fire Departments prevented the loss of a second large dormitory building located adjacent to the burning building.

Preachers for the camp were Dr. James Flammig, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Abilene and Dr. Daniel Vestal, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Midland. Both men served their third consecutive tour as camp pastor, and will rotate off after this year.



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## In Those Days

**ONE YEAR AGO**  
Aug. 3, 1978—Spotted rainfall helped both farmers and ranchers in the county.

A special revival was to be held at First Baptist Church. Services were held for Marion Currie "Monk Currie" Williams.

Peggy Mittel opened a new dress shop located next to Mittel's Texaco. Susan Denise Warnock became the bride of Jodie Minnick.

**FIVE YEARS AGO**  
Aug. 1, 1974—Laura Johnson died in Shannon

Hospital. The sheriff's department was revising its list of stock sprayers because of the increased number of grass fires.

Mrs. Bob Faught grew a cantaloupe that weighed five pounds.

A former resident, Steve Nail died at age 34. Robert Jay and Frankie Hardy placed second in a Mason tennis tournament.

**12 YEARS AGO**  
Aug. 3, 1967—Mrs. Earlene Patterson was hired as the English and Spanish teacher at the high school, replacing Leslie Woullard who was going to San Angelo.

Services were held for Mrs. L.T. Dannheim, 85. Shirley Hubble was improved, being able to get around in a wheel chair and feed herself some meals.

Miss Christy Jean Moore was engaged to marry Lynn Meador. The announcement was made during a tea held at her parent's home.

Jerry Childers and Buddy Calk were to attend Camp Sol Mayer and to undergo the Ordeal degree of the Order of the Arrow.

An advertisement from Western Auto thanked the people of Eldorado for their support in their first year of business. It was from Buddy and Pam White, owners.

Miss Ada Woullard fell and was hospitalized at Shannon.

Carey Salter, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Gene Salter, was injured when she walked through a glass door. She received 55 stitches at the Sonora hospital and was returned home.

**35 YEARS AGO**  
Aug. 4, 1944—T/Sgt. Jimmie Danford was to arrive here to visit his mother, Mrs. Ruth Danford.

Miss Mollie Turner was scheduling a class for kindergarten students at the local school.

Six persons were injured in a car accident close to Christoval. They were Mrs. C. C. McLaughlin, her mother, Mrs. J. L. Joiner, Duane McCullough, Miss Bertha Pauline McLaughlin, Miss Jessie Mae Caruth, and Miss Wilma Hammack.

W. R. Humble was injured in a freak accident when a tree limb he had his car hoisted to broke. He was pinned under the car, but was not severely injured.

Staff Sergeant Arthur Montgomery was reported missing in action after a raid over Germany.

Corpl. and Mrs. Jack Shugart of Salina, Kan., were here spending part of their furlough time.

Col. and Mrs. William Frost became the parents of a baby boy, William Bradley Frost, born July 25.

## Let Kids Make Snacks

Kids love to assert their independence. What better way for youngsters to do something and give mom a break at the same time, than to make their own afternoon snacks?

There are a lot of easy snack foods kids can make for themselves from the U.S.D.A.'s Four Food Groups—milk, meat, vegetable-fruit and bread-cereal. Fruit makes a light, after-school snack. Seasonal produce such as apples, oranges, grapes and bananas can easily be kept in the kitchen for snacking any time, and need little preparation. During off seasons, canned fruit is also a good snack when stirred into plain yogurt or added to a small bowl of cottage cheese.

Combine fruit and vegetable categories by having your youngster create a carrot and raisin salad. Even preschoolers can manipulate a grater and carrot. Add some raisins and mayonnaise. Excess

energy can be used to help you prepare dinner, by making a family sized dish of salad.

Celery stuffed with pimiento cheese or cream cheese spreads are easy snacks for kids to make. If your little one can't handle a paring knife, prepare some celery for him, and store in the refrigerator so he can help himself. The same goes for carrot sticks, which can be dipped in peanut butter for extra protein. Another favorite vegetable snack is a dry dip mix stirred into sour cream, served with raw carrots, celery, sliced squash, or broccoli.

Many children are really "starving" when they come in the door from school or play, say Dairy Council, Inc. dietitians. If your child has a big appetite, let him make his own half-sandwich out of chicken or tuna salad, cheese or peanut butter and jelly. Kids love most milk

group snacks, and can make most of them without any help from mom or dad. Cheese and crackers are quick and easy. An ice cream cone is so good on a summer day! Yogurt is growing in popularity, especially frozen yogurt. Cereal and milk also makes a good and easy snack any time of the day.

Teach your little one to make this instant pudding by himself, and try different flavors: In a container with a tight-fitting lid, pour one-half cup cold milk. (Mom may want to put a piece of tape on the outside to mark the half-cup level.) add two teaspoons of instant pudding, put the lid on tightly, and shake until you have pudding! Serve with graham crackers.

A final favorite: Kids can mix their favorite flavor of powdered soft-drink mix with milk instead of water, and presto! A magic cow!

## Schleicher Nursing Home News

Thanks to Lorena Hefernan and the staff at the nursing home who were active last week during the activity director's absence.

Bingo winners were LaVita Brooks, Frank Reed, Fannie Blaylock, Elva Daniels, Juanita Sanchez, Dorothy Ratliff, Ernest Boehler, Dave

Locklin, Hattie Blaylock, Beulah Harris and Fred Gunstead.

Out of town visitors were Alie Lee and Mrs. Hargroves who visited Mable Wilkinson and Charlie Wade of San Angelo who visited Myrtle Wade.

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Earl and Lois Barnes visited with everyone here at Golden Years. They are both former residents and were on their way to Eldorado to spend the night with his daughter. Tom Clark of San Angelo visited with his dad, George Tom Clark. Another visitor was Mrs. Higdon of the lake. Ethel Atkins visited with the family of Lee Atkins. Valeria Tate had a nice surprise on her birthday July 26. Olive Herrington and Stella Massey both sisters of Valeria brought presents. Also, Mrs. Floyd, a niece, Irene Blair, great-niece and Gerald Blair, great-great nephew came. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful music that Irene Blair and her son Gerald played and sang for us.

Visitors of Amanda Abernathy were Richard Abernathy, Ina Stovall and Belle Roberts. Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Shelburne of Ballinger, sisters-in-law of Grace McShan, visited. Also her

niece Mrs. Huckleby of Miles visited.

Mary Necessary and Theresa visited with Charleen Kirk. Mrs. Marvin Barnes visited her aunt, Velma Barnes.

Lorena Bell's daughter, Thelma Lasater, visited her.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Heath of San Angelo were visitors of Edna Mayfield. We have a new employee here at Golden Years and we are very proud of him. Welcome to the staff Jimmy Caddell.

**TWO WEEKS AGO**  
Elgin Funderburk came by and spent Friday night visiting friends. He is a former resident.

Opal M. Bigham, sister of Myrtle Brown, visited her this past Wednesday. Also visiting were her niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jolly Dyer of Comanche. Billie Higdon, daughter of Tom Clark, visited him. Also visiting were two other daughters and grandson Rickey.

We have a new resident, Temple Hill, Grady Hill's mother. Welcome to Golden Years.

Grace McShan was able to be up in a wheelchair for church services last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Welch of Uvalde visited her uncle, Sterling Mayberry.

Mrs. Parsons of Water Valley visited her sister, Temple Hill and niece, Ethel Atkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Barnes visited his aunt, Velma Barnes. Friday, Mrs. Shipley visited Velma Barnes, Ethel Atkins, Charlene Kirk and Lela Swart.

Stella King went to church with the Don

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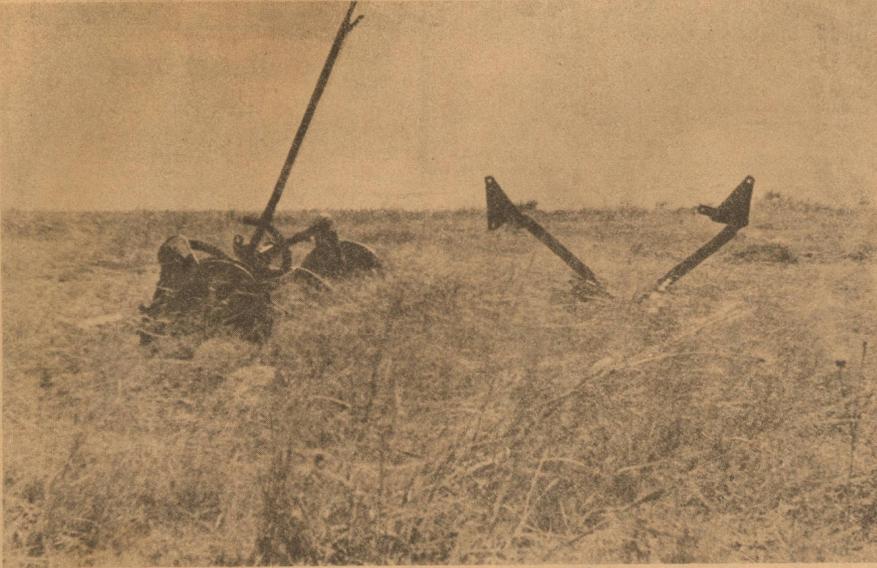
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hot day in the field full of cotton or milo. But today, it sits quietly with only the buffalo grass, wildflowers and a soft breeze to keep it company.

## Parity Remains A Burning Issue

Parity continues to be a "burning issue" in farming circles, but there are some alternatives, believe a pair of economists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Parity, a major farm

policy focal point, refers to prices which would give agricultural products the same purchasing power per unit for goods and services used in production and family living as the products had in an earlier time period.

The theory of parity came about this way, according to Drs. William E. Black and Ron Knutson.

Following World War I, farm prices fell relative to all commodity prices. During the 1920's, an agricultural economist at Cornell University conceived the theory, basing it on August 1909-July 1914 prices because farm commodity prices were relatively stable then.

The 1933 Agricultural Adjustment Act formally named parity as a federal policy goal. All agricultural commodities, except tobacco, had the specified five-year base period.

Black and Knutson believe parity has one main fault--it doesn't consider agricultural technological advancement. They say there is no comparison between the 1910 one-bottom plow and today's six-bottom plow with hydraulic lifts. As a result, parity price is not a measure of cost production per bushel of wheat or per pound of cotton.

Policy makers consistently reject 100 percent parity because it is difficult, if not impossible, to maintain as a basis for pricing farm commodities, point out Black and Knutson. Congress realized that the ultimate result of maintaining price supports at or near 100 percent parity was surplus production. Strict control policies proposed by the Kennedy Administration were rejected by producers. Efforts to bring production in line with demand through land retirement were unsuccessful.

The Food and Agricultural Act of 1977 virtually wrote parity out of current farm policy, note Black and Knutson. Today, parity only applies to dairy products and tobacco commodities covered by marketing orders.

Parity's current substitute is the U.S. average cost of production. Initial 1977 target prices set by Congress were based on U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates of the average cost as provided for in the 1973 farm bill. These target prices are the basis for farmers' deficiency payments.

The economists see several alternatives when considering policy for the 1981 farm bill. The 1909-14 base could be updated. However, over time this new production base would go out of date as technology changes.

Black and Knutson say a parity index for each commodity could be developed. Inputs would be weighed according to their production use. For example, pesticides would weigh more in cotton while nitrogen would have greater weight in corn. However, adjustments due to technology would still be necessary.

Current target price levels would be more acceptable if higher returns to land were allowed in the initial target price computation and if land price increases were used in yearly target price adjustments, say Knutson and Black. However, policymakers would object to this alternative, saying it would contribute to continuous spiraling inflation in farm products and land prices.

Establishing target prices for different regions would help solve the problem of high cost production regions, note the economists.

However, within a region, production costs differ substantially, further adding to the dilemma.

Black and Knutson note that parity undoubtedly will be debated once again in the 1981 farm bill. None of

its alternatives are perfect, but each is more acceptable than the present parity concept, they contend.

## From The Horses Mouth

By JERRY SWIFT  
Schleicher County Agricultural Agent

### CĒMETARY GARDENS

"Cemetery gardening", a nearly lost art form having no redeeming value, is on the decline. Thank goodness! "Cemetery gardening" is a prophetic term which describes a garden of plants doomed to a miserable death due to neglect, carelessness and inept horticulture.

Unfortunately, a few die-hard "cemetery gardeners" persist. They have passed along some key ingredients and practices of "cemetery gardening" and they will be passed on to you so that the art will not be completely lost.

1. Leave all plant residue on last year's garden site so that insects and diseases can flourish.

2. Leave all garden tools and implements at the garden site so that they will be readily available when needed.

3. Put all ashes from the fireplace on your garden site in enormous amounts.

4. Plant non-resident and unadapted varieties.

5. Disregard instructions for fertilizer rates and apply 10 times the amount required.

6. Don't fence your garden site so that all animals can have easy access.

7. Prepare your garden site just prior to planting so that plant residue will not decompose.

8. Avoid proper rotation of plants in your garden so that a high level of soil diseases can be achieved quicker.

9. Do not apply water as needed so that the crop will dry on the plant and therefore save the time and energy required to dry at a later date.

10. Plant your vegetable seed very deep so that the stand will be uneven and unsatisfactory.

11. Plant seed that is several years old. This will give you a lot of needed practice in sowing seed since most will not germinate.

12. Plan your garden so that the critical time is when you are on vacation.

13. Locate your garden site in the area most traveled by children and pets.

14. Use potatoes that you buy off the shelf rather than certified seed pieces. This will ensure virus infected plants and poor stands.

16. Harvest your vegetables when they are over-mature. This will increase yield and dental bills.

17. Avoid proper use of equipment so that injuries can occur. This will reduce work time in the garden. (And, after all, doctors have to make a living too!)

18. If onions develop seed stalks, then stomp on

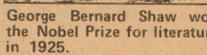
them or cut them off 2 inches above the ground. This will reduce their size and also save harvest labor.

19. Don't weed your garden so that it can be hidden from thieves and robbers.

Don't spray fungicide until you see the spots on the leaves. How else can the disease get a fair start?

Seriously, if you turn the above suggestions around, you have a formula for a successful garden wherein plants will thrive and your friends will acclaim it's beauty.

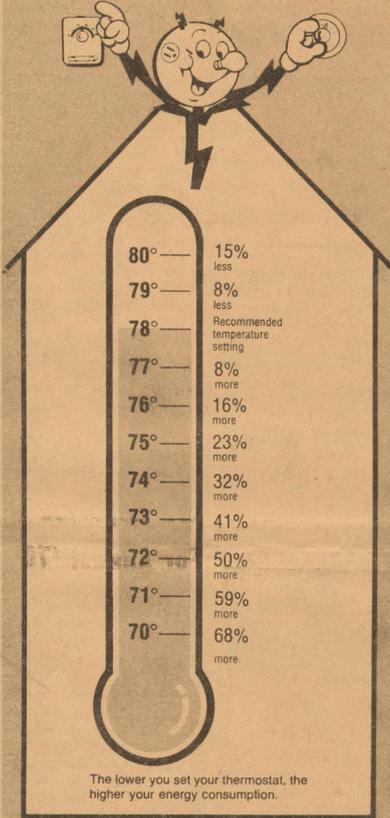
George Bernard Shaw won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1925.



## Ranch News

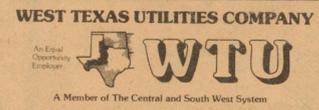
The Christoval Senior Class is having its Annual Barbecue on Sunday, August 5th at the Christoval Park beginning at 12 noon and continues until about 3 o'clock. Prices are \$3.00 Adults and \$2.00 for children under 12. Meat will be Spanish Goat.

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# Commissioner Supports Legislation

Texas Railroad Commissioner Mack Wallace has urged the Texas members of the U.S. Senate to support legislation before their chamber that would "bring the federal Office of Surface Mining back in line with congressional

mandate" and "remove a serious obstacle to the national production of energy."

Wallace made the appeal today to Sens. Lloyd Bentsen and John Tower in letters endorsing a substitute to Senate Bill 1403, prepared by Sens.

Mark Hatfield, Oregon Republican, and Wendell Ford, Kentucky Democrat. The Hatfield-Ford bill, said the Texas energy official, would help eliminate "the current bureaucratic quagmire associated with surface mining regulations which have been disrupting our program."

The Texas Legislature, in 1975, passed the Texas Surface Mining and Reclamation Act in which the Railroad Commission was designated the enforcement agency.

"In accordance with this comprehensive enabling

legislation," noted Wallace, "the Railroad Commission as the jurisdiction agency was able to establish an effective regulatory program in Texas while the coal and uranium surface mining industry was in its formative stage."

Texas regulation of surface mining has been hailed as one of the most thorough programs, said Wallace. He directed Bentsen and Tower's attention to the Library of Congress research report for the U.S. Senate Energy Committee stating:

"In comparison to other state laws on surface mining and reclamation, the law enacted by Texas would undoubtedly have to be considered to be one of the most comprehensive and most stringent..."

Wallace said the federal Surface Mining Control Act of 1977 states specifically that development and enforcement of regulations is a prime responsibility of the states. Yet, he added, the federal Office of Surface Mining preceded to develop rules and regulations, contending the states would not have to divert their attention from their regulatory responsibilities.

"This approach was neither reflective of congressional intent nor state preference," Wallace wrote and further observed that "the need to temper draconian bureaucracy is urgent." OSM's thrust into regulatory programming, re-

ported Wallace, forced Texas this year to revamp its coal surface mining program.

"All of this has been accomplished at considerable unnecessary expense and disruption to the state," he said.

Major provisions of the Hatfield-Ford bill are intended to:

--Remove the requirement that states comply with Secretary of Interior's rules and regulation which implement the federal surface mining control act, but leave intact the requirement that states comply with the act.

--Shift the burden of proof to the federal government that a state program does not meet the intent of the act, and eliminate the requirement that the Interior secretary not delegate responsibility to the states for mine plan approval and unsuitability designation on federal lands.

--Ensure that implementation of a federal lands program coincides with implementation of a state program or federal program, as appropriate.

--Eliminate the requirement that monies from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund not be freed up until approval of state program.

--Ease bonding requirements in the area of revegetation performance standards.

--Establish a 15-member commission to audit the Office of Surface Mining's implementation of the federal surface mining act.

"In light of the energy crisis and soaring inflation, I believe your support of this (Hatfield-Ford) substitute would be in the national interest," Wallace wrote Bentsen and Tower.

Wallace also described the bill as a federal red-tape remover.

## Petro News

### Butler Buys New Rig

Butler Drilling Corporation, a contract drilling subsidiary of Mitchell Energy Corporation, had acquired a new rig capable of drilling to a depth of 12,500 feet. The new Brewster N-75 began rigging up on location last week for an American Natural Gas Production Company prospect.

Drilling now operates eight land rigs and has served the Texas Gulf Coast since 1941.

Mitchell Energy Corporation is a subsidiary of Mitchell Energy & Development Corp., a large independent gas and oil company with real estate interests, primarily in the Houston area.

## El Paso's Income Rises

Earnings of The El Paso Company for the second quarter of 1979 rose to \$41,214,000 as compared with \$23,455,000 from continuing operations for the corresponding quarter of 1978; and for the first half of 1979 increased to \$71,922,000 compared with earnings of \$47,524,000 in the first half of last year.

Earnings per common share for the second quarter were 89 cents as compared with 53 cents from continuing operations in the second quarter of 1978; and for the first half of 1979, were \$1.57 per share as compared with \$1.07 per

share in the first half of 1978.

The increased earnings for the second quarter are due principally to the continuing build-up of deliveries of LNG to the eastern seaboard of the U.S., improvement in natural gas operations, and to increased earnings of the Company's chemical subsidiary. Although the Company still forecasts a substantial increase in earnings from continuing operations for the year 1979 as compared to 1978, earnings in the second half of the year are not expected to exceed those of the first

half.

Second quarter results also reflect two major non-recurring matters. As a result of the sale of 1,171,662 shares of Hecla Mining Company's com-

mon stock, the Company will realize a net, after-tax gain of approximately \$9.5 million. Secondly, a loss of \$7.9 million, after taxes, has been charged to earnings by establishing a reserve for all costs expended on the Company's proposed coal gasification project.

Although the Company is continuing its efforts with respect to a synthetic fuels project and remains convinced that coal gasification will provide a major source of gas supply in the 1990's and beyond, the establishment of such a reserve appears to be a prudent course at this time.

The El Paso Company is a diversified energy company with major operations in natural gas transmission, liquefied natural gas, oil and gas production, and chemical manufacturing.

### Oil Nominations Are Reported

#### For August '79

August 1979 nominations for the purchase of Texas crude oil total 2,728,735 barrels daily, the Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division reported today.

Purchaser nominations for July totaled 2,736,229 barrels daily. Comparable purchaser nominations for August 1978 totaled 2,924,995 barrels daily.

The Commission will set the August production allowances during the monthly statewide oil and gas prorating hearing at 9 a.m. Thursday at the Hilton Inn in Austin.

The statewide oil allowable for July is set at 100 percent of market demand with actual production expected to approximate 2,680,000 barrels daily.

The Oil and Gas Division reported final tabulations place purchases of Texas crude oil in May at 2,679,214 barrels daily.

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Two families. Kitchen appliances, boys and girls clothing, work clothes, and miscellaneous. White house behind Arthur Faul's Salvage. 853-2629.  
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Moving sale-8 am to 12 Saturday Aug 4. Like new, Sears stove and side by side refrigerator priced to sell. Marylou Olson home. 82pic

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Ray L. Ballow, Tax Assessor-Collector for the Schleicher County Independent School District, in accordance with the provisions of Article 7244(c), V.T.C.S. have calculated the tax rate which may not be exceeded by more than three percent (3%) by the Board of Trustees of the Schleicher County Independent School District without holding a public hearing as required by Article 7244(c), V.T.C.S. That rate is \$1.55 per \$100 of assessed value.

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## Card of Thanks

Words cannot express our sincere thanks to all our friends and neighbors for the kindness given to us during Griff's stay in the hospital. Thanks for the flowers, cards, letters, and telephone calls while we were in Houston.

Also sincere thanks to the nursing staff at the hospital and to Dr. Brame, Dr. Williams and Barbara for having the knowledge to be able to know when something was wrong and for sending us to Houston when they did. God Bless all of you. The Griffiths  
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## Home Front

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Taylor visited in Las Cruces, N.M. with their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Taylor, Teri and Tami.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dacy have returned to Eldorado to live after living in Rankin for a year.

Joe and Marty Edmiston, Carter, Justin and Shanna visited with relatives here after visiting her parents in Fluvanna. Mrs. Edmiston and children also visited with Jan Wallace and Bobby in San Antonio.

Miss Becky Blair, bride-elect of Joey Jones, was honored with a shower at the home of Mrs. Jim Holley Saturday. Hostesses included Mrs. George Williams, Mrs. Gene McCalla, Naomi McCoy, Cleo Deaton, Mrs. Charles Orr, Mrs. Elton McGinnes, Mrs. W.W. Holsey, Mrs. Clay Porter, Mrs. Dean Day, Mrs. Jackie Heffernan, Mrs. Jim Holley and Mrs. Richard Kent.

Mrs. J.L. Buchanan is in room 503 of Memorial City Hospital, 920 Frostwood Drive, Houston, Tx 77002 after surgery on her hip. She is reported to be doing very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Guthrie have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gentry recently, as well as Gwen Gunstead.

Griff Griffith is home recuperating from open heart surgery performed in Houston recently. He has been home for one week and is doing well.

## Kight, Sosenska Bridge Winners

Lue Kight and Frank Sosenska were first place winners in Duplicate Bridge Club competition last week. Second place winners were Tom Peaslee of Sonora and Billie Porter.

Evelyn Wimer and Mary Christian won third, and Helen Beebe and Tom Ratliff won fourth.

## Overstreets

### Have Baby

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Overstreet of Waco are the parents of a baby boy, Gregory Lee, born June 22. He weighed six pounds, six ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Overstreet and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bland of Eldorado. The baby has a brother, David, age 5 1/2 and a sister, Kati, age two.

## Public Notice

**Notice of Hearing on Schleicher County Tax Rate Increase, Proposed Budget and Federal Revenue Sharing**

Proposed Budget and Tax Increase for 1980  
The County of Schleicher proposes to increase your property taxes to a rate of \$1.14 per \$100.00 valuation.

The State of Texas County of Schleicher Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the Proposed Tax Rate Increase, Proposed Schleicher County Budget, and the Proposed Federal Revenue Sharing Budget for the year of 1980 at 10:00 a.m., August 13, 1979, in the Schleicher County Courthouse, Commissioner Courtroom, at which time all the interested citizens of Schleicher County have the right to participate in said hearing. A copy of the proposed Budget will be available for public inspection in the County Clerk's office, Courthouse, Eldorado.

Total Entitlement Funds estimated for year is \$4,657.04; Sanitation \$1,370.00; General Government \$3,287.04  
Schleicher County Budget estimated for the year as follows: Revenue Sharing \$4,657.04; Jury Fund \$2,831.74; Road Department \$198,167.33; General Government \$330,957.10.

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## Mrs. Etheredge Bridge Hostess

All members were present last week when Ethel Etheredge hosted the Two-Bits Bridge Club. Mrs. Etheredge won high, Imogene Edmiston won low and June Jones won bingo.

## Energy Eyed By 4-H'ers

As far as the energy situation in the United States is concerned, "we can't have our cake and eat it too."

That was the overriding thought that seemed to flow throughout discussions at the 1979 Texas 4-H Congress at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel here last week, July 19-22.

More than 500 4-H members from throughout Texas as well as a host of adult leaders and county agents with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service heard a number of officials give their views on our nation's energy situation. And for the most part, they painted a rather dim picture.

Dr. John McKetta, an engineer at the University of Texas who served on several energy policy committees under the Nixon and Ford Administrations, said that "we are facing a great upheaval in our society due to the energy situation. We want plenty of energy but we don't want to make some of the sacrifices that go with this condition. For instance, we don't want pollution--we demand air quality that we can't attain. We could save one and one-half billion gallons of oil per day if we would decide to live with a less purified air."

McKetta called for a number of conservation measures that could save some three and one-half billion barrels of oil a day. These include reducing auto and home air-conditioning and heating, drying clothes outdoors rather than in dryers, shutting

down escalators when they are not being used, driving smaller cars, car pooling, mass transportation, abiding by the 55 mph speed limit, reducing weekend driving, raising the legal driving age to 18, recycling solid wastes, constructing more energy-conserving buildings and using re-refined lubes.

# Eldorado News In Short

## Barbeque Planned

The Schleicher County Medical Center Nursing Home is holding its fifth annual barbecue Friday, August 17.

Only one goat has been donated for the annual event. Anyone wishing to donate a goat or a brisket should contact Ruthie Dacy at 853-2547.

## Square Dance Set

The Kountry Kousin Square Dance Club of Eldorado will have a dance at 8 p.m. Friday in the Memorial Building. Randy Phillips of Abilene will be the caller.

Another dance will be at the City Park in Sonora Saturday with Tommy Payne and Lee Roy Marsden calling for the dancers. It will begin with a sack lunch at 5:30 p.m.

On September 7, the club will have a third dance in San Angelo, with Marsden as the caller.

Visitors are welcome. Donations of four dollars a couple will be appreciated.

## Talons Arrive

The 1979 Talons, yearbook for Eldorado High School, have arrived. They may be picked up at the high school library from 3-7 p.m. Friday. Those who ordered the books are asked to bring a receipt or cancelled check if possible.

Those who do not pick up the yearbooks on Friday will not be able to get it until school starts.

A few extra annuals will be available on Friday on a first-come, first-served basis. They will be sold for \$15 each.

## Pastor Welcomed

The new pastor of First Baptist Church, the Rev. Don Williford, will be preaching at both worship services Sunday. A covered dish luncheon will be at the church.

Williford is coming to Eldorado from Fort Worth where he has been assistant pastor of Birdville Baptist Church and a teaching fellow at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

## Scouts Looking

Four women will be visiting Eldorado residents and businessmen today who might wish to help the Girl Scouts in Eldorado. They are Barbara Waggoner, field advisor, Jane Spalding, and Denise Scribner and Anne Hyde, public relations chairman.

They will be looking for volunteers for leaders and/or sponsors for Girl Scout troops here. Anyone interested should call Anne Hyde, 853-2704.

## Sellers Funeral

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Bandera for Joe Sellers, pharmacist here for Westernman Drug. Mr. Sellers died suddenly Saturday night, about 7 p.m. in Shannon Hospital. Burial was in Bandera Cemetery.

He had moved to San Angelo from Bandera about one year ago to work for Cecil Westernman and had worked in Eldorado a short time. He was a native of Alabama.

He is survived by his wife and two sons.

# Calendar Of Events

Monday, Aug. 6--Historical Society, 3 p.m., museum; Tennis Club, 7:30 p.m., high school courts.

Tuesday, Aug. 7--TOPS, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Building; Kountry Kousins, Square Dance Club, 7 p.m., Memorial Building; City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall; Volunteer Firemen, 7:30 p.m., fire hall.

Wednesday, Aug. 8--Lions Club, noon, Memorial Building.

Sunday, Aug. 12--Mixed foursome at golf course; devotional at nursing home, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 13--County Court, 9 a.m., (public hearing on budget, 10 a.m.), courthouse; School board, 7:30 p.m. (public hearing on budget), high school library; Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall; Tennis Club, 7:30 p.m., high school courts.

Tuesday, Aug. 14--TOPS, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Building; Kountry Kousins Square Dance Club, 7 p.m., Memorial Building; Volunteer firemen, 7:30 p.m., fire hall.

Wednesday Aug. 15-- Lions Club, noon, Memorial Building.

Thursday, Aug. 16--Social Security representative, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Memorial Building.

Friday, Aug. 17--Jaycee Open Rodeo, parade 4-5 p.m., rodeo at 8 p.m.; Nursing Home barbecue.

Saturday, Aug. 18--Hex Memorial Golf Tournament; Second day of rodeo, barbecue at noon, rodeo at 8 p.m.

## Cawley Heifer Wins

Bill Cawley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cawley of Eldorado, exhibited the reserve grand champion heifer at the prestigious national Brangus Heifer futurity at Sulphur Springs.

The heifer, Miss Cawley G 3/8 also won her class at the international futurity in June, Cawley also won the senior division showmanship trophy for first place late junior heifer calf, second place early summer heifer calf and second place in exhibitor's pair. He was also awarded the travel trophy.

Miss Cawley G 3/8 was sired by Guadalupe Chief Loy and out of Cawley's Lady 3/1 who was named

grand champion cow of both open and junior divisions of the San Antonio Stock Show in 1973.

## Weather

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July 21	Fog	88	66
July 22		92	68
July 23		93	68
July 24		95	66
July 25		98	68
July 26		95	68
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July 28		94	65
July 29		93	64

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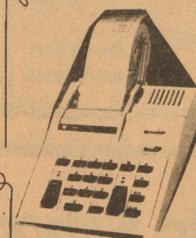
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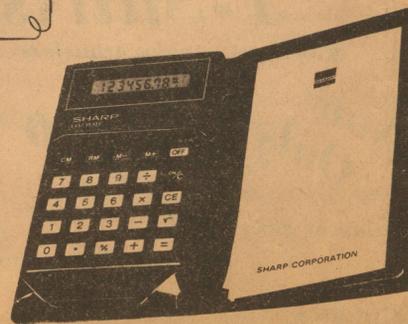
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