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Noticed on the news Wednesday that the cost of a higher education in Texas is about to accelerate and that tuition in the state funded colleges will be gradually increased over the next five years. Consequently it will force up the price of regional and community subsidized colleges making it even more difficult to gain anything more than a high school education for a lot of folks which will undoubtedly include my kiddos. So I guess in a round about way the shaking and the rattling we are seeing in our public school system now will eventually become an asset as opposed to the deficit it is now disguised as. The bushes will undoubtedly still be shaking years from now over House Bill 72 and its effect on every independent school district in Texas with a range spanning curriculum revamping to teachers salaries. But at the cost of an higher education is going up I'm sure the anxiety our educators are experiencing now are bound and determined to produce a better educated final product than we in Texas have ever seen before.

One of the pleasures of small town Texas living is that the core of every community we find the children. The state legislatures are truly intent on producing a better educated Texan for the future, at our expense we can only comply and in essence, we in Eldorado are faced with this very question in the immediate future. Whether or not we want to increase our education plant capacity through our own option or eventually be forced into complying with Texas regulations is the only real question posed when we think of expanding and updating our present education facilities.

I for one am pleased with the end product of the local school system and prefer to have my children in this system as opposed to the systems that I have attended in the past. But then again that is one of the higher priorities in my life, to be able to accommodate my children with a better education than I received. And overall long-term aspects of my children attending college are becoming more bleak as each day passes. So consequently my desires are to have my kids exposed to as a fine a high school education as possible without the environment and peer pressures that are found in more densely populated areas. And it would be hard for me to offer any opposition to anything that might come closer to filling this priority, even if it does mean having to abide by H. Ross Perot's dictates. So I guess we in Texas have been extremely lucky to have had as good an education system as we have had for as many years as we have it, as cheaply as we have had it. But these times are evidently changing. But then again as you look around much of the Texas traditions are being swept aside since the discovery of the Sun Belt.

## County okays microfilm firm

In a relatively short meeting Monday, the Schleicher County Commissioners Court accepted the low bid submitted them by Southwest Microfilm Division for \$21,700. The firm will be microfilming the County Clerk's deeds and records for the county.

## Challenge sent

Area clubs and organizations have been challenged by the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority to donate toward the purchase of a "Jaws of Life" for the Eldorado Fire Department. The total cost of the piece of vital equipment is \$5,000 and the Sorority has voted to give \$500 toward the effort.

The "Jaws of Life" is a tool used in emergency situations to free trapped persons in car wrecks or other accidents quicker when conventional methods of freeing them do not work.

As a spokesman for the Sorority said, "Place yourself at the scene (of

an accident) knowing that you were trapped and any minute the car that you were riding in or driving could catch on fire or that you would remain in a trapped, painful situation for perhaps hours while emergency personnel tried to free you. It could cost you your life or the life of a loved one! There have been many instances of such incidents - it can happen and has happened here in Schleicher County!"

Anyone wishing to make a contribution or pledge toward purchasing this equipment can contact the Eldorado Fire Department.

## A very busy first half year for Long

With just seven months under his belt as City Superintendent Clay Long has been involved in the supervision of perhaps Eldorado's most dramatic time period in its history. For during his short time here, he has been involved in the start and completion of the sewer plant, the providing of gas, water and sewer for the Christian Addition and approximately 11 blocks of new paving on the streets of Eldorado. With this many projects being started and completed in a seven month period, the city's expenditure back to its taxpayers in new and improved services reaches that of many metro areas. Even though the sewer plant has been in operation for three weeks and another two weeks is anticipated before the second lagoon reaches its capacity. Clay feels as if that is one area that shouldn't bother city fathers for perhaps as long as another 50 years and as soon as the 100 t's are hooked up in the Christian Addition the basic plumbing problems in that specific area will also be ended.

There is an approximate 2,400 more feet of galvanized gas line to be replaced in various portions of the community to culminate a project which began two years ago and then essentially the plumbing in Eldorado both gas and water will be in control. Clay is now focusing his crews' attention on paving. He has set a goal for his paving crews to resurface approximately 75 blocks in the city proper of Eldorado, 30 of which are designated for the Christian Addition. At present the city paving crew is working on Pearl and Lewis Streets with the next designated area for street improvements being cited as in front of the Post Office and the street which runs parallel to the Southwest Texas Electric Co-op main office. To date approximately \$1 million has been spent in improving Eldorado's services during the short seven month period that Clay has been on deck and justly brings the services offered to the city of Eldorado in line and superior to other communities of similar size.

Clay projects that next year even though this large sum of money shan't be reinvested that the city fathers are seriously looking at

improvements to the water system, which includes placement of much needed fire hydrants in critical areas, and an extensive paving program. When Long was asked what he felt lay in the future for Eldorado he responded with this statement, "At first glance, it appears that nothing is going on in Eldorado but in reality this is an extremely bustling community headed in the right direction with the right attitude." By what has been accomplished in the last seven months that Clay has been here everything indicates that Eldorado is prepping itself for the future and won't be caught short-handed when it arrives. He said that he had received the fullest and most cordial cooperation from the City Council as well as the citizens of the community and that these rewards even though they weren't highly visible, will be felt for years to come, he re-emphasized his desire to completely re-vamp all the city streets even though it would be over a long time span, the end results will well outweigh the immediate effort expended. Clay has even found a way to garage the new trash truck without it being a budgeted item by cutting corners here and there and utilizing the city's crews to the best of their abilities, but this is the way Clay apparently thinks, that by keeping a low profile, saving a penny where he can and utilizing his crew to the best advantage of the city he hopes to eventually make sweeping improvements in the city's maintenance plant itself like having a professional mechanic on the city's payroll and keeping his crews' time being utilized in constructive and worthwhile projects. When speaking of his employees, he says that any business is no better than it's employees and the city's employees take pride in their work and are willing to take pride in their work and are willing to put out that little extra effort that is so essential in providing the best of all services.

With the riproaring beginning that Clay has experienced in Eldorado, his future along with the community's can only be brighter and you can bet with an additional 75 blocks of paving hopefully, to be completed by September.

County Judge Johnny Griffin. She will also serve as secretary to Home Extension Agent Nancy Lester, County Extension Agent Jerry Swift and County Attorney Tom Giovannitti.

With no other business, the court was then adjourned.

## Open Letter

"More on House Bill 72 from S.C.I.S.D."

One of the most significant changes in House Bill 72 passed by the Second Called Session of the Sixty-eighth Texas Legislature is the change in the student assessment of minimum skills program which takes place beginning with the 1985-86 school year.

Satisfactory performance on the exit level examination in Mathematics and English Language Arts is required for students to receive a high school diploma. Beginning with October 1985, the test will be administered to eleventh grade students for the first time. Students

who do not perform satisfactorily on both the Mathematics and English Language Arts sections of the test will have opportunities in May 1986 and in October and May of their twelfth grade year to pass both sections of examination.

Beginning in 1987, high school diplomas must be withheld from those students who have not demonstrated satisfactory performance by the end of their twelfth grade year. Students who have been denied diplomas and who subsequently perform in a satisfactory manner on both sections of the

test will be issued a high school diploma at that time.

All parents of 8th, 9th and 10th grade children should have received a copy of the objectives that were adapted by the SBOE at its November 19, 1984 meeting and will be the basics for the exit level testing for 1986 through 1990. These objectives are being sent to parents so they can be aware of the new requirements for a high school diploma.

If you have specific questions about the new requirements, please contact Richard McC Carson, High School Principal.



## Crop insurance deadline set

March 31 is the last day to apply for Crop Insurance for cotton, and grain Sorghum in Schleicher county, Texas, according to Dottie Sampley, a representative of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC).

Crop Insurance covers unavoidable loss of production resulting from adverse weather conditions, wildlife, earthquake, or fire.

"Three coverage levels (50, 65, or 75 percent) are available for insur-

ance protection. Additionally, FCIC offers three optional price elections for valuing production lost or damaged," says Sampley.

A new Crop Insurance plan, called Actual Production History (APH), is available this year to producers of corn, grain sorghum, peanuts, cotton, and rice. Producers of these crops may now qualify for higher yield guarantees by proving their yield history. Rates have been

developed to offer reduced premium for producers with above-average yields. "This change could sharply reduce the cost of carrying Crop Insurance," says Sampley.

To find out more about the APH plan, producers should contact a local, authorized agent. To select an agent, producers may check the list of agents at their local ASCS office. March 31 is the final deadline for applications.

## Bob gives out tax rebates

Even though they looked good, the tax rebate checks issued by State Comptroller Bob Bullock last week the increases resulted from the way the city money was processed and did not necessarily indicate anything about the economy. Bullock sent out checks totaling \$68.8 million in local tax payments to the 991 cities that levy the one-percent local sales tax.

"Simply, in January several really large national corporations paid late and their money is included in the March checks," Bullock said.

Irion County received a whopping \$6,289.98 for their payment this period which is a 48.40% increase over this time last year which showed a payment of \$3,509.71. Their total payments to date total

\$19,131.82 as compared to \$12,892.29 this time last year.

Eldorado is showing a 9.16% increase over last year with their latest tax rebate check of \$3,353.32 for this period. This brings the total payments to date for Schleicher County to \$13,570.77 as compared to \$12,432.08 for the same time last year.

Sonora received \$25,670.45 for their share of the tax rebate which is a 9.53% increase from last year when they received only \$15,456.31 for the same period. Their 1985 payments so far total \$62,331.53 as compared to \$56,909.82 last year.

Menard is showing a decrease for the first time with a 16.55% drop from this time last year when they

received \$2,776.18. This most recent check was for \$1,988.33 which brings their 1985 payments to \$8,846.88. At the same time last year they had already accumulated \$10,601.51.

Reagan County is also on the decline with a drop of 1.68% from last year. Their check totaled \$16,932.39 which brings their 1985 total to \$43,358.88 as compared to last years total to date of \$44,099.62.

San Angelo in Tom Green County is indicating an improvement with a 6.55% increase over last year with this check coming in at \$377,153.04 making their 1985 total payments to date come to \$1,367,901.07. Last year at the same time they had received \$1,283,781.53.

# School Menu Eldorado

<b>LUNCH</b>	Friday April 5th No School Easter Holiday
Monday April 1st Meat & Macaroni Casserole Pinto @ Beans Applesauce Cornbread Orange Cake/Icing	<b>BREAKFAST</b> Monday April 1st Peaches Pancakes-Syrup
Tuesday April 2nd Fresh Fish Fillets Macaroni & Cheese Blackeyed Peas Cole Slaw Chocolate Cake/Choc. Icing	Tuesday April 2nd Grape Juice Buttered Rice-Toast
Wednesday April 3rd Hamburgers Potato Chips Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles Carrot Sticks Pudding Pops	Wednesday April 3rd Pineapple Juice Hot Biscuits-Sausage-Jelly
Thursday April 4th No School Easter Holiday	Thursday April 4th No School Easter Holiday
Friday April 5th No School Easter Holiday	Friday April 5th No School Easter Holiday



These third graders enjoyed their recent tour of the Eldorado Woolen Mills. While there they learned of how wool becomes a beautiful blanket, shawl, etc.

## Boys take first place

The Eldorado 8th Grade Boys are still on a roll as they won first place at last week's Sonora meet with 117 points. What made the victory even sweeter was the fact that they were the only 2-A team in competition with 3-A teams. They were followed by Crane with 112 points, Sonora 99, Ozona 66, Ballinger 61 and Brady 54.

The seventh grade boys totaled 29 points at the meet. Brady took first place honors with a total of 160 points.

The Eldorado results are as follows:

## Childhood Memories

BY Nadine Belle

Oh, to be a child again  
A happy carefree tot  
When your main concern  
Was what game to play  
With toys that were made not bought.

We would rush down to the woods each day.  
Bend over a young willow tree  
Hop on and ride with all our might  
So happy and carefree.

We'd pretend the tree stumps were our tables  
The moss, so soft our bed  
Our roads the paths we had trod down  
And from wild berries we were fed.

We would lay on our back, look up at the blue  
Make animals from clouds in the sky  
Swim in a pond on a warm summer day  
Get dirty from Making mud pies.

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Such simple way of life to enjoy  
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Rate plans for all Centrex services, as provided in this tariff, are applicable only to customers with service as of the effective date of this tariff. Centrex customers will be able to expand existing systems and enhancements will continue to be provided. The net effect of this tariff would be no change in total billing for Centrex customers.

The Commission has assigned this matter to Docket 6146. A prehearing to discuss the proposed change is scheduled at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 17, 1985, in the Commission offices at 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard in Austin, Texas.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

### Aviso Público

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company anuncia a los usuarios que ha registrado una tarifa ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas, con el fin de introducir un nuevo servicio denominado ESSX-400 y de limitar todo plan tarifario para servicios Centrex a los usuarios actuales.

Los planes tarifarios para todos los servicios Centrex, según dispone dicha tarifa, corresponden solamente para los usuarios que tengan servicio a partir de la fecha de vigencia de dicha tarifa. Los usuarios de Centrex podrán expandir sus sistemas actuales, y se seguirán proporcionando mejoras. El efecto real de esta tarifa no constituiría ningún cambio en la facturación total de los usuarios de Centrex.

La Comisión ha registrado este asunto bajo el Docket 6146. A fin de discutir el cambio propuesto, se realizará una pre-audiencia el miércoles 17 de abril de 1985, a las 9:30 de la mañana, en las oficinas de la Comisión, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, en Austin, Texas.

Toda persona que desee intervenir o participar en el presente proceso debe notificar a la Comisión lo antes posible. Las solicitudes de intervención, participación o información deben dirigirse a: Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Para obtener mayor información debe llamar a Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division, (512) 458-0223, o al (512) 458-0227, o al (512) 458-0221 si requiere teletipo para personas con impedimento de audición.

**Southwestern Bell Telephone**

# Letter to the Editor

Texas Fathers for Equal Rights-Wives and Grandparents Coalition San Angelo Chapter is a recently formed chapter of the 12 year old statewide non-profit organization. Since our conception we have become aware through phone calls and other communications that surrounding cities, and counties are in need of TFER or groups like TFER, just as other cities are.

Texas Fathers for Equal Rights presently has chapters in Houston, Austin, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Wichita Falls, Waco, and Amarillo. TFER, on a statewide basis is also fortunate enough to have some representatives on the board of directors of Family Alternatives Coalition of Texas.

Despite the gender relation of the name, TFER is dedicated to all forms of family related matters and expresses the greatest emphasis on the welfare of the children. The

boundaries of who can be helped by TFER is determined by their desire to be helped. In the past year some of TFER's most productive efforts have been in the area of grandparental visitation.

We are presently in the process of determining the appropriate time for a second monthly meeting in hopes of attracting surrounding community interest. Our first monthly meeting is the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00p.m. at the W.O.W. hall, 610 Locust St. We would be very appreciative of a response from interested citizens in this area as to a convenient time for a second monthly meeting.

We would appreciate any, and all inquiries. For more information please contact: Dennis McKerly-Pres. 653-8840; Barbara Ferguson-Secretary 655-7611; Texas Fathers for Equal Rights, P.O. Box 2082, San Angelo, Tex. 76902

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# St. Clair weds Herrin in Midland ceremony

Mrs. Dan St. Clair is proud to announce the marriage of her daughter, Nancy Dee to Scot Alan Herrin. Scot is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Herrin from Slidwell, Louisiana, formerly of Odessa.

The couple were united in Midland at the Northwestern Baptist Church, March 23, 1985. The Rev. James Aldridge performed the double ring ceremony. Best man was Devoe Taylor from Lubbock. Maid of Honor was Anne St. Clair, sister of the bride, from Dallas. Usher was Lawrence Downing from Midland. Music was provided by Burney Shelton of Mertzon, pianist, and David Hunter of Midland, soloist.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at Cattleman's Restaurant. Nancy attended Angelo State University in San Angelo, after graduating Irion County High School, and is employed by John H. Hendrix Corporation in Midland. Scot is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a BA of Science degree in Geology.

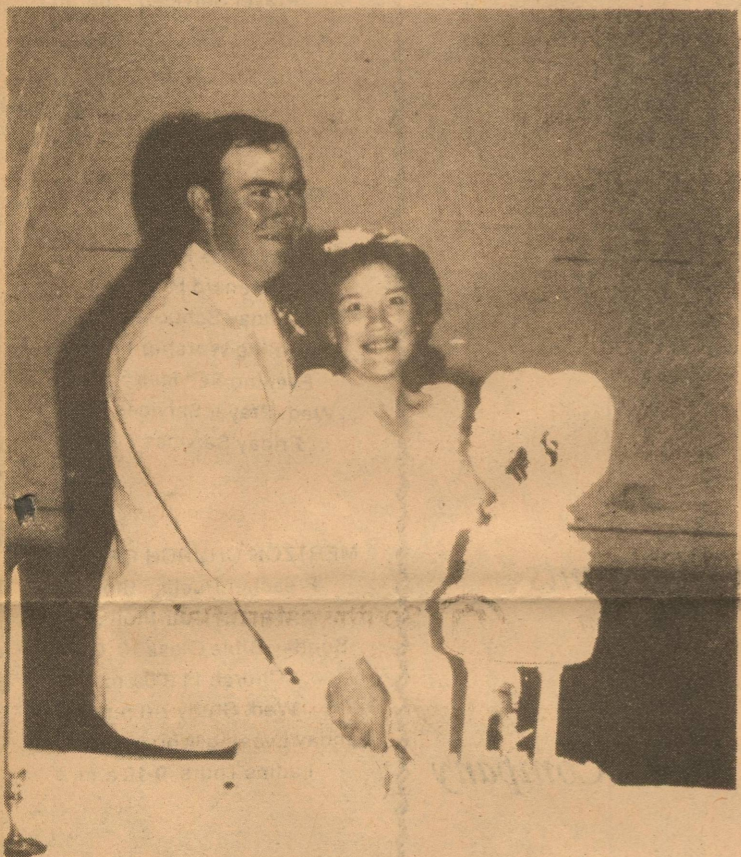


After a reception in the church, the couple was picked up by helicopter, rented by friends and family of the pair, and spent the wedding trip in Ruidosa, New Mexico. Nancy wore an ivory, ankle

length dress of chiffon and lace with matching hat. She carried an arrangement of pink lilies, carnations and heather topped a Bible.

The couple plans to reside in Midland.

# Cornelious and Crisp exchange vows



Miss Christy Cornelious and Robbin Crisp were united in marriage February 16 in a ceremony at the Memorial Building in Eldorado with Judge Johnny Griffin officiating.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Gilstrap of Eldorado and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Crisp of Ft. McKavett, Texas.

The bride wore a long white gown fashioned of satin and lace and carried a bouquet of mixed blossoms of blue. A ring of flowers was fashioned into her head piece.

Music for the ceremony was provided by Mrs. Carole Crisp of San Angelo on the organ.

Bridal attendants were Mrs. Jackie Mitchel, sister of the groom,

of Ft. McKavett, Vickie Hooten and Michelle Hooten, both of Eldorado.

Best man was Mark Crisp of San Angelo, and groomsmen were Barry Heath of Dripping Springs and Bodie Gilstrap of Eldorado, brother of the bride.

A wedding reception followed the ceremony in the Memorial Building. A traditional wedding cake of white and blue, and fruit punch were served to all the guests along with champagne, served from a flowing fountain. The bride and groom were seen off on their wedding trip with much rice throwing and fun!

The couple are at home on the Hunt Ranch near Ft. McKavett.

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# Sorority changes meeting League needs players, coaches, etc.....

Xi Xi Chi met Monday at 7:00p.m. in the firehall with 18 members and one pledge repeating the Opening Ritual.

The first order of business was the date change of the Junior Rodeo meeting with the 4-H. It will be Monday, April 1 at 7:30p.m. in the Memorial Building.

Following the treasurer's report, President Kim-et Nelson passed around a brochure on the State Convention to be held June 28-30 at San Antonio.

Unfinished business included the upcoming Founder's Day banquet to be held May 6. Final plans will be discussed at a later date.

Carolyn Mayo, service chairman, will contact the school about applications for the club's scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded to a boy or girl who will be furthering their education in college or a trade school. All interested students should contact Mrs. Mayo or Richard McCarson, high school principal.

The Rodeo Association, who also has many wives in sorority, has challenged the wives and other members of the club to match their donation of \$500.00 towards the purchase of a Jaws-of-Life for Schleicher County. Well, "cowboys" the club has accepted your challenge and is extending it to any and all other organizations of this community - and the club will let any individual accept this challenge. This does not have to be a \$500.00 challenge - just what each one feels they can give. This piece of equipment is something that can mean the difference between life and death in a matter of minutes.

Motion was made and seconded to make a donation to the Hector Chapa family as he was hurt in a chain saw accident.

The election of officers for the 1985-86 year was held. The following will be the new executive board for the upcoming year: President - Flora Hubble; Vice President - Rose Berry; Recording Secretary - Kathy Mihecoy; Corresponding Secretaries - Kathy Smith, Stacey Haynes, Barbara Jackson; Treasurer - Carolyn Mayo; Extension Officer - Brenda Norris; Parliamentarian - Freida Hanusch; Sunshine Girl - Mary Nolen; Telephone Girls - Glenda Harris, Lois Lively and Kathy Cheatham.

The club is looking forward to a

great year in 85-86.

It was decided to have a float in the Junior Rodeo Parade. The chairmen for the float committee will be Freida Hanusch and Carol Faircloth.

The winner of the club's Sunshine Gift was Sarah Yates.

Following the program on "A Successful Marriage" by Stacey Haynes, the club enjoyed refreshments from Lois Lively and Freida Hanusch.

Anyone interested in participating in the Women's Softball League, whether it be playing, coaching or sponsoring is invited to attend an organizational meeting April 10th at 7:30p.m. in the 1st National Bank in Sonora.

For more information contact Cindy Gonzales at 387-5565 in Sonora.

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# Wayne Harris places first in Dallas' National Finals contest

Wayne Harris, 23, of Arlington took First Place honors in last week-end's Rolling Thunder National Finals held in Dallas, Texas, at the State Fairgrounds.

The competition drew 150 entries from all over the United States. The contest is judged on the best car stereo hook-ups and Harris' entry, a 1965 Cadillac hearse re-done inside and out, took the top slot. He is sponsored by his employer, Stereo Dallas Co. of Dallas.

Harris was awarded a 1985 Chevy S-10 pickup for his win. Harris won the competition last year when it was held in Houston and was awarded \$5,000.

Harris is the son of Jim Harris of Odessa and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Orland Harris of Eldorado.

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## Harrell baby Family Shelter visits cities

The Harrell Rodeo Co. presents: 2nd All-Around Champion Kody Kipp who rode in on March 12, 1985 at 2:14 p.m. at Angelo Community Hospital weighing in at 8lbs. 1 1/2 oz. Sits a saddle at 20 in. Arena Director: Dale Harrell Time Keeper: Marsha Harrell Pickup Man: Dr. Gillis Roping Partner: Kinney Dale Harrell (1st All-Around Champion) Final show results posted at Sanderson, Texas

The County Liaison will be in Eldorado on April 2 at the Memorial Building from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and in Mertz on April 10th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Irion County Courthouse.

Family abuse occurs in one out of four relationships in Texas. You do not have to be a victim. The services of the County Liaison are free, confidential and need no appointment. For more information, call The Shelter collect at 655-5774.

## Easter party held

The Mertz Senior Citizens held their Easter Party and Dance Saturday, March 23 at the Mertz Community Center. Hayden Ellis and his Band performed.

## Mertz Choir hosts Alleluia

The Mertz Community Choir presents "Alleluia" by the Bill Gaither Trio. This special performance will be presented Palm Sunday, March 31st, at the Irion County School Auditorium.

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## Wilson delivery

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wilson of Midland are the proud parents of a son born March 18 in Lubbock General Hospital. He weighed 5lbs. 2oz. and was named Joshua Phillip. The mother is the former De Etta Mackey. Grandparents are Jimmy Mackey, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Pollei (Ruth Ann) and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Wilson all of Midland. Great grandparents are Mrs. Florence Littlefield of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mackey of Marble Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Houston Thigpen of Eldorado.

## Wanda Halley services held

Wanda Jean Halley, 52, of Big Lake, Texas died at 10 p.m. Friday, March 22 in Shannon Hospital.

Mrs. Halley was born May 6, 1932 in Waxahachie, Texas

Services were held at the First Baptist Church in Big Lake with the Rev. J.B. Bittner officiating. Burial was in Glenrest Cemetery in Big Lake under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton, Texas.

Pallbearers were her nephews: Billy F. Daniels of Whitney; Dudley Daniels of Kaufman; Kenny Daniels of Sonora; Brian Daniels of Eldorado; Robert Markel of San Angelo; Mike Grelle of Midland; Gary Grelle of San Angelo; and Terry Grelle of Eldorado.

Survivors include her husband Buddy Halley; two sons, Tommy Harmon of Skellytown and Dwayne Halley of San Angelo; two daughters, Lisa Jones of Big Lake and Debbie Bounds of Sonora; Parents Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Faull of Eldorado; one sister, Peggy Grille of Eldorado; four brothers, Bill Daniels of San Angelo; Bobby Daniels, Scooter Faull and George Faull of Eldorado; nine grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

## Mertz Church of Christ tour stop for Wadzeck

The Mertz Church of Christ has had a special visitor with them this past week.

Bruce Wadzeck, a counselor from the University of the Church of Christ in Denver, Colorado, has been presenting a series of lessons on personalities. Wadzeck teaches people about the four basic personalities most people are made up from. He is visiting Mertz March 24th through the 28th.

His discussions on the personalities of Bible characters teaches how God dealt with the kinds of personalities the characters have. He made Mertz part of his tour while visiting relatives. Wadzeck also gives a personality test to show you what kind of personality you have.

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Morning Worship 10:50a.m.  
Youth Fellowship 7:00p.m. Wed.  
Youth Adult Study 7:30

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MERTZ

Pastor: Randy Messer  
2nd & Lake Ave.  
835-5571  
Sunday School 9:45a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00p.m.  
Wednesday Worship 7:30p.m.  
Prayer Services

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Bishop: Keith Knepp  
San Angelo 949-6894  
2817 Christoval Rd.  
Priesthood 9:00a.m.  
Primary 9:00a.m.  
Relief Society 9:00a.m.  
Sunday School 10:00a.m.  
Sacrament Meeting 11:00a.m.

### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Joe Partlow, Minister  
Sunday School 9:45a.m.  
Morning Service 11:00a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00p.m.  
853-3101

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Rev. Raul Tirado, Pastor  
El Paso and Concho St.  
Sunday School 9:45a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00a.m.  
Training Union 6-7p.m.  
Evening Worship 7-8p.m.  
Sunbeams Wed. 3:00p.m.  
Prayer Service 7:00p.m.

### UNITED PENECONSTAL CHURCH

Rev. Walter Ford  
Hackberry St.  
Sunday School 10:00a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00a.m.  
Sun. Evening Service 7:00p.m.  
Wed. Evening Service 7:30p.m.

### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF MERTZ

Minister Roy Tharp  
Jay Spurlin  
Hwy. 67  
Sunday 10:45a.m.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Ronald J. Sutto  
7 N. Cottonwood  
Sunday School 10:00a.m.  
Fellowship Time 10:30a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00a.m.

### WESTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hwy. 277  
Sun Morning Service 10:30a.m.  
Su. Evening Service 6:00p.m.  
Wed. Evening Service 7:30p.m.  
Mike Sokoff, Minister

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rusty Kwast, Minister  
Mertz Hwy.  
Sunday Services  
Bible Class 10:00a.m.  
Assembly 11:00a.m. & 6:00p.m.  
Wednesday Services  
Ladies Bible Class 10:00a.m.  
Bible Class 8:00p.m.



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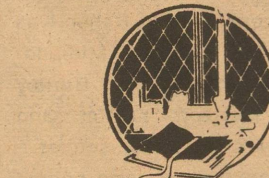
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Pastor Ron Albright  
201 Juanita  
Church Sunday School 9:30a.m.  
Worship 10:45a.m.  
Bible Study 7:00p.m.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00a.m.  
Adult Evening Bible Study  
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Prayer Service 7:30p.m.

### IGLESIA GETHSEMANE ASSEMBLEA DE DIOS

Rev. Nick Robledo  
Menard Hwy.  
Sunday School 9:45  
Morning Worship 11:00  
Evening Services 5:00  
Wed. Prayer Services 7:00  
Friday Services 7:00

### MERTZON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Preacher Rueben Stanley  
West of Courthouse  
Sunday Bible Class 10:00a.m.  
Church 11:00a.m.  
Wed. Study 7-8 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00p.m.  
Ladies Thurs. 9-10 a.m.

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Sunday School 10:00a.m.  
Morning Service 11:00a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00p.m.  
Rev. Ken Otwell, Pastor

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Pastor: Fr. James Betzen  
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J & L Hardware in Mertzon gets a little facelift when they recently added this attractive awning to their establishment.

### Individual Retirement Accounts can now give you tax deduction assistance

Retirement and taxes are subjects that many people are concerned with—especially prior to filing their 1984 tax return.

With the problems Social Security has had, many individuals are making arrangements to set aside money from current earnings for future use. The Individual Retirement Account—IRA—is an ideal way to assist the individual with this problem.

### TSTI to hold Open House

Texas State Technical Institute (TSTI) in Waco will hold an open house for all high school students interested in learning more about the school on April 12 and 13, according to school officials.

"TSTI Sneak Preview '85" will be held from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday, April 12 and 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, April 13.

"We realize that House Bill 72 has made it harder for students to visit schools and take the necessary admission tests needed during school hours, so we will have Open House on both Friday and Saturday," Dr. Robert D. Krienke, TSTI-Waco campus president said in a letter to high school administrators.

All instructional and counseling facilities will be open for students to tour, and tour guides from each program will be on hand to answer any questions.

At noon, both days, instructors and administrators will change their hats from educators to cooks for a Hamburger Fry to be held in front of the Student Center. The "cook-out" is courtesy of the Food Service Technology and Meat Processing and Marketing programs.

Live music, club booths and refreshment booths will help round out the days to make it a festive affair as well as an educational one.

For more information, call 1-800-792-TSTI.

### Students perform

The Mertzon High School students got together Wednesday, March 20th, to perform their version of The Wizard of Oz.

The kids presented the play for parents and other students and the players costumes were impressive.

The part of Dorothy was played by Susan Halfast, Dena Davis as the Scare Crow, Don Henderson as the Tin Man and Amy Wolfebarger as the Cowardly Lion.

Also starring were the wicked witch played by Deena Henderson, the good witch of the North was Mindy Cobb, the good witch of the South was Melody Eisenbach and the Wizard was performed by Lewis James.

A \$2,000 contribution to an IRA will give the taxpayer a tax deduction from current income, but must be recovered as ordinary income. Money taken out of an IRA is not eligible for 10-year averaging.

A lump-sum distribution from a qualified pension or profit sharing plan will qualify for the 10-year averaging tax treatment.

For most individuals, this will produce a lower tax than having the sum taxed as ordinary income. Examples of Federal Income Taxes due (1985 rates) on a lump sum distribution of \$50,000 is \$5,950 or 11.9%; \$100,000 is \$14,730.00 or 14.7% using the 10-year averaging method.

Ten-year averaging is available for individual contributions if they are made through a "salary reduction plan." Salary reductions can be established with either a profit-sharing or thrift plan—they are known as 401 (k) plans.

Besides the tax advantage of 401 (k), the individual may set aside a larger sum than provided by an IRA. This could be very important at time of retirement.

Al Seiter, an Austin insurance executive, serves as TPA's consultant on retirement/pension plans.

### Arco Oil to honor their district employees at

### Angelo's Holiday Inn

ARCO Oil and Gas Company will honor Permian District employees from Eldorado and their guests with a dinner in San Angelo Tuesday, March 26, for compiling their second one million safe work hours for 1984 announced Clarence E. Cardwell Jr., vice president.

The dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the San Angelo Holiday Inn and will honor both plant and production employees.

Denver City employees will be honored March 29. Employees in the Odessa area and in the Hobbs, N.M., area were honored earlier this month.

In June 1984, the Permian District employees were honored with a series of dinners for compiling the first one million safe work hours.

## Southwestern contest

Like to see your painting on nine million telephone books around the state?

Now's your chance. Southwestern Bell Telephone has announced a contest to select a painting to be used on its directory covers during 1986, the Texas Sesquicentennial year.

"Southwestern Bell has played an active role in the state's history and its growth," said Jim Adams, president of the company's Texas Division. "It just seemed like a natural for us to be involved in celebrating the Sesquicentennial."

A purchase award of \$5,000 will be paid to the artist whose painting is selected. In addition, the artist will be identified in every phone book which carries the cover, an estimated 158 directories with distribution of almost nine million copies.

"We believe this is a grand way to support the Sesquicentennial and it should also help stimulate a number of fine paintings that might otherwise not be done," said Adams.

The cover art project is welcomed by Randy M. Lee, executive director of the Texas 1986 Sesquicentennial Commission. "We're delighted that Southwestern Bell is holding such a contest," said Lee. "This is the type of private sector involvement that will make the Sesquicentennial year special and memorable."

Deadline for contest entries is July 1, 1985. No actual paintings are to be submitted, since all initial judging will be done from color slides of the artwork. An entry form and contest rules may be obtained by writing to Art Contest, One Bell Plaza, P.O. Box 225521, Dallas, Texas 75265.

The contest is open to all Texas residents with the exception of employees and families of Southwestern Bell Corporation and its subsidiaries. "Also, there's no restriction on the medium the artist may use -- it can be oils, acrylics, water colors, tempera, even crayon," said Gayle Hatchel, contest coordinator.

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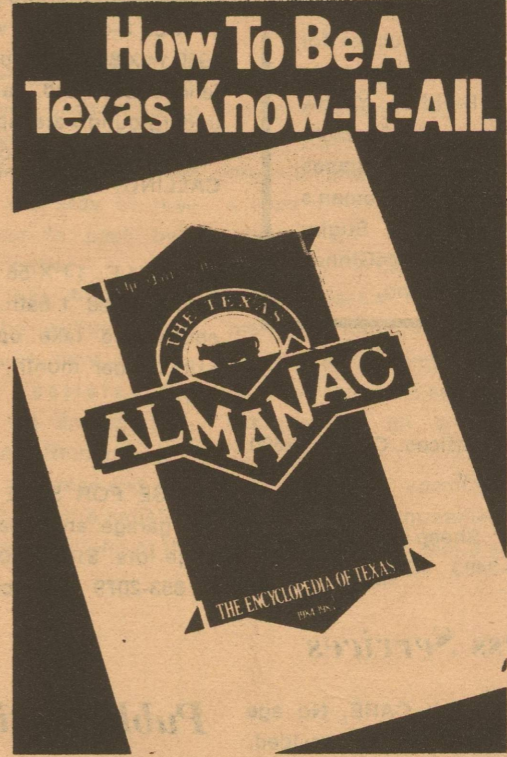
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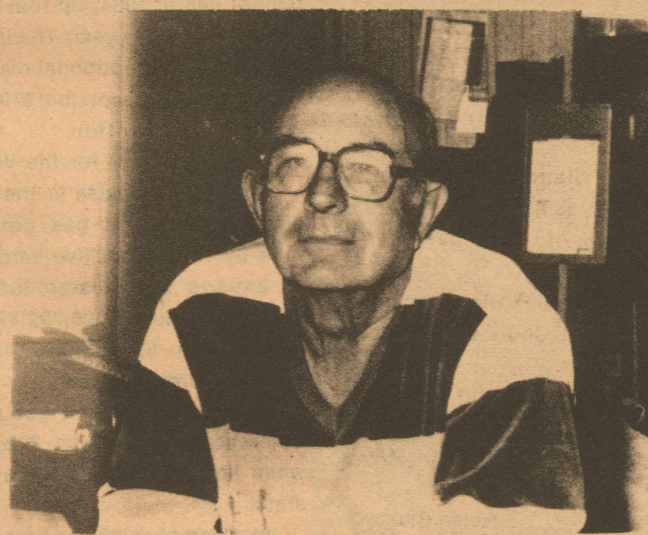
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FOR SALE: 21" Color TV console, RCA local state. \$100.00. A G.E. refrigerator, good condition, avocado green. \$40.00 Call 853-3194 or see at Pearl and Old Sonora Rd. 13-p

FOR SALE: 2 couches for sale from Club Room in Memorial Building. Yellow nalgahyde - \$150 each. Also four pair short drapes - \$15 each. The Woman's Club Call Evelyn Stigler 853-2765 or Mary McGinnes 853-2948. 12-tfc-nc

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## Real Estate

FOR SALE: 1/2 acre lot, city hook-ups. Set up for mobile home. Fence posts in place. Located on Village Lane in Eldorado. Call 853-3007. 50-tfc-c

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FOR SALE: 5 acre tracts, 2 miles west of Eldorado, owner financed, 10 percent down & 10 yrs. at 10 percent interest. Call Mike Mikeska 944-9369. Owner 1 agent. 5-tfc-c

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FOR SALE: Residential lots in Juniper Acres located on Old Merton Hwy. adjacent to Sunset Acres. For more information call J&R Properties 853-3345 or 512-896-7016. 30-35-p, 36-tfc-c

FOR SALE: 3 bedroom house, 2 baths, 2 lots. Carpet, nice and roomy. Call 853-2641 for info. 12-13-p

FOR SALE 160 acres assumable loan will consider subdividing in 40 acre plots. Call 853-3239 tfc

FOR SALE: Cute 3 bedroom, nice carpet separate utility room with attached carport. Big fenced in backyard with large building for storage, fruit trees, grape arbor and separate area fenced for garden. \$31,000. Phone 853-3296. 9-tfc

FOR SALE: 3 bdr., 2 bath, 2 story house. Large kitchen & Den. 2 car garage with small work shop. Fenced yard. Lots of trees. 853-3254 tfc

FOR SALE: 29 X 80 Cinder block building; 6 city lots (1/2 city block), 20 X 32 2-car shop with plumbing; 1980 14 X 80 trailer split-level model; fenced backyard, landscaped with underground water sprinkler system. Call 853-3200, in no answer KEEP CALLING. 11-tfc-c

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## Public Notice

### LEGAL NOTICE

The Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Drawer 677, Eldorado, Texas 76936, announces it is making application for an amendment to its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity within Schleicher County.

The Cooperative is planning the construction of a dead end substation with two transformers - a 138-4.16 KV and a 69-4.16 KV. Radial taps will be constructed from existing 69 KV and 138 KV transmission lines. The facilities for the 138 KV transmission will be H-frame wooden pole structures built on a 100 ft. (30.48m) right-of-way. The 69 KV tap will also be H-frame wooden pole structures on a 60 ft. (18.29m) right-of-way. The 138 KV transmission line will be approximately 0.6 miles (0.97m) in length and tap an existing 138 KV transmission line located to the east of the site. The 69 KV transmission line will be approximately 0.7 miles (1.13 km) in length and tap an existing 69 KV line located to the west of the site.

The proposed site is located 1.33 miles (2.13 km) east of U.S. Highway 277 and 17.4 miles (28.0 km) south of the community of Christoval, Texas. The substation will require a one and one-half acre (0.61 ha) site. This site will be on land owned by the United States Air Force. The estimated cost of construction is approximately \$1,196,000.00.

Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400 N, Austin, Texas 78757, or call the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227 or (512) 458-0221 for teletypewriter for the deaf within 15 days of this notice. 13-14-c

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS, TO: J.A. BEATTY, NIMS BROTHERS, GEORGE WELTER, WILLIAM E. BATES, CAROLINE BATES, DANIEL KNECHTEL, ELLIS E. PAYNE, CC. CARROTHERS, HARVEY BOOKER, NELLIE BAYARD BOOKER, EDWARD GLYNN and EDWARD SEYMOUR OSBORNE and their unknown heirs, if deceased, their unknown surviving spouses, if any, and the unknown heirs of any deceased spouse, Defendants in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause.

You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear before the District Court of Schleicher County, Texas, 51st Judicial District, to be held at the Courthouse of said County in the City of Eldorado, Schleicher County, Texas, at or before 10:00a.m. on the first Monday after expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof; that is to say, on or before 10:00a.m. on Monday, the 29th day of April, 1985, and answer the petition of RK PETROLEUM CORP., Plaintiff in Cause No. 1870, styled "RK PETROLEUM CORP. VS. J.A. BEATTY, NIMS BROTHERS, GEORGE WELTER, WILLIAM E. BATES, CAROLINE BATES, DANIEL KNECHTEL, ELLIS E. PAYNE, C.C. CARROTHERS, HARVEY BOOKER, NELLIE BAYARD BOOKER, EDWARD GLYNN and EDWARD SEYMOUR OSBORNE and their unknown heirs, if deceased, their unknown surviving spouses, if any, and the unknown heirs of any deceased spouse, in which RK PETROLEUM CORP. is Plaintiff and the parties herein named as Defendants are Defendants, which petition was filed in said Court on the 15th day of March, 1985, and the nature of such suit is as follows: as follows:

Plaintiff seeks the appointment of a receiver of the interest owned or claimed by each of the respective Defendants in the oil, gas and minerals in the following tract of land situated in Schleicher County, Texas:

Sections 4 and 5, Block L, GH & SA Ry. Co. Survey, Schleicher County, Texas, with authority to execute and deliver oil, gas and mineral leases covering said minerals owned by or claimed by said Defendants upon such terms and conditions as the Court may prescribe, all as authorized by and in accordance with the provisions of Article 2320 (b), Tex. Civ. Stat. Ann., as amended.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

WITNESS Helen Blakeway, Clerk of the District Court of Schleicher County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at office in the City of Eldorado, this the 15 day of March, 1985.

Helen Blakeway  
Clerk of the District Court of Schleicher County, Texas

12-13-14-15-c

## Area students on ASU Honor Roll

Area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, are listed on the Dean's honor roll for the Fall semester at the University.

Those listed on the 3.00 to 3.49 honor roll include Margaret Lynn Turner, a Government Major, Michael Thomas Mertz, a Finance Major, Andrew Wayne Kwast, an Accounting Major, Rebecca Simmons, a Nursing Major, and Donald

## CVHG Month How to handle the eggs

April has been proclaimed Concho Valley Home for Girls month in San Angelo and the Concho Valley, according to CVHG's president, Pattie Ballard.

"We, the board of directors, hope to make the citizens of the 14 county area served by the CVHG more aware of the services provided by the girls homes and hopefully, raise some much needed money to support those services," Ballard stated.

"Town and Country Food Stores has agreed to help us raise money by donating 10 cents from each 20 ounce fountain drink sold during April in the 26 stores located in our 14 county service area. Also, in those same 26 Town & Country Food Stores a Gandy's milk carton with a poster will service as collection containers for individual donations."

"KLST television and several area radio stations have generously agreed to air 30 second public service announcements which explain the services provided by the CVHG and requesting donations", explained Ballard.

The Concho Valley Home for Girls, established in 1973, has provided a safe, stable, home-like environment for over a hundred neglected, abused and homeless girls from age 10 through 18. Two home, McCaw and Haby homes in San Angelo, can accommodate a total of 16 girls. The girls learn to work, play and live together while continuing their education in a structured environment which duplicates family life as much as possible. Food, shelter, clothing, physical necessities and careful guidance are provided for all such girls from the following 14 county CVHG service area: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green. Donations and memorials can be mailed to: Concho Valley Home for Girls, P.O. Box 3772, San Angelo, Texas 76902.

## Texas Gas

Natural gas production in Texas increased last year for the first time in five years, according to Railroad Commission Chairman Buddy Temple.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 5,813,452,557 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas in 1984, up four percent from the previous year. The last time annual gas production increased--by half of one percent in 1979--Texas gas production totaled 7,115,818,163 Mcf for the year.

The 1984 increase is the largest since 1970, when gas production rose by more than five percent.

Exports of Texas-produced gas in 1984 totaled 2,026,792,879 Mcf, reflecting a 9.3 percent increase from the previous year.

At the end of 1984, gas production was reported from 202,951 oil wells and 45,150 gas wells in the state.

In December 1984, Texas wells produced 482,544,298 Mcf of gas. The December 1983 total was 498,226,160 Mcf.

Hard-cooked eggs and ham are familiar foods that get special treatment at Easter. It's this "special Treatment" of decorating and hiding Easter eggs or serving a fresh ham for a large family gathering that raises questions about food safety, says nutritionist Dr. Dymple Cooksey.

According to Cooksey, a specialist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service, consumers commonly have the following questions about food safety for these Easter treats:

Q: Is it safe to eat the hard-cooked eggs used in an Easter egg hunt?

A: Yes, but they must be handled properly. First, cook hard-cooked eggs in cold water immediately after cooking and then refrigerate until they cool all the way through. If any eggs crack while cooking, don't use them for the hunt since bacteria can easily get through the openings and contaminate the

eggs. When you plan the hiding and hunting of Easter eggs, remember that they should not be out of the refrigerator for more than two hours.

Q: How long will hard-cooked eggs keep in the refrigerator?

A: Hard-cooked eggs in the shell should be used within one week. Use eggs with cracked shells or those with the shell removed within one day.

Q: Is there any danger of trichinosis from hams?

A: If you choose a fully cooked ham, there is no danger. They are specially processed according to USDA guidelines to kill trichinae organisms. These hams are ready to eat without further cooking.

If you choose a fresh ham, take extra care in preparation. Cook the fresh ham until the center reaches a temperature of 170 degrees F. To make sure this temperature is reached, insert a meat thermometer in the thickest part of the cut, not touching the bone or fat.



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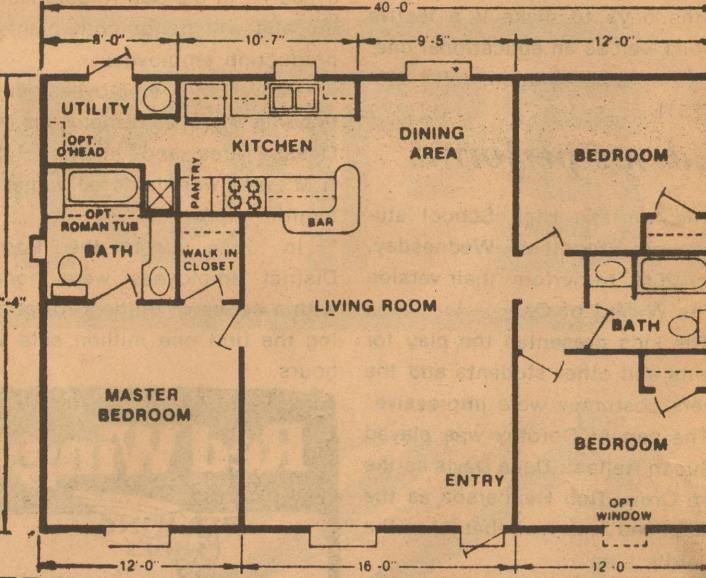
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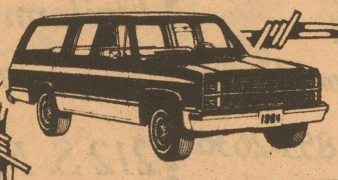
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