

WTSU Football in Jeopardy!!

It is no secret. The WTSU football program is in jeopardy. And the ex-students from the Canyon college just haven't come to the rescue of the school! The football program at WT was in trouble already, as it showed a \$150,000 deficit, and it was compounded this week when ranking Texas legislators tacked onto the 1977-78 Appropriations Bill, already being framed in Austin, a rider that prohibits state funds being used for salaries of athletic coaches who do not carry a full teaching load.

This would rule out some \$145,000 in pay for WTSU coaches and push the possible deficit for athletics next year to almost \$300,000. This is more than can be made up from outside most observers believe. This sharp limitation will apply not only to West Texas State, but to a number of other smaller colleges over Texas whose income from sports attendance - primarily football - does not offset the cost of the sport. Of course, this does not affect the larger colleges, whose football programs pay for many things other than football!

In the past season, WTSU football averaged 3,400 regular paid tickets for home games. This doesn't include

student tickets and non-paid admissions but the income is far below the need to keep the program at WT going.

This is no new situation. The school for years had a surplus fund that was drawn on each year to meet the athletic deficit. This fund ran out more than a year ago and left a \$125,000 need that private fund raising efforts covered the past year.

The deficit goes back beyond the tenure of WTSU Athletic Director Gene Mayfield, who is head coach for the West Texas Buffalo football team.

Coach Mayfield is at the center of the controversy and has been called on by the regents for suggestions to meet the money crisis. Mayfield's contract, for \$31,250 a year, is one of the items in the fund crunch. Mayfield has retained a lawyer, apparently to protect the three years left on his contract.

A special 4-member study committee is due to report to a full board meeting on Jan. 18 with some recommendations. This meeting date has been changed to Jan. 6, apparently to let the football players seek other schools, if the football program is dropped at midterm.

It is rather strange that our own

Texas legislators, which are influenced by our teachers, would come up with a program like this. Most football fans favor a coach teaching some in the school where he is coaching, but to put a coach on a full teaching load will also eliminate several teaching positions from other teachers! Apparently, the legislators were not influenced by the teachers, but went ahead on their own with this type of legislation! The bill could be a blow to the entire athletic program in every school in the state if this type of legislation continues. Of course, the taxpayer is willing to do about anything to help save a dollar! But, to do away with a football program in a school the size of WT could set a precedent for the entire state. We will only have a few Southwest Conference schools left in the state, and they could be next to do away with their athletic programs!

Whatever happens, football fans in the entire Panhandle are watching with interest to see the results. Will football go the same direction as our small country stores, our hospitals and our small farms? It is quite possible that it will. But with it goes a great American tradition of weekend enjoyment for thousands.



Essie Burkhart is presented her Christmas bonus by Lion Claude Newell. Newell presented the program at the Tuesday noon club, which was about save bus driving in our schools.

MARKETS

WHEAT	\$2.37
MILO	\$3.50
CORN	\$2.27



Gruver's newest emergency vehicle which when fully equipped will be capable of handling many an emergency in this area.

Mobile Emergency Equipment Arrives

The latest in mobile emergency vehicles has arrived to be put to use in the very near future for the City of Gruver. The ambulance is one of thirteen which went to cities in the 25-county area of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

Under the Medical Services system of the PRPC, the City of Gruver paid \$7,200.00 for the \$18,000.00 vehicle which when completely equipped will be recommended for acceptance by the State Department of Health under which it will be operated.

Included in the vast store of equipment will be a complete oxygen unit which is still being installed in the Gruver unit and a two-way radio communication system which will enable the driver to communicate with the Hansford County Hospital, the Hansford County Sheriff's unit as well as the Medical Receiving Center at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Hansford County is indeed fortunate in having two such mobile units within the

county for Spearman received a like vehicle last year which has already been accepted and has been in use. The local emergency telephone number, 733-2301, rings in several different locations in Gruver. However, if at any time an emergency arises and the local number does not answer for any reason, one can call 1-800-692-1331 for the dispatcher in Amarillo who

will in turn contact the local emergency corps through radio.

According to Gruver City Police Chief Jim Ratliff, the new ambulance is rapidly nearing the point where inspection and acceptance by the State Department of Health may be made which will in turn initiate improved ambulance service for Gruver.

Football TV Fare

Friday, December 31, 1976:
PEACH BOWL at Atlanta, Kentucky vs. North Carolina, 1:30 p.m., Channel 10.
ASTRO BLUE BONNET BOWL, at Houston, Texas, Nebraska vs. Texas Tech, 7:00 p.m., Channel 4.

ROSE BOWL, at Pasadena, California, Michigan vs. Southern Cal, 3:30 p.m., Channel 4.
ORANGE BOWL, at Miami, Florida, Ohio State vs. Colorado, 6:45 p.m., Channel 4.

Saturday, January 1, 1977:
SUGAR BOWL, at New Orleans, Georgia vs. Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m., Channel 7.
COTTON BOWL, at Dallas, Houston vs. Maryland, 1:00 p.m., Channel 10.

Sunday, January 2, 1977
SUN BOWL, El Paso, Texas, Texas A&M vs. Florida, 3:00 p.m., Channel 10.
SHRINE BOWL, Palo Alto, California, East vs. West, 1:00 p.m. (check for Channel).

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20 Families Aided

The Spearman Welfare Association, according to President, G. W. Robinson, helped some 20 needy families at Christmas time. Mr. Robinson stated that much of the help was by different churches and clubs that selected a particular family or families to aid.

Robinson also stated that anytime a need arises for families who are in financial straits, that it is no difficulty to find help from either the Welfare Association or local churches. Members of the Ministerial Alliance are a big help in this project.

A project at Junior High and Elementary Schools this year was bringing canned food. The Junior High students

brought in 1344 cans of food, and the Elementary students brought one can each. Robinson stated that this food was used at Christmas time for needy families, some of it was given to the Church of Christ Children's Home and the rest was stored in the Courthouse for needy people throughout the year.

Spearman and Hansford County are fortunate that there are so many people willing to help others not only at Christmas time but throughout the year. Robinson also stated that they found no families in as desperate need as some of those whose stories were printed in the area daily paper.

New Plates on Sale

License plates for 1977 will go on sale February 1, 1977 according to Helen Dry, Tax Assessor and Collector.

Instead of a sticker for cars and one for trucks, there will be one sticker for all classes of vehicles and there will be no change in the price of licenses.

For those persons from out of state, licenses expire on December 31 and persons needing to renew these licenses should come in and purchase the final quarter 1976 licenses at this time. There is no grace period on this type of license, said Mrs. Dry.

Thanks...

Many changes have taken place; much water under the bridge, so to speak, and many, many decisions have been made since I was sworn in to serve on the Commissioners Court of Hansford County twenty-eight (28) years ago. I have tried to serve to the best of my ability. Hansford County has the reputation of being one of the best counties in the state of Texas, and I am proud to have served on its court. As stated before, many decisions have been made, not all of them pleased everyone, which is an impossibility, but mine were made to the best of my judgment. People do not always understand the conditions under which some of these judgments were made.

I would like to thank the people of my precinct and the county as a whole for their support, encouragement, and confidence through these years. I also would like to say thanks for the beautiful engraved pocket watch given to me by friends and county officials with whom I have worked.

May Hansford County continue to be one of the best in the state and may all of us work together for the good of the county as a whole is my plea.

Thanks, also, to my many friends and co-workers.
B. W. Renner

Federal Land Bank Reduces Interest Rate

Robert R. Williams, Jr., Manager of the Spearman-Pampa Federal Land Bank Association of Pampa, announced today that The Federal Land Bank of Houston will reduce the interest billing rate on variable rate loans to 8 percent. This reduction will be effective on January 1, 1977, and will affect \$980 million in variable rate loans to 17,100 Texas farmers and ranchers. This

billing rate change will be effective on both farm loans and rural residence loans.

The variable rate loan was introduced by the Houston Bank in July, 1969 and allows the rate to fluctuate with variations in the money market. Improvements in the money market have made this billing reduction possible. Mr. Williams stated, "The action is in keeping with the Land Bank's policy

to provide farmers and ranchers credit at the lowest possible cost consistent with sound business practices."

The Federal Land Bank of Houston makes long-term real estate loans on farm and ranch land and rural residence throughout Texas and now has \$1.2 billion in loans

outstanding. The local Association makes and services loans in five counties. Officers and directors of the Association are W. B. Jackson, president; O. C. Holt, vice president; B. W. Renner, Lynn Davis, Wayne Maddox, and Carl Jahnel.

Tv Fare For New Year's

FRIDAY, DEC. 31, 1976:
"Billy Graham New Year's Special", 6:30 p.m., Channel 10.
"Guy Lombardo New Year's Eve", 10:30 p.m., Channel 10.
"New Year's Rockin' Eve 1977", 11:30 p.m., Channel 7.

SATURDAY, JAN. 1, 1977:
Cotton Bowl Festival Parade, 9:00 a.m., Channel 10.
Junior Orange Bowl Parade, 9:00 a.m., Channel 4.
The Tournament of Roses Parade and Pageant, (Preview, 9:45 a.m., Channel 4), 10:30 a.m., Channel 4 and 10.

New Telephone Rates Announced

New long distance rates for calls from one Texas city to another were placed in effect at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday (Dec. 21), including those made by General Telephone customers.

R. Rex Bailey, vice president - revenue requirements for General, said intrastate long distance calling rates in Texas are set by Southwestern Bell with public utility commission approval.

The commission has approved the new toll rates and Bell has placed the rates in effect while seeking a rehearing of the commission's ruling.

"Long distance services are operated jointly by the Bell System companies and the independent telephone companies under a common rate structure," Bailey explained. "Intrastate long distance rates in Texas are administered under tariffs filed by Southwestern Bell and approved by the Texas PUC. Independent telephone companies, including

General Telephone, concur with these tariffs to maintain uniform long distance rates throughout the state."

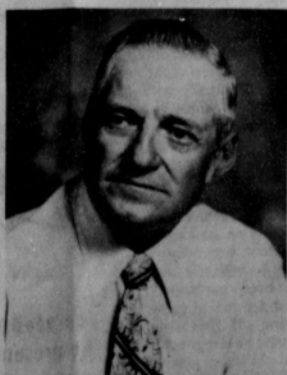
Bailey said with few exceptions the initial minute rates for most station-to-station customer dialed calls have been reduced with rates for each additional minute increased. All operator assisted call rates have been increased. The discount rate for evening calls was the only other major change with the discount reduced from 30 percent to 25 percent. The evening rate is in effect from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. Sunday through Friday.

Other rate changes that will affect General's customers include rates for intrastate wide area telephone service (WATS) and foreign exchange service from a Bell served city.

Four to be sworn in Monday!



B. J. RENNER



GARLAND HEAD



R. L. McFARLIN

Three men and one woman will be sworn in by Judge Lee at the Courthouse Monday morning, 10 a.m. B. J. Renner, the new commissioner will be sworn in as commissioner of Precinct 3. Garland Head will be sworn in as the new commissioner for Precinct 1. Sheriff R. L. McFarlin will also be sworn in, along with Mrs. Helen Dry, Tax Assessor Collector.

B. J. Renner will replace B. W. Renner, and Garland Head will replace Joe Day. Both Renner and Day have served the county very well and faithfully. Of course, Sheriff R. L. McFarlin and Helen Dry have also done a fine job for the community, and we at the newspaper join with our readers in wishing all of these a very Happy and successful New Year!

WANT ADS



New Year's Day be a woman, bad luck is expected (Women's Lib, please note) but a male visitor will bring only good luck. Many visitors during the day (even if they drop in for TV football games) indicate good fortune and watch this one—nothing should be taken out of the house unless something else is brought in!

And if you think those in the Ozarks are peculiar in their New Year's Day customs, how about the black-eyed peas to ensure good luck which compares to some foreign food customs such as eating pancakes by the French, fish by the Germans, and whipped cream by the Swiss who always let a drop of cream fall to the floor as a sign of prodigal abundance.

Other customs include clearing all debts; returning everything borrowed during the year; and last, but by no means least, the all-American custom of TVing—the Rose Bowl Football classic, this year to feature Michigan & Southern Cal; the Orange Parade and Orange Bowl with contenders, Ohio State vs. Colorado; the Cotton Parade & Cotton Bowl with Maryland vs. Houston, and the Sugar Bowl with Georgia and Pittsburgh to name just a few!

Whatever your activity, the wish from each of us to each of you is to Have a Happy—a wish for each of the 365 days of 1977!

Fire of an undetermined origin caused extensive damage to the Darrouzett School Vocational Agriculture building Tuesday before it was reported and put out by the Darrouzett Volunteer Fire Department.

No estimate of damage to the metal building and contents was available and isn't expected until Lewis Vickery, vocational agriculture instructor, returns to Darrouzett from Junction where he had gone with his family for the holidays.

Mrs. Emma Bauer turned in the fire alarm. The Bauers live near the school.

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Miscellaneous FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 7 good used gasoline golf carts. One electric '76 model demonstrator, like new. Bob Polk, (405) 338-6079, Guymon, Okla. 7-4tc

Beautiful 3 bedroom brick, 1 and 3/4 baths, den, fireplace, carpets, drapes, built-ins, etc. An exceptionally nice house. Near High School. *****

1973 Ford Maverick, 2 dr., 302 V-8, a/c and carpet. Ideal school car. 659-2309. 2-6tp

Large lot with nice two bedroom home in front, nice one bedroom house in the back. Double garage with efficiency in the rear. One year rental on one bedroom house paid at time of sale. *****

FOR SALE: GZ 145 Waukasha Motor, used, about a year after being rebuilt. 659-3645. 2-rtn

3 bedroom, 1-3/4 bath, corner lot, nice yard, 2 blocks from high school, a home one would be proud to own. *****

Dressed quail 1-75. 659-2309. 2-6tp

3 bedroom, single bath, carport, fenced yard, corner lot, 801 Dressen. *****

FOR SALE: One Datsun pickup, standard 4 speed shift, 10,300 miles. Call 3372 or 2265. 7-2tc

Medallion home for sale by owner. Beautifully built brick home perimeter heat a/c, full functional kitchen with outside wood trim. Set throughout. S. Townsend. Call 659-2129 for appointment. 6-4tc

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FOR SALE: Kenmore Harvest Gold portable dishwasher, used 2 months. 659-3569. 7S-3tc

FOR SALE: One team, 3 year old, 600 lb. mules, gentle, matched pair, load easily in trailer. G. H. Eting, Box 580, 733-2201, Gruver. 7S-1tc

Business Opportunities

Real Estate For Sale

FOR SALE: Spearman Car Wash for health reasons. Call 733-2655. 42S-rtn

FOR SALE: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, brick den fireplace, living room carpeted, electric range/oven, dishwasher, central air/heat, storage shed. After 4:00. 659-3664. 3-rtn

PART-TIME INVENTORY REPRESENTATIVE. Supplement your income; inventory cosmetics in retail stores, Spearman area. Limited monthly hours, potential for growth. Car necessary. Experience a plus. Send brief resume. C. Alexander, 4829 Thunder Road, Dallas, Texas 75234. 7S-1tc

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NOTICE
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FOR SALE: Very nice 3 bedroom, bath & half home near elementary and junior high schools. Attached garage, utility room, central heat & air, carpets & drapes, humidifier, other extras. Appointment only. Emmett R. Sanders, Realtor, 659-2516, nights 659-2601. 5S-rtn

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The City of Spearman, Texas will accept sealed bids until January 11, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. in the Office of the City Manager, for sale of the following property:
1. Lot 7, Block 38, Original Town
2. Lot 9, Block 2, Original Town
The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
Posted this the 17th day of December, 1976.
Amelia C. Johnson
City Secretary

Hansford Lodge 1040 A.F.&A.M.
W.M. George Young
Sec. Cecil Biggers
2nd & 4th Mondays

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was once religious in character.

Noise is synonymous with New Year's Eve and this is also a hand-me-down from days of yore for this was the time of banishment of evil spirits by whatever means one could use to accomplish such a task.

Parades and masked processions are a secular version of the European carnival which goes way back to the pre-Christian era. New Year's superstitions run rampant and people who live in the Ozarks really have accumulated a large number of New Year's superstitions such as a windless New Year's Day indicates a dry summer; a decent breeze foretells a good summer rainfall; and floods will follow if the first day is violently windy.

Calendars should not be hung before sunup New Year's Day for this is to anticipate the year and thus bring bad luck. Whatever a person does on this day will influence his activity during the rest of the year and watch this one—washing clothes may also cause a relative's death.

Should the first visitor on

At exactly 12:00 midnight, betwixt December 31, 1976 and January 1, 1977, people all over the world will take resolutions in hand and revise their behavioral patterns—hopefully for the best or better—and add an important postscript resolution to keep the new resolutions and suddenly 'tis 1977.

If you think that you are doing something new and different, harken to the fact that even the earliest of the ancient nations had customs that celebrated New Year's Day even though their calendars differed considerably. The Chinese, Egyptians, Jewish, Roman and Mohammedan years all began at different times but the first day of each year was marked with elaborate ceremonies. Thousands of years ago the Egyptians celebrated the new year about the middle of June.

In ancient Rome, the first day of the year honored Janus, the god of gates and doors and of beginnings and endings. Janus had two faces and looked both backward and forward. The month of January was named for this god. On the first day of Janus, the Romans looked back to what had happened and thought of what was upcoming in the new year. They gave each other presents on New Year's Day—at first the gifts were very simple but became more expensive as time went on. Roman senators and the Roman Emperor each received many presents—from those who carried favors from them.

The present giving idea spread to Persia (now Iran) and the ancient Persians started the custom of giving eggs to their friends (it is not recorded if one gave a good egg to a "good egg" and a rotten egg to a "bad egg"), following the idea that an egg hatches into life and thus the custom meant somewhat the same thing as "turning over a new leaf".

It came as a bit of shock to the Romans when they invaded England for they found the Druid priests celebrating New Year on March 10th (shades of IRS). The priests cut off branches of mistletoe which grew on their sacred oak trees and gave them to the people for charms. Much later, English people developed the custom of cleaning their chimneys on New Year's Day which was supposed to bring them much luck and today, one often hears the term during New Years of "wiping the slate clean" which comes from the chimney cleaning custom.

New Year's Day actually came into existence as a holy day in the Christian Church in 487 A.D. and at first, parties were not allowed on this day for the pagans had followed that custom.

January 1 became recognized as New Year's Day in the 1500's when the Gregorian Calendar was introduced. The Jewish New Year is celebrated about the time of the autumnal equinox in late September. The Chinese used the lunar calendar for about 4,000 years but today they, too, use the Gregorian Calendar and both the Chinese and Japanese celebrate New Year's on January 1. Historians cite many present day New Year's rites as having been performed in the past for the purpose of abolishing the past so that there could be a regeneration of time. In many places for example, excessive drinking is the order of the present day and this is actually a secular leftover of a rite that

The fire alarm sounded at 1:05 p.m. and firemen had the blaze under control within 15 minutes.

It caused heavy damage to the shop area of the building, some of the windows were melted, equipment ruined and smoke and heat damage also was evident in the classroom and office area.

The fire started in the back room or shop area. Darrouzett's vocational agriculture building was constructed around 1959 or 1960. It was covered at least partially by insurance.

completely, plus some repairs on the metal roof, new windows and possible other structural work before it is usable again.

Supt. Larry Wilson also was in Amarillo with the Darrouzett High School basketball teams and not available for comment and Principal Alex Sween also wasn't available.

NOTICE
There will be no K.I.D.S. Girls Basketball until January 4th.

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EQUITY

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Anthony visited Christmas Eve in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vignall and children at Canadian.

In the language of flowers a petunia means, "Your presence soothes me."

County Farmers Rate High In Corn Yield

Jewel J. Ward, of Gruver, has ranked high among area corn growers enrolled in a national corn growing program.

Although all of the entries have not yet been received, Ward's yield of 226.5 bushels per acre places him high in the scoring for 1976 Project:200, sponsored by The Producers of Funk's G-Hybrids. Project:200 is the largest program of its kind in the nation.

Ward's yield was with Funk's G-4507. It was adjusted to No. 2 corn at 15.5 percent moisture from 2.4 acres. To qualify as an official entry, Ward had to harvest shelled corn from not less than four adjacent rows running the full length of the field.

Ward's crop was planted on May 10 in 40-inch rows at 26,000 seeds per acre. (His crop was irrigated 5 times.) It was harvested on October 17 at 19.95 percent moisture. Harvest population was 25,000 plants per acre.

Ward applied a total of 190 pounds nitrogen and 34 pounds phosphorous in his fertilizer program. He used AAtrex for weed control. The yield was verified by a disinterested witness.

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Schad's crop was planted on April 5 in 30-inch rows at 26,000 seeds per acre. (His crop was prewatered once and irrigated 5 times.) It was harvested on November 22 at 21.5 percent moisture. Harvest population was 24,000 plants per acre.

Schad applied a total of 77 pounds of nitrogen, 81 pounds phosphorous, and 103 pounds potash in his fertilizer program. He used AAtrex for weed control. The yield was verified by a disinterested witness.

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Ward's crop was planted on May 10 in 40-inch rows at 26,000 seeds per acre. (His crop was irrigated 5 times.) It was harvested on October 17 at 19.95 percent moisture. Harvest population was 25,000 plants per acre.

Ward applied a total of 190 pounds nitrogen and 34 pounds phosphorous in his fertilizer program. He used AAtrex for weed control. The yield was verified by a disinterested witness.

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Dale Jones, of Morse, has ranked high among area corn growers enrolled in a national corn growing program.

Although all of the entries have not yet been received, Jones' yield of 201.2 bushels per acre places him high in the scoring for 1976 Project:200, sponsored by The Producers of Funk's Hybrids. Project:200 is the largest program of its kind in the nation.

Jones' yield was with Funk's G-4507. It was adjusted to No. 2 corn at 15.5 percent moisture from 2.4 acres. To qualify as an official entry, Jones had to harvest shelled corn from not less than four adjacent rows running the full length of the field.

Jones' crop was planted on April 14 in 40-inch rows at 28,000 seeds per acre. (His crop was irrigated 8 times.) It was harvested on November 20 at 17 percent moisture. Harvest population was 26,000 plants per acre.

Jones applied a total of 193 pounds nitrogen, 20 pounds phosphorous, and 10 pounds potash in his fertilizer program. He used AAtrex for weed control. The yield was verified by a disinterested witness.

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Veteran's News

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q -- Are the wives and children of veterans eligible for educational assistance from the VA?

A -- Yes, if the veteran dies of a service-connected condition; or if living, has a service-connected disability considered by the VA to be permanent in nature.

Q -- Under what circumstances may the VA assist a veteran toward purchase of an automobile?

A -- Veterans with service after Sept. 15, 1940, who have service-connected loss or loss of use of one or both hands or feet, or permanent impairment of vision of both eyes to a prescribed degree may qualify for a one-time grant of not more than \$3,300 toward purchase of an automobile.

Q -- I applied for and received National Service Life Insurance coverage in 1946. At that time I took a five-year level premium term plan. Can this policy be converted to a permanent plan with stabilized premium rates?

A -- Yes. The monthly premium for the permanent plan would probably be higher than your current monthly premium. However, there are many other benefits that go along with a permanent plan, such as paid up insurance and cash value.



Insurance Corner

Electrical Cord Sense

Extension and appliance cords can become red-hot, fire-starting wires. If the insulation on the cord wears away, leaving two wires exposed, they may touch together and short-circuit, letting sparks fly. Doing anything to damage this precious insulation is dangerous. You shouldn't fasten cords down with nails or staples, run cords under rugs from room to room, or over radiators, pipes or rough edges. You shouldn't splice cords or ever let them become badly frayed.

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These may seem like inconsequential sins, but they're not. Last December a middle-of-the-night fire struck down an elderly couple before they

could make it to the front door. The cause: an extension cord running under a rug in the living room. People walking over the spot had worn the cord's insulation thin. On that fateful night, the wires came together, shorted, and ignited the rug, flooding the house with deadly smoke and fire.

SPORTS BULLETIN:

The Spearman girls lost to Weslaco in a heartbreaker, 56-54 in the Duncanville tournament Tuesday night. The Lynettes won their first game! By losing the second game, the Lynettes are out of the tourney. They are having some kind of bus trouble, but hope to get it fixed today, Wednesday. The Gruver girls won their first game in the tourney, and will play another today (Wednesday) at Duncanville. In the meantime, the Lynx and Gruver boys have lost all of their games in the Amarillo Legion tourney, but actually by real small scores. The Lynx lost Tuesday to Post, 62-60, and the Greyhounds lost to Canyon, 56-54. Both teams will play today, Wednesday, in the Amarillo tourney.



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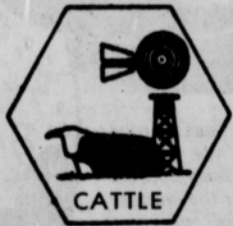
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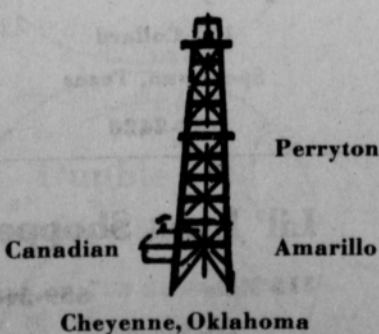
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Calendar Of Events

MONDAY, JANUARY 3
 K.I.D.S. Wrestling (Jim Ivey, Charles Littlejohn - 7 p.m.) - Community Building
 K.I.D.S. Boxing (John Sutterfield, D. A. Cator 7 p.m.) - Community Building
 Junior Troop #76 - Girl Scout House
 Chapter #721, O.E.S. - Hansford Lodge Hall
 Rotary Club - Martin's Steak Garden
 Sacred Heart Women's Guild - Sacred Heart Parish Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4
 K.I.D.S. Wrestling (Jim Ivey, Charles Littlejohn - 7 p.m.) - Community Building
 K.I.D.S. Boxing (John Sutterfield, D. A. Cator 7 p.m.) - Community Building
 K.I.D.S. Girls Basketball (Kind.-2nd grade - 3:30-4:30; 3rd-6th grade - 4:30-5:30, Carol Stumpf, Judy Everson) - Community Building
 Brownie Troop #42 - Girl Scout House
 Spearman Volunteer Fire-ettes
 Jaycees - Community Building
 Lion's Club - Martin's Steak Garden
 Baker & Taylor Women's Association - Home of Mrs. Jim Queen
 Spearman Ministerial Alliance - Home of Rev. Jacob Regier
 Old Hansford Home Demonstration Club - Home Demonstration Club Room
 Holt Home Demonstration Club
 Town & Country Home Demonstration Club - Home of Mrs. Doug Holmes
 Night Owls Home Demonstration Club - Home of Marjorie Crocket

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5
 K.I.D.S. Wrestling (Jim Ivey, Charles Littlejohn - 7 p.m.) - Community Building
 K.I.D.S. Boxing (John Sutterfield, D. A. Cator 7 p.m.) - Community Building
 Brownie Troop #101 - Girl Scout House
 Mary Martha Circle of the U.M.W. - First United Methodist Church
 Baptist Women Study Group - First Baptist Church
 C.W.F. - First Christian Church
 Baptist Young Women - First Baptist Church
 Susannah Wesley Circle of the U.M.W. - First United Methodist Church

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6
 Spearhead Breakers CB Club - Home Demonstration Club Room
 Junior Troop #65 - Girl Scout House
 Jaycee Wives Club
 Thursday Dessert Bridge Club - Home of Mrs. Clark Mires
 Spearman Spinners Square Dance Club - County Barn
 K.I.D.S. Girls Basketball (Kind.-2nd grade - 3:30-4:30; 3rd-6th grade - 4:30-5:30, Carol Stumpf, Judy Everson) - Community Building
 Spearman Study Club - Home of Mrs. Clark Mires

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7
 Junior Troop #120 - Girl Scout House
 Arts & Crafts Guild - Home of Mrs. Ned Turner
 K.I.D.S. Wrestling (Jim Ivey, Charles Littlejohn - 7 p.m.) - Community Building

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8
 Pinoch Club - Home of Mr. and Mrs. Fendorf Schubert



Basketball 1977 Lynx & Lynxettes

Jan. 4....*River Road.....H.....4:00
 Jan. 6....B-Team Tournament.....T.....Fritch
 Jan. 7....Channing [Homecoming].....H.....6:30
 Jan. 11....*Canadian.....T.....4:00
 Jan. 13....Jr. Hl. Tournament.....H....Spearman
 Jan. 14....*Dalhart.....H.....4:00
 Jan. 18....*Boys Ranch.....T.....6:30
 Jan. 20....Stinnett 7th, 8th & 9th.....T.....5:00
 Jan. 20....Tournament.....T.....Waka
 Jan. 21....*Panhandle.....H.....4:00
 Jan. 24....Perryton..7th, 8th & 9th.....T.....4:00
 Jan. 24....Boys Ranch.....H.....4:30
 Jan. 25....*River Road.....T.....4:00
 Jan. 27....B-Team Tournament.....H....Spearman
 Jan. 28....*Canadian.....H.....6:30
 Feb. 1....*Dalhart.....T.....4:00
 Feb. 4....*Boys Ranch.....H.....7:00
 Feb. 4....Gruver.....T.....4:00
 Feb. 7....Boys Ranch 7th, 8th & 9th.....H.....5:00
 Feb. 7....Perryton.....H.....5:00
 Feb. 8....*Panhandle.....T.....4:00

Happy New Year to the LYNX Lynxettes

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A New Year, another season. We welcome it with deep appreciation for the wonderful days we have shared in this community of friends and neighbors.

CROSSWALK PATROL SCHEDULE

MONDAY
 Morn.-Linda Beeson After.-Betty Morrison
TUESDAY
 Morn.-Coy Kingsley After.-Vickie Hargrove
Wednesday
 Morn.-Helen Martin After.-Shirley Messer
THURSDAY
 Morn.-Deb Gilbreath After.-Frances Garrison
FRIDAY
 Morn.-Sharon Swan After.-Charlotte Jackson

Aerial goose survey underway

A lack of water and dry winter storms in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains are being credited with a low count in the number of geese observed by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department personnel during the annual December count.

"There is a lack of adequate water levels in most lakes in all areas from Dalhart to Lubbock," said Max Traweck, waterfowl biologist.

"An estimated 30 to 40 thousand short-grass prairie Canadas were counted during the week-long survey which is one-half the number of birds we had in 1975," Traweck continued.

Reports from hunters and

out-of-state fish and game personnel indicate large concentrations in Colorado and it will take very cold weather in January to bring the geese to Texas.

Areas of the Panhandle with good concentrations of geese include the western half of Parmer and Deaf Smith counties and Castro county. Buffalo lake, a National wildlife refuge near Umberger, has a little water and the lake is holding approximately 10,000 geese. Various flocks of geese are using the large man-made lakes including Meredith, near Fritch, Greenbelt, near Clarendon, and Bull lake, a natural reservoir near Littlefield.

The 1976-77 goose season in northwest Texas continues through Jan. 23, 1977, with a daily bag limit of five, not to include more than one Ross' goose nor more than either two Canada or white-fronted geese in the aggregate.

Texas hunting license regulations apply to waterfowl hunters plus a federal waterfowl migratory bird stamp is required of all duck and goose hunters. These special stamps can be purchased at most U.S. post offices.

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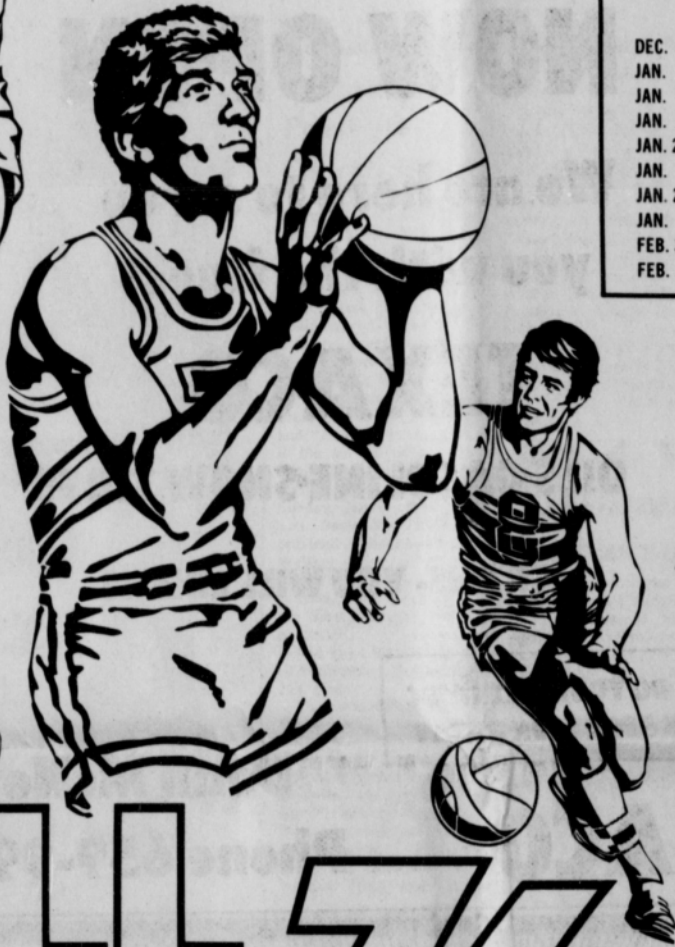
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1976-77 COMPOSITE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

			VARSITY	JUNIOR VARSITY
DEC. 21	STRATFORD	HOME - 4:00	Boys-Girls	Boys-Girls
DEC. 27-28-29	AMARILLO TOURNAMENT		Boys	Boys
DEC. 30-31	DUNCANVILLE TOURNAMENT		Girls	Girls
JAN. 3	SUNRAY	HOME - 4:00	Boys-Girls	Boys-Girls
JAN. 4	PHILLIPS	AWAY - 4:00	Boys-Girls	Boys-Girls
JAN. 6-7-8	STRATFORD TOURNAMENT		Boys-Girls	Boys-Girls
JAN. 6-7-8	FRITCH JUNIOR VARSITY TOURNAMENT			Boys-Girls
JAN. 11	BOOKER	HOME - 4:00	Boys-Girls	Boys-Girls
JAN. 14	FRITCH	AWAY - 4:00	Boys-Girls	Boys-Girls
JAN. 18	WHITE DEER	AWAY - 5:30	Boys-Girls	Boys
JAN. 21	STINNETT	HOME - 4:00	Boys-Girls	Boys-Girls
JAN. 25	STRATFORD	AWAY - 4:00	Boys-Girls	Boys-Girls
JAN. 28	PHILLIPS	HOME - 4:00	Boys-Girls	Boys-Girls
FEB. 1	SUNRAY	AWAY - 4:00	Boys-Girls	Boys-Girls
FEB. 3-4-5	WHITE DEER JUNIOR VARSITY TOURNAMENT		Girls	Girls
FEB. 4	SPEARMAN	AWAY - 4:00	Girls	Girls
FEB. 8	FRITCH	HOME - 4:00	Boys-Girls	Boys-Girls
FEB. 11	WHITE DEER	HOME - 6:30	Boys	Boys
FEB. 15	STINNETT	AWAY - 5:00	Fresh. Boys	
FEB. 15	STINNETT	AWAY - 6:30	Boys	Boys

1976-77 JR. HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DEC. 20	SUNRAY	AWAY - 4:00	7&8	G&B
JAN. 3	PHILLIPS	AWAY - 4:00	7&8	G&B
JAN. 10	FRITCH	AWAY - 4:00	7&8	G&B
JAN. 17	STRATFORD	AWAY - 4:00	7&8	G&B
JAN. 20-22	WAKA TOURNAMENT		7th only	G&B
JAN. 24	STINNETT	AWAY - 4:00	7&8	G&B
JAN. 27-29	CHANNING TOURNAMENT		8th only	G&B
JAN. 31	SUNRAY	HOME - 4:00	7&8	G&B
FEB. 3-5	GRUVER TOURNAMENT		7&8	G&B
FEB. 7	PHILLIPS	HOME - 4:00	7&8	G&B

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Support drops off for gas legislation

A proposed Texas law that would put irrigation gas under public utility control apparently came up without the support indicated earlier from North Texas legislators—and proponents of the measure may be turning in a new legislative direction.

They may join up with advocates of a second measure being developed in Austin, a proposal to put all natural gas in Texas under price controls.

State Senator Lloyd Doggett of Austin has pre-introduced a Senate bill that would put all natural gas—for household, industrial and irrigation use—under price regulation by the new Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Meanwhile, the Austin office of State Senator Max Sherman of Amarillo, who

had been listed as proposing utility controls on irrigation gas, said at midweek that Sen. Sherman has not endorsed the measure.

"Sen. Sherman has not taken a position on the matter, and is not committed one way or another," a spokesman in his Austin office said. "He will study it further and may not decide until the start of the legislative session."

No bill has been pre-introduced in either the Senate or House to put irrigation gas under utility commission regulation, Sen. Sherman's office adds.

Similar reports of non-support come from the offices of Sen. Kent Hance of Lubbock and Texas House Speaker Bill Clayton of Springlake, both also previously identified as

backers of the measure.

Farmers from two High Plains irrigators groups in early December went to Austin to testify for the bill in pre-session hearings before a Senate committee headed by Sherman.

But the proposal hit a snag some two weeks ago when the Emerald Oil and Gas Company announced that it would go out of the irrigation gas business rather than accept price controls. Emerald is the dominant supplier of natural gas to area farmers.

The bill's chief backer, attorney John Aikin of Hereford, Friday refused to comment on the declining support for the natural gas irrigation bill. Aikin represents the Plains Gas Users Association, an irrigators group.

"I don't know who is going to introduce the bill in the legislature, and I don't think I ought to comment on Senator Sherman's stand. We'll just have to wait until January to see what develops in the legislature," Aikin said.

The Doggett bill, placed on the 1977 Senate calendar last Nov. 8, would bring all natural gas—for irrigation, industrial, and household use—under regulation by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

The bill is being considered by Senator Hance of Lubbock as an alternative to the Aikin measure, says Jim Dowdy of Dumas, president of the North Plains Energy Consumers Association.

"I talked to Hance about the irrigation gas bill, and he indicated he was going to take a second look at it. He

also said he was going to look at the Doggett bill," Dowdy reports.

Dowdy and other NPECA leaders at first gave support to the Aikin irrigation bill, but cooled to it after the Emerald announcement. The NPECA will probably take a formal position on irrigation gas regulation at a Jan. 18 membership meeting.

Senator Doggett Thursday charged that Emerald's threat to go out of business if regulated was "blackmail" and declared that he would wage a hard fight for regulation.

"What Emerald and other companies have said about going out of business sounds to me like blackmail. It sounds as if they're not willing to open their books to show that they're making a fair return on their in-

vestments."

"If anything, that gives more reason for passing the bill. A company which doesn't want to open its books may be reluctant because it's making exorbitant profits," the Austin senator declares.

Doggett, however, says he introduced his bill primarily to clamp down on electric utility prices in his senatorial district.

"Here prices for natural gas have risen about 1,000 percent over the last few years. Gas which was formerly priced at 22 cents per MCF is now at \$1.99, and will go to \$2.29 by April. Our electric rates depend on the price of gas, so natural gas has got to be regulated just like electricity," he said.

Insiders on natural gas regulation give doubt that the Doggett bill will win

passage, but the Austin Senator says he will not be deterred.

"This bill is a very uphill sort of thing because gas producers will have their profits cut back if anything of the kind passes. But I think it's time Texans quit paying more for gas than outsiders pay, and I intend to go ahead with it," he says. "Farmers in Pecos have already been forced out of irrigation, and I doubt that many in the Panhandle could hang on if gas prices there go up to the levels we have here in the Austin area," he adds.

School Cafeteria Menu

MONDAY, JAN. 3
Corn Dogs-Mustard
Macaroni-Cheese Casserole
Green Beans
Dill Pickle Spears
Peaches

Yeast Batter Bread-Butter
HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE
Steak Fingers-Catsup

TUESDAY, JAN. 4
BBQ Beef
Potato Salad
Seasoned Pinto Beans
Cole Slaw
Spice Cake
Cornbread-Butter
Milk
HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE
Meatloaf-Catsup

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Vegetable-Beef Stew
Celery Sticks
Lime Fruit Gelatin
Gingerbread
Milk
HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE
Chicken Salad Sandwich

THURSDAY, JAN. 6
Salisbury Steak-Catsup
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Peas & Carrots
Combination Salad-Dressing
Peanut Butter Blend
Hot Rolls-Butter
Milk
HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE
Burritos

FRIDAY, JAN. 7
Hamburger or Tuna Salad
Sandwich
French Fries-Catsup
Shredded Lettuce-Dressing
Dill Slices
Chopped Onion
Apple Cobbler
Milk

Waka School PTA Program

The 3-act operetta, "Mr. Grump's Toyshop", well presented by the entire student body of Waka School, drew a large crowd at the Waka School, Monday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

A lot of work on the part of the teachers, students and mothers went into making this play very enjoyable.

After the program, there was a visit from Santa, who passed out gifts to the youngsters. Sacks of candy and fruit were given to everyone.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Piatt announce the birth of Jeremy Shaun, born Dec. 15 in Ochiltree General Hospital in Perryton. He weighed 5 lbs. 7 1/2 oz. and was 18 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Vance Snider and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Piatt, all of Spearman.



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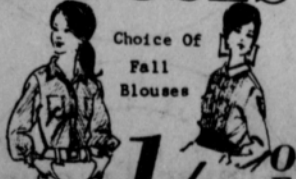
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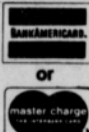


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invited to the reception in the First United Methodist Church Garden Room in Borger. Married January 9, 1927 in Stinnett, they have one son, Wayne L. Board of Amarillo. The couple moved to Borger from Morse in October, 1974. They are members of the First United Methodist Church of Borger and the Order of the Eastern Star.

County Employees Enjoy Party

Hansford County officials and employees enjoyed a Christmas party December 20 at the County Barn here. Some 125 were present for the pot luck dinner, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Santa Claus visited with the children and gave out treats of fruit and candy.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hendricks is their son, Danny Hendricks and his friend, Jim Hedrick of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hendricks request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter

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First Baptist Church Spearman, Texas

Reception following

United Presbyterian Church News

The First Presbyterian Church of Spearman is located at 11th and Cotter Drive and the pastor is the Rev. Edward D. Freeman.

There is a Sunday Church School class for every age group every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. and a teacher prepared to give a good Bible lesson.

"A Star in the East" will be the subject of Pastor Ed Freeman's children's sermon and "Finding the Messiah" is the subject of his adult sermon at the service for the public worship of God on Sunday, January 2, at 11:00 a.m. Danny Womble will be ordained an elder and he and Wallace Price will be installed as members of the Session. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed.

Mid-week Bible study will be Wednesday, January 5, at 7:30 p.m.

The choir will practice on Wednesday, January 5, at 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 6, is Epiphany which commemorates the coming of the Wise Men to see the young child Jesus as recorded in Matthew, Chapter 2. This is the end of the Christmas season because Mary and Joseph

and the child Jesus fled into Egypt.

Friday, January 7, is a Fast Day when Christians are urged to fast and pray for all those who serve in civil government at all levels.

Representatives of the Presbyterian churches in Spearman and Canadian will meet to do some joint planning on Saturday, January 8, at 10:00 a.m. at the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Perryton.

People without a church home are invited to try the warm Christian fellowship of the First Presbyterian Church.

Boards To Celebrate Anniversary

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Lex L. Board of Borger will honor his parents with a golden wedding anniversary reception from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, January 9.

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Statewide Market Basket Cost Noted

Texas grocery shoppers spent an average of \$18.22 for a basket of commonly purchased items during the month of September according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

The first monthly survey of grocery prices conducted by the TDA was based on reports made in 70 supermarkets in 12 cities, White said. The survey was taken on the fourth Tuesday of the month and the statewide market basket average was reached by first averaging the price of each item in each city. These averages from each city were then averaged to arrive at the statewide figure.

The cities surveyed and the average cost of a basket of groceries in each included Houston, \$18.25; Austin, \$17.83; Abilene, \$18.72; Laredo, \$18.20; Tyler, \$18.18; Corpus Christi, \$18.89; El Paso, \$18.07; San Antonio, \$16.78; Dallas, \$18.22; Fort Worth, \$18.20; McAllen/Edinburg, \$18.05; and Lubbock,

\$18.25. The statewide average price for each of the twenty items included for a one-gallon one-half percent low fat milk, \$1.32 (in Spearman, \$1.89); one gallon whole Homogenized milk, \$1.62 (Spearman, \$1.91); one dozen large Grade A eggs, \$3.86 (Spearman, \$3.96); 12 ounce package of individually wrapped Kraft American cheese food single, \$1.34 (Spearman, \$1.37); one pound of Parkay stick margarine, \$5.53.

For a 24-ounce loaf of white sandwich bread the price noted was \$3.40 (Spearman, \$4.47); one pound of whole fryer chicken, \$4.49 (Spearman, \$5.59); one pound of regular ground beef \$7.78 (\$9.99); one pound of grain-fed round steak with bone, \$1.42 (Spearman, \$1.29); one pound of family-pack pork chops, \$1.32 (Spearman, \$1.69); six and one-half ounce can of Star Kist tuna, \$6.63; one pound bacon, \$1.38 (Spearman, \$1.19).

Concluding the list of market basket specials (?) were one pound of red Delicious apples, \$4.47 (Spearman, \$4.49); 18-ounce box of Kellogg's Corn Flakes, \$5.69 (Spearman, \$3.39); one pound of bulk tomatoes, \$1.51 (Spearman, \$3.69); one pound of dry pinto beans, \$2.24 (Spearman, \$2.25); one pound of Folger's Electric Perk Coffee, \$2.00 (Spearman, \$2.24); 49-ounce box of Tide detergent, \$1.37; and six-ounce can of frozen orange juice, \$2.26. The Spearman prices were during the month of November and, of course, were not of the same period as indicated in the state September survey.

Christmas dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Bullard and family were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hendricks of Spearman, her brother, Danny Hendricks and his friend, Jim Hedrick, both of Houston.

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FB Meet In Honolulu

WACO—A delegation of 450 Texans from 111 counties will attend the 57th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation Jan. 9-12 in Honolulu.

The Texans will fly from Dallas Jan. 6 and return Jan. 16. In addition to attending the AFBF convention, they will also tour the main Hawaiian Islands.

Delegates from 49 states (all except Alaska) and Puerto Rico will adopt national policies to guide the 2.7 million member general farm organization next year.

Major issues to be resolved include government farm programs, taxation, spending, inflation, international trade, and the adverse impact of federal regulatory agencies on food production.

More than 12,000 farm and ranch people from all over the nation are expected to attend the convention in Honolulu's Blaisdell Center.

Main speakers will include AFBF President Allan Grant; Ambassador Frederick B. Dent, U. S. special representative to the General Trade Negotiations in Geneva; and Shirley Temple Black, chief of protocol for the State Department and former U.S. representative to the United Nations.

By virtue of its membership of 195,571--third largest in the nation--Texas will send 14 voting delegates to the meeting.

Also representing the TFB in youth events at the convention will be state winners of queen contest, talent find, discussion meet, and outstanding young farmer-rancher contest.

TFB President Carrol Chaloupka of Dalhart will head the voting delegates which also include the 13 members of the organization board of directors. Three former directors will attend as alternates.

Other voting delegates include: Jack Osborne, Pampa; S. M. True, Jr., Plainview; Marvin Phemister, Weinert; Joe F. Fisher, McKinney; T. L. Roberts, Wills

Point; Vester Smith, Loop; Doyle Condra, Talpa; Calvin Rueter, Clifton; Henry Burton, Lufkin; J. R. (Bubba) Day, Uvalde; Donald Hebert, Waller; Milton Harborth, Seguin; and Reed Lang, Rio Hondo.

Alternates are Bill Reid, Lamesa; John A. Smith, Cameron; and R. A. (Bob) Faseler, Hondo.

Miss Cheryl McCann of Lometa, selected TFB queen in early December, will be presented, along with other state queens, in a special pageant at the convention. The 18-year-old Baylor freshman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McCann.

A trio of string instrumentalists from Clarksville called the Red River Rebels will perform in the national talent find. They include two brothers, Tommy and Dewayne Leverett and Chuck Johnston.

Milton Beckendorff, 30-year-old rice and soybean farmer from Sealy, will represent Texas in the national discussion meet competition. He won the state contest in December.

Larry Pratt, a 29-year-old livestock and grain farmer from Elliasville in Young County, will represent Texas in the national finals of the AFBF Outstanding Young Farmer-Rancher Contest. Three national winners will be selected.

Party Honors Kenneth Bullard

Kenneth Bullard, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Bullard, was honored with a birthday party Tuesday, December 28th in his home.

Refreshments of hot dogs, cake and ice cream were enjoyed, then the group was treated to the show.

Those present were Birthday Honoree Kenneth Bullard, Ladd Sheets, Mack McLain, Greg Brand, Scott Bullard and Melissa Bullard.



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