

NEW PROGRAM YOR HDC PLANNED

The February Home Demonstration Club program will be on "Decorating the Home With House Plants." The program leaders will be in charge of presenting the program to their club. The leader training session for club leaders will be on Tuesday, January 24th at 10 a.m. in the Eastland National Bank Community Room. Mrs. Janet Thomas, County Extension Agent, will direct the training program.

The program topics will include plant selection and care, diagnosing plant problems, correct potting of plants, water proofing of plant containers, use of plants for attractive additions to interior home decor, and plant grooming techniques.

All interested program leaders from other clubs and organizations are invited to attend this training meeting. Educational programs sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of social economic levels, race, color, sex, religion, or national origin.

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COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW ENTRIES DUE SHOW FOR 4-H MEMBERS

The County Livestock Show will be held March 16 thru 18, this year and the time is fast approaching when 4-H Members are to turn in their entry cards. After all entries are collected they will be turned to division Superintendents at the February Livestock Raisers meeting, on February 9. 4-H exhibitors should turn in their entries to Danny Phillips, County Extension Agent by Friday February 3.

Entry cards for all classes of livestock are available in the County Agents office in Eastland for any 4-H member needing cards. Exhibitors are reminded to use the blue cards for breeding animals including rabbits and the white cards for market classes. Entry fees will be sixty cents for sheep, lambs, goats and hogs, twenty-five cents for rabbits and \$1.25 for cattle.

Numbers of entries are expected to be good again this year in all divisions. County businesses and individuals have supported the show for many years by providing premium money through the purchase of ads in the livestock premium book. Many thanks are given to everyone that reached down and gave to another

EASTLAND COUNTY HD COUNCIL EFFECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Eastland County Home Demonstration Council began the new year this month with officers and committee members being elected. The H.D. Council's objective is to develop leadership and to promote and extend home demonstration club work to all families in all parts of the county. New officers include: Chairman - Mrs. T.L. Hale of Pleasant Hill Club; Vice-Chairman - Mrs. Arlin Bint of Lake Cisco H.D. Club; Secretary - Mrs. Bernard Campbell of Pleasant Hill H.D. Club; and Treasurer - Mrs. Sue Taylor of Lake Cisco H.D. Club. County THDA Chairman for 1978 is Mrs. Cullen Rodgers of the Kokomo Home Demonstration Club.

Membership of the Standing Committees of Council, include the following: EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Gerald Tucker, Mrs. Eva Thornal, Mrs. Jack Hancock, Mrs. Ben Rollins, Mrs. T.E. Yarbrough and Mrs. Mabel Garrett; FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Sue Taylor, Mrs. J.L. Morrow, and Mrs. Tom Smith; PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Mrs. Arlin Bint, Mrs. Glenn Jordan, and Mrs. Berniece Tankersley; Mrs. H.E. Hartsell, Mrs. Vazis Phelps, and Mrs. D.F. Eaves; RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Ralph Roberts, and Mrs. Zelma Lusk.

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AVA MASON RECEIVES LETTER FROM 103YEAR RELATIVE

Mrs. Ava Mason of Gorman received a letter from a cousin this week because of the Indian Mountain article that appeared in the Comanche Chief December 1, and also in the Gorman Progress January 5th. Dear Ava:

On Tuesday, the tenth, my cousin from De Leon brought a paper of Comanche Chief dated December 1, 1977, telling about Indian Mountain school and showing pictures of the 1906-7 pupils with pictures of my

worthily cause. Three clubs are currently working to complete their fund drive toward the completion of the State 4-H Center complex at Brownwood. The dream of having such a state center has become a reality, and Eastland County 4-H clubs in Carbon, Cisco and Rising Star are planning to complete their portions of the pledge by April. If you are contacted please give freely to these club members in this cause.

CARBON YOUNG HOMEMAKERS MET JANUARY 18, 1978

The Carbon Young Homemakers met January 18, 1978 in the Carbon School Homemaking Cottage. The program was given by Mrs. Martha Schooler of Lake Leon. Mrs. Schooler is employed by the Carbon ISD as Kindergarten and Title I Reading teacher. She gave a very interesting and informative history and de-

STOCK MARKET COURSE SCHEDULED-TARLETON STEPHENVILLE

A stock market investment course will be offered by the Tarleton State University continuing education program starting Monday February 6. The class will run from 7 to 9 p.m. each Monday for seven weeks. Instructor will be Don Reynolds, account executive for Merrill Lynch of Fort Worth.

The investment course will cover such diverse areas as growth stocks, charting, tax shelters, options, commodities, and federal economic policy. Class activities will include video training tapes from Merrill Lynch and a commodities broker as guest lecturer. Much of the course will follow guidelines outlined by the New York Stock Exchange.

Registration for the course will be \$30. Pre-registration is mandatory with February 1 as registration deadline. Persons may register by contacting Pat Belyeu, TSU Continuing Education Program, Box T2006, Stephenville, Texas or by calling 817-968-2196.

mother and father as teachers and my sister and me.

The occasion of the visit was celebration of my mother's 103rd Birthday. She lives with me, is alert, well and we would be so happy to have you visit us. I taught school for 43 years, never married, retired in 1961, have lived in Stephenville since 1964, Lea Mangum lives in Brownwood and Linnie in Boston. I mailed a letter yesterday to Comanche. Re read the article and discovered my mistake. Hope this letter reaches you.

Luciale Robinson

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

PROGRESS POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT FEES: District Offices \$35.00 County Offices \$25.00 County Commissioner \$25.00 Justice of Peace \$25.00 All political advertisements paid for by friends of candidate must bear at least on signature.

(Political advertising charged for at a rate of 75 cents per column inch.)

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The Progress is authorized to make the following political announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries in May and June of 1978.

For Eastland County Clerk: JOANN JOHNSON of Eastland J. D. (JAY) CARTER County Clerk

State Rep., 54th District: JOE C. HANNA (re-election)

For U.S. Representative, 17th Congressional District: DUSTY RHODES of Abilene CHARLES STENHOLM Stamford FIKE GODFREY of Abilene

'Strong Medicine'

BY LATONNE RODGERS

STRONG MEDICINE IS BEING SOUGHT FOR THE ILLS OF THE AMERICAN FARMER.

"Frustration" seems an apt word to describe the feelings of most farmers today-which is not unlike the emotions felt when we have a serious illness for which there seems to be no "sure cure."

Perhaps we can better understand the factors which monstration on the art of China Painting, displaying many of her own hand painted pieces. The program was enjoyed by all who attended. Those who were present for the January meeting were: Ellen Gresset, advisor, Darlene Stacy, Rosetta Hagan, Jackie Tucker, Janis Keith, Becky Norris, Kim Whitaker, Jenoise Allison, Linda Mehaffey, and Lavine Stubblefield.

The Young Homemakers tea honoring the Outstanding Future Homemaker will be held February 14, 1978 at 6:30 P.M. in the home of Mrs. Lynn Hagan of Carbon. The tea will honor all junior and senior homemaking students and their mothers.

have brought about the present conditions by examining a key word called "PARITY".

This word is, to say the least, confusing, and we consulted De Gordon, Eastland County Agriculture Agent who came up with this definition:

"Parity is a measuring stick that compares the prices farmers receive for their products with the prices they have to pay for goods and services. The period of 1910-1914 is the base period and prices during that period are considered 100 percent parity."

According to materials put out by those advocating the Agriculture movement farmers received only 60 percent of parity in 1977 on a number of agricultural commodities produced.

The law of supply and demand is, supposedly, the basis for setting the prices farmers receive for their commodities. If this be true, would not the demand for these same commodities be greater if imports were curtailed?

The foreign countries funneling imports into the United States are getting rich

and as the farmer is put out of business by them, foreign corporations come in and buy the land, therefore presenting the possibility that in the not-too-distant future the "family farm" will be extinct.

What then, will food prices increase to? One farm worker, in 1975, produced food and fiber for himself and 56 others and only 16 percent of the average wage earner's salary is spent on food, the lowest in the world.

Quoting, once again the proponents of the agriculture movement, say that if farmers received 100 per cent parity, or cost of living raise, that most wage earners receive, this would increase the cost of food to only about 20 percent of the wage earners take home pay. That amounts to a cost increase to the consumer of only 4 per cent.

Farmers are a minority of people in our great nation, less than 4 percent of the population, feeding millions, but have no political voting power. In 1973, cattle prices were close to parity and the government put on a price freeze.

In 1974, farmers were told to plant "fence row to fence row" to feed the hungry nations. This was done and

an export embargo was placed on agricultural products which destroyed the market and created a surplus.

What, then, is the solution or best medicine for the plight of the American Farmer???

One thing is for sure, these understanding, compassionate, reasonable,

self-sufficient families are searching for answers and are willing to put forth the time and effort to achieve the best possible results.



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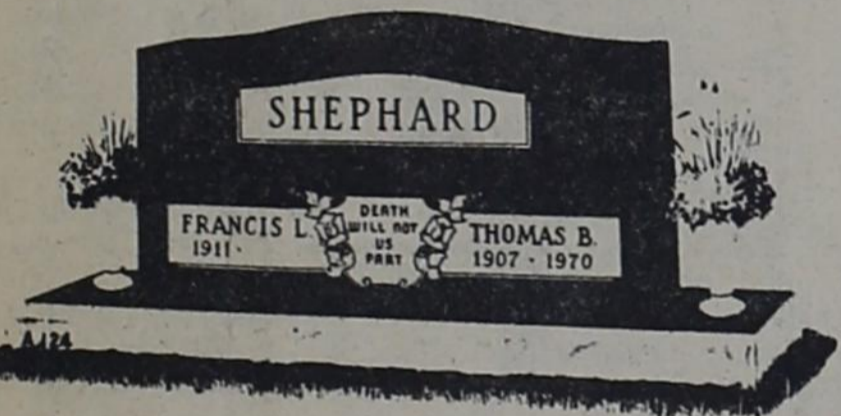
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Comanche County Gains Location for Test Well

McCoun & Temple Interests of Tyler will drill No. 2 Carr as a proposed 3,200-foot wildcat in Comanche County. Location is eight miles east of Rising Star on a 148-acre lease. It spots 330 feet from the north and east lines of Section 2, T&NO Survey, A-1808. EASTLAND — Schkade Brothers Drilling Co. of Abilene No. 1 Timothy E. Rich is a planned 3,650-foot venture. It will be drilled five miles south of Cisco in the Ernest Reich Field.

Drillsite is 850 feet from the south and 900 feet from the west lines of Section 49, Block 3, H&TC Survey. The lease is composed of 160 acres. Nueve Operating Co. of Texas, an Abilene firm, will drill No. 1-Q G. Dunn in the Penn (Ranger) Field one mile north of Rising Star. The planned 3,100-foot venture spots 330 feet from the south and east lines of Section 39, Block 2, ETRR Survey, A-100. Supreme Oil Co. of Abilene

No. 1-A L. A. Thompson is a planned 1,700-foot venture for the regular field six miles east of Eastland. Drillsite is 2,026 feet from the north and 450 feet from the east lines of Section 49, McLennan CSL Survey. The lease is composed of 40 acres. Some people used to put stale bread in babies' cradles in the hope of warding off disease.



INCOME TAX MEETING SET FOR JAN. 27
Farmer's Income Tax reporting will be the topic meeting Friday, January 27. There are several changes in 1977 income tax reporting that will affect farmers. To help farmers understand these changes the Agricultural Extension Service will conduct the meeting. It will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will be held at the Texas Electric Reddy Room, 112 East Commerce in Eastland. The meet will last until 3:00 p.m. or as long as there are questions concerning income tax. County Agent De Gordon said the meeting is planned to help farm families with their income tax reporting. Everyone who has a question and needs help on their 1977 farm tax report is encouraged to attend the meeting. James Denton will discuss the new changes in the tax law and will discuss such things as investment credit, depreciation, capital gains and losses, deductions and other items of importance on the Tax form. Denton is Area Economist - Management for the Agricultural Extension Service. The 1978 Farmer's Tax Guides will be available to everyone. Gordon said a source of farm record keeping books will be discussed. Everyone is welcome to attend any part or all of the meeting regardless of race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

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HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients listed in Blackwell Hospital Wednesday were: Willie Barrett Gorman, J. Davis Smith Gorman. **BLACKWELL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY PLAN BAKE SALE FOR FEB. 11**
The Blackwell Hospital Auxiliary met for their regular business meeting Thursday with seven members and one visitor present. Richard Arnold met with us. He told us of the need of an Astro pulse-20 machine. The Auxiliary voted to buy one-also new draperies for the dining room. The hospital personell expressed their thanks for all the things the Auxiliary has done the past year, to make the patients hospital stay more enjoyable. We are planning a Bake Sale for the 11th of February to help up in other things we have planned to do for the hospital this year. We wish to thank everyone who has helped us in any way this past year, with our help we couldn't have done what we have. The more we have working, the more we can do. Reporter

FRIDAY DEADLINE FOR JOINING SQUARE DANCE CLUB
There is still time to get in on the fun! This is the last open week to sign up for square dance lessons. The lessons are sponsored by Pearl Anderson Comanche Eula Justice Gorman Lela Leach Gorman Mary Jobe Gorman Roy Kinser Gorman Helen Arnold Desdemona John Arnold Desdemona Sadie Russell Gorman Martha Norris Gorman J.B. Johnson Gorman Oscar Carr Gorman —GP—

by the Peanut Promenaders Square Dance Club each Friday at the Gorman Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m. Dick Troutman is the instructor. For further information call Bob Slampa 734-2092, or J.S. Ripley 734-2375. peanut farmers within the Farm Bureau. Mr. and Mrs. Reich will attend the Texas Farm Bureau Statewide Commodity Conference February 2 and 3, 1978 at the Waco Convention Center. Among the topics to be covered are: New Peanut Legislation and problems with Seg. III peanuts. Speakers include: Carrol Chaloupka, Texas Farm Bureau President; Warren Newbury, Texas Farm Bureau Executive Director; Vernie Glasson, American Farm Bureau Federation Washington Staff; Ed McKay, Legislative Staff. Mr. Robert Strauss, U.S. Special Trade Negotiator, will discuss International Trade at the Banquet Thursday night February 2nd. Dr. Ken Hood, author, humorist and economist, will close the 1978 Statewide Commodity Conference as Luncheon Speaker.

ERNEST REICH ELECTED TO ADVISORY COM.

Mr. Ernest Reich, Route 2, Cisco, Texas, has been appointed by Texas Farm Bureau President, Carol G. Chaloupka, to serve as one of the five members of the Texas Farm Bureau State Peanut Advisory Committee for 1978. Mr. Reich will play an important role in developing and recommending programs and activities for

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