

RRC Chairman Mack Wallace Calls Public Interest "Paramount"

Railroad Commission Chairman Mack Wallace today identified environmental protection, public safety, natural gas rates, oilfield theft, and federal regulation as key issues facing the state's energy regulatory agency.

He vowed to keep the interests of the people of Texas always paramount in attempts to solve these problems.

Wallace, who was elected chairman of the RRC earlier this month, made his statement to oil and gas industry representatives at the Commission's monthly statewide oil and gas hearing here.

He said the Commission's responsibilities in rail safety, LP-gas safety, and natural gas pipeline safety are "high personal priorities."

"I want to improve this Commission's capabilities to abate oil field pollution whenever and wherever necessary," he said.

Wallace added he felt the conservation and protection

of the state's scarce water resources are "equally essential" as the conservation and protection of the state's oil and gas resources.

"I am committed to a stepped up enforcement effort to assure that the use of the state's fresh water, as it relates to oil and gas production, is guarded against those who would pollute it," Wallace explained.

The RRC chairman further maintained that assuring Texans of a stable supply of natural gas at the lowest possible cost "continues to occupy a position of high priority with me," as does the quality of service provided consumers by gas companies.

He added that the Commission has recently implemented steps to require gas utilities to give customers five working days notice before service is terminated and to inform customers on how to resolve billing dis-

putes and register complaints.

Wallace pointed out that the federal Natural Gas Policy Act, passed by Congress in 1978, is keeping the price of natural gas "unconsciously high at a time when the laws of supply and demand dictate that the price should fall."

He said he would do all in his power to seek repeal of the NGPA.

Other federal procedures, Wallace said, have kept the state from getting access to the \$14 million that has so far been collected from Texas lignite producers by the federal Office of Surface Mining. The fund was created to provide money for reclaiming lands disturbed by mining operations in Texas for which no one has the responsibility for reclamation.

Although Texas had identified hundreds of mines in the state that have been left unreclaimed, "the mechanism set up by the U.S. Congress has prevented the State of Texas from receiving any money pursuant to its approved regulatory program to reclaim any abandoned land," Wallace said.

He proposed that state governments be allowed to collect the fund money and administer the reclamation

GORDON SPOT

by DeMarquis Gordon

January and February is an ideal time to select shade or ornamental trees for planting so they can become established prior to spring growth.

Tree planting should be done with care. To begin, select a tree that suits your particular landscape needs. Before buying, ask yourself these questions: Will there

program to eliminated federal involvement as an "unnecessary intermediary."

Imports of foreign oil are another problem facing the country, Wallace said. "While it is true that imports have declined considerably over the last few years, the fact remains that today this nation still imports more than five million barrels per day of crude oil and crude oil products into this country at a cost of billions of dollars."

A limitation on crude oil imports, Wallace explained, could boost oil exploration and production at home and encourage the use of domestic gas.

be adequate room for the trees when it reaches maturity? Will it fit the existing landscape? Is it for shade, screening or wind protection or just to balance the landscape?

Choose a tree that is well adapted to area soils and weather extremes. Consider possible insect problems such as elm leaf beetles, common to various elm species, and disease susceptibilities such as anthracnose, common to sycamore trees and Arizona ash, and leafspot common to mulberries.

Choose between deciduous and evergreen trees. Deciduous trees provide shade in the summer and shed their leaves to let sunlight through in winter. Evergreen plants provide shading and screening the year round but do not change color or texture in the fall.

After selecting the tree, make certain it's planted correctly. Make sure the

planting hole is large enough for the root system. For a bare-root tree, make the hole large enough to allow the root system to spread out naturally. The plant should set no deeper than its original soil level - slightly higher (1-2 inches) is even better. Next trim broken or damaged roots and then form a mound in the bottom of the planting hole letting the roots flow down the mound. Do not allow roots to dry out.

For a balled-and-burlapped tree, dig the hole about 1½ times the diameter of the ball. Plant it so that the top of the soil ball is at or slightly above existing soil surface.

Finally, prune the tops to transplanted trees to compensate for loss of roots. As a general rule, prune about ¼ of the top growth. Then fill the hole with a good soil mixture and water thoroughly.

For a list of trees suited to Eastland County get a copy of the list of trees recommended for Eastland County at the County Extension Office.

A farmer's decision to "self-insure" against possible crop losses can have tragic financial result. Some

farmers feel that if they've survived in the past without insurance on their crops, they can survive in the future without it. They neglect to take into account that a crop loss today is likely to have far more serious economic consequences than a similar loss as recently as four or five years ago.

A farmer's ability to borrow money can be significantly weakened when a loss of crop investment capital results in a reduction in his net worth. This can become a major problem if additional debt incurred to pay past expenses reduces his ability to borrow for future production expenses. In contrast, if crop losses are covered by insurance, his net worth and ability to borrow should remain unchanged.

Federal Crop Insurance policies are available in Eastland County on corn, peanuts, cotton and grain sorghum. The insurance is

AUSTIN--Lieutenant Governor Bill Hobby announced at the opening of the 68th Legislative Session that he is appointing State Senator Bob Glasgow as vice chairman of the Economic Development Committee, and as a member of the Finance Committee and the Jurisprudence Committee.

"I am pleased to be able to call on Senator Glasgow's experience and knowledge in this session of the Legislature to help on these important committees," Hobby said of the appointments.

Glasgow, from Stephenville, served as a member of the Economic Development Committee, the Human Resources Committee and the Jurisprudence Committee in the 67th Legislative Session.

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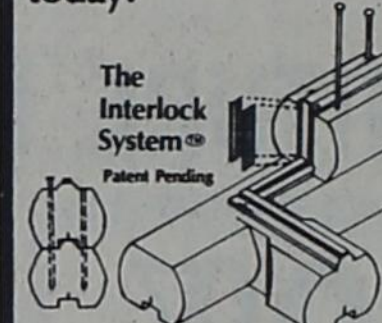
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KOKOMO NEWS

By Zelda Jordan

Wasn't the snow beautiful? As I didn't have to get out in the snow, I could enjoy it's beauty from my window.

Clifton Wood of Wauneta, Neb. and Mrs. Floyd Wood of Carbon visited one day last week with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clearman attended the Jim Ned Livestock Show in Tuscola on Thursday. Their granddaughter, Kristi Clearman, had the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion fat steers of the show. On Saturday Kristi's heavy steer was named the Grand Champion of the

Taylor County Livestock Show in Abilene and sold for \$5,000.00. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clearman also attended the Taylor County Show on Saturday. Our congratulations to Kristi and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Clearman.

We extend sincere sympathy to the family of Mr. Cass Frasier, who passed away early on Saturday morning at his home of a heart attack. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Koonce of Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Frasier of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Frasier of Iraan came to be with their mother, Mrs. Cass Frasier and at-

tended their father's funeral on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Little visited in Abilene on Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Tim Fails and Cody. Cody came home with his grandparents for a visit this week.

Mrs. Richard Nachtigall of Morgan Mill and Buster Johnson of Carbon visited during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fields and Lindell and attended the funeral for Cass Frasier on Sunday.

Mrs. Ethel Lovell of Carbon spent several days recuperating at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown, after her release from the Blackwell Hospital at Gorman.

Visitors with Bro. and Mrs. Joe O'Neal during the past week were Bro. Jim Andrews, Ricky

68TH LEGISLATURE REPORT BY SENATOR BOB GLASGOW

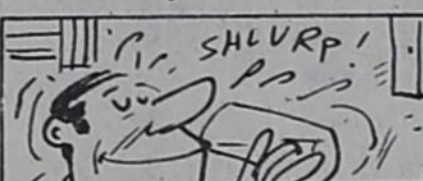
Now that the brouhaha of the first two weeks is over the 68th Legislature can finally sit down and go to work. This Session promises to be one of the more controversial and important.

Particularly of interest this Session will be the thirty-two agencies up for Sunset review. Sunset review is a process requiring review by the Legislature of each State agency every twelve years. The Legislature must review and pass legislation continuing the agency for the next twelve years or else the agency goes out of existence.

The largest agencies up for review are the Public Utility Commission, the Railroad Commission, the State Banking Department, the State Banking Commission, the Finance Commission, Savings and Loan Commission, State Board of Insurance, Industrial Accident Board, Texas Department of Community Affairs and the Texas Employment Commission.

Although these bills are less glamorous and less sensational than other legislation, the treatment of these subjects will have by far the greatest impact on your everyday life than any other legislation being considered this year.

Some of the more controversial subjects that will be



The minimum adult requirement of water is about a quart of liquid per day.

Troutman, Mr. and Mrs. Ardith Pittman of Gorman, Mrs. Alene Reeves of Eastland, Mrs. Don Connell and Daniel of Ringgold, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clearman, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks, Claude Fuller, Mrs. Bill Joiner and Mrs. Cullen Rodgers.

The regular 5th Sunday night singing will be held at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday night, January 30 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

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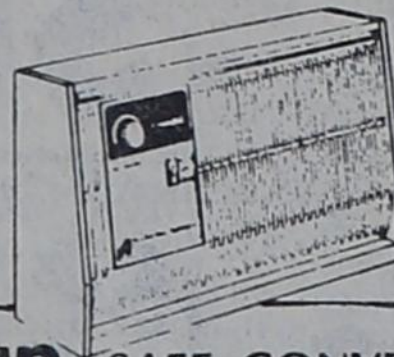
trucking deregulation, pari-mutuel betting and the allow-

ance of second liens on homesteads. The volume of

mail in my office has been heavy on these subjects.

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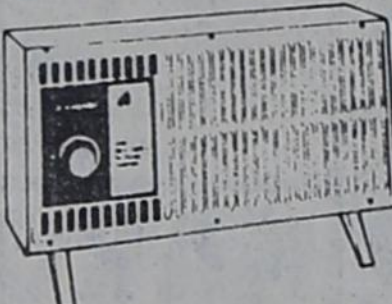
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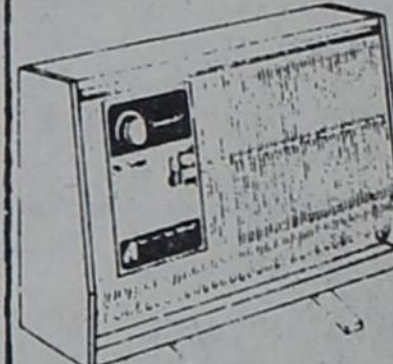
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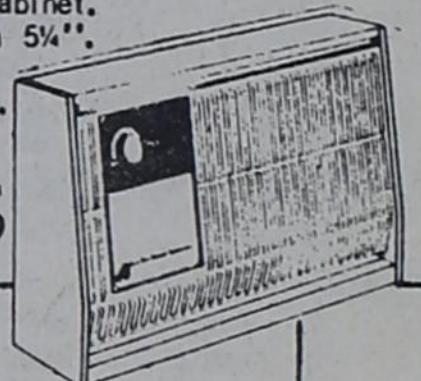
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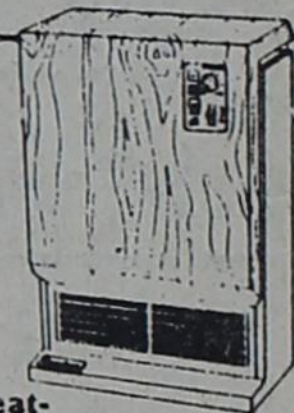
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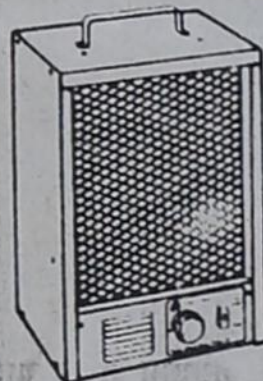
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CARBON NEWS
By Mrs. Bob Hasting
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Last week was bad news weather wise. The snow was beautiful for awhile and the moisture is much appreciated and so was the sunshine. Sunday was Laymens' Day at Carbon Baptist Church. Speakers Sunday morning were Bryan Hays and Nelson Dotson. Evening Speakers were Euell Allison and Fred Tucker. During the song service Several beautiful numbers were rendered by the quartet consisting of Tony Thackerson, Lynn Hagen, Ike Whitson and Nelson Dotson. Other Laymen having parts in the services were Marty Morgan as Sunday School superintendent and Charles Morgan lead the Quiet Time. There were a number of out of town visitors in the morning service. Carbon Junior High basketball teams played Rising Star here last Monday night. Carbon girls losing and Carbon boys winning. They will play Eula here tonight (Monday.) Carbon Lions Club hosted Eastland Lion's Club Saturday night at basketball.

Carbon women team won and the Eastland men won in the Men's game. These games are played annually as benefit games. The Carbon Lion's Club will hold their Annual Auction in Carbon February 19, 1983. Carrol Sandlin of Lubbock spent the weekend with his mother Mrs. Elizabeth Sandlin. Mr. and Mrs. Tim Webb attended the Merle Haggard Concert in Abilene Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hamilton of Lowell, Arkansas, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. Vades Plumber and Vada Lee of Cisco visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Skinner last Sunday.

GORMAN CARE CENTER NEWS
By Jettie Daniels

We are happy to report that some of our residents have returned from the hospital and we are very happy to have them back with us. Still have some that aren't back. But we wish for them a quick recovery and that they will soon return to us. We miss each of you. Hurry and get well. Last Weeks Bingo Winners were: Game I Oscar Carr, Game II Mary Timmons, No. 3. Lucille Campbell No. 4. Jimmie Mosley -- Black Out Game: Jimmie Mosley. This Thursday at 2:P.M. is our Monthly Birthday Party. We have five that will be celebrating birthday's this month. Thursday Night is Singing Night at 7:P.M. Weather permitting and we hope that it will as we have had to cancel several times, and that isn't to good, as our residents do really enjoy this time that you spend with them. We all miss these Thursday Nights with you and you miss us just as much. Church Services this Sunday at 2:30 P.M. The New Hope Church will be here: Bro. Richard Watson, will do the preaching at 5:P.M. The Church of Christ will also have services - Services are held in the front lobby each Sunday.

GORMAN STUDENTS NAMED TO CJC HONOR ROLL

One Cisco Junior College student from Gorman is on the recently released President's List for the fall semester of 1982. Students making the President's List have made a straight "A" record or a 4.0 average. Gorman student making the list is Carol A. Ables. Grady C. Shook, of Gorman, made the Dean's List. Students making the Dean's List have earned a 3.5 or better grade point average on a 4.0 system.

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