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Pre-REGISTRATION FOR
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Wednesday, May 2 from
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cate.

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FRIDAY AND MONDAY
Friday and Monday will
be school holidays for Eas-
ter.

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Joe Bennett, Publisher

—J—
Can you imagine a candi-
date expressing sympathy
for voters who elected him.
Wasn't that terrible? Ser-
iously, though, we apolo-
gize to Freddie Gilmore for
the error. I understand he
heard a few words over it.
Sorry, Freddie. We are
running it the correct way
this week.

—J—
Enjoyed the swearing-in
ceremonies at the City
Commission meeting held
on Tuesday morning. The
newly elected commission-
ers, Bill Clark and Jimmy
Guthery, and the Mayor,
Charlie Garrett, took the
oath of office from Pat
Ingram, City Judge, in the
presence of several visitors
at the meeting.

Clark was elected as
street commissioner; Guth-
ery as sanitation commis-
sioner; Frank Leazar, Wat-
er and Sewer; and Bill
Miears, police commis-
sioner.

We congratulate the new
officials and give our best
wishes to all the commis-
sioners and mayor.

—J—
One of the new mobile
homes I mentioned last
week that we had no infor-
mation on is the home of
Mr. and Mrs. Don Curb
and family. It is located on
the lot just north of the
Love Acres Project. The
Curb's are really enjoying
the three bedroom, 14x80
home.

—J—
Received the following
letter last week and thought
we would include it in this
week's column:

Dear Editor:
I am writing in regards to
your nursing home in Gor-
man, "Gorman Care Cen-
ter".

We moved our mom,
Gracie Alexander, to the
home in August, 1983. She
is 86 years old and has been
in a nursing home in West
Texas for nine years. There
is no comparison in the
home you have and the one
she was previously in. I
think you people in the
Gorman area are very for-
tunate to have such a good
place for the elderly and
disabled. A home that real-
ly cares and treats the
patients like real human
beings. My mother was
mistreated in so many ways
that I could write a book
about it. She seems to be
as comfortable as she can
possibly be, due to her
condition, and I certainly
could not say that before
she was moved to Gorman.
My sister, Frances Sanders
lives in your fine commu-
nity and visits the home
daily. I come as often as I
can and we are both very
happy to have our mom
cared for, and know that if
one of us can't be there,
she will be properly cared
for anyway. Our thanks go
out to the administrator and
all the staff of the home for
the great job they are
doing. They all should be
highly commended for do-
ing a good job with "Ten-
der Loving Care".

Sincerely,
Edith Almand
We agree with you Mrs.
Almand. We feel fortunate
indeed to have such a nice
place as this in our city.
Thanks for the good words.

—J—
The Lions Club is very
happy over the response
they received from the folks
in these parts for the bene-
fit barbecue for the build-
ing fund for the new build-
ing for the fire department.
A total of \$2160 was donat-
ed by the Lions Club to the
fire department. All pro-
ceeds went to the fund. The
Lions Club members pur-
chased all the food for the
event. The Lions truly ap-
preciate all the support
they received on this bene-
fit and they are to be
commended for the good
they do for this community.

—J—
And remember to smile -
because God Loves You!

New City Officials Take Oath of Office



Elected City Officials took the Oath of Office, Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at the City Hall.

Shown above are left to right, front row, Mrs. Pat Ingram, City Judge giving the Oath of Office to Bill Clark, elected to Place Two and Charlie Garrett as Mayor and back row, Jimmy Guthery, Place Four on the City Commission.

Johnnie Morren Issues Formal Statement

Sheriff Johnnie W. Morren would like to take this time to say to the voters of Eastland County: "It has been both an honor and a privilege to serve the people of Eastland County as Sheriff for the past five years. It is also a responsibility which I do not take lightly. Throughout my term I have sought to fulfill my obligations as both a peace officer and a citizen.

"As I look back on the accomplishments of my term in office, I take special pride in our attempts to work with the young people of this county. Our children and grandchildren are our greatest assets. They represent our hopes for the future. During my tenure, I have sought to communicate with and support the youth of our community. If re-elected, I pledge my continued dedication to support the growth and development of the young people of Eastland County.

"Looking to the future, I will endeavor to rededicate my efforts to serve ALL the people of the county. I thank you for your continued confidence and support and ask that you re-elect me as your Sheriff on Saturday, May 5th."

Morren said that since he has assumed the office of Sheriff, his department has reduced the crime rate by 46 percent. Over \$746,000 worth of stolen property has been recovered and over 70 percent of the crimes committed in Eastland County have been solved.

In 1971 Sheriff Morren was awarded the Outstanding Lawman of the Year Award by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also awarded the Outstanding Lawman of the Year Award by the Eastland Newspapers in 1978 and was awarded the Golden Deeds Award in 1977 by the Eastland Chamber of Commerce. Sheriff Morren was also a recipient of an Outstanding Leadership Award

Arlton E. Smith Thanks Voters

I have appreciated very much in having the opportunity to serve as your city Commissioner for the past several years. For those that supported me in the past city election I want to express my sincere gratitude. Now that the election is over, let's all work with our commission and Mayor to help make Gorman a better place to live.

Thanks
/s/ Arlton E. Smith

from the Eastland County Law Enforcement Association in 1976. He is a recipient of a Distinguished Service Award from the Eastland Independent School District for dedicated service to the school system from 1972 to 1978.

Giving a quick look at Sheriff Morren: He is a Texas Certified Peace Officer; presently serving as Eastland County Sheriff since July 9, 1979; served 12 years with the Eastland Police Dept., 10 years as Chief of Police; Over 400 hours of law enforcement training.

He is a combat veteran of World War II, served in Europe; served with United Nations Forces in Japan and Korea; member of men's Fellowship Bible Class; member of Bethel Baptist Church; served six years on Board of Trustees of EISD, three years as vice president; member of the Chamber of Commerce; served as Truant Officer for EISD for 10 years; was Civil Defense Director for eight years; member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4136; charter member of Eastland County Law Enforcement Association and past president; native of Eastland County, married to the former Bonnie Kinman and they have three children; and a member of the Texas Sheriff's Association.

"We at the Sheriff's office believe that the sheriff and his staff are to serve, not to be served. I appreciate your support and ask for your vote May 5," Morren concluded.

Kayla Odell Awarded The Hatton W. Sumners Scholarship

Kayla Odell has been awarded a Hatton W. Sumners Scholarship to Howard Payne University and the Academy of Freedom in Brownwood. The Sumner Scholarship is an \$8,500.00 scholarship for two years. It is intended to relieve students of financial worry and allow them to maintain high academic performance, take active campus leadership roles, and participate in community projects.



The Sumner Scholarship is awarded to students on the basis of leadership capabilities, academic merit and a personal interview with the Sumner Trustees.

Kayla will be attending the Academy of Freedom in the fall as a pre-law major. Upon graduation from the Academy of Freedom, she plans to attend law school at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Kayla is a 1982 graduate of Gorman High School. She will graduate from Ranger Junior College in May. Kayla is the daughter of Mrs. Sandra Warren and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Midkiff of Moran.

FIRST WOMAN ELECTED TO CARBON SCHOOL BOARD

Carbon School Board met Tuesday night for their regular meeting and to canvas votes in Saturday's election.

For the first time, a woman was elected to a position on the school board. Linda Mortimer, J.L. McDaniel, and Joe Cagle are the new members, replacing Brawner Files, Bryan Hays, and David Cozart.

The board re-organized with Leonard Bledsoe as president; Ronnie Pack, vice-president; and Linda Mortimer, secretary.

The outgoing members were honored with a plaque, and the board expressed appreciation to them for their service.

The board voted to let bids on Phase II of the renovation of Carbon School bids will be opened Tuesday, May 1, in the cafeteria at 7 p.m. These bids will be for the electrical part of the renovation. The board also heard a report from Bill Jackson, architect.

A resolution was passed to turn legal matters against the contractor and bondsmen of Phase 1 over to a lawyer.

In other business the board accepted the resignation of Jill Millican as first and second grade teacher. Transfers were accepted, expenditures approved, and a preliminary school calendar for next year was studied. Board members also heard financial and tax reports.

—GP—
CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank our many friends who have been so thoughtful and kind during my recent illness and hospital stays.

We cannot begin to tell you how much your prayers, cards, visits and calls have meant. Knowing that you care has made it so much easier. You are dear kind people and we are so happy to be back among you.

Hallie Beth and
"Coach" Williams

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Senior Class Bake Sale Friday, April 20th in front of the Post Office.

Senior Car Wash to be held Saturday, April 28th in front of Gorman High School.

Easter Bunnies — The Gorman Seniors are selling Easter Bunny Shirt Pins for 50 cents each. Contact a Senior. Limited Supply.

NOTICE — Anyone interest in joining a weight watchers class in De Leon call Jewell Kimmell 893-2183 or Beth Kea 893-6406 or Charlene Gilchrest 842-5852.

Crimestoppers will meet the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center.

South Eastland County Hospital District Board will meet the Third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office.

A Musical will be held the Second Friday night of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

Woman's Auxiliary of Blackwell Hospital meet first Tuesday of each month at the Senior Citizens Center at 2:00 P.M.

Gorman Lodge 716 AF&AM stated meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Members urged to attend. Visitors welcome.

Gorman Chapter 443 O.E.S. meets First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

4-H and FFA Booster Club will meet the Third Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at the School Cafeteria.

Monthly 4-H Meetings will be held the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

Free Blood Pressure Clinic each Tuesday at Blackwell Hospital from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

HMA FILES COUNTER SUIT

HMA (Health Management Associates) has recently filed a \$2,250,000 damage suit against the South Eastland County Hospital District Board over a dispute involving the lease of Blackwell Hospital. A first amended counterclaim was filed March 30, 1984 in the United States District Court at Fort Worth. HMA currently operates Blackwell Hospital under a lease agreement with the South Eastland County Hospital District Board.

Charlie Garrett Wins Mayors Post In Recount

—GP—
Charlie Garrett won the mayor race by seven votes over his three challengers.

Results of a recount in the disputed April 7 mayor's race showed that Garrett had 231 votes to 224 by his other three opponents.

Verlon Overstreet candidate for mayor demanded the recount after the original tally showed small percentage between Garrett and the three other candidates.

The recount Monday showed that Garrett received 231 votes and Overstreet 132.

Roy Parker served as monitor for the poll tallies, Estelle Craddock, Brent Lasater and James Miears.

Verlon Overstreet and Mayor Charlie Garrett also checked the ballots in the recount.

Mr. Garrett took the oath of office as mayor at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning.

Hoyt Bryant Laid To Rest Monday

—GP—
James Hoyt Bryant, 76, of Gorman, a retired farmer and maintainer operator, died at 11:58 a.m. Sunday April 15, 1984 at Blackwell Hospital. Services were at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Higginbotham Funeral Home.

The Rev. Bob Watson, Baptist minister from De Leon, officiated, assisted by the Rev. W.E. Hallenbeck, retired Church of God minister from Eastland. Burial was at Simpson Cemetery near Gorman.

Born July 4, 1907, in the Rucker community in Comanche County, he married Ruth Elizabeth Hagan July 7, 1931, in the Duster community. He was a member of Kokomo Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Charles Hoyt Bryant of Mozelle and Larry Kyle Bryant of Gorman; a daughter, Joan Murl Foster of De Leon; his mother, Carrie Belle Bryant of Gorman; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Grandsons were pallbearers.

Absentee Voting

—GP—
Absentee began Monday, April 16, for the May 5 Primaries, according to County Clerk JoAnn Johnson.

The county clerk's office will be handling absentee voting for the Democratic and Republican Primaries. Last date to vote absentee will be Tuesday, May 1.

Votes may be cast during regular office hours, Mrs. Johnson added. The County Clerk's office is on the south east corner of the main floor of the courthouse.

Registered voters over 65 may vote by mail, and anyone who is sick may also vote by mail. Others who registered in the county but are too far away to vote in person may send in an application for a ballot by mail.

Kathy Snider and Dale Collum Plan Nuptials



Mr. and Mrs. Gene Snider are please to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kathy Ann, to Steven Dale Collum, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Collum Jr.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Gorman High School, attends Tarleton State University and an employee at Birdsong Peanuts.

The bridegroom is a graduate of De Leon High School and an employee of Roy Johnson of Desdemona.

The wedding will be May 25, 1984 at Kokomo Baptist Church.

All friends and relatives at invited to attend.

Lions Club Benefit Barbecue Raises \$2,160.00 For Fire Dept.



RECEIVING THE CHECK — Dale Ables, president of the Lions Club is shown giving the check to Gene Foster, Assistant Chief.

The Gorman Lions club held their Benefit Barbecue for the Building Fund for the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department last Thursday night.

The benefit raised a total of \$2,160.00 through the fine support of the people in the community with their generous donations to the Fire Department Building Fund, while enjoying a fine meal. A total of approximately 250 plates were served.

The Lions Club truly appreciates the fine support of everyone in this area on the benefit event.



EVERYTHING CAME OUT SMOOTH — Gene Foster and Jack Harrison are shown putting the "smooth" whammie on the finished slab at the site of the new fire station.

MEET YOUR CITY OFFICIALS



Shown left to right are the members of the Gorman City Commission. Front row - Bill Clark. Back row left to right - Bill Miears, Frank Leazar, Jimmy Guthery and Charlie Garrett, Mayor.

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CARBON NEWS
By Mrs. Velma Hastings 639-2517

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Norris
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house in their new log
house in the Flatwoods
Kokomo community Sun-
day afternoon. A reception
was hosted by their chil-
dren Mr. and Mrs. Larry
Morrow; Mr. and Mrs.
Ronnie Pack; Cory and
Lacy; Mr. and Mrs. James
Norris Jana and Jode; Mr.
and Mrs. Carl Davis and
T.J. There were about 130
friends and relatives from
all over called during the
afternoon.

Among out of town rela-
tives visiting on the occa-
sion were Mr. and Mrs.
Elmer Norris Mr. and Mrs.
Dalton Norris of Ralls; Mr.
and Mrs. Harold Burleson
of Benbrook; Mr. and Mrs.
Bob Burleson of Stephen-
ville; Mr. and Mrs. Mrs.
Lawayne Drury of Olustee,
Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs.
Kenneth Drury of Mon-
tega, California.

Everybody had a good
time and the Norrises are
enjoying their lovely new
home.

Visitors in the home of
Mrs. Mabel Greer last
week were Mr. and Mrs.
Jack Bickford of Mesa,
Arizona; Mr. and Mrs.
Jimmy Greer of Stephen-
ville; Mmes Joydene Oliver
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KOKOMO NEWS

By Mrs. Zelda Jordan Phone 639-2289

Maybe I spoke too soon last week about the beautiful Spring weather because today, (Monday) isn't such a beautiful day with all the wind and blowing sand.

Bro. Bob Watson rendered the special music at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Glynda Bond accompanied him on the piano. Mr. and Mrs.

Ellis Carter of Hereford were visitors. Bro. Bob recognized Shannon Bond for winning third place in the state spelling bee at Fort Worth. He is an 8th grader at Carbon Jr. High School. We're proud of you, Shannon.

Shannon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bond, and brother, Brian, and his

grandmother, Mrs. G.A. Wilson of Ranger also attended the spelling bee in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fields were in Weatherford on Saturday to attend the funeral of his cousin, Joy Lytle.

Mrs. Dora Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hallmark of Eastland spent the weekend in San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hallmark, Debby and Amy and attended the baby shower for great granddaughter Shane and Sheyanne Mikeska on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mikeska, LeeVi, Shane and Sheyanne of Menard and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Porter and family of Eastland also visited with the Jerry Hallmarks and attended the

showers.

We extend sincere sympathy to the family of Hoyt Bryant. He passed away on Sunday and was buried at Simpson Cemetery on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Foster of De Leon and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bryant and family of Mozelle were here to be with their mother and Hoyt Bryant and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bryant and family.

Ted Jordan of Munday spent Friday night and Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan and his grandfather, Mr. Jim Lewallen of Floydada. Ted was here to spray cattle and vaccinate calves for his dad while he is still recu-

perating from surgery. Others visiting with the Jordans were Wayne Eaves, Albert Hendricks and Jimmy and Verna Lee Little.

A large crowd attended the open house at the beautiful new log home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Norris on Sunday afternoon.

THE GORMAN PROGRESS

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323.50 COLLECTED FOR CANCER RESEARCH
The members of the Kokomo Extension Homemakers Club collected \$323.50 for the American Cancer Society during the

past week. A great big thank you for all contributions and the friendly receptions extended the crusaders, Wynelle Brown, Johnnie B. Griffith, Anna Laura Clearman, Naoma Morrow, Nancy Hendricks, Zelda Jordan, Ava Rodgers and Berneice Rodgers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Carter of Hereford are spending a few days here at their farm cabin.

A large crowd attended the open house at the beautiful new log home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Norris on Sunday afternoon.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIMES BEGINS SUNDAY APRIL 29

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RJC THEATRE PRODUCTION SLATED FOR APRIL 28 and 29

Ranger Junior College will present the Neil Simon comedy **The Good Doctor** on April 28 and 29 at the RJC auditorium in the Library Building. The play consists of a series of sketches that take place in Russia in the early 1900's. A tooth extraction, a man who sneezes on his superior at the theatre, a woman who storms a bank and harasses the manager, and a man who offers to drown himself for money are a few of the comical subjects portrayed in the sketches. The play combines warmth and vaudevillian humor to make pure entertainment.

Members of the cast include Rickie Osborn, Stephen Teel, Kayla Odell, James Johnson, Mary Halbert, Jammie Gentry, Jane Laws, Jim and Lyndell Cockburn, Vernell Quinn, Mike McCoy, Polly Alexander, and Jerry Cecil. The play is directed by Ann Campbell. Assistant Director is Sekethea Anderson and Stage Manager for the production is Mike McCoy.

The play will be performed at 8 p.m. on April 28 (Saturday) and at 3 p.m. on April 29 (Sunday). Tickets for the show may be purchased from cast members and at the RJC Administration Building beginning April 11. Tickets cost \$1.00 for adults and \$.50 for students and senior citizens.

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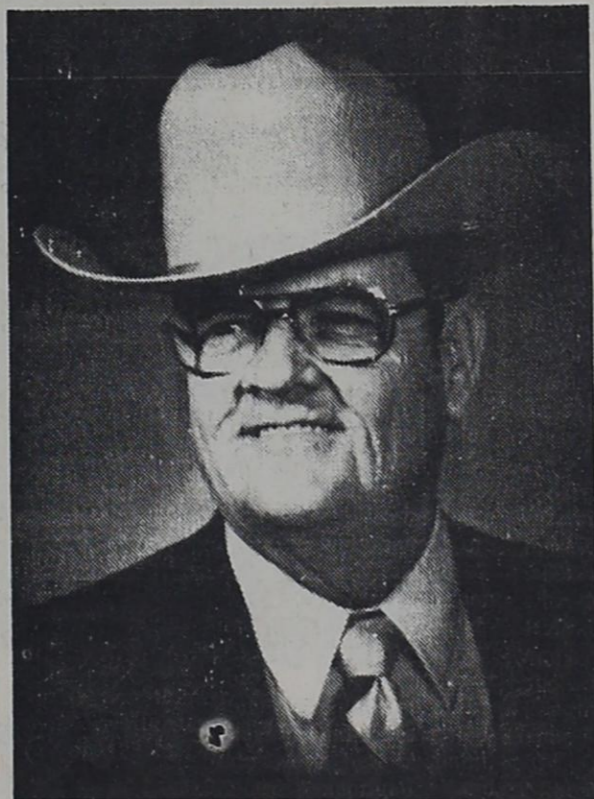
The experience and knowledge of the peanut industry that Billy Carruth and Lyndell Coan have are invaluable assets in their representing the best interests of the peanut producers in Comanche County.

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Sam Frazier
Jack Barnes
Norman Moore
Gary Hall
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Johnny Chupp
Bobby Skaggs
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J. W. Sadberry
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These accomplishments alone would be enough to re-elect Sheriff Morren. However, in addition to the dedication and success he has achieved while holding the office of sheriff of Eastland County, Johnnie Morren has also been awarded the Outstanding Lawman of the Year Award by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also awarded the Outstanding Lawman of the Year Award by the Eastland Newspapers in 1978, and the Golden Deeds Award in 1977 by the Eastland Chamber of Commerce. Sheriff Morren also received the Outstanding Leadership Award from the Eastland County Law Enforcement Association in 1976, and the Distinguished Service Award from the Eastland Independent School District from 1972 to 1978.

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DESDEMONA NEWS

By Mrs. Vonnie Guthery Phone 758-2665

Bro. David Truett of Stephenville is the new pastor of the First Baptist Church in Desdemona. David, his wife Denesse, Shana, age 4 and their new baby girl Ashley, who was born Wednesday, April 11th will be moving in the parsonage soon. Bro. Jerry Speer of Ranger has served as interim pastor past several months.

"Hi" Mary Young in Meridian - will you please tell that guy, Clayton at your house that the Desdemona Cemetery Working will be Friday, April 27th. Begin at 10:00 P.M. - business Meeting and noon meal.

Melvin Abernathy is a patient in De Leon Hospital at present time. "Get Well" wishes from all of your friends.

Christal, daughter of Rickey and Tenia Koonce fell from her horse last Sunday eve and broke her arm. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Virginia Files of Gorman visited Saturday with the Escar Singleton's.

Elva Lewis spent past few days in Fort Worth with her daughter, Geneva and Blackie Foreman.

Shelli and Emily Horan and a friend Kelly Rogers of Cross Plains spent the week end with their grandmother, Dorothy Roberts and Jeff.

Merlene Wisdom is at home after spending several days in Eastland Hospital and doing fine - she fell and broke an ankle over a week ago.



The loganberry was introduced in California in 1881 by a Judge James Logan. It's a cross between a California wild blackberry and a red raspberry.

Shannon Bond In Spelling Bee At Fort Worth

Shannon Bond, 14 year old 8th grader at Carbon Jr. High, won third place at the Fort Worth Star Telegram Words of Champion National Spelling Bee. Shannon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bond of Rt. 3 Gorman, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Wilson of Ranger and Mrs. John L. Bond of Bullard, and great-grandson of C.N. Adams of Eastland.

25,000 students from 400 schools in Tarrant, Parker, Wise, Palo Pinto, Hood, King, Jack, Somervell, Erath, Young, Eastland, Comanche, Brown and Hamilton Counties participated in the 1984 Star Telegram Spelling Bee Program. From these 25,000, only 40 Champions earned the opportunity to compete in the Ft. Worth Bee held at

the Ft. Worth Hilton on April 11, 1984.

The first place winner was 13 year old Brian McWatters of Fort Worth. Along with a trophy and other prizes, he won an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete with 136 champions from across the United States.

The second place winner was 13 year old Jennifer Dunning of Arlington. She received a trophy and other prizes plus a 30 volume set of Encyclopedia Britannica.

Third place went to Shannon Bond who received a 5" black and white portable TV plus other prizes.

—GP—

44 Attended Housing Tour

44 attended the housing tour of the Reid and Foster home April 16th. The tour began at the Reid home on Seaman and Valley, then moved to the Foster's home on Ammerman. We truly appreciate the Reid's and Foster's opening their homes to be toured.

The second part of the wallpaper workshop will be May 19th, 9-12 a.m. in the County Courthouse basement. Ann Folsom will demonstrate how to wallpaper, measure the area to be papered and discuss new prints available. Those interested in participating in this workshop need to pre-register by calling the County Extension Office (629-2222) by May 11th, 5:00 p.m. We must have the number expected to attend by May 11th to gather materials and tools needed for hands-on time.

After the demonstration and talk by Ann Folsom, then we will actually wallpaper two surfaces! Please wear comfortable shoes and old clothing to work in. For more information contact the County Extension Office. Be sure to call on or before May 11th to get your name on the list of participants. We can only accommodate 30 participants, so the first 30 individuals to call or pre-register will be accepted.

4-H County Roundup Held Saturday April 7

4-H County Roundup had 20 in attendance Saturday April 7th. Judges for the event were Janet Nelson and Shirley Roberts. Participants in county roundup were: Tabitha Hutton - Rising Star red ribbon; Karmen Hall and Stephanie Long - Rising Star blue ribbon; Albany Sargent, Kyle Sargent, Monica Harbin, Cathy Thomas, Marsha Crenwelge, Kori Lewis, Missy Little, Natalie Stevens and Tracy Maynard all of Eastland blue ribbon.

Congratulations to all the participants! All the winners will be going to District 4-H Roundup April 28th in Stephenville. Good Luck!

In Appreciation

I only wish I had the words to express my love and gratitude to those of you, who have been so wonderful to me during my illness since our car accident, Nov. 8th, 1983.

After wearing the "Halo Brace" almost five months. I was told the fracture was not healing at all; and it was one of the biggest decisions I would ever make to say: "Operate" since the fracture was the Adontoid Process of the Spine.

After many thoughtful and prayerful days and nights. This one of my favorite came to me: God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I can not change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

I knew what I should do. I was admitted to Hendrick Medical Center Sunday, April 1st and on Tuesday April 3rd. I was taken to surgery at 9:00 a.m. and was returned to my room at 5:30 p.m.

What had happened in all those hours: "They had to role "Peter to pay Paul" taking a rib from my left lower rib cage and fusing it into the Adontoid Process Spinal Area - along with wining it all in also. I will ware a "Sona Brace" for nine to twelve weeks - if things go well.

I am home now and with God's Grace, am on my way to recovery. I thank him for another chance to live, for my fracture is commonly called, "The Hang man's Break," and usually kills or paralyzes.

I want to thank each of you who have been so wonderful. With all the food, cards, flowers, and calls. And most importantly the many prayers that were prayed for me, which God richly blessed me with.

May God bless you as He has me - for we are one heart beat from Eternity and that is something we are all to face, "with or without God."

Lovingly Yours,
Ramona Stewart

EMPLOYEE'S WORK, WAGES AND SSI

The Supplemental Security Income program contains provisions which allows recipients to work and

CJC Frontier Jubilee Parade Saturday May 5

Plans are being made for the annual Cisco Frontier Jubilee Parade to be held Saturday, May 5, at 10:00 a.m.

Organizations, groups, individuals - everyone - is invited to participate. Divisions include floats, automobiles, bands, marching and performing groups, riding clubs, a children's division and much more. Trophies will be awarded.

For more information or to enter contact Olin Odom at Cisco Junior College (817) 442-2567.

Make plans to be a part of the parade and Frontier Jubilee festivities.

Watermelon - Cantaloupe Growers Meeting Set

Watermelon and cantaloupe growers in Eastland and Comanche Counties are urged to attend a production meeting Tuesday night, April 24 at the DeLeon High School auditorium. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. announces DeMarquis Gordon, Eastland County Extension Agent.

Two Extensions Service specialists, Dr. Jesse Cocke and Dr. Chip Lee will discuss several topics. The topics will include insect management, use of bees for Pollination, weed control, diseases and their

prevention, adapted varieties, soil fertility and irrigation of melons. Jim Farley of DeLeon will discuss the formation of the DeLeon area farmers' market.

earn wages. Further provisions permit the spouses and parents of children under age 18 to work. There are incentives for this in the form of income exclusions. However, for these exclusions to apply, the Social Security Administration must know about the work and the amount of earnings. The recipient is responsible for reporting the amount of gross wages earned, the periods of work, and any changes in the amount of earnings.

The importance of reporting work activity timely cannot be overemphasized. Since the Supplemental Security Income payment is computed using all countable income, an overpayment can occur very quickly. Also if the report is not made timely, a penalty, of \$25, \$50, or \$100 can be assessed. It should be clear that failure to report work and wages can result in a large overpayment that must be refunded. This can be avoided by timely reports of work by a recipient, recipient's spouse, or the parents of children who receive supplemental security income payments. For a report to be considered timely, it should be

SEPARATE PAYMENT BEST FOR TAX

If you need to send payments on two different types of tax to the Internal Revenue Service at the same time, the IRS advises

that you send separate checks or money orders for each.

The tax agency explains that an error is easily made if two payments are combined, especially if different tax forms are involved.

Also, taxpayers are advised to write their social security numbers (employer identification number for business taxes), from number, and year involved on every check or money order sent to the IRS. If your check becomes separated from your tax form, we can still credit the money to your account, the IRS says.

—GP—

CJC TO HOLD TRAILRIDE

"The World's Shortest Trailride" sponsored by Cisco Junior College will be held Saturday, May 5. Gerald Bint, coordinator for the event, invites anyone interested in participating to contact him ahead of time at (817) 442-2567, extension 151.

Breakfast will be served to participants from 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. at the Lake Cisco Park. Trailriders will leave at 9:00 to join the downtown Cisco Frontier Jubilee Parade which begins at 10:00. It is not imperative that you ride in the trailride to enjoy the breakfast and fellowship. In case of rain breakfast will be served in the college cafeteria. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the trailride and parade.

made within 10 days after the close of the month in which it occurred.

If you or someone in the family receives supplemental security income and there is work that has not been reported, or a change in the amount of earnings that has not been reported, telephone 695-1240 or visit our office at 142 S. Pioneer in Abilene.

CJC TO CONDUCT CEREMONY

Cisco Junior College will conduct its annual Awards Ceremony on Tuesday evening, April 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Harrell Fine Arts Auditorium.

Each spring semester, CJC takes an evening to recognize and honor those members of the student body who have proven to be outstanding students and persons.

Students will be recognized in several categories which include scholastic and extra-curricular achievement.

A reception in the Maner Memorial Library will immediately follow the ceremony. All interested persons are invited to attend.

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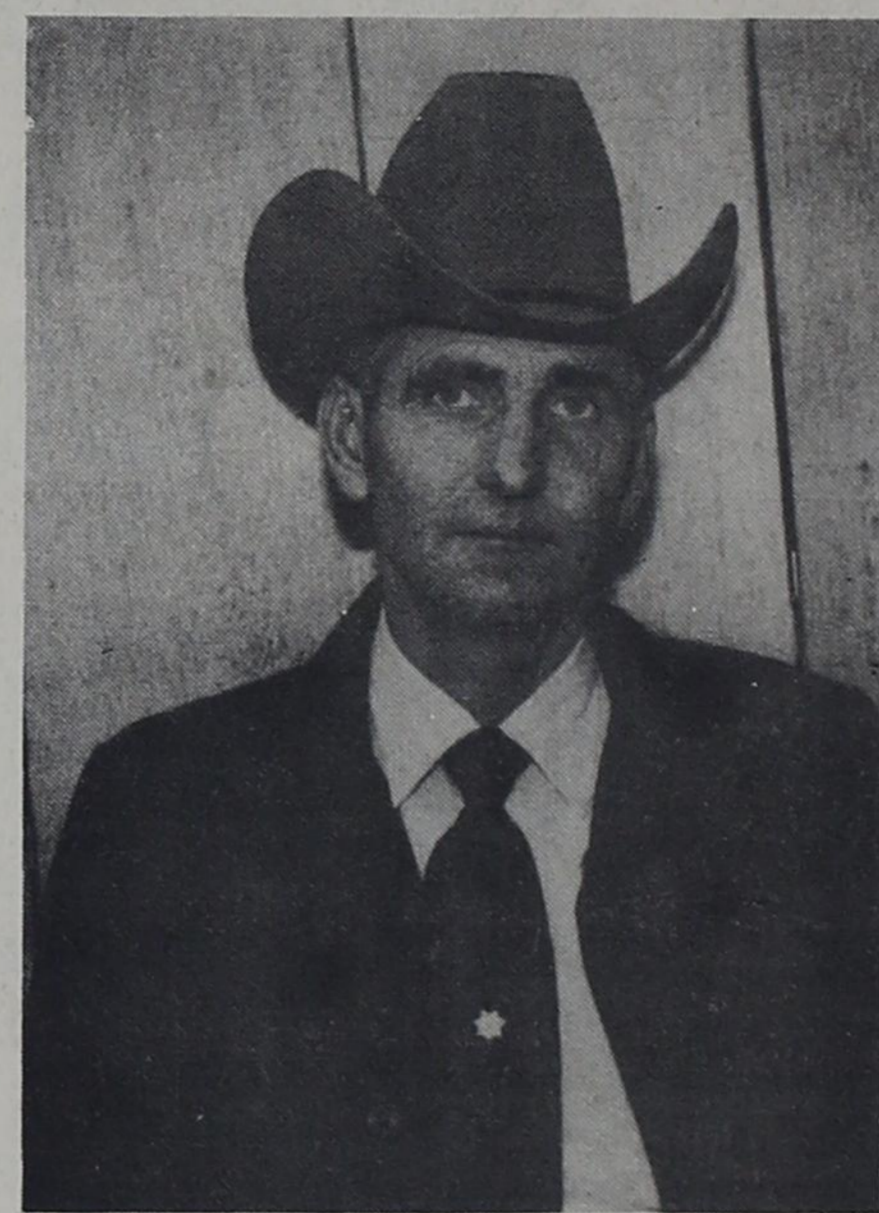


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VOTE FOR DON UNDERWOOD FOR SHERIFF MAY 5

(pd. pol. adv. for by Underwood for Sheriff Campaign Committee, Rt. 1, Box 96AA, Eastland, Texas.)

SURPLUS CHEESE DAY WILL BE TUESDAY

Surplus Cheese will be given away on Tuesday, April 24th at the Senior Citizens Center from 1 to 4 p.m.

L. T. Owen Issues Formal Statement TO THE CITIZENS OF PRECINCT THREE

For some time I have had the privilege of representing you on the Commissioners Court of Eastland County. It has been an honor that I appreciate very much and a responsibility that I have tried hard to discharge to your satisfaction. I am now asking you to re-elect me to that office.

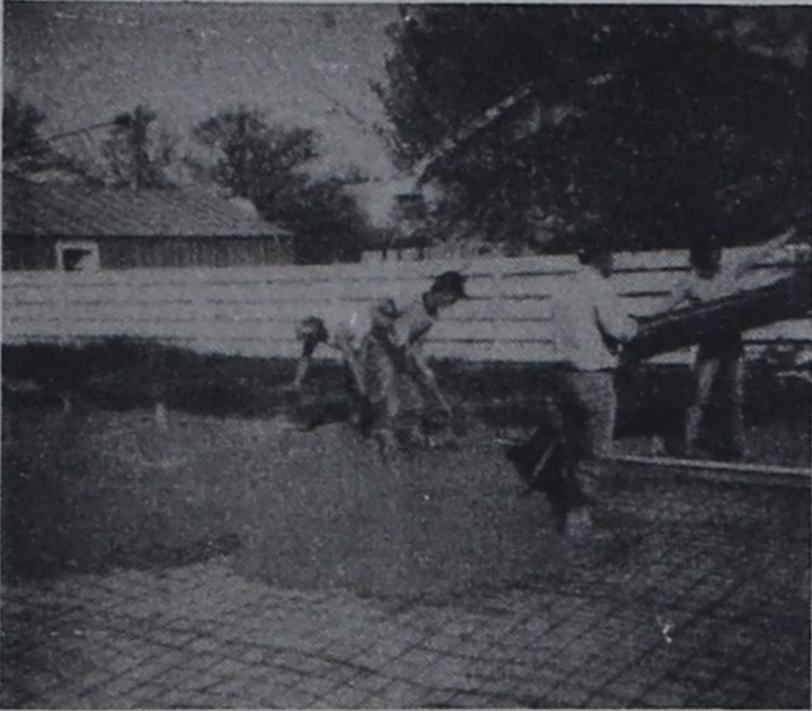
Our precinct is in good condition, financially and politically; its equipment is modern and efficient; its roads and bridges in good shape, and our relationship with the rest of the county and its government are very good indeed.

I will make this statement as short as possible. You know my record and when you go to the polls on May 5 and cast a vote for me you will be voting for a fact and not a promise. You can be assured that if you re-elect me I will continue to give you the honest and efficient service that I have in the past. Your County Commissioner is an office of great trust and responsibility, and I will certainly try to deserve that confidence.

I will deeply appreciate your consideration at the polls on May 5th.

Sincerely,
L. T. OWENS
Candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct 3 Eastland County

Paid Pol. Adv.



DUMPING THE FIRST LOAD — Above is the crew of Tommy Roberts pouring the first load of cement for the new Gorman Volunteer Fire Department Building.

GORMAN BOYS TRACK TEAM CAPTURE 13-A DISTRICT

Gorman captured the District 13-A boys track title scoring 143 points at the meet held in Rising Star Tuesday. Rising placed second and May was a distant third in the race.

Rising Star's 400 meter relay took first in a time of 45.24 to earn a spot at the regional while Gorman captured the 1600 meter relay in a 3:33.39. Rising Star had to settle for second in this relay running a time of 3:36.42.

The region II-A track meet will be in Abilene on May 3 and 4.

200: 1. T. Keeter, Gustine, 22.86; 2. D. Sessums, Rising Star, 23.86; 3. Swanner, Gorman, 24.10.

1600: 1. Burnett, May, 4:35.02; 2. Seaton, Gorman, 4:46.32, 3. Hoot, May, 5:04.35.

1600 RELAY: 1. Gorman, 3:33.39, 2. Rising Star, 3:36.42; 3. Blanket, 4:05.77.

TEAM TOTALS: 1. Gorman, 143; 2. Rising Star, 130; 3. May, 69.

Mark Swanner was the highest point winner at the track meet.

SHOT PUT: 1. Cooper, Rising Star, 42.74; 2. Pittman, May, 42.4; 3. Swanner, Gorman, 40.19.
DISCUS: 1. Cooper, Rising Star, 114.94; 2. Pacheco, Gorman, 115.3; 3. Swanner, 111.11.
POLE VAULT: 1. Hunter, Gorman, 13.0; 2. Hill, Rising Star, 12.4; 3. Gibbs, Gorman, 10.4.
LONG JUMP: 1. L. Clawson, Cross Plains, 19.84; 2. L. Blunoo, Rising Star, 19.54; 3. Pleasant, Eula, 19.3.
HIGH JUMP: 1. J. Herber, May, 5.4; 2. Willis, Eula, 5.3; 3. S. Hill, Rising Star, 5.4.
300: 1. B. Burnett, May, 1:30.44; 2. Seaton, Gorman, 1:19.9; 3. Walpole, Blanket, 1:19.2.
400 RELAY: 1. Rising Star, 45.24; 2. Cross Plains, 46.12; 3. Seaton, 46.46.
800: 1. Swanner, Gorman, 2:02.27; 2. Pacheco, Gorman, 2:02.73; 3. Humphries, Gustine, 2:09.14.
110 MH: 1. Pleasant, Eula, 15.84; 2. Willis, Eula, 15.93; 3. Ripley, Gorman, 17.97.
100: 1. T. Keeter, Gustine, 16.93; 2. Cal-cleasure, Sidney, 17.40; 3. Bishop, 17.99.
400: 1. Blankenship, May, 33.31; 2. Autry, Rising Star, 33.54; 3. Johnston, Rising Star, 33.46.
300 IH: 1. Pleasant, Eula, 41.75; 2. Willis, Eula, 41.58; 3. Ripley, Gorman, 44.45.

GORMAN CARE CENTER NEWS

By Jettie Daniels

Last week's Bingo winners were: J.H. Barbee, Jess Roberts, Bonny McGough, Jimmie Mosley, Pearl Westerman. Black Out Game was won by; Lucille Campbell. Our Musical last night. (Monday Night the 16th.) was indeed enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to each of the musicians for their time and talents, spent here at the Nursing Home, We feel that it has not been in vain

and hope you have enjoyed being here as much as we have enjoyed you being here.

We have this musical every 3rd. Monday night at 7:P.M. Everyone is invited to attend.

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EMPLOYERS DEADLINE
April 30 is the deadline for employers who must report on Social Security and withheld federal income taxes for the first quarter of 1984. If the quarterly tax due (less any deposit made during the quarter) is \$500 or more, the unpaid tax must be deposited.

The deadline does not apply to employers who make timely deposits of the full amount of tax due in Federal Reserve or approved commercial banks. They are allowed until May 10 to file Form 941, Employer Quarterly Federal Tax Return.

If employers have not received Form 941 by mail, they can order one through the Tax Form or Information number listed in the phone book under U.S. Government. IRS Publication 15, Circular E-Employer's Tax Guide, is also available through this number.

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NOTICE TO MAY 5 VOTERS

The names of Democratic Presidential contenders will not appear on the May 5, 1984 Texas Democratic Primary ballot.

Texas Democratic Party Chairman Bob Slagle today reminded all Texas Democrats that in order to express their preference for the presidential candidate of their choice they must attend their precinct convention on Saturday, May 5, 1984.

Democratic Precinct conventions will be held across the state beginning at 7:15 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, 1984 in Texas' nearly 7,000 precincts. The location of the precinct convention is usually at the polling place where Democrats voted earlier in the day. However Slagle urged all Democrats to check with their Precinct Chair or Election Judge when they vote on May 5 to confirm the exact location of their precinct convention.

Precinct conventions will convene promptly at 7:15 p.m. on May 5," Slagle said.

He added that the precinct convention would be

called to order by the Democratic Precinct Chair. If the Chair is absent, however, any qualified Democratic voter may convene the convention.

In order to attend the precinct convention a voter must have voted in the Democratic Primary, May 5 - either in person or absentee. At the time of voting the individual's blue voter registration card is marked "voted democratic primary". This stamped is the "ticket" for admission to the Democratic Party precinct convention.

"Texas will be crucial in choosing the Democratic presidential nominee in 1984," Slagle said.

"I hope to see the best turnout over at the precinct conventions to ensure that the delegates we elect to the National Convention are truly representative of the choices of the Democrats of Texas," he added.

Precinct Convention attendees will caucus by candidate choice and uncommitted preference to elect their proportionate number of delegates to County and in some urban areas Senate District conventions to be held on May 19, 1984. At the County and Senate District conventions delegates will caucus to elect delegates to the State Con-

vention to be held this year in Houston on June 15 and 16. Delegates at the State Convention will elect 185 Texas delegates and 67 alternates to the National Convention. Fourteen Texas Democratic congressmen and Senator Lloyd Bentsen have already been elected delegates by the House and Senate Democratic caucuses.

"Based on the delegate count for Mondale, Hart and Jackson at this point," Slagle said "our 200 delegates to the National Convention could be a key factor in choosing our Nominee."

The Texas Democratic Party has been holding workshops and seminars across the State since January to educate voters on the delegate selection process. Slagle urged that interested groups contact the State Party office to arrange a workshop in their area. One page summaries of the delegate selection process are available free of charge from the State Party Office in both English and Spanish.

Slagle requested the assistance of the Texas press in publicizing the process through public service announcements to increase voter participation.

COMMANDER ARRIVES TO OVERSEE BASE, 7TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP AT CARSWELL

Col. Max R. Pierce is scheduled to arrive Tuesday to take over as the 7th Combat Support Group and base commander.

Colonel Pierce will be greeted by a welcoming party at the Officer's Club at 5 p.m. Tuesday. The commander will assume his duties the following day.

The colonel was formerly stationed at Carswell as the assistant resource manager with a subsequent assignment as the deputy base commander. He later became the assistant deputy commander for main tenance in the 7th Bomb Wing. Colonel Pierce is now assigned to Mather AFB, Calif.

Colonel Pierce is a native of Texas. He was born in Albany, Texas and attended Gorman High School in Gorman, Texas. Later he attended Texas Christian University on a football scholarship. Upon graduation in 1961, Colonel Pierce received his commission into the Air Force through the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Colonel Pierce will be replacing the retired Col. Charles A. Robertson. Colonel Robertson retired Jan. 31. Since Colonel Robertson's retirement, Lt. Col. Gary R. Hinkle has been the acting base commander. He will hand over the reins to Colonel Pierce Wednesday.

TSU TO HOLD SUMMER CAMPS

A summer filled with camps designed to develop a variety of talents and skills is planned at Tarleton State University in the months ahead. A total of 15 different camps have been planned for the summer months with an estimated 2500 campers expected to participate.

The camps get underway June 3 through June 6 with the annual Texan Star Drill

Senator Tower Urges Secretary Bell To Distribute Funds

U.S. Senator John Tower (R-Texas) today urged Education Secretary Terrel H. Bell to distribute \$30 million in funds for school districts with large numbers of alien students.

In a letter to Bell, Tower and other Texas representatives noted that the funding, authorized last year, has not been released although the General Accounting Office has issued an opinion indicating that the money may be spent.

"Recent reports issued by the Department of Education have documented the dramatic increase in the percentage of minority students in Texas schools. Furthermore, our understanding from superintendents familiar with these demographic changes is that many of these are alien students. The \$30 million in funds available under this program are therefore crucial to school districts across the state," the letter said.

Tower also has urged White House officials to remove the administrative barriers which have prevented the money from being spent.

POLITICAL CALENDAR

The following persons have authorized this newspaper to announce that they are candidates, subject to action by the May Democratic Primary. County Sheriff:

Don Underwood
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L. T. Owen, Re-Election
Aubrey G. Lawrence

Constable, Pct. 5
Dewey Keesee, Re-Elect
Brent Foster

Voc Ed Importance Backed

AUSTIN — The Select Committee on Public Education's proposal to cut state spending for vocational education would reduce sentence thousands of Texas teenagers to unemployment and hurt small businesses, said Will Reece, executive director of the Advisory Council for Technical-Vocational Education in Texas.

The 24-member advisory council to the State Board of Education joined business people and legislators recently in a press conference (April 2) in Austin to launch a counterattack to select committee proposals to minimize vocational education in grades 7-12.

The select committee, headed by H. Ross Perot (Dallas), has recommended that the state slash spending for vocational education and focus instead on a single track academic/college preparatory course of study.

The Perot committee, charged with making recommendations to improve the state's education system, estimates that the state could save between \$100 and \$250 million in state money by scaling back or eliminating support for vocational education in public schools.

These recommendations go contrary to the needs of the state's citizens and economy, said Sen. Bill Sarpalius, D-Amarillo, and

Rep. Jerry Clark, D-Buna, who were among lawmakers appearing at the press conference to express concern.

"Any scaling back or reduction in state dollars for vocational training would force local school districts, already strapped for funds, to choose between a local tax increase or elimination of programs," said Sarpalius. "Minimizing vocational training in public schools will increase the school dropout rate while driving up unemployment and welfare costs."

Reece said the following points stress the importance of increasing, not decreasing, state support for vocational education in the public schools: *7 out of 10 of the nearly 428,000 annual job openings in Texas require vocational-technical skills, based on Texas Employment Commission data.

*Small businesses (less than 100 employees), which employ one-half of all workers and generate over 60% of all jobs, must rely on job-ready applicants since they frequently have neither staff nor resources to train new employees.

*A 1983 Advisory Council survey of 5,000 Texas employers revealed that two-thirds had most, or some, entry level jobs in their company that required both occupational

and academic skills. *Nearly one-half of all 16-19 year olds in Texas enter the labor force upon or soon after graduating from high school. The unemployment rate among all 16-19 year olds in Texas is 19.4%, while the unemployment rate among young people in this age bracket who took vocational training in high school is less than one-half. Students who take vocational education are less likely to become unemployed.

"The select committee states that academic achievement levels must be raised. The Advisory Council concurs, but believes that the academic foundation must be laid at the elementary and junior high school levels, with the high school level providing options for students to prepare for work, to prepare for college, or to do both. The select committee wants to remove all options except preparation for college.

*In the 1981-82 school year, 72,000 high school students completed vocational training. One year later, 60% were in the labor force (another 32% were pursuing additional education). Of those working, two-thirds were employed in the fields for which they were trained.

"Not every student is going to be a college graduate," said Sarpalius, who

called himself "a product of vocational education training."

"But if we can teach kids how to write a check, how to buy an insurance policy, how to read and how to write, and teach them a skill and a trade, we can make productive citizens out of them," he said.

"What's the difference between training the mind and training the hand?" asked Rep. Jerry Clark. "Vocational education and academics are a compatible mixture. We're not talking about an oil-and-water situation."

Bob Tillman, a Dallas builder, said there already is a major shortage of "entry-level" craftsmen in construction and that the number will reach 2.4 million nationwide by 1990. Public school vocational programs currently provide one-half of the 30,000 entry-level construction industry workers required each year in Texas, he said.

In a meeting with Governor Mark White just prior to the press conference, Maurice Aresty, president of the Houston Retail Merchants Association, whose members employ 50,000 workers, said employers in his association are gravely alarmed at proposals to reduce support for vocational education in the public schools.

which will be conducted by Dr. Tom Watson and Dr. Dave Elkins of the TSU Speech Department. Deadline for registering for either of the camps is June 29.

The last of the band camps will be titled "Band Auxiliary" and will include drum majors, twirlers, flags, rifles, and percussion lines. The camp will run July 15-20 and registration is open through July 6. Also conducted this week will be the annual 4-H Roping Clinic.

Scheduled for August 3 and 4 on the TSU campus will be the North-Central Texas Mormon Retreat.

Tarleton's Upward Bound program will be held from June 3 through July 13. The program is under the direction of Jim Blackburn.

team clinic and the first of three National Cheerleader Association camps. The remaining two NCA camps will be held June 10-13 and June 24-27. The Stars camp will be directed by Mrs. Penny Wright. Registration deadline for both camps is May 25.

Beginning June 4 are a couple of camps for the

FmHA OFFICE TO BE CLOSED

The Eastland Farmers Home Administration Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, April 19 and 20, 1984, so that all personnel may attend a training meeting in Abilene, Texas.

The office will be open for business on Monday, April 23, 1984, at 8:00 a.m.

young journalist and the young athlete. The Tarleton-Taylor Yearbook Workshop will be held June 4-6 with a complete program in yearbook production offered to annual staff members. A soccer camp sponsored through the TSU Physical Education Department will also be held these dates with youngsters of all ages and skills welcomed.

The first of a long line of band camps will be held June 17 through 22 when the Junior High Band students come to TSU. Deadline for registering for this camp is June 8.

The annual Tarleton gymnastics camp will be held June 17-22 at Wisdom Gym. TSU gymnastics coach Jymme Lowrance-Evans will be director with NCAA national champion Cindy Greer helping with



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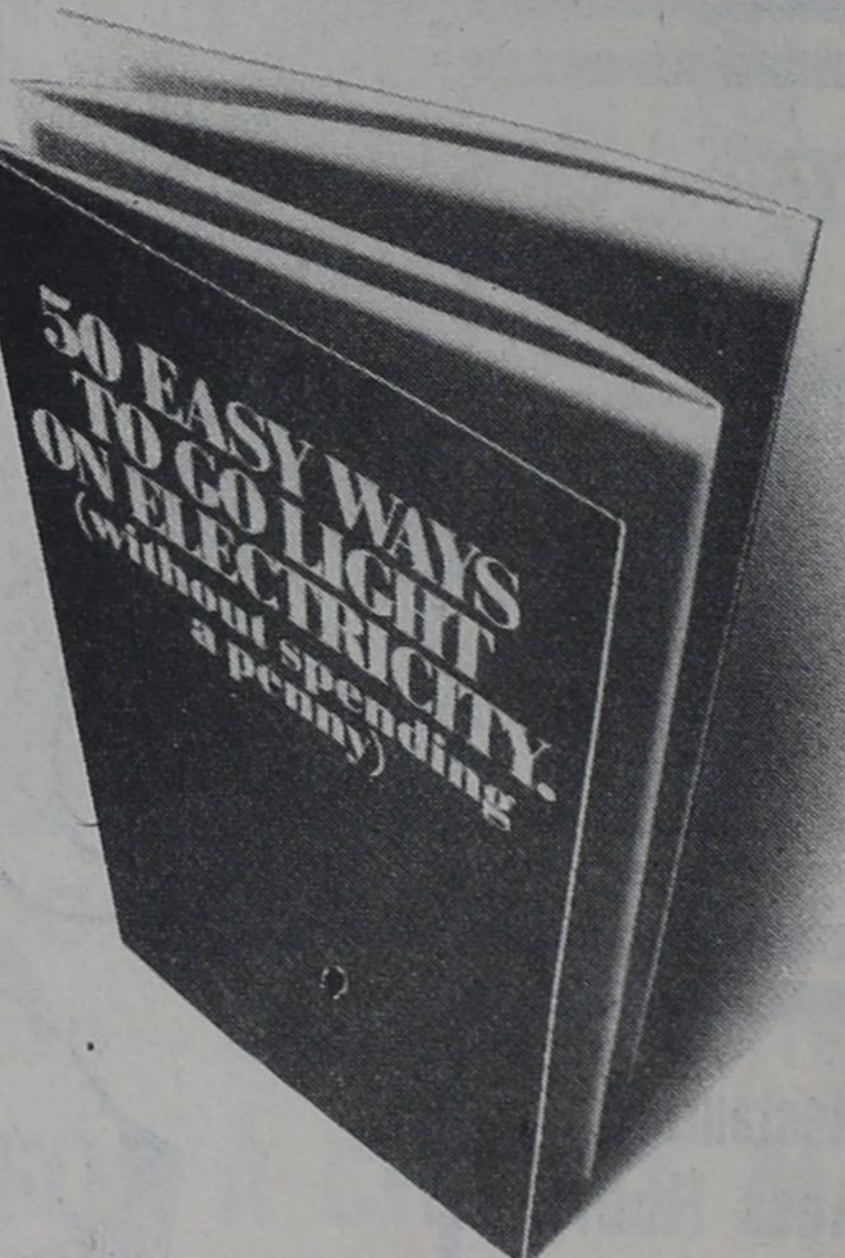
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