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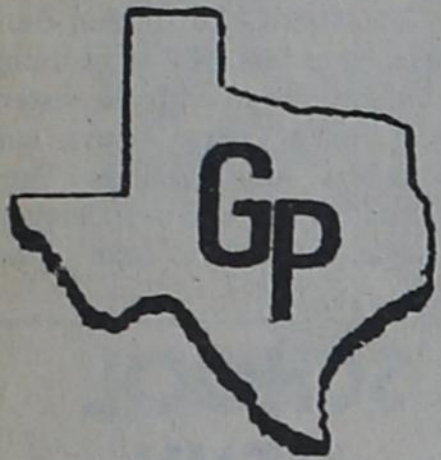
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The weatherman brought us more sunshine and very, very high temperatures the past several days, but they forgot to put any rain in the order I guess, because the only water that fell around here either came from a sprinkler head or a water hose. The extreme hot temperatures and the lack of moisture continues to take its toll on the peanut crop and other crops here. There have been a few digging early peanuts and some report pretty good yields. However, those planted later are sure suffering from the dry, hot weather.

Our Yard of the Week honors this week go to Vicki and Bobby Standridge for the outstanding yard they have enjoyed this season. They have had many beautiful flowers and plants in their yard just off the Kokomo road on Fisher Street. The many hours they have spent in their beautiful yard has really paid off and if you haven't seen it as yet, drop by and take a look.

The Bill Underwoods are putting the final touches to their new log home out on the New Hope road. Edmon Duke just completed the rock fireplace and it is beautiful. Now poor ole Bill will have to cut all that wood for a fire. The Underwoods have a beautiful home.

The Lions Club have locked in the date for their annual Broom and Mop Sale to benefit the blind. The date will be Saturday, October 12th. More details will be printed later and the club is planning a pre-sale campaign. So look for future details on the sale.

The Panthers of 1985 will unveil their team on Friday night when they host the Hico Tigers at Brogdon Field at 8 p. m. The Panthers lost several good players by graduation last season, but will feature many returnees on this year's squad. We look for the Big Red to be much improved this season and should give their opponents some very tough competition. Returnees in the backfield will be Don Rodgers at quarterback and Rhett Harrison, Lucio Pacheco, Randall Gibbs and Scott Gressett. There will be several returnees on the line, going both on offense and defense and the experience they gained last season should make them a lot better this year. So

The Gorman Panthers of 1985 will open the regular season on Friday night at 8 p. m. when they host the Hico Tigers at Brogdon Field. The Panthers and Tigers always play tough battles, as last year's 6-6 tie indicates, and this year's tussle will be no different. The Tigers have a medium sized team this year with more experience than last season and should be a tough test for the Big Red.

The Panthers are coming off a good showing in the scrimmage game with Perrin last Friday night. Before a large crowd of fans who came with Towels and Soap for the Panthers, and the Panthers responded with a fine effort. The Panthers showed much improvement from the first scrimmage of the season with Tolar.

Seniors of this year's team are Rhett Harrison, Lucio Pacheco, Cary Campbell, Wayne Warren, who was

out last season with an injury, Eric Jenkins, Allan Scitern, Jimmy Simmons, Shannon Caraway, Jamie Espinoza and Kelly Branch. Juniors include Sam Brinegar, Glen Burgess Bill Plaunty, David Gibbs, Lance Jones, and Armando Ramirez. Sophomores are Randall Gibbs, Don Rodgers, who started last season at quarterback, Scott Gressett and Bryan Wood.

The other Panther squad members will be playing junior varsity games this season and it is hoped that they can play a full schedule so they can get valuable experience. They have all been working hard to make the 1985 Panthers the best ever and they deserve our support and backing all the way.

The backfield of the Panthers will see Don Rodgers returning at quarterback after starting as a freshman last season, Rhett Harrison, Lucio Pacheco, Randall Gibbs, Scott Gressett and Bryan Wood. Kelly Branch

and Sam Brinegar will return at ends. At center will be Cary Campbell. Plaunty, Warren, Jenkins and Jones will be the guards. Returning at tackle will be David Gibbs, Allan Scitern, Jimmy Simmons and Shannon Caraway. Also playing at the end position will be Ramirez and Espinoza. So the Panthers should be a more experienced team this season although they lost some good talent from last years squad.

The Coaches this season will be Allan Gibbs, Dudley McCarty and Bill Baze.

Band Director is Lisa Canady. Cheerleaders are Julie Brown, Tammy Campbell, Sue Ann Osborne, Anne Silva and Traci Burns. Kim Canet is the Panther Mascot.

The Panthers are looking forward to a good season this year and will be anticipating heavy backing from all their fans. Remember game time is 8 p. m.

Go Get Em Big Red!

Drs. Limneo and Nimfa Aguila Honored At Eastland Co. Law Enforcement Banquet



Citizens from all over Eastland County Thursday night filled the cafeteria of Siebert Elementary School to recognize an outstanding peace officer and a husband and wife doctor team.

Drs. Limneo and Nimfa Aguila, affectionately know as "Dr. L. and Dr. N." of Gorman received the Outstanding Citizens of the Year Award, presented by the Eastland County Law Enforcement Association.

Fifteen-year veteran Precinct 1 Constable Bill Hunter received the Eastland County Lawman Award.

Gorman Police Chief Cecil Funderburgh introduced the doctors. They were born in the Philippines and came to Eastland County in 1979.

Funderburgh said the pair had helped revitalize Blackwell Hospital in Gorman. "They are always on call when needed," he told the audience.

The Aguilas' community involvement includes membership in the Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club. They also have served as sponsors of the St. Jude Bike-a-thon for Crippled Children.

let's all go out this Friday night and back the Panthers all the way. The Big Red are always great!

Things are really rolling along at school now as the students came rolling in on Tuesday, eager to get the new school year underway. Everyone is urged to be alert for school children going to and from school during school hours. It is up to all of us to watch out for them and keep them safe.

And remember to smile -- because God Loves You!

Terry Simmons, associate editor of the Eastland Telegram, presented Constable Hunter's award.

Hunter's career in law enforcement began after 30 years in the automotive business in Eastland, when most people are ready to retire.

He was first appointed constable in the 1960s to serve the unexpired term of an officer who died while in office. Since that time, he has run for office and remained undefeated.

Simmons said Hunter's easy-going manner and soft-spoken voice have kept him from ever using his gun.

Simmons said Hunter was in the line of fire several years ago in the Eastland Court House. Although the constable was seriously injured, he refused to prosecute and said the incident was an accident.

The crowd gave each honoree a standing ovation.

Ninety-first District Judge Jim R. Wright was master of ceremonies.

HELP!!!

The First United Methodist Church of Gorman is in need of a picture of the first wooden structure of the church. This structure served the congregation prior to the building of a brick structure in 1908.

Anyone owning a picture is urged to contact the pastor at 734-2546. The picture will be returned as soon as a copy can be made for the history of the church.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

1984-85 Annuals have arrived and may be picked up Thursday or Friday at either the High School or Grade School Office.

South Eastland County Hospital District Tax Office at Blackwell Hospital is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. til noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

South Eastland County Hospital Board of Directors will have its Regular Monthly Meeting on the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Blackwell Hospital.

Gorman City Commissioners will meet the First and Third Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. at the City Hall.

Gorman Housing Authority Board will meet the Second Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of High Rise Apartments.

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

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 every 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 are urged to attend. Visitors welcome.

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

Walter Greer Laid To Rest Saturday

Walter J. Greer, 55, of Manhattan, Kan., formerly of Carbon, died at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday at the base hospital at Fort Riley, Kan. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bakker Funeral Home.

The Rev. Ronnie Armes, Assemblies of God minister, officiated. Burial was at Murray Cemetery at Carbon.

Born Feb. 7, 1930, in Carbon, he graduated from Carbon High School in 1948. He attended Cisco Junior College. A U.S. Air Force veteran, he had been a security specialist at Fort Riley, Kan., for the past 12 years.

Survivors include his mother, Mabel Greer of Carbon; two sisters, Joy Oliver of Eastland and Lee Montgomery of Fort Worth; and several nieces and nephews.

Thomas Browning Final Rites Held

Thomas L. Browning, 91, of Ranger, a World War I Army veteran, died at 6:15 p.m. Saturday at Valley View Lodge in Eastland. Services were at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Church of God in Ranger.

The Rev. M.E. Harris, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Pioneer Cemetery, directed by Edwards Funeral Home.

Born July 21, 1894, in Desdemona, he married Ruth Whitefield Jan. 11, 1920, in Lingleville. He was a farmer in Eastland County for 21 years and retired from Lone Star Gas Company after 18 years' employment. He was a member of Church of God and Ranger World War I Veteran's Barracks.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Harold Thomas in January of 1923 and Hoyett Lee in November of 1984, and three brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Browning of Ranger; three sons, Jack of Brady, Lyndon of West Union, W.Va., and Douglas of Duncanville; five daughters, Imogene Troclair of New Orleans, La.; Tommie Ruth Norton of Cedar Hill, Fern Veacey of Canton, Edith Cacee of Hobbs, N.M. and Sharon Davis of Cisco; one sister, Bertie Winnegar of Ranger; 28 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons will be pallbearers.

SAV-ON FOOD PURCHASES JAY'S GROCERY AND MARKET

We at Sav-On-food would like to take the opportunity to say how proud we are to be a part of the fine community of Gorman and take a moment to tell you a little about our company.

Sav-On-Food was formed in February of 1981 shortly after the J.R. Beadel Co. sold out. The first two Sav-On-Food stores were both located in Brownwood and were both former JRB stores. Since that time five other stores have been added to the Sav-On-Food family. These stores are located in Dublin, Llano, Cross Plains, Bronte and now Gorman. The Dublin, Llano, and Cross Plains stores are also former JRB stores.

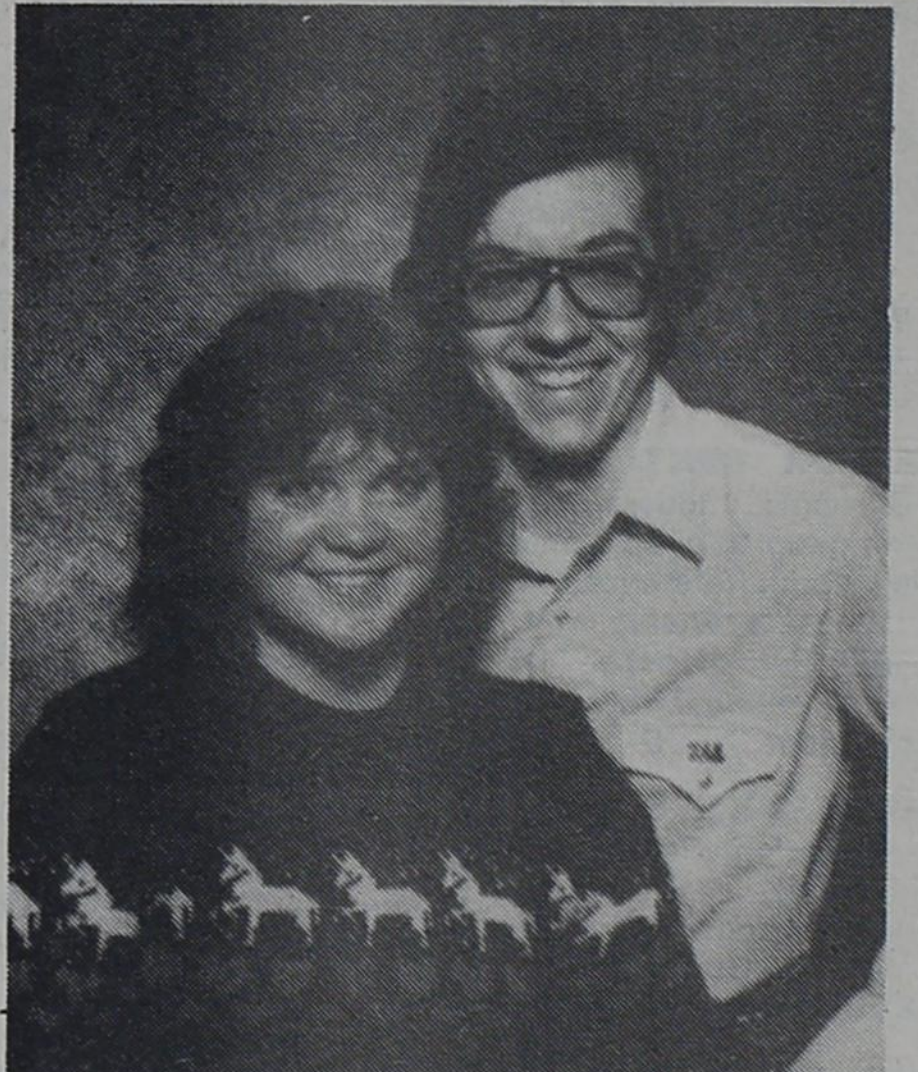
When asked why Sav-On-Food chose to come to Gorman, Troy Daniel, the president of Sav-On-Food said, "because we were familiar with the Gorman community and felt it was just right for us. We are country folks, and like to operate in

country stores. So when Mr. Jay gave us the opportunity, we jumped at it."

Daniel also stressed that, "We will never take the place of the Jay family, who have been a part of this community for over 50 years, and in that time, built a relationship with their customers and the town of Gorman. But we do intend to build our own relationships and try our very best to give Gorman a store they can be proud of while hopefully earning the respect, patronage and friendship of the people of Gorman and the surrounding communities.

In closing, we would just like to say thank you to the Jay family and to the people of Gorman for making it possible for us to come to your town. We are looking forward to becoming a working part of the community and hopefully build a long-lasting friendship with Gorman and its people.

Aline Frances Cates - Terry Joesph McCormack to Pledge Vows Sept. 21



Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cates of Moran are proud to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Aline Frances, to Terry Joseph McCormack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin T. McCormack of Eastland. The couple plan to be married Saturday, September 21, at 7 p.m. at the Eastland Church of Christ on 309 S. Daugherty. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Mrs. Ruby Bennett Honored on 83rd Birthday By Her Family



Mrs. Ruby Bennett was honored on Saturday with a birthday celebration by her children and friends on the occasion of her 83rd birthday. Children present were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bennett of Weatherford, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett of Cleburne, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett, Gorman, and Mrs. L. A. Bennett of Eastland, and grandchildren Gary and Melissa Bennett, and Bradley and Mark Bennett of Cleburne, Joe Lynn Bennett, Shirley, Terry, Latricia, and Lafonda of Odessa. Also Velma Bennett of Gorman.

YARD OF THE WEEK



YARD OF THE WEEK — This weeks yard is that of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Standridge. Vicki and Bobby have spent many hours growing and grooming the flowers and plants in their yard and have done a beautiful job on the project. If you haven't been by, go by and take a look.

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DESDEMONA NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fox of San Angelo spent the past weekend at the home of his brother, P.E. "Shorty" and Alma Fox of Desdemona. A covered dish supper was hosted by the Fox's at their home. Attending were those brothers and sisters living in the area: Pete and Dealva Rodgers, robert and Annabelle Fox all of Eastland; H.C. and Faye Fox, Mancel and Inez Fox all of Olden; Glenda Stedum, Melissa and Misty of Albany; Larry, Gaye and Paul Moore, Eddie, Pat, Terri, Tim and Chris Fox all of Desdemona; James and Charlene Thackerson of Carbon; Ginger Gilmore and Mylinda of Brownwood.

Carrie Carr had surgery last Monday in Stephenville Hospital. Reported doing fine.

Bernard Keith of Odessa entered Methodist Hospital in Houston on Sunday for tests.

The ladies monthly social will be Monday, September 9, in the home of Mrs. Pat Buckley.

Bill and Pat Satterfield of Weatherford visited the past weekend with her mother, Mrs. Annie Collum and a brother, Bill and Helen Collum, Terry and Dan.

Mr. Sam Yancey is back home and doing better since his heart attack and several days in the De Leon Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Shipman of Marshall visited the weekend with his sister, Mrs. Louise Merrill.

Pat Buckley, Harold and Melinda Hall visited several days in Kermit with Pat's parents, Jack and Mary Williams.

Delbert and Faye Williams of Kermit visited several days with his sister, Dorothy Roberts and Jeff.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hill and Gary and his mother Mrs. Hill all of Irving visited the weekend with her sister, Bill and Helen Collum, Terry and Dan and Mrs. Annie Collum. They all enjoyed boating and swimming at Mrs. Mamie Little's Lake Leon home.

GORMAN CARE

The Gorman Care Center had the August birthday party August 29 at 2:30. Those having August birthdays were Emma Boyd, Leona Bagwell and George Hallmark.

Mrs. Velma Bennett baked an angel food cake and the home made pink birthday cake served with pink punch.

The Church of Christ gave hand lotion and the home gave the honorees talcum powder and combs. The Kokomo Home Extension club served. Everyone was delighted to have the Rising Star Bright band. They really rendered a good program. The band members present were: Luella Griffin, Director and Pianist; Edith Bostick, coordinator; Clyde Griffin, Bass Guitar; Martha Ward, Guitar; Maggie West, Bass Drum; Bill Richburg, Small Drum; Marion West, Small Drum; Elsie Creswell, Trombone; Joe Ward, Trombone; Bernilee Chick, Blocks; Lela Clark, Rub Board.

Those helping with the party were Anna Laura Clearman, Nancy Hendricks, and Bernice Rodgers.

We are happy to have two new residents. They are Robert and Garnett Adams of Gorman. The residents sure enjoyed the Thursday night singing. Those helping were G.O. Boyd, Milton Fairbetter, Velma Bennett, Lucretia Fairbetter, Iola Johnson, Melba Frasier, Nancy Hendricks and Estelle Dickey.

Our Monday bingo helpers were Irene West and Estelle Dickey. Those bingoing were Charlotte O'Neal, Lonzo Coffman, Jess Roberts, Grace Skiles and Iola Johnson. Grace Skiles was the blackout winner.

On Wednesday those winning were Iola Johnson, Maggie Crawford, Emma Gregg and Iola Johnson with Lonzo Coffman winning the

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SCHOOL MENU

BREAKFAST

- Monday - Dry cereal, juice and milk.
- Tuesday - Buttered rice, peaches and milk.
- Wednesday - Bacon, toast, honey, juice and milk.
- Thursday - Oatmeal, applesauce and milk.
- Friday - Pancakes, syrup and milk.

LUNCH

- Monday - Spaghetti with meatballs, cheese, buttered corn, fruit cocktail, hot rolls, honey and milk.
- Tuesday - Salmon loaf, blackeyed peas, buttered carrots, cornbread, cinnamon crispers and milk.
- Wednesday - Burritos, cheese, pinto beans, sliced peaches, cornbread and milk.
- Thursday - Sliced roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, honey and milk.
- Friday - Sloppy Joes, french fries, pork and beans, pickles, ice cream and milk.

LOCAL NEWS

Visiting with L. D. Holliday on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Shipman of Marshall, Mrs. Sandy Sanders of Odessa visited recently. Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Holliday visited in De Leon with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Powell. Mrs. Olin Keller of Lake Leon and Mrs. Maple Norris of Valley View Nursing Home in Eastland visited with the Hollidays on Tuesday.

Visiting with Pauline Dennis were Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Clymer, Adam and Seth of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Currie from Stephenville and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoy and Robin from Plano.

blackout. Gladys Chambless helped. On Monday the men, Lonzo Coffman and Jess Roberts beat Emma Gregg and Iola Johnson four games to one in dominoes.

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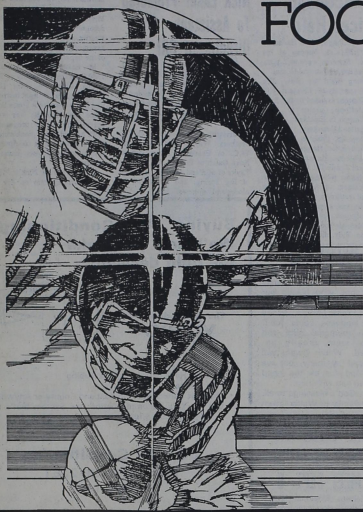
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KOKOMO NEWS

By Mrs. Zelda Jordan

I hope that everyone had a very nice Labor Day weekend. For farmers it is usually not too much of a holiday. Farm work is a constant thing without much time off for holidays.

Mrs. Gladys Morrow of Levelland and Mrs. Earlene Blakney of Lubbock visited several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morrow. They enjoyed a trip to visit points of interest in Fredericksburg on Wednesday.

Rev. Marion Fonville of Houston and Ed Richardson of Stafford were here on Monday to do some dove hunting and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Little and Mrs. Dora Garrett were in San Angelo last weekend to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hallmark and family and attend the wedding of their daughter, Deborah, to Earl

Braddock. Mrs. Garrett remained for a visit with the Hallmark family until Wednesday when they brought her home and visited here until Saturday. Those visiting with Mrs. Garrett were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hallmark and Amy and Earl, and Deborah Braddock of San Angelo, Wayne, Becky, LeeVi, Shane and Sheyanne Mikeska of Menard, Nelda and Cody Fails of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Little. The Hallmark family also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hallmark in Eastland.

Weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Rodgers were Gene and Lou Rodgers and Jim and Wilda Rodgers of Midlothian, Ruth and Rodney Spencer of San Antonio, Allan Spencer of Dallas, Andrea Spencer and Pete of Austin, Deanna and Benny Chupp, Pam and Leslie of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan spent

Mauney Reunion Held Sunday At Frank Gray Park

The Mauney family reunion was held at Frank A. Gray Park on Sunday, September 1, 1985. A picnic lunch was enjoyed by everyone and a lot of visiting went on during the day.

Those attending were Sullivan Maunet, Weatherford, Jack Mauney Gorman, John Robert Mauney of Goldthwaite, Frank, Lois and Darrel Moore, Comanche, Opal Mauney, Gorman, L. N. and Helen Koen, Abilene, L. V. Mauney, Somerville, Duckey and Imogene Parks, Stephenville, Joe, Doris and Brett Mauney of Plano, Donnie, Nelda and Scotty Mauney, Gary, Sammye, Don, Shannon and Christina Mauney, Jimmy, Kelley, Kandace and Jacob Johnson, all of Gorman.

We plan to get together again next year, so mark your calendar now. Unless notified it will again be at Frank A. Gray Park on the Sunday before Labor Day.

the weekend in Folydada attending a family reunion and visiting with her dad, Jim Lewallen, and helping him celebrate his 80th birthday. They also visited with Glenda and Roddy Miles, Joe and Sheri, Robert and Diane Miles and Mrs. Mary Miles of Abilene, and Judy and Whitney Robinson of Houston who were also visiting in the Miles home.

Mrs. Mary Miles will be staying with the Roddy Miles family for a while as she recuperates from a fractured vertebrae in her back.

LEWALLEN FAMILY REUNION

The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Mr. Jim Lewallen gathered at his home in Folydada during the Labor Day weekend for a family reunion and to honor Mr. Lewallen with a birthday party to celebrate his 80th birthday on Sunday, Sept. 1. The birthday cake was decorated with a fishing scene and was inscribed "Happy Birthday Pa-Pa" and the numerals 80. He was presented a money tree.

Barbeque and all the trimmings, birthday cake and ice cream were served.

Those present for the happy occasion were Glenn and Zelda Jordan of Gorman, Ted and Cindy Jordan of Munday, Jamie and Wanda Lewallen of Folydada, Bubba, Debbie and Lane Lewallen of Lewisville, Jayma Lewallen of Lubbock, Laverne Winn of Muleshoe, Bill and Bobbie Weir of Folydada, Jimmy and Kathy Winn of Lubbock. Keith

Carl McGough Services Held

Carl B. McGough, 83, of Eastland, died at 7:30 a.m. Sunday at his residence. Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bakker Funeral Home.

Officiating was the Rev. Jim Andrews, pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. Robert Jeffress, pastor of First Baptist Church in Eastland. Burial was in Eastland Cemetery.

Born Jan. 25, 1902, in Eastland, he married Effie Hagggar July 9, 1921, in Carbon. He was a pumper for General Crude Oil Company for 28 years before retiring in 1957. He was a resident of Abilene for 16 years and returned to Eastland in 1965. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Eastland and Hamlin Masonic Lodge No. 958.

One son, Billy, died in September

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

We would like to send our sincere appreciation and thanks to everyone who helped our family during the illness and death of Walter Owens. All the acts of kindness, cards, food, flowers, memorial gifts and prayers were greatly appreciated. Walter Owens will be missed by many, but we thank God for all the good years we had with him.

God's blessings to all.
The Family of Walter Owen

KOKOMO EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS CLUB WILL MEET SEPT. 9

The Kokomo Extension Homemakers Club will meet in the home of Mrs. J.L. Morrow on Monday, Sept. 9, at 2 p.m.

Extension Agent, Mrs. Janet Thomas, of Eastland will give the program on "Fitness and Exercise for the Mature Woman."

Visitors are welcome.

and Judy Madole and Chanse and Jacie Bruns of Muleshoe, Joe and Audree Crutcher of Lubbock, Arvel and Etta Lewallen, Matt, Chase and Kasey Taylor, all of Lubbock, Rhonda, Neal, April and John Slover of Woodrow, Bubba, Misi and Errin Millam of Lubbock, Barbara and Jamie Bell of Denver city, Steve, Lanette and Brandon Leasure of Hereford and Debra, Jason and Rene'e Perrin of Big Spring.

Nick Eaker Promoted To Assistant Director of SRI

In an announcement from J. L. Burch, Vice President of Southwest Research Institute of San Antonio, Nick Eaker has been promoted to assistant director of the Department of Space Sciences at the firm. In 1943.

Survivors include his wife; two brothers, Wayne of Gorman and W.C. of Eastland; three sisters, Nova Gatch of Eustis, Fla., Margie Taylor of Midland and Nina Sheehan of Big Spring; and a number of nieces and nephews.

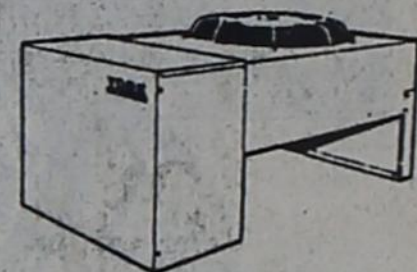
addition, he will continue as acting manager of the Experimental Space Physics Section. His new title is in recognition of the significant administrative responsibilities that he has assumed in support of the programs of the department and division.

Mr. Eaker came to the institute in 1980 from the University of Texas at Dallas, where he spent 16 years developing space-flight instrumentation in the Center for Space Sciences. Since that time he has managed several large NASA programs. This work has led to his pioneering use at the Institute of a comprehensive computerized project management system.

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Major Gilbert Completes AirCommand/Staff College

CARSWELL AFB, Texas --Major Carolyn Gilbert of San Angelo, an Air Force Reservist assigned to the 301st Tactical Fighter Wing, recently completed the Air Command and Staff College Seminar Program. This professional military education program is intended to expand the professional knowledge, skills and perspectives of mid-career officers in their preparation for increased leadership roles in command and staff positions.

As an Air Force Reservist, Major Gilbert is the wing's chief of administration. As a civilian, she is district extension director for the Texas Agriculture Extension Service in San Angelo.

A 1961 graduate of Gorman, Texas High School, she holds a bachelor's degree in home economics from Abilene Christian University. She complete her master's in education in 1978 at Arleton State University. Major Gilbert is a member of the American Business Women's Association.

Following her commissioning as second lieutenant from Officer Training School in 1969, she served on active duty for three and one-half years. She joined the Air Force Reserve and the 301st Tactical Fighter Wing in 1978.

Major Gilbert is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Floyd Gilbert of Gorman.



A. E. McNeely Last Rites Read Friday

A.E. McNeely, 92, of Cisco, died Wednesday at his home. Services were at 2 p.m. Friday at Kimbrough Funeral Home.

The Rev. Buddy Sipe, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was at Oakwood Cemetery.

Born Sept. 15, 1892, in Gorman, he married Hattie Juanita McAdams in November of 1917 in Gorman. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Cisco Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include a daughter, Robbie Jo Garrett of Plainview; three granddaughters, Anne Miller of San Antonio, and Jean Stewart and Barbara Crawford, both of Lubbock; and two great-grandchildren.

EASTLAND 4-H SIGNUPS UNDERWAY

Enrollment is underway for 4-H clubs. Youngsters entering third grade through age 19 are eligible to sign up in one of seven clubs in Eastland County.

Projects and activities help develop skills that will be useful all life long.

The 4-H program is supported by adults who serve as project leaders, resource personnel, coordinators and supporters of the total 4-H program.

Organizational leaders for each local club for 1985-86 are: Rhonda Ray, Carbon; Louanne Gerhardt, Cisco; Kathy Scitern, Gorman; Sharon Lewis and Sandy Sargent, Eastland; Kathy Agnew and Gloria Boyd, Nimrod; Mary Jane Little and Bobby Little, Ranger; and Kathy Hall and Barbara Long, Rising Star.



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REMINISCING - Martha Knowles, left, discusses the past and the present with her sister, Malissie Peak as Mary Ann Reyna listens. (Staff Photo by R. J. Hinkle)

Idalou Woman To Celebrate 109th Birthday On Tuesday

By MARK STUTZ
Avalanche-Journal Staff
IDALOU - The English playwright William Shakespeare once wrote of the continuing tides of time, but the years that have flowed by in the last century have nothing on Martha Knowles of Idalou.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Knowles will celebrate her 109 birthday.

She's spent 107 of those years in West Texas after moving to the area from her native Georgia. And although recalling old times with family and friends comes a bit harder these days, she still retains a good sense of humor.

"How does it feel to be 109? Well, I'm feeling all right, pretty much like I did when I was 108," Mrs. Knowles said during a recent interview. "I tell everyone I've never gotten old - I've just been here for a while."

For most people, trying to fathom what it might be like to have lived nearly 11 decades is something that goes beyond simple comprehension. In terms of history, however, the thought becomes even more mind-boggling.

When Martha Mahan came into the world on July 2, 1876, on a quiet farm in Georgia, Ulysses Simpson Grant was in the process of finishing up his second term as president. Her native state was also in the process of celebrating its sixth year back in the Union following its secession during the Civil War.

On the day she was born, the first news of the bloody Sioux Indian massacre of Gen. George Custer and 264 soldiers at the Battle of the Little Big Horn in Montana was filtering back to a shocked America. The United States was readying for its 100th centennial birthday party and Colorado was preparing to gain statehood.

In a few months following her birth, the nation and the world would begin their first steps toward growing a bit closer because an inventor named Alexander Graham Bell was perfecting and patenting an unusual device known as the telephone.

And closer to what would become her home, the first pioneers to West Texas were beginning to throw up their shanty homes and till the soil that would turn America's great western desert into a productive farming region.

In 1878, Martha, her parents, six brothers and three sisters moved to Erath County. They later moved to Eastland County, and then to the city of Desdemona, which Mrs. Knowles remembers well because it was there that she met her husband-to-be, George Knowles.

"I'd gone to a picnic, and during that time my date offered to introduce me to his friend," Mrs. Knowles said. "He asked me if I wanted to meet George and I said, 'Of course I want to get acquainted with him.' After that, I didn't go out with anybody else."

In 1894, the couple married in Eastland and later moved to Comanche County. They bought the land on which Mrs. Knowles now lives in 1900, and built the present-day stone house in 1938, where the couple lived until her husband died in 1968.

Mrs. Knowles saw West Texas grow as few alive today can recall. The couple lived a brief period in Lubbock during the 1930s while they rented the farmhouse, and she said she had fond - if somewhat more simplified - memories of the Hub City.

"Lubbock was nothing like it is today" she said. "It was just a little

town then, so little that my husband used to farm land near the Furrs store on Avenue H."

Today, Mrs. Knowles lives with her daughter Malissie Peak. Her needs are attended to by Mrs. Peak, her housekeeper Mary Ann Reyna and James Embry, who farms the land. All of her friends are like kinfolk, Mrs. Knowles said.

To those who look after Mrs. Knowles, first meeting a person who has lived well past the century mark was a bit of a shock. But after a while, they said the thought seems natural.

"I was surprised; I couldn't believe she had lived that long," said Mrs. Reyna, who met Mrs. Knowles a year and a half ago. "But after a while, it began to make sense. Knowing Martha, she became like kinfolk to me and I understand why she has lived this long."

When asking Mrs. Knowles the secret to her longevity, she readily supplies a simple answer.

"Stay home and work hard; that's what my husband and I did everyday," she said, adding that it was not unknown for her to help her husband plow the field by handling a team of horses. "We stayed active, but we were very happy. I think another secret is to know right from wrong, and then live accordingly."

Although many women remember their 16th birthday for good reasons, or perhaps their 39th birthday for others, Mrs. Knowles said her favorite birthday - to date, of course - was 106.

"They had a big party for me in town (Idalou) and a big cake. The mayor also gave me a proclamation," she said. "All my kinfolks were there to celebrate with me. I had a great time."

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DIABAETIC SEMINAR SET AT EASTLAND

A Diabaetic Seminar is being sponsored by the Eastland County Extension Service on Tuesday, September 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the Eastland National Bank Community Room.

The Seminar is free and all interested persons are invited to attend states Janet Thomas, County Extension agent.

The seminar speakers will include Mrs. Nancy Clark, R.N.; and she will discuss "Home Monitoring of the Diabetic." "Diabetic Diets" will be discussed by Linda Graham, Registered Dietitian from Hendricks Medical Center in Abilene.

Refreshments consisting of diabetic cookies are being sponsored by Super Duper Deli in Eastland.

Educational programs conducted by the TAEX serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

"Great joys, like great griefs, are silent."
Shackerley Marmion

Registration Continues At Cisco Jr. College

Cisco Junior College's Director of Admissions, Olin O. Odom, III, reminds area residents that registration is under way and will continue through September 11 at the Cisco campus and all off-campus centers. Though there will be no problem in registering as late as September 11, Mr. Odom urges those who wish to take college credit courses to register now in order to begin attending classes. Classes began on August 30 and a minimum of missed time is beneficial to the student.

Mr. Odom said, "Cisco Junior College offers a wide range of opportunities for expanding knowledge. We're anticipating a large enrollment this year, and we invite anyone, college-age or older, to enroll in one of the many programs we offer."

Students may register at the main campus in Cisco, at the Clyde Educational Center, or at the Abilene center in Westgate Mall at anytime during regular office hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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CAPITOL UPDATE

by Jim Parker



The 68th Seseion of the Legislature showcased the problems of our state and its treatment of drunk drivers. The M.A.D.D. mothers presented a cohesive and forceful element to change DWI legislation in a direction that many felt was beneficial because, to one extent or another, it strengthened, or appeared to strengthen, the DWI laws. As far as I am concerned the "jury is still out" on the quality of that legislation. I had always maintained the problem was not the law but that judges and juries simply did not assess the more burdensome punishments that were available under the old law.

At any rate, driving while intoxicated was the "glamour crime" of 1983-84, in that it received media coverage and a heightened general public awareness.

1985-86 is and promises to be a period where crimes involving sexual abuse of children take on, and in fact have taken on, the high profile, public interest aspect that DWI had garnered. Let us examine the effect that this heightened public awareness and media attention have had on some who have been accused of this crime.

Never in my ten-year career as a criminal defense lawyer have I seen the number of child sexual abuse cases that are currently being filed statewide. I have mixed emotions as to whether we have helped or hindered children specifically and the public in general. I am alarmed to find that a large percentage of sexual abuse allegations are subsequently proved to be baseless, with no foundation in fact. The really frightening thing is the fact that the

accusation, standing alone, can virtually ruin the accused's life.

Of course we need to protect our children but we do not need, in our zeal, to step backward to the days of the Spanish Inquisition when the mere suggestion of heresy brought a reign of horrific punishment of the accused.

Please, those of you who already have doubts about me, do not go out and say Jim Parker has come out squarely on the side of perverts. That is simply not true.

What I am saying is that, based on my actual experience, often the highlighting of criminal issues creates more awareness of the issue and causes otherwise reasonable people "to see goblins behind every bush." I hope that we can, as a society, moderate our approach to these cases of alleged sexual abuse of children to the point where we maximize protection for our children and minimize the agony caused and damage done to those wrongfully if in good faith, accused of the offense.

Next week we will examine the other side of the issue, from the standpoint of the victim.

Gordon Spot County Extension Agent

DeMarquis Gordon

It is time to spray your pecan trees to control the pecan weevils. This is one of the most destructive pests of pecans. The adult weevils, which look much like a cotton boll weevil except that the pecan weevil is slightly larger, comes from the ground in late summer to lay eggs in pecans. The weevils emerge from moist soil sooner than from dry soil. I have already seen weevil damage in yard trees that have been watered.

The weevils puncture a hole in the pecan and deposits eggs. The eggs hatch larvae which then eats the kernel as it grows. The larvae are creamy-white grubs with reddish-brown heads. They grow to about 3/5 inch long at maturity.

When the larvae mature they chew a hole in the shell about 1/8 inch wide and drop to the ground where they construct an earthen cell. After either one or two years as a larva it pupates in late summer. Pupation is

completed in about 3 weeks, but the adults do not emerge from the soil until the next year in late summer or early fall.

Weevils must be controlled in the adult stage while on the pecan tree, but preferably before they begin laying eggs. The recent showers may cause weevil emergence even in dryland orchards.

Carbaryl (Sevin) has been shown to be an effective labeled insecticide for pecan weevil control. Its residual has been found to remain active for 8-12 days following application. The trees should be sprayed to the point of run off. If weevils continue to emerge a second or third application of insecticide may be needed at two week intervals.

It's not too early to start planning a fertilizer program for winter wheat production.

Fertilizer requirements will depend on a number of factors.

For producers who plan to follow wheat with wheat, fertilizer recommendations will depend upon fertilizer rates applied to the previous crop and yield obtained. Also, fertilizer carryover may have been higher than normal due to heavy rust infestations which plagued 1985 wheat production and reduced the crop's ability to utilize much of the applied fertilizer.

These factors and other unusual circumstances influencing the nutrient status of the soil indicate that a soil test should be a sound investment at this time, the agent explains.

Producers who have not yet made a final decision to plant wheat this fall, but wish to leave the door open to plant corn, grain sorghum or cotton this spring, can submit a soil sample now and request fertilizer recommendations for all cropping alternatives. Resulting fertilizer recommendations then can be used to assist each person in making cropping decisions.

The Extension Service Soil Testing Laboratories at Texas A&M University and Lubbock are ready to assist wheat producers in making these

EASTLAND ANSWERS FIRE QUESTIONS

Contracts between Eastland County and rural fire departments were discussed by Eastland County Commissioners Thursday at a called meeting.

Several fire chiefs had expressed concern about answering fire calls after Sept. 1. It was their understanding that House Bill 128 mandated a contract between the county and fire departments after that date.

However, County Judge Scott Bailey and District Attorney Emory Walton told the group of firemen attending the meeting that all the recently passed bill did was allow counties to enter into contracts.

Eastland City Manager Roy Underwood told the court he feels it is unfair for Eastland citizens to subsidize calls outside the city. Then, Eastland Fire Chief Jack Graham said his department's insurance refused to pay outside the city limits.

Underwood said Cisco City Manager Mike Moore was requesting contract with the county by Oct. 1 and Underwood requested the same for Eastland.

Liability on calls answered outside the county also was discussed. Commissioners agreed to investigate insurance rates, liability and contracts before the October date.

In other business, two Cisco residents were named to serve as election judges. Mrs. B.F. (Dorothy) Thomas has been named as judge and Thelma Smith has been named to serve as alternate judge.

economically important decisions. Although new automated laboratory procedures and computerized integration and reporting of soil test results have improved speed and precision, soil test recommendations can be no better than the quality of the soil sample analyzed.

Therefore, it is important to collect soil samples which are truly representative of the field being tested, the agent says.

A composite soil sample should consist of 10 to 15 subsamples randomly collected with a probe or shovel and thoroughly mixed together before taking the composite sample. To sample the soil, remove the top inch and collect the soil samples to a depth of six inches. We have soil sample bags and detailed instructions for sample collection.

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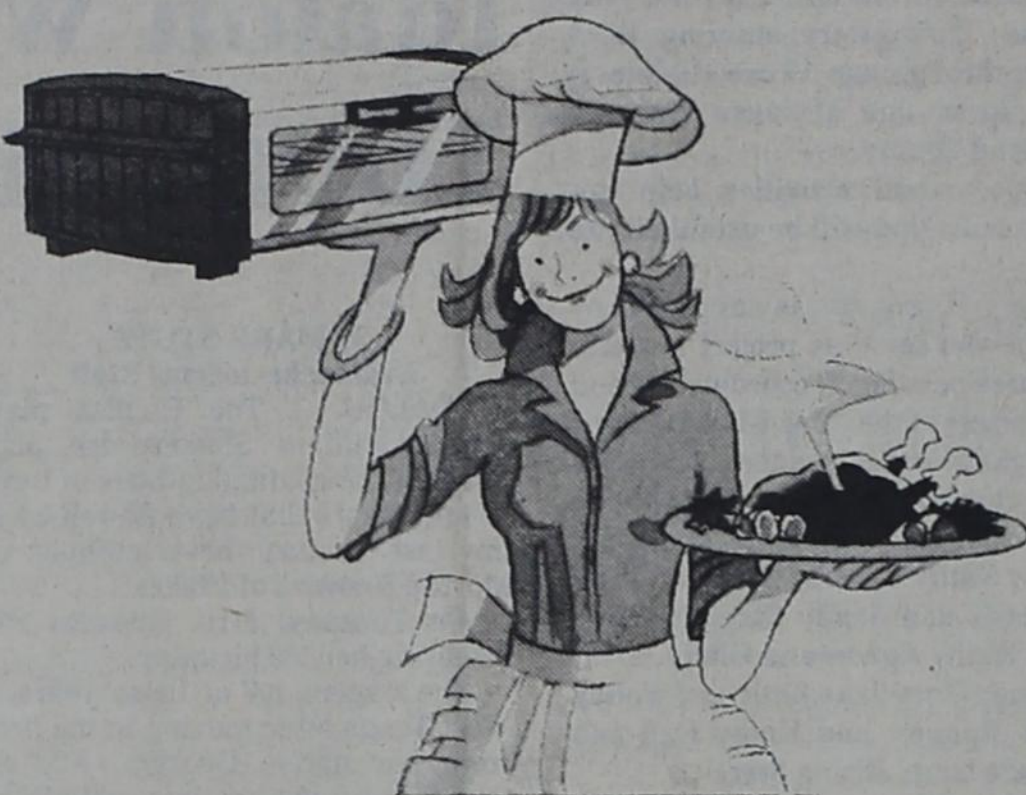
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The art of "kitchenless" cooking

If you are one of many who prepare meals in college dormitories, efficiency apartments or mobile homes, you are no doubt aware of the limitations of "kitchenless" cooking.

According to Sue Taylor, Director of the Product Information Center at Proctor-Silex, a small food preparation area doesn't have to hinder the culinary experience!

She explains that the versatile toaster oven, which allows a wide variety of recipe preparations, is a basic for solving the "kitchenless" dilemma. Taylor suggests the following ways in which one appliance can do the job of several:

• **Bake:** Remember that a toaster oven is a real oven. There's no need to give up roast poultry or beef because these foods won't fit. Just think small!

Substitute Cornish hen or rolled turkey breast for turkey or chicken. Or, instead of a large rump roast, prepare a small eye round.

• **Broil:** Most toaster ovens can broil fish, kabobs or flank steak, for example. The see-through window allows you to monitor the progress of the broiled food without opening the door to slow cooking time.

• **Top-Brown:** This technique is ideal for preparing "cheesy" delights like cheddar-topped baked potatoes, English muffin pizzas with mozzarella, and open-faced tuna sandwiches with melted American cheese. Top-browning can turn any cold snack into a hot meal in seconds!

• **Toast:** Toast is much more than a breakfast food. Next time you prepare a dish such as creamed chicken or seafood Newburgh, substitute pumpernickel, rye, whole wheat or white toast for rice.

Finally, Taylor concludes that the "all-in-one" appliance not only makes cooking easy, it makes clean-up a breeze, too. She suggests that toaster ovens with continuous clean interiors from Proctor-Silex are even more helpful for reducing clean-up time.

The **BACKYARD NATURALIST**

By Craig Tufts

Taking Stock Of Your Landscaping

Early fall is probably the best time of the year to evaluate your landscaping: What's been growing successfully through spring and summer? What's been struggling along for 2 or 3 years—in spite of your best efforts? Should some of the trees that dominate your yard be taken down to give more light and make room for more vegetables, shrubs and/or perennials? And (most important) what plantings bring birds and butterflies to your yard? And what does your local wildlife ignore?

My own yard is almost a year old now, and I've been watching it turn from a barren piece of land to a young—though still awkward—landscape. I've been taking notes on what's going on in my 9,000 (more or less) square feet of yard. I can see now that planting more evergreens for wildlife winter cover is a must. I'll probably put in some of the many holly varieties available. On the other hand, the purple leaf plum tree that came with the house probably has to go. Although it's attractive, its fruit fails to attract birds; instead the tree attracts numerous insect pests. I'm thinking of replacing the plum with, perhaps, a Korean mountain ash (*Sorbus alnifolia*) which produces many berries well into winter and has few pest problems.

Along with my usual fall gardening chores (including the replanting of the tulip bulbs I dug up in June, giving the bulb beds a healthy dose of bone meal, etc.), I'll soon be planting some shrubs I've been nursing along for some time. Last winter I collected a variety of cuttings from shrubs that provide good food or cover for wildlife. I kept the cuttings refrigerated in damp peat moss until April when I put them out in a planting bed. A couple of months ago I transplanted them to individual containers—from which they'll go into

the ground soon. I'll group them by threes and fives; each group will eventually occupy about 60 to 100 square feet, replacing much of what is now lawn. These shrubs include:

• **Buttonbush** (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*), a good, dense wetland shrub that also grows well in yards and provides food and nesting cover for birds. Its fragrant flowers attract butterflies and hummingbirds.



• **American elderberry** (*Sambucus canadensis*), which has clusters of large white flowers in May and June and black berries in July and August. The berries appeal to birds as well as to those of us who like good pies and elderberry wine. The fall foliage is attractive.

• **Silky dogwood** (*Cornus amomum*), a good habitat shrub which has dense reddish or purple twigs good for nesting. Its May/June creamy-white flowers often attract the spring azure butterflies, and its blue berries attract birds from September through November. It's lovely foliage is scarlet.

How's your yard doing—as habitat for both you and your wildlife? Right now is a good time to take stock.

For more information about wildlife around your home, contact the National Wildlife Federation, Dept. BN, 1412 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036-2266.

Watch "The Backyard Naturalist" on The Victory Garden this season. See TV listings on your local PBS affiliate for date and time.

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