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West sent for bingo prizes.

Those visiting Cody and Pauline Love were Willadean Ormsby of Stephenville, Tommy Brightwell of Hurst, Mayvis Lasater, Elsie Ervin of Desdemona, Denzel and Faye Ables, Arlton and Stella Smith and Joe O'Neal.

On Tuesday morning we had exercises and crafts with Joy Campbell. There wee 14 residents.

Those visiting Ida Lewis were Era Maupin, Joe O'Neal, Sue Seaton, Ora Lee Lawrence, Eunie Love, Joy Campbell, Georgie Faye Skaggs, Edna Brinegar, William Lee Jay, Lisa Wells and Dorothy Beaty.

We are happy Lonzo Coffman is home from the De Leon Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Simmons of Cisco visited Henry Rice.

On Tuesday those coming for singing were Billie Stacy, Willo Rice, Lestie Tonn of Eastland, Joe O'Neal, Nancy Hendricks, Ava Rodgers, Velma Bennett, Oma Dee Garrett

On Sunday morning at 10 a. m. Rev. Ron Carroll of Forst Baptist Church taught the Sunday school lesson for 5 residents.

Varona Taylor enjoyed a visit on Saturday to be with her son and family, Billy, Janda, Steve and Tracey Taylor.

At 2:30 p. m. on Sunday those coming for church services from the First United Methodist Church were Rev. James and Lavelle Haynes, Sue Ann Tarver and Oma Dee Garrett.

Those visiting Jack Mauney were Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Koen of Abilene, Joe O'Neal, Daisy WSlaton and Sterling McCauley.

We were sorry to learn the of the passing of our friend, Jessie Lee Eison whose funeral was held Sunday at 3 p. m. at the Gorman Higginbotham Funeral Chapel. The Church of Christ did not bring services on Sunday at Canterbury Villa so as many members as wanted could attend the funeral.

Those visiting Mary Choate, Minnie Brightwell and Stella Thurman were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Waite, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Brightwell of Hurst, Willadean Ormsby of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bethany Zina Simpson, Odie Brightwell, Curtis and Neta Maness, Dee Smithey and Juanita Files.

On Thursday morning Dewey Bailey gave the devotional for 10 residents.

On Monday morning Joy Campbell helped with exercises and then we blew bubbles. Fourteen residents enjoyed the activities.

Those visiting Mae Quinn and Cleo Clement were Wayne and Betty Quinn of Saginaw, Greg and Rose Anderson of Charleston, S. C., Elsie Robinett of Rock Bluf, Glen and Shirley Clement of Lake Leon, Mayvis Lasater, Marilyn Warren, Georgie Faye Skaggs and Sue Seaton.

On Monday Nancy Hendricks and Joy Campbell had bingo. Ervin Miere called back. Winners were Ida Lewis, S. D. Gilmore, Ervin Miere, Kenneth Walker, Veno Hale, Henry Rice, Gertie Leeper, Nancy Holloway lola JohnsonMinnie Dupuy, Emma Shugart, Ora Mae Atchison, Cynthia Earles, Jess Hallmark, Ruby Vandergriffand Mae Quinn.

Billy and Floyd Elanders of Artesia, N. M. and Mrs. W. R. Scott visited with Irene Herbert.

We appreciate the jewelry Irene

and Frankie Jo Shipman.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Tonn of Eastland and Lonnie Raybourne of Scotland visited their aunt, Nancy Holloway.

Those visiting Gertie Leeper were Rhoda Burney, Nellie Lucky, Martha Gaines and A. V. Seay.

Pam Willingham of Crawford visited Mary Willingham on Saturday.

On Wednesday morning Willo Rice of Merriman Baptist Church brought the devotional for 18 residents.

Kim Coleman and her boy friend of Fort Worth and Odalee Thomas of Breckenridge visited Emma Shugart.

Those helping with bingo on Wednesday were Irene Hallmark, Nancy Hendricks and Erwin Miere. Wi Winners were Cynthia Earles, Gertie Leeper, Jess Hallmark, lola Johnosn Minnie Dupuy, Dorothy Beaty, Ora Mae Atchison, Ida Lewis, Henry Rice, Kenneth Walker, Erwin Miere, S. D. Gilmore, Emma Shugart and Veno Hale.

Those visiting lola Johnson were Ina Reymolds and Lenis Rice of Carbon.

We appreciate the bingo prizes Velma Bennett gave us.

Those visiting Cynthia Earles were Kim and Prentice Bernrick of Keller and Vardie Huff.

Ellen Gressett brought three home making girls to check for future projects to be in the coming weeks.

Derrell Dickey of Mesquite, Vera Spruill of De Leon, Rufus Goodwin of Comanche, Sylvia Bridgewater, Odell Dupuy visited Minnie Dupuy.

HOMER WOOD 94 YEARS OLD
Mrs. Daisy Slaton honored her father, Homer Wood, on his 94th birthday on Tuesday, Sept. 17th. She took a birthday cake and punch and serhaed with all the residents on the north hall.

Willo Rice and Nancy Hendricks visited Lois Buchanan and Judy Phillips.

Texas Health Dept. activity director consultant Shirley Petty visited the home and Joy Campbell on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chessley Atchison of Fort Worth, Ima Lee Burleson and Anna Lois Watson visited Ora Mae Atchison.

Nancy Hendricks and Irene Hallmark helped with bingo on Friday. Winners were Erwin Miere, Jess Hallmark, Henry Rice, Gertie Leeper Ida Lewis, lola Johnson, Emma Shugart, S. D. Gilmore, Ruby Vandergriff, Dorothy Beaty, Hillery Seay Junior Fairbetter, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Ida Lewis and Kenneth Walker.

Marvin Swain of Glen Rose, Lonnie Swain of Fort Worth visited Dessie Cooper. on Friday.

On Friday we had a movie and popcorn with Joy Campbell helping us.

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 ZELDA JORDAN
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The beautiful hymn "Whispering Hope" was rendered by the choir at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Norma Webb gave a mission emphasis of our State Missions, and Anna Laura Clearman reported on the trip to visit the Texas Baptist Children's Home in Round Rock.

The services on Sunday night, Sept. 29th will be dismissed so the members may attend the 5th Sunday night singing at the First United Methodist Church in Gorman. Make plans to attend and receive a blessing when all the churches come together to worship our Lord in singing praises to Him.

Lavell Hallmark and Debbie Bradcock and Ashton of San Angelo visited during the weekend with Dora Garrett, and with Commie Hallmark in Eastland.

Don and Lani O'Neal of Houston, Bro. Joe O'Neal, Ruth Bryant, Hope Joiner, Doris Bradshaw and Velma Bennett were visiting with Nancy Hendricks during the weekend.

Glenn and Zelda Jordan, Clifford and Lurline Nelson and Rev. Jimmy, Maggie and Teresa Nelson of Stephenville, and Ted Jordan of Portales, N. M. were in Abilene on Saturday, Sept. 21 for the wedding of Glenda Miles and Bill Priest.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little were in Arlington on Friday, Sept. 20 to visit with Tim, Nelda, Cody and Jarad, fails and to attend the grandparents day program with Jarad in his Kindergarten class at Hill Elementary School. They spent Friday night with the Failes and went on to market in Dallas, returning home on Monday.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Opal Dennis of Celina, her daughter and husband, Delores Jean and R. C. Pinion of Lewisville, and her sister, Ruth Burrow of McKinney, visited in the home of Berneice Rodgers Friday thru Saturday noon.

While here, Mrs. Dennis celebrated her 85th birthday with a dinner honoring her in the Rodgers home on Friday. Her cousins, Berneice Rodgers, Ava and Cullen Rodgers, Billie Stacy of Carbon, and Ima Brown were hostesses for the dinner. The birthday cake, brought by Mrs. Pinion, was inscribed "Happy 85th Birthday".

At 3 p. m. the birthday cake was served with ice cream and "Happy Birthday" was sung to Opal. For the festive occasion, the table was covered with a green cloth and was centered with a balloon bouquet.

Then they all gathered around the piano and sang gospel songs with Billie Stacy and Delores Pinion as the pianists and R. C. Pinion leading the singing.

An evening meal was enjoyed at 7 p. m.

All the cousins returned to the Rodgers home on Saturday for the noon meal. John and LaTonne Rodgers of Carbon came in the afternoon and they enjoyed more singing before they all had to leave at 2 p. m. All had a wonderful time.

The visitors were the family of the late J. H. Timmons, the brother of the hostesses father, the late J. C. Timmons.

—GP—

DESDEMONA NEWS

VONNIE GUTHERY
 PHONE 75802665

"Congratulations" to Bob and Dolores of Desdemona. They have two new grandsons. Nathan Randall Tucker was born August 30th in the De Leon Hospital. Proud parents are Steve and Brenda Tucker of Desdemona. Other grandparents are Gerald and Ina Scitern of Gorman.

Colton Ray Mathis was born September 4th. Proud parents are Terry and Jamie Mathis of De Leon. Grand parents are Bob and Dolores Tucker of Desdemona and Ray and Mary Mathis of De Leon.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Tommie Lymoin Hobbs, who passed away Tuesday in a Comanche hospital. Burial was in Desdemona Cemetery on Thursday. Survivors include a son, Bennie Blevins of Garland; a brother, C. W. Weir of Dallas; a sister, Lorene Koonce of De Leon. The son, Bennie Blevins attended school in Desdemona in the early 40's.

Larry and Gay Moore enjoyed a vacation in Las Vegas this past week.

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be Saturday, September 28th at the Community Center. Bring your friends for an enjoyable evening.

J. V. Hickman was buried Friday in Stephenville. A daughter, Judy Lewis, lives in Desdemona. We send our sincere sympathy to this family.

Bernard and An Keith were in Comanche on Friday to attend the funeral of a friend, Geneva Brown.

PANTHER SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sept. 6	Gorman 27 - Perrin 0		
Sept. 13	Cisco 14 - Gorman 0		
Sept. 20	Gorman 21 - Ranger 2		
Sept. 27	**Hico (Homecoming)	Gorman	8:00
Oct. 4	Santa Anna	Santa Anna	8:00
Oct. 11	* Tolar	Tolar	7:30
Oct. 18	* Cross Plains	Gorman	7:30
Oct. 25	* Rising Star	Rising Star	7:30
Nov. 1	* Santo	Gorman	7:30
Nov. 8	* Baird	Baird	7:30

* District ** Homecoming *** Parents Night

PANTHER ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POSITION	WEIGHT	CLASS
10	Rajee Patel	QB/DB	145	JR.
12	Steve Taylor	QB/DB	155	SR.
20	Cory Pack	QB/OLB	155	SR.
21	Daniel Sanchez	WB/OLB	160	JR.
22	Tony Forbus	TB/DB	165	JR.
24	Mario Rodriguez	WB/OLB	140	SOPH.
30	Jade Warren	SE/DE	170	JR.
31	Flavio Herrera	QE/DB	150	JR.
32	Jason Ditiore	FB/ILB	175	SR.
34	Kris Scitern	TB/DB	150	JR.
36	Benji Cox	WB/OLB	140	JR.
44	Robert Cox	FB/OLB	150	SR.
50	Brent Skaggs	C/DE	170	SOPH.
51	Chris Laminack	SE/ILB	170	JR.
55	Verl Ervin	QG/ILB	165	JR.
60	John Mart Stephens	QT/DT	175	SOPH.
61	Kenneth Rainey	QG/ILB	170	JR.
62	Daniel Reeves	SG/DT	170	JR.
64	Chris Haase	SG/DE	180	SR.
66	Christian Clark	ST/DE	150	JR.
70	Noah Landa	QT/DT	180	SOPH.
72	Jonray Childers	C/DT	170	JR.
74	Robert Darley	SG/DT	210	SR.
76	Don Mauney	ST/DT	180	FR.
80	William Rainey	SE/DB	160	JR.
82	Shane Caraway	QE/DE	170	SOPH.
84	Marty McCormick	QE/DB	155	SR.

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 MASCOT: Panthers

PANTHER JV SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sept. 12	Eiseo	Eiseo	6:00
Sept. 19	Ranger 28 - Gorman 6		
Sept. 26	Hico	Hico	8:00
Oct. 3	Santa Anna	Gorman	7:30
Oct. 10	Stephenville (9th)??		
Oct. 17	Cross Plains	Cross Plains	7:30
Oct. 25	Meridian	T/Neutral	7:30
Nov. 1	Santo	Santo	7:00
Nov. 8	Baird	Goman	8:00

JUNIOR HIGH SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sept. 19	Ranger 20 - Gorman 0		
Sept. 26	Hico 7th Grade	Hico	6:30
Oct. 3	Santa Anna	Gorman	6:00
Oct. 10	* Tolar	Gorman	6:30
Oct. 17	* Cross Plains	Cross Plains	6:30
Oct. 24	* Rising Star	Gorman	6:30
Oct. 31	* Santo	Santo	5:30
Nov. 7	* Baird	Gorman	6:30

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In a Reporter-News article Sunday, writer Abigail Trafford Brett said that peanut butter you find on the grocery shelf may contain aflatoxin as high as 3,700 parts per billion (ppb). And she noted that high levels of aflatoxin can cause cancer in humans.

3,700 ppb??? Not American-made peanut butter from major manufacturers. No way! Peanut industry standards are more stringent than the federal government's. And besides, U.S. peanuts are tested from the very time that the farmer delivers them.

Aflatoxin is produced by a fungi



J.T. Smith
Farm Editor

and generated through mold. It also can be found in corn, sorghum, and various grains — in some years worse than others.

In the case of peanuts, the nuts are triple tested for aflatoxin.

First, when a farmer takes a truckload of his peanuts to a buying point, they are "immediately" tested for aflatoxin. If one kernel tests positive for aflatoxin, the entire load is condemned.

Later, shelled peanuts undergo a trip to a certified laboratory for chemical analysis. Any lot testing more than 15 ppb isn't allowed into the edible trade.

Finally, the manufacturer has the peanuts tested before they go into edible products.

And even after those three tests, the edible product itself also can be subject to tests.

Major peanut butter manufacturers — like Procter & Gamble — have extremely rigid tests, which are even far more demanding than either the sheller or federal government's standards. The major manufacturers will not allow peanuts to go into edible channels if they test just 5 ppb or above for aflatoxin.

Since the Food and Drug Administration limit allows 20 ppb aflatoxin — and it is considered a rigorous government standard — that means that the manufacturing segment, itself, has a standard four times tougher than the federal trigger, a recent Consumer Reports article emphasized.

Some of the best peanuts found in Texas last year: The most recent peanut harvest — the fall of 1990 crop — was the best ever in the Southwest. Some 98

percent of Southwestern peanuts, including those in the De Leon and Gorman areas, were of edible quality.

That established a record year for high quality peanuts. The fact that 98 percent tested of edible quality was a statistic in which to be extremely proud.

Mary Webb, executive director of the Texas Peanut Producers Board, Gorman, also notes that the region's peanut industry pumps multi-millions of dollars into the Abilene trade area.

And the U.S. peanut industry has fought hard to keep its standards of excellence — unsurpassed anywhere in the world. That's one reason that the American industry has feared any massive importation of foreign peanuts by the United States as these foreign peanuts would be of questionable quality, compared with U.S.-grown nuts. Subsequently, peanut interests have been keeping a cautious eye on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) talks — working to ensure that the United States doesn't become a dumping ground for inferior foreign peanuts.

Webb points out that the National Peanut Council (NPC) is committed to the elimination of aflatoxin through research and education.

For example, NPC has invested more than \$3 million in research in the past two years for long-term genetic and biotech research toward its elimination.

Preventing aflatoxin in peanuts: The occurrence of aflatoxin is related to environmental stress conditions during the growth of the peanut — such as high temperatures in combination with too much or too little moisture.

The best way to prevent aflatoxin contamination is to prevent the aflatoxin-generating mold.

Proper irrigation and early harvesting of stressed plants are two ways to combat the growth of the mold that brings on aflatoxin problems.

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SAM E. BRINEGAR RECEIVES PROMOTION

Gorman resident Sam Brinegar has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Army Reserve. Sam has been in the reserve since September 10, 1986.

While in basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., he was awarded the Commanding General's Award for Military Excellence.

He is now serving in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia with the 3rd Adjutant General Postal Company.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brinegar, received a letter from his commander, Captain Mark A. Gibbons. He stated that Sam's attention to detail, professionalism, shouldering of responsibility and attitude reflect the desire to achieve and willingness to sacrifice in support of operations in the Southwest Asia Theater. He stated that Sam had worked tirelessly and performed to the high standards that exemplify today's professional soldier. His promotion is a reflection of his commitment and support to the U. S. Army.

Sam is a 1987 graduate of Gorman High School.

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WET WEATHER CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR TREES

The rains we experienced during August and September have been nice, but wet and warm conditions also invite diseases for mulberry and cottonwood trees. These conditions also invite diseases on other plants, but mulberry and cottonwood trees seem to be getting the most attention from homeowners.

The main eye catching factor is that many mulberry and cottonwood trees are losing leaves rapidly now. It is still too early for these trees to be losing a lot of leaves.

Early defoliation of a tree could weaken the tree. A stressed tree will be more susceptible to freeze damage this winter. A weakened tree could also be more susceptible to water and heat stress next summer. All of these factors could result in the loss of the tree.

The most common disease being seen on mulberry and cottonwood trees is fungal leaf spot. This disease can be identified by irregular to round lesions or spots, which will be from brown to gray in color. Mulberry leaves will also turn yellow as the infection increases.

There are many suggested fungicides for the control of leaf spot. Two common fungicides are Benlate 50 DF or Daconil 2787. Many stores may just carry a general use ornamental fungicide. Whichever type of fungicide you select, make sure it is labeled to control leaf spot and is labeled for the tree you will be using it on. Always read and follow label instructions.

If weather conditions turn cold and/or dries up chemical control of the leaf spot may not be required. Also, the loss of a few leaves does not necessarily justify chemical control. The more important the tree is to your landscape then the less of a risk you should take before a fungicide is used.

—GP—

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JANET THOMAS GIVES PROGRAM FOR KOKOMO EH CLUB

The Kokomo Extension Homemakers Club met on Monday, Sept. 23 at 2 p. m. for a regular monthly meeting at the Kokomo Community Center. Due to illness, the Sept. 9th date had been changed to September 23rd.

In the absence of president Naoma Morrow, Ava Rodgers presided and asked Mary Frances Bishop to lead the exercises.

For the devotional Anna Laura Clearman led the 23rd Psalm. The roll call was answered by "The Most Useless Thing In My Purse."

Secretary Nancy Hendricks read the minutes and treasurer, Norma Webb, gave her report. They were

approved.

Mary Frances Bishop gave the council report and reported there will be no Senior Citizens Bazaar or Senior Citizens Health Fair in 1991.

Arlita Shirey, Helen Phillips and Mary Frances Bishop have been elected on the nominating committee for Eastland County.

The Eastland County Pecan Show will be Dec. 12 at the Eastland County Courthouse.

The club elected the following officers for 1992:

President - Janette Burreson
Vice-President - Naoma Morrow
Sec'y - Reporter - Nancy Hendricks
Treasurer - Berneice Rodgers
Council Chairman -

Mary Frances Bishop
Program Chairman -
Anna Lajra Clearman
4-H Chairman - Wynelle Brown

Telephone Chairman -
Naoma Morrow
Rec. Leader - Velma Bennett
Membership Chairman -
Ava Rodgers
Parliamentarian - Johnnie B. Griffith

County Extension Agent Janet Thomas gave a very good program, "Happiness is a Choice." Everyone found out it is better to be happy than sad.

Hostess Anna Laura Clearman served delicious chocolate brownies, cookies and cold drinks.

Members present were Berneice Rodgers, Jeanette Burreson, Wynelle Brown, Ava Rodgers, Mary Frances Bishop, Anna Laura Clearman, Nancy Hendricks, Johnnie B. Griffith, Norma Webb, Velma Bennett and guest, Mrs. Janet Thomas.

The next club meeting will be at Ava Rodgers home Oct. 14 at 2 p. m.
Reporter, Nancy Hendricks

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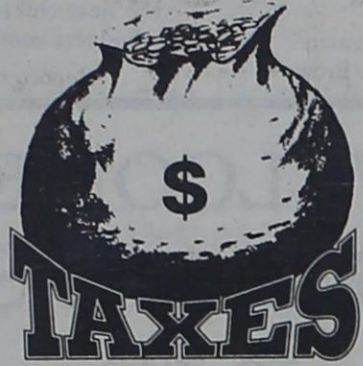
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STENHOLM SUPPORTS ENGLISH AS OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF GOVERNMENT

Washington, D. C. — Congressman Charles Stenholm publicly endorsed efforts to make English the official language of the U. S. Government today (Sept. 17) during the kickoff of the National "Campaign for Our Common Language" drive.

Stenholm, along with fellow members of Congress and citizens from across the nation, joined together on the steps of the U. S. Capitol for a rally to show support for H.R. 123, The Language of Government Act of 1991. Stenholm is a co-sponsor of the bill that has wide-spread support from a variety of ethnic groups. If it becomes law, English would be the language of public record, public business, the Constitution, the governing body and the courts.

"America has its roots in the English language. It was founded in English," said Stenholm. He added that the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were written in English, that Congress conducts its business in English and that laws are written in English.

"Dictionaries define a nation as a group of people who share a common history, ethnicity and language," said Stenholm. "In the United States English is the common language. It is the glue that holds together this hodgepodge of ethnic and religious groups, races and nationalities; it is at the core of our nation and our democracy."

HR 123 is supported by Mothers

Thousands see Peanut Parade

By MAYBELLE TROUT
Correspondent

EASTLAND — Rain held off and a crisp, fall-like day encouraged thousands to turn out to watch the Peanut Bowl Parade in Eastland Saturday.

Activities continued around the courthouse square all afternoon. The Lions Club benefit football game between Ranger and Cisco junior colleges Saturday night was a fitting end to a fun-filled time.

Parade marshals were Dr. Roger Schustereit of Cisco Junior College and Dr. Joe Mills of Ranger Junior College.

The parade was sponsored by the Eastland Chamber of Commerce.

Julie Walter of Lake Leon was Peanut Queen.

Duchesses in the 3-5 age bracket were: 1. Jaci Gail Johnson; 2. Kacy Railsback; 3. Lindsey McGaha.

Duchesses in the 6-9 age group were: 1. Sky Gaeta; 2. Andrea Duncan; 3. Jana Pence.

Winners in 10-13 were: 1. Jaclyn Watson; 2. Laynia Bullock; 3. Kelly Green.

Winners in ages 14 and older were: 1. Teresa Grace; 2. Whitney Lasater; 3. Melissa Carmack.

Winners in out-of-town floats were: 1. Birdsong Peanuts, Gorman; 2. Gorman Chamber of Commerce; 3. De Leon Peach and Melon Company.

Local float winners were: 1. Rocking Horse Child Care; 2. Valley View Nursing Home; 3. Dairy Queen.

Riding club winners were: 1. Callahan County; 2. De Leon; 3. Stephens County.

NOTICES BEING MAILED TO DISABLED CHILDREN

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is sending notices to more than 450,000 children who are entitled to reviews of their Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Claims. About 600 are being sent to children in the Big Country area.

The notices are being sent as a result of the Sullivan v. Zebley court agreement. The agreement requires Social Security to notify children who, from January 1980 through February 1990, were found not disabled or no longer disabled, and therefore, ineligible for SSI.

The notice informs children of their right to a review and asks them to return an enclosed reply form

within 120 days if they want a review. Once SSA received the reply form, it will contact the child to set up an interview. The child (or someone for the child) should bring to this interview pertinent medical records or the names and addresses of his or her doctors.

According to Glyn Hammons of the Abilene Social Security office, it will take months for Social Security to re-evaluate the cases of all the children who respond. "I hope those responding recognize it may take awhile, but I promise we'll eventually get to everybody," Hammons said.

The claims of children requesting review will be re-evaluated using SSA's new standards for determining disability in children. If they're found eligible under the new rules, they'll be entitled to retroactive benefits. It's estimated that Social Security will pay out more than \$2 billion over the next five years to children found eligible under the new rules.

Hammons encourages everyone who believes they may be eligible for a review to wait until they receive their notices. However, if you have not received the notice by now, you should contact the nearest Social Security office to inquire about your eligibility for a review. The Abilene office is located at 142 S. Pioneer and the phone number is 698-1360.

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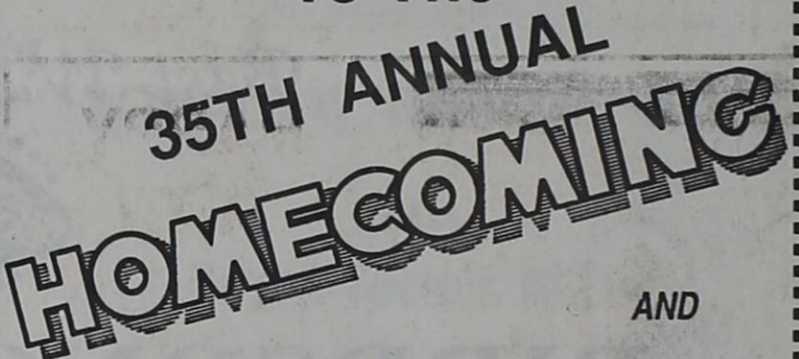
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ANNOUNCES GRANTS FOR HOSPITALS

Washington, D. C. — Three hospitals in the 17th District have been selected for Rural Health Transition Grants according to Congressman Charles Stenholm.

Stevens Memorial Hospital in Breckenridge, De Leon Hospital District in De Leon and Harris Methodist Erath County Hospital in Stephenville will each receive grant money this year, with funding expected for the following two years as well.

This is the third year of funding of the grant program which was one of the early initiatives of the House Rural Health Care Coalition (RHCC) of which Stenholm is the co-chairman. The program is administered by the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA). The maximum annual grant is \$50,000. The grants are basically "seed money" to encourage rural hospital administrators to think creatively about how to change their facilities to better meet the communities' needs.

For the third year in a row, Texas was awarded the most grants with 16 hospitals receiving funds. The 17th District and 13th District had the most Texas grants with three each.

HCFA awarded grants to a total of 152 hospitals around the country.

"I am confident that the hospitals in the 17th District had the best proposals for new health care programs and it pleases me that HCFA agreed by awarding the grant money," Stenholm said.

Stevens will receive \$50,000 the first year and is expected to receive a total of \$148,000 by the end of three years. The money will be used to recruit health professionals and enhance outpatient services.

De Leon and Harris Methodist are each expected to receive \$50,000 a year for three years to recruit health professionals.

THEFT OF PROPERTY IS CRIME OF MONTH FOR CRIMESTOPPERS

The Eastland County Crime Stoppers, Inc. crime of the month for August 1991 is that of a theft of property in Eastland.

The offense occurred sometime during the night of August 14 and the early morning hours of August 15, 1991 at Russell's Auto, located at 929 E. Main in Eastland.

According to the Eastland Police Dept., a 1991 C&S 16'x6'6" flatbed trailer was removed from the property. Unknown person or persons cut a chain that secured the trailer to a utility pole located on the property. The trailer is described as red in color with white pin stripes on

tongue, fender wells and sides. It had 15" tires on plain black rims on dual axles. The trailer had pipe railings around the top and the C&S design on both fender wells. The trailer is valued at \$750.00.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of person or persons responsible for this and any other felony offenses in Eastland County. To make a report on this or other offenses in Eastland County, call 629-TIPS.

Remember, you do not have to give your name to make a report to crime stoppers.

GRAMM PRAISES VA FOR SECOND CUT IN LOAN RATES

Washington, D. C. — Texas' 1.8 million veterans got a welcome chance to buy a home for less when the VA recently slashed its home loan rate for the second time in two months in late September.

"In August, the Department of Veterans Affairs cut mortgage rates to 9 percent. Today, they followed up with a further cut to 8.5 percent," said U. S. Sen. Phil Gramm.

"Each dip in VA's mortgage rate makes it possible for literally thousands of Texans to buy a home, often the first home they have ever owned," he said.

The senator noted that the cost of buying a home under a VA-guaranteed, 30-year mortgage has plummeted in recent weeks. "A \$70,000 house in Texas would have cost \$588 a month to buy at mid-summer, when the VA interest rate was 9.5 percent.

"At 8.5 percent, the new rate, the same home would cost approximately \$8538, or a full \$50 a month less. That works out to a total savings of \$18,000 over the life of a typical home loan."

Gramm noted that nearly 200,000 Texas veterans bought homes using a VA loan last year.

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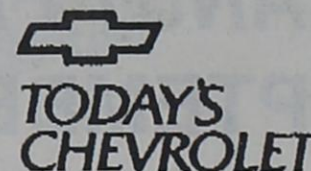
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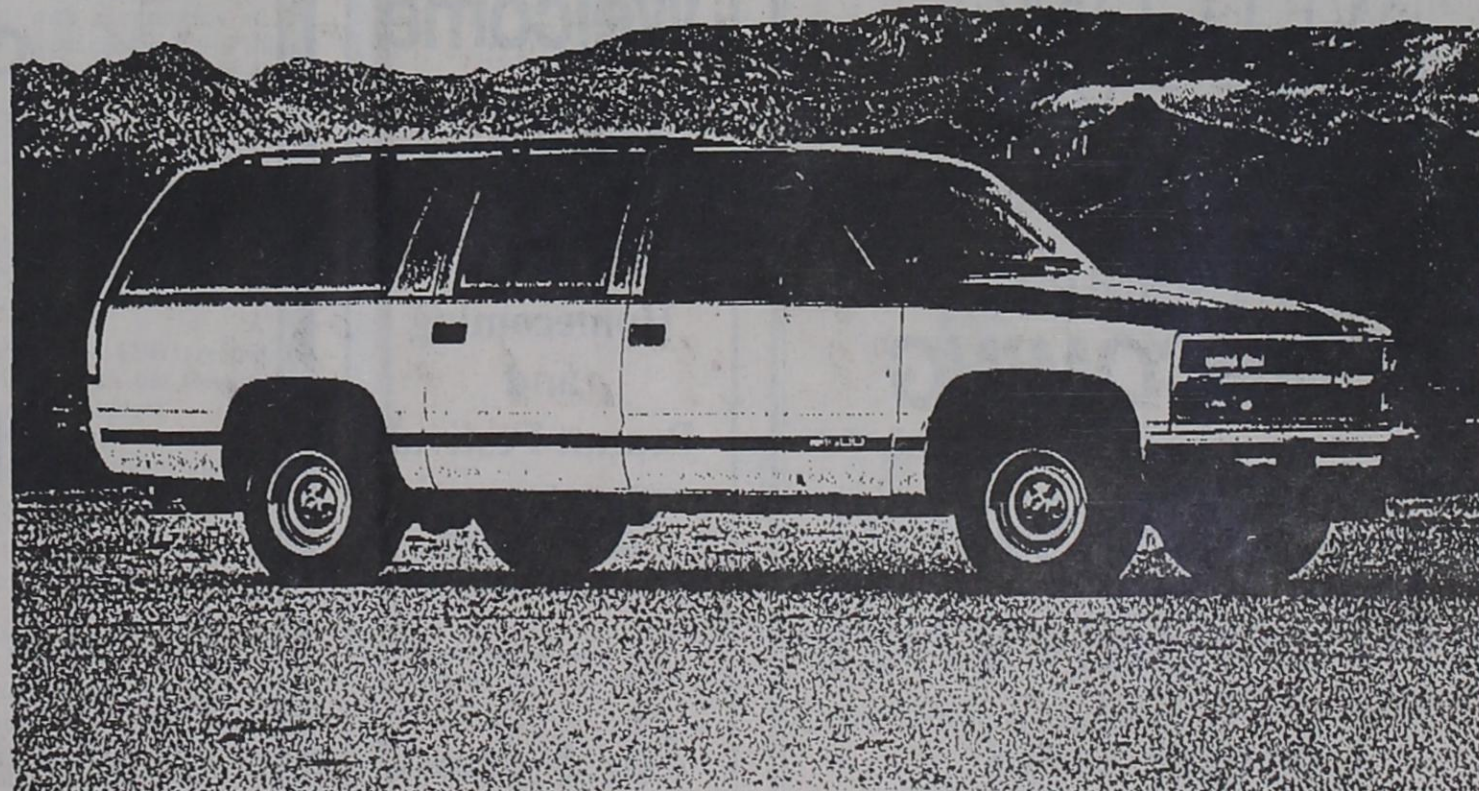
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ACTION OF THE SEPTEMBER 5 CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The Gorman City Commission met in regular meeting on September 5th with the following present: Mayor Pro-Tem John Rice, and Commissioners Ann Maxfield, Howard Hagood and Johnny Smith. Mayor C. M. Avery has verbally resigned and has moved out of state.
The meeting was opened with prayer at 6:10 p. m.
The minutes of August 22 were read. Corrections were made to the minutes and upon correction by the secretary, Ann Maxfield made the motion, seconded by Johnny Smith, to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried 3-0.
Reports were given by Chief Ashley, Judge V. O. Huff, and Joe Williams.
Ordinance No. 312 (1991-92 Budget) was read for the second reading. Commissioner Howard Hagood made the motion, seconded by Johnny Smith, to pass Ordinance No. 312 upon its second reading. Motion carried 3-0.
First reading for Ordinance No.

313 (Mandatory Hook-Up) was presented.

Marvin Jones was present to address the Commission on the idea of forming a cemetery association. Johnny Smith proposed to table this item until the next meeting to give the Commission time to study and look into it.

Howard Hagood made the motion, seconded by Johnny Smith, to table the issue of appointing a mayor for further review. Motion carried 3-0.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 314 (Adopting 1991 Tax Rate) was presented.

Howard Hagood made the motion, seconded by Ann Maxfield, to accept Mayor Avery's resignation as Mayor of Gorman and to remove his name from the signature card at Citizens State Bank. Motion carried 3-0.

Ann Maxfield made the motion, seconded by Howard Hagood to have the water increase effective on the next billing which will be September bills. Motion carried 3-0.

Johnny Smith made the motion, seconded by Ann Maxfield, to close streets for a dance on Friday night of the Peanut Festival. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9 p. m.



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The weekend of October 4, 5 and 6 will be a Texas-size celebration in Fort Worth at the Soviet Space Exhibit located in the Amon Carter,

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of Sputnik I, the 25th anniversary of Star Trek, and National Stamp Collecting Month.

October is National Stamp Collecting Month for the Postal Service. The theme for this month's activities is "Journey to a New Frontier. . . Collect Stamps" featuring the new 29c space exploration stamps in a booklet which goes on sale nationwide October 2, 1991. These stamps are the centerpiece of a joint promotion by the Postal Service and Paramount Studios, which is celebrating the 25th anniversary of Star Trek, and feature the nine planets which orbit the sun, plus the Earth's moon, along with one of the spacecrafts that have journeyed to them.

These colorful glimpses of our solar system will blast off October 4 on Fort Worth at the Postal Service Soviet Space Station located at the exhibit during this special weekend. The Postal Service will have available to the public a special cancellation of the space Stamps with a design honoring the anniversary of Sputnik I. The new booklet of space stamps as well as the 29c Earth love stamp, the \$2.40 Priority Mail moon-walk stamp, and other space-related postal stamps will also be available for sale. Cachet envelopes with the Soviet Space logo and T-shirts featuring the 34th anniversary special celebration design will be sold in the Soviet Space Exhibit gift shop.

Soviet Space is one of the most important exhibitions ever to come to this country. Never before has such a comprehensive view of the Soviet space program toured outside of the U.S.S.R. This exhibit is only visiting five U. S. cities, and Fort Worth is the only city in the entire Southwest to host this exhibit.

Several guests, including a Soviet cosmonaut and American astronauts are expected to attend the activities during this weekend event.

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**Glasgow To Serve
On Legislative
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Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock has announced he has appointed State Senator Bob Glasgow to serve with him on the Texas Legislative Council.

"The services provided by the Legislative Council are vital to the successful operation of the House

**GLASGOW
RECEIVES
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AWARD**

For the second consecutive year, Senator Bob Glasgow has been selected as "Legislator of the Year" by the Texas Public Employees Association.

This award is given each year to a legislator for their leadership abilities at work in promoting the welfare of state employees. Never has the award been given twice to a member of the Legislature.

In giving the award again to Sen. Glasgow, the Texas Public Employees Association cited his efforts as the author of Senate Bill 1331 during the Regular Session of the 72nd Legislature. This legislation increased retirement benefits, lowered the age at which state employees could retire with full benefits, and provided a cost-of-living increase for retired state employees.

Senator Glasgos received the award in 1990. He again was honored by the Texas Public Employees Association at its annual meeting in Dallas in August.

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**GLASGOW
APPOINTED
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Senator Bob Glasgow has been reappointed to the Legislative Budget Board for his fourth term by Lt. Governor Bob Bullock.

The Legislative Budget Board (LBB) is one of the key legislative oversight committees, and is charged with preparation of the General Appropriations Bill that is introduced at the beginning of each Regular Session of the Legislature. During the interim between Regular Sessions, each State agency is required to prepare a budget request for the LBB. The LBB draws the General Appropriations Bill that is introduced in the Legislature from these requests.

In addition, the LBB is responsible for working with the Governor in exercising budget execution authority in order to ensure funds are properly expended, and that the funding of State government is handled smoothly and efficiently when the Legislature is not in Session.

"It has been my privilege to serve on the LBB, and I look forward to continuing to serve," Glasgow said. "My service on the LBB and involvement in writing the General Appropriations Bill has helped me to make sure the 22nd Senatorial District is not neglected when it comes to making the hard decisions on how to allocate the State's financial resources."

**THE BEST WAY TO GET
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FOR NEWBORNS**

Several parents of newborns in the Big Country area have apparently fallen prey to a company that charges a fee for services available free of charge from Social Security. Report have come in alleging that this company, located in Washington D. C., has charged \$15.00 for helping to process Social Security number applications for parents of newborns.

Some people have reported sending in the \$15.00 fee but getting nothing in return. Those who do receive these services will get less than what Social Security provides at no cost whatsoever. This is because only Social Security can process applications for Social Security numbers.

The easiest way to get a Social Security number is to apply at the hospital where the child is born. To simplify the Social Security number application process for parents of newborns, Area hospitals are offering the services free. Parents who have selected a name for their baby can authorize the State of Texas to send birth information to Social Security to issue a number.

All the parent has to do is check a block on the birth information form that is sent to the Texas Bureau of vital statistics indicating that they want this done. The State sends a computer tape to Social Security in Baltimore, Md. and Social Security cards are issued from there. It usually takes about 2 weeks to receive the card once Social Security

and Senate," Bullock said. "Bob Glasgow is an outstanding senator and the kind of leader the Legislature needs to guide the agency as it continues to modernize its systems and prepare this body for the challenges of the 21st century."

Glasgow will be joined by Bullock appointees Senator Rodney Elis, Senator Bill Ratliff and Senator Ken Armbrister as well as Senator Bill Haley who is automatically a member as Chairman of the Senate Administration Committee.

receives the necessary information from the State. The whole process takes about 4 months at the present time.

Another way to get a Social Security number for your newborn is to call, write, or visit any Social Security office. We can send you the application and you send it back

with an original copy of the child's birth certificate and a document showing identity. You will also need to provide evidence of your own identity. You should receive a Social Security card in about 2 weeks from the date the application is submitted. We'll send the original birth certificate and identity documents back to you.

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EARLY NOTICE OF RETIREMENT NOW MORE IMPORTANT

"People who plan to retire this year may want to call about their plans soon."

Glyn Hammons, Social Security manager in Abilene, said today. Hammons noted that a 1991 change in the Social Security law that may limit the start of benefits to the month the person actually retires, making it more important than it used to be to notify Social Security of plans to retire.

Depending on their earnings, some people may still be able to get additional benefits by applying for Social Security early in the year, even though they won't be retiring until later in the year," Hammons said.

"If we are contacted early in the year, we can look at current earnings and benefits information that can help you choose the most advantageous time to start your benefits," Hammons said.

In choosing the best retirement date, one thing you should consider is your age (the earlier you can start collecting Social Security

The Couples II Class of First Baptist Church met September 14th in the home of Hloyce and Hershell Cordell. Six couples were present.

The men played 84 and the ladies played a game of double-nine dominoes.

Those attending were John and Medene Shepard, Bro. Ron and Connie Carroll, Glen and Shirley Clement, and K. D. and Charlette Boyd.

Everyone brought plenty of sandwiches, chips, dips, potato salad and desserts.

retirement benefits is the month you turn age 62, expected earnings for the year, estimated benefits, and whether family members will also receive benefits. "We can discuss with you how these factors will affect your benefits," Hammons said.

The Abilene Social Security office is located at 142 S. Pioneer. The phone number is 698-1360 or you can call toll free 1-800-234-5772.



2ND PLACE TROPHY - Stephanie Jobe is shown above holding the Second Place Trophy she received in Eastland's Peanut Parade. Congratulations, Steph.

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**J. V. Hickman
Buried On Friday**

J. V. Hickman, 85, of Stephenville passed away Wednesday, September 18th in a Dallas medical center. Services were held at 2 p. m. Friday at Lacy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Oscar Hartsfield officiating. Burial was in Hico Cemetery. Mr. Hickman was born in Erath County, lived in Sweetwater and moved to Stephenville 46 years ago. He was a salesman, a member of Harvey Baptist Church and Oddfellows Lodge. Survivors include his wife, Velma Hickman of Stephenville; a daughter Judy Lewis of Desdemona; a brother M. C. Hickman of Fort Worth; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and three great-great-children.

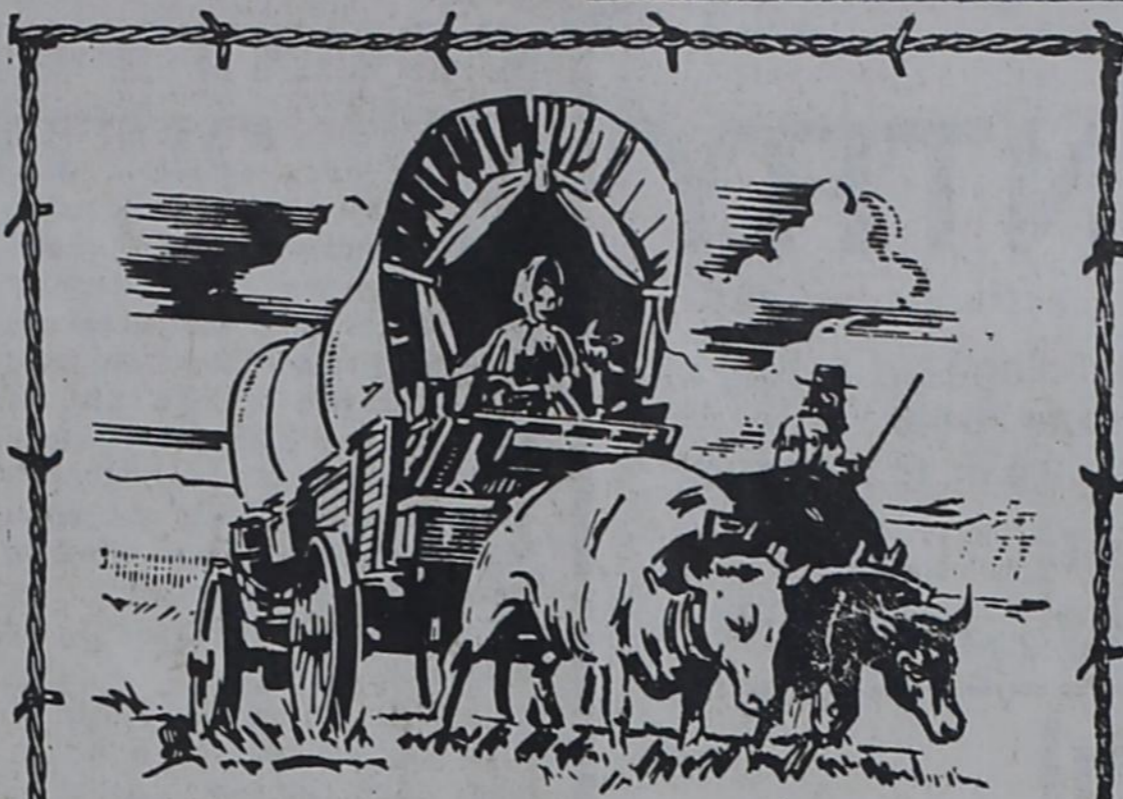
**Iva Vesti Carwile
Laid To Rest
On Wednesday**

Services for Iva Vesti Carwile, 88, were held at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Richard Watson officiating. Burial was in the De Leon Cemetery. She passed away Monday in a Fort Worth nursing home. Born in Comanche County, Mrs. Carwile was a homemaker, a Baptist and the widow of Lonnie Robert Carwile. Survivors include two daughters, Diane Wadsworth of Fort Worth and Lylith "Betty" Blanton of Burleson; a son, Felton Crawford of Mansfield; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**Defensive Driving
Course Set At CJC**

Cisco Junior College will offer a Defensive Driving Course on Monday, September 30 and Wednesday, October 2 from 6 to 10 p. m. The class will meet in room 3 of Schaefer Hall. Fee for the course is \$20.

Enrollment must be paid no later than 3 p. m. on September 30. Students must attend both nights of the course and must bring a valid drivers license to class. Cisco Junior College is an agency of the Texas Safety Association. For more information please contact Charlotte Speegle at 442-2567, extension 122.



**Wagon Wheels
keep on turnin'**

By Jewell Dukes Huddleston

PLANNING AHEAD
A look at my Arbor Day calendar: Next Monday will be the first day of autumn...plus a full moon. Soon the cries of Canadian geese will be heard as they head toward the rice fields on the Texas coast. When our national bird, the Bald Eagle, concluded that Burnet county was an ideal site for their winter months, I have enjoyed making the Vanishing River Cruise, and spotting them with binoculars from the boat as they preen and socialize in the tall trees that line the river bank. It will be after the first frost in November before they migrate south.

The Texas State Fair and the ever beautiful rose festival in Tyler is another booking in the future. I plan to visit a brother's vacation cabin at Lake Tyler while down there. Reading my ex-home town

paper, The Iraan News, I was delighted to see a feature article on Shawn McMullan, son of friends of mine. Shawn has completed four years of college rodeo and has joined the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association. This is his first year in the PRCA and he capped it by winning the All-Around honors in Cheyenne, Wyoming in July and hopes to continue by competing at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada in December. So far he has won approximately \$20,000 or more his first year as a pro.

Iraan girls are winners, too. Erin Kelly has been in tough competition also. She has entered events in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico and has come away with prize money, belt buckles, a coat and a hat for her awards in eighteen rodeos this year. This competition included goat tying, break away roping, barrel racing and pole bending. Crossing the country with her favorite mount is a challenge within itself. Her parents, Mike and Lee Ann Kelly and brother, Jacob, are beside her all the way.

If you have had eye catching red blooms that suddenly spring up in a flower bed in late August or early September the plant DOES have a

name: Fire of Eden. My collection of plant catalogues lists the bulbs: 12 for \$5.75, in case you want to plant more, they are not expensive. In my trek across country this past weekend I counted the highway fatalities and armadillos take first count...with pole cats coming in a close second. The aroma tells you! Its been awhile since I have seen a porcupine along a road. Once I tried to get a picture of this little wild life friend, but he scooted under a prickly agarita shrub, and couldn't be coaxed out of his protective cover.

It is Monsoon Season: That was the name given by a West Texas rancher friend...when autumn rains came. A drive Monday afternoon...out on the open highway: Cloud patterns across the sky were changing constantly. No movie or TV program can compete with nature. Oriental poppies are showing their sprouts and bluebonnets are so bountiful and give promise of a bower of blooms come spring. The volunteer zinnias in my back yard have shown their colors all summer. It is time to set pansies out. They are members of the cabbage family and do not winter kill.

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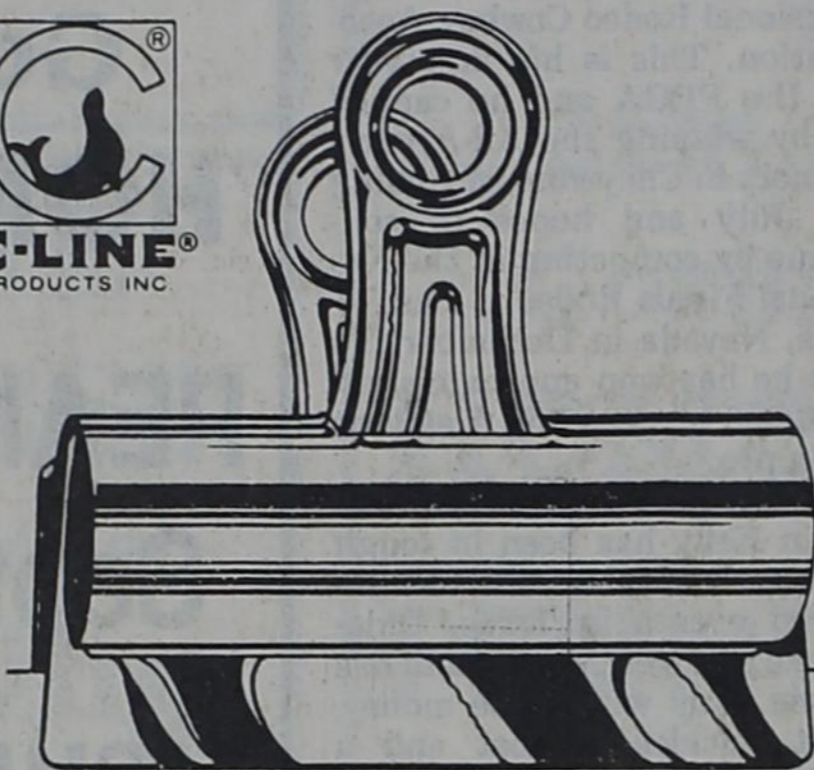
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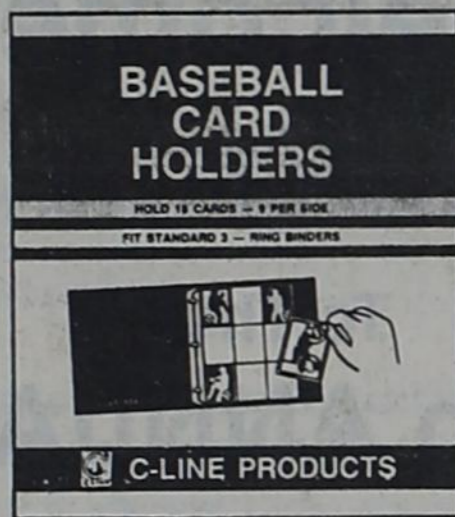
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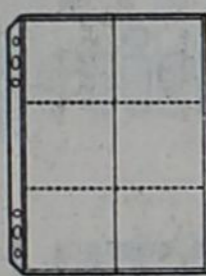
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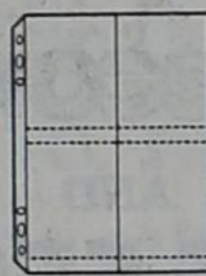
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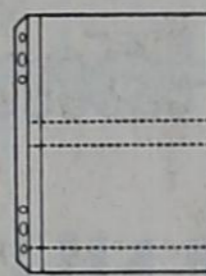
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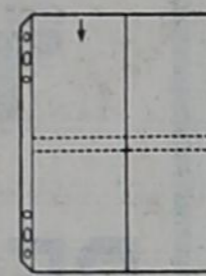
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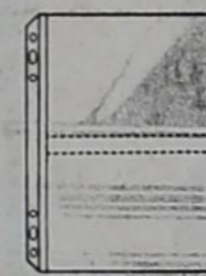
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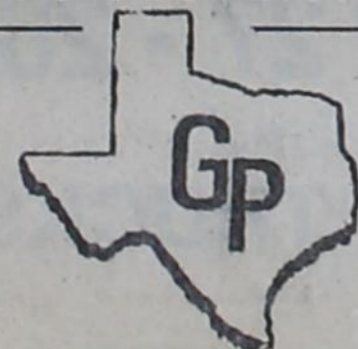
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EXPLAINING COUNTY EDUCATION DISTRICTS

The state's new system of public school funding includes taxes collected by new county education districts (CEDs) in addition to local school district taxes and state funds.

SB 351 created the CEDs as part of the new school funding law passed by the 72nd Texas Legislature in April 1991. HB 2885 was passed in May to give immediate effect to aspects of SB 351 and to clarify how the new school finance system would function.

The CEDs are new taxing districts formed by the Legislature to help remedy the unconstitutionality of Texas' public school finance system. Specifically, the Legislature developed CEDs in response to the court's call for an efficient system of school finance in which each school district has similar access to substantially equal yield in state and local revenues at similar tax rates.

The Legislature set CED boundaries to ensure more equal property wealth per student among the 188 CEDs. This, along with a uniform tax rate for all CEDs, permits equal access to substantial levels of revenues for school districts. In effect, very high wealth districts share their property wealth with other less advantaged districts within the same CED. The CED then distributes revenues back to the school districts within its boundaries. Clearly, CEDs represent a systemic change in the structure of the state's school funding.

Because property taxation has never been so potentially confusing for school patrons, taxpayers need to understand what a county education district is before they receive property tax statements this fall. The public's awareness of how CEDs impact their own schools can greatly effect timely collection and distribution of taxes back to the component districts.

Q. What is a CED?

A. Each CED is an independent school district established through the consolidation of the component school districts within its boundaries for the limited purpose of levying and collecting property taxes. These taxes are then distributed to the component school districts within the CED. CEDs share part of the tax authorization of each independent (component) school district.

Q. How is a CED formed?

A. Most CEDs are composed of all school districts that are assigned to a single county. There are, however, some exceptions. Ninety-seven counties are combined into multicounty CEDs. The largest of these includes seven counties. Several CEDs have two counties. The result is 188 CEDs in the state, each having \$280,000 or less of wealth weighted average daily attendance.

Q. How is a CED governed?

A. The CED is governed by a board of trustees appointed by the trustees of its component school districts. Each component school district appoints one of its trustees to serve on the CED board. If a CED has fewer than three component school districts, each school district appoints two members to the CED board.

Q. How often will a CED meet?

A. The CED is authorized to meet as often as necessary. A CED meeting can be called by the chairman or a quorum of CED members. It is not anticipated at this time that the CED will meet as frequently as do school boards.

Q. Does the creation of the CEDs mean citizens will no longer pay local school property taxes?

A. No. Taxpayers will be paying two different school taxes at two different rates. They will pay the CED property tax and they will pay the local school district property tax. Depending on whom the CED and the school district designate as the collecting agent, tax bills may include both taxing entities on the same bill. Some CEDs will send out separate tax bills.

Q. Does this mean Texas property owners will pay twice as much?

A. No. Although the appearance of two "districts" on a tax bill is likely to stimulate questions from taxpayers, it may help to explain that the Legislature gave part of each school district's tax authorization to the new CEDs. The combined operating taxes of the CED and independent school district cannot exceed the former maximum operating tax authorized for the independent school district.

Q. The Legislature set the 1991 CED tax rate at 72 cents per \$100 of value. Will this be the CED tax rate statewide?

No. A share of the financing of the Foundation School Program is assigned to the CED. The CED must set a minimum tax levy in 1991 that is equal to 72 cents per \$100 times the prior year State Property Tax Board (SPTB) assigned taxable value. This minimum required rate rises each year through 1994, eventually reaching \$1 per \$100 in value.

The Commissioner of Education computes the total tax levy for the CED by applying a 72-cent tax rate to the prior year SPTB taxable value for the CED. Once the CED receives the amount from the commissioner, the CED board must determine the actual rate necessary to raise the required amount.

So, even though the statutory rate to achieve this levy in 1991 is 72 cents per \$100 of value, CEDs will probably need to adopt a higher rate to account for collection rates less than 100 percent, changes in property values, and differences in appraisal roll values to SPTB assigned values. Such factors will obligate many CEDs to adopt a tax rate somewhat in excess of 72 cents.

If the CED collects more taxes than are required to satisfy the local fund requirement, the surplus flows to the next year.

Q. Do CED boards have to comply with other legal requirements?

A. Yes. CEDs are subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act and the Texas Open Records Act. Public notices for any meetings of the CED must be posted by each member district in the same manner as school board meetings are posted.

Q. What does the new law require component school districts to do?

A. Before adopting tax rates for 1991-94, school districts must publish a newspaper notice comparing the amount of funds they received per student at last year's tax rate and the amount of funds they will receive per student at the same tax rate this year.

The notice must indicate the minimum rate set by the CED, and state that any additional taxes are not state-mandated. School districts must include the notice in, or have it accompany, the district's tax bill.

Senior Citizen News

Anna Rush spent two weeks visiting in Wichita Falls and Denver, Colo. attending a new granddaughter and great-grandson.

Leland Warren and Anna Rush attended the Charles Stenholm Funday in Stamford on Saturday.

Estelle Erwin and Annie Dunn spent a few days in Kerrville visiting cousins. The scenery was beautiful.

Beginning in October we will serve Tuesday and Thursday. Covered dishes will be served on Wednesday.

Pointers On Pets

Free Health Guides Available



Cat and dog lovers are feeling good thanks to two recently published guides about pet health. Their titles are: My Cat's Lifetime Guide to Good Health, and My Dog's Lifetime Guide To Good Health. Both were published by experts at the Scratchex® Pet Skincare Center. They provide a valuable record of your pet's health and list important information to help your veterinarian diagnose and treat your pet.

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If you need help in putting up your house numbers for the new 911 System that goes into effect the first of the year, please call a member of the Gorman Lions Club, or just call 734-2410 and we'll put you on the list for help.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

PANTHER BOOSTER CLUB MEETS EACH TUESDAY NIGHT AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY. MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING AND JOIN THE BOOSTER CLUB.

The Class of 1971 will hold its 20th Year Reunion Saturday, September 28, 1991 at 2:00 p.m. in the Gorman Home Ec Building. Anyone from other classes interested in coming by to visit is invited.

The Senior Class is now taking orders for a video may of the Miss Texas Reject Pageant. Contact either Lana Sharp at 758-2238 or Angela Buckley at 758-2660.

Reunion for Class of 1956 will be held September 27 & 28 at the home of Jack and Kate Wheeler. Ya'll Come.

Senior Class of 1961 - 1962 will hold their 30th Reunion at the hoem of John and Edna Brinegar on September 28th, starting at 3:00 p.m. Everyone invited to attend.

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will be held on the Second Wednesday of each month at the Gorman Hotel Apartments and the Third Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizens Center from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The Gorman Support Group is now meeting at the City Hall on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Anyone needing support may contact Ina & Gerald Scitern at 734-2720 or Joy Campbell at 734-2121.

STATED MEETINGS FOR GORMAN MASONIC LODGE NO. 716 ARE SECOND TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. VISITORS ARE MOST WELCOME, AND MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND. ELWOOD RAGLAND, MASTER 758-2552, HOWARD HAGOOD, SECRETARY 734-2977.

NEED HELP???

We would like to invite you to join our OPEN NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meetings. Meetings will be held at the old Fire Hall in Gorman at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday nights.

Gorman PTO is accepting Donations for the Louise Rankin Memorial Library. If you would like to make a Donation in Memory of or In Honor of Someone, Please Call Janda Taylor at 734-2497 or 734-2617 Amy Wood - 734-2973.

Gorman Primitive Baptist Church has Services on 2nd - 3rd - 4th Sundays. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Elder Barry Brown, Pastor - Everyone Welcome To Attend.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. - Ann Jay, Worthy Matron - 734-2733 and Howard Hagood, Worthy Patron 734-2977..

NANCY TROUT WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT WILL BE OCTOBER 16TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.