

## TWO LITTLEFIELD HOSPITALS MAY MERGE

# New 110-Bed Hospital Facility Proposed

will be taken Tuesday morning, Dec. 24.

Meantime, commissioners want the public to know about the hospital authority proposal, ask questions, express their opinions and attend the Christmas eve meeting of the court.

If the court agrees to create the hospital authority, two New Orleans-based corporations will buy the two present hospitals with private money and operate them until stocks and bonds

can be sold and one new joint facility could be constructed.

Doctors at both of the hospitals favor creating the hospital authority. Several physicians added that they think this will be the finest thing which could happen to this area to upgrade medical care without increased costs to the public.

Fred Croft with QualiCare, Inc. and DeBlois, Inc. talked to the commissioners and explained their

proposal. Also attending the meeting were managers of both hospitals, Ken Day and Carlene King, two Medical Arts physicians, Dr. Ralph Maurer and Dr. I. T. Shotwell. Littlefield attorney Jerry Kirby represented the five doctors and owners of the Littlefield Hospital.

If the court creates the hospital authority, the health care brokerage corporation and the hospital management corporation will conduct a feasibility study, approach the Internal

Revenue asking for tax exempt status, and handle the sale of approximately seven million dollars in bonds.

The hospital authority will operate under tax exempt bonds, and plans call for five million sold in three years.

In addition to the present Littlefield doctors, Croft said a 110-bed hospital under their management contract should draw specialists such as a pathologist, urologist, full-time surgeon, and upgrade specialty services.

Because the two corporations which would acquire the hospital own three hospitals, have management contracts with two others, and have consulting contracts with yet another hospital, operations would be streamlined with a centrally located dietician, standardized accounting and automated financial controls.

But the biggest factors in favor of the authority, according to Croft, is that the tax-exempt bonds would sell at a low interest rate of around eight per cent compared to the present 13 percent on taxable endeavors, and cost savings by central purchasing would save about 25 per cent.

"Tax exempt bonds are the only bonds which will sell in the present economic situation," Croft added, "and the entire project would be financed by bonds and private money."

Expert administration would analyze

and correct deficiencies in a poorly managed facility.

"This new facility should double our patient load at about half the cost now," Dr. Shotwell said.

There are now 78 beds in both the Littlefield and Medical Arts Hospitals.

Croft said he anticipated upgrading of specialty services and one new hospital would be more efficient.

The proposed hospital is to be located where there is easy access and enough room for future construction.

Approximately seven million dollars would be released into the Littlefield community through the bond sales, and projections call for this to stimulate consideration for Littlefield to be named as a site for an open end spinning mill.

"It will be a good thing for Littlefield," said Dr. Maurer, "It will stimulate business."

A new hospital location probably would create other business ventures such as a large restaurant.

The present hospitals would be put up for sale. Rest homes, apartment complexes and office buildings would be logical uses.

Citizens are invited to express their views to the court on the proposal.

Discussion and action on the hospital authority is set for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, in the county courtroom.

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## School Trustees Re-Locate Central Office, Improve Participation In Plan 'A' Program

Littlefield School Board of Trustees disposed of two much-needed rooms Monday night in their scheduled meeting, as they moved their central administrative office to a new location and gave formal approval to the system's participation in the "A" program for special

board voted 5-0 to enter into a five-year lease with Ernest Mills for the east side of the old Hill-Rogers Furniture

Building located at the intersection of Highways 84 and 54.

Trustees Benny Zahn and Mickey Ratliff abstained from voting, citing current business relations with Mills in other areas.

The lease is for \$225 per month and the building is to be remodeled at Mills' expense.

On the recommendation of Supt. Jack York, the board voted unanimously to participate in the Plan "A" program and serve as the host school in a system

which will include the Amherst, Sudan, Spade, Springlake-Earth and Cotton Center school systems.

Basically, the Plan "A" program is for special education students and the co-op will benefit from speech and hearing therapists and from programs for dealing with learning and language disabilities and educatable mentally retarded children.

In other business, the board unanimously approved the financial

statement and audit, heard a report from Ed Jennings of Farm Bureau Insurance on the coverage of the school's buildings, discussed the replacement of broken glass in the Junior High building and approved a Christmas bonus plan for cafeteria workers.

The trustees also scheduled a called meeting for Monday, Dec. 16, to consider further disciplinary action against three students who are presently under suspension.

## Mischiefous Vandalism Reported At Schools, Homes Over Weekend

Two 9-year-olds and an 11-year old who "were mad at their teachers" broke into Elementary I and II over the weekend and wrecked havoc with glass windows, paint and Christmas decorations. A total of 31 windows were broken.

Charges of mischiefous conduct and burglary are pending against the three boys.

In addition to the broken windows, vandalism and items taken from the principal's office, \$5.72 was taken. Two hundred and thirty records stolen from Clint Penn's workshop earlier in the week were recovered at the house where the suspects were found. Penn had reported 500 records stolen from his

building last Tuesday. At that time, Penn reported the theft of a downtown speaker taken from 5th and Phelps, also.

In other police activity over the weekend, two uninvited guests apparently spent the night at Elvis Shipley's house on W. 4th after breaking in through a window. They ate food out of the refrigerator, ate a pie, and slept on the couch in the living room. They helped themselves to bathroom facilities and broke a bedroom door before leaving.

Leigh Kirby of 136 E. 23rd reported the theft of a tape box and box of tapes, a purse and cash all valued at \$115 taken from her car while parked on the Texaco parking lot Sunday.

Edna Mangum at 116 E. 19th reported someone threw a baseball through a window and burned a curtain with a cigarette.

Walter Gillham of 622 E. 6th reported the theft of a new tire and wheel taken from the trunk of a new car while parked in his carport.

At the county courthouse, eight have been jailed during the week.

Three Muleshoe youths are charged with the theft of a pickup truck and their bonds are set at \$2,000 each.

An Amherst man, Olton man, and Littlefield man have been jailed on driving while intoxicated charges. Two Mexican aliens were picked up and held for border patrol authorities.

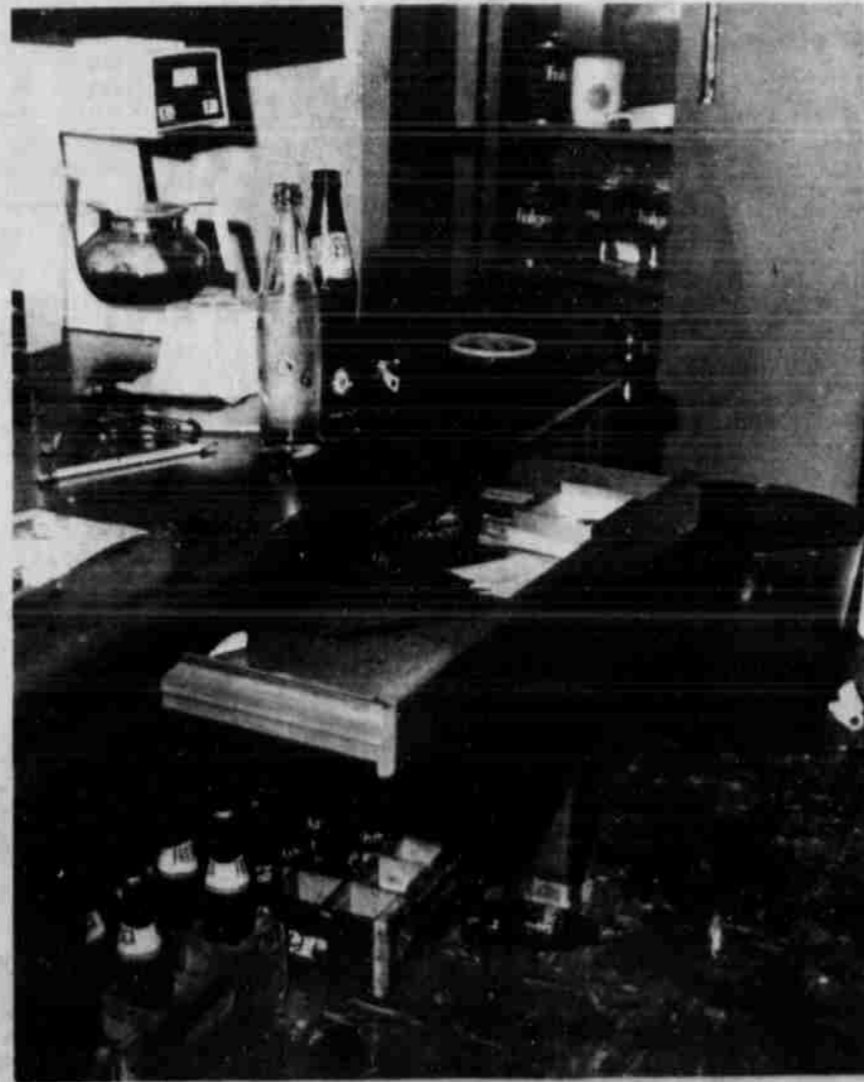


BREAKROOM VANDALISM



ESTIMATED DAMAGES in the vandalism of the Elementary I building amount to \$2,000 to \$5,000. This view of the south wing shows a portion of the damage to the building. Glass breakage and equipment damage losses are estimated to be high.

(Staff Photos by Wade Warren)



THE TEACHER'S lounge was victim of the vandalism also, as soft drink bottles were broken and scattered about along with coffee, sugar and tempera paints. The desk was opened by the vandals, but apparently the dollar bills, which are visible under the box in the right of the drawer, did not interest the intruders. (Staff Photo)



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING goes on in spite of a downpour of snow all day Tuesday. Here, Linda Carlisle, Kay Despres, Tad Carlisle and John Despres cross the street as snow falls and melts as it lands late in the afternoon. By nightfall, yards, automobiles, trees and shrubbery were well covered, and streets were beginning to be covered. (Staff Photo)

## County Library Qualifies For Resource Membership

The Lamb County Library is among a total of 23 libraries in the 29-county area for which Lubbock serves as the Major Resource Center, which have qualified for membership in the Lubbock Resource Libraries System, organized under provisions of the Texas Library Systems Act.

"Some 83 percent of all Texans

are served by the 232 libraries that are members of the ten library systems," said Dr. Dorman H. Winfrey, director of the Texas State Library, the agency that administers the Systems Act.

Like the people of Texas, library resources are unevenly distributed.

The Lubbock Resource Libraries System will receive a \$37,049 grant. This includes \$3,473.75 in State funds from the \$50,000 appropriated by the legislature in 1973 allocated on a per capita basis and \$33,575.25 in federal Library Services and Construction Act funds being used to demonstrate how systems can improve library service in Texas.

## Band Boosters' Christmas Tree Sales Continue

Littlefield Band Boosters are continuing their annual Christmas tree sale, which was begun last week at their tree lot on Hall Avenue.

Proceeds from the sale go into instruments and equipment for all of the bands of Littlefield public schools.

Trees of various sizes are available, and attendants are on hand to assist with handling the trees from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Littlefield FFA

### Sets Turkey Shoot

The Littlefield FFA Chapter is sponsoring a turkey shoot Saturday, Dec. 14, beginning at 1 p.m. at a site located a half mile south of the overpass on Highway 385, then a half mile east.

According to the FFA advisor, Art Summerfeld, some shells will be available at the site.

The winner of each round will be awarded \$5, and at the close of the shoot, winners of each round will compete against each other for a turkey.

## Football Banquet In LHS Tonight

The Annual Football Banquet sponsored by the Littlefield Quarterback Club unreeled tonight at 7:30 in the Littlefield Junior High School Cafeteria.

Presentation of individual awards will include the Most Valuable Player, Fighting Heart, Outstanding Offensive and Defensive Back, and Outstanding Offensive and Defensive Linemen Awards.

Candidates for football queen are Sharla Grant, Shebra Johnson and Cindy Purdy.

Texas A&M's Chuck Moser is the featured speaker for the evening. Moser is assistant football coach and former head football coach at Abilene High School. Moser's teams have a 141-9 record under his head coaching.

At Abilene he won three consecutive state championships, and his Abilene teams won 40 consecutive games which is still a national and state record for schools in this classification.

Price for the banquet tickets is \$5 and pays for an individual's plate as well as one of the football player's.

### County Men Named Delegates

Three Lamb County men are among Texas delegates named to the National Cotton Council's 37th annual meeting. The 39-member delegation will join representatives from other major cotton-producing states in setting guidelines for 1975 Council programs and policies at the

Feb. 3-4 meeting in Phoenix, Ariz. J. D. Smith of Sudan will be among the producers represented at the meeting; Guy Nickels of Sudan will be among the warehousemen; and W. E. Miller of Springlake has been named alternate cooperative representative.

### Lambert Family Has Reunion

SUDAN—Guests attended a family reunion over the Thanksgiving Holiday at the homes of Doris Stanford, Betty Witherspoon, and Mrs. and Mrs. Alvin Richards, and family Theresa, Ricky, Reydon, Bobby, Steven, Pam, Tray and Stephen. Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Lambert of Sudan; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lambert and son DeVon of Camarillo, Calif.; Alvin Jr. Richards of Ruidoso, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fry of Ruidoso, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Dale G. Fry and daughters,

Dena and Deanne of Artesia N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fry and children, Shane, and Brecken of Ruidoso, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stanford and daughter, Tonya of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Byrd and sons Mike, Mark, and Greg of Slidell, La.; Bea Holt and John Drake of Muleshoe; and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kelly and son, Shawn of Muleshoe. All attending guests were children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Lambert.

NEWS FROM  
**AMHERST**  
MRS. LESTER LaGRANGE 246-3336



MRS. CLYDE Brownlow was honored in a service at the United Methodist Church Dec. 2. She was recognized as "Woman of the Year" at the service. Mrs. Brownlow (Mary) serves the church in several areas. A social was held in Fellowship Hall of the church. A beautiful cake, was made and decorated especially for the occasion. MRS. RAY BLESSING attended the meeting of the Episolon Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority at Muleshoe Saturday. It was held in the First Christian church. MRS. W. J. Carper is convalescing at her home after undergoing surgery in the Littlefield Hospital. Their son, Truman Carper of near Seattle, Wash., returned home after a visit with them. MR. AND MRS. Alvin Baker of Hobbs were here for the

weekend with her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Love and sister, Mrs. Laverne Long and family. MR. AND MRS. Claude Cook and their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Feagley of Portales, returned from a trip to see their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mount and family at Livingston, Mont. Mrs. Mount (Yvonne) and daughter Melinda joined them for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Randy Reece, their granddaughter at Bremerton, Wash. where he is stationed in the Navy. While there they visited nearby Seattle, Wash. They had Thanksgiving dinner with them. They returned to the Mounts for another visit before their return trip home. MRS. JOHN FOUST and Mrs. Jim Nix attended the 50th anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wood at Earth Sunday afternoon. It was held at their daughter's, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Goodwin, home. MR. AND MRS. W. P. Holland visited Lem Weaver of Silverton, a patient in Methodist Hospital while there Sunday. He was in a farm accident in November and it was necessary to have his leg amputated above the knee. He served as Lamb County agricultural agent several years ago. MRS. ZELA FROST of Vernon visited her sister, Mrs. W. M. Tomes and husband recently. MR. AND MRS. Ken Davidson and Tina of Albuquerque visited her parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Tomes and Kelly during the holidays. While they were here they all went to Portales to visit Mrs. Eagle Moore, Mrs. Tomes' sister. Their other sister, Mrs. Luline Price of Riverside, Calif. met

them there for a visit. MR. AND MRS. Allan White left Tuesday for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Chrys Kindred in Atlanta, Ga. They stopped in Dallas for a short visit as they were enroute with their son Sid and family. MR. AND MRS. Troy Tolbert visited friends in Cross Plains for the weekend. Their children stayed with their aunt, Mrs. Carl Odom in Lubbock. BILLY GREENER and Greg Cruz returned to Fort Hood Sunday after a visit with home folks. MR. AND MRS. Eugene Priddy were in Abilene this week. Their daughter Joy (Mrs. Richard Castell) underwent emergency surgery. They returned home, and she is recovering satisfactorily. MRS. ETTA JONES, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Abbot, and Mrs. Viola Jones visited Mrs. R. L. Brown in Albuquerque recently. MR. AND MRS. W. P. Holland were in Lubbock Sunday and attended a dinner at Methodist Hospital for open heart surgery patients. More than 700 were sent invitations and approximately 350 attended the dinner and program. While there, they saw Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pryor and Rev. and Mrs. E. R. McGregor of Ralls. MR. AND MRS. Jimmy Allensworth and son visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Shulz in Floydada. Both Allensworths are employed at Wagner's Pay and Save Supermarket. MR. AND MRS. Vernon Houk (Mut) visited their son Gary Houk and wife in Hereford Sunday. MRS. ESTHER ROWLAND of Midland and Mrs. Lillie Mae Ivy of Lubbock visit their brother, Jay Liles at Amherst Manor last week. MRS. R. H. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Campbell went to Midwest City, Okla. Monday to attend funeral services for Mrs. Roscoe Campbell. The service there was at 10 a.m. Tuesday and burial followed at Enid, Okla.



**George Davis Named SIC Vice President**

George Davis, branch manager in Littlefield for SIC Credit Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Southwestern Investment Company, has been designated a vice president of the company. The advancement was announced by R. Earl O'Keefe, board chairman and president of Southwestern Investment Company. In the new post, Davis will continue to manage the SIC Credit Company office in Littlefield. Davis joined SIC in 1959. He served with the company in Houston and Pasadena before being promoted to branch manager in 1965. The new vice president is active in the Lions Club and the Lamb County Sheriff's Posse, of which he is serving as director. A native of Houston, he attended the University of Houston, and is a veteran of the Army. Davis and his wife, Ruth, have three children. SIC Credit Company is a subsidiary of Southwestern Investment Company, headquartered in Amarillo. Southwestern Investment Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Beatrice Foods Corporation.

### Area School Students Visit SPC Radio Seminar

Area high school students took a look at radio equipment similar to that used in World War II and made actual radio contacts Wednesday morning, Dec. 11, during a Small School Seminar at South Plains College. J. B. Balch, professor of geology at SPC, discussed communications equipment and the breakthroughs that have come about in that field since the 1940's, such as miniaturization of equipment. Balch showed the students vacuum tubes, transformers and a 100-pound short wave radio as examples of equipment used in the 1940's. He discussed miniaturization, how it has helped make space flight possible and the inventions that have come about in flight, such as pacemakers for miniaturized heart radios, televisions, calculators. Balch also showed students how to make contact on a radio of science lab. Don Melton, director of guidance and counseling, was coordinator of the School Seminar. represented in the seminar from Bula, Smyer, Three Way, Whitharral, Wellman, Union. Next meeting for the an enrichment program school students, will be



**Mr., Mrs. Denver Offield To Celebrate Anniversary**

CIRCLE—Mr. and Mrs. Denver Offield will be honored on their 25th wedding anniversary, Sunday, Dec. 15, at their home at 1304 W. 9th Street in Olton. Hosting the event will be the couple's daughters, Mrs. Butch Hudgens of Tulsa, Mrs. Gale McClain of Arlington and their son, Robert of the home. Calling hours will be from 2 until 5 p.m. Friends relatives are invited. Offield and Miss Doris Hogue were married in 1949 at Bula by Rev. J. Leverett. They have resided in Olton since May 3, 1954. Offield has been employed General Telephone Company of the Southwest for a period of years.

### Couple Pledges Wedding Vows

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Shipley of Littlefield announce the marriage of their son, Sterling Shipley, to Miss Janet Frischenmeyer of Chanute, Kans. The couple pledged vows in the First Baptist Church in Chanute Thursday, Dec. 5.

### Homemakers Meet Tonight

Littlefield Young Homemakers will meet at 7 p.m. tonight, Dec. 12, in the Flame Room. They will hold their Christmas Party Saturday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Deryl Elms. Each person attending is asked to bring a gift, and are to bring their husbands as guests.

FREDA McELFRESH of Lubbock is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Kris Sorenson of Spade. Freda is planning to attend South Plains College in January. JIMMY WINBLOOD is still in Methodist Hospital where he is under going tests. THOMAS ANDERSON of Dumas visited in the home of Bud Anderson Tuesday. RHONDA AND RANDY Offield spent the weekend with their sister, Delores Ruttman of Ralls. VISITING IN THE home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Offield Sunday were her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Perkins, Jimmy, and Melinda of Big Spring. Also visiting were Delores and Dan Ruttman of Ralls.

**Paula Kelly Takes New Assignment**  
Army Private Paula K. Kelly, daughter of Mrs. Pauline Parrott of Littlefield, is assigned as a radio operator with Headquarters Detachment, 541st Maintenance Battalion at Ft. Riley, Kan.

### NEWS FROM SPADE

By SUE ANDERSON Phone 233-2342

MR. AND MRS. Walker Boren visited their son Mr. and Mrs. Thompson A. Boren and family of Copperas Cove, and Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Boren. She also visited her mother, Mrs. Bishop of Kolleen. SPADE SCHOOL will dismiss Dec. 19 for Christmas holidays and will return to school Jan. 2. SPADE BOYS won Championship at Anton Tournament with Pep 54, Spade 89. High pointers of the game were Gaylon Reed with 18, Jay Burchfield 17, Chuck Mills 16, Marvin Matthews 12, and Tommy Batson 10. By the way Gaylon, Happy Birthday. ROPES TOURNAMENT gets underway Thursday, Dec. 12. AMHERST WILL meet Spade here Jan. 2, at 6:30. FARWELL WILL meet Spade here Dec. 31 at 6:30. KIM ANDERSON celebrate her 11th birthday 12. MR. AND MRS. G. A. left Sunday to attend brother's funeral, P. A. of Martha, Okla. who died 1. Funeral services were Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 2:30. Rev. H. S. Rowe officiated. Burial was in the Cemetery. Those attending his wife, Vera; daughter Castner, J. E. Thornton of Bill, Dorthy, Bruce, Wade, Marsha Stocking of Wichita a brother, Wayne and Kate Duffer of Mangum. Also attending from Spade Mr. and Mrs. F. Moorhead. They visited home of Mr. and Mrs. Evans, and Mr. and Mrs. Duffer of Martha.

**BULA NEWS**  
TO ENJOY Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Williams were a son, Mr. and Mrs. Darnell Williams and son Dewayne of Enochs, Mrs. David Williams and children Pam and Jeff of Slaton. MR. AND MRS. John Blackman spent Thanksgiving with their daughter and family, the Dudley Cashes at Portales, Blanche Cash of Muleshoe was also with them.

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# NEWS FROM SUDAN

BILLYE DOTY 933-2467

MRS. John Burnett returned home Friday evening from visiting friends and relatives in Hico, Waco and Stephenville.

MRS. KAY BURGE of Lubbock visited Sunday afternoon in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Warren and boys.

MR. AND MRS. Homer Morris had Thanksgiving dinner at Pep.

MR. AND MRS. Bill Adams and girls of Saginaw visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and family.

MR. AND MRS. Richard Black and Cheryl moved last week into their new home southwest of town on their farm. Their other children, Dick and James of Austin, and Susan of Lubbock, were here with them for the Thanksgiving holidays.

COACH AND MRS. Jackie Stewart were in Munday during the holidays to visit her parents.

HOLIDAYS VISITORS in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Savage was their son, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Don Pierce, Trent and Kim of Plains, Kans., and their grandson, Monte Pierce, and Kim Chatwell of Amherst.

MR. AND MRS. Bonner Markham of Amarillo spent Thanksgiving day and night here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burt Markham.

MRS. ARNOLD BECKETT and Mrs. Alva Sturdivant visited during last week at Amherst Manor with Mrs. Effie Veach.

SPENDING Thanksgiving day in the Edwin Harper home were his family, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harper and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sinclair and two children of Amarillo.

Afternoon visitors were their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Nix of Earth who had Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nix.

MR. AND MRS. J. C. Wells returned home Tuesday afternoon after spending the Thanksgiving holidays with relatives at Huntsville, Ark.

MR. AND MRS. Bob Taylor and Sherrilob were in Lubbock Thanksgiving Day to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Merrill and her brothers and sisters. Visiting during the holidays in the Taylor home were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smart of Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Cletis Hammons of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smart and Ronette of Carleton and Mrs. Charlotte Thompson, Krista and Jodi of Pasadena. They helped Sherrilob celebrate her 10th birthday.

MRS. DICK WEST and her daughter, Mrs. James Synatshck of Lubbock visited in Littlefield recently with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chester.

By DOROTHY POWELL  
County Extension Agent

With the holiday baking season beginning, homemakers are searching for ways to substitute other sweets for expensive cane sugar.

Honey, molasses or sorghum, corn syrup and cane syrup are sweetening agents that will work as well as white sugar in baking.

Some general guidelines for these substitutions will help homemakers achieve economical—and high quality—baked goods.

—Honey. For one cup of sugar in baking, use one cup honey and reduce liquid one-fourth cup for each cup of honey used.

If about half the sugar is retained in a recipe and honey substituted for the other half, a better quality product will result.

In baking, use one-fourth

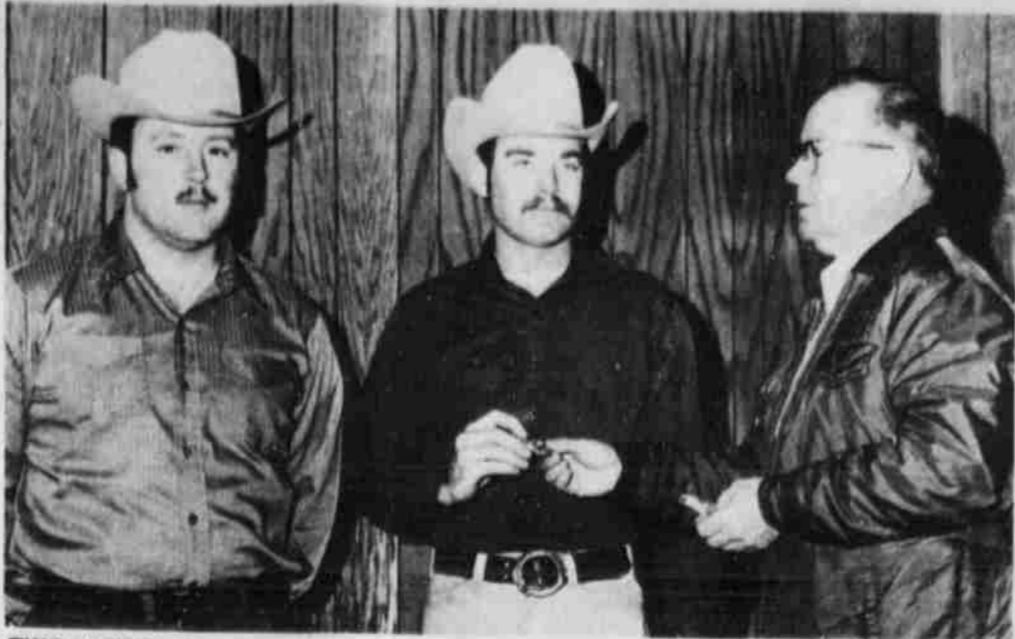
teaspoon soda for each cup of honey. This is an addition to baking powder in the recipe when honey is substituted for sugar.

—Molasses or sorghum. For one cup sugar, use one and one-half cups molasses or sorghum and reduce liquid one-fourth cup for each cup of molasses and sorghum.

—Corn syrup. For one cup of sugar, use two cups corn syrup and reduce liquid one-fourth cup for each cup of corn syrup used.

—Cane syrup. One and one-half cups of cane syrup is equal in sweetness to one cup of cane sugar.

In cakes and cookies, replace sugar with syrup, measure for measure, and reduce liquid one-third. Cakes and cookies made with corn and cane syrups are not as sweet as when sugar is used.



TWO PATROLMEN were promoted to sergeant Monday, Dec. 9, at a party given for them in the City Hall. Shown are Lee Simmons, Chris Hern and Police Chief James Cox. Hern is receiving his sergeant's badge from the chief. (Staff Photo by Lisa Roberts)

## Questionnaires For VA Pensions Due By Jan. 1

Persons in Texas who receive Veterans Administration pension checks should remember to complete their annual income questionnaire by Jan. 1, 1975, according to Jack Coker, Waco VA Regional Office Director.

The Jan. 1 deadline is a change from the customary Jan. 15 date to relieve the bottleneck experienced in the past on preparing January checks for

pensioners waiting to mid-January or later in returning questionnaires.

Income questionnaires were included with pension checks for November.

Under the law VA mails questionnaires to veterans on non-service-connected pension rolls, widows of veterans receiving pension based on the non-service-connected death of a

husband, and certain parents who receive monthly checks because of the service-connected death of a veteran or serviceman.

Coker noted that most pensioners must file questionnaires each year. There are some exceptions, he noted.

Those 72 years old or over who have been on pension rolls during the last two consecutive years are exempt from routine reporting; however, they must report income changes when they occur.

Coker also pointed out that some beneficiaries who normally are exempt will receive questionnaires this year because of cost of living increases in their annuities.

According to the VA, thousands of beneficiaries missed the former Jan. 15 deadline over the years. Prompt return of questionnaires by the new Jan. 1 deadline will avoid delays in next year's checks, Coker said, stressing that a special effort is needed this year by the late filers to comply with the new deadline.

## Heart Assoc. Seeking Funds

This year, more than 50,000 Texans will die from some form of cardiovascular disease. Many of these deaths are needless and can be prevented. The Texas Affiliate of the American Heart Association, through its cardiopulmonary resuscitation training, proposes to alleviate many of these deaths by training rescuers in this vital area.

Currently, the Texas Affiliate trains or re-trains approximately 10,000 persons each year. Last year, 644 cardiopulmonary resuscitation training programs were conducted to train an additional 22,000 rescuers. With additional materials, 25,000 medical and paramedical personnel can be trained in this lifesaving technique.

One of the vital elements in this training is the Resusci-Anne manikin. This lifesize manikin is designed for individual rescuers to practice the technique of CPR. Studies have shown that every individual over the age of 13, if trained, is capable of effectively administering CPR.

This is our target group: to provide training in every industry, school and hospital in Texas; to certify policemen, firemen and ambulance personnel. Having a trained individual who can reach a victim within the first four minutes of his initial attack can significantly reduce the mortality rate caused by the stoppage of breath.

The Texas Affiliate urgently needs 100 of these manikins today. The cost per manikin is

\$290—a small price for such a large service.

Individuals or companies interested in helping to purchase this equipment may contact Mary Johnson, regional director, American Heart Association, 6701 Indiana, Lubbock.

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## Homemakers Seek Sugar Substitutes

By DOROTHY POWELL  
County Extension Agent

With the holiday baking season beginning, homemakers are searching for ways to substitute other sweets for expensive cane sugar.

Honey, molasses or sorghum, corn syrup and cane syrup are sweetening agents that will work as well as white sugar in baking.

Some general guidelines for these substitutions will help homemakers achieve economical—and high quality—baked goods.

—Honey. For one cup of sugar in baking, use one cup honey and reduce liquid one-fourth cup for each cup of honey used.

If about half the sugar is retained in a recipe and honey substituted for the other half, a better quality product will result.

In baking, use one-fourth

teaspoon soda for each cup of honey. This is an addition to baking powder in the recipe when honey is substituted for sugar.

—Molasses or sorghum. For one cup sugar, use one and one-half cups molasses or sorghum and reduce liquid one-fourth cup for each cup of molasses and sorghum.

—Corn syrup. For one cup of sugar, use two cups corn syrup and reduce liquid one-fourth cup for each cup of corn syrup used.

—Cane syrup. One and one-half cups of cane syrup is equal in sweetness to one cup of cane sugar.

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SHEILA RODGERS had a conventional first birthday party in an unconventional setting Sunday. Sheila is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Rodgers, and Mrs. Rodgers had been in the hospital 10 days and was depressed because she couldn't give her daughter a planned first birthday party. But the show went on as planned when she was granted a visit from the baby, complete with all the fixings for a party. (Staff Photo)

## 'Safety First' Urged In Holiday Buffets

Buffet meals are always a popular form of holiday entertaining, but since the food may stay unrefrigerated longer than usual, some precautions are necessary, says Mrs. Dorothy Powell, Lamb County Extension Agent.

"If cold cuts are part of the holiday party fare, using several trays of food instead of only one keep them from standing at room temperature too long.

"Bring out a fresh tray frequently to replace those partly used. The meats stay cold and bacteria do not have a chance to grow," she said.

"The serving dish for shrimp salad—another perishable item—could be packed in cracked ice. Or use smaller serving dishes and refill often from the refrigerator," she suggested.

Other party buffet favorites such as devilled eggs, cheese and sour cream dips must all be kept cold also.

She pointed out that eggnog, traditional during the holidays, makes an ideal breeding place for bacteria unless it is kept well-chilled and the supply replaced often.

## Church Slates Carol Service

AMHERST—A Christmas carol service is scheduled to be presented at the Amherst First Baptist Church Sunday, Dec. 15,

beginning at 6 p.m. Rev. Glenn Wilson, pastor, invites the public to attend.

## DEAR SANTA...

Dec. 8, 1974 Dear Santa Claus, My name is Clint and I am five years old. I have a little brother, he's one year old and his name is Wade. We have both been good this year, sometimes a little bad. Please bring me a Big Wheel, an army gun, and a back pack set. Please bring Wade a riding toy and both of us a toy piano and rat-tat drums.

How are you doing, Santa? Would you please bring your little elves and Rudolph with you this year, so that I may play with them. We will leave you all cookies to take with you on your long trip.

We love you, Clint and Wade Overland P.S.—Mom wrote this for us.

Dear Santa Claus I am six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a Big Wheel, and, a electric train. I also want a drum set. Please bring my brother a multi-band radio, a slingshot game, and a slamback game.

Todd Blevins I love you I will have cookies and milk for you. 618 E. 16th.

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NEW CRADLE Roll members at First Baptist Church are: Kandy Shay Light daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Light; R. Colt Redinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Redinger; Misty Jo Huguley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Huguley; and John Kirk Phares son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Phares.

REV. AND MRS. John E. Lewis visited in Houston during the Thanksgiving Holidays in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Lewis. The two daughters of the Lewis' and their families were also in Houston for Thanksgiving.

## ANTON NEWS

MARVIN HARVEY of Denver, Colo. HOUSE GUESTS of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Butler of Anton, for Thanksgiving week were Mrs. Butler's sister, Dannie and her husband, Marvin Harvey of Denver, Colo. Dannie and Marvin were here to attend the 96th birthday celebration of Dr. Daniel S. Lee, her father.

DINNER GUESTS in the home of Charles and Connie Butler of Anton Nov. 27, 28 and 29 were her sisters and brothers and their families: Lavena and Ed Swanson and children, Dan and Lynda of Wilcox, Ariz.; Paul and Geneva Lee and children, Steven and Scott of Wilcox, Ariz.; Wilson Lee of Safford, Ariz.; and Dannie and

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# EDITORIAL

## Back To The Farm

THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU has come up with some new figures on the nation's farm population.

In April of 1973, it was estimated that there were 9.5 million people on America's farms, and this amounted to around 4.5 percent of the total population. In 1971-72, farmers made up 4.6 percent of total U.S. population.

This, it is thought, is an indication that the decline of farm workers may have halted.

Also, the Bureau reports that in 1973 only 1.9 percent of farm workers were unemployed, and this compared with a 5.3 percent unemployment rate for the rest of the nation's working force.

IT MAY BE that the factory whistle and the city lights are losing their lure for some people, and it is little wonder.

In most cities, only those with a death wish would dare walk around the block after dark.

And with the price of groceries going up, not to mention the price of everything else too, more people may be getting the idea that a sack of potatoes grown in their own backyard might be pretty handy to have around.

As many are discovering, there is much to be said for the slow, even tempo of country life.

## Who's Got 40 Acres?

IN THE EARLY DAYS of the United States, the man with 40 or 50 acres, a mule and a roof over his head was thought to be doing pretty well.

But, for a long time in affluent America, such an individual has been a worry to the politicians who have made it a cause celebre to lift him out of his "abject poverty," whether he wanted to be lifted or not.

CECIL WAGGONER, writing a column in the Claude News entitled "Uncle Claude in Armstrong County," points out that, "The most fortunate

man today is the backward soul who owns 40 acres in Arkansas, has two mules, a milk cow, a few hogs, chickens and a garden and his wife is a whiz at canning."

He will be the only one around who will know where his next meal is coming from when we finally reach the bright new world that modern man has created for himself.

That world, as Waggoner describes it, is one of "...worthless money, empty gas tanks... and short supplies of groceries."

Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

## Farm Wife Asks 'Why?'

(The following article was written by an Illinois farm wife in response to an editorial in the Chicago Tribune pin-pointing agricultural controls and farmers as one cause of inflation.)

A copy of her letter to that editor was printed in a farm newspaper and brought to the Leader-News by Mrs. T. C. Faver who thinks other farm women should write their local papers when they feel the papers unfairly criticize farmers or depict an erroneous image of agriculture.)

Why did my husband throw down today's "Tribune" and walk out to work in disgust? Why did he go to work at all after reading the editorial "Laws that push prices up"?

Why can't he ever dress up for work instead of wearing work shoes and knee-high boots covered with cow manure? Why can't he sit behind a desk and answer a phone instead of grinding cow feed in rain and cold? Why must he ride a tractor down to after dark during the summer? Why can't he ever have a summer vacation like other people?

Why can't he ever sleep in one morning instead of trudging sleepily outside at 5 a.m. every day? Why can't he eat supper at a decent hour instead of waiting till 7 after work each night? Why does he have to work Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving and every Sunday?

Why can't he ever take his family to early church? Why must he spend Christmas Eve in the barn milking cows? Why must our kids wait till Daddy comes in from work before they can go see what Santa left? Why can't I ever wake up in his arms?

Why must he help a sow deliver pigs? Why must he spend months of hard work and ever-more money? Why can't he ever have a say in how much he is paid? Why must he accept a cut in the milk check when expenses went up? Why isn't he even making the minimum hourly wage for his long hours?

Why must he watch helplessly while his income fluctuates day to day? Why can't he strike for a cost of living raise, higher overhead, paid vacations and holidays, and a wage contract? Why

must he see his income go down, store prices go up, and still be blamed by the "Tribune" for inflation?

Why is he not respected for his work? Why do people sneer at his profession, go home, and eat the fruit of his labor? Why do they not appreciate his hard work to see that they are the best fed people in the world? Why must he take the blame when power-happy milk officials use his money illegally and national headlines proclaim dairy farmers crooks? Why do not these national headlines proclaim factory workers crooks when union officials make political campaign contributions in exchange for favors?

Why when people see a new luxury car say, "Man, those payments must really set you back," and when they see a new tractor say, "All these damn farmers are rich"? Why when schools need more money must he bear the brunt of their support in raised real estate taxes? Why did he have to worry about gas to run the tractors when thousands of one-car commuters were on the road?

Why indeed? Why doesn't he say the hell with it and quit farming? Why don't people notice how many sows pregnant with next season's pork are being shipped for slaughter right now? Why don't people notice the dairy herds being sold for hamburger?

Why don't people notice the good farm land being sold for housing developments? Why don't people notice the terrible weather that ruined millions of acres of crops this year? Why don't people notice how many fewer farmers there are each year? Why don't people notice how very much depends on the few farmers that are sticking it out?

When the farmers are driven out of business by ingratitude, disrespect, poor income, inflation, shortages, bad weather, and public indifference, when food in abundance is a memory, when grocery stores have empty shelves, when all the good farm land is covered with concrete, when no one wants to work a 90-hour-week to produce food, when people in the United States, Chicago, next door, in your house are actually hungry... then maybe someone else will quietly ask, "Why?"



## CLIPS & Tips

By JOELLA LOVVORN

**SKILLFUL CARVING** of meat is an art. And one main reason to master it is that properly carved meat is more tender and manageable on the plate.

The carver needs proper cutlery or tools. The standard carving set contains a sharp knife with a curved blade about eight or nine inches long, a matching fork and a steel. This set, or an electric knife, can be used for any cut of meat.

When carving at the table, the carver may stand or sit. The platter of meat is placed in front of the carver, with stacked plates close by. Before carving, know that it is best to carve enough for everyone.

Thick cuts of meat are carved across the grain. This makes the fibers shorter, yielding tender slices. Cuts that are too thin to carve across the grain—such as beef brisket—are carved diagonally across the grain. Very tender loin or rib steaks may be cut with the grain.

**BEING AS THE** Christmas holidays are fast approaching, you might like to bake a few of these "special" fruit cakes and store them for future use.

**TEXAS CARROT FRUIT CAKE**  
1 cup (8 ounces) diced mixed candied fruit  
1 cup (5 ounces) chopped pitted dates  
1 cup (5 ounces) dark seedless raisins  
1/4 cup brandy  
2 cups granulated sugar  
1 1/2 cups vegetable oil  
4 eggs  
3 cups sifted all-purpose flour  
1 Tbsp. double-action baking powder  
2 tsp. cinnamon  
2 tsp. baking soda  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped pecans  
Soak fruits in brandy overnight; drain. Combine sugar and oil.  
Beat in eggs one at a time. Sift together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, soda and salt; reserve 2 tablespoons.  
Gradually add flour mixture to sugar mixture; mix until smooth. Coat fruits with reserved flour mixture.  
Stir in fruits, carrots and nuts. Pour into prepared 10x4-inch tube pan.  
Bake in 350-degree oven 1 hour 10 minutes to 1 hour 20 minutes. Cool 20 minutes. Remove from pan; cool on rack.

**FOR ADDITIONAL** recipes write John C. White, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12947, Austin, Texas 78711.

**HERE'S A RECIPE** I found for Mexican Christmas Cookies, called Biscochos.  
**BISCOCHOS**  
1 cup vegetable shortening  
1/4 cups granulated sugar  
slightly beaten egg

2 tps. grated orange rind  
1/3 cup fresh orange juice  
1/2 cup finely chopped pecans  
4 cups sifted all-purpose flour  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 tsp. ground cloves

Cream shortening and granulated sugar until light. Blend in next four ingredients. Sift flour with salt and spices. Stir into first mixture and work until smooth. Chill overnight.

Next day, roll out small amounts at a time on lightly floured surface to 1/8 inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes with fancy cookie cutter.

Bake on lightly greased cookie sheet in moderate oven (375 degrees) for 8 to 10 minutes, or until golden brown.

Roll in very fine sugar while still warm. They're good and the recipe makes about 10 dozen.

**A DEPARTURE** from the humdrum, Easy Paella is fast, fun and delicious, and is a quick Spanish seafood casserole you'll like.

**EASY PABELLA**  
1 can (1 pt. 8 ozs.) steamed clams in shell or 1 can (8 or 10 1/2 ozs.) minced clams  
2 cups instant rice  
2 envelopes instant chicken broth  
1 tsp. whole saffron, crumbled or 1 tsp. ground turmeric  
3 Tbsps. instant minced onion  
1 tsp. instant minced garlic  
3 Tbsps. water  
2 Tbsps. vegetable oil  
1 can (8 1/4 ozs.) tomatoes, broken up  
1 pkg. (1 lb.) frozen shrimp or fish fillets, chunked  
1 cup diced cooked ham or cooked sausage  
1 can (5 ozs.) boned chicken, chunked or 1 cup leftover cubed chicken or turkey  
1 package (10 ozs.) frozen green peas, thawed  
1/4 cup parsley flakes  
2 tps. oregano leaves, crumbled  
1/4 tps. ground black pepper

Drain clams, reserve 1/2 cup of the clam broth. Set aside clams and broth separately.

Prepare instant rice as package directs, using reserved clam broth as part of the liquid, seasoning with instant chicken broth and saffron; set aside.

Rehydrate minced onion and garlic in water for 10 minutes.

In large, heavy skillet or Dutch oven heat oil, add rehydrated onion and garlic, saute for 3 minutes. Stir in tomatoes, shrimp, ham, chicken and peas, mix well. Bring to the boiling point; reduce heat. Cover and simmer until shrimp and peas are cooked, about 5 minutes.

Stir in reserved clams and rice; heat only until hot.

Preparation time: 35 minutes  
Makes 6 servings

**TIPS AND TIDBITS:**  
**HERE ARE** a few helpful hints sent to us by Mrs. Dorothy Powell, County Extension Agent.

(1) To remove static electricity in clinging garments, run a wet cloth over each one.

(2) In 1973, Americans spent nearly \$31 billion on food eaten away from home. That's an average of \$145.00 per person—twice as much as 20 years ago. Eating out takes 22 percent of our food dollar.

(3) Encourage children and youth to find ways to help others outside the family in meaningful ways—without

## THE ABUNDANT LIFE

### Impress Others

WE DO "IMPRESS OTHERS", and this is as it should be. How we do so is one of the most important considerations for all of us. We, if we are thinking wisely and wholesomely, will have a very strong desire to "impress others" favorably.

The efforts to make good impressions will be sensible; and the desire to make the right kind of impressions will be an efficient influence for our best behavior.

WE CAN TRY TO HARD to "impress others", and this is a mistake. For some of us, it becomes one of the most hurtful errors we make. If we do this, there will be disappointments; frustrations; and some of the most devastating hurt feelings.

Even worse than these damaging consequences, we will have sacrificed our personal dignity and integrity.

THE OTHER EXTREME, "I don't care what others think about me, or how they feel about me", is completely unjustified; and is destructive of some of the better life qualities.

WE MUST CARE, but this concern must be very wisely conceived; and even more wisely expressed. Unless there is something very wrong with our general understanding and our outlook, we will care; in the most wholesome and rewarding way.

One of the reasons for assuming the attitude of not caring how or whether we "impress others" is found in the failures made by unwise actions. We may have tried flattery, and, even though this

works, to some extent; it is manancy. Other forms of it are just as disappointing; and usually recognized and resented.

SOME OF US ARE NOT the little extra which must be ordered to make significant impressions or we may not be thought to express the sincere regard to the regard to which they are entitled.

If such is the case, we ourselves some of the most blessings. In addition to making the right kind of impressions on other people, we are cheating ourselves.

THERE IS A SUPERFICIAL impression that may be legitimate interest to us. It is sort of impression, but deserves consideration; however, we exaggerate its importance.

These casual impressions upon others must be very managed, and never mistaken more permanent and more ones.

"DO YOU SPEND MORE" make on things you don't impress people you don't like, even try to impress persons don't care that much. Obviously foolish.

WHEREVER AND WHEN can do so sensibly and in good worthwhile to manage ourselves we can "impress others" favorably.

### HOMINY GRITS

By CORNBALL BLEVINS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Russ Blevins is hospitalized in Littlefield Hospital and the Leader-News staff wishes him a speedy recovery. This note does not fill the space he usually fills, but we need his "words of wisdom".

## Turn Row COMMENTS

**THE OLD SAYING,** "Shop at home, everybody benefits"—you know that quote has more fact than fiction. Regardless of the community you live in, if you can shop at home it will help you in return. Now you ask "How?"

Let's look at it from the tax angle. As long as we are supporting our hometown merchants, they will become stable in business, and even in some instances, grow. Each time they expand or even just stay in business, they pay county, state and school taxes.

We are all burdened with taxes of some sort, and each time a business folds in our community, his part of the tax burden is divided on each of us, thus we may save a dollar by shopping out of town, but eventually we will have to spend a portion of the dollar saved by picking up a portion of some fallen business tax tab.

AS A MATTER OF opinion.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

December 9, 1974  
Mr. Wade Warren  
Lamb Co. Leader-News  
Littlefield, Texas 79339  
Dear Wade:

I would like to use your "Letters to the Editor" column to express my thanks and the thanks of the entire school system for the help given the school by private citizens in cleaning up the

expectation of pay—whether as part of an organized group or an individual.

(4) If you use an electric heater, be sure it has a U. L. listing and the cord is in good shape. If necessary to replace the cord, use the same type and quality as the original.

**CHRISTMAS SUIT FUND**  
For the 370 boys at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, Christmas will be the happiest time of the year through the Christmas Suit Fund. A gift of \$35 will make it possible to outfit a boy of the Ranch with a new suit or clothing package, a gift that will be cherished the year round. Mail your contribution to the Boys Ranch Christmas Suit Fund, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P. O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas 70174.

## OBITUARIES

**ERMAL ROSE BELL**  
Services for Ermal Rose Bell, 70, of Hereford, will be at 2 p.m. today at Wesley United Methodist Church of Hereford, with Rev. Jack Moore, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Friona Cemetery under direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home of Hereford.

Mrs. Bell died at 4:10 a.m. Monday at Deaf Smith General Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born at McKinney, Mrs. Bell moved to Hereford from Friona in 1928. She was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church of Hereford.

The former Ermal Rose Nesbitt, she married Aubrey Bell Aug. 23, 1925, in Lubbock.

Survivors include her husband; six daughters, Mrs. Jack Funk of Lubbock, Mrs. Jerry Holcomb of Memphis, Tenn., Mrs. Wayland Davis of Arlington, Mrs. Bob Alexander of Amarillo, Mrs. Bobby Frost of Hereford and Mrs. Thomas Loveall of Preston, Idaho; three sons, Glenn of Lubbock, and David and Jimmy, both of Hereford; five sisters, Mrs. Don O'Donald of Canyon, Mrs. Lucille Stangle of Amarillo, Mrs.

Emmitt Scott of Pecos, Mrs. Ernest Cotton of Littlefield, and Mrs. W. A. Miller of Lubbock; four brothers, G. G. Nesbitt of Morton, Bill Nesbitt of Borger and Paul Nesbitt of Abernathy; 24 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests that memorials be made in the form of contributions to the American Cancer Society.

### Cure cancer in your spare time. Volunteer.

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vandalized Elementary I building. While we were able to find most janitorial people on Sunday after their job would have been most and probably impossible to come to school time Monday morning with the aid of the good citizens of Littlefield.

While I would like to list each individual who helped, I find it possible to do because of the possibility of leaving someone's name out because of the large number of volunteers.

Again, thanks to all who helped.

Sincerely,  
s/Jack York  
Jack York  
Superintendent of School  
Littlefield, Texas

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## Tips Offered On Ricking Cotton

"If ricking your cotton is in your plans for this harvest season, a review of some of the major do's and don'ts might save some headaches and dollars by avoiding mistakes in putting your cotton into storage," says Marvin Sartin, area specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Some operators will use field storage equipment for the first time this fall, and many others are only into their second season with this new concept of cotton handling, Sartin points out. Field storage of cotton has some real advantages in improving harvesting efficiency, but there are also some pitfalls that must be avoided if these systems are to be utilized ef-

fectively, the economist warns. "Ricking is the most popular manner of field storage on the Plains," he says. "This method was developed specifically for this area and is well adapted to dry or low rainfall conditions. Stacking cotton on the ground in a rick is successful if good management of the ricking operation is closely observed."

He offers these basic considerations of ricking:

**Select a Proper Site**  
The fundamental concept of ricking is cotton storage, the specialist believes.

"When cotton is placed in a rick, you are usually committing it to be stored there for a period of at least several days, if not weeks. The site on which the rick is placed is vitally important in maintaining cotton quality through the storage period. The ground should be firm and well packed without clods or rocks and must be well drained.

"It is preferable that a rick be placed where the loader and conveyance equipment can reach it during adverse weather," he continues. "Loading a rick built on loose soil may be impossible if rain and snow occur and will result in scooping up clods, rocks, and soil with the cotton even during dry weather."

**Site Preparation**  
If a high, well drained, firm location is not available where a rick is to be constructed, Sartin advises producers to make one. A little blade work with the tractor is all that is necessary to build an elevated level site for a

rick. "Don't put your ricks in the skips in a skip-row cotton without preparing the site first," he adds. "Cutting small drainageways along each side of the site will assure that any rainfall which runs off the rick will be diverted away from the bottom of the rick."

**Observation of a large number of ricks has shown that those running north-south are less prone to damage from drifting snow," he reports. "Ricks constructed east-west catch snow blown by northerly winds, resulting in large drifts against the north side of the rick. Snow, which melts fairly slowly, will wet the cotton in the rick if it is not removed. If snow does drift against a rick it should be pushed away to prevent the cotton from damage."**

**Insurance Requirements**  
"If you plan to insure your stored cotton, check with your insurance agent before beginning the ricking operation," he strongly advises. "Limitations will be placed on the size of each rick, the distance between ricks, and the location of ricks relative to public roads. It is much easier to build your ricks to meet these requirements than

to convince an insurance company to change their requirements to fit your ricks."

**Use Dry Cotton**  
The secret to successful field storage is starting with dry cotton and protecting it against damage from moisture, Sartin points out. Cotton with relatively high moisture content (above 12 percent) should not be stored in any manner.

"Whether such cotton is in a rick or a trailer, it will heat and will at least damage the viability of the seed. To protect seed and lint quality, do not rick cotton that is above 12 percent in moisture. Be aware of green trash, green bolls, and damp weather since these factors can easily increase the moisture content of the seed cotton above the safe level. If you plan to catch planting seed from ricked cotton, take pains to keep the cotton dry and be selective about the particular rick from which you catch seed."

**Build a Good Rick**  
"Anyone who has operated a rick compactor knows that this is easier said than done," Sartin says. "However, the construction of a well formed rick is necessary if the cotton is to withstand wind and wet weather without being damaged."

In building a good rick, the specialist explains that the primary consideration is getting a smooth rounded top on the rick without ridges and valleys. A common error by rick compactor operators that result in wavy ricks is moving the ricker forward too far between packing operations, he says. Forward movement between the cycling of the compactor should be limited to 12 to 18 inches.

Loose ends on the ricks are another common problem. Before beginning to construct a rick, the machine should be filled with cotton and then back up to compress the cotton that will form the beginning of the rick. A similar operation at the end of the rick will aid in avoiding the loose ends which are subject to blowing and Sartin figures that as the rick is constructed the rear portion of the machine should be raised two to four inches off the ground each time the compactor is cycled. This assures getting maximum density in the rick. If the machine is not lifted during the cycling, there may not be enough cotton in the machine. "Be careful about building ricks too high," he cautions. "The compactor has a brace on the rear that will drag across a tall rick, fluffing the cotton on the top. This cotton is prone to blow off and will more readily absorb moisture than cotton that is adequately packed."

The economist says there are many other problems encountered in ricking cotton. All county Extension agents on the South Plains have a mimeographed publication, "Guidelines for Using the Rick Compactor," which discusses the operation of this equipment in detail. Studying this publication could save hundreds of dollars by avoiding some of the pitfalls in building ricks, Sartin concludes.

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## Avoiding Problems In Module Building

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recommends. Such dry cotton will maintain seed and lint quality in a trailer, a module, or a rick. However, favorable weather conditions do not always coincide with cotton harvesting, and sometimes cotton must be stripped at higher levels of moisture.

"If this cotton is placed in modules, do not store them," Sartin warns. "Take them directly to the gin and have the cotton ginned as soon as possible. Wet cotton has the hazard of heating and damaging the seed and lint; however, such cotton is in no more danger in a module than in a tightly packed trailer."

**Monitor Temperature**  
The temperature of all modules should be monitored for the first few days of storage, he recommends. Most will show a rise in temperature for a day or two and sometimes for a week. As long as the temperature inside the module does not exceed 120 degrees, no damage to seed or lint should result. However, if the temperature does reach this level, that module should be ginned as soon as possible to reduce any damage from heating. If dry cotton is used and unless excessive green trash is present, the temperature should not reach this height.

**Build a Good Module**  
It is important that modules be well constructed to withstand the rigors of loading, unloading, and hauling, Sartin says. They should be packed as tightly as possible, especially on the ends. The module builder operator should continue the packing between dumps of cotton to assure uniform density throughout the stack. Particular attention should be given to packing both ends as they are the most susceptible to crumbling during loading and unloading.

**Moisture Protection**  
An important item for any cotton that will be stored in protection from moisture. Even though Plains weather is relatively dry, Sartin says modules should be tarped to reduce the potential danger from rain and snow. Modules are densely packed, twice as dense as a rick, and may be more subject to damage from wet weather than either ricked or trailer cotton. The less dense cotton in a rick or trailer has more air movement and some chance to dry if it becomes wet. In a module, the cotton is packed tightly and will not dry if it gets wet.

The size of the stack makes covering a rick difficult and expensive, he figures. Because tarps are readily available for modules, it is wise to cover them if they will be subjected to the weather for any significant length of time.

**Insurance Requirements**  
"If you plan to insure your cotton during storage, obtain the requirements of your company

prior to beginning your harvest," says the specialist. "Some gin policies may cover your cotton part of the time, but many will require the cotton to be stored on the gin yard. Expect regulations limiting the number of modules that can be stored in close proximity and prepare your storage sites accordingly."

**Storage Site**  
If modules of cotton are to be stored, Sartin points out, a well-drained storage site should be selected. Because cotton is stacked on a pallet and can be moved easily, there is no particular need to prepare a storage site where the module will be constructed. A central storage site may be prepared and maintained at the farmstead or other convenient place. The primary consideration in site selection is high ground that can be reached during adverse weather, he explains.

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## Cotton Reports Are Available Through Office

The USDA's Cotton Classing Office at Lubbock announced a 24-hour Cotton Reporting Service, starting on Monday, Dec. 9. Interested persons may dial 806-763-7870 for the latest cotton market prices and classing report day or night.

A similar report has been available at the Fresno, Calif. Classing Office. Numerous calls are received daily at Fresno and reports indicate the service is successful.

Paul R. Dickson, in charge of the Lubbock Office, invited persons interested in this service to inform him of their needs, as "we want this service to reflect the needs of the public."

## Reese AFB Puts Buildings Up For Sale

Two frame buildings located at Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Texas, are being offered for sale by the Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Bids will be opened Dec. 17, in Building No. 800, Reese Air Force Base. Colonel Joe H. Sheard, Fort Worth District Engineer, said that the buildings are 25 ft. by 73 ft., and 25 ft. by 51 ft. Prospective bidders may inspect the property being offered for sale by contacting the Base

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## Spring Registration To Feature New Look

Students attending Amarillo College will be able to register through Dec. 13.

This is the first time that an advance registration has been conducted at AC in the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Biomedical Arts and Sciences, and the School of Technology. New registration changes are designed to take the frustration and complication out of the necessary process and to make it as simple and brief as possible.

The first change is that pre-registration has been dropped in favor of advance registration. The difference is more than semantic.

According to the plan for advance registration, students will be encouraged to fill in a trial schedule form before they report to their adviser for scheduling. This step will eliminate much time which has earlier registrations been lost in consultation between student and adviser.

During this time of advance registration, students will be able to complete their registration entirely.

Another break in favor of the student is that tuition payment may be deferred until Jan. 7, even though the student has

completed all other necessary steps in registering. The deferred tuition payment is intended to provide relief for students already hard pressed by rising costs and the need for a little Christmas money.

College officials, incidentally, are not making any predictions about spring enrollments, but one suggested that the inflationary pinch may force some students to attend a relatively inexpensive college such as AC rather than more expensive colleges down state.

Another benefit of the advance registration besides the one already mentioned of permitting a student to entirely complete his registration for the spring before the end of the fall semester is that it will reduce the length of the regular registration in January.

In years past the registration has always taken two and one-half days. Now, because many of the students will already have completed the advance registration, the regular registration period will last only a day and a half—from Wednesday noon until Thursday evening, Jan. 8 and 9.

The advance registration

schedule applies not only to students currently enrolled but also to new students and to evening college students as well.

During the period of regular registration, students currently enrolled will report to the gymnasium or to their adviser according to an alphabetical schedule as usual. Those whose last names begin with letters A through H register Wednesday, Jan. 8; the remainder Thursday.

New students will report to their advisers also according to an alphabetical schedule. The final change in registration procedure which should benefit students and faculty is the change in late registration. Heretofore, students have had to wait until the end of the first week of classes before schedule changes could be made.

This year late registration and schedule changes will both begin on Jan. 13, the first day of classes. The reason for this change, said a representative of the registrar's office, is to put the student's interests first.

A late registration fee of \$5 is charged after Thursday, Jan. 9. Tuition and fees remain the same for the spring semester as they were in the fall.

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## North, South Zone 2-B Name All-District

Anton's Danny Bishop was a two-way pick and one of three Anton Bulldogs on the South zone team's District 2-B All-zone teams; the Sudan Hornets came up with six berths on the All-District team for the North Zone, and the Amherst Bulldogs landed three gridders on the Class 2-B All-District team for 1974.

Bishop got tagged as an All-District lineman on offense and a linebacker on defense.

Anton Bulldog back Donald Willis got the third position on the South Zone team.

Sudan senior guard Carroll Legg, and Junior running back Danny Williams were unanimous picks on the offensive All-District team, and senior Hornet back Mitch Chester and senior lineman Richard Tamplin were unanimous choices for the defensive team.

Senior Hornet lineman Mart Davison and senior end Craig Harper were named to the defensive team, also.

Coaches were not allowed to vote for a boy on their team.

Receiving honorable mention from Sudan were end Bobby Phillips, senior, tackle James Graves, sophomore; sophomore Richard Tamplin, back Craig Pickett; guard Craig Harper, center Mart Davison; QB Mitch Chester; Kyle Martin, running back and linebacker.

On the All-District offense team from Amherst are Frankie Williams, senior wide receiver, and John Booth, senior end. On the defensive team is Eddie Duvall, senior lineman.

Seven Amherst Bulldogs got honorable mention. They were Stanley Miller, senior back; Richard Holley, junior QB; David Booth, senior center; Red Hudgins, senior guard—all on offense.

Honorable mention on defense were Scott Harmon, senior end;

Stanley Miller, senior linebacker; and Frankie Williams, senior secondary.

### HART CAMP NEWS

MR. AND MRS. J. W. Wells honored Mrs. Wells' father, W. P. Neinst of Littlefield, with a birthday dinner on his 85th birthday last Sunday in the Wells home. Present other than Mr. and Mrs. Wells were the honoree and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Neinst, Littlefield, Neinst's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Neinst, Cindy and Jeff and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Light and children, Acie and Kandy of Olton. Also Mr. and Mrs. David Metcalf and children, Chad and Kristi of Springlake, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Neinst of Littlefield and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ball of Hart Camp.

HART CAMP students of Olton High School on the honor roll for the quarter and six weeks include Senior, Cindy Neinst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Neinst; and Junior, Von Parkey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Parkey.



TONIE GARDNER, left, and Karen Carter admire the first-place trophy held by coach Sam Bean that the varsity girls' basketball team won Saturday night in the Kress Tourney by defeating Hale Center, 54-51. Misses Gardner and Carter were both named to the all-tournament team. In the championship game, Gardner scored 27 points while Monica Phillips tossed in 20, hitting on 12 of 14 field goals. Rhonda Hollingshead hit for six points and Pennie Sexton added one. Defensively, Coach Bean singled out the play of Kay Wesley, Lori Westmoreland, Shelia Dangerfield, Karen Carter and Melissa Sawyer.

## Wildcats Win Two Of Three

The Littlefield Wildcats were defeated by the Muleshoe Mules Tuesday night by the score of 48-43.

The 'Cats led through most of the game, and were leading at the end of the first quarter by the score of 15-19, at the half 29-22, but the Mules had the lead at the end of the third quarter, 39-35.

David Davis led Littlefield with 21 points; Rayford Green had six; Rickye Parker scored six; while Narva Simington tossed in four. Lonnie Twitty and Ralph Mendez tossed in two each.

The Littlefield JV defeated the Mules, 47-36.

Danny Martinez led Littlefield with 11 points while Rudy Ayala and Tony Cowan had eight

points as did Layne McKinnon. Doug Perrin added four while Kip Elms and Brian Gregg had three apiece. Jasper Colbert scored two.

Both boys' basketball teams took it on the chin from Class AAA Brownfield Monday night as the varsity lost 91-59 and the JV team lost 62-38.

Narva Simington led the 'Cats in scoring with 16 points while Rayford Green had 14 and Lonnie Twitty added 10.

In the JV game, Gregg Brian led the 'Cats with 10 points.

The Wildcat girls evened their season's mark at four and four Tuesday as they defeated Muleshoe, 55-49.

Monica Phillips scored 24 points for high-point honors and she scored all 24 points on free

throws hitting 24 of 30 for the night.

Tonie Gardner had 21 points for the 'Cats and Pennie Sexton added 10.

## Eighth Graders Defeat Mules

The Littlefield Junior High school eighth grade girls won the consolation bracket in the Muleshoe Tournament over the weekend by defeating the host team, 26-15.

According to coach Bobbie Pylant, "it was a complete team

effort all the way. All the players saw action and hustled throughout the tourney."

Carol Sexton again led the 'Cats in scoring with 13 points, while Carla McCanlies added 6, Ann Hill 5, and Anita Bryant 2.

## Longhorns Win Again

The Spade Longhorns continued their winning ways Tuesday night as they defeated Lubbock Christian High School by the score of 55-40.

Marvin Matthews led Spade with 20 points and Gaylon Reed had 17. Tommy Batson had 8 points for the Longhorns as did Mark Cowan. Gaylon Mills scored 2.

Spade also won the girls game, 54-38.

Tournament most valuable player Gaylon Reed poured in 18 points Saturday night, helping Spade crush Pep 89-54 in the finals of the Anton tournament, Danny Miller had 17 for Pep.

Host Anton won the consolation title with a 59-49 victory over Sudan. Greg Couch had 27 for Anton and Danny Flowers hit 12 for Sudan.

In girl's play, Pep whipped Sudan 38-43 to cop the championship behind the 15-point performance of Mary Franklin. Sharon Burton had 14 for the losers.

In the consolation finals,

Christ The King, with Elaine Halsell scoring 26, tripped Whitharral 59-48 despite the 33-point scoring binge of Rhonda Bryant.

Third place went to Anton, a 56-40 winner over Spade. Patsy Williams had 36 for Anton and Vivian Thompson led Spade with 15.

The all-tournament boys team consisted of Reed, Quintana, Miller, Couch and Marvin Matthews of Spade.



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