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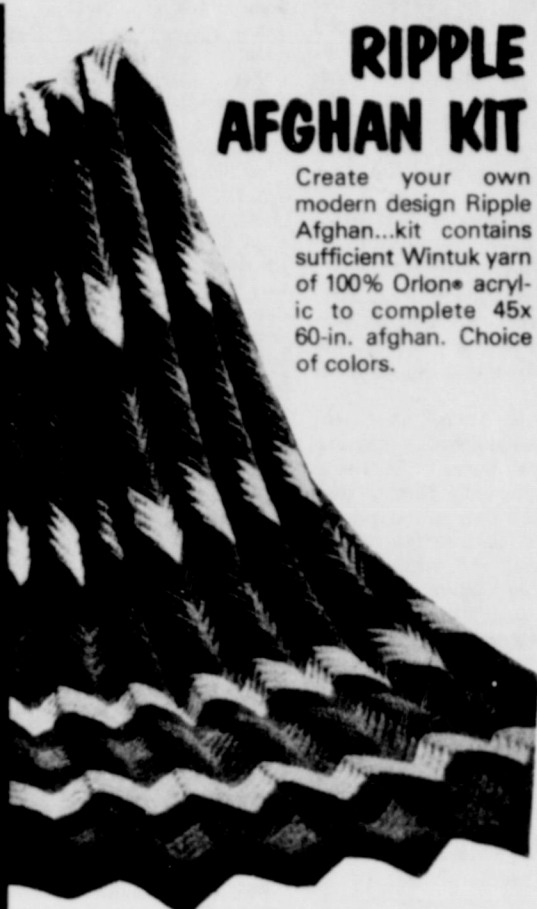
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H D NEWS

Public Hearing Services Set On Aging

Mrs. Sue Taylor of Cisco and Mrs. R.W. Gordon of Ranger, represented the Eastland - County Home Demonstration Club members at a district planning meeting in Clifton recently. Home Demonstration ladies from nineteen counties made plans for their annual District 8 Texas Home Demonstration Association spring meeting.

The spring District 8 THDA meeting will be on Tuesday, March 18, at the Texas Technical Institute in Waco. The day's program will feature speakers and three workshops pertaining to the home demonstration club program of work. Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Taylor will assist in conducting the Citizenship Workshop.

The Eastland County Home Demonstration Council will meet Wednesday, Feb. 5, in the Texas Electric Service Co. Reddy Room in Eastland. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. with Mrs. R.W. Gordon as presiding council chairman in charge of the meeting.

Following the Council meeting three voting delegates and three alternates to the District 8 THDA meeting in Waco on March 18, will be elected to represent Eastland County.

All Council members are urged to attend.

Grow a garden and lower your food cost this year! There will be a Home Orchard and Vegetable Garden meeting for the public on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 2 p.m. in the Farm Bureau meeting room in Eastland. The program speakers will be Dr. Earl Puls and Dr. John Larsen, Texas Agricultural Extension Service Horticulturists of Texas A&M University.

The informative program is being sponsored by the Eastland County Extension Service.

Sugar has shown the greatest price inflation of any consumer food this year. Retail sugar costs have more than tripled. Raw sugar prices have increased over five times.

You may wonder how much sugar or a sugar substitute will cost you to cook with. The cost figures are...granulated sugar will cost 25c per cup, brown sugar cost 34c per cup, honey is 71c per cup, corn syrup is 28c per cup and molasses will cost 71c per cup.

The West Central Texas Council of Governments has been designated by the Office of the Governor's Committee on Aging as the Area Agency on Aging for Planning and Service Region Seven as of April 1, 1975. The 19 counties in the region include Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton.

In order to assure that the Area Agency on Aging is responsive to the desires and needs of older persons in these counties, the WCT COG will hold a public hearing at:

February 5, 1975
Council Chambers
Abilene City Hall
555 Walnut
Abilene, Texas 79601

The purpose of the hearing will be to provide the opportunity for older persons, the general public, officials of local government, and other interested parties to comment on the area plan, and to offer suggestions for needed services.

The Area Agency on Aging will function under the Older Americans Act of 1965 as amended.

Bob Allen III
Assistant Executive Director
West Central Texas
Council of Governments

Thoughts

From The Living Bible

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his lovingkindness continues forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his lovingkindness continues forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his lovingkindness continues forever. Praise him who alone does mighty miracles, for his lovingkindness continues forever. Praise him who made the heavens, for his lovingkindness continues forever. Praise him who planted the water within the earth, for his lovingkindness continues forever.

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"Honor your father and mother (remember, this is a commandment of the Lord your God); if you do so, you shall have a long, prosperous life in the land he is giving you. You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not tell lies. You must not burn with desire for another man's wife, nor envy him for his home, land, servants, oxen, donkeys, nor anything else he owns. The Lord has given these laws to each one of you from the heart of the fire, surrounded by the clouds and thick darkness that engulfed Mount Sinai. Those were the only commandments he gave you at that time, but he wrote them out on two stone tablets and gave them to me."

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STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights
by Lyndell Williams
AUSTIN, Tex.—Gov. Dolph Briscoe served up a smorgasbord of legislative recommendations which could keep lawmakers jumping for the next four months, even if they had no proposals of their own.
Briscoe offered a 10-part package, assigning top priority to complete restructuring of the public school finance system and again serving warning he will not approve a tax bill.
He said he hopes the 64th Legislature will be known as the "Public Education Session."
The governor made no mention of two much-discussed issues: Constitutional revision and creation of a public utilities commission.
He called for the "weighted pupil approach" to distributing state aid. That would base state and local spending on actual cost of instructional programs geared to individual district needs and measured against the best 42 districts. The local district's ability to pay would be based on taxable value of its property.
Briscoe placed heavy emphasis on legislation to assure individuals' right to privacy.
He drew some of his best applause with proposals to expand powers of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, to give it a veto over new higher education construction programs and creation of new departments. Many college boards of regents can be expected to fight the bill.
The Governor's many recommendations included repeal of the state sales tax on utility bills and steps to remove problem drivers from the road.
COMMITTEES NAMED—The decks were cleared for action in the House of Representatives with Speaker Bill Clayton's appointment of standing committees which process legislation.
Clayton named Rep. Bill Prenal of Bryan, 42, chairman of the budget-writing Appropriations Committee. Prenal is a conservative cattleman, and called for a tight-fisted approach to spending.
Rep. Tom Massey of San Angelo, another conservative, will be chairman of the Public Education Committee, which will process school finance reform measures. Rep. Fred Head of Athens was designated chairman of the Higher Education Committee.
Rep. Tom Uher of Bay City will head the workhorse State Affairs Committee. Rep. Ben Grant of Marshall will chair the Judiciary Committee.
Rep. Fay Hutchison will be chairman of the Constitutional Revision Panel; Eddie Bernice Johnson of Dallas, Labor; Tom Craddock of Midland, Natural Resources; Craig Washington of Houston, Criminal Jurisprudence; Luther Jones of El Paso, Elections; Bill Sullivan of Gainesville, Environmental Affairs; Joe Hubenak of Rosenberg, Agriculture and Livestock;
Chris Semos of Dallas, Business and Industry; Jerry Donaldson of Gatesville, Financial Institutions; Pete Laney of Hale Center, House Administration; Lane Denton of Waco, Social Services; Lynn Nabers of Brownwood, Health and Welfare;
Ben Bynum of Amarillo, Insurance; E. L. Short of Tahoma, Intergovernmental Affairs; Tim Von Dohlen of Goliad, Judicial Affairs; Bennie Bock of New Braunfels, Liquor Regulation; Felix McDonald of Edinburg, Calendars and Tom Schieffer of Fort Worth, Local and Consent Calendars.
WELFARE SPENDING UP—Welfare spending during the last fiscal year came to \$613.7 million in Texas, the State Welfare Department reported.
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