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around Muleshoe

Prisca Young, a West Texas State University sophomore, were recently initiated into Alpha Kappa Psi, national professional business fraternity.

A business major, she is president of Kappa Delta and a member of the Association for Women Students and Panhellenic. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Young.

Mrs. Madge Beal and Mrs. Lucille Tipton, both of Clovis, and Mr. and Mrs. Buck Creamer of Muleshoe spent Thanksgiving with Cleta Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Olds and son Brandon, of Cozad, Neb. are spending the Thanksgiving holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Edminston and Glenna, and with other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Locke of Muleshoe spent the Thanksgiving holidays in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Huckleberry and Jo of Cyril, Okla. Also visiting over the weekend was Ronnie Locke of Arlington, Tex.

Visiting over the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Harvey of Muleshoe were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Beeson and sons, Jimmy Harvey and Joanie Harvey, all of Iowa Park.

MHS Fine Arts Plan To Discuss

Upcoming Budget

The 1977-78 budget for the Fine Arts Booster Club will head the list of items to be discussed when the organization meets at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow (Monday) in the high school band hall.

Also heard will be a full report on the Halloween Carnival and reports on the concession stand and fruit cake sales.

Fruit cakes are presently available from St. Clair's, Cobb's, Anthony's Williams' Office Supply and Art Craft Printing. A round two pound Texas Manor fruit cake in tin is \$6.75, the two pound bar is \$5.75 and the one pound bar is \$3.

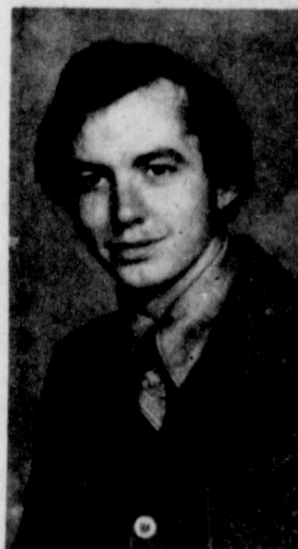
Fine Arts Boosters ask support of the junior high and high school fine arts students and urge attendance at the meeting.

Gun Accident Claims Johnnie Williams

A lifetime resident of Muleshoe, Johnnie Williams, 22, who moved to Lamesa two weeks ago, is dead of a gunshot to his head, accidentally self-inflicted Wednesday night.

According to a friend with Williams, they were loading his car for him to come to Muleshoe for Thanksgiving when the gun fell from the car. When Williams picked it up, it discharged sending the bullet into his head. He was taken to Methodist Hospital where he remained in intensive care until his death at 7:40 a.m. Friday.

A sister, Mrs. Smitty (Deborah) Aylesworth was seriously injured and her husband received lesser injuries when they were involved in an accident while going to the hospital in Lubbock. Mrs. Aylesworth is in



JOHNNIE WILLIAMS



CHECKING STOLEN VEHICLE--DPS Trooper Louis Cardinal, standing, and Deputy Sheriff James Williams, kneeling, check for evidence at the site of a stolen, wrecked pickup. The pickup was not reported stolen until after the officers checked the wreckage north of Muleshoe Friday morning. No one was around the wrecked, abandoned vehicle and investigation continues into the theft of the vehicle.

Solid Waste Landfill Public Hearing Set

In keeping with provisions of the "Solid Waste Disposal Act", Article 4477-7, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, a public hearing will be held by the Texas Department of Health on December 13, 1977, at 2:00 p.m. on the application for a permit by the City of Muleshoe for a municipal solid waste landfill. The hearing will be held at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 916 Texas Avenue, in Lubbock. The facility involved is an existing Type II 35-acre municipal solid waste disposal site located southeast of Muleshoe on the southwest side of U.S. Highway 84 about 1 1/4 miles east of State Highway 24 in Bailey County.

Municipal solid waste facilities throughout Texas are under the jurisdiction of the Texas Department of Health and are required to be operated in accordance with the Department's "Municipal Solid Waste Management Regulations". The Department's jurisdiction includes the collection, handling, and storage of solid waste and disposal by energy and material recovery, sanitary landfill, composting or other approved methods.

The assure that all municipal solid waste sites are located and operated in such a manner as to

minimize potential hazards to the health, welfare and physical property of the people and the environment, each disposal facility in Texas is required to be evaluated by the Department of Health prior to receiving a permit. The law is applicable to privately-owned solid waste sites. Each applicant for a permit for a solid waste facility in Texas - and there are approximately 1,200 such facilities - is required to submit supporting data and/or a design of the facility as a basic part of the application for a permit. All information concerning the facility, as well as copies of the Department's regulations, will be presented during the public hearing and will be available for review by all interested parties. The public hearing is an important part of the Department's evaluation process prior to making a determination on whether or not a permit should be issued. The purpose of the hearing is to insure that all interested parties have full knowledge about a solid waste disposal facility and that they are provided an opportunity to present testimony relating to the facility. The permit applicant, or a representative of the applicant, will be present to answer questions.

Public hearing on municipal solid waste facilities are conducted in accordance with the "Administrative Procedure and Texas Register Act", Article 6252-13a, Texas Revised Civil Statutes, according to Mr. Jack C. Carmichael, P.E., Director of the Division of Solid Waste Management, Texas Department of Health. The hearing are conducted by an attorney and a professional engineer for the Department. Although a hearing is an open meeting, it is a formal meeting and all testimony is

Five Named To Committee For Governor

Five agriculture leaders from Bailey County have been appointed by Governor Dolph Briscoe to serve on the Governor's Committee to Make Texas Agriculture No. One in Income and Profit.

Committee members from Bailey County are Bennie Claunch, Buja; Doug Bales, Muleshoe; Terry Hillin, Muleshoe; James Wedel, Muleshoe and Eugene Shaw, West Camp. Committees are being established in every Texas County as part of the statewide effort to "strengthen the economic position of agriculture -- our most vital industry." Governor Briscoe said.

The county committees have the responsibility of promoting cooperation and mutual support among agencies, organizations and groups in volved in agriculture and agribusiness, concluded the Governor.

under oath. Anyone may appear to testify with or without an attorney, said Mr. Carmichael, but all evidence submitted must be legally admissible (as opposed to hearsay) if such evidence is to be used as a basis for decision by the Department.



MRS. ROBIN TAYLOR

Governor Objects To Hospital Guidelines

Texans not Washington bureaucrats, know their state's health care needs, Governor Dolph Briscoe said today as he criticized proposed National Guidelines for Health Planning.

"Arbitrary formulas maintaining, in essence, that health care needs are the same in rural areas in Texas as they are in New York are foolish and unfounded in fact or logic," the Governor said. "I will continue to fight for a more appropriate federal health policy."

"Washington officials need to realize that those persons most familiar with the needs of their area, those persons who must cope with problems on a daily basis, are the ones who should be involved in the decision-making process," Briscoe said.

The proposed guidelines, drafted by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, would key the availability of hospital services to population density and average use of the services and facilities. Briscoe has expressed his strong feelings about the situation in a letter to President Carter in which the Governor took exception to the proposed guidelines.

"We all share the same concerns about holding the line on the cost of health care but these proposed guidelines go too far,"

Local Officers Recover Two Stolen Vehicles

County Extension Agent To Retire

MULESHOE--Mrs. Robin Taylor, county Extension agent for home economics in Bailey County since 1966, will retire January 31, concluding more than a quarter-century of Extension service in the state.

Mrs. Taylor's retirement was announced today by Mrs. Catherine B. Crawford, district Extension agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Bailey County Judge Glen Williams.

Mrs. Taylor and her husband, C.L. Taylor, will continue to reside in Bailey County, where he is employed with an irrigation supply company. They have a son, Kenneth, living in Houston; a daughter, Mrs. Donald W. (Jean) Parker, and a granddaughter, Donae Parker, of Ropesville.

"Mrs. Taylor has been a dedicated Extension professional who has served five counties during her career," Mrs. Crawford said. In addition

to Bailey, Mrs. Taylor has been an Extension agent in Archer, Castro, Swisher, and Hale counties.

"Mrs. Taylor excels in leadership roles and is highly skilled in clothing construction and other home economic arts," Mrs. Crawford said.

The retiring county agent has practiced what she preached, her district leader said. "She has applied her training, skills and concepts of home economics to her own life and her own family, and set a good example for everyone around her," Mrs. Crawford said.

Mrs. Taylor has excelled in recruiting and training 4-H leaders, providing outstanding leadership to strong youth and home demonstration programs, and in working with the citizens and administrators of her county, Mrs. Crawford said.

Mrs. Taylor was honored in 1962 by the National Association of Extension Home Economics, which presented her its highest recognition, its Distinguished Service Award.

Mrs. Taylor was born in Hale County, to the late Mr. and Mrs. P.B. Harbin. She grew up in Hockley County, where she was graduated from Levelland High School. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in home economics from Texas Tech University in 1943. She took advance studies at Texas Women's University, Colorado University and Texas Tech.

After graduating from Texas Tech, Mrs. Taylor taught school in Paint Rock. She began her Extension career in 1945 in Archer County, servicing there for three years. She served as Extension agent in Castro County from 1950-53, Swisher from 1955-62, in Hale 1962-63, and became agent in Bailey County in August, 1966.

Between these periods she taught school in Hart, Whitharal and Olton. "Because I've always liked Extension work better, I'd always come back," Mrs. Taylor said. "I've enjoyed working with the people," she explained. "Because I grew up on a farm and in a rural community, I understand their problems."

To a co-worker's query as to what she will do with herself on February 1, Mrs. Taylor, a twinkle in her eyes, responded: "Sleep until noon!"

But she admitted that luxury would be short-lived. "I sew a lot," she said, starting to tick off some of the projects ahead of retirement. "My husband and I have a hobby of redoing antique things. I collect Depression glass--but that's kind of expensive. And I grow African violets--and that's kind of like growing rabbits," she laughed. "And I like to garden," she said. "I like the fresh vegetables, but most of all, I like it for the therapy. I can go chop up a patch of careless weeds or goatheads and take out my frustrations," she chuckled, a big smile crinkling the corners of her mouth.

She will continue to devote

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Local Jaycees Set Trap Shoot This Weekend

Muleshoe Jaycees plan a trap shoot, beginning at 1 p.m. today (Sunday) on Highway 84, just south of Town and Country Auto.

Another trap shoot is scheduled for the same location on December 4 and 5 starting at 1 p.m. both days.

The Jaycees said bring your own guns and that everything else will be available at the trap shoot.

Duo Arrested After Vehicle Is Stolen

Louis Cardinal, DPS Trooper stationed in Muleshoe spent most of Friday investigation leads into the theft and wrecking of a small Chevrolet pickup from Muleshoe.

First report on the vehicle was made shortly after 10:30 a.m. Friday, when a man reported the wrecked vehicle to the Bailey County Law Enforcement Center. Cardinal, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff James Williams, went to the wreck scene and found the vehicle wrecked and abandoned. It was approximately a mile north of Jake Diel Dirt Moving and paving on a country dirt road, and in a cotton field.

Investigation showed that the pickup was registered to a man in Sudan, however, it had been sold to Randy Johnson Chevrolet in Sudan. Johnson, in turn, had placed the pickup on Noe's Used Car Lot in Muleshoe.

An intruder, or intruders had entered the office of the used car lot through a back window and had taken the keys to the wrecked pickup. Also at the wreck were keys to other vehicles, which were also on the

used car lot. Trooper Cardinal speculated that at least one person was injured in the accident as the imprint of someone's head was in the shattered windshield of the pickup. Marks showed it had left the roadway, climbed a four foot embankment and apparently, overturned, crumpling both the front and back of the vehicle. Most windows were shattered in the vehicle and the tool box was lying several feet from the wrecked pickup.

Area hospitals were checked for accident victims, but a check of hospitals in Texas and eastern New Mexico failed to turn up anyone with injuries from an accident which was unexplained.

Investigation continues into the theft of the pickup on Thursday night in Muleshoe.

Two men from Tennessee found themselves in jail in Muleshoe Friday morning following a check of the vehicle from Tennessee they were driving.

Around 3:20 a.m. Friday morning, City Patrolmen Garry Burkhardt and Leroy Sandefor asked the police dispatcher to check for stolen on a vehicle from Tennessee. A report came back from NCIC (National Crime Information Center) a few seconds later that the vehicle had been reported stolen in Tennessee.

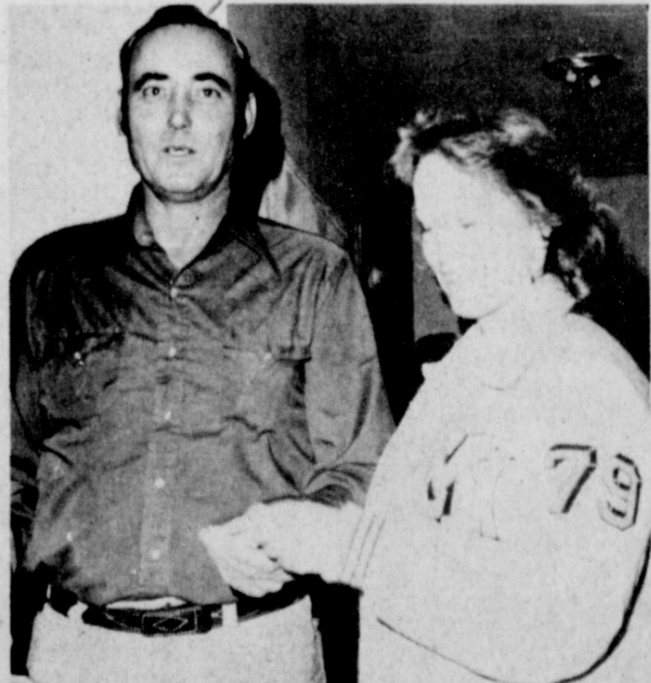
Jailed by the officers and charged with vehicle theft were Duane Cunningham and Troy A. Fitzgerald, who both gave Tennessee addresses. They told officers they were enroute to California and had a small amount of clothing in the vehicle when apprehended here.

Tennessee officers indicated they would return both men to Tennessee to face theft charges there.

PEACE Justice Report

Speeders have forgotten the speed limit is only 55, and have also forgotten that officers issue citations for speeding. Seventeen speeding were issued during the past week in this county and heard before Justice of the Peace K.B. Martin.

Two citations each were issued for running stop sign; over length; no driver's license; un-registered vehicle; no motor vehicle inspection sticker and over weight. With one citation each bringing issued for defective tail lights and distrubance.



BEEF HALVES GIVEN--Glenda Rosco, FFA sweetheart did the honors, with Muleshoe Fire Chief H.E. Reeder looking on. Glenda drew the names of two winners for beef halves given by the fire departmet with funds to be used toward paying for the JAWS OF LIFE rescue tool. Winners were Marly Bynum, Muleshoe and Vernon Shaw, Morton.

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TRAFFIC STOPPERS—When approximately 200 head of sheep needed to be moved across Highway 84 just west of Muleshoe Monday afternoon, it proved to be a traffic stopper on the four-lane

highway. Deputy Sheriff Pete Black and Deputy Sheriff James Williams stopped all lanes of traffic until the lead goat, right, could lure the sheep across the highway.

STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Lyndell Williams

AUSTIN—Now the Republicans as well as the Democrats have a battle on their hands in their gubernatorial primary.

Dallas oil well drilling contractor William P. "Bill" Clements was a surprise entry into the GOP race last week. Former Republican State Chairman Ray Hutchison, who has planned to run all along, is due to enter November 29.

Other possibilities are former State Sen. Henry Grover of Houston, who came closer than any other Republican to winning the governor's office (in 1972), and former Ambassador Albert Bel Fay, also of Houston.

Clements, 60, who is a former U.S. Deputy secretary of defense under Presidents Nixon and Ford, heads a major drilling firm. He said he expects to wage a multi-million-dollar campaign and feels that top Texas Republican leaders are enthusiastic about his candidacy.

Zeroing in on the energy issue, Clements said he thinks he can mobilize the public and industry to protect Texas interests in Washington.

He claimed that Gov. Dolph Briscoe has done little to articulate Texas' side of the energy issue, and the state's senators lack expertise in the field.

Democratic gubernatorial candidates, meanwhile, are heating up their campaign. Gov. Briscoe, Atty. Gen. John Hill and former Gov. Preston Smith are out among the voters, beefing up their organizations and trying to get across their messages.

Appointments Announced

State Sen. Don Adams of Jasper will resign his senate seat to accept appointment as chief legal counsel to Gov. Briscoe effective January 1.

Briscoe appointed G. L. "Lynn" Tate of Corpus Christi as commissioner of the Texas Department of Labor and Standards.

Jackie St. Clair of Round Rock, the man Tate succeeded, was promptly named a member of the Texas Industrial Commission.

Briscoe also reappointed W. Grogan Lord of Georgetown to the State Securities Board and J. C. Dingwall of Austin to the State Depository Board.

Gas Rate Examined

Texas Railroad Commission turned down Pioneer Natural

'Gas Company's attempt to limit an inquiry into the Amarillo utility's proposed natural gas rate increase to 41 industrial contract customers in northwest Texas.

The commission's gas utilities division was directed to reschedule a hearing for January 16 on Pioneer's statement of intent to boost gas service rates two cents per thousand cubic feet. The increase has been suspended for 120 days.

Pioneer was directed to produce all facts, evidence, information and data necessary to determine fair rates for the industrial customers.

Meanwhile, the commission ended a hearing before a team of examiners into whether Good Hope Refineries Inc.

a major gas operator in South Texas, is overproducing in violation of RRC production allowances. Good Hope denied the allegations. Also at issue is whether the over-production, if it occurred, contributed to an increase in natural gas prices charged South and Central Texas cities by Lovaca Gathering Company.

State Courts Speak

Contrary to a federal court's ruling, the Third Court of Civil Appeals said the state does not have a constitutional obligation to provide free education to aliens' children.

The same court upheld state regulation of child care facilities operated by religious groups.

The State Supreme Court took under review the question whether Texas judges can give deadlocked juries "dynamite charges" to keep open minds and consider each other's opinions on cases to prevent mistrials.

An Indiana salvage firm lost in federal court another effort to recover some of the treasure it recovered from the wreck of a 16th century Spanish ship off Padre Island. The Supreme Court turned down an attempt to delay a Houston probate court trial on industrialist Howard Hughes' March 19, 1968 will.

The Court of Criminal Appeals said a Colorado City man's probation should not have been revoked because marijuana he was charged with possessing already had been smoked.

The same court reversed the conviction of a Dallas man for possession of a tranquilizer, which had been placed on the controlled substances list in 1975, though the man had pleaded guilty.

Attorney General Opinions

Persons who are not state employees, including news reporters and wives of officials, can be transported in state agency aircraft if they are traveling on official business, Atty. Gen. John Hill said.

Hill said detailed information identifying passengers and the official business purposes of flights must be filed with the Legislative Budget Board.

In another opinion, Hill concluded Texas Turnpike Authority contracts regarding hotel and restaurant facilities on the Dallas-Fort Worth Turnpike terminate on redemption of outstanding turnpike revenue bonds. Facilities can be sold after the Department of Highways and Public Transportation assumes custody of the turnpike project.

Short Snorts

If retail sales continue at their current pace Texans may be headed for their biggest Christmas shopping spree, Comptroller Bob Bullock predicted after calculating 22 per cent increase in city sales tax revenues over last year.

Atty. Gen. John Hill threatens to challenge in court any federal governmental attempt to allocate or regulate price of natural gas produced and sold in Texas.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe set special legislative runoffs in Dallas and El Paso December 3 and in the Panhandle area and Travis County December 10.

Karen Wilson of Huntington is new acting sergeant at arms of the Texas Senate and believes she is the first woman to hold the position in a legislative body.

Texas has been given preliminary designation as a single region for both municipal and industrial solid waste management. About \$322.2 million in new residential construction was authorized for Texas during September—a slight decline from August. Construction costs for the year are running about double the 1976 figure for January-September 1976.

Jealousy, like cancer, is often fatal and never productive of good. Millions of husbands try to remake their wives and none succeed.

Texas Taxes



By BOB BULLOCK, State Comptroller

AUSTIN — A book consisting largely of column upon column of dry, impersonal dollar figures usually doesn't make very exciting reading, but I've just finished one such book that should be on Texas' best seller list. In fact, the book—really a report—was prepared by my office as required by law. Its title: *State of Texas 1977 Annual Financial Report*.

And while they probably won't be making a movie based on it, the report contains some pretty interesting information for anyone who has ever wondered where the state gets its money.

Or how it spends it. The report shows that the fiscal year ended August 31 was a record one for Texas in terms of state finances with income totaling \$7.36 billion. This is up 11.6 per cent from the previous year.

The closing cash balance was almost \$2 billion, up \$336 million from that at the close of Fiscal 1976.

(A state fiscal year is from Sept. 1 through Aug. 31).

The four per cent state sales tax, the report shows, continued to be the work-horse in the terms of tax producers, raising \$1.7 billion or 38 per cent of all tax revenues.

Energy-related taxes—oil, gas and motor fuels—accounted for 30 per cent of the state's tax income.

Biggest revenue producer in that category was the natural gas production tax which brought \$474 million

into the state treasury. Skyrocketing natural gas prices have pushed the natural gas production tax from the state's seventh largest revenue producer to second.

The other major taxes and the amount of revenue produced include Cigarette and Tobacco, \$288 million; Motor Vehicle Sales and Rental, \$328 million; Corporation Franchise, \$236 million; Alcoholic Beverage, \$105 million; Insurance Occupation, \$120 million.

One-fourth of all state revenues came from the federal government in the form of assistance for welfare and public health programs, highways and education. This amounted to \$1.8 billion.

In terms of outgo, the state spent \$6.6 billion in Fiscal 1977, up seven per cent over 1976.

Hospital...

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could result in more than 11,000 hospital beds becoming unavailable in Texas.

Enforcement of the guidelines could involve withholding Medicare and Medicaid payments from hospitals that fail to comply.

"The imposition of arbitrary, rigid formulas for determining the appropriate availability of health services and facilities for the citizens of Texas is highly offensive and will, in the long run, result in rationed health care," the Governor said.

"The President apparently is listening to the bureaucrats and their ideas about a national health policy instead of letting local citizens tell Congress what their needs involve," Briscoe said.

The Governor said the situation is similar to circumstances surrounding the President's energy proposals which seem to reflect more input from psychologists and behavioral scientists than energy experts and engineers.

Texas, Briscoe said, has many highly capable local and state elected and appointed officials, 12 health system agencies plus a

series of state health agencies all quite capable of determining the health needs of the state's citizens without unnecessary federal meddling and interference.

The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare has extended until December 9 the deadline for commenting on the proposed guidelines.

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attention to community affairs and professional organizations in which she has been active for many years: the Texas Association of Extension Home Economists, which she has served as district secretary and director and as state vice president; the American Home Economics Association; and Epsilon Sigma Phi, the Extension honor fraternity.

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MR. AND MRS. JOHN K. MILAM

Anniversary Honors Mr. And Mrs. Milam

A 60 wedding anniversary reception will be held Sunday, December 4, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Milam. Honoring the couple will be their son and daughter, J.K., Jr. and Evelyn at the Milam home, 410 Austin, Sudan. The reception will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Milam moved to the area in 1923 after buying land in Bailey County west of Sudan in 1920. For 36 years they were active stockfarmers. Since

their retirement in 1959, they have made their home in Sudan. Friends and relatives are expected to attend.

Some people always sigh in thanking God.
-E. B. Browning.

Though my mouth be dumb my heart shall thank you.
-Nicholas Rowe.

Let never day nor night unhallow'd pass,
But still remember what the Lord hath done.
-Shakespeare.

Give Thanks
Few of us get what we deserve, for which most of us should be thankful.
-Enquirer, Cincinnati.

Accident Traps-- Older Adults

It's important to "safety plan" for older adults, warns the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Home hazards endanger the elderly.

If all ages are alert to possible dangers, and practice safety precautions, they can avert many accidents that cripple and even kill elderly persons.

Often it's minor -- a correctible thing -- that causes a serious accident. For the elderly living at home, providing extra protection -- and decreasing hazards -- helps compensate for deteriorating physical and/or mental abilities.

Here are suggested safety measures:

-- Provide well-lighted stairways with handrails, and encourage use of handrails. Provide ramps if steps are an obstacle.

-- Fasten carpets and rugs securely to avoid skids or tripping.

-- Install grab bars in the bathtub, shower and other areas and use nubby rubber mats and seats in shower or tub.

-- Wipe spills promptly, and eliminate highly polished floors or slick areas.

-- Install spring pole jacks, well fastened between floor and ceiling, to help the person with weakened muscles to pull up from bed or chair.

-- Provide night-lights, near floor, to prevent stumbling or falling at night. Provide light switches at room entrances.

Beside lamps and flashlights can help. Remove lamp cords, low furniture and toys from passageways.

-- Mark stove controls -- low, medium, high -- with bright paints.

-- Provide storage levels, easily accessible and located between eye and hip level, to eliminate use of stepladder.

-- Provide tripod tips for canes to give firm support.

-- Make pick-up sticks -- one end with a magnet, the other end with a pick -- for getting items from the floor when the older adult can't stoop or bend.

-- Provide giant shoe horns and

nylon elastic shoe laces to eliminate bending or stooping.
-- Provide lightweight, flat bottom, easy-to-use cooking utensils with insulated handles.
-- Screen fireplaces or other open fires.

-- Adjust chairs and beds so the older person's feet will be flat on the floor in a sitting position, yet high enough to avoid muscle strain to stand.

-- Locate the room for easy escape in case of fire -- and practice escape routes. Insist on "NO SMOKING" rule for those lying down.

Paul Wyley, Guest Of Art Association

The Muleshoe Art Association met for their regular monthly meeting recently in the Muleshoe Art Loft. Special was artist Stephen Quiller of Crede, Colo. Mrs. Louise Alair presided over the business meeting. New members and guests were recognized. Winner's paintings were on display from the "mini art show" held in October.

Quiller has received national recognition for his work. He was featured in American Artist magazine in 1975, and in 1977 was awarded membership in the National Society for Painters in Casein and Acrylic in New York. During his demonstration, he used watercolor in a wet-on-wet technique and advised on the basics of negative and positive painting.

An art class was held in the Art Loft with Quiller instructing for one week. Various aspects of watercolor were covered.

The December guest artist will be Paul Wyley. He will demonstrate the art of glazing and landscaping. The association will meet Tuesday, December 13, at 2 p.m. in the Muleshoe State Bank community room.

CPR Clinics To Be Held In Parmer County

A series of four CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) clinics have been scheduled for Parmer County beginning January 22 in Bovina.

Baby Shower Honors Mrs. Kevin Hall

A baby shower was given in honor of Mrs. Kevin Hall on Saturday, November 12, at the Oklahoma Lane community center.

Corsages made of baby toys, diaper pins and a passette were presented to the honoree, her mother Mrs. Max Crim, her grandmother, Mrs. Arthur Ritchey and Mrs. Kenneth Hall.

The serving table was laid with a green and yellow tablecloth. The centerpiece was an ivy in a baby planter. Banana punch and assorted cookies were served to the guests. Serving at the table were Mrs. Cecil Cunningham of Friona and Mrs. Jet Thomman of Levelland. Mrs. Marty McGuire recorded the shower gifts.

Out-of-town guests were the honoree's grandmother, Mrs. Arthur Ritchey, her aunt Irene Ritchey and Stacey Ritchey.

The hostess gift was a baby

layette dresser. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Billy Weir, Mrs. Doh McDonald, Mrs. Cecil Cunningham, Mrs. Donnie McDonald, Mrs. Doyle Weir, Mrs. John L. Seaton, Mrs. Don Bruns, Mrs. Ethel Julian, Mrs. Don McGuire, Mrs. James Robinson, Mrs. Ken Russell and Mrs. Richard Engelking.

USDA Food Survey-- "What Americans Eat"

COLLEGE STATION--"What Americans Eat" is the subject of a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) nationwide survey, says Mary K. Sweeten, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System. Results of the survey will provide a new guideline of the composition and adequacy of diets in segments of the population.

There will be 114 planning and sampling units in the United States--counties, cities and areas. In Texas, five planning and sampling units have been designated: Anderson and Tarrant counties, the Bandera-Medina area, Galveston and Houston.

Since the most recent survey (1965-66), there have been striking changes in relation to the national diet. For example, more convenience-types of equipment and convenience foods have appeared. Also, due to the increase of women in the labor force and the Women's Liberation movement, more women are employed outside the home, which has meant more eating away from home.

More and more new food products are available--soybean products, for example--and there has been a steep increase in food prices. Also, food programs have come into existence (food stamps, nutrition for the elderly, school lunch and breakfast, and Women, Infants and Children Nutrition--WIC--programs.)

There has been more interest in nutrition and food intake, weight control and general health. More are concerned about the safety of the food supply and have turned to natural and health foods. Also, manufacturers have seen a need to provide nutrition information on labels to satisfy this increasing interest in nutrition.

This survey will be helpful in determining the dollar difference in home food consumption and in meals eaten outside the home; the value of certain food programs; the effect of diets and safety of additives and pesticides; the forthcoming revised Basic Four Daily Food Guide; and for determining menus for the various school breakfast and lunch programs.

There has been concern that traditional family meal surveys are no longer realistic. Some believe that families seldom eat together, or that if they do, they eat out. Therefore, the food used at home is no longer a reliable measure of quality of diet in the country.

This is one of the major reasons that the food intake of the individuals is being expanded from one day's intake to three days' intake in the present survey.

The USDA survey will focus primarily on what food, and how much food, each member of the family eats at home. But it will also be concerned with food as it is presented in the marketplace, and the interrelationship of the two.

BIBLE VERSE

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

1. Who made the above statement?
2. To whom was he speaking?
3. Upon what occasion?
4. Where may this statement be found?

Answers To Bible Verse

1. Jesus Christ.
2. To his disciples, and particularly to Peter.
3. Following Peter's confession of Christ.
4. Matthew 16:24.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa,
I know it is early to be thinking about Christmas gifts but I have found out that it



Christopher Adam Burton

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Burton of Muleshoe are the proud parents of a new baby boy born November 22, at 1:23 p.m. in West Plains Medical Center. The baby weighed seven pounds and ten ounces and was named Christopher Adam Burton. He is the couple's first child.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Rogers and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leon Burton, all of Muleshoe. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Black and Mr. and Mrs. Van Rogers, all of Muleshoe and Mrs. Avis Haney of Chickasha, Okla.

Terry Mark Tosh, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Mark Tosh of Muleshoe are the proud parents of a new baby boy born November 23, at 3:57 p.m. in West Plains Medical Center. The baby weighed seven pounds and seven ounces and was named Terry Mark Tosh, Jr. he is the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Franklin of Muleshoe and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kowar of Plainview.

saves a lot of trouble and rushing around on the last few days if a person begins early to make up a list of the things they have to buy and be on the look out for them every time they have any shopping to do. There are many pieces of unusual hand work that can be done, if we buy the kits and have the time to do them.

Also there are sales for many different things and if we can keep our list on our minds we can buy up things at various times and it is amazing how much this will help.

It is not too early to stock up on canned goods that we will need by taking advantage

of the specials. This is advice from a middle-aged mother who has learned from experience.

M-Tenn.

Answers: Thanks for a very sensible letter and I am sure we could all be saved from a nervous rush during the holidays if we would take your advice.

For the large families who like to get together for Christmas--or the week after--we would suggest that you make your plans now--where you will meet and what each of you will be responsible for.

Louisa.

Address letters: Louisa, Box 532, Orangeburg, S.C. 29115

Now thank we all our God, With heart and hand and voices Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices.

-Catherine Winkworth.

Nita Loy Guest Of Epsilon Delta

The Epsilon Delta chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha met Tuesday evening, November 22, in the home of Mrs. Marie Lane.

A demonstration of holiday cuisine was given by Nita Loy, Consumer Specialist from Lubbock Pioneer Natural Gas.

Sausage brunch pie, meat balls with chive dip and herb bread were served with hot cider punch to Miss Judy Lambert, Mrs. Marie Lane, Mrs. Jim Crawford, Mrs. Jerry Harrison, Mrs. Jack Rennels, Mrs. Hugh Young, Mrs. Jerry Gregory, Mrs. Nellie Skinner, Mrs. Richard Kimbrough, Mrs. Carter Williams and Mrs. Ronnie Barrett.

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TRAFFIC STOPPERS—When approximately 200 head of sheep needed to be moved across Highway 84 just west of Muleshoe Monday afternoon, it proved to be a traffic stopper on the four-lane

highway. Deputy Sheriff Pete Black and Deputy Sheriff James Williams stopped all lanes of traffic until the lead goat, right, could lure the sheep across the highway.

STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Lyndell Williams

AUSTIN—Now the Republicans as well as the Democrats have a battle on their hands in their gubernatorial primary. Dallas oil well drilling contractor William P. "Bill" Clements was a surprise entry into the GOP race last week. Former Republican State Chairman Ray Hutchison, who has planned to run all along, is due to enter November 29. Other possibilities are former State Sen. Henry Grover of Houston, who came closer than any other Republican to winning the governor's office (in 1972), and former Ambassador Albert Bel Fay, also of Houston. Clements, 60, who is a former U.S. Deputy secretary of defense under Presidents Nixon and Ford, heads a major drilling firm. He said he expects to wage a multi-million-dollar campaign and feels that top Texas Republican leaders are enthusiastic about his candidacy. Zeroing in on the energy issue, Clements said he thinks he can mobilize the public and industry to protect Texas interests in Washington. He claimed that Gov. Dolph Briscoe has done little to articulate Texas' side of the energy issue, and the state's senators lack expertise in the field. Democratic gubernatorial candidates, meanwhile, are heating up their campaign. Gov. Briscoe, Atty. Gen. John Hill and former Gov. Preston Smith are out among the voters, beefing up their organizations and trying to get across their messages.

Appointments Announced

State Sen. Don Adams of Jasper will resign his senate seat to accept appointment as chief legal counsel to Gov. Briscoe effective January 1.

Briscoe appointed G. L. "Lynn" Tate of Corpus Christi as commissioner of the Texas Department of Labor and Standards.

Jackie St. Clair of Round Rock, the man Tate succeeded, was promptly named a member of the Texas Industrial Commission.

Briscoe also reappointed W. Grogan Lord of Georgetown to the State Securities Board and J. C. Dingwall of Austin to the State Depository Board.

Gas Rate Examined

Texas Railroad Commission turned down Pioneer Natural

'Gas Company's attempt to limit an inquiry into the Amarillo utility's proposed natural gas rate increase to 41 industrial contract customers in northwest Texas.

The commissions' gas utilities division was directed to reschedule a hearing for January 16 on Pioneer's statement of intent to boost gas service rates two cents per thousand cubic feet. The increase has been suspended for 120 days.

Pioneer was directed to produce all facts, evidence, information and data necessary to determine fair rates for the industrial customers.

Meanwhile, the commission ended a hearing before a team of examiners into whether Good Hope Refineries Inc.,

a major gas operator in South Texas, is overproducing in violation of RRC production allowances. Good Hope denied the allegations. Also at issue is whether the over-production, if it occurred, contributed to an increase in natural gas prices charged South and Central Texas cities by Lovaca Gathering Company.

State Courts Speak

Contrary to a federal court's ruling, the Third Court of Civil Appeals said the state does not have a constitutional obligation to provide free education to aliens' children.

The same court upheld state regulation of child care facilities operated by religious groups.

The State Supreme Court took under review the question whether Texas judges can give deadlocked juries "dynamite charges" to keep open minds and consider each other's opinions on cases to prevent mistrials.

An Indiana salvage firm lost in federal court another effort to recover some of the treasure it recovered from the wreck of a 16th century Spanish ship off Padre Island.

The Supreme Court turned down an attempt to delay a Houston probate court trial on industrialist Howard Hughes' March 19, 1968 will.

The Court of Criminal Appeals said a Colorado City man's probation should not have been revoked because marijuana he was charged with possessing already had been smoked.

The same court reversed the conviction of a Dallas man for possession of a tranquilizer, which had been placed on the controlled substances list in 1975, though the man had pleaded guilty.

Attorney General Opinions

Persons who are not state employees, including news reporters and wives of officials, can be transported in state agency aircraft if they are traveling on official business, Atty. Gen. John Hill said.

Hill said detailed information identifying passengers and the official business purposes of flights must be filed with the Legislative Budget Board.

In another opinion, Hill concluded Texas Turnpike Authority contracts regarding hotel and restaurant facilities on the Dallas-Fort Worth turnpike terminate on redemption of outstanding turnpike revenue bonds. Facilities can be sold after the Department of Highways and Public Transportation assumes custody of the turnpike project.

Short Shorts

If retail sales continue at their current pace Texans may be headed for their biggest Christmas shopping spree, Comptroller Bob Bullock predicted after calculating 22 per cent increase in city sales tax revenues over last year.

Atty. Gen. John Hill threatens to challenge in court any federal governmental attempt to allocate or regulate price of natural gas produced and sold in Texas.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe set special legislative runoffs in Dallas and El Paso December 3 and in the Panhandle area and Travis County December 10.

Karen Wilson of Huntington is new acting sergeant at arms of the Texas Senate and believes she is the first woman to hold the position in a legislative body.

Texas has been given preliminary designation as a single region for both municipal and industrial solid waste management.

About \$322.2 million in new residential construction was authorized for Texas during September—a slight decline from August. Construction costs for the year are running about double the 1976 figure for January-September 1976.

Jealousy, like cancer, is often fatal and never productive of good. Millions of husbands try to remake their wives and none succeed.

Texas Taxes



By BOB BULLOCK, State Comptroller

AUSTIN — A book consisting largely of column upon column of dry, impersonal dollar figures usually doesn't make very exciting reading, but I've just finished one such book that should be on Texas' best seller list.

In fact, the book—really a report—was prepared by my office as required by law. Its title: *State of Texas 1977 Annual Financial Report*.

And while they probably won't be making a movie based on it, the report contains some pretty interesting information for anyone who has ever wondered where the state gets its money.

Or how it spends it. The report shows that the fiscal year ended August 31 was a record one for Texas in terms of state finances with income totaling \$7.36 billion. This is up 11.6 percent from the previous year.

The closing cash balance was almost \$2 billion, up \$336 million from that at the close of Fiscal 1976.

(A state fiscal year is from Sept. 1 through Aug. 31). The four percent state sales tax, the report shows, continued to be the work-horse in the terms of tax producers, raising \$1.7 billion or 38 percent of all tax revenues.

Energy-related taxes—oil, gas and motor fuels—accounted for 30 percent of the state's tax income.

Biggest revenue producer in that category was the natural gas production tax which brought \$474 million

into the state treasury. Skyrocketing natural gas prices have pushed the natural gas production tax from the state's seventh largest revenue producer to second.

The other major taxes and the amount of revenue produced include Cigarette and Tobacco, \$288 million; Motor Vehicle Sales and Rental, \$328 million; Corporation Franchise, \$236 million; Alcoholic Beverage, \$105 million; Insurance Occupation, \$120 million.

One-fourth of all state revenues came from the federal government in the form of assistance for welfare and public health programs, highways and education. This amounted to \$1.8 billion.

In terms of outgo, the state spent \$6.6 billion in Fiscal 1977, up seven percent over 1976.

Hospital...

Cont. from page 1 could result in more than 11,000 hospital beds becoming unavailable in Texas.

Enforcement of the guidelines could involve withholding Medicare and Medicaid payments from hospitals that fail to comply.

"The imposition of arbitrary, rigid formulas for determining the appropriate availability of health services and facilities for the citizens of Texas is highly offensive and will, in the long run, result in rationed health care," the Governor said.

"The President apparently is listening to the bureaucrats and their ideas about a national health policy instead of letting local citizens tell Congress what their needs involve," Briscoe said.

The Governor said the situation is similar to circumstances surrounding the President's energy proposals which seem to reflect more input from psychologists and behavioral scientists than energy experts and engineers.

Texas, Briscoe said, has many highly capable local and state elected and appointed officials, 12 health system agencies plus a

series of state health agencies all quite capable of determining the health needs of the state's citizens without unnecessary federal meddling and interference.

The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare has extended until December 9 the deadline for commenting on the proposed guidelines.

Agent...

Cont. from page 1 attention to community affairs and professional organizations in which she has been active for many years: the Texas Association of Extension Home Economists, which she has served as district secretary and director and as state vice president; the American Home Economics Association; and Epsilon Sigma Phi, the Extension honor fraternity.

William Proxmire, Banking Committee Chairman:

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4-H Honors Outstanding Members



CURTIS AND SHEILA HUNT

Fond parents who seek to live their children's lives usually manage to mess up everything for everyone.

Individuals, like successful generals, have to be bold enough to take some chances if they wish to become successes.

LUBBOCK-Forty outstanding 4-H members were saluted here Monday night, November 21, by parents, government officials, Extension leaders, and other supporters at the annual 4-H Gold Star Banquet. The youths received the highest county award offered in the 4-H club program—the Gold Star—at the program in the Coronado High School cafeteria. Twelve member-owned electric cooperatives serving Extension Service District 2 were hosts for the event. The 4-H program in

Texas is directed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. A boy and girl from each of the 20 counties in the district are eligible to receive this top award each year. It is based on outstanding achievement, leadership, and contributions to the county 4-H program. Speaker for the banquet was Dr. Terence R. Greathouse, Associate Dean of Agriculture of the Texas A&M University, College Station. The group was welcomed by the Bailey Reece, General Manager of Dickens

Electric Cooperative Inc., Spur, Texas. State Rep. Michael Ezzeil, Snyder, was Master of Ceremonies. The awards were presented by Billy Gunter, District Extension Agent, and Miss Martha E. Couch, Area 4-H and Youth Specialist, with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. John Johnson, Assistant Farm Director, KFYO Radio, Lubbock, described the achievements for which the youths were honored. To qualify for the special award, a 4-H member must be at least 13 years old, have completed at least three years of club work, and be currently active in 4-H. Gunter said the Gold Star award is to stimulate the winners to additional achievements and encourage other young people to participate in the county 4-H program. Greathouse noted the disparity between governmental defini-

tions of "farmers" and those farmers who really produce the nation's agricultural commodities. Under current census definitions these are some 2.8 million farms, "but many buy more food than they produce," he said. Farms which gross less than \$20,000 make up 63 percent of the nation's farms, but produce less than 10 percent of its agricultural products, he said. Farmers make up only 3.9 percent of the nation's population, Greathouse said, "so you can imagine what that does to us politically." For the youthful honorees, the educator suggested four rules to continue their growth and achievement: Don't be afraid to question; don't be afraid to make mistakes; be tolerant; and continue your education throughout your life. Bailey County Gold Star award winners were Sheila and Curtis Hunt, children of Mr. and Mrs.

Robert Hunt of West Camp. Sheila is a junior student at Muleshoe High School. Curtis is a sophomore at Muleshoe High School. Both are active in 4-H Club and activities.

WHO KNOWS?

1. What is a kinkajou?
2. For whom was Louisiana named?
3. Identify kinematics.
4. From what substance is marble formed?
5. When did the British evacuate New York?
6. When was the first U.S. Post Office opened?
7. What is a deciduous tree?
8. Who wrote "Captain Courageous"?
9. What is the motto of the Marine Corp?
10. Define necromancy.

Answers to Who Knows

1. An animal related to the raccoon.
2. Louis XIV of France.
3. It's a branch of mechanics which deals with pure motion.
4. Limestone.
5. November 25, 1783.
6. November 28, 1832.
7. A tree that sheds its leaves in winter.
8. Rudyard Kipling.
9. Semper Fidelis (Always Faithful).
10. Sorcery; alleged communication with the dead.

Very Few
He who falls in love with himself has no rivals.
-Wall Street Journal.

West Plains Medical Center Briefs

ADMISSIONS
November 21: Dario Dominguez
November 22: Cynthia Diane Burton, Theresa Marie Martin, Walter Damron and Opal B. Myers.
November 23: Marieta Wilkinon, Donna osh, Edith St. Clair, Dennis Keith Reeder, Jeanetta Hukill, Elizabeth Rolland and Francis Graham.
DISMISSALS
November 21: Stephanie Brantley, Hazel-Nowell and Ofelia Saucedo.
November 22: Linda Kay Griswold, Richard Kelton, Kenneth Wilhite and Sarah Canfield.
November 23: Pearl Monk and William Pruitt.
November 24: Marieta Wilkinon, Fred Horn, Cynthia Burton, Jeanetta Hukill, Kay Knowlton and Theresa Martin.
November 25: Dennis Keith Reeder.

FOOD MARKETING ALERT

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service
As of mid-November, the December supply situation looks like this...

RED MEATS
Beef... plentiful. Production to be 2-4% below year-earlier levels, but about 1% above the large 1974-76 average for December. Grain-fed beef production to be above year-earlier levels, but not enough to offset smaller output of grass-fed beef.
Pork... plentiful. Production to continue seasonally large, but average 1-3% below a year earlier, and 4% above the 1974-76 average for the month.
POULTRY & EGGS
Broiler fryers... plentiful. Dec. marketing rates more than 10% above 1976 and nearly 20% above the 1974-76 average for the month.
Turkey... adequate. New-crop marketings 7% above year earlier and 10% above Dec. average for 1974-76. Cold storage holdings at start of Dec. down sharply from year earlier, enough to offset any anticipated production increase. Total supply in Dec. may be down 10-12% from 1976 and 13-15% below the 1974-76 average.

Raisins... plentiful. The 1977 production about 45% larger than last year's short crop, but about 12% less than the large crop in 1975. **Dried prunes**... adequate. California's production about 8% above last year and 5% above 1975.
Processed vegetables... adequate with some items plentiful. As of Sept. 30, inventories of **frozen corn-on-the-cob** were 58% above the average for 1974-76, and **broccoli** inventories were 11% above the same period. **Frozen potato** inventories were 3% above 1976 and 10% above the 1974-76 average. **Canned sweet corn, beans, tomatoes and tomato products**... plentiful.
Fresh potatoes... plentiful. Fall storage crop was 4% above the 1974-76 average, with western production 5% above average and midwestern output 10% above average. **Fresh onions**... plentiful. Summer storage crop was 3% below the heavy 1976 crop, but 8% above the 1974-76 average. **Sweetpotatoes** adequate.
Peanuts... plentiful. Commercial stocks on Sept. 30 were 38% below a year earlier. The 1977 crop to be about 4% less than 1976, but about equal to 1975.
Almonds and walnuts... plentiful. The 1977 almond crop to be about 9% above 1976 and about 38% larger than 1975. The 1977 walnut crop to be about 15% above 1976 and about 6% larger than 1975. New records established in both almond and walnut production.

MILK & DAIRY PRODUCTS
Milk and dairy products... plentiful. Production of milk to continue above Dec. 1976 and Dec. 1974-76 average, and begin seasonal increase. Production of manufactured dairy products to rise seasonally. Commercial stocks of manufactured dairy products are receding, but should remain more than adequate to meet needs.
Preliminary figures for Oct. 1977 show **American cheese** production down 5% from Oct. 1976 but 10% above 1974-76 average. Oct. 1977 figures also show **Butter** production 7% above Oct. 1976 and 15% above the 1974-76 average. **Nonfat dry milk** production in Sept. was 40% above Sept. 1976 and 35% above the 1974-76 average for Sept. Commercial stocks of butter on Oct. 1 were 20% below 1976 and 9% below 1974-76 average for that date. Commercial stocks of **American cheese** on Oct. 1 were 2% below year-earlier levels, but 5% above 1974-76 average. Manufacturers' stocks of **nonfat dry milk** were 15% below 1976 and 17% below 1974-76 average for Oct. 1.
FRUITS, VEGETABLES, NUTS
Fresh apples and winter pears... plentiful. Crop and storage conditions point to seasonally heavy supplies. **Fresh oranges and tangerines**... plentiful. Although current crop is smaller than 1976, oranges should be seasonally heavy. **Fresh cranberries and cranberry products**... adequate. Continuing harvest problems associated with heavy rainfall cut earlier prospects of plenty. **Fresh grapefruit and grapefruit products**... plentiful. Above-average crops expected in all producing areas.

Terminology used:
PLENTIFUL — More than enough for requirements. ADEQUATE — Enough to meet needs. LIGHT — Less than adequate; not enough for normal needs.



KARATE SEMINAR...Craig Hunt, 11 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hunt of Muleshoe, recently attended a seminar at Clovis, N.M., held by Middleweight Champion of the World, Bill Superfoot Wallace. Craig holds a red belt after five years of study. He will be traveling to San Angelo in June to try for the next belt.

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HYPOTHERMIA COLD EXPOSURE
LUBBOCK -- Most sportsmen think of cold water and bad weather as an integral part of hunting, fishing, hiking and boating but, many participants do not realize the effects cold can have on the human body and it's ability to stay alive.

Hypothermia, which is a lowering of the deep body temperatures, requires some time to take effect. The length of time will depend on how cold the water or air is, as well as, the physiological characteristics, behavior and clothing of the victim.

Since cold water can conduct heat 25 or more times faster

than air, cold water immersion may cause a rapid loss of body heat.

Another phenomena associated with cold water survival along with hypothermia is the "immediate disappearance syndrome." This affect describes the person that falls into the water and is never seen again. The shock entering cold water can cause intense pain, induce uncontrolled rapid breathing, cause confusion and dizziness, and may cause heat stoppage.

Wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) is the only known protection in this type of accident.

Each yer, 600 Texans lose their lives in water-related accidents and many are listed as drownings but hypothermia may be the ultimate cause of death.

Hypothermia is not always easy to spot. Generally, one of the first symptoms is violent

shivering which is an attempt by the human body to generate heat through exercise.

Mental confusion, inability to make decisions, and bad coordination increases as the body temperature lowers from exposure.

Soon, the legs and arms become numb and useless. The effects of the cold will eventually lead to loss of consciousness and finally death.

Hypothermia can be separated into two categories -- chronic, or long onset, hypothermia and acute, or rapid onset, hypothermia.

Chronic hypothermia is generally associated with being exposed to cold weather for a time ranging from a few hours to several days. It is generally caused by the sportsmen's misjudgement of the cold and his ability to withstand low temperatures. Many hunters have survived for days due to their ability to conserve body heat by finding shelter or wearing proper clothing during weather extremes such as blizzards, wind storms, and plane crashes.

Air temperatures alone will effect the body in retaining heat but, add wind and the wind-chill factor becomes important.

Wind will amplify the effect of low temperatures or damp conditions so the combined effect will be much lower than if there is no wind. A 20 MPH wind with an air temperature of 20 degrees F is equal to a temperature of 0 degrees F with no wind.

The best method to prevent

hypothermia is to wear proper clothing and stay out of the water by obeying safe operating procedures.

A few honored "fold remedies" which may cause considerable harm and which should not be used is (1) do not give the victim an alcoholic beverage. Since alcohol is a relaxant, blood vessels will relax allowing cold blood to return to the center of the body; (2) do not rub the body especially with now. Rubbing may cause injury and stimulate circulation leading to more removal of body heat; (3) do not wrap a victim in a blanket without a source of heat in the blanket with him.

In some cases, when the cold person's mind is still clear and her or she is only wet and shivering, it may be that all they will need is shelter, dry clothing and warmth.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department reminds all outdoor participant that proper preparation and knowledge of weather is important to survive and enjoy difficult cold conditions. The wearing of protective equipment particularly the life vest for boaters, is critical should an accident take place.

More informations is available in the free pamphlet "Hypothermia and Cold Water Survival" from the P&WD, Water Safety, 4200 Smith Road, Austin, TX 78744.



AUSTIN—Legislative tax policy planners received a super-rosy picture of the state's economic outlook and governmental income potential.

One storm cloud on the horizon, however, is the uncertain energy picture and, particularly, the specter of an "anti-Texas" federal energy passage emerging from congress.

"Everything looks good," Houston economist George Crosby told the House Ways and Means Committee at a special hearing here. "The energy situation is the main uncertainty."

Crosby noted Texas is the fastest-growing state among the top 20, unemployment is below the U.S. average and declining, and an increase in industrial plant construction is offsetting a decline in residential building.

Bill Allaway, a revenue estimator for State Comptroller Bob Bullock, said income from the sales tax bill will continue to increase at the rate of 11.8 per cent and 11.3 per cent during the next two years—reaching a total of \$4 billion for the 1978-79 fiscal period.

In spite of a decline in production, natural gas taxes also are continuing to increase. Severance taxes on gas are expected to reach \$550 million in 1978 and \$670 million in 1979, according to Allaway's forecast.

The Ways and Means Committee also was reminded that Texas is one of three states which taxes gasoline at under seven cents a gallon (five cents). At four per cent, the Texas sales tax is about mid-range for the nation. The cigarette tax is among the highest (18.5 cents a pack). The gas severance tax also is among the highest, and the oil severance tax rate about mid-way for the oil-producing states.

Logs Are A Luxury

Wood for the home fireplace is becoming a luxury fuel, depending on where and how you buy it, according to Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown.

Brown's survey noted wood which sold for \$30 to \$35 a cord two years ago, mixed loads of green and dry firewood, now ranges from \$60 to \$95, with some quoted as high as \$120 a cord.

Brown advised wood buyers to be aware of how much wood makes up a legal cord. He said a rick can be a ripoff since there is no legal definition of that measure, and there is no definite number attached to "a pickup load."

A legal cord of wood is a reasonably tight stack of logs measuring four feet wide, four feet high and eight feet long, or 128 cubic feet. Prices vary. In Central Texas, oak is quoted at \$60 to \$70 a cord. In metropolitan Houston and Dallas, though, oak will cost you \$75 to \$90 a cord. Mesquite is also bringing \$95 to \$120 in Houston and Dallas.

Attorney General Opinions

A city may lease a spoil disposal site for production of marine life (mariculture), Atty. Gen. John Hill determined.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:

The Board of Nurse Examiners can promulgate rules regarding the use of titles indicating that a person is a licensed registered nurse. Prosecution must be based on violation of the law, not the rule.

Policy of the Adjutant General's Department requiring employees to retire when they become eligible for two annuities, such as military reserve retirement benefits and reduced social security benefits, is invalid.

A periodic listing of new Texas businesses in Texas Employment Commission files is public information.

Wilson County Memorial Hospital District includes all of Wilson County except those portions previously included within the Nixon Hospital District.

Federal, State Courts Speak

The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals sent back to the U.S. District Court at Tyler an order of major changes and additions to Texas Youth Council programs. The higher court said the lower court erred in refusing to let TYC offer additional evidence of reforms it had made since the 1973 trial.

The U.S. Supreme Court has set arguments December 7 in a case testing federal agency powers to order Texas natural gas diverted into the national pipeline system against wishes of the owner.

Atty. Gen. Hill is appealing a federal district court decision which, he says, could permit national banks to act as unauthorized insurance agents.

A Houston probate court hearing on the Howard Hughes estate case has been recessed until December 5 after attorneys for the temporary executors claimed Assistant Atty. Gen. Rick Harrison prevented them from getting a deposition from longtime Hughes aide Noah Dietrich. Meanwhile, the State of California is trying to stop the Houston proceedings by U.S. Supreme Court order.

Short Snorts

The Railroad Commission has denied protests of 17 Texas cities against Lone Star Gas Co.'s accuracy in figuring costs of gas based on out-of-period adjustments.

New voter registration certificates for 1978-79 are being mailed to registered Texas voters this month. The old certificates should be used for voting until next March 1.

The State Highway and Public Transportation Commission has approved a \$30 million state bridge replacement program involving 143 structures.

Texas Industrial Commission members were warned federal clean air act amendments may curtail industrial development in the state.

State Comptroller Bob Bullock designated a 21-member task force to expedite collection of a special local sales tax to fund the new San Antonio mass transit authority.

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MONDALE ON HELMS
Vice President Walter Mondale said the government's prosecution of former CIA director Richard M. Helms serves notice that no public official, including the president, is above the law.

Court denies Nixon control of tapes.

SC Installs Telephone For Students

A student telephone has been installed in the Muleshoe High School. This phone is in the memorandum room in front of Coach Grave's office.

This student council project has been approved by the administration and the Student Council will be responsible for it. In paying for the phone, the Student Council is asking the student body's help. Student Council members will take money donations to pay the telephone bill each month.

The phone will be available for use by students who are at the school during evening and night time activities. The phone will also keep the office phone from being tied up with student calls. There are certain guidelines with which the Student Council has suggested for students to follow that will make it possible to keep the student phone. They are: 1. This phone must be used instead of the office phone. 2. It is not to be abused in any way. 3. No long distance phone calls are to be made. 4. Calls must be limited to a maximum of two minutes.

Here's An Indisputable Fact About NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

Nuclear Plants Set New Energy Record

A significant milestone in the history of man's use of energy was passed this year: electricity generated by nuclear power plants in America surpassed that generated by hydroelectric plants.

The Federal Power Commission reports that nuclear plants accounted for 12 percent of all the electricity produced in the United States in the first six months of 1977. The nuclear total was 123.8 million megawatt hours. (A megawatt is 1 million watts.)

This exceeded hydro-generation, which totaled nearly 110.4 million megawatt hours, or 10.7 percent of the nation's electrical output.

Nuclear power is now challenging natural gas (13.2 percent) for third place fuel in electricity generation, behind oil (17.8 percent) and coal (46.1 percent).

It would indeed seem that nuclear power is vital in meeting our energy needs.

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Wild Birds Can Be Good Gourmet Fare

COLLEGE STATION--Wild birds--ducks, geese, and quail--are gourmet fare, says Frances Reasonover, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System. But for best eating quality, flavor and eye appeal, field dress, cool, age, pluck and prepare properly, the specialist says.

DUCK AND GOOSE
Field dress duck and goose immediately. Remove head, bleed and remove entrails. Wipe the body cavity with a clean, moist cloth. Most hunters remove the two oil glands on upper surface of the tail.

Cool the bird by allowing air to circulate in the body cavity. A small stick inserted in the cavity will help hold it open to speed cooling. Place the birds in a cooler if the outdoor temperature is not cold.

Age the waterfowl to reduce gamey flavor and develop tenderness. To age an unplucked bird, hang at a temperature of 40 degrees to 45 degrees F. for three or four days. The fully plucked bird can be more safely aged by refrigeration at 35 degrees to 40 degrees for three or four days.

Although skinning ducks and geese may be easier than plucking, moisture and flavor may be improved by plucking the feathers and leaving the skin intact.

How To Mail Order Your Holiday Gifts

COLLEGE STATION -- To mail-order Christmas gifts, first study the catalog with care, says Mrs. Linda McCormack, family resource management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. "Through large mail-order chains, the consumer can choose from greater selections of merchandise than most stores offer, and often the same item features several price ranges," she points out.

"However, the consumer still must decide which buy is best," she cautions. She recommends three steps for deciding: Read the ads very carefully and compare features. Make a list of features that cannot be compared simply by looking at the advertisements. You may want to examine these features at a local retail establishment. Try to determine the difference in the item advertised. Know why they exist, and decide how important they are.

Remove the wings at the joint nearest the body. Cut off the feet at the first joint above the feet. Most hunters prefer to pick ducks and geese dry rather than wet. Moist fingers occasionally to facilitate plucking. The thumb and index finger are used to pick feathers while the bird is firmly held with the other hand.

After rough picking, remove the down feathers by rubbing across the bird firmly with the thumb. Use a knife blade and your thumb as a stop to pull pinfeathers. The bird can be singed over a flame to remove down. Remove the head and most of the neck.

Another way to remove feathers is to partially dry pluck and dip in melted paraffin. To prepare the bird for dipping in paraffin, remove the wing and tail feathers and partially pick the bird. Dunk the bird in a bucket of melted paraffin or duck wax generally available at sporting goods stores. Repeat the dipping process until the bird is covered with a heavy coating of set wax. The remaining feathers and down on the bird will stick to the wax and come off with it.

Freeze the duck and goose immediately after packaging. Keep the meat at 0 degrees F. or lower until it is used. Quail bird correctly wrapped in moisture/vapor-proof freezing paper and kept frozen at this temperature may be stored nine to 10 months. Thaw by placing the package in the refrigerator 12 to 18 hours. This slow thawing will tenderize the meat.

QUAIL
Field dress quail as soon as possible. To do this, hold the bird in one hand and use the thumb of the other hand to remove the entrails and crop. If the birds are not dressed in the field, they should be dressed at home the same day. Quail can be either skinned or

plucked. More flavor and moisture are retained if the skin remains intact. Remove wings and feet with shears before skinning or plucking.

Freeze quail immediately after packaging. Keep at 0 degrees F. or lower until used. Quality quail correctly wrapped in moisture/vapor-proof containers or wrapping may be stored in the freezer from nine to 10 months.

Thaw frozen quail in container or package in the refrigerator 12 to 18 hours. This slow thawing will tenderize the meat.

Texas Senator Duo To Be FB Speakers

HOUSTON -- The state's two U.S. Senators will be guest speakers for the Texas Farm Bureau's 44th annual meeting here Nov. 27-30.

About 1,500 farmers and ranchers will attend the convention which climaxes the year's activities for the state's largest farm organization in such areas as state and national legislation, commodity programs, economic service programs and farm safety.

All sessions of the convention will be in the Shamrock-Hilton Hotel.

Speaking at the Monday morning general session will be Senator John Tower. Senator Lloyd Bentsen will address the Tuesday morning session.

Three TFB figures will make major presentations: the annual president's address by Carol Chaloupka of Dalhart; the annual secretary-treasurer's report by W. Reed Lang of Rio Hondo; and the administrative report by Executive Director Warren Newberry of Waco.

Brenda Baumgardner Drees, instructor with Total Woman, Inc., will address the Ladies Luncheon, and Jack Jackson of American Airlines will speak at the Young Farmers and Ranchers breakfast.

Eighteen other guest speakers will speak at the 12 special

conferences on various matters of interest to farmers and ranchers.

More than 1,000 voting delegates from 210 organized county Farm Bureaus will adopt policies to guide the state organization next year. They will also approve recommendations for national policies that will be

forwarded to the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation to be held in January, also in Houston.

In addition to taking positions on issues, Farm Bureau leaders will recognize rural young people of the state with Discussion Meet, Talent Find and Queen Contest finals at the convention. They will also recognize counties that have done outstanding work in the fields of membership acquisition, information and public relations, and safety.

The annual event will open with a vesper service on Sunday

evening, Nov. 27. Minister William D. Koons, vicar of Refugio Episcopal Church of the Ascension and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Goliad will be the speaker. He was recently named the 1977 Texas Rural Minister of the Year.

The final order of business will be the election of a president and directors by the voting delegates. Immediately following the convention, the new TFB Board will meet to select a vice president and secretary-treasurer from its own number.

The convention climaxes a year in which the state organization reared its largest membership gain--18,626--to hit all-time high of 214,197 member families.

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"I know it as well as your hand does the way to my pocket," he growled.



The Speaker Reports

by Bill Clayton

AUSTIN--Since the beginning of September, Texas has had a new tool to work with in an effort at persuading youthful and first offenders that they don't want to break the law a second time.

The program is called "shock probation" and was passed during the 65th Session of the Texas Legislature. It provides the option to the judge of giving first offenders prison terms of between 60 and 120 days before they can be probated.

At any time during this period, the judge on his own motion or on written motion of the defendant may suspend further execution of the sentence and place the defendant on probation if the defendant is otherwise eligible.

The theory behind shock probation is that the experience of being incarcerated will give the first offender an idea of what is in store if he or she persists in violating the law. Previously, first offenders were sometimes given probation and never actually served any

time in prison.

Shock probation, however, doesn't give the defendant any assurance that the prison sentence may come to an abrupt halt. The defendant may be required to serve the entire term. The Texas Department of Corrections is given no prior knowledge of who the judge may be considering for this program, but the judge may contact TDC concerning the defendant's conduct sometime during the period.

In the case of a misdemeanor, after the expiration of 10 days but prior to the expiration of 90 days, the judge may suspend the sentence and place the defendant on probation.

We may find that a short, but intense dose of prison life is good medicine with a bitter taste for first offenders. Repeat offenders are one of our gravest problems and this may be part of the solution.

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Carbon Monoxide Deadly, Poisonous

Most people know carbon monoxide as a deadly odorless, tasteless and colorless gas that comes from automobiles—and that it can kill you.

They forget, however, that the same carbon monoxide can also be by-product of a roaring fire in your fireplace or a heating unit in your home, says the Texas Department of Health.

"It's really a year-round threat, but the most hazardous time is during the cold months when homes and businesses are closed up tightly against the weather," said Horace F.

Adrian, engineer-administrator with the Occupational Health and Radiation Division. "In closed-up areas, you can't depend on leaks around doors or windows to bring in fresh air."

"In places with a source of carbon monoxide, you've got to introduce fresh air constantly to keep up a positive pressure so stale air will be pushed out of the building through ventilators," he said.

The first northers of the fall have brought cold weather to Texas, and it is cold enough in many parts of the state for

houses where gasoline-powered forklifts are used to move heavy materials, carbon monoxide has been found at dangerous levels. This same problem has been found in garages, both in summer and winter, when automobile motors are left running for tests. Enclosed parking garages and drive-in banks also have proved to be sources of trouble. In times of rush-hour traffic, carbon monoxide levels have been found to increase drastically at street levels.

What can you do to protect your home? First, make sure the damper is open before lighting your fireplace. Have your gas refrigerator service-checked annually even though newer models have improved control systems. All furnaces, regardless of fuel type, should be checked and properly vented to the outside. Combustion-chamber leakage is serious hazard, particularly if the heating unit is old. All individual room-type gas heating equipment should be vented. Don't use your gas cooking range for heating either, safety experts say.

Automobiles and trucks, as well as other gasoline engines, shouldn't be run long inside—even with the garage doors

open. A charcoal grill or hibachi should be used outside—not inside. While carbon monoxide poisoning is sneaky, there are recognizable symptoms you are alert. Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include yawning, headache, nausea, dizziness, ringing in the ears and even abdominal pain. Difficulty in breathing and unconsciousness quickly follow. The victim should get fresh air immediately and should be kept lying down and warm. A physician should be called promptly, and oxygen or an oxygen-carbon dioxide mixture should be given.

At least 1,400 deaths are attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning in the United States each year. Texas had 148 deaths in 1976. More than 10,000 persons nationwide are poisoned by carbon monoxide. Those not killed may suffer temporary or permanent damage to the brain, with serious disturbances of vision, hearing, speech and memory.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is perhaps one of the more subtle diseases in the nation. The leading contributors are space heaters, range ovens, floor furnaces and automobiles with other fuel burning appliances following close behind.

Marshall, minimum wage should be same for all.

The Scientists Tell Me... Dry Herbicides Effective In Range Brush Control

By Robert L. Haney
TAES Science Writer

Development of safe, effective and economical herbicides for brush control and range improvement is one of the most significant technological developments of the last quarter century.

Before highly selective herbicides such as 2,4,5-T were available, brush control was a laborious, tedious task done either by hand or heavy equipment. Fortunately, herbicides became an alternative as the brush problem intensified, labor became scarce and expensive, and the cost of equipment rose.

Aerial spraying (primarily with 2,4,5-T) rapidly increased in popularity because of cost factors, according to Dr. Charles Scifres, of the Department of Range Science with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. Scifres, at Texas A&M University, is a member of a team of Ex-

periment Station scientists working on brush control. Project leaders are stationed at College Station, Chillicothe-Vernon, Lubbock, San Angelo and Uvalde.

Scifres says 2,4,5-T enabled a rancher to improve land infested with honey mesquite for 5, 7, or even 10 years for an initial investment of less than \$3.50 per acre. Control was rapid and unaffected by the rough terrain. A swath 40 feet wide could be applied at 90 to 100 miles per hour—an acre could be sprayed in less than 10 seconds.

However, foliar sprays have some drawbacks, several of which have been amplified during the past 5 years. Effectiveness of foliar-applied herbicides is closely tied to plant growth conditions, especially foliage development and condition, prior to and during application.

Dry conditions early in the growing season, insect damage to the foliage, or natural damage to the brush canopies such as by hail may cause delay of badly needed herbicide treatment or even deferral for an additional growing season.

But even if growing conditions are ideal for treatment of the woody plants, the proximity of herbicide-susceptible crops and potential for spray drift prevent thousands of acres of rangeland from being sprayed each year. Scifres says, in most cases, only 8 to 10 mile-per-hour winds can be tolerated, and aerial spraying cannot be continued when the air temperatures reach 90° F.

Petroleum products, such as diesel oil used as carriers of the herbicides, have rapidly increased in price. Fortunately, Station scientists had already developed ultra-low-volume methods that reduced carrier volumes from 3, 4 or 5 gallons per acre to 1 gallon per acre for mosquito control.

Finally, aerial sprays with conventional herbicides often do not control the broad spectrum of woody species in mixed-brush stands. In South Texas, a typical mixed-brush stand may consist of honey mesquite, twisted acacia, huisache, lime pricklyash, wolfberry, blackbrush acacia, whitebrush, guajillo, guayacan, lotebrush, desert yaupon, javelinbrush, pricklypear and several minor woody species.

Use of herbicides such as picloram in combination with

2,4,5-T has improved the spectrum of species controlled, especially *Acacias*, but has not eliminated the stringent timing requirements or potential drift hazards associated with use of sprays.

But dry herbicide formulations, especially pellets, may overcome many of the serious limitations of aerial sprays. Scifres says that research shows effective dry formulations of herbicides can be applied over a much broader time period than sprays.

Although timing of application varies with species and herbicide, the only times Scifres won't consider application is during winter dormancy or during the hot, dry summer.

Since the herbicides are root absorbed, he applies them ahead of the periods when adequate moisture for dissolution is expected and when plant growth allows adequate intake of the chemical.

In areas of long growing seasons, both fall and spring applications of picloram pellets or granules have provided satisfactory brush control of several problem species such as Macartney rose and spring hackberry.

Dry herbicide formulations control some species not susceptible to foliar applications. For instance, Scifres says that redberry juniper is not controlled with conventional aerial sprays of 2,4,5-T but is susceptible to aerial application or individual treatment with dry formulations of picloram.

Research showed that broadcast applications of picloram pellets at 2 lb/acre controlled 70 percent of the redberry juniper and tripled range forage production after a year in West Texas. And broadcast applications of picloram pellets were highly effective for control of pricklypear and appear promising for control of blackbrush acacia, twisted acacia, whitebrush, oaks, winged elm, yaupon and other problem brush species.

Research on pelleted herbicides for brush management is in its infancy compared to foliage-active herbicides, Scifres says. But new herbicides such as tebuthiuron are being released by industry that show promise of control of several difficult woody species.

Tebuthiuron pellets aerially applied at rates as low as 1 lb/acre active ingredients have killed over 90 percent of the whitebrush plants in experiments scattered over South Texas. The new herbicide also looks promising for control of wolfberry, spiny hackberry, lotebrush, blackbrush acacia and others.

Scifres advises anyone interested in more details on brush control to contact his Extension agricultural agent who will have the latest recommendations.

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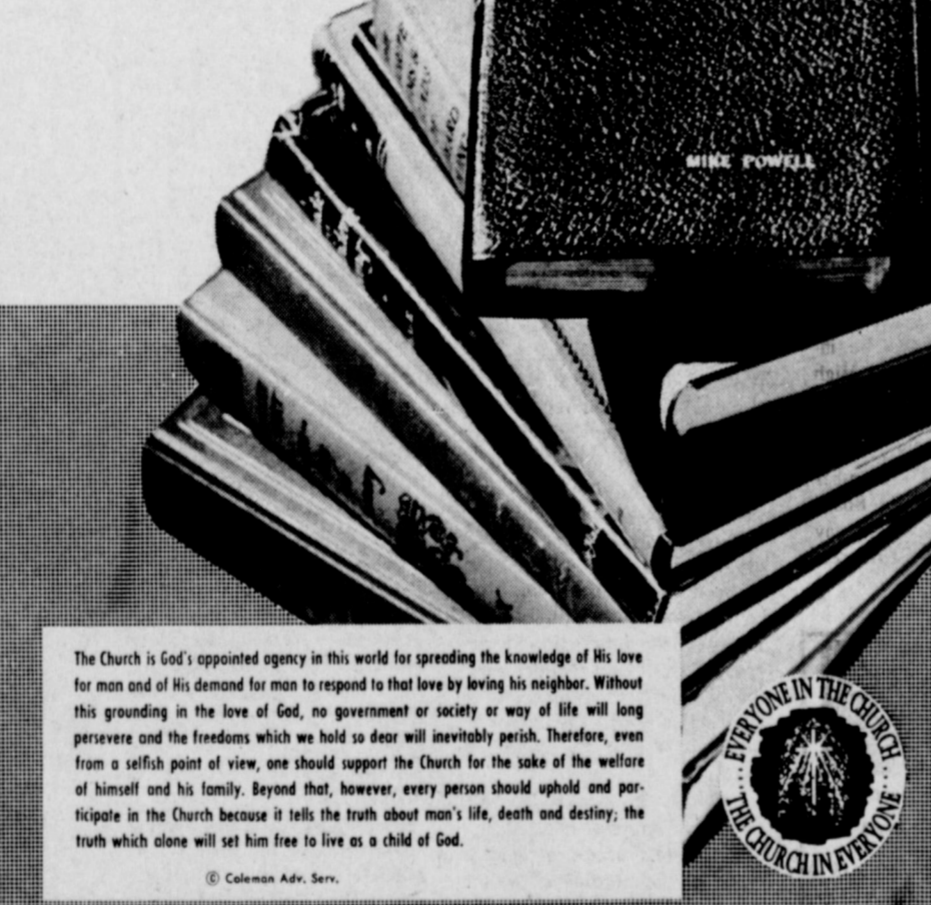
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Smiles Continue As Priceless Possession

How much is a smile worth? Personnel in the Texas Department of Health's State Dental Health Program have found that a smile can be a priceless possession.

Through the program, thousands of Texas children with decaying teeth and other dental problems are receiving badly needed help.

"We had one little fifth grader come in who as afraid to smile because the other children made fun of him when he did," says Dr. Barry J. Currey, public health dentist in Abilene. "One look in his mouth and you could tell why. He'd been in an automobile accident and chipped both front teeth right off at the gum level. He was the age where boys start having girl

friends and he felt his looks were against him. His teachers also called him a slow learner."

Dr. Currey used a composite resin which could adhere to what was left on the front teeth, and this enabled him to rebuild the teeth, making them the same color and shape they used to be.

"After we finished with his teeth, he seemed to perk up and to come out of his shell," Dr. Currey said. "He was back in here the other day and he told me he had a girl friend and that he'd been elected to some class office. He was also doing much better in school."

Dr. Currey said he treated another little boy about five years old who suffered from chronic infection around teeth. "His white cell blood count was way off, he was having night sweats or fever and he was in pain all the time. In addition, he would go to school one day and then miss class the next because he was sick."

Dr. Currey said some of the boy's teeth were so badly decayed that they couldn't be capped or restored. It was necessary to remove eight bad teeth and put stainless steel crowns in the remaining ones.

"After we were finished, he could chew and eat a balanced diet, and his general health improved tremendously. Now

his attention span is much longer in school. His teachers report his attitude has changed and he is doing much better in class," Dr. Currey said.

"The public health dentist told of another case suffering from "Bottle mouth syndrome." He said the three-year-old girl had rampant decay because her mother had kept her on a bottle filled with soft drinks and grape juice which contained sugar and speeded up the decaying process.

"The overall digestive pattern was off because the child could only eat soft foods like mashed potatoes," he said. "She was losing weight and also having kidney problems. After we fixed her teeth and she could eat meat, celery, lettuce and apples once again, her general health improved so much that she was a different child."

The Texas Legislature has appropriated approximately \$2 million for fiscal years 1978-79 to bring dental care services to indigent children through the age of 18 years old. It is estimated that 750,000 Texas children below age 9 come from families with incomes below the poverty level and that these children are not provided for under existing programs of dental treatment.

"Local eligibility committees determine which children are not receiving dental care from some other program and are eligible for the service," said Dr. Carlos Lozano, chief of the Bureau of Dental Health. Dr. Lozano said dental care services are delivered in different ways.

He said there is a three-chair mobile clinic operating in Harlingen and a two-chair mobile clinic operating out of El Paso. "There are 40-44 counties in the State with no dentists, and these mobile units are designed for such regions," said Dr. Lozano. "Although they didn't become fully operational until February of 1977, by the end of the fiscal year in August they had treated 2,500 children."

He said the full-time clinics employed dentists and auxiliary personnel paid by the state. The fixed clinics treated 12,361 children during the last fiscal year.

"The fee-for-service project, with reimbursement of dentists at a fee for services provided was a very popular and productive program during the year, providing treatment to 12,800 patients, and a contract with the City of Houston Health Department furnished dental services to 3,000 children in depressed areas.

Although several of the programs were not fully operational until late in the year, Dr. Lozano reported that a total of 37,058 patients received dental treatment during the fiscal year.

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