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4-H MEMBERS AT CAMP — Six Borden County 4-H'ers spent five days in a mountain camp near Cloudcroft, New Mexico, learning about electricity. Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) was host and provided instructors for groups from 19 Texas South Plains counties.

Representing the Borden County 4-H are (kneeling, left to right) David Holmes, Gerry Smith, and Will Phinizy; (standing, left to right) Cam Stone, Kristi Stone, and Rene' Telchik.

(SPS Photo)

OLD SETTLERS REUNION AND PARK DEDICATION

On May 7th, A.D. 1985, a group of Borden County Citizens met to form a committee to plan and organize the 1986 OLD SETTLERS REUNION and PARK DEDICATION. At the meeting it was decided to have this Special Day on June 29th, 1986.

The Committee hopes to have something during this day that

will appeal to each and everyone of you. The Bi-Centennial Park will be dedicated. Old settlers will have a chance to visit and remember how different Gail was in the past years & also have a chance to visit with residents of Gail. We will have lunch and a day to remember.

The group elected Van L. York and Betty Beaver as

co-chairpersons.

There will be a future meeting for all persons who are interested, who have ideas and have to help with this special day.

The date and time of the meeting will be in the THE BORDEN STAR. Watch and plan to come to the meeting. Your help is needed.

BORDEN COUNTY AGENT APPOINTED

Mr. Dennis Poole, Assistant County Agent from Howard County, has been hired as Borden County Agent. He was assistant in Howard County for the past 3 years.

Mr. Poole is 28 years of age, is married and they have two children. The family will move to Borden County and Dennis will begin service on July 22nd.

He is a graduate of Tarleton State University and holds a Masters Degree. He taught high school Agriculture in Baytown, Texas for about three years. While in Howard County he worked extensively in 4-H, Trap Club and stockshowing. His indepth study while in Howard County was in cotton.

The Borden County Commissioners Court appointed Dennis over several applicants.

1985 FAMILY LAND HERITAGE PROGRAM

Senator John T. Montford today invited farm and ranch families in the 28th Senatorial District to participate in the Texas Department of Agriculture's 1985 Family Land Heritage Program. "Agriculture and the people who are involved with it on a daily basis are vitally important to our part of the State, and to the entire State of Texas," Senator Montford said.

"I think it is important to recognize and remember the pioneer farm and ranch families in Texas, particularly in the 128th Senatorial District," he added.

The Texas Department of Agriculture's 1985 Family Land Heritage Program recognizes farm and ranch families who

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FIRE HYDRANTS

A very much needed project has been in the works around the Gail townsite recently. Ten fire hydrants are being installed by the County and school. Four of these hydrants will serve the teacherages and school. Two will serve precinct 4 and 4 will serve precinct 2.

Pictured above installing the hydrants in Richard Smith and Alvin Smith.

DISTRICT 6 TRAP AND SKEET SHOOT RESULTS

Eight Borden County 4-H'ers participated in the District 6 Trap and Skeet Shoot in Midland on June 29. Those participating from Borden County were Patrick Herridge, Jason Sharp, Jason Mize, Jeremy Mize, Cole Vestal, Lance Telchik, David Holmes and Samantha Poreeter. Cam Stone attended as a spectator.

The sub-junior trap team placed first in the 3-man team competition. Team members are Jason Sharp, Patrick Herridge and Cole Vestal. They shot 146 birds out of a possible 225 birds. Jeremy and Jason Mize shot 72 out of 150 birds in the 2-man trap competition.

Lance Telchik and David Holmes shot skeet in the junior division. They shot 126 out of 150 birds and placed second in

the 2-man junior skeet competition. In the 2-man junior trap division, they shot 131 out of 150 birds. This effort placed them first in the junior 2-man trap division. Lance Telchik placed 5th in individual skeet and David Holmes placed 6th in individual trap. This shooting effort placed the 2-man team second high overall.

The shooters represented Borden County 4-H very well. We are very proud of the sportsmanship that they showed on the range. The adults accompanying the group to the District 6 Shoot were Paul and Sue Mize, Patsy Telchik, Tom Ed A and Barbara Vestal, and Kent, Ollie and Dawn Holmes. Thanks go to the adults for all the help and support.

DISTRICT 4-H FASHION SHOW RESULTS

Five Borden County 4-H'ers participated in the South Plains District 4-H Fashion Show on Saturday, June 28, 1985 on the Texas Tech University Campus. d'Arceyenne Lemons, daughter of Buck and Trina Lemons, won first place in the junior 2 daytime tailored category with her blooming tee and skirt.

The other 4-H'ers participating and their category were Shayne Hess, junior 1 active sportswear; Tammy Voss, junior 2 daytime non-tailored; Angela Evans, junior 2 active sportswear; and D'Lyn Lloyd, senior active sportswear.

Kristi Stone and Rene' Telchik represented Borden County 4-H by assisting with the awards program and by directing the participants to their judging rooms.

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LEGAL NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern:

This notice of the Borden County Independent School District Budget Hearing is hereby given that a public hearing of the proposed school budget for the 1985-1986 school year will be held in Borden County School cafeteria in Gail, Texas on July 15, 1985 at 8:00 p.m. in accordance with Article 6252-17 of the Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes.

The budget as prepared will be acted upon the Board of Trustees of the Borden County School District.

At the conclusion of such hearing and in a separate item of business from the budget hearing, the Board will pass a resolution to adopt the intended tax rate for the 1985-1986 school year.

By Order of the Board of Trustees
Borden County Independent School District
Doyle Newton, Secretary



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The Kandy Express

By Kandy McWhorter

WORKING WOMEN NEED A VACATION

Many of the women who most need a vacation are least likely to have one.

Women who work full-time jobs and then come home to cook, clean house, sew, and play chauffer, often with little help from other family members, have the equivalent of two full-time jobs.

These women may be in a double bind at vacation time. Some tend to save up chores like sewing, housecleaning, gardening or house painting to do on their vacation time.

Others may continue to carry the burden of house cleaning, cooking and other tasks while the family vacations in a camper, cabin or condo. The surroundings may change, but the work does not.

Employed women who "vacation" in this manner are getting no vacation at all. They return to work exhausted, but in a different way.

When vacation time comes around, employed women should have a plan for using the time for self-renewal.

Plan some time to relax completely when you do absolutely nothing and to do some activities just for enjoyment.

Everyone--especially busy working women--need some true leisure time on vacation in order to go back to work renewed and refreshed.



Billy Gunter, District Agent for Borden and surrounding areas, is retiring after 32 years of service. He was District Agent for 21 years.

A reception was held in his honor at the Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock Saturday afternoon. Hundreds of friends gathered to wish Mr. Gunter well in his retirement and show appreciation to him for his devotion in the field of County Extension Service. He received Rolex watch and an engraved set of Klapper spurs.

Attending the reception from Borden County were Mr. & Mrs. Brent Murphy, Mr. & Mrs. Don Wills, and Mr. & Mrs. Van York. Kandy McWhorter, County Agent from Borden Helped with the Reception.

ANOTHER JULY 4th TRADITION

Parades, picnics and fireworks displays are all July Fourth traditions enjoyed by most Americans. Another, often overlooked tradition, comes in the aftermath of the holiday--those new reports about people blinded, maimed, or killed by fireworks-related

The Texas Society to Prevent Blindness, reports that in 1984, fireworks-related injuries rose 19 percent over the previous year. An estimated 9,857 people required hospital emergency room treatment last year, 1,255 of them having sustained eye injuries.

"Fireworks are not toys," cautions Dr. J Franklin Howell, Medical Advisor of the Amarillo Branch. "Yet, 74 percent of all those people injured last year were under the age of 24."

In a recent study conducted by Arkansas ophthalmologists, bottle rockets were found to be a leading cause of fireworks-related injuries.

The study revealed that nearly three-fourths of all injuries resulting in permanent vision loss we sustained by people harmed by bottle rockets.

"Small, but lethal, a bottle rocket is a single firecracker attached to a stick and shot from a stationary object. Usually, the suggested object is a pipe. However, more often than not, people use soda-pop bottles," says Dr. Howell.

According to the National Society to Prevent Blindness,

these bottles can explode. Glass shrapnel thrown during the explosion can strike the face and eyes of bystanders, often causing severe, painful and irreversibly blinding injuries.

Among the other commonly available fireworks involved in injuries are firecrackers, M-80s, Roman candles, salutes and snakes. Even sparklers are unsafe. The Society says that a blinding burn can result if the sparkler makes contact with the eye.

"We recommend that people enjoy fireworks the one safe and sane way this July Fourth," Dr. Howell adds. "That is, view them at a licensed public display. Not on a street corner or in the backyard."

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The Great Texas Quilt RoundUp" offers contemporary Texas quilters the chance to win more than \$5,000 in prizes for exciting quilts on Texas themes. The top quilts will tour the State during the Sesquicentennial, Texas' 150th birthday, as part of an exhibition of the best modern quilts in Texas.

A special Sesquicentennial project, "The Great Texas Quilt Roundup" is jointly sponsored by the nonprofit Texas Sesquicentennial Quilt Association and The Rouse Company and its "Arts in the Marketplace" division.

The contest is open to all Texas quilters or quilters who have lived in Texas previously. Quilters can enter the contest in six categories: Texas history and symbols, Texas CULTURAL INFLUENCES & NATURE IN Texas, traditional Texas quilt patterns, Texas industry, and Texas myths and heroes. Texas Sesquicentennial Quilt Association offers a brochure describing these categories in detail and providing examples of each.

First grand prize winner will

receive \$2,000; second grand prize winner, \$1,500; third grand prize winner, \$1,000; and top winners in each category will receive \$100.

Bonnie Leman, editor and publisher of Quilter's Newsletter Magazine, the largest circulation quilt publication in the United States, will select the winners from finalists chosen by presidents of Texas quilt guilds.

Texas Sesquicentennial Quilt Association is officially sanctioned by the Texas Sesquicentennial Commission. The Rouse Company's "Arts in the Marketplace" division is corporate supporter of the contest and exhibition.

Quilters who want information or an entry form should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to "Great Texas Quilt RoundUp," TSQA, 10885 Katy Freeway, Suite 968, Houston, Texas 77079. Deadline for sending TSQA a completed entry form with a photograph of the quilt is December 1, 1985, and deadline for sending the finished quilt for judging is January 15, 1986.



St. Joseph Catholic Church in Slaton, was the site of the ceremony which united Miss Suzanne Walker and Edward Anthony Kitten in marriage Saturday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. Officiating at the double ring wedding mass was Msgr. Hanley of Lubbock.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Dyess of Gail. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nestor Kitten of Slaton.

The bride, given in marriage and escorted to the altar by her stepfather, wore a formal length gown of white chiffon over embroidered Alencon lace. The fitted bodice of beaded and embroidered lace featured a low sweetheart neckline bordered with cut Venice lace and

off-the-shoulder cap sleeves fashioned of angel pleated organza, embroidered on the edge with cut lace. The softly flowing chiffon shirt featured a full cutout in front with a full panel of over-embroidered lace. The skirt flowed into a chapel length train. Her head piece was a ringlet halo of white silk flowers to which was attached a two-tiered fingertip veil of silk illusion with lace medallions placed at random and hemmed by her grandmother, Lela Porter.

She carried a flowing bouquet of peach calla lilies with sprays of dendrobium orchids and white delphinium with touches of royal blue wax flowers with white silk ribbon streamers.

To carry out the bridal tradition, a lace handkerchief, belonging to her great-grandmother, folded into the bouquet, was "something old", the bride's gown was "something new", a pearl and diamond necklace of her mother's was "something borrowed" and an ivory satin and lace garter with royal blue bow, made by her grandmother, was "something blue".

Serving as matron of honor was Angela Jackson of Lubbock; Bridesmaids were Teri Jo Walker, of Austin, Karen

Maberry, of Lubbock; Donna Dyess, of Gail; and Carol Tutt of Lubbock.

The bridal attendants wore identical, tea-length dresses of royal blue chiffon. Each dress was fashioned with loose fitting, long waisted bodice, cap sleeves and a gathered band at the hips. Each also wore a long string pearl necklace to complete the "flapper-look" dress. To complement their outfits, they wore dove grey pumps and stockings. They carried a single long-stemmed peach calla lily with a peach ribbon streamer, and wore sprays of fresh gypsophila in their hair.

The bride's cousin, Jennifer Neff, of Jayton was the flower girl. She wore a white damask cotton dress with a royal blue hip sash and a matching royal blue bow in her hair. She carried a lace covered wicker basket with flowers in the bride's chosen colors.

Best man was Sidney Maberry of Lubbock. Groomsmen were Clyde Kitten, brother of the groom, of Slaton, Michael Bednarz, the groom's cousin; Patrick Kitten, the groom's cousin; and John Stephens, all of Lubbock.

Ushers were Mark Walker, of Austin, Blane Dyess, of Gail, Lance Ball, nephew of the groom, of Greenville, and Russell Kitten, cousin of the Groom, of Slaton.

Lighting the candles for the ceremony were nieces of the groom, Kristin Kitten and Heather Kitten, both of Slaton.

Ring bearer was Clay Neff, cousin of the bride, of Jayton. He carried an ivory satin heart-shaped pillow edged in insursion lace with tiny ribbons of the bride's colors inserted in the lace. There were two gold rings nestled on top of the pillow, which was made by the bride's grandmother.

The organist, Clifford Kitten, of Houston, the groom's brother, played favorite selections of the bride as the guest were seated. The bride entered to Wagner's "Bridal Chorus". Vocalists singing duets were Lori Drachenberg and Eric Van Story and Gena and Lisa McLeroy, all of Lubbock. Mark Walker and Derrick Kitten read passages selected by the bride and groom as part of the ceremony.

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ASCS NEWS BY JERRY STONE

CROP CERTIFICATION

ACR, cotton, corn, and grain sorghum must be certified by July 15. Take time and measure your acres, don't GUESS. GUESSING could result in loss of program benefits. YOU are required to certify your crop acres if you are a program participant and also report the exact acreage of the crop.

If you are not sure of your acreage, request measurement service. The tolerance for error on the certification of 1985 crops and ACR is the larger of 1 acre or 5 percent of the reported acreage, not to exceed 50 acres.

If you did not sign up in the 1985 farm program, you should certify your crop acres to have a history of crop plantings recorded for your farm. Also, this establishes Federal Crop Insurance history.

FAILED CROP ACRES

You must certify your crop acres prior to the destruction of any crop. If you sign up for measurement service and then your crop fails, your measurement service will be cancelled.

You will have to CERTIFY your cotton and file a "574" before you replant to grain sorghum. Failure in doing this will affect your deficiency payment and base.

FINAL PLANTING DATE

The final planting date for Spring seeded crops in Borden County has past. However, you still have until July 5th to request for prevented planting.

WHEAT LOAN RATE

The wheat loan rate in Borden County is \$3.30 per bushel. If you are participating in the wheat program, you should call or come by the office and inquire about the Price Support Program.

INTEREST RATE

The loan interest rate for the month of June is 8.75 percent.

MAINTENANCE OF 1985 ACR

Good conservation of ACR is a requirement of the 1985 acreage reduction and land diversion programs. ACR must be devoted to practices that will protect the acreage from wind and water erosion throughout the calendar year ending December 31, 1985. Necessary measure to control weeds must be taken throughout the calendar year. Unauthorized harvesting and grazing will result in loss of program benefits.

The county office will spotcheck a sufficient number of farms to make sure farm operators are complying with ACR requirements.

In addition to the regular spot check farms follow up on reports and complaints from the general public and producers concerning improper maintenance of ACR will be carried out. Appropriate payment reductions if farm operators fail to fully comply with ACR requirements will apply.

HOLIDAY NOTICE

This office will be closed Thursday, July 4th. We will again open Friday July 5th at 8:00 a.m.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

The following dates are important dates to remember for the month of July:

July 5th - Final date to file for prevented planting for cotton

July 10th - Final date to file for prevented planting for grain sorghum

July 15th - Final date to certify all spring seeded crops in Borden County

Eligibility for participation in all programs administered by ASCS is established under law without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, handicap, or national origin.

HERITAGE

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have had land in agricultural production for 100 years or more. The registration for this program is now open and will extend until the deadline of August 30, 1985.

This program was established in 1984 to honor pioneering farm families in Texas. "Only 2 families in the entire 14 county 28th Senatorial District have been recognized through this program. I am hopefully that more of our pioneer farm families in West Texas will become aware of this program and participate in this unique way." Senator Montford said. "Since 1974, 1,821 pioneer farm and ranch families have been recognized statewide. I am confident that there are many families qualified in West Texas for the Family Land Heritage Program and this year I hope we will be able to identify many more." Senator Montford said.

The basic requirement for the program includes continuous agricultural production on a farm or ranch for 100 years, land ownership within the family, complete operation or supervision of the farm - ranch production by family members who are Texas residents, and a size of a least 10 acres with a minimum income of \$50 from farm or ranch products. If the farm or ranch is smaller than 10 acres, sales must total \$250 per year.

This year's certified registrants will be honored at a ceremony in the Capitol at Austin in November. The honorees will receive a certificate and a copy of the Family Land Heritage Registry.

"Anyone who is interested or thinks they might qualify for this recognition, or knows someone who does qualify, should register before the August 30th deadline." Senator Montford said. "This recognition celebrates our proud past in family farming and acknowledges the importance that the family farm holds for our future." the Senator added.

Those who wish to apply may obtain an application for their county judge, county historical society, or nearest office of the Texas SWAEDepartment of Agriculture.

You may also obtain an application or more information by writing to:
Family Land Heritage Program
Texas Department of Agriculture
P.O. Box 182847
Austin, Texas 78711

Some youngsters grow up eating from a silver spoon. Others grow up eating from a peregrine falcon hand puppet! According to National Wildlife's Ranger Rick magazine, the peregrine falcons' survival has been threatened by harmful pesticides. So scientists have begun raising falcon eggs taken from the wild. The chicks are fed from hand puppets fashioned to look like a mother falcon.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Copeland announce the engagement of their daughter, Kay Lynn to Robert Stephen Garvin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Garvin of Breckenridge, Texas.

The couple will exchange wedding vows September 14 in the First United Methodist Church of Snyder, Texas.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Borden High School in Gail, attended Texas Tech University. The future bridegroom, a graduate of Texas Tech University, is an accountant in Breckenridge.

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When you load the luggage and the family in the car in preparation for summer vacation, don't forget to make room for a child passenger safety seat for your young child.

Texas law requires children under the age of 2 to be buckled in a child safety seat, while toddlers between the ages of 2 and 4 must be secured in a safety seat or by a seat belt. As of July 1, safety seats will be required nation wide. That's when a safety seat law goes into effect in Wyoming, the 50th state to pass such legislation.

Texas' safety seat law, which went into effect in October 1984, has helped lower the number of children age 4 and under killed in vehicle crashes. In 1983, 77 children age 4 and under dies, and 6,603 were injured in vehicle crashes. In 1984, the number of deaths dropped to 68, nearly 12 percent decrease. Another 6,629 children age 4 and under were hurt, but several of these youngsters might have been killed if they had not been secured by a safety seat or seat belt.

To protect children, safety seats must be installed and used according to the manufacturer's instructions. Safety seats must be secured to the vehicle with the seat belts. If a tether is

required on the safety seat, it should be bolted or belted in place. Infants should ride in safety seats that face the rear of the vehicle. And, all children in safety seats, including booster seats, should have their seat harnesses fastened properly. Review the seat maker's instructions to ensure that seats are secured and used correctly.

On a long ride, children in safety seats can be entertained with soft toys. Snacks should be limited to soft foods or crackers, but no bottles, hard candy or ice cream on a stick should be allowed in a moving vehicle. A child can choke on hard objects, and in a sudden stop, and ice cream stick or glass bottle can cause an injury. Every hour or so, the driver should stop the vehicle and allow all passengers to exercise and relax.

For more information about using child safety seats, or to request information or educational materials, call the Riders Program toll-free, 1-800-252-8255. A bilingual operator is available from 8a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Safe Riders program is operated by the Texas Department of Health, in cooperation with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

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Obituaries

A J BARNES JR

Services for A. J. Barnes Jr., 59, of Center Point was held at Branon Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ray Martin of Comanche officiating.

Burial was in the O'Donnell Cemetery under direction of Branon Funeral Home.

He died at 12:15 p.m. Sunday in Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital of enter a lengthy illness.

He was born in Lynn County in 1925. He was a health care attendant. He married Myrtle

Daniel on November 10, 1943 in O'Donnell. She died March 14, 1966. De was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell. He was a former resident of Lamesa.

Survivors include; two daughters, Sherry Telchik of Lamesa and Lesa Rollins of Lubbock; a son, Bussy of Mt. Pleasant; his mother, Mrs. A. L. Barnes of Lamesa; a sister, Dorothy Barnes of Center Point; a brother, Bill Barnes of Lamesa; and six grandchildren.

HARLEY WOOD SR



HARLEY WOOD SR.

Services for Harley Morgan Wood Sr., 83 of Lubbock was held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Forrest Heights United Methodist Church with the Rev. Frank Oglesby, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Ed Barkowshi of Snyder.

Burial was with full Masonic honors at Resthaven Memorial Park. Local arrangements are being handled by Franklin-Bartley Funderal Home of Lubbock.

He died at 6 a.m. Thursday in Methodist Hospital following a lengthy illness.

He had been a Lubbock

resident since 1976, moving there from Smyer, where he had lived for 650 years. He was a pioneer of the Smyer Community and was a past member of the Smyer school board. De was also a past member of the Board of Directors for the Smyer Co-op Gin and lthe Plains Cooperative Oil Mill of Lubbock. He was a retired farmer and a native of Hamilton County.

He was a member of Forrest Heights United Methodist Church in Lubbock. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Levelland Maosonic Lodge number 1236. He was a charter member of the Smyer Lions Club and the First United Methodist Church in Smyer. He married Mable Lucille Tunnell on December 26, 1920, at Rising Star.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Harley M. Jr. of Smyer; four daughters, EenorLeonor M. Hart of Lubbock, Billie N; Letchworth of Calimesa, Calif.m Helen June Price of Gail and Sarah Lee of Crestwood, Ky.; a sister, Pearl Fulfur of Abilene; 19 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons will be pallbearers. The family has requested memorials to the Forrest Heights United Methosdist Church Foundation.

Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The 1985 Borden County Tax Appraisal Rtvview Board Meeting will be held in the District Court Room of the Borden County Courthouse beginning at 10:00 A. M. July 11, 1985. For further information contact R. D. Lewis at the County Courthouse.

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-s- Nita & Johnny Kite

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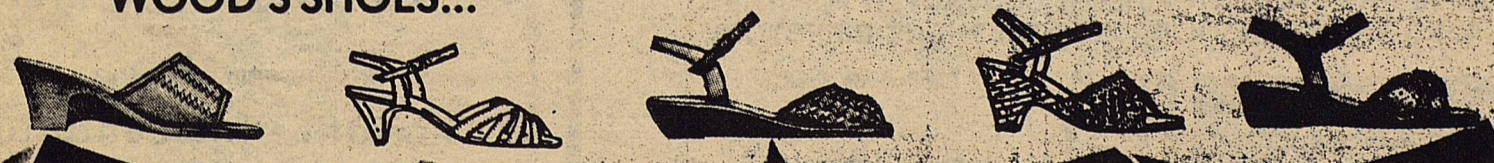
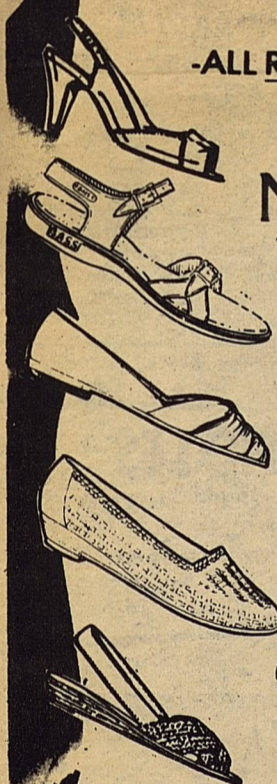


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reception and dance were held in St. Joseph Hall in Slaton.

The wedding cake was a three-tiered confection of solid ivory with six small heart-shaped dais surrounding the bottom tier. The tops of the cakes were decorated with fresh flowers in the bride's colors. The tiers were separated by Grecian columns with a "Precious Moments" bride and groom in the middle with a fountain flowing with royal blue water on the bottom. The table was covered by a royal blue cloth with a hand crocheted lace over-lay used in previous weddings by the bride's family. Peach flowered flower shaped mints and a light fruit punch were served from crystal appointments.

The groom's three layered round chocolate cake topped with a cartoon bride and groom and inscribed in chocolate icing with "She Got Me To The Church On Time" was served from a table covered in ecru satin. Coffee and maple sugared pecans were served from silver appointments.

Samantha Porter, cousin of the bride, of Vealmoore; registered guests at a lace covered table decorated with a picture of the bride and groom with their names and date of wedding tip cross-stitched by the bride's mother.

Following a wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kitten will be at home in Lubbock where the bride is employed by a real-estate firm and the groom is a geologist for an oil company. The rehearsal dinner hosted by the groom's parents was held in the Smokehouse in Slaton.

A corkscrew-shaped organism and four Texas ticks are on the hit list at the Texas Department of Health because their partnership inflicts arthritic misery on Texans.

Special laboratory tests to detect the disorder, Lyme disease have been available for less than a year, but microbiologist Juia Rawlings has detected 17 cases so far in 1985.

People develop Lyme disease after being bitten by an infected tick carrying the corkscrew-shaped spirochete. The first symptom of Lyme disease, named for the Connecticut town where it was reported in 1975, is often a red circular rash that enlarges. It is accompanied by fever or headache, chills and a stiff neck.

"Lyme disease is not a life-threatening health hazard, but it is quite capable of making a person's life miserable," Ms. Rawlings said. TDH is studying how and when Lyme disease is spread, Taylor said, in hopes of controlling the disease and lessen the complication.

Within several weeks of being bitten by an infected tick, a person may experience facial paralysis, joint pain, shortness of breath and a pounding heart. Then he or she may develop arthritis and joint pain, lasting months or years. Taylorsays the knee joint seems to be most frequently affected.

The spirochete is thought to cause the nervous and cardiac problems, but doctors thing the arthritic problems may develop if the immune system overreacts to the organism

Ms. Rawlings explained many of those complications can be prevented if a doctor begins treatment soon after infection.

"But that may not always happen because many health workers aren't aware that Lyme disease is endemic (routinely found) in Texas. We're trying to make people more aware of the disease, which commonly develops in te summer the months, so that fewer people bitten by infected ticks have longterm joint problems," she said.

TDH wouldn't be looking and testing for Lyme disease this year, the first time ever, if Ms. Rawlings hadn't had a hunch about Texas ticks last summer.

"Each summer we test ticks submitted to the lab here in Austin for Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Thata is a disease carried by ticks, and it is somtintimes found in North Central Texas," Ms. Rawlings said.

Taylor said so far most of the Lyme cases have been reported in Public Health Region 5, which includes the Dallas- fort Worth area. Other cases have been reported in East and South Texas.

"We think the spirochete may be carried by at least four kinds of ticks in Texas," she said. (Those are the Lone Star tick, the American dog tick, and the brown dog tick, in addition to the Ixodes tick that has been reported in other states.) In the deen reported among pet owners.

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