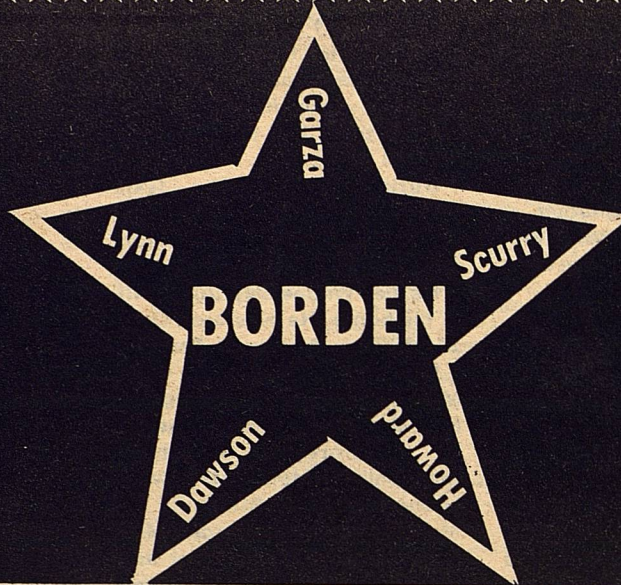


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Buckel elected president of Texas Press Association



Walter Buckel

Walter Buckel, publisher of the Lamesa Press Reporter since 1968, was elected president of the Texas Press Association (TPA) during the group's 106th annual summer convention in Austin.

Buckel succeeds Fort Stockton Pioneer publisher Frank Baker, who becomes chairman of the association's board of directors.

Buckel became a newspaperman in 1967 after a seven year stint in radio station sales and management. Prior to his radio work, his past reads like a miss-match of a number of careers which culminated with his entrance into the newspaper field.

Born on a dairy farm in the Imperial Valley of Southern California on November 22, 1921, his parents had 100 acres of alfalfa and sixty to seventy head of cows to milk each day.

His father, two brothers and himself made up a four-person milking team that kept things moving until the great depression set in and the family lost farm, cows and home in the early '30s.

But, putting most of their belongings on the surviving model T Ford, the four, along with a sister and mother moved to Holtville only a few miles away where they rented one of the biggest houses in town for \$10 a month.

The family never went hungry.

An older sister found work as a bookkeeper, the older brother became a mechanic, and Buckel and a younger brother mowed lawns and threw newspapers on the side. He says: "we were too happy or too ignorant to know we were poor."

His dad went out each day to do what work was available from mowing lawns to milking cows and the family sustained itself until full-time employment was found after some five years.

It was during those years when folks were too poor to go to movies that the family's attention turned to baseball. Out on the farm or in the vacant lots, kids gathered to play baseball and Buckel was determined to play professional baseball.

Quitting high school his senior year, he hitch-hiked the 10 miles to El Centro each day during the spring training sessions of the San Diego Padres of the Pacific Coast League. Padre officials allowed him to tryout and workout with the team for several weeks before they broke camp. However, feeling he was not ready for professional baseball, they advised him to go to Kansas to play in one of the best amateur leagues during the summer of 1940.

Manhattan, Kan. is where he wound up and played the summer of 1940 before going to a tryout camp for the St. Louis Cardinals at the end of the season. He caught a bus to California when the camp ended.

Working in a grocery store allowed him time to get his high school diploma.

In the spring his thoughts turned to baseball again and with encouragement from his parents, he packed a suitcase and hitch-hiked to Lamesa for a tryout with the Lobos of the Class D, West Texas-New Mexico League.

After two workouts with the team he was signed to a \$75 per month contract. Being a minor, his mother had to sign for him.

After a full season in Lamesa, he had saved \$100 and hitch-hiked back to Holtville and a proud dad who couldn't get over anyone being paid to play baseball.

Buckel went to San Diego during

the winter months to work at Consolidated Aircraft and was there when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor to thrust America into WWII. Buckel in fact, was playing winter league baseball for the Padre Juniors on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7, 1941 when the game was stopped, all servicemen were notified to report to their bases immediately and the announcement was made of the bombings at Pearl.

He returned to baseball in the spring with Pampa (Tex.) and played until wartime conditions forced cancellation of the league's schedule on July 4 while playing in Amarillo. From there he caught the Denver Rocket for Idaho Falls, Idaho where he played for that New York Yankee farm team until late August when he was called into the service at San Diego.

He went into the Air Force and served with the Army Airways Communications System as a radio operator in North Africa. After two years overseas he returned to the states and was discharged in November 1945.

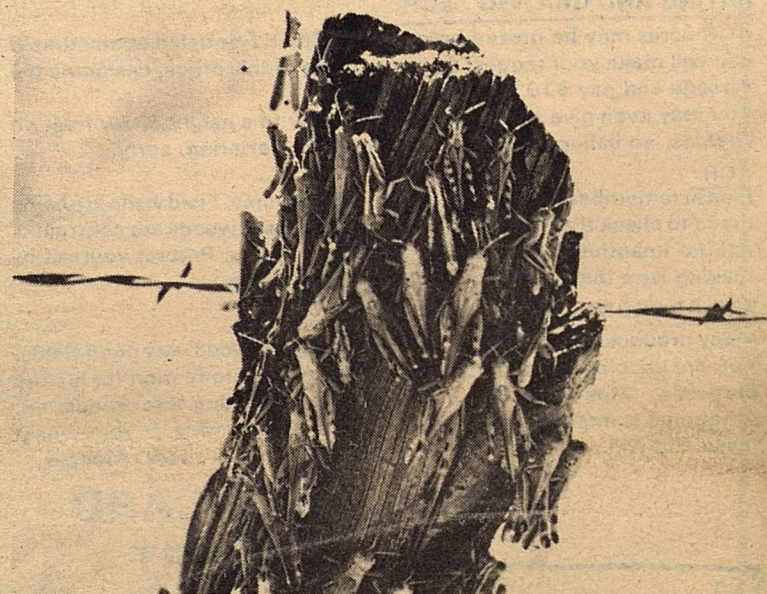
Odd jobs around Holtville kept him busy until he signed in the spring with the Montgomery (Ala.) Rebels of the Class B Southeastern League. At the conclusion of the 1946 season in Montgomery, Buckel was sold to the Dallas Rebels of the Texas League.

Prior to leaving for spring training in March 1947 in Dallas, he married Rubye Neile Mitchell in Montgomery. From Dallas he was optioned to Lubbock where his classification as a three-year player forced his sale to Lamesa, in the same league. He reported on opening day 1947.

After 1947, '48 and part of the '49 season in Lamesa, he was released to become the business manager of the team and got involved in radio play-by-play as a sideline.

From there it was a stint with the public schools of Lamesa directing cafeterias and transportation and a run for the County Clerk's office where he won two-year and four-year terms before resigning in 1957

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Severe grasshopper infestations in 17 western states have prompted emergency spraying of crops and rangelands with materials such as Sevin brand SLR Plus carbaryl insecticide. Up to 50 grasshoppers per square yard have been reported in some areas.

WORST IN 30 YEARS GRASSHOPPER OUTBREAK COULD RECUR IN 1986

The worst grasshopper infestation in 30 years could very well repeat itself next year in the western United States according to American and Canadian government officials.

"A mild winter and a warm spring followed by hot and dry conditions have prompted the widespread grasshopper hatch in 17 states," according to Chuck Bare, staff officer of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) headquartered outside Washington C.. "Outbreaks in some southwestern states were eliminated as a result of a cold snap in May but the balance of the western states experienced weather ideal for grasshopper development."

Over 40 species of grasshoppers have reached economic thresholds in Idaho and surrounding states. The U.S. government considers an infestation of eight grasshoppers per square yard

economically significant. Yet, in some areas grasshopper counts have exceeded 30 to 50 insects per square yard reports Don Nielson, public information officer for APHIS.

"Some grain farmers have been losing up to 30 feet of crops per day on field perimeters as the grasshoppers migrate in search of food," Nielson explained. "A 300 acre alfalfa field in Oregon was completely consumed in a two day period during the second week of June. County agents in some Oregon counties predict that one-third of the farmers in the area will be forced out of business due to crop damage from grasshoppers."

The insects feed primarily on range and grasslands but at this level of infestation "noting green is safe," remarks aphs official Chuck Bare.

"We must treat the grasshoppers before they become egg-laying adults and that can be a relatively short

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ASCS NEWS BY JERRY STONE

MEASUREMENT SERVICE

It is time to start grooming your fields for picture day. The first pass for aerial slides will be made on Monday, July 29th, weather permitting. This pass will be a one-mile swath next to the Dawson and Lynn County Line. The rest of the county should be flown soon after August 5th.

Everyone who requested measurement service should make plans to have their farm acres in the shape desired. This means having turnrows plowed, a strip plowed between ACR and excess hay when adjoining, excess crop acres plowed, and proper crop patterns plowed when changing 2 x 1 plantings to a 4 row out pattern. When the slides are flown they become the permanent record we use for measuring service and spotcheck.

FAILED ACRES

Grasshoppers have caused extensive damage on some farms next to pastureland and don't show signs of stopping in some cases. If you plan to work the destroyed ends of your field just as if there was still cotton there, then you don't need to report these failed acres yet. When you get ready to turn under these acres and destroy evidence that the crop was planted, then you need to come in and file a request for disaster credit.

HAYING AND GRAZING ACR

ACR acres may be grazed before September 1 or baled at any time if you will make your request to hay or graze to this office, designate the acreage and pay \$10.00 for a farm visit.

You may even give the hay or grazing away to a neighbor for free - no charges, no baling on halves, no trading or bartering, sorry.

ACR

Please remember to maintain your set-aside acres. Field visits are being made to check that covers are being maintained, weeds are controlled, and no unauthorized haying or grazing occurs. Protect yourself by making sure that your set-aside is in good shape.

WHEAT PRODUCTION

Many producers have harvested wheat that produced very good yields. You are encouraged to report evidence of this production for history purposes. Most elevators have forms for reporting this production. Additional forms may be picked up here at this office. If your wheat failed and will not be harvested you need to report these acreages.

ALDICARD ALERT

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Union Carbide Corporation have notified USDA that evidence has been received that the chemical ALDICARD is being misused by some growers. ALDICARD is a key ingredient in TEMIK, a pesticide distributed by Union Carbide.

Such misuse can seriously imperil public confidence in American Farm products. A recent widely publicized case in California caused watermelon growers throughout the country to suffer economic losses. In that instance, it now appears that only a few growers in California were actually involved. Yet, melon producers across the country reported that sales sharply declined.

The use of TEMIK on watermelons is a violation of those federal laws which are designed to protect both growers and consumers. Many states also have laws providing criminal or civil penalties for misuse of agricultural chemicals.

It is imperative to follow the guidelines set forth on the labels of all pesticide or herbicide used on the farm and around the home for your safety as well as for the safety of others.

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Obituaries Roy W. Shaffer

Services for Roy W. Shaffer, 50, of Star Route 1ra (Lake Thomas), were held Saturday, July 27th at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Burial was at the Gail Cemetery with the Rev. Harold Britton of Knapp Baptist Church officiating.

He died Wednesday, July 24th at his home. He was born Dec. 21, 1934 in Blackwell, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, May of the home; a daughter Mrs. James E. (Donna) Lindsey of Anchorage, Ala.; three grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Leonard Smith of Midland, Mrs. Billy Neely of Snyder, Mrs. Derrell Farmer of Merkel and Mrs. Waynd Adcock of Merkel; three brothers, Carl of San Marcus, Avon of Baytown and A.D. of Blackwell.

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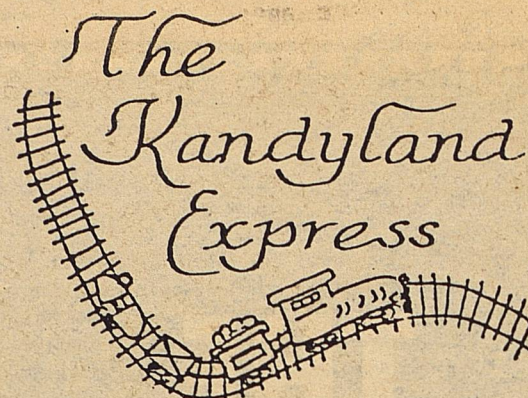
In Memory of Doroth Flo Roberts:
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Fran Bennett
Mr. and Mrs. K.T. Reddell
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In Memory of H.M. Wood, Sr. :
Ross, Sarah and HJason Sharp
Larry and Wandda Smith



MAKING HOUSECLEANING PLEASANT

For most people, the chores that accompany housecleaning are not a lot of fun. The dusting, sweeping, vacuuming, scrubbing, waxing, and wiping can leave you exhausted. But it does not have to be that way.

If you want to clean your house efficiently, start with a plan and get your family involved in the process. Take stock in the situation. What jobs need to be done? By when? Who can do them? What tools are needed?

After you and your family have answered these questions, you are ready to plan which jobs should be done first and which can wait until later. Organize your day's schedule to include the cleaning jobs you need to get done, and help other family members decide when to do their jobs. By making cleaning a family affair, you encourage

responsibility and closeness among family members.

Set realistic goals. Do not plan to do more than you have the time and energy to do. If you plan too much in a day or a given block of time, you may end up rushing and fussing.

Instead, pace yourself. Remember that small steps are often more profitable and usually safer than one long step.

You can take a lot of the pain out of cleaning for you and your family if you remember to:

- Plan according to your needs and abilities.
- Be prepared with all supplies ready and tools in working order.
- Work in an organized fashion.
- Finish one job before going on (unless jobs can be dove-tailed).
- Control your work instead of letting it control you.
- Be flexible.

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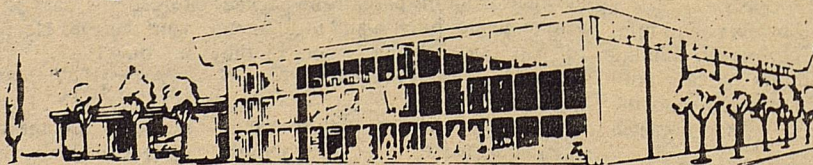
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CATTLEMEN PROPOSE BEEF PROMOTION AND RESEARCH LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 26, 1985-- Concerned about low prices and declining demand, American's cattlemen are advocating increased beef promotion and product research.

"Cattlemen want their industry organizations to do more than just respond to negatives," NCA President Jo Ann Smith said, "They want their organization's out front in the development of promotion of beef products. The problem is that funds are just not available to do the job."

So, legislation allowing the industry to implement a national check-off for promotion and research has been introduced in the House Agriculture Subcommittee of Livestock, Dairy and Poultry, for inclusion in the 1985 farm bill.

"This legislation would not establish a check-off," Smith said. "It would simply enable the beef industry to implement one if it decided to do so."

The proposed bill would allow a \$1 per head assessment on cattle traded in the United State, with a comparable assessment on imported beef. It would provide for existing state and national beef promotion organizations to develop and carry out authorized advertising, promotion, consumer information and new product development programs.

Introduction of the enabling legislation followed action taken by cattlemen. Responding to industry concerns about demand, NCA committees, board members and affiliated associations had directed NCA officers to pursue making enabling check-off legislation a part of the 1985 farm bill.

An outline of the proposed legislation is as follows:

1. Change the name to the

BEEF PROMOTION AND RESEARCH ACT

2. Provide for an informal rule-making process so that if the industry wants to implement the enabling legislation they could do so within approximately 5-6 months following passage of the ACT.

Provide for a delayed referendum approximately two years after the program is implemented.

Eligible voters would register and vote the same day at the county extension office or they may request an absentee ballot.

A majority of those voting would be required for passage.

4. \$1 head at point of sale paid by the seller, collected by the packer, market operator, order buyer or dealer, or in the case of private treaty sales the buyer would be responsible to remit the checkoff.

A comparable amount will be assessed on all imported beef, paid by the importer.

5. Existing state beef promotion entities will receive the checkoff funds from collections points on all cattle sold by cattlemen from their state.

Existing state beef promotion programs can receive credit, from the seller, for an amount equal to their existing checkoff, not to exceed 50 cents per head. State programs can use these funds for existing state and national promotion programs. The balance of the funds will be sent to the national promotion and research program.

GRASSHOPPERS

can't from 1 period of time," comments APHIS spokesman Nielson.

To date, approximately million U.S. government dollars are committed or already spent to control grasshoppers in 13 of the 17 infested states, according to Bare.

A sizeable portion of the monies spent in privately funded efforts and federal co-op programs have gone for the purchase of insecticides such as SEVIN brand XLR PLUS and SEVIN brand 4-OIL carbaryl insecticides, respectively.

Bare pointed out the carbaryl formulation used by the federal government performs well in areas of heavy vegetation and that the residual activity of the product is helping assure grasshopper kill during the prolonged egg hatch experienced in some areas this year. SEVIN brand carbaryl insecticide is also registered on 125 different crops.

Outbreaks in the Canadian provinces of Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba have also been treated with SEVIN brand carbaryl insecticide.

"Grasshoppers know no state boundaries and I'm pleased American and Canadian industry have been able to work together with cooperation from both governments to fight this major pest outbreak," Campbell continued.

Provincial entomologist Harris says he and his cohorts fully anticipate an outbreak of grasshoppers in Canada next year. "The severe drought and lack of spray control measures last year prompted this year's outbreak and there have just been too many grasshoppers to treat this season to catch them all before they laid eggs. Therefore, the likelihood that they'll be back next year is good," Harris concluded.

LEGAL NOTICE

BORDEN COUNTY

NOTICE OF CALCULATION OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE, ESTIMATED UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES, AND DEBT SCHEDULE

I, Van L. York, County Judge for Borden County, in accordance with Sec. 26.04, Property Tax Code, have calculated \$.1923 per \$100 of value as the tax rate which may not be exceeded by more than three percent by the Commissioner's Court of Borden County without holding a public hearing as required by the code.

\$ -0- per \$100 for farm-to-market/flood control tax,
 \$.1923 per \$100 for the general fund, permanent improvement fund, and road and bridge fund tax.
 \$ -0- per \$100 for public road maintenance tax, thus
 \$.1923 per \$100 TOTAL COUNTY EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

The estimated unencumbered fund balances are as follows:

Farm to Market/Flood Control		Public Road Maintenance	
Maintenance & Operation: \$ -0-		Maintenance & Operation: \$ -0-	
Interest & Sinking: \$ -0-		Interest & Sinking: \$ -0-	
General Fund			
Maintenance & Operation: \$ 128,543.00			
Interest & Sinking: \$ -0-			

The following schedule lists debt obligations that 1985 property taxes will pay:

NONE

Van L. York, County Judge

July 3, 1985

CALCULATIONS USED TO DETERMINE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

Separate calculations are performed for each type of tax levied by Borden County in order to determine a 1985 total effective tax rate. The following guide corresponds with the calculations shown: A - Farm-to-market Road/Flood Control Tax; B - General Fund Tax; C - Maintenance of Public Roads Tax

I. DATA	Type of Tax:	B
1. 1984 Total tax levy from the 1984 tax roll		\$ 917,464.59
2. 1984 Tax rate (\$.16 M&O and \$ -0- I&S)		\$.16 /\$100
3. 1984 Debt service (I&S) levy		\$ -0-
4. 1984 Maintenance & operation (M&O) levy		\$ 917,465.59
5. 1984 M&O taxes on property in territory that has ceased to be a part of unit in 1985		\$ -0-
6. 1984 M&O taxes on property becoming exempt in 1985		\$ -0-
7. 1984 M&O taxes on taxable value lost because property is appraised at less than market value in 1985		\$ -0-
8. 1985 Total taxable value of all property		\$ 506,042,454
9. 1985 Taxable value of new improvements added since Jan. 1, 1984		\$ 29,083,580
10. 1985 Taxable value of property annexed since Jan. 1, 1984		\$ -0-
11. 1985 Tax levy needed to satisfy debt service (I&S)		\$ -0-
12. Rate to raise 1984 tax levy due to appraisal roll errors (lost dollars divided by 1985 taxable values) (\$ -0- ÷ \$ -0- x 100)		\$ -0- /\$100
13. Rate to regain taxes lost in 1984 due to appraisal roll errors (lost dollars divided by 1985 taxable value) (\$ -0- ÷ \$ -0- x 100)		\$ -0- /\$100
14. 1984 M&O taxes used to regain lost 1983 levy		\$ -0-

II. CALCULATION

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION (M&O) TAX RATE	
1 (A) 1984 Total tax levy (Data 1)	\$ 917,464.59
(B) Subtract 1984 debt service levy (Data 3)	\$ -0-
(C) Subtract 1984 taxes on property no longer in unit (Data 5)	\$ -0-
(D) Subtract 1984 taxes for exemptions (Data 6)	\$ -0-
(E) Subtract 1984 taxes for productivity valuation (Data 7)	\$ -0-
(F) Subtract 1984 taxes used to regain lost 1983 levy (Data 14)	\$ -0-
(G) Adjusted 1984 M&O levy	\$ 917,464.59
2 (A) 1985 Total taxable value of all property (Data 8)	\$ 506,042,454
(B) Subtract 1985 value of new improvements (Data 9)	\$ 29,083,580
(C) Subtract 1985 value of annexed property (Data 10)	\$ -0-
(D) Adjusted 1985 taxable value for M&O	\$ 476,958,874
3 (A) Divide the adjusted 1984 M&O levy (1-G above) by the adjusted 1985 taxable value for M&O (2-D above) (\$ 917,464.59 ÷ \$ 476,958,874)	\$.001923
(B) Multiply by \$100 valuation	x \$100
(C) Effective M&O rate for 1985	\$.1923 /\$100

INTEREST AND SINKING (I&S) TAX RATE	
4 (A) 1985 I&S levy needed to satisfy debt (Data 11)	\$ -0-
(B) 1985 Total taxable value of all property (Data 8)	\$ 506,042,454
(C) Divide the 1985 I&S levy (4-A above) by the 1985 total taxable value (4-B above) (\$ -0- ÷ \$ -0-)	\$ -0-
(D) Multiply by \$100 valuation	x \$100
(E) Effective I&S rate for 1985	\$ -0- /\$100

APPRAISAL ROLL ERROR RATE	
5 (A) Rate to raise 1984 levy due to appraisal errors (Data 12)	\$ -0- /\$100
(B) Add rate to regain taxes lost due to errors (Data 13)	\$ -0- /\$100
(C) Total rate to adjust for appraisal roll errors	\$ -0- /\$100

1985 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE FOR EACH TAX	
6 (A) Effective M&O rate (3-C above)	\$.1923 /\$100
(B) Add effective I&S rate (4-E above)	\$ -0- /\$100
(C) Add rate to adjust for appraisal roll errors (5-C above)	\$ -0- /\$100
(D) 1985 Effective Tax Rate for this tax	\$.1923 /\$100

TOTAL EFFECTIVE TAX RATE FOR 1985	
7 Add 1985 effective tax rate for each tax	\$.1923 /\$100
\$ -0- /\$100 + \$.1923 /\$100 + \$ -0- /\$100	\$.1923 /\$100

1985 Effective Tax Rate for Each Tax Levied and the Total 1985 Effective Tax Rate are the rates published as required by Sec. 26.04, Property Tax Code

THE TAX RATE FOR BORDEN COUNTY IN 1985 WILL BE .16 - \$100.

WALTER BUCKEL

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to enter the insurance business. All the while, he was continuing a daily sports program on radio and doing play-by-play of all sports.

When the radio station sold in 1960, Buckel was approached to become station manager and he jumped at the opportunity. From there he entered the newspaper business in the summer of 1967 with the purchase of the tabloid Dawson County Free Press.

With his wife at his side calling people for local news items, and with daughter Barbara, now 13, helping with ads and other chores, and with son Bob, 11, out on the streets selling subscriptions at \$3.00 per year, the paper flourished and had good acceptance in Lamesa.

After five months, newspaper broker Ted Taylor met Buckel in Lubbock to see if he would be interested in selling his paper to James Roberts at Andrews who also wanted to purchase the Lamesa Reporter from Ben Woodson and merge the two publications.

The merger became official on March 1, 1968 with Buckel as president and publisher of the Lamesa Press Reporter. The Roberts family and Buckel family continue to own all stock in the Lamesa paper.

As James Roberts built his string of newspapers, Buckel was named secretary and a director of each property. He currently serves as secretary and on the boards at Azle, Brownfield, Gatesville, Granbury, Hereford, Levelland, Littlefield, Lovington, N.M., Vernon, Snyder, Seminole, Quanah, and at offset plants at Snyder, Hereford and Lamesa. He also owns shares of stock in many of the papers and plants.

Buckel is also president of South Plains Printing Co. and an equipment leasing firm, Ruhela Leasing Co.

He is a past president of the Lamesa Chamber of Commerce, The Lamesa Kiwanis Club, Lamesa Industrial Foundation, Dawson County United Way, served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Lamesa Independent School District, was founder and president of the Lamesa Little League program in 1953, and was president of the West Texas Press Association in 1982-1983. He and his family are members of the Church of Christ.

From the marriage to wife Ruby, daughter Barbara was born in 1953 and son Bob in 1956. Barbara is a computer operator for a large insurance agency in Lubbock. Bob is managing editor of a new weekly newspaper started in June in Gainesville known as the Cooke County Leader. He and two others founded the publication after he served a year as managing editor at the Muenster Enterprise, and after news editorships at Andrews and Lamesa. He actually got into newspapering with Fred Barbee at El Campo after doing graduate work at the University of Texas following graduating from Lubbock Christian College.

Barbara also attended LCC before entering the work force in her senior year.

The Buckels have a granddaughter, Kara Marie, born Aug. 3 of last year in Gainesville.

If he has a hobby past newspapering, it would have to be his yard and workshop where a bevy of power tools are awaiting future use.

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