

Many Gray County residents remember they couldn't see their hands in front of their faces. That's how dark it suddenly got April 14, 1935. One man thought the world was coming to an end; another couldn't find his shoe. And some say it might happen again despite irrigation and conservation practices. Gallery features dust bowl days on page 11.

The Pampa Harvester basketball team, District 3-AAAAA titlist, won the coin toss and the right to play the bi-district contest in the Amarillo Civic Center 4-AAAA champion Lubbock Coronado is the opponent. Story on page 17.

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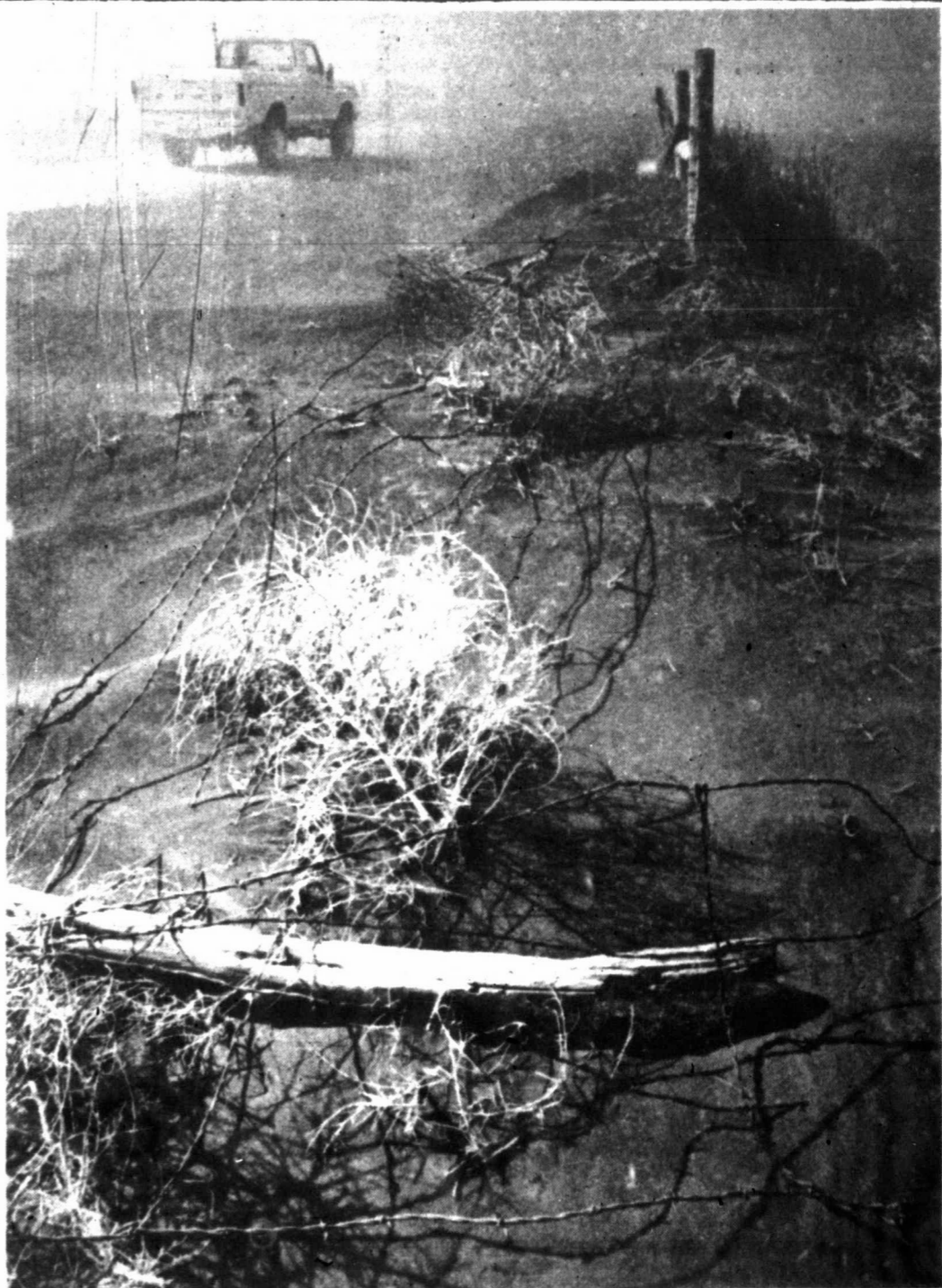


Carter ahead in Oklahoma

By IRAR ALLEN
United Press International
While Democratic liberals scrapped for survival in Massachusetts Saturday, the big guns in each party campaigned in Florida. Grassroots Democrats voted in South Carolina and Oklahoma caucuses.
In South Carolina precinct caucuses, it was a battle between Jimmy Carter and George Wallace in Oklahoma county conventions. Carter tried to improve the 18.5 per cent vote he got at the precinct level earlier this month. Fred Harris was second then with 17 per cent and 40 per cent were uncommitted.
With 35 per cent of the total delegates chosen in Oklahoma, Carter had 29 per cent to 12.1 per cent for native son Fred Harris. Alabama Gov. George Wallace had 10.6 per cent 48.3 per cent were uncommitted as urged by the state's party leaders.
In South Carolina, with 21 per cent of 1,670 precincts reporting, Wallace had 95 or 32 per cent of the delegates to the county conventions, and Carter had 708 delegates, for 24 per cent. There were 1,281 uncommitted delegates.
With Carter and Wallace concentrating on their March 9 confrontation in Florida, the six other major Democratic contenders stayed in Massachusetts hoping not to lose badly in Tuesday's primary.
President Ford got an emotional response from

Cuban-Americans in Miami when he denounced Cuban Premier Fidel Castro. He embarked on a day-long motorcade from Palm Beach to Fort Lauderdale. First Lady Betty Ford went from door to door in affluent Coral Gables.
Ronald Reagan, campaigning in central Florida, criticized Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, particularly for encouraging negotiations on a new Panama Canal treaty.
Backers of Morris Udall, who topped the liberal field in the New Hampshire primary, running second to Carter, warned a poor showing by the Arizonan in Massachusetts would end hopes of electing a progressive president this year. That appeal was called a "desperation move" by an aide of Birch Bayh.
An aide to Henry Jackson, who competes for the party's conservative elements with Carter and Wallace, said the Washington senator will be endorsed Monday by former U.N. Ambassador Daniel Moynihan.
The biggest endorsement Saturday went to Carter and President Ford and it came from The St. Petersburg Times, Florida's second largest newspaper.
The Times said Ford is "more moderate, more stable, more willing to grapple with hard issues and

accept reasonable compromises" than Reagan and Carter has "shown many of the qualities Americans want in their president."
Wallace campaigned in the northern Everglades region towns of LaBelle and Okeechobee.
Carter and Wallace, who have the most to win or lose in Florida, had a preview of that battle in South Carolina, where Democrats met in precinct caucuses. The two southerners were considered the main contenders, but some party leaders urged participants to stay uncommitted.
In other developments:
— Sargent Shriver called for a federal research effort into a "foolproof" birth control method as an alternative to abortion.
— Carter said a poll he paid for showed him with a one-point lead over Wallace and an 11-point lead over Jackson in Florida.
— Milton Shapp called for investigation of the administration for closing Northeastern military installations.
— Robert Byrd was critical of Richard Nixon's trip to China and of the Ford administration for planning to debrief him. "This administration is depending on the mission of a discredited Mr. Nixon to bring back information that the secretary of state should have gone to get."



Sandy Seventies?

Mother Nature, that great weather producer who brought you the Dirty Thirties and the Filthy Fifties is predicted by many prognosticators to be preparing another epic drought. Previews of this coming feature are now playing at your favorite area farm. The above shot was taken a week ago east of Pampa. See page 11.

(Pampa News photo by Michal Thompson)



School Board Candidate

O.F. "Buddy" Epperson of 1714 Dogwood announced his candidacy Saturday for Place 7 on the Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees. The post was formerly held by Sam Anderson, who resigned recently leaving one year left on the term.
Epperson was born and raised in Pampa and was graduated from Pampa High School. He attended West Texas State University. His wife, Joyce, is also a Pampa High School graduate. Their daughter, Zindi, was graduated from PHS in 1975 and their son, Mark, is a PHS junior student. Epperson has been employed by Celanese Chemical Co. for the past 21 years. He has varied business background. In seeking the post, Epperson said: "I am very interested in our school system. If elected, I will strive for better efficiency in our school district budget, and through mutual cooperation with the teachers strive for better discipline and efficiency in our schools." Epperson and his family are members of the First Baptist Church.

Analysis shows Congress how to make defense cuts

WASHINGTON (UPI) — An analysis by the Congressional Budget Office shows how to cut \$7.5 billion from next year's defense budget, and even larger amounts from future budgets, making more money available for social programs.
The impartial, nonpartisan analysis—offering options for hawks as well as doves—also shows how to boost defense appropriations \$8.1 billion above President Ford's request for the coming year and to push it even higher in subsequent years.
The analysis, presented to the Senate Budget Committee in a briefing, is sure to play a major role in congressional debate during the next several months on Ford's proposed fiscal 1977 budget.

Now in its second year, the CBO was created by Congress to help Republicans and Democrats alike in the House and Senate make vital budgetary decisions by providing impartial analyses of the various possibilities before them.
The CBO never makes recommendations. It only presents options for conducting programs at different levels and tells how much each option would cost.
Doves can find an option for reducing defense forces in the CBO charts presented to the budget committee. That choice would cost \$7.5 billion less than Ford wants Congress to appropriate in 1977 new budget authority, with the annual saving rising to \$13.4 billion in 1981.
Hawks can find another option increasing forces. It would add \$8.1 billion to the \$114.9 billion to the \$114.9 billion Ford has asked in 1977 appropriations, with the annual increase rising to \$16.2 billion above Ford's projections in 1981.
The low defense option would include reducing the Navy from the present 500 ships to 400 in the 1980s, canceling the Army's proposed expansion from 13 divisions to 16, phasing out some older nuclear weapons systems, not buying the B1 bomber and imposing savings in tactical air, manpower and research.

The higher option would include a 600-ship Navy in the 1980s, 16 Army divisions, the B1 and more Poseidon missile submarines.
Groups such as the National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Americans for Democratic Action have been lobbying committees to change Ford's proposed budget priorities, taking money from defense and adding it to welfare programs.
They note defense is the one big area where Ford has proposed a "real" spending increase, about one per cent above inflation, according to CBO, while he calls for a "real" decrease in non-defense spending.

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—Browning

Leap Year babies uncommon

By ANNA BURCHELL
Pampa News Staff
Mrs. Exa Crossman of 601 N. Sumner is observing her 19th real birthday today—but she is 76 years old.
She was born in 1900—on Feb. 29—which only comes round every four years.
"I've never thought anything

about being a Leap Year baby," she said. "I've never missed a birthday. They came on the 28th, and I became a year older."
Mrs. Crossman's daughter, Mrs. Fred Carothers of 1620 N. Nelson, reminded her mother that today is a "real birthday."
"I'll attend church and go to

the Carothers for dinner," she said.
As for birthday wishes, Mrs. Crossman asks for "peace and happiness for my children and the world."
"That's my only birthday wish and if I'm here four years from now, I'll wish the same."
During Mrs. Crossman's

school years, she doesn't remember a single student who had the same birthday as she. She was born Feb. 29, 1900, in Ashland, Ala. in "the most beautiful, spacious five-room log house with pine trees and magnolias in the backyard."
"My father was a carpenter and he built the house himself," she said.

The family moved to Amarillo in 1910 where they stayed until 1921 when they moved to Pampa and Mrs. Crossman's father went into business—a candy factory and a confectionery.
After Mrs. Crossman, the former Exa Culpepper, moved to Amarillo she heard her father describe the house he built so many times that she went back to see it when she was 19 years of age.
"It was just lovely," she said. Mrs. Crossman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Culpepper. Her mother died when she was a child and her father never remarried. She is the youngest of six children.



Mrs. Exa Crossman, 601 N. Sumner, is observing her 19th real birthday today. But just because she was born on Feb. 29, she doesn't feel cheated. (Pampa News photo by Michal Thompson)

French Communists declare independence from Moscow

MOSCOW (UPI) — In an outspoken declaration of independence from Moscow, the French Communist party Saturday joined a growing list of Western parties asserting the right to create their own form of communism respecting democratic freedoms.
The speech by French delegate Gaston Plissonier at the end of the first week of the 25th Soviet party congress emphasized a widening Soviet rift with comrades in France, Italy and Britain that has the Kremlin worried.
Addressing 5,000 delegates in the cavernous Kremlin Palace of Congresses, Plissonier, a stand-in for French party chief Georges Marchais, said communism in France "will be invested with the specific traits of our country, a socialism under French colors."
The French politburo member also obliquely criticized suppression of human rights in the Soviet Union, one of the issues that led Marchais to boycott the congress.
"For us, that (French-style communism) implies a guarantee of all individual and collective liberties," he said.
Only 24 hours earlier, Italian Communist leader Enrico Berlinguer credited growing support for his party—the second largest in Italy and the biggest Communist party in the West—to its ability to adapt "to the special characteristics" of Italian society.
British Communists have also criticized Moscow recently and Romania, a maverick in the Eastern European bloc, earlier in the week restated its right to set foreign policy independent of the Kremlin.

Western analysts said the calls for independence have worried Soviet leaders, who had hoped to project an image of comradely unity at the congress.
Plissonier's comments were made available to Western correspondents, but reported by the Soviet news agency Tass in a three-paragraph summary that eliminated the reference to socialism "under French colors."
And in Rome one of the founding fathers of Italian communism said Saturday Stalinism and contempt of human rights are still very much alive in the Soviet Union.
In a magazine interview 24 hours after Italian party chief Enrico Berlinguer reasserted the party's independence in a Moscow speech, Sen. Umberto Terracini said Italian Communists are not afraid of Soviet criticism.
Terracini, 80, a lifelong maverick who survived disagreements with late Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin to become one of the party's elder statesmen, gave the interview to Famiglia Cristiana (Christian Family), a wide circulation Roman Catholic magazine sold on the steps of Italian churches.
"If by Stalinism you mean not only the horrors of that regime, which did not repeat themselves, but also the bureaucratization, the dogmatism, the serious limitations of freedom which characterized it, then unfortunately much of it still survives," the bald, bespectacled Terracini said.

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The Great John Debate

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real and central question was the availability of relatively private facilities for such members as cared to use them. Paid toilets and unpaid toilets are not incompatible. They can exist side by side in perfect harmony.

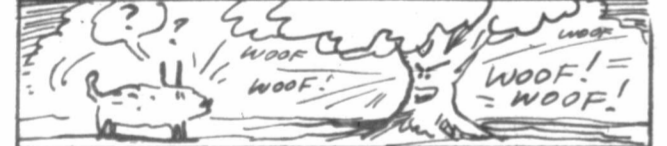
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Americans can lay claim to the dubious distinction of being the world's No. 1 gum chewers. By far, they chew 200 million pounds of gum a year, or 200 sticks apiece — and all of it is deposited on the theatre seat we sit down in.

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Bats or frogs are taken from the mouths of possessed persons in Nigeria, though no one knows what possessed them.



An old proverb says that you can't judge a tree by its bark.

Berry's World

Advertisement for Berry's World featuring a cartoon of a man at a desk and text about welfare costs and a presidential debate.

Salute To Scholarly Journals

By ANTHONY HARRIGAN
The scholarly quarterlies published in America have an importance that is not indicated by their small circulation. They are formative influences in the development of ideas in our country. In time, these ideas have a profound impact on the nation's thinking and policies.

Every thoughtful man and woman in this country knows the extent to which these values have been attacked and undermined over the last 20 years. The institution of the family is in a state of near collapse.

Each issue of MODERN AGE contains valuable insights. For example, Prof. Stephen Tonsor, writing about the New Consciousness notions of recent years, warns in the winter issue that "This shift from science and technology to consciousness and drugs is the self-indulgent egocentricity of the idle and secure."

Reversing the socialist and destructionist tide in our country, which is manifested in every way from irresponsible spending to crime and the breakup of families, will be an enormously difficult task. The American who needs sound scholars who stress principle.

Welfare Costs
The federal government is paying for an ever-increasing share of the country's welfare programs. The Conference Board notes. Federal payments covered 63 per cent of total public aid expenditures in 1974, up from 44 per cent in 1960.

Now, let's see! I'll have to log that call as: Six minutes, 'President' — three minutes, 'Candidate'!



CONSERVATIVE ADVOCATE

Last Farewell to a Magician

By WILLIAM RUSHER
The recent death of Lily Pons brought back fond memories, and stirred some deeper thoughts about how young people, in this or any other age, may be brought to an appreciation of the arts.

painting — was almost as innocent of the fine arts as an ape in the zoo. But, in one magical afternoon, Lily Pons changed all that.

second act of "Rigoletto," she stepped forward all alone to the front of that huge stage in the old opera house — a tiny figure in a blue negligee, holding a small lighted candle in the circle of a single blue spotlight — and sang the lovely aria "Caro Nome," climbing at its end to a pure and unbelievable E above high C. I joined enthusiastically in the wild applause that followed.



Dad thinks prostitute should teach sex to son

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My husband insists that because boys will be boys, every boy should have his first sexual experience with a prostitute. He has several reasons: She can teach him about sex, there are no repercussions from the encounter, and it's preferable to learning with some Mama's girl in the back seat of a car.

DEAR M.C.: If prostitutes offer educational courses for inexperienced boys, it's news to me. Perhaps your husband knows some who do. [Is he a graduate?] And what if a student develops such a ferocious loyalty to his "alma mater" that he keeps going back for graduate courses?

DEAR ABBY: I am nearly 90 years old and have a question which I hope you can answer for me as it has troubled me for a long time.

DEAR OLD: There ought to be a photographic studio in Chicago that would produce a copy of the original while you and your relative wait. Ask around.

DEAR ABBY: Here's how I have succeeded in getting my name off "junk" mailing lists: I simply cross off my name and address, and write, "REFUSED—RETURN TO SENDER" on the envelope. Then I drop it in a mailbox.

DEAR MRS. B.: Thanks for the tip. Some of those folks who impose their junk mail on people are going to hate us!

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The \$52,000 Bear Collar

It's nice to know that we have so many people in Washington who are so very, very generous — with taxpayer money. We used to think that Washington bureaucrats stayed up at night, thinking of new ways to spend more of our money; but now we learn that they don't have to do that at all.

But we do have a confirmed story from Associated Press that a contract has been given to a West-coast electronics firm to fashion three bear collars with attached radio transmitters. The beasts to be bugged are Alaskan Polar Bears. The three collars are to cost you, via Uncle Sam, \$52,000. And the purpose of the project is to find out if the Alaskan Pipeline will adversely affect the walking habits of the bears.

Of course, the \$52,000 for the battery-operated collars doesn't take into consideration all of the additional expense that will be borne by the government during the year the radios continue to operate. We can't even begin to imagine what it is going to cost to fly people up to Alaska to put the collars around the necks of the bears, or to account for the hordes of paper-pushers and report-filers who will keep track of the bears' meanderings on a day-to-day basis.

We doubt very much that the Alaskan Pipeline will have the slightest effect on the walking habits of Polar Bears. From what we have observed (at a cost of less than \$52,000), the four-legged bears have much more emotional stability than the two-legged environmentalists.

Combat pay next?

This is what editorial writers call a sorry commentary on the state of society: A bill has been introduced in the Ohio General Assembly to permit local boards of education to grant "assault leave" to teachers who are injured by a student in the performance of duty.

Total number of "assault leave" days would depend upon the seriousness of the injury, which would require medical verification. Under the present system, a teacher unable to perform his or her duties as the result of an assault may take sick leave. But since severance pay at retirement is based on the number of unused sick leave days a teacher has accumulated, this could be adding financial penalty to physical injury.

There are more than 70,000 instances of assaults against teachers annually in the United States, says the Ohio Federation of Teachers. The accuracy of these figures may be open to question — "assault" is a pretty loose term that could run the gamut from a minor scuffle to actual physical attack — but there is little doubt that teaching in some schools these days is a job fully deserving of combat pay.

In Support of cash

Thanks to the Fair Credit Billing Act, which took effect last November, retailers who accept "third-party" credit cards like the ubiquitous BankAmericard and Master Charge, may offer discounts to customers who pay cash.

True, the two to five per cent or more service charge the retailer pays to the credit card company is covered by his prices. But that means that not only are credit card users paying for the convenience of delayed billing, every cash-paying customer is to some extent subsidizing the card holders.

Consumers Union, which has waged legal battles in this field, thinks so, too. By way of encouraging such a trend, it has published a guide to help local groups compile directories of merchants offering discounts for cash.

In fact, the name of the guide is "How to Compile a Consumers' Directory of Merchants Offering Discounts for Cash." It's available for \$1 from the Book Dept., Consumers Union, Orangeburg, N.Y. 10962.

Monetary

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

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Public School's Menu

Tuesday — Chicken spaghetti, blackeyed peas, tossed salad with dressing, hot roll, apple crisp and milk.

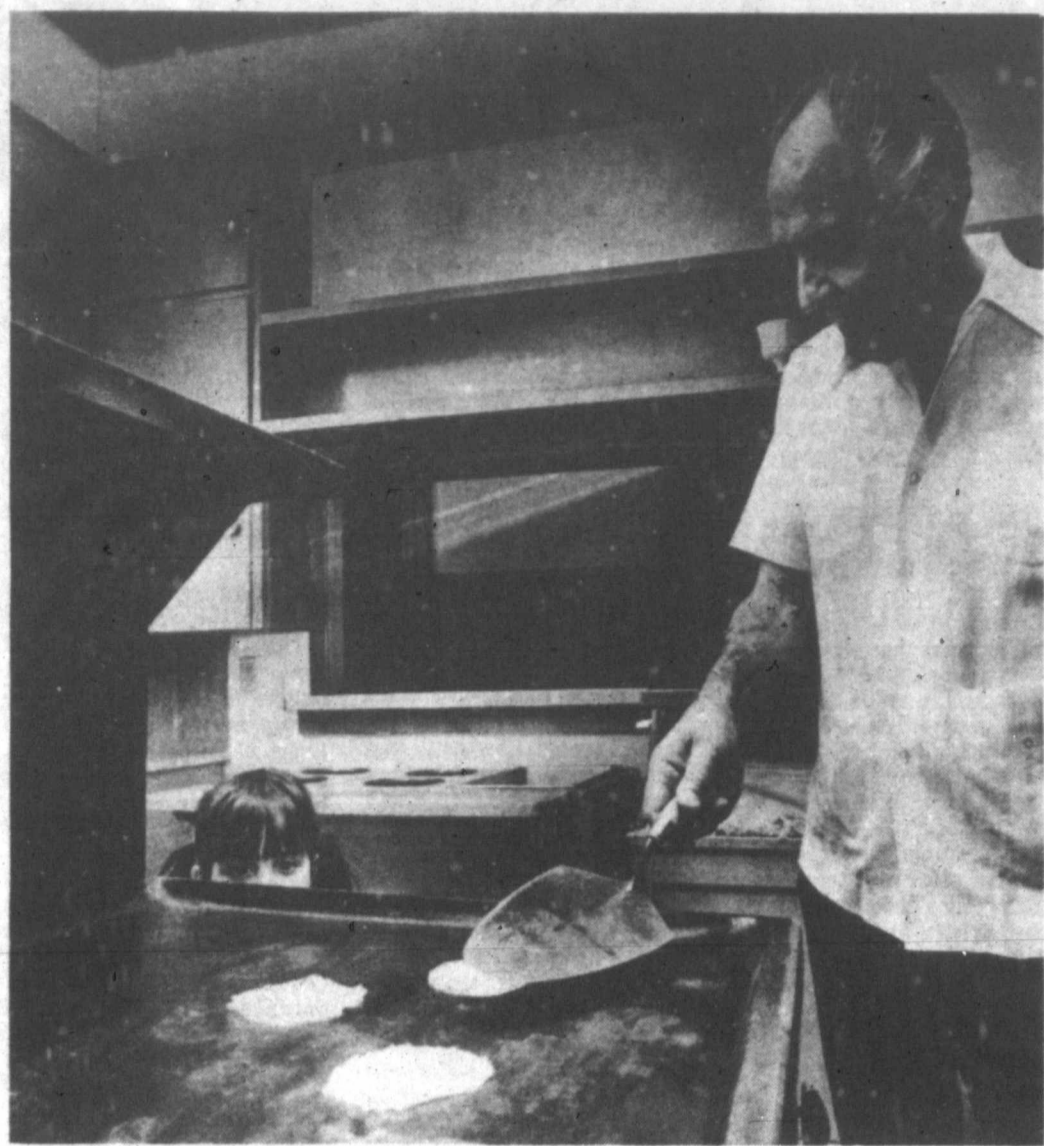
Wednesday — Spanish rice, ground meat, green beans, garlic bread sticks, sliced peaches, ice box cookies and milk.

Thursday — Country fried steak, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas and carrots, hot roll, cinnamon crisps and milk.

Gets training

Harold D. Estes, an apprentice lineman for Southwestern Public Service Company in Pampa, is attending a Third Year Lineman and Meterman Apprentice Training School now being held at the SPS Southwest Service Center in Amarillo.

The school marks the beginning of the third phase of the four year program of apprenticeship leading to a Journeyman's classification for these linemen.



Plenty of Pancakes

Preparations are under way for the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, sponsored by St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning, from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Proceeds will be used to benefit the St. Matthews sponsored non-demonstrational preschool. Tickets are \$1.50 each with preschoolers to be admitted free. Ted Alexander experiments with pancake batter as Michelle Perales watches.

(Pampa News photo by Michal Thompson)

TEXAS TALK

By **Douglas Howard**

Something special was reflected in the bright lights of Kansas City late last year when the annual Future Farmers of America convention was held. Reflected almost blindingly was the change in attitudes about agriculture. FFA conventions used to be almost mediocre affairs with dwindling attendance and speakers not in demand elsewhere. Old attendance records fell like rain in a hurricane when more than 20,000 of the Future Farmers checked in for the November convention. They came from all fifty states with visiting students from Europe and South America. Speaking before the sea of blue-jacketed farmers were Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller, former Texas Governor and Secretary of the Treasury, John Connally and former Georgia Governor and FFA member, Jimmy Carter. One of the highlights was the planning for this year's national convention. Early indications point to another record setter.

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Want more CIA scrutiny

By **BILL CHOYKE**
Pampa News
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Several Texas Congressmen, agreeing that Congress has failed in the past to properly review Central Intelligence Agency activities, have called for more stringent congressional oversight of the CIA.

However, at the same time, the Texas lawmakers are split on exactly what should be done. Some embrace the idea of a special House - Senate committee responsible for oversight of intelligence activities while others believe the current congressional panels should be strengthened.

Interviews with several Texas legislators here indicate that they are also split on whether the CIA or any other U.S. agency should engage in covert activities unrelated to intelligence, including political assassinations.

Generally, the Texas lawmakers opposed U.S.-inspired assassinations of foreign leaders. Rep. Robert Krueger, D - New Braunfels,

said if that occurred, Congress should know who made that decision.

"Somebody should stand responsible for that," the freshman congressman said.

Rep. Alan Steelman, R - Dallas, also believes assassinations should not be utilized. But Steelman, a moderate conservative seeking a U.S. Senate seat, said covert activities outside of mere intelligence can be useful.

"I do think covert operations beyond those which gather intelligence are in our national interest," Steelman said. "I don't want to arbitrarily say no to covert activities."

In the past, the CIA has covertly funneled either money or arms to such groups as pro-Western factions in the Angolan civil war and rightist forces in Chile and Italy. At least one Texas congressman believes that such U.S. intervention in the internal politics of another country is wrong.

"I don't think the American public, condones that type of covert activities," said Rep. Richard White, a conservative

El Paso Democrat. "We don't expect other nations to do it to us. We shouldn't do it to them."

Generally, the Texas lawmakers interviewed have no firm solutions on how Congress could best monitor intelligence activities. Steelman, for one, endorses the concept of a select congressional committee which would be responsible for CIA oversight.

Sen. John Tower, R - Wichita Falls, disagrees. Tower, the vice chairman of the special Senate intelligence committee which will be out of business February 29 after a 13-month investigation, vigorously argues for strengthening the current system whereby several existing committees handle oversight of the CIA, FBI and other intelligence-related agencies.

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Terrorism continues in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Every two weeks a bomb explodes in the San Francisco area carrying to the public a message from the revolutionaries.

A supermarket, a utility station, a stock brokerage, a television station, an oil company, a bank or a business executive's home—it can be any of them.

The terrorism shows no sign of stopping—in spite of the recent arrests of nine suspected members of the Emiliano Zapata Unit. They are regarded by sources on the left as

"crazies," or even police informers.

"Most of us don't care for violence," a Berkeley source says. "Some of us oppose violence as self-defeating, but others shrug their shoulders and say maybe an act of armed propaganda is a good thing—so long as nobody makes a horrible mistake."

After the Zapata arrests, Charles Bates, FBI special agent-in-charge, expressed hope his agents had "broken the back" not only of the Zapata unit but of the New World Liberation Front (NWL), two of the area's

most active terrorist groups.

His statement was promptly disputed by one radical source who said the two groups have no real connection, and the FBI "has not even cracked the NWLF's knuckles."

For reasons not made public, on Feb. 17 a man and woman fired numerous rounds into an occupied house in Marin County, and were arrested nearby. Investigators found addresses on the Zapata unit in Berkeley.

Three nights later, an FBI affidavit said, agents received a tip from a woman named Judy Stevenson, a member of the New Dawn Collective believed to be the "overground front" of the Zapata unit. She said a group of terrorists would move into her Richmond house that night and

gave permission for her house to be searched.

The house was raided, six persons were arrested and 150 pounds of bombs were confiscated.

Soon after, a seventh person, David Miller, 31, was arrested at an Oakland house which local police said contained thousands of documents. "A major find for law enforcement," Miller has been wanted in Madison, Wis., since 1970 on charges of assaulting a police officer at a radical rally.

Mrs. Stevenson was secreted away by the FBI. So was Daniel G. Adornetto, 35, one of the suspects, who turned out to be an ex-convict with a drug habit.

Adornetto, who uses several names, has been kept separate from the others in various jails.

He may be used as a government witness.

Investigative sources later said the Richmond raid disclosed the Zapata unit was deeply involved in narcotics, possibly to finance its activities. They suggested the shooting incident was a dispute over drugs and cash.

The Zapata group started sending to news media communiques claiming bombings last Oct. 13. It has taken responsibility for explosions at five Safeway stores, a utility installation and a bank.

The NWLF has claimed 28 incidents since Oct. 5, 1974, including the \$1 million blast last Feb. 12 at the Hearst Castle at San Simeon.

Its rhetoric, full of exclamation points, contrasts with more temperate Marxist language of a third terrorist group, the Red Guerrilla Family. However, the four blasts of the Red Guerrillas since last March 27 were the biggest of all, and included the Berkeley office of the FBI.

Two other groups, Americans for Justice and the Chicano Liberation Front, have been silent for at least a year.

Pleads guilty of forgery

James Franklin Goodrum, 21, pleaded guilty Friday to charges of forgery.

The plea was entered in 31st District Court here. Guy Hardin, district attorney, said the plea

was entered after a check in the amount of \$500 was forged on M.R. Bridges of Oklahoma City.

The money, Hardin said, was deposited in the First National Bank here and three checks were written on the account.

They were written to Zales at both locations and to Anderson's Western Wear.

Hardin said Judge Grainger McIlhenny had delayed sentencing in the case to allow district attorneys in Brazoria County and at Fort Stockton, Tex., to decide if they want charges pending in those areas to be considered at the time punishment is pronounced here.

Goodrum is from Brazoria County.

Radio club sets meeting

The Pampa Amateur Radio Club will hold its regular monthly meeting 6:30 p.m. Monday in Furr's Cafeteria.

Special guests will include members of the Novice Code and Theory Class now in progress. A nominating committee for club officers will be selected.

History week slated

Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe has proclaimed this week County Historical Appreciation week in Gray County.

The local bicentennial committee is conducting special tours and programs at White Deer Land Museum throughout the week, with special emphasis given to Tuesday in observance of Texas Independence Day.

The committee has asked everyone to fly flags on that day.

Texas Independence Day also is being observed in the schools. Among the programs scheduled is 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at Stephen F. Austin School where a short program and flag ceremony will be presented in observance of the special event.

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Fire may drive out farmer

WHITHARRAL, Tex. (UPI) — For 17 years James Blackwell has farmed the rich West Texas dirt, and has been reasonably successful. But now Blackwell says he may move his family because the location of his farm isn't worth dying for.

Blackwell's farm is about a mile northwest of major pipeline carrying various forms of gas. Wednesday night that pipeline exploded, killing one of his neighbors and injuring four others.

"I've been rather happy here, but this is the third gas leak we've had in this immediately area in the past two years," Blackwell said. "I'm just about ready to move some place that's a little safer."

Blackwell and a neighboring farmer found the charred body

of Valdomero Arozondo, 45, in a field about 100 feet from his mobile home parked almost on top of the line.

Listed in critical condition at a Lubbock hospital were Arozondo's wife, Maria, 45; his daughter, Lupe Sustaita, 23; his 19-month-old grandson, Michael Sustaita, and Edwin Havin, 59, a farmer who lived alone in a small frame house 100 yards from the Arozondo home.

According to investigators, the escaping gas — a mixture of ethane, propane and butane — apparently accumulated around the two houses and along a half-mile path about 25 feet wide where the pipeline was buried.

A similar rupture was located about 15 miles away last summer. A third occurred in almost the same location about

two years ago. But neither resulted in fire.

"But it certainly gives one something to think about," Blackwell said.

Investigators said they did not know what ignited the gas Wednesday, but thought it might have been a hot water heater or furnace in the mobile home. A low, blue streaking flame then swept southwestward to the rupture.

Employees of the Tulsa, Okla.-based Mid-American Pipeline Co. inspected the area and reread gauges at pump stations located at both ends of section of the line where the leakage began shortly after 9 p.m.

"We're evaluating it now, but as far as we can tell it's going to be a defective pipe," said Gilbert Rohleder, Mid-American vice president. "Normally you have some isolated cases (ruptures), but when you have

this many in the same area something has to be done."

"I don't know what the answer is, but we'll have one in the next few days. We intend to make damn sure this doesn't happen again."

Lockney County Sheriff O. C. Blair, who rushed to the area about 45 minutes earlier after an alarm had been sounded by farmers who smelled the gas, was evacuating residents a mile away when the explosion occurred.

"It made a swooshing noise, kind of like when you're lighting a hot water heater only louder," Blair said. "Then they whole sky lighted up — just like daylight. The whole area was a solid flame — then it went out except for a few grass fires, the mobile home and the ruptured pipeline.

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By JEANNE GRIMES
Pampa News Staff
A retired Lefors carpenter sees a day which only happens three times in a century as more than just another Sunday. Feb. 29 falls on a Sunday once

every 28 years. It happened in 1920 and 1948. It is happening today. And we won't see another until 2004.
On Feb. 29, 1948, H.L. McCarley of Lefors presented a

pulpit chair to the First United Methodist Church in Lefors. He had built the chair himself and paid for all of the materials. The chair was made at the request of then - pastor the Rev. Newton Daniel.

"We built the church in 1946," McCarley said, adding that worshippers had attended services in what is now the basement of the present white building. Rev. Daniel got the idea for

the style of the pulpit chair from the arched gothic windows behind the pulpit. McCarley had worked on construction of the gothic arches for the windows and the pastor asked him to design a chair along similar lines.

A different minister later thought the church needed two of the chairs and he requested that McCarley build a second chair.
A third preacher asked McCarley to build a pulpit stand for the church. The pulpit design is popular with preachers, McCarley said, because of its roominess and adjustable lectern.

He began construction of a communion table "six or seven years ago" but quit before it was completed. Then recently he realized that Feb. 29 would be on a Sunday this year and he decided to finish the project and present the communion table to the church today.

"I didn't know about it until about three weeks ago," the Rev. Charles Graff, pastor, said. "Personally, I'm very excited about it. It is so much more meaningful when the members of a church become involved like this."



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H.L. McCarley rests on the arm of one of the two pulpit chairs he has built for his church since 1948. The arch design of the chair backs was inspired by arched gothic windows in the church. Center is the pulpit McCarley built. Its design is favored by

ministers because of its roominess and an adjustable lectern. He is constructing the communion table in his garage - workshop and is shown finishing off some last minute construction details. (Pampa News photo by Michal Thompson)

Candidates to speak to Democratic club

Candidates for district attorney and for county attorney have been invited to speak at the Top of Texas Democratic Club

meeting scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the new senior citizens building.

No school

Students in the Pampa Independent School District will have no classes Monday, but teachers will attend the in-service education program at the junior high school here. "Spirit of the Past...Ours to Use For the Future - 1776 - 1976."

The district attorney candidates include Guy Hardin of Shamrock, incumbent; John W. Warner, new county attorney; and Harold Comer, a Pampa attorney.

Those seeking the county attorney post to be vacated by Warner at the end of the year include David Martindale and Robert McPherson.

A report from the nominating committee for election of officers for the coming year will be made during the business session.

J.L. Holmes, club president, said all interested Democrats are invited to attend. The meeting is open to the public, he said.


Other guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hazlewood of Amarillo. Mrs. Hazlewood, president of the Potter - Randall Democratic Women's Club, will announce plans for a candidate's rally to be held in Amarillo later in March.

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Gays are tourist attraction

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — The Mardi Gras visitor whose eyes chance to meet those of a beautiful stranger across a crowded French Quarter street may feel he has encountered the girl of his dreams.

Instead, he may be ogling a male travestite.

It is estimated that close to half the persons in the famed quarter on Mardi Gras, which is this Tuesday, are gay — and hundreds of them celebrate by posing as women.

While the Mardi Gras parades of the established social clubs march down historic St. Charles Avenue and Canal Street, the gays have a parade of their own on Bourbon Street, leading up to a "male beauty contest."

The sponsor of this year's contest, a gay bar in the Quarter, has opened a new category for the participants this year — "best leather."

Once frowned upon by the city, the contest is now viewed

not as a perversion but as one of the top tourist attractions of Mardi Gras.

"It wouldn't be the same without the gays," said a church official who wished to remain anonymous. "They're the ones who wear the most elaborate costumes. It's their day to howl."

"It's all right to take a picture of a family dressed like clowns, but the gays in their exotic costumes make much more interesting pictures — and they love to have their photographs taken."

Police, merchants, residents and tourist commission officials accept the gay participation as appropriate to the annual carnival madness of masked balls, dancing in the streets, singing, drinking and revelry — right up until midnight when the streets are cleared and Lent begins.

Gays from across the nation migrate to New Orleans for Mardi Gras, but police say the

influx is not big enough to cause a problem and the group is viewed as harmless.

"The gay element is as much a part of carnival as any other aspect," said police spokesman Tony Buonagura. "These people who participate in the beauty contest — rarely is there any problem at all in that group of people. That's a lifestyle that we have no quarrel with."

The New Orleans Tourist and Convention Commission does nothing to promote the gay activities, but officials concede it is a major attraction.

"It really gets the turnout," said the commission's Beverly Gianna. "These people pay lots of money to make themselves costumes. I wouldn't say we encourage it, but we do not frown on it either."

Jim Monahans, 37, who owns four "straight" French Quarter bars, said in years past contestants have appeared in costumes with elaborate head-

resses as tall as 28 feet.

"The quarter is not overrun by gay persons, but I'd say on Mardi Gras day up to 50 per cent of the people in the quarter are gay — most of them in costumes," he said.

Monahans said businessmen welcome them as a tourist lure and because "they are well behaved."

"The only people who give you any trouble are the longhaired middle class young people from the North," said Monahans, a big bearded man of Irish descent who acts as his own bouncer.

Activities in the quarter, a restored 130-square-block sector where the old city was founded in 1718, are part of a bigger, city-wide celebration of Mardi Gras that stretches across city lines and into the suburbs.

Parades, which increase to several a day about two weeks before "Fat Tuesday," become the most lavish and prestigious

on the final day of carnival.

Hundreds of thousand of persons, shoving and laughing, crowd along the many parade routes hoping to catch trinkets tossed by riders on the floats.

"The number of tourists who come to New Orleans for Mardi Gras would be the same with or without the gay beauty contests," said tourist commission spokesman Bill Peeper. "Besides, some of those people in that

gay contest are just there for the kicks of the day — they're no more gay than I am."

In 1785 the Continental Congress set aside land owned by the government in the Northwest Territory to support public education. Schools, however, were neither operated nor staffed by the federal government.

Wednesday last day for voters to register

Voter registration for 1976 elections is slow, according to Jack Back, Gray County tax assessor collector.

Many of the notices mailed out for registration have been returned, he said.

Those who have not received a notice should come to the office, and find out why.

Wednesday is the last day for

registration for the school board and city elections, however registration may continue throughout the year.

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Malcolm R. Currie, Director of Defense Research and Engineering, told a Pentagon news conference Thursday.

"It is by no means clear that the Soviet Union regards nuclear war as unthinkable. There is strong evidence to the contrary. Their growing counter-military offensive capability and damage-limiting defense

capabilities at least open the door some day for potential blackmail or for offensive probes."

As to how the United States should respond to the threat, he said:

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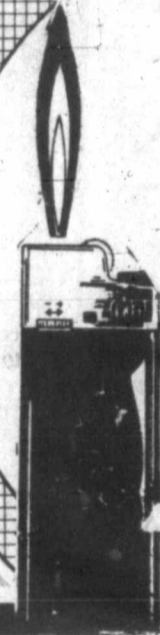
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Black Sunday

By THOM MARSHALL
Pampa News Staff

Folks in the Pampa area were used to a lot of wind and a lot of dust when the storm of April 14, 1935 came rolling in, but they hadn't seen anything quite like that particular bleak, black Sunday.

A story in the next day's issue of The Pampa News revealed several things about the storm.

"A whiskey-intoxicated man in north Pampa saw it and thought the world was coming to an end," the story begins. "He began hunting for a church and incidentally sobered up. . . . Some persons became hysterical. . . . A man who was dressing after a bath had put on one shoe; when he reached for the other, he couldn't see it, nor could he see his hand in front of him."

The storm, described in the story as "one of the most magnificent and gigantic spectacles in the repertoire of the merciless Mother Nature," was visible for 15 minutes before it struck Pampa at 6:45 p.m. that day—almost an hour before sunset.

"When it was a half mile away, watchers could see that it was almost two miles high," the story reported. "They also could see that if all the oil in the Panhandle had gone up in stupendous ebony-blue clouds of boiling, billowing smoke, it would not have made a sight half as fearful."

Newspaper accounts of that storm and of the many others of the mid 1930s paint a picture of hard times for area residents and harder times for those residents who were trying to coax a living from Panhandle area farms.

It is apparent, from reading some of the stories and comments of the time, that folks who lived in the dust bowl and intended to continue to live here, had two important qualities—a sense of humor and a faith that the winds finally would blow themselves out, the drought would end, and the dust would settle back to the ground where a little rain could coax from it the impressive yields that only a few years earlier had fed hungry World War I troops.

"It has always been a region of sparse rainfall," an Associated Press reporter wrote of the area in a 1935 story. "The world war, with its high wheat prices and urgent demands, sent the plow into the sod and turned this into a wheat country. Before then it was range land, and crop was native buffalo grass, which held the soil firm against insistent winds."

The year 1935 was the third year of drought in the area, and the dust storms, while bad, were not new.

"Forty years ago," the writer recorded in 1935, "decades before the wheat farmers came with their combines—a dust storm of such violence swept Western Kansas that it stopped trains, just as they were stopped last week."

Pampans of the mid 30's whether they'd ever been to Kansas or not, knew of what the writer wrote, because they saw much of the Sunflower State blow past them, felt much of it settle on them when the winds temporarily let up.

Henry Lovett, described in April 1935 as a "longtime Pampa resident," swept one day from his porch—8 feet wide by 20 feet long—"three and one-quarter pounds of dust, grit, grime, or whatever has been blowing over the country in the last few weeks."

Lovett described his sweepings as "a new type of dirt. . . . as fine as flour and much heavier than Panhandle blow dirt. It was sticky and somewhat darker than soil in this section."

The Pampa News story said that Lovett came to this section of the country in May 1877, settling at Ft. Elliott. "He said these storms are a new experience for him. It is the first time he can remember dirt sticking where it fell."

The dust was on everyone's furniture and on everyone's mind. In column in the April 4, 1935 edition of The News, an editor wrote, "Don't sell the Panhandle short. Many are the times we're given that advice. We repeat it now. The soil of the plains is largely intact. Give us rain and we'll break out with the bumping crop the AAA will allow. . . . Our weather is inconsistent. Rainy springs will return. . . . Meanwhile, Gray County is producing a bumper crop of oil and gas. The Panhandle will come back agriculturally. Don't let the drought fool you."

Almost every issue of The News in 1935 contained some mention of the drought or of the dust or of the need for rain.

From the April 17, 1935 edition:

"It is very unwise to consider dust storms apart from the drought. The Pampa plains country is suffering from the drought primarily. With normal rainfall, our soil would not blow any more than it did in the past, except on some lands which are so level and wind-swept that they should not be plowed without, at the same time, using something to break the wind."

Another story, on the front page of that issue was headlined, "Soil Funds Coming Soon," with a sub-head reading, "Farm Community Representatives to Meet Tomorrow in Thomas' Office." "Emergency soil erosion control funds will be available to Gray County landowners and tenants within a few days, it became apparent today."

"Representatives of all county farm communities will meet in County Agent Ralph Thomas' office at 9 a.m. tomorrow to consider this and other subjects."

The ability to laugh at the drought and the dust storms came out often in the 1935 newspapers.

A column item on April 18 of that year: "The public ought to sympathize with those Lions who, during these dusters, have to breathe deeply and sometimes gaspingly to get enough air to sing the peppy popular songs to be presented soon in the annual minstrel."

As predicted, the drought did not last forever, the rains came again and the fertile Panhandle ground settled down to growing bountiful crops again.

Folks learned from the choking, blinding dust storms. They learned that farming methods would have to be developed adopted to help the topsoil hold firm against the winds.

It worked too, pretty much. When the dry mid-50's came there were some dusters—even one or two that blacked out the sun. But the 50's were not as bad as the 30's had been.



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'The land is in condition to blow'

By THOM MARSHALL
Pampa News Staff

Every couple of decades the Panhandle country, with the help of considerable wind, rearranges itself a bit. It is time again.

Already there has been some shifting of topsoil—from fields to borrow ditches and county roads—and it may be hard to keep the situation in check.

"The majority of the land in the area is in condition to blow," said Perry Gruhkey, district conservationist. "It's loose and puffy and ready to blow."

He explained the process that changes wind into a duster:

"Static electricity picks up soil and you get a condition called 'saltation' where particles jump and hit on the ground and have an explosion-like effect knocking more soil up. It's a mushrooming effect; everytime one hits it multiplies—like the mouse traps and ping pong balls."

According to a recent United Press International story, combination of low sunspot activity, past records and bone-dry conditions indicate the "Great Drought of the '70s" is beginning in the American high plains.

The story quoted an astrophysicist who said the area most susceptible to such a drought is that portion of the plains extending 800 to 1,000 miles east of the Rocky Mountains and running from South Dakota to the Texas Panhandle.

Drought in the high plains have occurred every 20 to 22 years for the past 160 years. There was a moderate drought of three years duration in the mid 1950s. That was preceded by the severe dust bowl drought of the 1930s. There was a four year drought centered around 1913.

Dr. Walter Orr Roberts, a professor of astrophysics at the University of Colorado, said that the high plains droughts have been associated by research with periods of very low solar radiation activity which occur every 11 years and with abnormally low periods of sun-linked magnetic field activity which occur every 22 years.

"I have heard it said that this area could not return to the dust bowl days because of our advanced agricultural technology," said Joe Van Zandt, Gray County agricultural agent.

"However, when drought conditions hit and you don't have enough cover on the land, dirt and dust are bound to blow when we get windy conditions."

He reported that most of the wheat fields in the Laketon area have been plowed up in an effort to stop or reduce the blowing dirt conditions.

"Land damaged by wind erosion in Gray County in the last three months includes about 30,000 acres of prime cropland," Gruhkey said.

"Most of the damage was east of Pampa in the Laketon Community, including an area seven miles by eight miles."

Gruhkey reported that there were 10 days in February with winds over 20 miles per hour and the weekend of Feb. 20-21 did extensive damage with winds of 50 to 60 miles per hour.

He said that most farmers are practicing emergency tillage to stop or control the wind erosion.

"Most crops have been destroyed and are being plowed under," Gruhkey said of the Laketon area. "Some fields have had three inches of top soil blown off, which equals 500 tons of soil loss per acre."

"The area is in a very critical situation," he said, "and most of the cropland in the county is in condition to blow."

Even a field that does not look like it will blow can be caused to blow when a place next to it begins to blow, the conservationist commented.

John Spearman, a farmer east of the city, fought the weekend winds to plow up a neighbor's field so that his own wouldn't blow so bad.

"He was sick with the flu and couldn't do it himself," Spearman explained.

The object of the plowing is to bring clods to the surface so that the loose soil on top won't be blown away.

"Primary cause of the wind erosion in the Laketon area was the heavy rains of late September of 1975," Gruhkey said. "The rains packed the ground and destroyed newly planted wheat, leaving little ground cover. Freezing and thawing has caused the soil to loosen and be susceptible to wind erosion."

But, while it could be much better and wetter than it is, "What we've got now is nothing at all like the 30s for two reasons," said area agribusinessman and former county agent Foster Whaley.

"First, the weather just hasn't been as bad over a long period of time like it was in the 30s. And second, we didn't have the equipment back in the 30s to control dirt movement like we do now."

Whaley said that "in fact, this doesn't even compare to the one in the 50s."

Gruhkey agrees that the 70s situation will not be a repeat of the 30s drought.

"We know more about how to control it," he said. "And the irrigation land has a lot of residue

on it and very seldom blows. In the 30s they had very little irrigation."

And the Texas Railroad Commission says the high cost of natural gas already is forcing many farmers to leave the field.

"In many places, farmers simply cannot afford to run their irrigation pumps by natural gas power because of the skyrocketing cost," said Rep. Lane Denton, D-Waco.

Regardless of the present drought conditions and the dire predictions for more of the same, a look at the past can bring hope for the future—this part of the grain belt has always, come through the tough times with increased determination, new developments, and a better relationship with the land.

While irrigation has made a great difference and will be a help in keeping a drought situation from being as devastating as the one in the 30s, continued drought may result in some wells running dry.



This is how it looked from Pampa before the big, black duster hit on April 14, 1935.

Photo courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Walker

Community Profile:

Elbert Hensley

By JANE P. MARSHALL
Pampa News Staff

The mother of the average piano student will be shocked by this: Elbert Hensley's mother would like him to quit practicing once in a while.

Hensley, who has perhaps one of the most familiar faces in town, plays the piano and sings.

He does both with ease and skill. And he does both often; for the high school choir, for St. Marks Methodist church, for high school musicals, with the singing group "Spirit of '76," for community activities, for club meetings with Jamie Hood for club meetings.

It takes natural talent, Hensley said, "but you have to work hard at it, too."

"I practice all the time. My mother is all the time yelling at me to get off (the piano)," he grinned.

The musician is a high school junior. While in junior high, choir director Louise Richardson who was at the junior high then, asked him to accompany the choir on the piano. He had only taken one year of lessons.

And it was then he discovered his love for the piano.

He is still taking lessons from Bill Haley and although he can play by ear, Hensley said he doesn't rely on that at all.

He now accompanies the concert choir and mixed choir in high school. And he sings in the concert choir.

His piano talents led to singing and for the past two years, the young Hensley has been named to the all-state choir, an honor which is bestowed on only 240 students in Texas. The choir is chosen via auditions and "we have to learn real hard music," Hensley said.

The junior is modest about his abilities. He gives credit to choir director John Woiczkowski. He says he couldn't do it without encouragement from his friends. He credits his mother, Mrs. Ruthie Morgan who is special education teacher at Baker Elementary school, with influencing his musical talents.

Mrs. Morgan sings, Hensley, and his eight

brothers and one sister all enjoy music. But not all are into it professionally. Cheryl, a sophomore, plays clarinet in the high school band; Joey plays lead guitar and sings with the rock group Stagecoach.

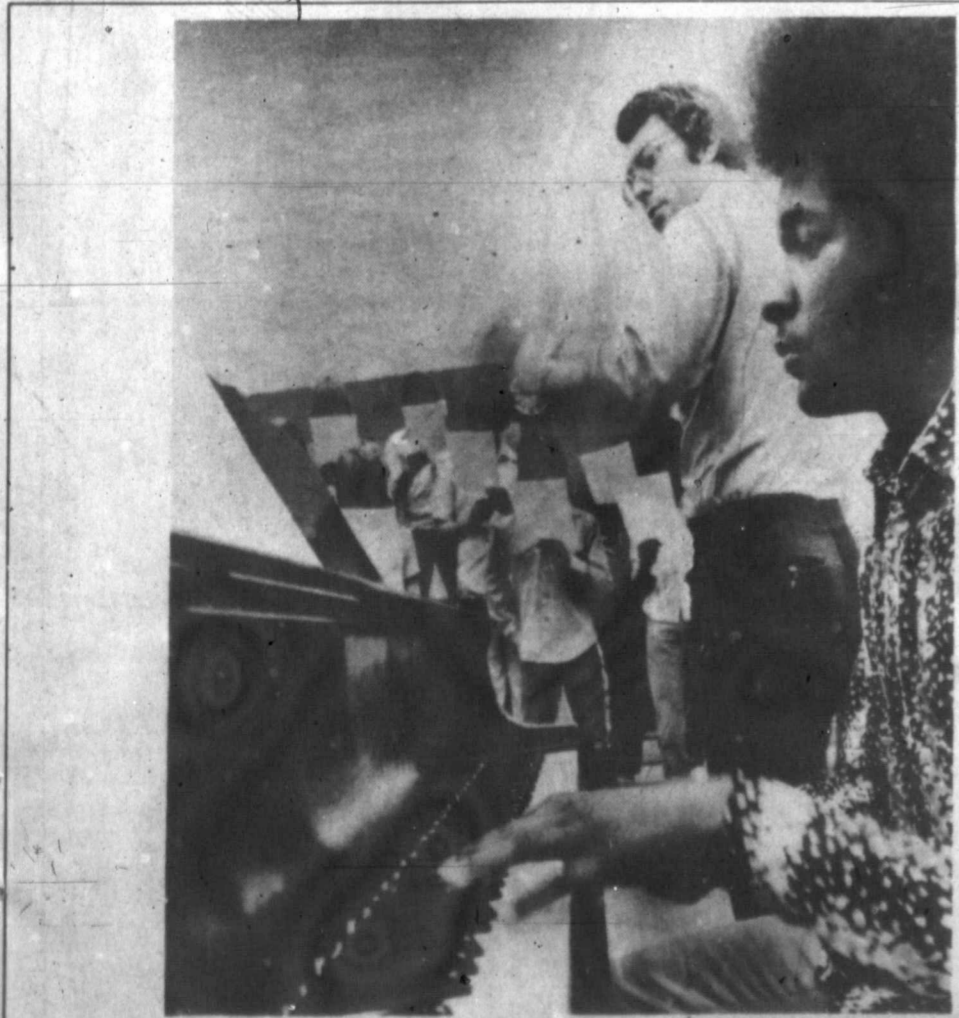
"I'm close to my family," Hensley said "and I like people, especially my friends. They mean a lot to me."

His friends and his music seem to be the most important things in young Hensley's life right now. And his musical favorites set at both ends of the spectrum. He likes to play classical—Chopin, Brahms and Debussy—best on the piano. And he likes to sing opera and popular music.

What about the future?

The tenor has had letters from the University of Houston, Texas Tech, the University of Texas, East Texas State and several music camps which are interested in his talents.

On his way to fame and fortune, he laughed, he would like one to day to direct music.





Mrs. Kent Malcolm Wallis
Former Cheryl Jean Dunn

Wallis-Dunn marriage

In a candlelight ceremony, Miss Cheryl Jean Dunn became the bride of Kent Malcolm Wallis at 7 p.m. Feb. 14 in the Hobart Baptist Church of Pampa.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby R. Dunn of Canadian. The bridegroom's parents are Mrs. Frank Diggins of 1036 S. Faulkner and Herman Wallis of Hobbs, N.M.

The Rev. John Hansard, pastor of the Hobart Baptist Church, officiated at the double-ring ceremony. Mrs. Rena Johnson, organist, played traditional wedding selections.

Soloist was Eddie Roby of Canyon.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of satin, lined with crepe and bridal taffeta and designed with a scooped neckline and collar, with empire waistline.

The detachable chapel length train was of Chantilly-type lace edged with hand-strung pearls and sequins. Her veil of bridal illusion fell from a crown of lace and pearls. The veil was edged with three rows of scalloped lace.

Miss Charla Polk of Canyon

College News

Three area students are among 48 students in the dental auxiliaries program of Amarillo College to be capped in ceremonies Saturday.

Belinda Lemaster of Perryton will receive her cap as a dental assisting student. Dental hygiene students to be capped are Teri Mays of Pampa and Mary Ann Clemmons of Skellytown.

Dental assistant students receiving caps will graduate in August. Dental hygiene students will graduate this May and May, 1977.

The ceremony will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Concert Hall on the Amarillo College campus.

Three Pampa High School graduates have been named to the Frank Phillips College Dean's honor list for the 1975 fall semester.

In order to make the dean's list, a student must have passed a minimum of 15 semester hours and made a 3.0 or above on a 4.0 grading system.

The Pampa students include Katherine Louise Eslick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Frank Eslick, and a freshman majoring in pre-med; Tonya Rania Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.B. Lewis, and a sophomore majoring in elementary education, and Peggy Jo Tyrrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tyrrell, and a freshman majoring in physical education.

IRISH PLAY
NEW HAVEN, Conn. (UPI)—The American premiere of Thomas Murphy's play "On the Outside-On the Inside" will be given March 5-April 2 by the Long Wharf Theatre. The play, directed by Arvin Brown, examines an Irish dance hall from two perspectives.

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Evangelist for the Revival will be Jackie Lee, Pastor of the Church, a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, who has served as pastor at Barrett for 2 years, 8 months.

Directing the music will be Mr. Clois Smith, Minister of Education at Tallowood Baptist Church, Houston, Texas.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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Campbell-Betchan vows

Becky May Betchan of Pampa and Richard Emery Campbell of Plainview exchanged vows in a double ring ceremony Feb. 21 in the Central Baptist Church parlor.

The bride, daughter of Mrs. Ethel Betchan and Fred Betchan, both of Pampa, was given in marriage by her parents. The bride's sister, Neva Lynn Betchan, attended by Phil White of Lefors as best man. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Campbell of Plainview.

The bride wore a long beige dress with an empire waistline

and embroidered yoke and cuffs and a long veil. She carried a bouquet of white carnations with a blue corsage.

Assisting at the reception were Jeanie Sawyer of Lefors, Karen Hughes and Belinda Gifford of Pampa.

The bride, a 1975 Pampa High School graduate, was employed by Furr's Supermarket. The groom is a 1975 graduate of Lefors and is employed by Barley's Refrigeration and Electric of Plainview.

Following a wedding trip to Amarillo, the couple will make their home in Plainview.

Turney-Nickel wedding

Niona Ruth Nickel and Larry Michael Turney, both of Morton, were married Jan. 30 in the Eastside Church of Christ in Morton. Bill Driscoll, pastor, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K.L. Nickel of Lefors was given in marriage by her father. Parent of the groom is Mrs. James Turney of Morton.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Hal Sims of Roswell, N.M., as matron of honor. Best man was Jack Benham of Morton and ushers were Lee Ray Davis and Johnny Rozell, both of Morton.

She wore a floor length gown of crepe knit with a lace-trimmed bodice and high neck. Neckline, bodice and sleeves were pleated in lace with scattered pearls. The gown was made by the bride's sister. Her

veil was bridal illusion trimmed in Chantilly lace and scattered pearls.

Music during the ceremony was by a vocal group. Tranquility. Assisting at the reception were Danla Sue Hightower, Mrs. John Harris, sister of the bride, and Mrs. Kenneth W. Nickel of Lefors.

The bride graduated from Lefors High School in 1974 and is employed by Cochran Memorial Hospital in Morton as a medical secretary. The groom, a 1972 Morton High School graduate, graduated from West Texas State University in December. He will enter Medical Technology School in September and is presently employed by Cochran Memorial Hospital as an assistant lab technician.

Following a wedding trip to Ruidoso, N.M., the couple will make their home in Morton.

Wilson-Clemmons vows

Miss Elba Clemmons and Warren Hamill Wilson Jr. were married recently in the chapel of the University Methodist Church in Austin.

Both are students at the University of Texas and will live at 1917 Willow Creek, Apt. 102 in Austin.

Methodist Church, officiated at the vows.

Given in marriage by her brother, William E. Clemmons, the bride wore a cream suit featuring the mid-calf length.

Honor attendants were Miss Dorothy Wood of Marshall and Frank W. Henderson of Austin.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Will E. Clemmons of Marshall. She will receive her bachelor degree as an education major this spring.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Wilson Sr. of Pampa are parents of the bridegroom. He is a graduate student of history at the university, and received his bachelor degree from UT at Austin in 1974.

The Rev. Douglas Ricker, pastor of the University



Silver Anniversary Reception

Mr. and Mrs. Don L. Thompson of 500 E. 18th will be honored with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 7, in observance of their 25th wedding anniversary. Hostesses will be their children who are Karen Sublett of Pampa, Becky Hopper of Houston, and Kelly Thompson of the home. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Grady Guinn of Waurika, Okla., and Mrs. Edna Hulsether of Viroqua, Wis. They were married March 9, 1951 in Waurika, Okla.

DAR honors girls as good citizens

Las Pampas Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution honored the DAR good citizens at a tea Feb. 22 in the Parish Hall of St. Matthew Episcopal Church.

Mrs. P.R. Britton, regent welcomed the guests, among whom were Mrs. Jayne Brainerd, past state recording secretary and member of Los Ciboleros Chapter of Hereford; Mrs. Margaret Dempsey, regent; Arredondo Chapter of Amarillo; and Mrs. Walter Casey, organizing regent of Josiah Bartlett Chapter of Borger.

Mrs. Sue Whatley, chairman

introduced the good citizens who were chosen by their respective Schools on the basis of trustworthiness, service, leadership, and patriotism. Those honored were Cindy Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Alexander of Pampa; Cindy Conrad, daughter of the late Arthur Conrad and Louise Conrad of Groom; Lana Callahan, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Larry Barbour of Wheeler; and Carolyn Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ray of Lefors.

Mellie Bird Richey introduced Mrs. Glenn Reeve, Sr. of Friona who gave the Program "Sixteen Brides of the White House."

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Cradduck-Fields vows

Wedding vows were solemnized at 7 p.m. Friday between Miss Rebecca Kathleen Fields and Marcus Lynn Cradduck in the chapel of the First Baptist Church of Tulsa, Okla.

Dr. Warren C. Hultgren officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fields of Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Cradduck of 1500 Coffee in Pampa.

Mrs. Charles McDonald, sister of the bridegroom, was vocalist.

Mrs. Rilene Wallace of Tulsa was matron of honor, and Miss Kim Humphrey, niece of the bride, was maid of honor.

Richard L. Brasher of Dallas was best man; Herbert W. Baker of Tulsa was groomsmen. Ushers were Bill Wallace of Tulsa and Kenny Houston.

The couple will live at 523 S. 95th Avenue in Tulsa.

She was graduated from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, and is head of the vocal music department in the Sperry, Okla. Public Schools.

The bridegroom was graduated from Hardin-Simmons University and Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He is a pipeline planner for Mid America Pipeline Co. of Tulsa.

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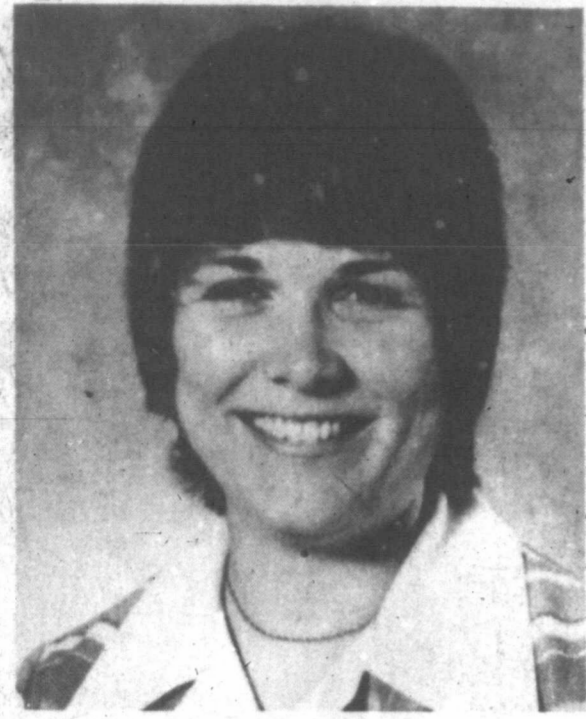


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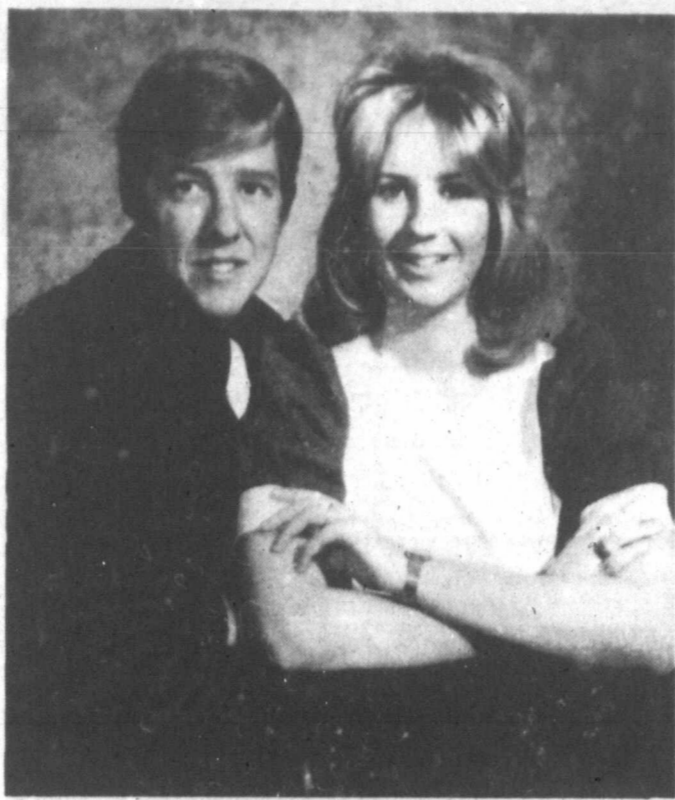
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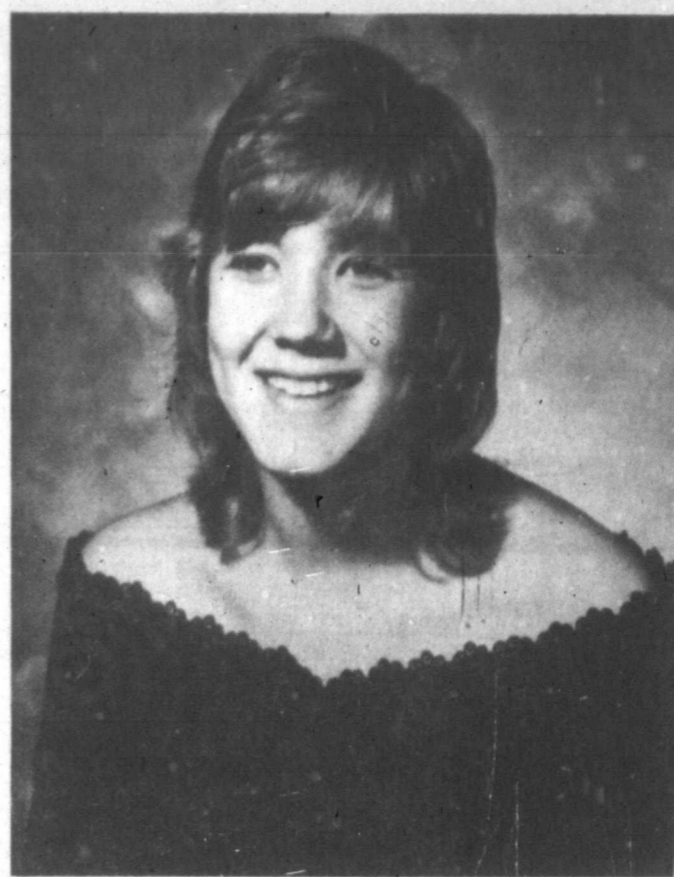
To Be Married

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church of Longview will be the setting for the April 24 wedding of Miss Renee Secrest and Kevin G. White. Miss Secrest is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newt Secrest of 2231 Christine. Parents of the prospective bridegroom, who now lives in Longview, are Mr. and Mrs. Steven G. White of Hughes Springs, Tex. The bride-elect is a 1968 graduate of Pampa High School, a 1972 graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University with honors. She held membership in Tau Beta Sigma, Alpha Chi Honor Society and Kappa Delta Pi and was listed in Who's Who Among Students in American colleges and Universities. She is employed as speech therapist at Pine Tree Primary School in Longview. Her fiancé is a 1968 graduate of Hughes Springs High School, attended Kilgore College and was graduated from Lamar University in 1972 where he was an American Chemical Society affiliate. He is presently employed with Brown & Root Inc. in Longview.



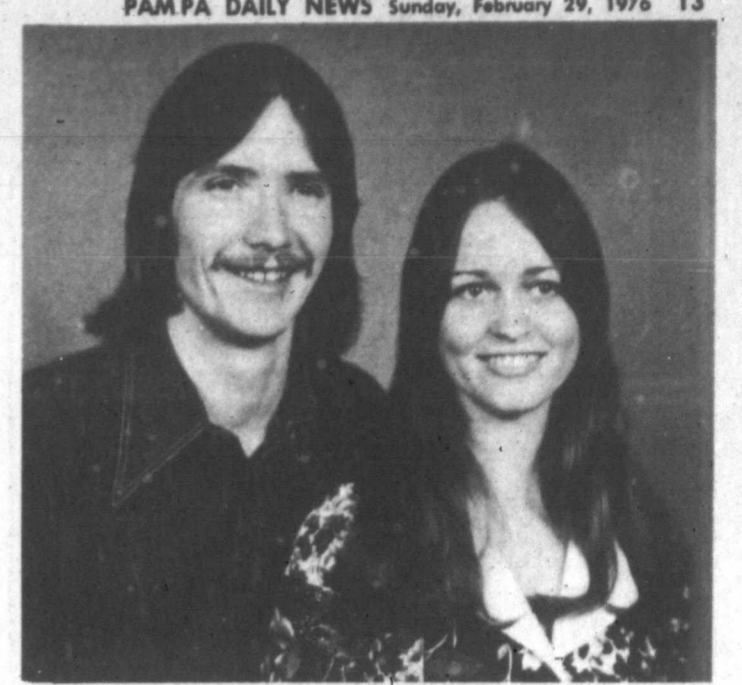
Wedding Planned

Miss Sheryl Eunice Ashby and Roy Dean McClendon will be married May 1 in the Caps Baptist Church of Abilene. The announcement was made by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ashby of Abilene, parents of the bride-elect. Parents of the prospective bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. M. E. McClendon of 805 E. Albert in Pampa. Miss Ashby was graduated from Cooper High School, and is now employed at Dyess Federal Credit Union. Her fiancé, a graduate of Pampa High School, attended Clarendon Junior College. He served in the U.S. Air Force for four years and is now employed at B&J Furniture.



April Wedding Planned

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brown, former Pampa residents now of Mesquite, announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Kathy, to John McColley, also of Mesquite. The couple will be married April 2 in Mesquite. Miss Brown is the grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tingle and Mrs. James A. Brown and niece of Mrs. Tommy Richardson and Mrs. Mark Buzzard, all Pampa residents.



Engagement Revealed

Miss Vicky Lynn DeLoach and Terry Lee Ward will be married in May, according to the announcement by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Homer DeLoach of Lefors, parents of the bride-elect. Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ward of 2001 Mary Ellen in Pampa.

HOMEMAKERS NEWS

By ELAINE HOUSTON
County Extension Agent

Is 'Parenting' Ever Finished?

When do parents quit being parents is a hard question—and one of the greatest joys parents have in a lifetime is to realize that their "baby" is an adult thinking about schooling, career, marriage or leaving home. Rather than leaving the parent role entirely, most parents merely change roles in parenting.

In the early stages of a marriage, pre-parenting—getting ready for a child—is the major issue. During the first years of a child's life, parents guide his development, and the child is totally dependent on his parents to fulfill his needs. As children mature and become more independent, parents leave the "doing" stage and enter a supporting role—if the child flounders, the parents is still there to help pick up the pieces.

When the child reaches adulthood, parent and child are almost equal in dependent and independent roles. The parent supports the child at times, and then sometimes the child must lend support to parents.

And then with aging parents and adult children, roles are reversed. The adult child assumes responsibility and a supporting role for aged parents in almost all families.

When children mature and begin to leave the "nest," parents are concerned and wonder "Will my child be successful?" "Will he forget

us?" "What will happen to us when we get old?" "Will we always be important to him?"

Most newly established families break away from parents abruptly. They experience total independence, for the first time, and this is a hard, lonely period for many newlyweds. Freedom from parental control and obligations sounds better than it feels.

A married couple becomes a separate new family unit. New traditions, activities and loyalties are natural consequences of a new union. This doesn't mean that parents are forgotten—it means that in most cases the couple doubles the number of parents to which they are closely allied and share their time with more people.

A parent is a parent through all his life. Just because a child is no longer under the same roof with his parents doesn't mean the parent role stops. It just means parents need to "catch their breaths" from parenting so they will be ready for grandparenting.

OPERA GRANT
STRATFORD, Canada (UPI)—The Stratford Shakespearean Festival has inaugurated a new scholarship, the Maureen Forrester Guthrie Award, to provide grants for young opera singers in need of financial assistance for voice lessons. The Guthrie Fund has donated some \$4,000, and other private donations are being solicited.

Members of the Twentieth Century Cotillion met Feb. 17 in Mrs. Billy Stovall's home to hear a program by Mrs. Ed Brainard and to finalize plans for an antique show April 2-4.

"More Abundant Life," the program, dealt with Americans' ability to turn luxuries into necessities and mentioned the child labor abuses arising from these attitudes following the Civil War.

New officers of the organization were elected. They are Mrs. Fred Simmons, president; Mrs. John Osborne, vice president; Mrs. Russell Neefe, secretary; Mrs. Clarence Kirby, treasurer; Mrs. Ed Brainard, public relations; Mrs. Jerry Kotara, parliamentarian. Chairman of the antique show is Mrs. Charles Lair and co-chairman is, Mrs. W. B. McIntyre.

A safety program was presented during a recent meeting of the Progressive Home Demonstration Club.

Hostess was Mrs. J.A. King of 1148 Prairie Drive.

During the program a warning was given on use of high pressure paint and grease guns. Paint and solvent fumes can affect the central nervous system, officials said.

During the social hour Lazetta Grant was named winner of the game that members played.

Mrs. G.B. Hogan of 914 N. Somerville will host the next session on March 4.

The Blue Bonnett Home Demonstration club met recently in the home of Mrs. Marie Boyd for a business meeting and a luncheon.

Mrs. E.O. Smith presided. Mrs. Tony Smith reported on the Fat Stock Show March 13-17. Plans were made to help serve during the show.

The club celebrated Marie Boyd's and Mrs. Earl Williams' birthday with a luncheon.

The next meeting will be March 4, in Mrs. C.D. Malone's home, 1428 E. Francis.

Ladies Veterans of Wars Auxiliary to Pampa Post 1657 met recently in the V.F.W. hall for Memorial services with Mrs. E.O. Smith in charge.

The chaplain's prayer was given by Mrs. May Hatcher. Mrs. Tony Smith, conductress, led the color bearers, Mrs. Bunah Walling, Mrs. Nora Hueston, Mrs. R.E. Tyre and Mrs. Clyde Gray, in the Memorial and Ritual service. Mrs. E.O. Smith presided at the altar with white carnations.

Refreshments were served to 5 guests and 30 members. The next meeting will be held March 2 in Senior Citizens Center.

Mrs. Holt Barber and Mrs. Ellis Locke were hostesses for a recent meeting of Twentieth Century Forum in the Barber home. Mrs. C.C. Duke was a guest, and Mrs. Jerry Noles as welcomed to the club as a new member.

"Those Amazing Days of American Ingenuity" was the program. Mrs. Glen Larsen and Mrs. Larry Cross displayed many examples of old handwork, antique dolls and quilts. Mrs. Larsen showed samples of handwork: tatting, hemstitch, punchwork, hairpin lace, shadow embroidery, knitting and crocheting.

Club Notes

Mrs. Cross discussed dolls and quilts in the second half of the program. The word "doll" was first used in 1870. Antique dolls show us how people dressed long ago. Mrs. Cross displayed several quilts to show the variety of stitches used to connect the patches in patchwork quilts and crazy quilts.

The Pythian Sisters of Pampa Temple No. 41 observed its annual re-obligation service during a regular meeting Monday night.

Mrs. Suritha Thompson, M.E.C., presided. After the ritualistic opening a recess was called for the re-obligation.

After the re-opening, Martha H. Green of Amarillo, district deputy, presented a program. A ballot was taken on five new members, who will be initiated during the next session.

Work was assigned to members of the Worthwhile Home Demonstration Club during a meeting Feb. 20.

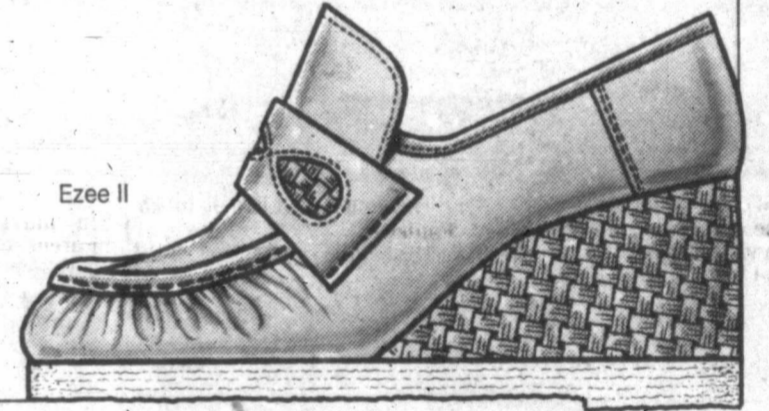
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The club will operate the food concessions during the Top O' Texas Livestock Show March 12-17.

Members also voted to give \$100 to the new Senior Citizens Center and to serve at a party in the Center Feb. 26.

Fifteen members and three guests attended the meeting in Donna Lee Brown's home. Their next meeting will be March 5 in Lottie Reynolds' home.

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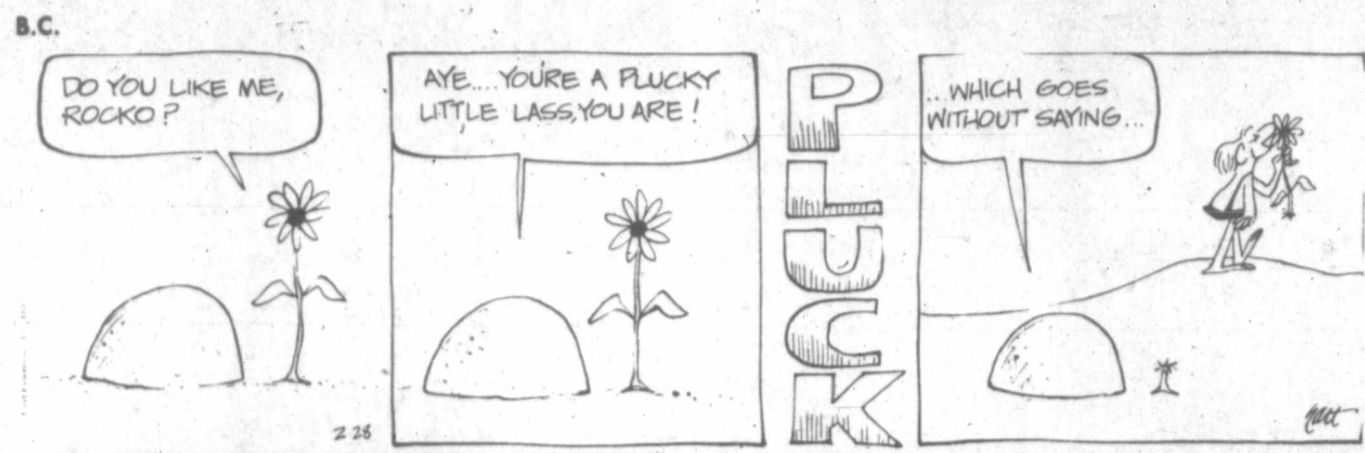
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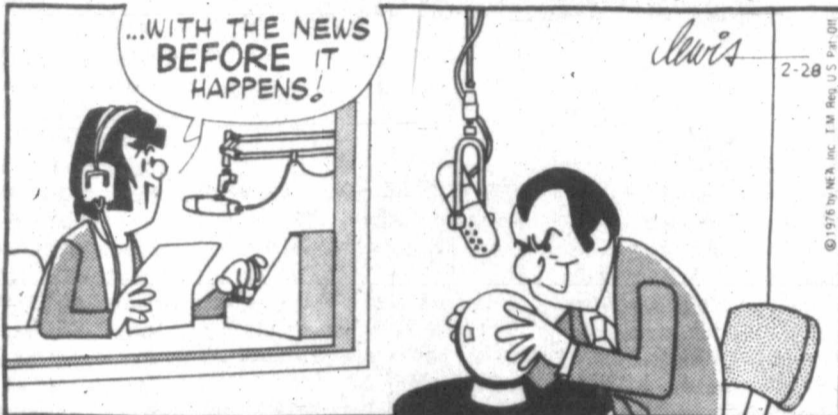
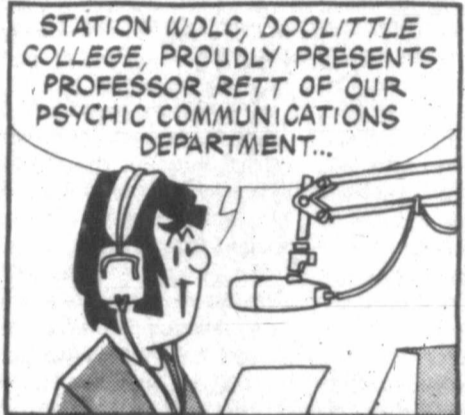
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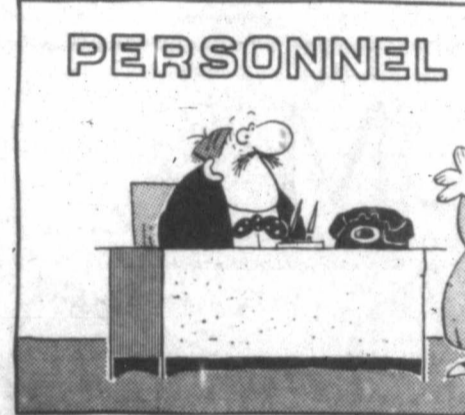
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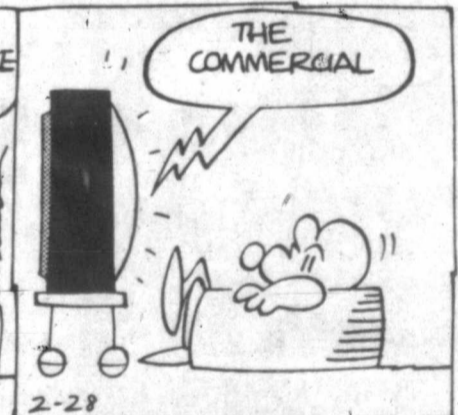
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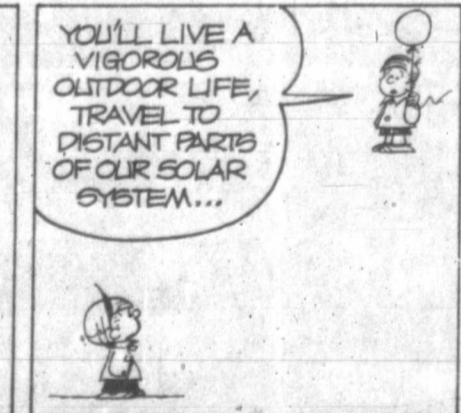
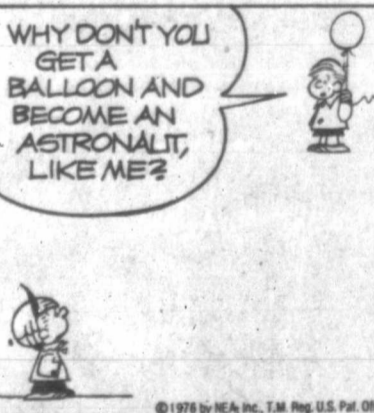
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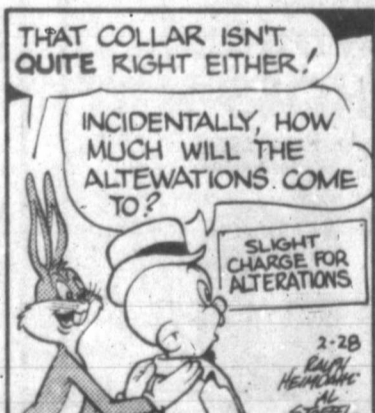
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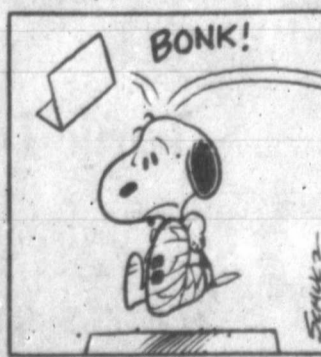


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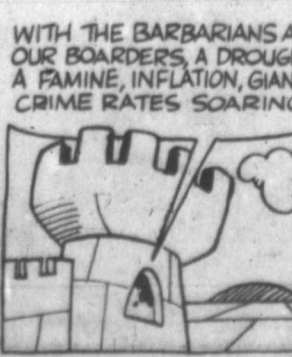


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Pampa's Economy Prospers



Emmett Lefors Herefords

These Hereford bulls, owned by Emmett Lefors of Pampa, have been a part of Panhandle State University's 140 day beef bull performance test held at the PSU farm. An all-time high performance record was established in the recently concluded 24th annual test. The top 100 bulls will be sold at the performance bull sale March 9 at the college farm. Persons interested in additional information can contact Milton England, Panhandle State University, Goodwell, Okla.

Beefalo Business Booming

NEW-YORK (UPI) — The beefalo, a cross between ordinary cattle and the American bison that once roamed the plains by the millions, is starting to make a little headway in the meat business after 15 years of experimental breeding.

Kenneth Schwartz of Rundale Realty Corp., New York, owns three small herds of beefalo and has sold a number of farmers on the idea of breeding them. He thinks there now are about 65,000 head of beefalo in the country.

That isn't enough to make even a tiny dent in the meat packing business but it already has created enough of a stir in cattle breeding circles that a prize young beefalo bull was sold for \$2.5 million to a Canadian group two years ago by D.C. Basolo, one of the pioneer beefalo breeders in California's San Joaquin Valley.

Schwartz said at least four associations are promoting the breeding of the beefalo.

primarily as a means to conserve grain. There are a number of other prominent breeders, among them Jim Bennett who runs herds at Boulder, Colo., and in Texas.

Pioneer farmers on the Great Plains attempted in vain in the 19th century to cross the hardy bison with domestic cattle. The calves always were stillborn or malformed and sterile. But in the past 15 years the hardy, shaggy bison has been crossed successfully with Charolais and Hereford beef cattle and Holstein dairy cattle by means of artificial insemination. Now a standard type of beefalo that is three-eighths bison, three-eighths Charolais and one-quarter Hereford is being

recognized by four beefalo associations as "purebred."

Schwartz said it probably will be about seven more years before ranchers experimenting with beefalo will know for sure whether it will win wide public acceptance. Schwartz and breeders like Basolo and Barnett are reasonably sure the public will accept it.

"The big attraction of the beefalo," Schwartz said, "is that he doesn't have to be fed any grain. He feeds on grass and roughage, even such rugged roughage as ground almond shells, cactus or swamp weeds."

According to an article by Tony Tedeschi in the American Airlines magazine, American Way, the beefalo also stands

extreme cold and heat like his bison ancestors and is nearly immune to most cattle diseases. Schwartz said this immunity is so pronounced that France, which normally won't permit beef cattle imports, has allowed live beefaloes to be imported.

Tedeschi's article said the beefalo steer puts fat-free meat on his frame as rapidly or better than the Charolais or Hereford, and the meat is just as tender and flavorous.

In frontier days, buffalo meat or "wild beef" had the reputation of being tough and a little gamey, perhaps. Schwartz said, because so many very old bison were slaughtered for market in those days. "The bison lives long — 30 to 40 years was not uncommon on the plains and is not rare on ranches now. Naturally, the meat of the older animals is tough."

Basolo estimated 2,000 ranchers in the country are raising a few beefaloes now and he sees the number perhaps doubling each year.

But some cattle experts have their fingers crossed. They point out that in the long history of the western range many breeds have been hailed as the miraculous critter who would make every rancher rich and put cheap beef on every dinner table in the country. But it never quite turned out that way.

Extension director retires

Dr. John E. Hutchison, who has the longest continuous span of service as Extension director in the nation, is retiring as director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University, at the end of February.

He has served as director for 18 1/2 years and has been a professional agricultural educator for 40 years.

Dr. H.O. Kunkle, dean of agriculture at A&M, will serve as acting director.

Texas Extension programs in agriculture, home economics and 4-H have tripled during Hutchison's administration.

In 1961 he was awarded the Superior Service Award from the Department of Agriculture.

He is a life member of the Texas Pecan Growers Association and a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Alpha Zeta scholastic fraternities.

He is cited in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" (1970-71 edition) and "Who's Who in the South and Southwest" (1963-64 edition). He has served as president of the Professional Agricultural Workers of Texas Association, as well as president of the Bay City Rotary Club and chairman of the Administrative Board of the First United Methodist Church of Bryan.

Nationally, Hutchison has served as a member of the Senate of the Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. He currently serves as a member of the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP), the major policy-making body for Cooperative Extension Services, which functions as a part of the Association.

For 12 years he served as a member of the Legislative Subcommittee of ECOP. Twice he has served as chairman of the Southern Regional Extension directors group, representing 13 states. He is also a member of the Executive Board of the Adult Education Association of the U.S.

Hutchison's career in Extension began as a county agricultural agent in Matagorda County in 1945. Prior to this, he taught vocational agriculture in the Missouri City and Bay City high schools, organizing a new department in each location. In 1949 he was appointed Extension horticulturist with headquarters at College Station, and served in that capacity until 1954, at which time he was promoted to the administrative position of state agricultural leader. In September 1957, he was named Extension director.

He earned the B.S. in dairy science, the M.S. in horticultural science and the M. Ed. in agricultural education, all at Texas A&M University where he was named as distinguished student. In 1956-57, he was awarded a scholarship from the Ford Foundation and studied at the University of Chicago from which he later earned the Ph. D. degree in adult education.



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Insect insurance may help

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A scientific advisory panel says new insurance plans protecting farmers against loss from insect damage might help reduce future threats of pesticide buildup in the environment.

The proposal was included last week in a lengthy report on chemical pest controls issued by the National Academy of Sciences. It got little initial attention because it was buried in a 506-page document backed up by five separate volumes of subcommittee reports, but there were indications today the suggestion may spark some

interest in Congress.

The insurance proposal was developed initially by a corn-soybean study team, headed by Prof. James P. Houck, head of the University of Minnesota Department of Agriculture, which contributed to the overall pest control study.

Houck's subcommittee report noted that corn and soybeans are "in many ways the backbone of U.S. agriculture" because they provide the basic raw materials for meat, milk and poultry production.

The subcommittee said chemical pest controls have played a vital role in expanding

production of the two key crops, and it predicted that farmers will continue to rely primarily on chemicals — including new safer, less persistent products — to protect the crops from insects, diseases and weeds over the next 10-15 years.

At the same time, however, the panel warned that chemical pest control in corn and soybeans "represents a sizeable portion of the total pesticide load introduced by man" in farming. And a "substantial portion" of the insecticides used on corn are applied routinely as insurance against possible damage rather

than as a counter-attack against existing serious outbreaks, the report said.

To reduce needless use of pesticides before serious insect threats appear, the scientific group recommended stepped up efforts to monitor and predict pest buildups. But in addition, the panel said, there should be studies of broadened crop insurance programs which could include insurance against pest losses.

"It is important to prevent (insurance) chemical applications on soybeans from becoming as widespread as they are now on corn," experts added.

Gardening tips for March

Plenty of water is key

By LOIS BOYNTON

Moon signs for March:
1 — Plant annuals; prune to increase growth; irrigate.
2 - 4 — Destroy weeds; cultivate.
5 - 6 — Plant annuals; transplant; irrigate.
7 - 9 — Cultivate; prepare beds and garden plot.
10 - 11 — Plant annuals and perennials; irrigate; fertilize; prune to stimulate growth.
12 - 15 — Destroy hen bit and other weeds; cultivate.
16 - 19 — Plant root crops; irrigate.
20 - 21 — Prune to retard growth.
22 - 23 — Plant root crops.
25 - 26 — Destroy weeds and pests; cultivate; fertilize.
27 - 28 — Prune; plant root crops; irrigate.
29 - 31 — Destroy weeds; trim to retard growth.

Water! water! water! Don't think if you do not water things will not come up. When the soil temperature begins to warm, the plants begin to grow, so if you don't want stunted growth or maybe to lose your plants, you should water. The warm spring days we had in February were wonderful, but there is sure to be more winter for us yet. But if your beds are wet and not dry, the plants will stand the late freezes much better.

We always feel the first day of March is the beginning of spring, and it is just around the corner. We already have beginning to bloom jonquils, hyacinths, crocus, violas and pansies. The Chinese elm's blooms are just ready to break open. The only consolation for a late freeze is that the elm seeds will be frozen, saving hours of time pulling up seedlings all over the place.

There are many things that can be planted this month — peas, lettuce, parsley, spinach, onions, radishes, Shirley and California poppies, petunias, nicotiana, vincas, ageratum and many others. Plant gladioli and put out pansy plants March 10-11.

Make your bicentennial flower garden designs. Many nurseries and seed houses are featuring red, white and blue flowers. W. Atlee Burpee Company, Clinton, Iowa 52732, has the best suggestions we have seen. If you order from them they will send their bicentennial designs to you with your order.

Start tuberous begonias and caladium now for summer bloom. Place them in moist vermiculite, hollow side up, keep moist, not wet; temperature around 70 and not below 50 degrees. After leaves are about three inches high, plant in hanging baskets or pots or they may be planted in beds on the north side of the house or fence, out of the wind and sun.

Put supports around the peonies when they are about six inches high.

Keep bird baths filled with fresh water.

Take seedlings you have been growing in the kitchen window outside when the weather permits, so they will be less leggy when they are ready for garden planting. Bring them inside if the temperature falls below 40 degrees.

Now is the time to prune. If you prune before the new growth starts you will have less water sprouts. Pruning is as important to the tree as fertilizing and watering. So do it carefully. Buy yourself a book on pruning. Or go to the Library and see what you can find about pruning. We

like Montague Free's book, "Plant Pruning in Pictures". It has been very helpful.

Please don't just lop off the branches as the utilities company's do. The trees look so sad they make us want to cry. This is not the way to prune a tree. You should prune to maintain and enhance their beauty. Before pruning, study it thoroughly, there should be a reason for every cut you make.

First, of course, cut out all the dead branches. When branches cross or rub each other, one of them should be removed. If it is a larger branch you need to remove, it may take two or three cuts to avoid splitting. Always make an undercut through the bark at the beginning. The final cut at the trunk should be as close and as smooth as possible. In the past we have always painted these cuts. But lately we have learned from research that the tree may make its own protective substance sealing over the wound itself, so it may not be necessary to paint the cuts. We had our large elm tree pruned last year. We did not paint the cuts, some were over 10" in diameter. They are healing and callusing over without bleeding. We were careful however to use the moon signs for this. We suggest you check the moon signs before you prune.

The abuse and hate that is heaped on the Chinese elm, is due in part to improper pruning. Leaves provide the main source of food for the tree. When severely pruned it is some time before the tree is able to establish a new leaf system. Therefore it is forced to put out hundreds and thousands of tiny feeder roots just under the soil surface. These roots creep into


your flower beds, garden and sewer lines. If pruned properly they would not give so much trouble.

We have a Chinese elm that is 42 years old this month. It was a majestic tree — really a thing of beauty. It has never been topped. It has reached a height of about 85 feet and about the same span. It is 14 1/2 feet around the trunk. It is within 3 feet of our sewer line, it has never given us any trouble. The life span of an elm tree is 35 to 40 years. So the tree began to die of old age and it was necessary to prune it very severely to save the life of the tree. We are not suggesting that you plant Chinese elms. No indeed! There are many other trees that have more beauty and adapt well in our area.

Fertilize the lawn while the grass is dry. The first mowing of your grass, leave the clippings. This cut grass has more nitrogen content than it will have later.

If you are growing hollies, it is recommended not to use commercial fertilizer but to use bone meal, dried blood, cotton seed meal or well-rotted manure.

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Pampa baseball season opens Monday

By PAUL SIMS
Sports Editor

Pampa, returning four starters and hoping to avoid a repeat of last year's nightmare season, opens non-conference baseball action at 4 p.m. today in Dumas.

The Harvesters will host their own tournament Friday against Canyon, Hereford and Dumas. After that, Pampa has four consecutive doubleheaders, a tournament at Hereford, a doubleheader against powerful Altus, Okla., and then the start of District 3-AAAA play.

Pampa, in non-conference play last season, went 9-5, then lost nine of 10 district games to finish last after being picked by 3-AAAA coaches to win the championship.

Coach Ronnie White is trying desperately to avoid a repeat of last season and, with four quality starters returning, his outlook is optimistic.

"I think we can finish anywhere from fourth on up," White said. "Last year, we didn't hit the ball for one thing. We had a few individuals that hit but we didn't hit as a team.

"Our pitching was all right. Take games like Caprock, who beat us 2-1, and Amarillo High, who beat us 2-0. We lost some other games that were pretty close. When you don't score more than one or two runs, you're in trouble."



Pampa pitcher

Harvester senior David Edwards, who was 3-5 last season but had his earned-run average dip below 1.00, will start Monday against Dumas. (Pampa News photo by Michal Thompson)

David Edwards, a junior last year, for the second straight season, had his earned-run average under 1.00. The fact that his record was a mediocre 3-5 points to weak hitting. Pampa, as a team, batted approximately .210.

Of Pampa's returning starters, second baseman Bobby Chance batted the highest last year, owning a .240 average. Chance, a senior, is back, along with junior shortstop Brian Bailey, senior third baseman Johnny Agan, senior centerfielder-pitcher Tommy Washington and Edwards.

Edwards, when not pitching, will start in the outfield, most likely rotating with Washington in center.

Bailey, involved in basketball, will not play against Dumas. Chance will start at shortstop in his place and lead a Pampa infield which includes third baseman Agan, junior second baseman Doug Burns and junior first baseman Eddy Brown.

Juniors Mike Lancaster and Joe Davis may see action at third and first base, respectively. Davis is also a pitcher and could challenge Washington for the other rotation spot.

Starting in the outfield against Dumas will be junior Mike Knutson in left, Larry Petty in center and senior LARRY PETTY in right. Other outfielders include

junior Scott Dunn and senior Mike Martin.

Mark Adair, a rifle-armed senior, will start at catcher and will be backed up by junior Curtis Haynes and sophomore Dale Ferris.

Bobby Taylor, a sophomore shortstop and Armando Soto, a first-year second baseman, round out Pampa's roster.

Replacing Tylor Drinnon at catcher, pitcher Dennis Edmondson and Robbie Harris is leftfielder and Roy Morris at first base, all of whom are playing on scholarship at Pratt Junior College in Kansas concerns White, who has stressed balance between defense, pitching and hitting in pre-season workouts this season.

"I used to think you could win with defense and pitching but after last year I learned it took hitting, too. I do think our hitting, thus far, has improved. We're a lot further along now than last year because we've been working out longer," White said.

Pampa has been forced inside, because of inclement weather, only twice.

"I hope we hit better. We've only been indoors two days — everybody in the district should be ready to go early in the year."

Amarillo Caprock, White said, should be favored to win the 3-AAAA championship for the third year in a row. After the Longhorns, he placed Amarillo High, Amarillo Tascosa, Borger and Amarillo Palo Duro.

"For us to win district, it'll take what it's always taken — we're gonna have to hit the ball."

Amarillo High will probably have an edge on the rest in the hitting category, returning third baseman Jim Poole, named last

year's sophomore of the year in 3-AAAA after hitting .354, and shortstop Steve Diven, who batted .361.

Other returning starters are catcher Rick Nelson, first baseman Jim Wattenburger and right fielder Roger Allen and pitcher-outfielder Chip Biggers.

Caprock may have the best 1-2 pitching combination in right-handers Mark Leonard, 6-2 last year, and Chuck Velasquez, 5-2. As a team, the Longhorns batted .293 enroute to an 18-8 season, which ended with 16-0 and 19-0 losses to Lubbock Monterey in bi-district.

The Longhorns also bring back catcher Kevin Jones, who may move to shortstop, shortstop Jessie Brown, who is expected to switch to third base and outfielders Donnie Bellar and Bobby Stewart.

Tascosa's returning starters are senior pitcher Ricky Baker (5-4), third baseman Neil Packard, left fielder Mark Packard and second baseman Mike Lorenz.

Lorenz broke his wrist in the middle of the season last year and was out for most of the district games.

Borger, 9-11 last season, returns a pair of hard-throwing pitchers — Rodney Poole and left-handed Mickey Robertson — and catcher Mark Miller.

Palo Duro, which owned the district's worst record last year (3-19), has pitcher-shortstop Bill McElduff leading a group of only three returning starters.

About Caprock and Amarillo, White said, "Caprock's going to have great pitching with Velasquez and Leonard, Jones and Stewart are good hitters. Amarillo High is so danged loaded."

"They have three kids — Biggers Diven and Poole — who are really experienced."



... and catcher

Mark Adair will catch Edwards today in Pampa's season-opening baseball contest at Dumas. The Harvesters, who finished last in the district a season ago, are expected to be improved.

(Pampa News photo by Michal Thompson)

Bayi sparkles in AAU mile

NEW YORK (UPI) — Filbert Bayi, the Tanzanian running sensation, tried to explain all week long that his goal for the 8th National AAU track championship Friday night would be a mere, mortal four-minute mile. And he was trying to say the same thing after his run but a sensational 3:56.1 winning performance, the third

fastest in indoor history, didn't make him very convincing.

"This wasn't an important race to me," he said after his effortless victory. "I was just trying to break four minutes... no more, no less."

The 22-year-old world record-holder in the outdoor 1,500-meter "metric mile" looked like a man who was trying, however, when he grabbed the lead right away and sped to a 57.9-second clocking in the first quarter-mile. He held off challengers. Paul Cummings of the Beverly Hills (Calif.) Striders and Ken Popejoy of the University of Chicago Track Club and led all the way. Cummings kept it close until the final lap, but Bayi opened up a 12-yard margin.

Man sues for roughing

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — A Baton Rouge man who said he was roughed up by basketball officials during a New Orleans Jazz game last year has filed a \$300,000 damage suit against the National Basketball Association.

Hugh W. Smith said two game officials cursed and assaulted him, causing multiple injuries, after he accidentally bumped one of the men as he returned to his seat.

Rankin paces

AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI) — Senior Jill Rankin scored 35 points and teammate Tammy Arrington added 25 more to lead Phillips past Bellville 83-69 for the Class AA State Girls Basketball Championship.

Phillips did not miss a field goal shot in the second half and connected on 33 of 43 field goals tries for a 76.7 percent.

Phillips also was 17 of 23 from the free throw line for 73.9 percent while Bellville hit 23 of 28 for 82.1 percent.

Hattie Browning led the Bellville attack with 40 points.

Phillips ended its season at 25-5 while Bellville closed out the year with a 32-6 mark.

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Longhorn coach resigns

AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI) — Leon Black, head basketball coach at the University of Texas since 1967 and a controversial figure in the suspension of two Texas A&M basketball players last week, resigned Saturday.

Black kept his decision secret following his team's 103-90 loss to Southern Methodist in Dallas Saturday and the announcement was made after the Longhorns were headed back to Austin.

"I have thought about this for a long time," Black said in a statement released by the school. "because of many circumstances it has become increasingly hard for me to recruit."

Neches nudges defending champ

AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI) — Vicki Barrett and Janet Fryer combined for all their team's points Saturday to lead undefeated Neches past defending champion Crawford 53-49 and capture the Class B State Girls Basketball Championship.

Neches jumped to a 13-10 lead, went into the dressing room with a nine point lead and held a 41-31 final period advantage before fighting off a late Crawford rally.

Another outstanding performance was turned in by Roland Carter of the Gulf Coast Track Club, who set a meet record in the pole vault at 18 feet, 1/2 inch.

Wladyslaw Kozakiewicz of Poland also vaulted that height but lost a jumpoff.

Rick Wohlhuter ran his string of 1000-yard victories in the meet to three, with a 2:09.3 time.

Texas has a great new facility near completion at 1 before taking the head job. Previously he had coached at Lon Morris Junior College in Jacksonville, Tex., and at Van high school.

He graduated from the University of Texas in 1953 and captained the team his senior year.

Following the Longhorns loss to SMU Saturday Black patted his players on the shoulder as they filed out of the dressing room, but gave no overt indication that he planned to step down.

When one reporter wished him luck in recruiting this year, Black replied by saying: "Thank you, we'll try to do well."

Black was the subject of a resolution voted on by the conference last week in connection with the suspension of Williams and Godine.

Conference officials praised Black for reporting the alleged violations last September and said he "acted in the best tradition of college athletics."

Black declined to discuss the conference's actions Saturday.

"All I really would want to say," said Black, "is what I have said all along. And that is that I did what I thought was best."

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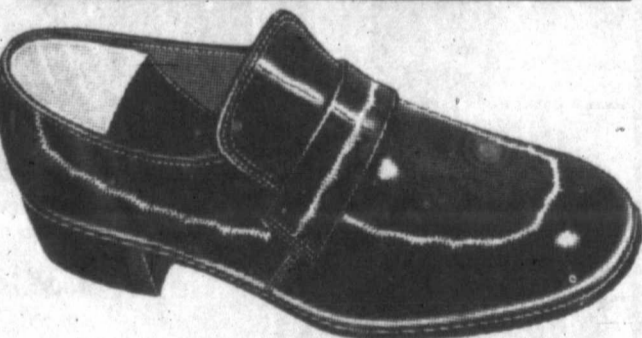
Marquette stops Irish

By ED SAINSBURY
UPI Sports Writer

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (UPI) — Guards Butch Lee and Lloyd Walton combined for 35 points Saturday afternoon to lead the No. 2 ranked Marquette Warriors to their 19th straight win and run their season record to 23-1 with a 81-75 victory over sixth ranked Notre Dame.

Marquette trailed in the opening minutes when Notre Dame's Adrian Dantley hit two free throws for a 2-0 Irish lead. The Warriors' Jerome Whitehead tied it and Earl Tatum got the first of his eight baskets to put the Warriors in front.

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