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BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS

WATER SHORTAGE

CITY HALL

A special meeting of the Brackettville City Council was held Tuesday, July 18th, at 5 PM. The main purpose of this meeting was to set the City Tax rate for the coming year. The Council voted to leave the tax rate at the present \$1.50 per \$100.00 at 40% valuation.

City Secretary Elia Esparza informed the CAVALRYMAN that the new street signs are due to arrive by the end of this month.

It was also learned that the new Firemen's Lounge is nearing completion, lacking only three pieces of furniture. The City Council will announce the opening date.

TAXES REDUCED?

Governor Dolph Briscoe this week said he is very interest in a proposal which could effectively reduce property taxes levied by Texas School Districts.

The proposal is put forth by Representative Jim Nugent of Kerrville and Lynn Nabers of Brownwood would dedicate one-fourth of the revenue from the State's general sales and use tax to reduce school ad valorem taxes throughout the state.

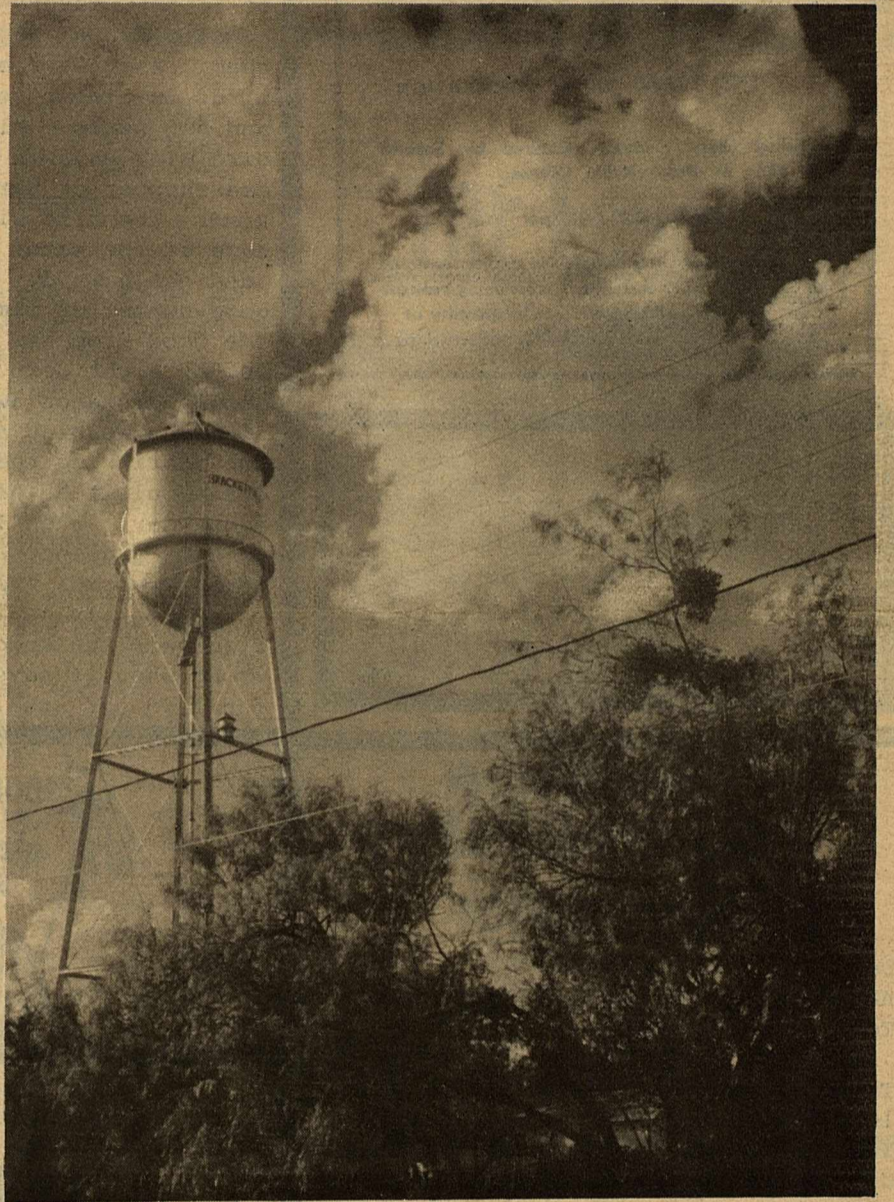
"The Legislature currently is meeting in a special session to consider legislation and proposed constitutional amendments which would return a portion of the current and projected state surplus to the people of Texas," Governor Briscoe said. "I am extremely interested in any proposal which could result in a lowering of property taxes and particularly those levied by our Texas School Districts."

Nugent and Nabers have expressed hope for a hearing early this week on their proposal.

Nugent and Nabers explained that to be eligible to receive additional state funds, under their proposal, a school district must reduce the ad valorem taxes it levies for maintenance and operation purposes by \$200 for each \$220 it will receive. The maximum amount by which a school district would have to reduce it's taxes would be 50 percent. The "New" state money the two House members said, would be distributed to school districts on a per Average Daily Attendance (ADA) basis with the 1978 share being \$220 per ADA.

"The existence of the surplus in the State Treasury and the projected surplus has to mean that the State is taking too much money from the pockets of Texas taxpayers. In our opinion it is time to return part of that money to the taxpayers and we think our approach is most equitable," Nugent and Nabers said.

Preliminary statistics show the proposal would have the following effect in Kinney County: SCHOOL DISTRICT----Brackett ISD



AS ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK, BRACKETTVILLE'S SECOND PUMP (LOCATED AT THE WATER TOWER) HAS NOT BEEN PRODUCING. THIS HAS CAUSED A WATER SHORTAGE THAT, ALTHOUGH NOT ACUTE, DOES CALL FOR SOME CONSERVATION OF WATER ON BEHALF OF LOCAL RESIDENTS.

ACCORDING TO CITY OFFICIALS, THE TROUBLE WAS FIRST THOUGHT TO BE IN THE PUMP LOCATED AT THIS LOCATION. WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON THE CAVALRYMAN WAS INFORMED BY SPOKESMEN AT CITY HALL THAT: "THE PUMP IS WORKING SATISFACTORILY AFTER A CHECKOUT. THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE WATER TABLE HAS DROPPED BELOW THE PUMPING LEVEL AT THAT WELL. HOPEFULLY, IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS WE WILL BE ABLE TO CURE THE PROBLEM BY LOWERING THE PIPE IN THE WELL TO REACH THE PRESENT WATER LEVEL."

AS REQUESTED BY MAYOR CHRIS GOMEZ LAST WEEK-- RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO CONSERVE WATER UNTIL THE SITUATION IS CURED.....WATER LAWS ONLY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 PM AND 6:00 AM.

REDUCTION IN PROPERTY TAX----42%
"NEW" STATE FUNDS----\$11,280
("NEW" State Funds means the amount of additional State money to be received by a school district in excess of the amount the district currently is raising through ad valorem taxes for maintenance and operation purposes.

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HOW BEAUTIFUL IT IS TO
DO NOTHING, AND THEN TO
REST AFTERWARDS.....

LETTERS
to the editor

Dear Editor:
AMERICAN AGRICULTURE PRODUCERS OBJECT
TO 20 MILLION DOLLAR GIVEAWAY

There is now an attempt to give, not loan, the nation of Panama 20 million dollars by the Congress of the United States. This is being done with the support and complete knowledge of the Trilateral-Carter Administration. The proposed transportation bill has passed the Senate and is now before the House of Representatives. Unfortunately, the majority of American taxpayers do not have the guts to speak out or holds an I could care less attitude about how their tax dollars are spent. To the readers of this article, if you are one of these citizens, then frankly you are getting what you deserve, ---free spending politicians, leeching your tax dollars to a self imposed dictator of a a two-bit banana republic, who has as much concern for you (the reader) as a SNOWBALL IN HELL.. If you, the reader is concerned, then let your elected officials know how you feel in language that they will understand.

Personally, I am fed up with these politicians, believing they should be ousted from office by a recall election if they refuse to honor the results. The American taxpayers have the right and duty to forceable remove said officeholders.

/s/JOHN T. RATLIFF
PADUCAH, TEXAS

Between Us
JOE TOWNSEND

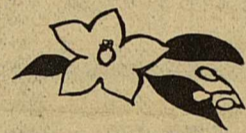
One of the most maligned birds I know is the Crackel or Jack Daw or Rice Bird or whatever, you may call it.

It is a sight to behold to see the male court the female. The way he sports his feathers and does his show-off dance is out of this world fascinating. I must admit that the raucus cry of the bird grates on my not too sympathetic ear. The way he sometimes plunders other birds nests and kills their young is not the best mark of a tender loving creature. I have recently come to have a great deal of respect for him, however. About three times a day I go to the pasture where I have some cows to run water in the trough for them. Anytime I am there I see these birds in almost continuous flow stop and get water. Almost everytime the bird will have in his mouth a large grasshopper or harmful worm of some kind. The bird will balance on the edge of the water barrel and lean down and get a drink. He will do this a good number of times never releasing the food from his mouth and then fly-out of sight down to the creek some goodly distance away. For the number of birds working and the constancy of their drinking they must destroy a great multitude of harmful pests every day. When I see the destruction done by grasshoppers and web worms or army worms, I am thankful for the unsightly, noisy, raucus Crackel I am glad the Audubon Society is wrong when it says they are not to be found in our area.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- July 21.....Martha Pena Smallwood
Emil Schafer
Crystal Loos
- July 22.....Bibi Morin
Betty Tidwell
- July 23.....Veronica Garcia
Ruben Cervantez
Eddie Solis
- July 24.....Annabelle Guajardo
Happy Shahan
- July 26.....Robert Lopez
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- July 28.....Esther Mae Fair
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Norman Longoria
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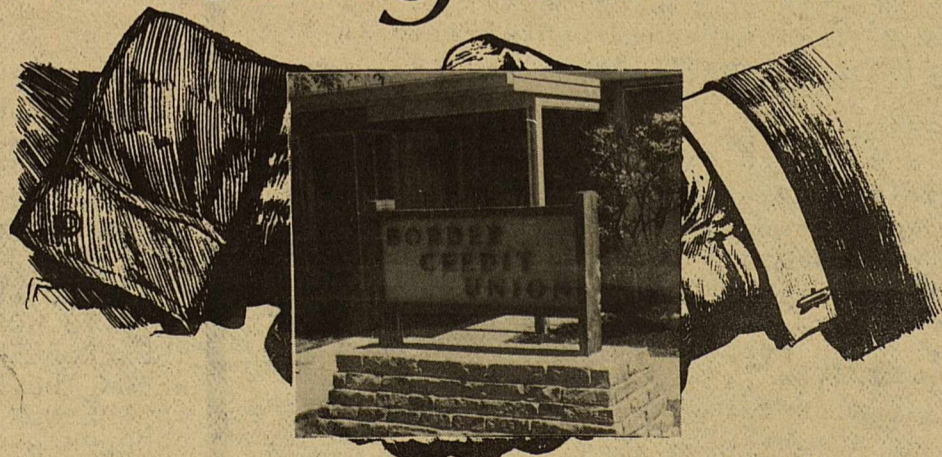
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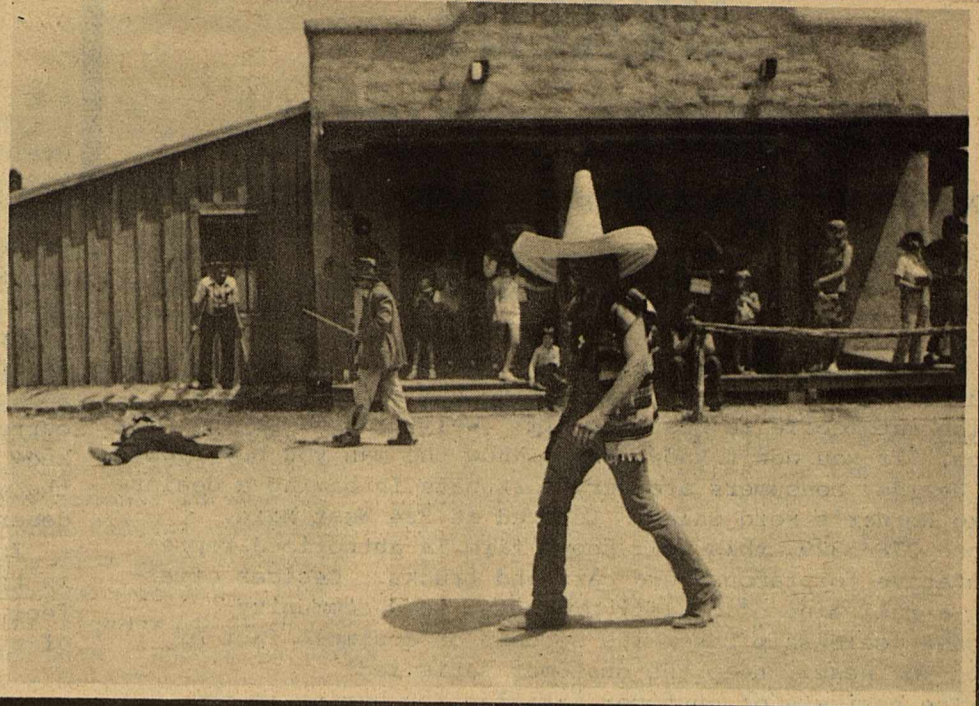
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Also TVing, RCA singing Star DOTTSY taped the Random Productions pilot "Country Fare" with hosts the Hager twins in Nashville during Fan Fair. Dottsy was a presenter on the Jim Owens production of the Music City News Awards tv show on June 6 at the Grand Ole Opry House, and she was a guest artist on "That Nashville Music" on June 14. Her San Antonio neighbor MOE BANDY hosted "That Nashville Music" with fellow artist Rex Allen Jr. and Karen Wheeler on June 27. Bandy has made five appearances on That Nashville Music but this was his first turn at hosting the popular syndie. Dottsy and Bandy's PR program is coordinated by Celebrity Public Relations, a division of CMI in Nashville.

UA recording artist DAVID WILLS, who recently signed with Celebrity Management of Nashville for bookings and public relations, taped the "Omelette Show" in Louisville, Kentucky, June 29 to coincide with his appearance at the Lemon Tree in this city on August 11-12. Wills, who opened for the Charlie Rich Show for one year, has a new single, "You Snap Your Fingers" which was produced by dapper dresser Tom Collins. Wills is best remembered for his hit "Barrooms to Bedrooms: and he has just been notified that the song will be featured in the Ricahrd Pryor movie "Blue Collar."

Veteran boodking agent KEN ROLLINS has joined the staff of Celebrity Management, Inc. in Nashville, and will be working directly with artists Charly McClain, Jimmy C. Newman, Johnny Rodriguez, Ronnie Sessions, Gary Stewart, Cotton Ivy and David Wills. Rollins, formerly promotion director for Fusto Records, was in-

GREEN THUMBS

by: JOE TOWNSEND

Now is the time to begin to think of a fall garden. It is just a little bit early to plant but the ground should be prepared. The soil needs to be loose and well pulverized. It is good to let the ground rest a while after it is broken. As dry as it has been it would be a good idea to water the ground before you plant. It is best for the ground to be dry enough to crumble well but certainly not be gummy. There are many things to plant for the fall. Of course you can plant green beans, anytime. Carrots can be planted now and will last through the winter if you want to leave them in the ground. Swiss Chard, is a good fall greens. Beets will have plenty time to make. Any of the cabbage family will do well, cabbage, cauliflower, brussell sprouts broccoli or collards. These will give good eating far into the winter. When the weather is noticeably cools it is time to plant head lettuce. It must have cool weather to head out. Your fall garden should be in the ground by early to mid August. Fall vegetables are as welcome as spring products and this year may be even more so.

strumental in promoting Red Sovine's "Teddy Bear" in 1976, which was the only million-selling record to come out of Nashville that year.

Johnny Rodriguez was the undisputed star at Kaintuck Territory in Benton, Kentucky on June 25, as three thousand and screaming fans weathered temperatures in the nineties to see the young entertainer. "Johnny and the band were very cooperative under extremely difficult circumstances" said veteran promoter Walter Sill. "His band, The Hole In the Wall Gang, really cooked and the crowd loved it. Johnny was beautiful to sign autographs for over an hour in the intense heat."

Rodriguez' new Mercury single, "Love Me With All Your Heart" is sung in English and Spanish, and is picked hit in all the music trades.
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UVALDE BUSINESS REVIEW

Horner's Ford Sales

With so many of the new models being similar in features and price, how does the prospective new car buyer know which automobile is best for him? Well, as the saying goes, "If you don't know cars...know the man you buy from." In Uvalde, consumers are very fortunate in having a dealer like Horner's Ford Sales. Located at 224 West Main, phone 278-3329, this well known firm is authorized representative for famous Ford cars and trucks. Besides offering a full line of quality products, this community-minded dealership bases its success on a simple fact of good business: Keep the customer satisfied!

The business of customer satisfaction begins in the showroom and continues right on through their complete service department where skilled technicians and the latest diagnostic test equipment assure you that your new Ford will "keep you satisfied" for many years to come!

The writers of this 1978 Business Review suggest you stop by Horner's Ford Sales' showroom very soon. We think you'll be satisfied.

Thompson's Liquor Store

JIM & CAROLYN BIEDIGER--New Owners

The finest brands and the most reasonable prices! That's what you'll find at Thomson's Liquor Store, the Better liquor store!

Located at 100 South East in Uvalde, phone 278-2618, this full line liquor store features all of your favorite brands of whiskey, gin, tequila, vodka, scotch, rum, brandy and other quality liquors. They also specialize in ice cold beer in bottles and cans and wine, too, is featured here and they have one of the finest selections anywhere.

Make Thomson's Liquor Store your one stop party headquarters. You'll find all of the liquors, mixers and other drinks you need along with other party goods. They also have cocktail ice in easy-to-handle bags for your convenience.

For quality liquors, wines, beer and party supplies, the authors of this 1978 Business Review are pleased to be able to recommend this outstanding firm to all of our readers.

Boots Moore, Inc.

BOOTS MOORE--President
KEN TURNER--Foreman

Whether you're at home or on the job, you know that you can perform your tasks more efficiently if you're working in a temperature controlled environment. A hot, muggy room or office is just not the place for maximum efficiency. Let Boots Moore, Inc. design and install a complete "weather-control system" featuring famous Fedders products.

Located at Hwy 90 East in Uvalde, phone 278-9589, this leading air conditioning specialist can design, build and maintain an air conditioning unit that will perfectly fit the needs of your home or office.

Additionally, they're fully versed in all of the latest electrical building codes of the area. They make sure that their installations are up to the uniform standards set by city, county, state and federal electrical requirements. You're assured of having a perfectly safe, inspected job when Boots Moore, Inc. do the work. No wonder many leading home builders specify this reliable firm for their new home wiring and installations!

Their expert workmen are thoroughly schooled in all phases of air conditioning and electrical work and will do the best possible job in the shortest possible time. You will enjoy years and years of trouble-free operation with one of their custom-installed units on the job.

Call the writers of this 1978 Business Review - we think that you'll like their systems AND their service!

Mitchell Oil Co.

JACK MITCHELL--Owner

The Mitchell Oil Co. is located at 515 East Main in Uvalde, phone 278-3111. Mitchell Oil Co's products are well known to people in this area as being of consistently high quality. The full line of dependable gasolines, diesel fuel, oils, lubricants and other petroleum products are stocked at all times and the delivery service is the very fastest anywhere!

Area agriculturists have come to rely on this outstanding firm to keep their equipment running when the peak season is upon them and demand is so great. With the current shortages in every commodity, folks in this area know that the Mitchell Oil Co. will keep their end up to the very best of their ability. They know that your job depends on the fuel you need to run your machinery.

In compiling this trade profile of leading businesses in the area, we, the writers of this 1978 Business Review feel that it would not be complete without prominent mention of this fine distributor.

Henderson TV Service YOUR AUTHORIZED QUASAR DEALER

MAX HERNDON--Owner

With all of the new shows on this season, it may just be the best time for you to look into a new color television from the Henderson TV Service! As your authorized Quasar dealer, this quality-minded dealer features the entire line-up for 1978 and prices have never been better!

Located at 203 West Front Street in Uvalde, phone 278-7438, this well established firm specializes in more than just television sales. They firmly believe that service after the sale is what separates the average dealer from the great one. Stop in and talk TV with the friendly people at Henderson TV Service, your Quasar dealer. You'll see there's more to television than meets the eye!

In compiling this 1978 Business Review of leading businesses and stores in the area, we, the writers, feel that this is one shop which deserves your patronage due to their dedicated service to the community and their steadfast belief that the customer comes first!

Jim Herndon Motors, Inc.

For many years, automobile dealers considered the "used car" business a sideline to selling new models. The friendly guys down at Jim Herndon Motors, Inc. at 240 East Main in Uvalde, phone 278-9314, totally reject this theory. They specialize in used cars exclusively, and, right now, they're dealing with a lower profit margin than anyone in an all-out effort to help their customers beat the current gas shortage by offering great deals on good, used cars.

The kind of business that this respected firm does is the main reason for their large "family" of repeat customers. People return again and again when they need an automobile because they know that integrity, quality and value are pass-words at this fine used car dealer.

Buy the safe way! Stop in at Jim Herndon Motors, Inc. and look over the tremendous values in quality used automobiles. The authors of this 1978 Business Review recommend this fine firm for better cars AND better values!

Mike Esparza Funeral Chapel

With complete facilities in one convenient location the Mike Esparza Funeral Chapel at 424 Geraldine in Uvalde, phone 278-6663, is well known as being one of the region's leading funeral directors. They have everything to offer to the family in their time of need and, once in their hands, you needn't worry about a thing.

Whether your preference runs to a simple ceremony or an elaborate one, this is one funeral director who will make every effort to comply with the wishes of the family.

The Mike Esparza Funeral Chapel also offers a wide range of preplanned services for your convenience. They are members of several insurance plans and can advise you as to which plan will best fit your needs and your budget. Shipping arrangements and other services are also easily arranged. The authors of this 1978 Business Review are pleased to be able to suggest this well established funeral director to all of our readers.

LETSINGER & SONS DRILLING CONTRACTORS

TED, AL, & DON LETSINGER--Owners

The Letsinger and Sons Drilling Contractors are located on the Batesville Road, four miles south of Uvalde, phone 278-5713, and they are considered to be one of the area's #1 well drillers!

Their completed wells are in service throughout the area and residents report outstanding results from their work. No matter what type of drilling it takes...this is one contractor who takes special pains to insure that YOUR well will serve you reliably and productively for years and years!

Utilizing the very latest equipment, this reputable firm has been drilling wells for homeowners, irrigators and municipalities for a long, long time and the accumulation of their knowledge is what you get when you contract Letsinger and Sons Drilling Contractors to drill YOUR well.

In compiling this 1978 Business Review, we, the editors, would like to give our personal recommendation to this outstanding well drilling company!

FLOWERS PLUMBING

H.C.FLOWERS--Owners

Clogged drain? Leaky pipes? Don't despair. Help is on the way as soon as you call Flowers Plumbing! This reliable plumbing concern features fast service for those jobs which just won't wait. They are also one of the area's leading new construction and remodeling specialists.

Located on the Batesville Highway (2 1/2 miles south) in Uvalde, phone 278-6019, this well known plumber features the latest equipment and techniques to get your job done fast and right. Their skilled crews are thoroughly knowledgeable to all phases of plumbing installation and repairs, and they'll be happy to discuss any project you have in mind.

Local residents are reminded to call this respected plumbing firm for complete hot water heater service, and installation. They feature a complete line of quality products in addition to their famous service. The writers of this 1978 Business Review suggest that you contact this fine plumbing concern first for all of your plumbing problems.

LOS ENCINOS DRIVE-IN

Real Mexican taste and fast drive-in service is available at the Los Encinos Drive In in Uvalde at 747 West Main, phone 278-9990. Featuring such famous Mexican dishes such as tacos, enchiladas, tostados, refritos and burritos, this high quality drive-in restaurant has become extremely popular with the local residents.

Fast service and the best Mexican food you've ever tasted is what the Los Encinos Drive In specializes in! Their menu is very complete and they offer a hearty combination plate for those who desire a full meal. Stop in today and try the great selection of fine Mexican foods prepared according to original recipes...fresh, delicious and authentic!

The authors of this 1978 Business Review heartily recommend this fine Mexican drive-in restaurant to all of our readers.

FIRST SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION

Need money?...Save for it! By saving just a few dollars every payday at your friendly, progressive First Savings & Loan Association, located at 400 North Getty in Uvalde, phone 278-7191. Here you'll have that needed cash when you need it because they pay the highest possible interest rate on savings and every account is insured by an agency of the federal government.

This reputable firm specializes in all types of savings accounts. They have savings certificates which pay an even higher rate than standard passbook accounts. They also offer many other free services to their customers such as financial counseling, safety deposit boxes and much, much more! The First Savings & Loan Association is also one of the best places to go for a mortgage loan.

As the writers of this 1978 Business Review, we heartily suggest that ALL local residents check out the money saving plans offered by this well known firm.

J&J Repairs

JIM & JACK HAYNES--Owners

Wouldn't it be nice to be able to take your car or tractor to just one place for all of your repair work? In Uvalde, there is such a place and we're talking about J&J Repairs! With complete garage facilities located on the Rocksprings Road, phone 278-7476, this is one of the area's leading repair shops.

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So, when you need ANYTHING done to your car or tractor see the best... first. The writers of this 1978 Business Review suggest that it's the only stop you'll have to make! Remember, when you need tractor or auto repairs, we recommend them to all of our readers.

Nelson Auto Parts

BERNARD NELSON--Owner

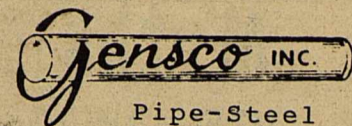
This leading parts house is located at 117 Getty in Uvalde, phone 278-9111. Here they feature the best in name brand auto and truck parts and accessories for both the buying public and garagemen of the area.

Through their policy of offering only high quality guaranteed products at both retail and wholesale, Nelson Auto Parts has established itself as one of the leaders in their field.

They employ enough helpful personnel that you will always be waited on in the shortest time and they are trained to know how to select the right part for your needs which saves costly time in returning incorrect merchandise.

The compilers of this 1978 Review are happy to commend their first rate parts house for their honest efforts in

the service to people of this area and suggest to our readers that they make the Nelson Auto Parts headquarters for all auto and truck parts and accessories.



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So, if you want the utmost in metal buildings AND some of the best service, contact Gensco, Inc. and find out more about famous Delta building systems! As the authors of this 1978 Business Review, we think you'll be glad you did!

UVALDE MEAT PROCESSING

CARROLL SHAW--Owner

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The editors of this 1978 Business Review point out to the people of this area that we are fortunate to have such a trustworthy custom cutting service and suggest that you remember to call UVALDE MEAT PROCESSING first.

RANEY'S OF UVALDE, INC

BILL CONNOR & JUAN MARTINEZ
Owners

Farmers and ranchers in this area have depended on Raney's of Uvalde, Inc. for pumps and irrigation equipment for some time. They supply domestic water supply systems, aermotor windmills and everything for the water well.

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The compilers of this 1978 Business Review would like to make particular commendation of this reliable firm.

Present Day Myths

by: **JOE TOWNSEND**

"The Government provides for the general welfare." This statement from the Constitution has long since become a pure myth. Tax money has come to be voted unmercifully on the populace to satisfy the whims of politicians and bureaucrats. One of the best examples of this is called "Revenue Sharing". The name itself was designed to hide the fact that it is money taken unwillingly through taxes robbed of a goodly portion by bureaucracies and then the residue handed down to local politicians to disperse in a way that will better enhance their chances of being re-elected. We see time after time politicians try to lead a local community to raise taxes to be spent in various ways to suit political demands only to see the local taxpayers vote down the proposition. Then comes along Uncle Santa Claus with his bag of "Revenue Sharing" and the politicians have control of the money and then spend it in the vary ways the local populace has refused to accept. Many time we see the money spent in various ways demanded by loud voiced groups of special interests and taxes raised to meet essential needs.

There is not good reason why the "Revenue Sharing" could not be used for essential needs rather than to satisfy the desires of petulant causes; except of course that the politicians would not automatically get the tender loving support of the lobbying groups. The American people have to be sick in thier thinking when they elect men to office who vote such tremendous tax loads and then dangle a carrot in front of their unseeing eyes to lead them to think someone is giving them something. The Washington and Austin bureaus have no money except what is taken out of the taxpayers pockets. Why give nothing by what they have taken. It is sad to see people quail and beg for crumbs from the leftovers of the politicians. It is high time there is a national expression of a TAX REVOLT that lets the politicians know that people know how best to spend their money. Certainly a man who earns his money should know more how to spend it wisely that a group of men who live luxuriously and flamboyantly off of money taken out of anothers pocket under the guise of taxes.

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BULL SELECTION WORKSHOP SCHEDULED IN CASTROVILLE

CASTROVILLE--Recognizing the importance of good bulls in determining beef cattle quality and profit, Southwest Texas ranchers will assemble here Saturday, July 29, to improve their knowledge of sire selection.

Presentations on the subject of sire selection will begin at Koenig Park here at 10 a.m. The meeting will continue into the afternoon with lunch being served on the grounds.

Speakers for the one-day event will include Tom Price of American Breeder Service in Madison, Wis.; Dr. Joe Wright and Ken persyn of the Medina A-I Laboratory in Castroville; and Dr. LeRoy Hoerman, an area livestock specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Uvlde.

Speakers are expected to contrast sire selection methods such as visual

appraisal, recores, fertility testing and artificial insemination. In addition, there will be a session on the effect defects in reproductive ability can have on breeding programs.

Economics of bull buying also is one of the subjects on the agenda with an emphasis on how to purchase bulls for use in crossbreeding programs. Bulls which demonstrate the various sire qualities will be exhibited at the site and semen collection and evaluation techniques also will be demonstrated.

"We hope to show producers some good and bad examples of bulls to aid them in their selection decisions," said Animal Scientist Hoermann.

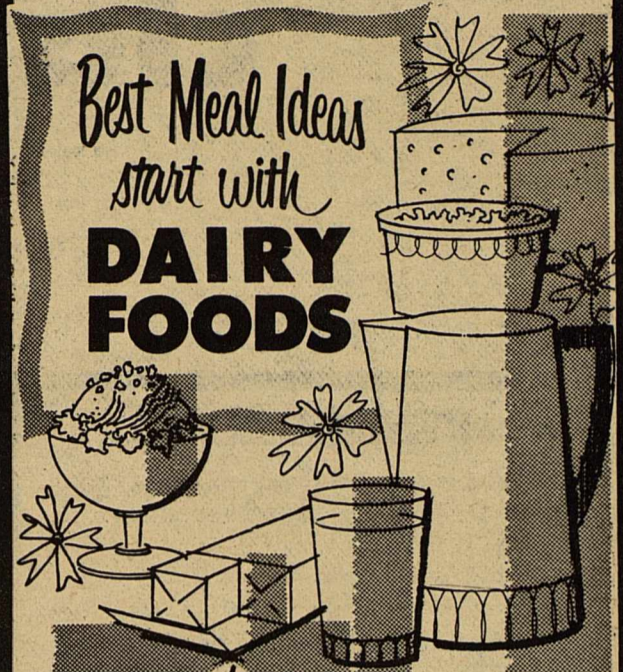
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The referendum will be August 21 through September 1.

The issue? Raising the incentive payment deduction from the current 1½ cents per pound to shorn wool and 7½ cents per 100 pounds of unshorn lamb sold to a more inflation-reflective 2½ cents and 12½ cents, respectively.

The money is deducted directly from incentive payments and therefore offers no bookkeeping headaches for the producers, not is it as noticeable as it would be if he already had the money in his hot little hand.

It is also a good investment. The deductions fund the American Sheep Producers Council, and the Council receives no other funding.

The ASPC, based in Denver, employs a staff of promotion, advertising, merchandise, education, public relations and sheep production experts. Their job, indeed that of the ASPC itself, is to create and implement promotional programs for the industry. Promotional outfits often bear a reputation for conforming only slightly with reality, particularly the realities of economy, but ASPC doesn't fit the mold. Partial proof of that is the fact that ASPC once had 40 employees and now employs only 21--a less realistic organization would almost certainly show just the opposite figures.

One reason for the Council's responsiveness to the real world is its makeup and roots. ASPC is comprised of 20 state and area sheep scouncils which in turn represent the producers themselves. A total of 102 voting delegates are selected from these councils, and these delegates chose 48 individuals from their own ranks to serve on the ASPC board of directors. The directors in turn elect a president, vice president, and

secretary-treasurer from among themselves.

These three officers appoint the chairman of the two basic committees the wool and lamb committees. The chairman and officers, along with directors designated by the National Wool Growers and National Lamb Feeders Associations comprise the council's Executive Committee. This group of monitors programs approved by the board of directors, as well as implementation of these programs by ASPC staffers.

Sound complicated? Well, it's complicated enough to assure that everyone has someone else keeping an eye on him. It also assures that even the top brass are aware of what goes on in a sheep pen because they've all been there.

In all, it's a pretty safe outfit to trust with a few cents worth of deductions, particularly when they do so much with them.

Referendum balloting will be conducted by mail under the auspices of the ASCS. Local ASCS officer will mail ballots to all known sheep producers in their areas, and those who fail to receive their ballots in this manner may pick them up at their local ASCS offices.

TS & GRA believes in the council and supported the deduction increase by unanimous resolution during its February meeting.
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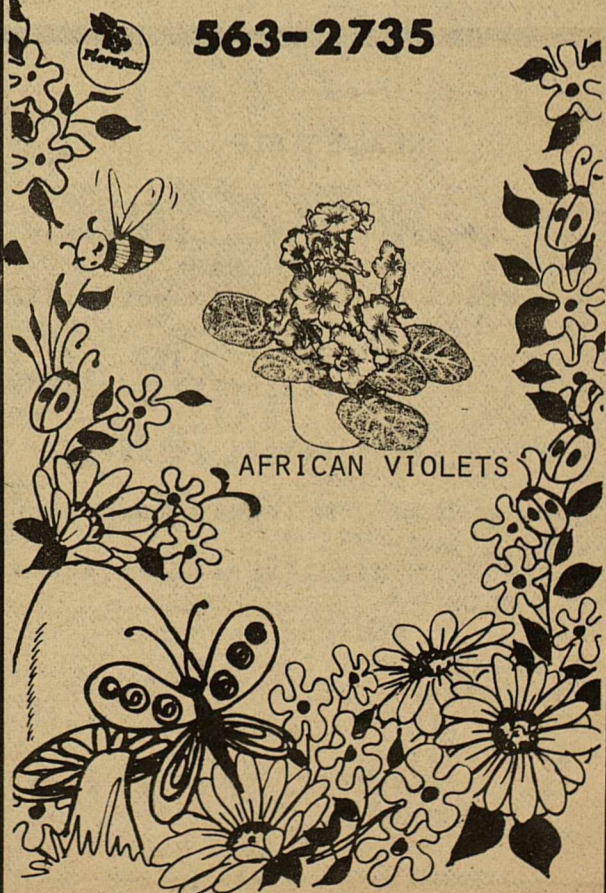
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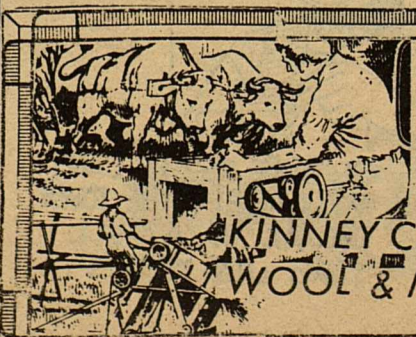
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