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Personals

Airman Kelly L. Wyatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy W. Wyatt of 302 W. Sadosa, Eastland, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio. He is now assigned a communications specialist with a unit of the Air Force Communications Service at Craig AFB, Ala. Airman Wyatt is a 1967 graduate of Carbon High School.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Post of Breckenridge and Mrs. Joe Wratheby and children of Midland visited David Cozart and family last weekend.

Jack Mitchell and family of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parten of Eastland visited their mother, Mrs. Ina Parten, during Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Gertie Wescott left last week to spend the winter near her daughter, who lives in Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Broussard of Mineral Wells and Mrs. La Rue Broussard and son, Edward of Colorado City visited Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ussery recently. Mrs. Ussery is still a patient at Lawndale Home in Borman.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gilbert of Hurst visited his mother Mrs. Ida Gilbert, Saturday.

Mrs. Lee Roy Higginbottom and daughters of Cross Plains visited her mother, Mrs. Bernice Mangum, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Aten of Lelia Lake visited Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Guy last weekend.

F. A. Scott and family of Kennedale visited his father Alee Scott, during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Nelson of Arlington visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson, during Thanksgiving. Other visitors in the Nelson home were R. A. Nelson and family and Ed Nelson and family of Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hallmark were in Ardmore, Okla. last Thursday.

Distribution Of Food Scheduled

Dates for the distribution of USDA food in Eastland County, to be distributed at the food center, 301 S. Mulberry St. Eastland, have been announced by Leo Clinton as follows:

Monday, Dec. 11—Eastland, Oden, and Ranger.

Tuesday, Dec. 12—Pioneer, Rising Star, Gorman, Carbon,

SCS Booklet Says . . .

Worthless Brush and Weeds Waste Much Water In Texas

"Worthless brush and weeds waste nearly as much water as is used for all other purposes in Texas," according to H. N. Smith, State Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service, Temple. "One of our greatest potentials for saving water is reducing this waste by non-economic plants."

Smith said at least 10 million acre-feet of water could be saved annually by a complete grassland restoration program in Texas. This is about three-fourths the amount now used by all consumers. This saving would go a long way to assist in easing future

water shortages, he said.

This is part of the information in a new publication just released by the SCS, "Grassland Restoration, Part V, Effect of Water Yield and Supply," by C. A. Rechenstain and H. N. Smith. The booklet is the fifth in a series dealing with Texas rangelands. It documents huge water losses that occur each year from brush and weed infestation. It shows how municipal, industrial, and agricultural water supplies are reduced on watersheds infested with brush and weeds.

In a 1964 survey, SCS found that 88 million acres, or 82 percent of Texas' 107 million acres of grassland, are infested with brush. Range conservationists say that four out of every five acres are producing less than half their potential.

More than one-third of the rain that falls in the State each year is being used up by non-economic plants, according to estimates made by Dr. J. R. Johnston of the Agricultural Research Service. He says that 138 million acre-feet are being wasted by weeds and brush each year.

Since grass uses less water than most other plants, there are vast opportunities for cutting water losses by improving infested grasslands.

Using the limited research available, Rechenstain and Smith give a detailed study in the new booklet of the effects of grassland improvement on water supplies. For example, treating salt-cedar infested areas could save as much as three feet of water per year for each acre treated. Savings on upland would vary from more than 6 inches in the eastern part of the State to smaller amounts in drier sections.

Annual water savings could total 2 million acre-feet each in the Brazos and Colorado River watersheds; one million each in the Nueces and Red River watersheds (Texas portion); three-quarter million each in the Rio Grande-Pecos and Trinity watersheds; and more than one-half million acre-feet in the Guadalupe-San Antonio Water sheds.

Smith said that water has always been one of Texas' most valuable but least abundant resources. He said saving water by improving grasslands will benefit all Texans. The booklets are available at SCS offices.

School News

The Carbon FHA sponsored a Tupperware Party in the lunchroom Nov. 21 and a large crowd attended. The FHA Chapter will realize a nice percentage of the sales which will be used to buy supplies for the chapter.

A Musical Christmas program will be presented by the students in the High School Auditorium Dec. 22 at 1 p. m. After the program, the students will return to their rooms for the exchange of gifts and school will be dismissed at 2:30 p. m. for the Christmas holidays. Classes will resume Jan. 2, 1968.

The Annual District FFA Banquet will be held in Stephenville Dec. 4. Approximately fifteen members and guests from the Carbon FFA Chapter will attend and the Sweetheart representing the chapter will be Joyce Casey.

The Carbon girls basketball team played the Ranger Junior College basketball girls team Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Ranger. The Carbon team was defeated but gained some valuable experience from the Ranger team.

The Sophomore Home Economics class of Carbon High School has recently honored the teachers with a luncheon, antiques, a dinnette set and made kitchen curtains for the Home Economics Cottage. The dinnette set is green and the curtains are pink and green. These girls have done a really outstanding job of choosing their colors and improving the cottage.

Okra, and Desdemona. Wednesday, Dec. 13—Cisco, Seranton, and Nimrod. Persons who cannot come to the food center on these dates can come on Thursday, or Friday, Dec. 14-15.

Judge Sparks Plans To Retire; Kirk Will Run

Judge Frank Sparks of the 91st District Court in Eastland announced Friday that he has decided to retire at the end of his term of office on Dec. 31, 1968. He has served the court for some four years, having been appointed to the bench by Gov. John Connally in February, 1965.

Truman P. Kirk, Cisco attorney and government professor at Cisco Junior College, told this newspaper Friday that he plans to be a candidate for the 91st District Court judgeship. His statement followed release of news that Judge Sparks would not run again.

Mr. Kirk said that he will have a formal announcement in the near future.

Judge Sparks said that he had decided to make the announcement "as prospective candidates for this office must apply in February, 1968, to have their names placed on the primary ballot, and I feel it only fair to let it be known that I will not be a candidate."

Judge Sparks has been practicing law in Eastland County since 1913, beginning at Gorman. He has lived in Eastland since 1925. He served as county attorney in 1925-27. He has long been prominent in county affairs.

Top Priority Sought For Sabanno Project

Achieving a top priority for the \$2½-million Sabanno Watershed project is the next hurdle for the association and its backers, according to word received here.

The association has been notified by the State Soil and Water Conservation Board that the application for flood

prevention, conservation, etc., have been approved, according to Ross Wilson, chairman of the local group.

A four-day feasibility examination was conducted here in October by a survey team representing the State Soil Service and the State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

A public hearing will be called soon, probably to be held in Gorman, at which time the local supporters will be given the opportunity to explain why a high priority is needed.

Soonest possible construction starting time would be in 1969 because the state's quota of six have already been programmed for 1968, it was reported. The survey team recommended construction of 13 major structures (at about \$100,000 each) on the watershed, along with 20 smaller structures. (The units are planned for 100-year need and "feasibility" means expecting to get at least \$1.35 in good return for every \$1 put into the project, it was reported.)

Local association officials cite advantages resulting from flood control and conservation measures, plus the possibilities of increasing irrigation potential.

The public hearing will probably be held next spring, according to Chairman Ross Wilson of Gorman.

Sponsors of the project are the Upper Leon Soil and Water Conservation District, Lower Clear Fork District and Eastland and Comanche County Courts. Most civic and farm organizations in the two counties and towns along the watershed have endorsed the project.

Carbon Makes Good Showing In Tournament

Carbon High School Basketball teams played in the Desdemona Tournament last weekend. The Carbon boys lost to Overton in the opening game in overtime 49 to 46. They played Moran in the second game Carbon winning 60 to 35. The Carbon boys won consolation trophy by defeating De Leon 50 to 37.

The Carbon girls played Strawn in their first game, Carbon winning 49 to 13. They played Moran in their second game Carbon winning 41 to 31. The Carbon girls played in the finals with De Leon Saturday night, De Leon winning the game. Carbon girls won second place trophy in the tournament.

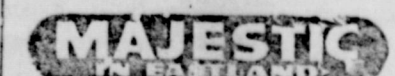
Both teams play in the tournament at Rising Star this weekend. The Carbon boys and girls play Santa Anna in their first game of the tournament. Tuesday, Dec. 12, both teams play Rising Star here in the local gym.

The Carbon High School tournament will be held here on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15 and 16.

Mrs. Davidson Dies In Cleburne

Mrs. J. W. Davidson, 81, the former Mrs. W. F. Arnold of Carbon, died at her home in Cleburne on Wednesday. She is survived by 4 sons and 6 daughters and a number of other relatives.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete as we go to press but tentative plans call for burial in the Carbon Cemetery.



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GORDON SPOT

By DEE GORDON
Eastland County Agent

The 1967 marketing year for shorn wool, mohair, and unshorn lambs ends Dec. 31, 1967. All producers have until Jan. 31, 1968 to turn in their receipts to the ASCS office and file an application for incentive pay. Payments will be made in March or April of '68 for the 1967 marketing year.

There will be a referendum on cotton marketing quotas Dec. 4-8. The referendum will be by mail or you may return your ballot in person to the ASCS Office. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters Dec. 1. If quotas are approved in the referendum, price support will be available to all growers who do not exceed their 1968 cotton allotment. If the vote is unfavorable there will be no quotas or penalties for the 1968 Upland Cotton and no price support or diversion payments.

The lease or sale of cotton allotments will be in effect for the 1968 crop year regardless of the outcome of the referendum. Farmers desiring to sell or lease their allotment must file their transfer documents with the county office not later than Jan. 2, 1968.

Requests for cost-shares on winter cover crops are still being accepted by the ASCS Office. However, 1967 program funds have been depleted and all new requests will be charged to 1968 program funds. If funds do become available after Jan. 1, due to state underearnings under the Agriculture Conservation Program for 1967, the requests for 1967, the requests for 1968 crop regardless of the outcome of the marketing quota referendum, however, trans-

fer documents have to be filed with the county office not later than Jan. 2, 1968, according to Mr. Meredith.

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October Savings Bond Sales Are \$8,236 In County

Guy P. Parker, chairman of the Eastland County Savings Bonds Committee has announced that United States Savings Bond sales in Eastland county during October totaled \$8,236. Sales for the first ten months totaled \$183,007 and this is 49 per cent of the county's 1957 goal of \$370,000.

Texasns purchased a total of \$14,689,704 in Series E and H Bonds and Freedom Shares during the month of October. The January - October sales totaled \$139,007,131 which is an increase of 8.4 per cent over the same period during 1956.

"United States Savings Bonds make ideal Christmas gifts. Why not purchase a United States Savings Bond for some one you love -- it is the gift that 'keeps on giving.' They can be purchased at your local bank where attractive gift envelopes are

Eastland Civic Theatre Will Hold Readings

Eastland Civic Theatre will hold readings at Bell Hurst Playhouse Monday, Nov. 27, at 7:30 p. m.

The readings will be from Tennessee Williams, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." It will be followed by a party for all members and prospective members, courtesy of the theatre.

The Bell Hurst Playhouse is located just east of Eastland on Highway 80 on the Bell Hurst Ranch property owned by the Don Russells. Mrs. Don (Virginia) Russell is Stage Director and Chairman of the Board which consists of Ralph E. Stevens, Jack Germany, Mrs. Kenneth Watson, Dick Dixon, Mrs. Mike Collins, John Foster and Tom Staggs.

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Dec. 8 & 9—Eastland County Pecan Show (Bake Show Division)
Dec. 13—County-wide Christmas Party.

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At Agriculture
By GILBERT MEREDITH
USDA-ASCS

I read recently in the Fort Worth Star Telegram that the House of Representative had voted by a large majority to allow the transfer of peanut acreage by sell or lease. This will apparently be limited to transfers within the county. To become law this bill must be approved by the Senate and signed into law. Numerous inquiries have been directed to this office concerning this, but we do not have any details on how the program will work. All producers will be notified when details are received in this office.

Cover crops already in are looking excellent. The ground is already covered on many farms. We are handling about 100 requests for cost-share per week through the ACP program.

The annual grass tour spon-

Homemakers' Hints

By Janet Meyers

Home Demonstration Agent

The Eastland County Pecan Bake Show will be held on Friday and Saturday Dec. 8 and 9 in Cisco. All entries must be in place by 9:30 Friday morning and must be picked up by 1:00 p. m. Saturday. The show will be held in the Chicken on the Run Building, Ave. D in Cisco. There will be an adult and a youth division. You may enter cakes, cookies, pies, candies, and nut breads. An entry consist of a whole cake, pie, or loaf of nut bread and eight cookies or eight pieces of candy. Each should be exhibited on a paper plate and covered

sored by the Eastland County TAP Committee scheduled for November 3 had to be postponed until Dec. 31 due to rain. We will have another notice on the tour in the local newspaper as a reminder on this tour. We want you to plan now to attend if at all possible. We believe that the tour will be very educational.

with clear wrap. All entries must have pecans as an ingredient.

Cash and ribbon awards will be presented to the top three places in each division. Anyone desiring more information or a copy of the rules and regulations may call or come by the Home Demonstration Agent's Office.

Recreation is a broad term that applies to activities ranging from hunting and fishing to card games and party games. There is a great difference in the amount of individual activity and also the amount of space required for the activity.

With the coming of the Christmas season with its parties and get togethers, indoor recreation becomes a major item in the mind of hosts and hostesses. The Extension Service publishes a number of leaflets and mimeograph pamphlets with party game ideas.

A 4-H project in recreation gives an individual a background in planning and conducting parties, as well as, some valuable experience in

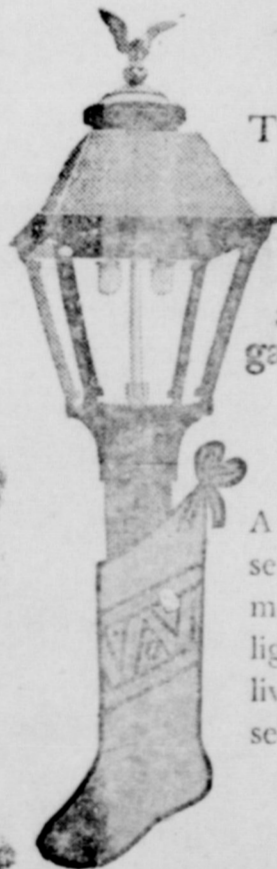
leading group activities. The boy or girl who can do a good job of planning parties with a variety of games would be the envy of the party group.

Some 4-H Club members from the Cisco and Rising Star areas have been given the responsibility of planning the recreation for the County-wide Christmas party to be held on Dec. 18. They know that a well planned party begins with a game to occupy time while people are arriving and then gradually builds in activity until it is finally capped off with something like folk games.

A 4-H'er can conduct a Recreation project in town as well as in the country. 4-H Clubs are not confined to rural boys and girls. There are very active clubs in the residential areas of Fort Worth, Dallas and Houston.

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