

Max Murrell Announces Lawn, Garden Tractors

The world's largest producer of farm equipment has unveiled seven new lawn and garden tractors for 1975. "After 138 years of designing farm equipment and more than 10 years of engineering lawn and garden tractors, John Deere has come up with some interesting surprises," says Max Murrell, owner of Max Murrell Chevrolet, at Interstate 20 in Merkel.

Larger power sizes head the list of what's new in the 1975 line. The 19.9-horsepower model 490 is the largest lawn and garden tractor ever built by John Deere, Murrell explains. "It's powered by a twin-cylinder, 4-cycle, air-cooled engine, and features power steering, triple-function hydraulic controls, and hydrostatic drive." The 16-horsepower 300 tractor also increases the power range available. Four tractors in the John Deere 200 Series provide 14, 12, 10 and 8 horsepower. The model 100 has 8 horsepower.

"These tractors are up to 30 per cent quieter than last year's models because the engine is enclosed," Murrell says. "Enclosing the engine not only enhances the overall styling, but also reduces engine sound for really quiet riding." Engines are also cushioned by rubber pads to reduce vibration.

John Deere's 1975 tractors are patterned after its big agricultural models. "The 'Generation II' styling is the first major styling change in the line since 1963," Murrell says. The engine, muffler, and other moving parts are enclosed by a fiberglass hood with built-in headlights. The instrument panel is 3-dimensional for easier viewing. The controls are color-coded for quick identification and shaped so the operator can "palm" them more easily.

How the operator uses a machine is an important part of the human engineering philosophy at John Deere. "Controls are placed in the location most natural for the operator to use," Murrell says. "and the footrests are wide and comfortable. The cushioned seat has a high backrest to reduce strain and fatigue during long hours of mowing."

A large assortment of optional attachments are also available. They include rotary tillers, front and center blades, snow throwers, and a new front-mounted loader for the 19.9-horsepower tractor.

10 Per Cent Cut In Grain Crop Could Reverse Price Says FU

"The world grain market is getting nervous about the movement among American farmers to cut back their production and marketing of wheat, corn and soybeans this year," Jay Naman, President of Texas Farmers Unions said today.

"A report received today by TWX from a Farmers Union representative in London points out that a successful cut-back in the 1975 U.S. grain crops could reverse the present slump in prices just like adverse weather did at this time last year," Naman said.

Naman said that Robert G. Lewis, National Secretary of The Farmers Union, is in London to confer with farm leaders from 12 European countries and to explore world farm commodity market conditions. He released the following message which was received from Lewis in London today:

London, March 12, 1975—Reports that American grain farmers are organizing a voluntary 10 per cent cut-back in their 1975 production are getting increasing attention from market observers in this world trade center.

World grain stocks are the smallest since more than 20 years ago, when world population was little more than half than of today. In this situation, the sharp plunge of grain prices during recent months is surprising. Market watchers remember that a similar price slump last year was turned around suddenly and dramatically when bad weather in the U.S. re-



MRS. H. C. REID
... woman of the year

Lions District Governor Addresses Merkel Club

Irvin Hiler, District Governor of Dist. 2E-1 of the Lions Club was the guest speaker at the Tuesday luncheon for the Merkel Lions

Omar Burleson Announces Grant

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Omar Burleson announces a \$586,470.29 Office of Education grant to the State of Texas for 4019 children in Taylor County. These funds will provide services for children residing in low-income areas who have need for special educational assistance in order that their level of educational attainment may be raised to that appropriate for children of their age.

The allotment of these funds for fiscal year 1975 were made available under the provision of Part A of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

versed the much-advertised prospect of a high crop. Now news of the production cut-back movements among American grain farmers has added a new element of uncertainty to grain buyers' eternal worry about the weather.

With world grain stocks at See GRAIN, Pg. 7

Mrs. Reid, Bill Button Chosen Outstanding Citizens

About 200 persons saw Bill Button chosen Merkel's Outstanding Citizen and Mrs. H. C. Reid named Outstanding Woman of the year Thursday night during the Merkel Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Speaker for the evening was J. D. Jackson, a flight instructor with American Airlines in Fort Worth. Using a humorous theme throughout his talk, Jackson admonished the town to not 'Monday morning quarterback' the officials that will lead them in the Chamber the coming year. "These officers are going to lead you. Look at the risk they are taking. Why should they do it? Because they enjoy doing what they are doing and they want to see the town progress," he said.

New officers taking the reins of the Chamber are Don Hensley, president, George Starbuck, Vice President, and Travis Davis is Secretary-Treasurer. New directors for the coming year are Gary Hicks, Kent Satterwhite and Hensley, Holdover Directors are Truett Thompson, Joe Lassiter, Bobby Du-

Bose and Mrs. Lawrence Hewitt. Benny Melton is Chamber manager.

Mrs. Glen Teaff, president of Xi Nu Chi and representing the three Beta Sigma Phi clubs in Merkel, presented the award to Mrs. Reid, and described her as a quiet and unassuming woman.

"She's always doing something for someone and is never caught saying anything bad about anybody," Mrs. Teaff said.

In accepting the award, Mrs. Reid said, "Did I really do all that?"

"I don't feel I deserve it but from now on I will try to," Mrs. Reid said.

The retired school teacher is a past matron of the Eastern Star, active in Merkel Senior Citizens Club and has written several historical articles about the area, including "The History of Merkel Schools." She still substitutes in the school system.

Outgoing chamber president Don Hart presented the award to Button who heads West Texas Utilities in Merkel.

Hart said Merkel was

blessed when Button moved to the town in 1965, and lauded Button's work as a Merkel booster.

"There must be some mistake, but I don't want to disagree with anything he said," Button said in accepting.

Button is a former Marine, a Mason and a member of Calvary Baptist Church. He is married to Oma Buttons and they have two children, Joyce of Abilene and Patsy, a nursing student in San Angelo.

Travis Davis, Merkel High School principal, outlined the city's achievements during the year. The accomplishments included:

* Continuation of Trades Day in Merkel, held the first Saturday of each month by the city's merchants.

* Formation of a high school chamber of commerce. Members of the high school group did the decorations for the banquet.

* A summer recreation program and a Christmas Day parade.

* An effort to open a city park. Davis said they hope to open the park by midsummer.

* The refunding of the Merkel Industrial Foundation, which tries to attract industry.

* The attracting of Cisco Junior College to Merkel. Davis said the Merkel branch had more than 60 students by January. Plans are to open a new building by fall.

Master of ceremonies Don Hensley added that there is a possibility that a Texas A&M extension program and a new industry may locate in Merkel soon.

However, he added, nothing is definite yet.



BILL BUTTONS
... outstanding citizen

Longtime Merkelite Dee Moore Buried in Sunday Services

Dee Porter Moore, 80, of Merkel, retired stock farmer, died at 4:50 p.m. Friday in Abilene after a long illness. Services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Merkel United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Russell McAnally, pastor, and the Rev. N. S. Daniel, associate pastor, officiated. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 7, 1895, in Mulberry Canyon, Mr. Moore married Myrtle Crow in September, 1917 in Abilene. The couple moved to the Merkel area soon after their marriage. Mr. Moore was a member of Merkel United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Laverne Moore of Merkel; a brother, Arthur of Merkel; his stepmother, Mrs.

Sallie Moore of Merkel; three sisters, Mrs. Halie Melton of Odessa, Mrs. Vera Wilson of Seymour and Mrs. Edna Wilson of Merkel; two grandchildren; and a stepgrandchild.

A daughter, Mrs. Irene Neeks, died in 1966.

Guar Day Set At Vernon

VERNON, Tex.—Congressman Jack Hightower of Texas' 13th Congressional District, will be the guest speaker at the Guar Day and Barbecue, co-sponsored by the Vernon Chamber of Commerce and Stein, Hall & Co., Inc., to be held Saturday, March 22, at the Wilbarger County Auditorium, Vernon.

Several hundred farmers and their wives from the North Texas-Southwestern Oklahoma area are expected to attend the Guar Day ceremonies, which will start with a barbecue at 12 noon. Also expected are county agricultural agents, soil conservationists, agronomists and specialists from the two states' agricultural extension services, university officials and local bankers.

Recent developments in guar agronomy and guar economics will be reviewed by Orbie C. Cannedy, Stein, Hall's agronomy manager at Vernon, and William P. Mastrolia, vice president of Celanese Coatings & Specialties Company, Louisville, Ky. Stein, Hall is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Celanese Corporation.

Mayor Hamp Naylor, of Vernon, will welcome the Guar Day visitors to Vernon

Lions Club to Hold Ladies Night April 1

The Merkel Lions Club will hold its annual "Ladies Night" April 1. The event is sponsored annually to honor the wives of the club members. The meal will be served at 7:30 p.m. at the Lions Club Center.

The club has secured the Key City Chapter of the Sweet Adelines to sing and the speaker of the evening will be Jack Patterson of Baylor University. Patterson is a former Merkel resident.

Stuckey, 12 Other Educators To Attend TSTA Convention

Gene Stuckey, president of the Taylor County Unit of the Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA) has announced that he and twelve other Taylor County educators are planning to attend the 96th annual state convention of the Texas State Teachers Association March 20-22 at the Astrodome Convention Center in Houston.

They will be among some 10,000 TSTA local association members and guests expected to attend. Some of the Taylor County teachers will be official representatives to the 1975 TSTA house of delegates. That is the state association's governing body, which will meet in four sessions during the convention to act on proposed amendments to the TSTA constitution, consider committee reports, debate resolutions, and conduct other business.

The 1,528 official delegates are elected from TSTA local associations throughout the

state. They are certified by districts on the basis of one delegate per 100 members or major fraction of 100, to

Former Merkel Businessman Dies

EL PASO — Arl Sharp of 116 De Leon Street and a former Merkel businessman, died recently. Mr. Sharp lived in Merkel from 1900 to 1951 when he moved to El Paso.

Services were held at the Westside Church of Christ with Eddie Stolz, Church of Christ minister officiating. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Burial was in Memory Gardens of the Valley.

Survivors include a daughter, Margaret Sharp of El Paso and a sister, Mrs. Elsie Nash of Merkel.

represent the 159,000 members of TSTA. Every local association is entitled to at least one official delegate.

Carl Rowan, syndicated newspaper columnist and author, will speak at the opening general session Thursday night, March 20, in the Astrodome Arena.

Lesley Stahl, a Washington-based news reporter for the Columbia Broadcasting System, will speak at the second general session Friday morning on the Arena.

The Taylor County delegation will include Gene Stuckey, Merkel; George Black, Jim Ned; Billy Yarborough, Taylor County Superintendent; Bill Waddill, Abilene State School, and the following teachers from the Abilene schools: Bill Bradshaw, Bryan Craig, Scott Hayes, James Jeter, Preston Parker, Thelma Ragland, Carol Simmons, Fred Stirman, and Marie Denham.

WIND

DAMAGE

High wind, accompanied by blowing dust, flipped this mobile home belonging to R. L. Bland Jr. at Cal-Tex Feed Yard. The mishap occurred about 5:15 p.m. Monday. The mobile home unoccupied at the time was completely demolished. It was valued between \$6,000-\$8,000. (Staff Photo by Jennye Martin)



Homemakers Invited To Window Ideas Tour

All homemakers are invited to attend a "Window Ideas" tour, Tuesday, March 18. The group will meet at the Old County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Extension Kitchen, at 10 a.m. and will visit three businesses. The tour, sponsored by the Taylor County Extension Service, is in preparation for a two-day workshop to be held April 15 and 16 on Making Shades and Draperies. For more information call Roberta Watters, County Extension Agent, 677-1711, Ext. 322.

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Miss Barbara McFarling, Robert Wilson Plan Vows

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Gandy's Dairies

Receives Recognition

SAN ANGELO - Gandy's Dairies, Inc. of San Angelo, received international recognition for product quality and customer service according to Gandy's Dairy president, John Gandy.

The recognition came from Quality Check Dairy Products Association of Chicago after Gandy's dairy products passed 38 rigid special examinations. All products produced by Gandy's underwent extensive tests for quality, freshness, purity, handling, packaging and service. Every Gandy dairy product passed the thorough examination with flying colors.

Upon passing the tests, Gandy's Dairies was invited to join the Quality Check Dairy Association, an international organization of more than 100 independent dairies.

"After 41 years of producing what we considered excellent dairy products, we were extremely pleased to have an outside organization of Quality Check's stature tell us how great our products are," Gandy exclaimed. "It's nice to know you're good but it's an honor to be told."

John Gandy said that all Gandy Dairy products will now be packaged in the famous Quality Check cartons and no other change will be made.

Gandy pointed out that the dairy would process and distribute the same products to all current routes and the same Gandy people will produce and distribute the products. There is absolutely no change in the management, employees, service or products other than the new Quality Check cartons.

As a member of Quality Check, all Gandy products will undergo monthly tests for quality, purity and freshness.

Gandy's Dairies, Inc. organized in 1934 by board chairman, Loy Gandy, serves 62 West Texas counties.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson of Merkel. Miss McFarling is a graduate of Denton high school where she was a member of the debate and drama club, Latin and Thespian clubs. She is a pre-med student at SMU and a Bank employee.

Robert Wilson was an honor graduate of Merkel High and was a featured student in the 1973 SMU "Retunda" because of the honors he held in SMU organizations and fraternity life on the campus. He has a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from SMU and is an employee of Mobil Oil Co. in Dallas.

The couple will be visiting the Woodrow Wilsons in Merkel for the next week.



LOOK WHO'S HERE!

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Maxwell of Buffalo Gap are the proud parents of a boy, Robbie Allen, born March 12. He weighed 8 lbs. and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Mrs. George T. Maxwell of Buffalo Gap and T. G. Hull of Merkel. Brothers of the baby are Riekie, Rusty and Randy of the home.

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Fortnightly Study Club Donates \$100 to Library

The Fortnightly Study Club met March 11 in the home of Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. S.C. Dixon presided. Mrs. Carl Hughes introduced guests Mrs. Junior Clark, Mrs. Don Riney, and Mrs. Herman Carson. Mrs. Carson and Mrs. Riney, accompanied by Mrs. Clark at the piano, gave a

program of Irish songs. Mrs. Carl Hughes gave a report on Ireland; its history, geography and people.

Mrs. Johnny Cox reported that "The Texas Clubwoman" recommended that each club in Texas have a program on citizenship. She also reported that the State Board was asking for donations to help furnish a room at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston.

In later business the club voted to donate \$100.00 to the Merkel Public Library and \$25.00 for the room at M. D. Anderson Hospital. The meeting scheduled for March 24 was postponed to April 1 because of the "Spring break" at school.

Attending were Mes. Bryan Dunagin, Carl Hughes, S. C. Dixon, Johnny Cox, Stanley Toombs, Mack Fisher, Comer Haynes, Don Hart, Ray Wilson, C. B. Knight, Johnny Hammond, Charles Eager, Miss Christine Collins, and the three guests.

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Mrs. Caton Hosts TCYU

The Taylor County Young Homemakers met on Thursday March 13, 1975 in the home of Mrs. Richard Caton. Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. John Schaefer and Mrs. Caton.

After meeting in Mrs. Caton's home, the club went on a tour of Baach's Florist and Greenhouses. An interesting display and discussion of indoor and bedding plants were given.

Attending the meeting were guest Mrs. Barbara Buntin and the following members: Mrs. John Beasley, Mrs. Robert Crawford, Mrs. Larry Beasley, Mrs. Mack Seymore, Mrs. George Martin, Mrs. Larry Gill, Mrs. Joe Gregory, Mrs. Bill Fowler, Mr. Jerry Ross, Mrs. Spencer Taylor, Mrs. John Schaefer and Mrs. David Summers.



MRS. JIMMEY FOSTER
... former Cathy Fariello

Fariello-Foster Vows Read

Given in marriage by her father, Catherine Joy Fariello and Jimmy Rex Foster were united in marriage at a candlelight ceremony in the First Baptist Church, Merkel. Rev. Kenneth Jones officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of M. Sgt. and Mrs. William Fariello. Mr. Foster is the son of Mrs. Keeton Saunders of Conroe.

Mrs. Roy Davis played the organ. Roy Davis sang "Because" and the "Wedding Prayer."

Maid of Honor was Vicki DuBose. Bridesmaids were the Brides sisters, Cynthia of Tucson, Ariz., Carla and Charleen Fariello.

Ringbearer was Travis Davis of Tucson, Ariz. Mary and Joan Fariello, sisters of

the bride, were candlelighters.

Clyde Brooks of Abilene acted as bestman. Groomsman were Chet Williams of Tucson, Ariz., Tony Brooks of Abilene and Brian Fariello brother of the bride.

Ben Allgaier and Chet Williams ushered.

Larry Riney presented the music for the reception in Fellowship Hall.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School and has been employed at Starr Nursing Home.

A graduate of Smiley High School, the bridegroom is employed by Power Construction Inc. of Arlington. The couple will live in Palestine.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brooks hosted the rehearsal dinner Friday evening at their home in Abilene.

Alpha Nu Nu Gives St. Patricks Day Party

Alpha Nu Nu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority went to the Happy Haven Nursing Home in Abilene for a St. Patricks Day party for residents of the home.

The Happy Haven Nursing Home is owned by Julia Lawson who is a former Merkel resident. Mrs. Marie Shanks played the piano as the residents sang a selection of Irish songs in commemoration of the day.

Mrs. Larry Justice helped served the residents refreshments.

The St. Patricks Day party was organized by Peggy Vanderwoerke, activity director at Happy Haven. She is also a member of Alpha Nu Nu.

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Or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties and costs; subject, however, to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, at any time within two years from the recordation of the deed in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED Abilene, Texas, this 28th day of February, 1975,
Jack Landrum by R. P. Blackley, SHERIFF, Taylor County, Texas. 2-3tc

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County of Taylor

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Lejean Marie Zollars, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 28 day of April A.D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 9th day of January A.D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 10,153-DR on the docket of said court and styled Charles Edward Zollars, Jr., Plaintiff, vs. Lejean Marie Zollars, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: They were married on or about Dec. 17, 1973, they separated and ceased to live together on or about February 17, 1974. There is no community property and no children were born to or adopted by this marriage as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 7th day of March A.D. 1975. 4-4tc

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1/2 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
1/2 cup sour cream

Blend ingredients and serve on citrus salad. Yield: 6-8 servings.

For additional recipes write Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Tex. 78711.

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TO: Bonnita Kelly, Defendant, Greeting:

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STATE CAPITAL
Highlights
AND Sidelights
by Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — A senator and a representative revived an old idea for a new reason — dividing big Texas into five states.
Sen. Bob Gammage, a Houston liberal, and Rep. Fred Agnich, a Dallas Republican, proposed a 1976 referendum on the big carve-up.
Gov. Dolph Briscoe immediately frowned publicly on their proposition, and few colleagues were expected to go along in the legislature.
Agnich recommended a division by population into Central, North, South, East and West Texas.
The late former Sen. and Rep. V. E. "Red" Berry of San Antonio regularly recommended dividing Texas, in the interest of bringing liquor-by-the-drink and horse racing to South Texas.
Gammage and Agnich want to increase Texas' clout on the national scene. With five states, they argue, the states of Texas could have 10 U.S. senators and a proportional increase in presidential electoral votes.
Sponsors claim the split-up is authorized by the articles of annexation of the Republic of Texas in 1845.

APPOINTMENTS TROUBLES
Trouble over appointments flared like brush fires for the Governor in the Senate.
First, he had to withdraw the nomination of Bryan oilman Ford Albritton Jr. for the College Coordinating Board in the face of almost certain rejection. Then, some liberal senators opposed confirmation of Walter G. Sterling, 73-year-old Houston manufacturer and son of former Gov. Ross Sterling, as a University of Texas regent, after Sterling admitted a brief membership in the John Birch Society.
Meanwhile, Sen. D. Roy Harrington of Port Arthur had threatened rejection of Mrs. W. Smythe Shepherd of Beaumont to the Lamar University board of regents. About the same time, two liberal senators threatened to vote against former Sen. Dorsey Hardeman of San Angelo if he is reappointed to Texas Water Rights Commission.

has agreed to hear a \$10.5 million lawsuit over a collision of two horses and severe injury of a 15-year-old rider.
The High Court also ordered a jury trial in a Port Arthur man's suit against a finance company which he claimed put out a false telephone report that his brother was dead.
A five year prison sentence of a 17-year-old boy for theft was reversed by the Court of Criminal Appeals because he was slapped and choked by a policeman before "confessing."

INTEREST BILL PASSES
Governor Briscoe is pondering whether to approve (or again veto) a bill which opponents in the Senate charged would raise interest further on real estate loans.
The bill (HB 351 by Rep. Ben Munson of Denison)

COURTS SPEAK
The State Supreme Court
H-SU Looking For 'Extra Smart' Math Students
ABILENE — Dr. Charles Robinson and Dr. Edwin Hewitt of Hardin-Simmons University are looking for about 25 "extra smart" high school mathematics students.
The two math professors are conducting a six-week workshop this summer in which they hope "to take the best students from the best high schools and help them fulfill their potential to become mathematicians and scientists."
The workshop is scheduled for June 8-July 18, and will be financed through a grant from the National Science Foundation.
Applications are being received now, and Dr. Robinson, chairman of the Division of Science and the Department hopes to have them all in by mid-April, or at least by May 1. Such programs held previously at H-SU have drawn students mainly from West Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.
To be eligible for the program, a student must be scheduled to graduate from high school in the spring of 1976, and must have completed three years of high school mathematics and two years of science by June, 1975, and must be recommended for the workshop by a mathematics of science teacher.
The students will live on the H-SU campus and will have all privileges of regular university students. All costs of instruction will be paid by the foundation grant, but students will be expected to pay their own room, board and travel expenses except in cases of financial hardship.
"The program has proved quite a challenge to students in the past," said Dr. Hewitt, who conducted a similar program with Dr. Robinson last year. "We feel it has a lot to offer aspiring mathematicians so they can see if mathematics is really the field they wish to enter."

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Three bills to create a state utilities commission to regulate rates and services landed in a Senate subcommittee after a hearing which stretched over a week in three separate sessions.
Utilities spokesmen attacked the measures as unnecessary, a handicap to their attracting needed capital and no assurance of lower rates.
Proponents by the score urged the proposed new state agency to help them with their rate problems.
Indications are a bill will emerge from the Senate State Affairs Committee eventually, but Chairman Sen. Bill Moore of Bryan said the vote will be "pretty close."
SHORT SNORTS
A bill to prohibit discrimination against the handicapped passed the State Senate.
So did a measure adopting the Interstate Mining Compact, another prohibiting "child sale," and authority for all home rule cities to levy hotel occupancy taxes for tourist-recreational facilities.
Comptroller Bob Bullock said an audit uncovered a \$3 million tax liability against a gas production company.
The Senate jurisprudence committee approved a bill providing that losers in libel and slander lawsuits pay reasonable attorneys fees and court costs.

4th Candidate Enters Race
The fourth candidate to enter the Trent School Board Election is John Griffith. Mr. Griffith and his wife are the parents of two daughters who attend Trent Schools and a son who is a graduate of Trent High School.
In the Trent Trustee election, there are four candidates, running for two places. Incumbent Billy Wayne Hamner and Frank Brovack have filed for re-election, along with Borden Perkins and John Griffith.

Badger Tracks
By WANDA BRAUNE

When classes are dismissed Friday afternoon the 1975 Spring Break will begin. To those that will be traveling next week, have a safe journey.
The varsity track team went to Jayton this past Saturday. Derrell Riggan came home with a first place ribbon for his efforts at the high jump bar. Amarillo Hutchins placed third in the long jump.
Tuesday morning the golf team went to winters for a tournament. Badger Stadium was the scene for a tri-track meet after school Wednesday afternoon. Sure hope these two groups did well.
Coach Sumner is busy getting an intramural volleyball tournament together. If anyone is interested he better get in touch with Coach and begin practicing.
Today the tackiest couple in MHS was chosen. Congratulations to the uh-winners! Have a fun vacation!

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Cooperation Vital For Cotton Growers, Ginners

EL PASO - "Every man to himself" in this time of the bleak cotton picture would be disastrous to the entire cotton industry, especially as far

Browns, Gibsons Attend Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson attended the wedding of their grandson, Roger Wayne Gibson to Miss Kay Lynn Meyer at Amarillo.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. I. K. Meyer of Amarillo.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gibson of Albany.

The bride and groom attend Texas Tech at Lubbock, Texas.

Others attending the wedding were James Gibson of Albany, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Jorgling and Susan of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gibson and Jay of Merkel.

as producers and ginners are concerned. Instead, close cooperation is essential.

That's the contention of a cotton ginning and mechanization specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, speaking at the Western Cotton Production Conference here March 5.

"Cotton is in the doldrums right now as low market demands have caused a severe drop in prices," pointed out Dr. Calvin B. Parnell. "Farmers are planning to reduce plantings considerably this year, possibly by as much as one-third from the 1974 acreage. That, in turn, will put pressure on gins and cause a number of them to shut down, at least for this year."

The specialist expected about 10 per cent fewer gins to be operating in Texas this year. Cotton production is estimated at about three million bales.

"But the cotton picture is not all bleak," reassured the Texas A&M University System specialist. "With the national policy of decreased dependence on foreign oil, the competitive position of cotton fibers with synthetic fibers should improve."

"That's why farmers and ginners must work together to keep gins open during the coming season," emphasized Parnell. "The cost of transporting seed cotton from the farm to a gin some distance away could make it prohibitive to grow cotton. These costs can only be kept to a minimum if community gins remain in business. It's a two-way street."

Without a cotton gin in the community, many farmers will not have the option to grow cotton when the price is such that they can make a good profit, noted the specialist. They will not produce cotton if they have to travel more than 40 miles to a gin. Thus, when a gin goes out of business, the ability to produce cotton at a profit in that community is limited.

In addition to reduced cotton supplies, gins are also faced with complying with certain safety standards, air pollution regulations, bale

weight penalties, rising energy costs, and more stringent wage and hour laws. Better management, maintenance and engineering will be vital for reducing idle or down time in gins.

"Producers need to be aware of these problems and need to support community gins, especially in years when the cotton picture is not so bright, as is the case now," contended Parnell. "Producer support can mean the difference in whether or not these gins stay in business."

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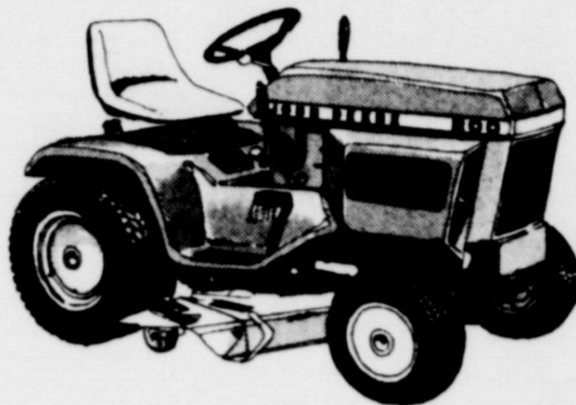
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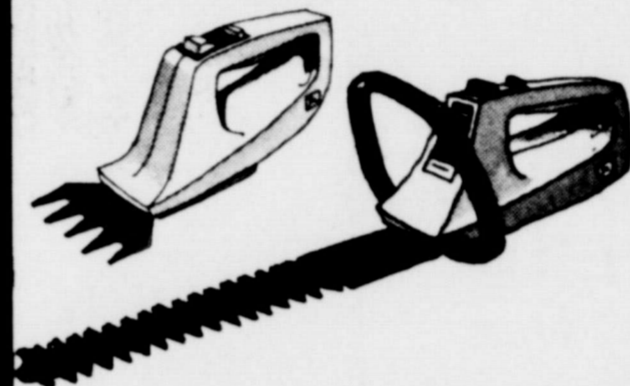
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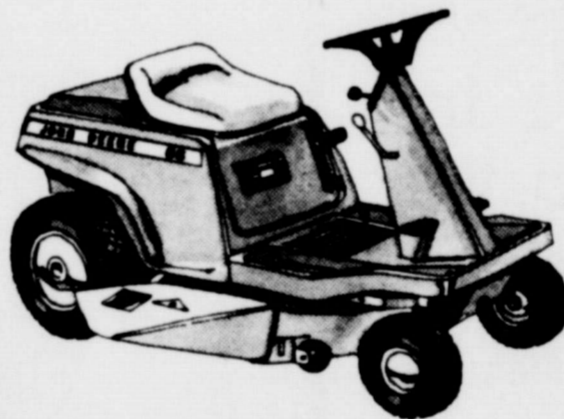
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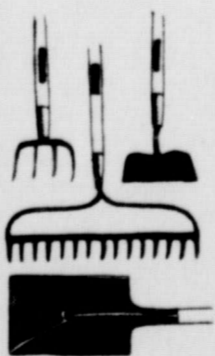
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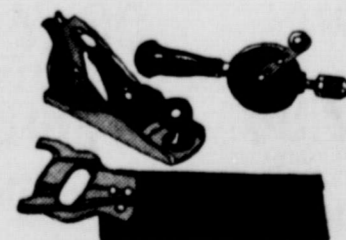
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Cotton Classing Office Reports Bad Year

B. B. ... of the U.S.D.A. Cotton Classing Office in Abilene, reports that cotton production, quality, and price

was lower during the 1974-75 cotton season as compared to the previous season. The present cotton-harvest season is practically completed with samples from 199,182 bales of cotton having been classed at Abilene as of March 7. An additional 41,546 samples were classed at the Munday, Tex., office while it was open. To date, the two offices have classed a seasonal total of 240,728 samples. This compares to a 1973-74 seasonal total of 680,507 samples classed at the two offices. Production was about one-third that of the previous season in the area served by the two classing offices.

During the 1974-75 cotton season grades 42 and 52 comprised 42 and 24 per cent of the samples classed. During the previous season the two predominant grades were grades 32 and 42 and 23 per cent. Samples reduced in grade because of bark or grass content were 16 per cent this season and 15 per cent last season.

Micronaire readings were 21 per cent low, 74 per cent within the 3.5 to 4.9 range, and 5 per cent high during the current season. Last season 5 per cent was low, 90 per cent was 3.5 to 4.9, and 5 per cent was high.

Staple length was the only quality factor that improved as compared to the previous season. Staples 30 and 31 were the predominant lengths both seasons. However, there was a higher percentage of the longer staple lengths during this season.

Cotton prices declined this season at about the same ratio as production, as compared to the previous season. Most qualities of cotton ranged in price from 24 to 28 cents per pound this season, whereas the cotton produced the previous season sold for 55 to 60 cents per pound (excluding contract prices). The total value of the 1974-75 crop was less than one-fifth the value of the 1973-74 crop.

Cottonseed prices, however, were higher during this season. Seed prices ranged generally, from 90 to 100 dollars per ton to the farmer last season as compared to 129 to 130 dollars per ton this season.

4-H Leaders To Meet At State Center

BROWNWOOD - Some 200 4-H adult leaders along with about 26 county Extension agents will gather April 2-5 at the Texas 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood for the first event at the newly constructed facility.

The occasion will be the Texas 4-H Leader Forum, which is designed to bring leaders and county agents from each Extension Service district together to share ideas and methods in leadership development, according to Dr. Kenneth Denmark, associate state 4-H and youth leader for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The four-day forum will be devoted to the theme, "Commitment to Action," and will be highlighted by two keynote speakers who will talk on motivation and inspiration in leadership development. They are John D. "Jack" Jackson, of the American Airlines Flight Academy, Fort Worth, and John N. DeFoore, executive director of the Pastoral Care and Counseling Center, Abilene.

The forum is being planned by a committee of adult leaders who have participated in the annual Southern Region 4-H Leader Forum in Georgia the past two years. Heading the committee is E.H. Grote of Pearsall.

The forum will open with registration beginning at 3 p.m. on April 2, with the first general assembly at 8 p.m. Following a keynote address each of the next two days, forum participants will engage in group discussions designed to bring about interaction and the sharing of ideas. The forum will conclude following breakfast on April 5.

"Hopefully, both leaders and agents will gain new insights into leadership development that they can effectively put into practice in their particular areas of the state," points out Denmark. "Adult leaders are a vital part of an active 4-H program, and additional leader involvement is important to the success of 4-H."

4-H adult leaders who are interested in participating in the forum may contact their county Extension agent.

GRAIN

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historic lows, anything but a big grain crop in the United States would leave the world still short of grain.

Few of the Americans who are questioned here give much credence to prospects for success of the production cut-back movement in the United States. But Europeans are not so sure. They have seen their own farmers win both political and economic gains through such militant demonstrations as mass rallies, "tractor parades," withholding of produce, and in Norway even through a nationwide farm strike.

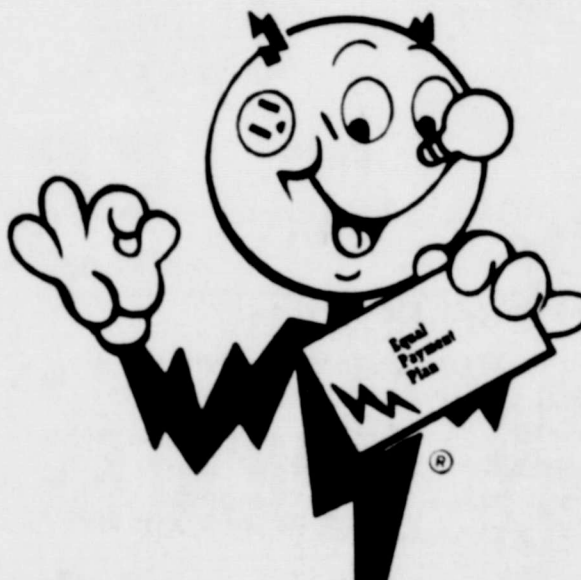
Farm leaders in Europe, who both buy from and compete with American farmers, are inclined to be sympathetic and to think that it is entirely possible that such tactics by farmers might work in the U.S. too.

Beef prices in the United Kingdom slumped from 41 cents a pound a year ago to a low of 28 cents last fall. Militant protests by the National Farmers Union of England and Wales, including a mass blockade of ports to prevent landing of imported meat and cattle, brought government action that has raised cattle prices to 44 cents a pound today.

On Thursday, March 6 more than 1,000 angry farmers marched in a driving rain in London up to the parliament building to protest against a 40 per cent drop in prices of eggs. Some sixty members of parliament and political party leaders confronted the farmers in a stormy session, and Sir Henry Plumb, President of the National Farmers Union and leader of the demonstration, presented a petition demanding emergency action directly to Prime Minister Harold Wilson. Negotiations between the Farmers Union and the British Government and European Economic Community officials are now underway and remedial action is expected soon.

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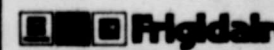
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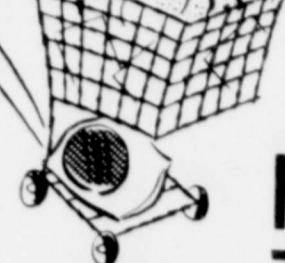
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