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Crash Plan Crashes

Best grade school speller in Parmer County is a Bovina girl.

Ann Lynn Wilson copped top spot at a spelling bee here last Tuesday.

The bee was conducted as part of a national program to promote good spelling and recognition for good spellers. For a while it seemed such arts as spelling, writing and other fields of knowledge would be lost in this country's crash program to make everyone a scientist.

In 1957 when the Russis took the first step in the space race, with the sputnik everybody who was anybody took a healthy cut at American schools.

A stepped-up program to increase our output of scientists was put into operation.

But shortly thereafter, it became less fashionable to criticize schools. Politicians and other public figures could no longer make headlines by hurling a verbal blast at our method of education.

Also the fact that both Russian's and our top rocket scientist came from the same place--Germany--helped.

Some persons aren't potential scientists; some are. To try to make scientists of everyone is like trying to make plow horses out of all horses, including those bred for racing.

This country is subjected to periodic seizures such as the Sputnik scare. Luckily this one seems to have passed before it did a great deal of damage. In fact, it may have done more harm than good... the only thing worse than panics is complacency.

J. V. S.

Rodney Hromas Honored

On becoming four years old, Rodney Hromas was given a birthday party in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hromas recently.

Youngsters were served birthday cake decorated in the circus motif with ice cream. Favors were noise makers and bubble gum.

Those present for the celebration were Allison and Macom Terry, Buddy Clements, Bar-

bara Griffith, Candy and Stevie Turner, J. B. and Bobby McMeans, Ginger, Gary and Debbie Gober, and Denea Embry.

Mothers present were Mrs. Jess Terry of Enochs, Mrs. Melvin Terry, Mrs. Bob McMeans, and Mrs. Scott Gober.

Fossils of 29 species of prehistoric reptiles were found in one coal mine in Belgium 750 feet underground.

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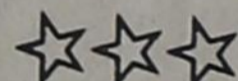
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NOTICE TO VOTERS



Just recently, a group of Bovina citizens requested that I contact Mr. C. R. Elliott and ascertain if he would serve as Mayor of Bovina in the event he was elected by a write-in vote.

Complying with this request, I contacted Mr. Elliott and his first reaction was in the form of a question, which was, "Do you think this is a genuine interest or is it just a move of resentment against Mr. Tabor?"

I assured him that I had no knowledge of any opposition or resentment toward Mr. Tabor. In fact, the only comment that I had heard was that Mr. Tabor had already served two terms on the City Board and that it seemed unfair to ask him to serve a third term when there are so many qualified people who have not yet served.

After this explanation we entered into a question and answer interview which follows.

Question: Mr. Elliott, if you were elected by a write-in vote, would you be willing to serve as Mayor of Bovina for the next two years?

Answer: Yes, if the people of Bovina should desire my services to the extent that they should elect me by a write-in vote, I would certainly feel obligated to serve to the best of my ability.

Q: Mr. Elliott, should you be elected by this method would you have a specific program of improvements and betterments that you believe Bovina needs during the next two years?

A: Yes.

Q: What would be your program if you are elected?

A: Well, it's rather difficult to state a specific program on such short notice. Then, any program that I might have would have to be approved by all of the city board.

But some of the things that I would like to help work on would be to pursue all possible avenues of opportunities to encourage the State Highway Department to four-lane Highway 86 and Third Street through Bovina, which I believe is urgently needed and is possible. Also, I would be favorable to a program for better street maintenance and especially the streets that are not paved. Apparently, people who live on unpaved streets are being regretfully neglected.

Q: Do you have any suggestions about the fire department?

A: I would be in favor of a closer co-operation between the fire department and the city officials, which I am informed could result in several thousand dollars a year savings on our insurance rates. It is generally known that I have been highly interested in the very best fire fighting equipment and the best fire department that we can afford.

Q: What about law enforcement?

A: I would be favorable to a well-planned and balanced budget published for public inspection. Also, a more equitable distribution of the city tax burden which would include help from the big industrial and utilities interests. This could result in a lower tax rate and possibly a lower water and sewer rate.

Q: Would you be interested in helping to work out a program to immediately lower the minimum rates for water and sewer to especially the elderly people of our community?

A: Yes, I would be favorable to immediately lowering the water and sewer rates for the elderly people of Bovina, whose only source of income is the old age assistance or pension.

Q: Would you be interested in a program to offer en-

couragement to get business concerns to consider Bovina a good location for new businesses?

A: Yes, I have always been interested in trying to get new businesses interested in locating in Bovina. I would enjoy working with a group or committee on a program of this nature.

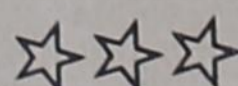
Q: Mr. Elliott, I am sure there are many other things that we could discuss, but let me ask you one more question. What would be your attitude toward a proposition of improving the city park to include more playground equipment for the youngsters and a first class swimming pool for all?

A: Well, your question is very extensive and to give you an inclusive answer would be very difficult. But it's common knowledge that all the towns around us have city parks and swimming pools, so why not in Bovina? I believe that a feasible program can be worked out to develop the park and have a modern swimming pool on a self supporting basis. Let me say this--I would be willing to work with any interested group on the proposition of this kind and if a swimming pool should develop, I would be the first to want to go in swimming.

End of interview.

P. S. Mr. Elliott has lived in Bovina more than 30 years. You know him as well as I do and if you are favorable to the above type of program, then write the name "C. R. Elliott" on your ballot when you vote for mayor Tuesday, April 5. The future town board will know what you want by the way you vote. Let's all be sure and vote.

Yours for a better Bovina,
O. W. Rhinehart



Wandering with Waneen

by Waneen Ragsdale

Our editor remarked last week after they had opened the door of our new Blade office and shoved things inside in a mass of confusion that, "progress is always painful."

After spending some precious time and energy trying to make order out of chaos we are certainly inclined to agree with him 100 per cent.

As with any move--it always takes a time to find everything. It is also true that you find things that have been misplaced for ages.

Maybe things will settle down real soon and we will get back into our old rut again.

We of this department would like to hand a bouquet of flowers to the living, so to

Miss Bovina

(Continued from page 1)

Director of the style show was Mrs. C. E. Trimble. In charge of ticket sales and Miss Bovina contest was Mrs. Tom Bonds.

Co-ordinators with the merchants showing fashions were Mrs. Nickie Foster, Mrs. Joe Moore and Mrs. Read. Mrs. Mark Charles was in charge of publicity.

Music for the style show was provided by Mrs. John Wilson at the piano.

Hair styles for the models were given compliments of Dee Ellison, Ellen Smith, and Carol Dean Huggins of Beautyland; also, Juanita Hastings and Joa Dawn Horton of Artistic Beauty Shop; and Fannie Hudson of the Pink Patio.

speaking. In life we so often don't take the time to tell deserving persons how we appreciate them. Here we would like to say how cooperative Mrs. Mable Newberry is in reporting her club meetings for Home Demonstration club and Dorcas Circle.

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Farmers Must Decide On Pre-Irrigation

After a wet winter, Farmer County area farmers are again faced with the problem of what course to take on pre-watering this spring.

County Agent Joe Jones points out that this year as before, "It will pay to start the crop off with the entire soil reservoir filled with water. This insures a reserve supply of moisture for hot, dry months ahead," he says.

The big question facing farmers now is to decide whether they have enough stored moisture to risk not pre-irrigating. This question cannot be answered for all, says Jones,

but one of the things that must be taken into consideration is what will additional moisture from rain do to pre-watered land?

"This is a real problem on the tight land. Rain on top of pre-watered land can delay planting and of course early planting is essential for best production.

"One solution might be to have pre-watered cotton land and an equal amount of land so you could move to that which is not pre-watered if you need to."

Jones advises that if farmers are planning to pre-irrigate, it

would be a good idea to go ahead and get it done so the soil can be warming up. He says, "I think in deciding what you should do, you must keep in mind a soil reservoir full of moisture is always good. You must also keep in mind early cotton pays off best and pre-irrigation on tight land coupled with April rains might prevent early planting."

Also in planning for the coming year, the county agent says farmers are again wondering about the various merits and demerits of various kinds of fertilizer.

He says that experiment station results still indicate that both nitrogen and phosphate should be purchased on a "cost of pounds" basis.

"Liquid or dry in either nitrogen or phosphate fertilizers give equal results when properly applied," he emphasizes. "Keep in mind phosphate should be banded below the seed level about three to four inches, or about that distance from the side."



THESE ARE SOME of the crossbred Brahma cows on Joe Wilson's farm five miles north of Bovina. Wilson has 142 head of these cattle. He is utilizing feed lots capable of holding 300 cattle on full feed to fatten 100 of the cows. The Bovina farmer has been in his present location since 1938. Before that time he had feed lots in Bovina.

Bovina Farmer Feeds Brahmas

Joe Wilson of Bovina may be the only Farmer County area farmer who feeds Brahma cattle on a large scale.

Wilson, who farms and feeds stock about five miles north of Bovina, has 142 head of crossbred Brahma cows. He runs 42 of them on wheat and has the other 100 in feed lots. He has over 250 head of other cattle, 150 Hereford calves on wheat, 75 cows on wheat and feed and 50 cows on grass.

"They will gain a little more than white faces but they don't sell as good," Wilson says of the Brahma cattle. The carcass of these cattle will rate only as good, he says. Because of occasional discoloration of the carcass they won't sell as choice," he says.

"They are really hardy. They don't have much sickness," Wilson says the Brahmas seldom suffer from diseases that other stock often die from. The Bovina farmer is feeding the 100 cattle in his feed lots ground bundles, 12 pounds of

grain a day and a protein supplement. He is feeding the cows on wheat cottonseed hulls.

Wilson's feedlot set-up is equipped to handle about 300 cattle on full feed.

"I feed all the maize I grow and then buy some," Wilson farms 600 acres of wheat, maize and seed.

Two laborers are employed year-round by Wilson in his operation. He uses manure from his lots to fertilize farm land.

Wilson moved to his present location in 1938. Prior to that time, he had a feed lot set-up in Bovina.

While no sharp break is likely in 1960 cattle prices, John G. McHane, extension economist, says we are entering a period which calls for alertness on the part of producers. The small increase expected in cattle slaughter during this year, together with large hog slaughter, will take the bloom off cattle prices, says the economist.

COUNTY 4-H NEWS

County-Wide 4-H club met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Young March 23, for a regular meeting. Steve Young led the 4-H pledge, and roll call was answered with each member telling a joke.

Judy Billingsley reported on National 4-H week exhibits, and Pat Chitwood, Bruce Billingsley and Steve Young gave a report on the fat stock show.

During the business meeting, members discussed the membership drive and also voted to answer roll call at the next meeting with their favorite song.

Joe Jones reported on the various demonstrations that can be entered in the district contest.

Those attending were Judy Billingsley, Janis Billingsley, Pat Chitwood, Bruce Billingsley, Steve Young, Cooper Young, Roy Donaldson, Gary Foster, Richard Chitwood, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Billingsley, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Young, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones and sons.

Safflower Meetings Due Next Month

Farmers Union has announced plans for their 1960 safflower program for the South Plains and Panhandle area of Texas. A series of one or more meetings will be held in each of the following counties: Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, Crosby, Floyd, Hale, Lamb, Bailey, Farmer, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Armstrong, Randall, Deaf Smith, Potter, Carson, Hartley, Moore, Hemphill, Gray, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Hanford, Sherman, and Dallam Counties.

The meetings will begin early in April in the South Plains area. Seed and contracts will be available to interested growers at these meetings.

The 1960 program will differ from last year's safflower program in that the growers will not be required to purchase stock to participate. The growers may or may not purchase stock in the Farmers Union Marketing Co-op Association, which is sponsoring the program. Former Secretary of Agriculture, Charles F. Brannan, is secretary and general counsel of this Farmers Union Co-op project.

Acreage last year was limited to not more than 10 acres per grower. There will be no limit to the growers this year; as long as planting seed is available.

Farmers interested in planting safflower this year should contact their local Farmers Union officials.

"Tips for Beginners in Vegetable Marketing" is the title of a new extension leaflet which is available from local Extension Service offices.

Many diverse variances exist between commonly held ideas or beliefs about egg quality and facts established by research. F. Z. Beamblossom, poultry marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, urges consumers to get the facts as they relate to quality and nutritive value before purchasing eggs or other food products.

County Has 6 Wrecks

Property damage of \$3,075 resulted from six rural automobile accidents in Farmer County last month, according to Highway Patrol Sergeant D. W. Duggan.

Only one injury was recorded and no fatalities occurred from rural wrecks during February.

Law requires Texas motorists to have their vehicles registered, displaying a valid inspection sticker by midnight April 15, and all vehicles must have 1960 license tags by midnight April 1.

According to statistics released by the Highway Patrol Service of the Texas Department of Public Safety, the inspection program has accounted for a 10 per cent drop in accidents throughout the state. Before the program was started, 13 per cent of the state's accidents were caused by mechanical defects, but only four per cent result from mechanical defects now.

Duggan says only 15 per cent of Farmer county vehicles have been registered.

Castro and Deaf Smith were also included in the rural accidents report. Castro experienced 5 accidents, two resulted in injuries and three in property damage. Six persons received injuries.

In Deaf Smith, there were four accidents in February, and two included injuries of one each, while the other two were property damage accidents.

Whoops! Wrong Outfits

Farm and Home last week incorrectly identified two of the winners in the spring Junior Fat Stock Show held in Friona.

Bobby Redwine, who had the grand champion steer, is a member of the Lazbuddie 4-H Club not FFA as we reported.

What's more, Craig Coon, who showed the reserve champion barrow, is a Friona FFA member—not a 4-H Clubber as we said.

We're sorry we got the outfits switched, boys. And we also say excuse us to both FFA and 4-H leaders.

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POLITICAL CALENDAR

The Farmer County newspapers have been authorized to announce the candidacies of the following persons...

Here's The Dope On Fertilizer Tests

Fertilizer tests on grain sorghum at the High Plains Research Foundation at Halfway in 1959 included different rates and ratios of nitrogen and phosphate...

pounds per acre as green phosphoric acid (52% P2O5) with each of the above rates of nitrogen.

Soil tests in the area where these tests were conducted showed a pH of 7.4, 1.2% organic matter, 15 ppm P2O5, over 240 ppm K2O, and over 2800 ppm CaO.

The yield data show significant yield increases from all treatments except the 80 pounds phosphate rate.

Four additional irrigations of three inches each were made on July 31, August 11, August 26, and September 9.

From a net return basis, 40 pounds of nitrogen produced the greatest net return of \$23.20 with 80-40-0 second (\$16.51).

Texas hybrid 610 was used in all tests.

This test was conducted to compare preplant and sidedressed applications of nitrogen on grain sorghum.

RATES AND RATIOS

In this experiment with different rates and proportions of nitrogen and phosphate, nitrogen was applied at the rates of 40, 80, 120, and 160 pounds per acre...

The yield of grain sorghum with no fertilizer applied (5,951 pounds per acre) was unusually high and would constitute a good yield even with fertilizer.

pounds of nitrogen per acre from anhydrous ammonia was applied to all plots on May 19 with the applicators spaced 20 inches apart.

The yield data show no significant differences in yield due to either rate of seeding or number of rows per bed.

Table with columns: Treatment 2/, Yield 3/, Increase over check, Fertilizer Cost 4/, Net Return 5/. Rows include treatments like 0-10-0, 10-0-0, 20-0-0, etc.

1/ Difference in yield between any two treatments must be 200 pounds or more to be significant.

High Plains To Test Safflower

Safflower will be tested at the High Plains Research Foundation this year in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture...



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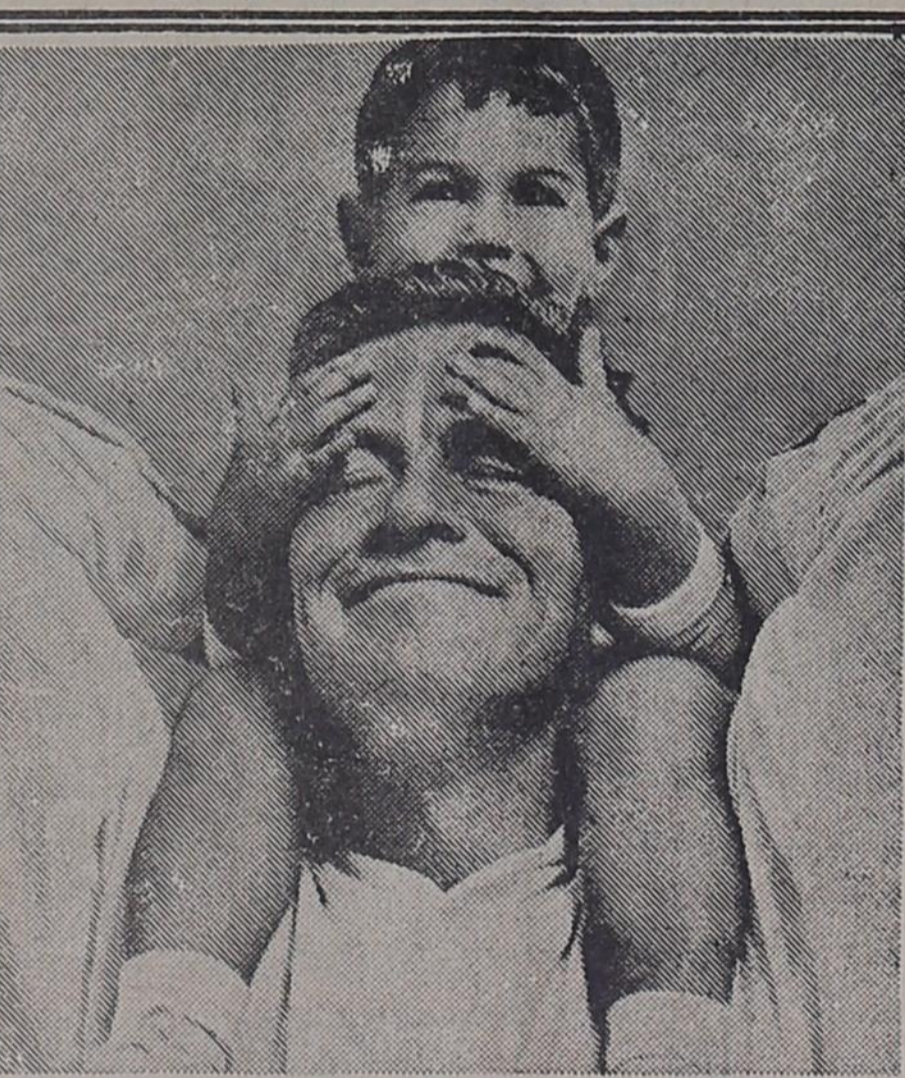
Five varieties were used in the 1959 tests at Halfway.

The eight varieties to be included in the test are U. S. 10, N-6, N-10, N-4051, N-4054, N-4055, Gila, and A5731.

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BY JUNE FLOYD

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and re-heat any left over food. One dish meals are very popular for family meals or guest meals.

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LIMA PORK CHOP STEW 6 medium-thick pork chops 2 tablespoons shortening 3/4 cup water 1 cup thinly sliced celery 1/2 cup diced onion 2 packages (10 oz. size) Frozen lima beans, partially defrosted Salt and pepper 1 can cream of mushroom soup

longer before adding the vegetables.) Makes 6 servings.

CHERRY NUT COBBLER 1 can (1 lb.) cherries 1 cap sugar 1/4 cup butter 1 egg 1/4 cup brown sugar 3/4 cup milk Few drops almond extract 2 cups biscuit mix 1/4 cup chopped nuts Set control at 300 degrees. Add cherries, sugar and butter. While sugar dissolves and butter melts, prepare cobbler batter. Beat egg with brown sugar. Stir in milk and almond extract. Combine the biscuit mix with the brown sugar. Stir in milk and almond extract. Combine biscuit mix and nuts. Blend in liquid mixture and beat 20 to 30 strokes. Spoon over hot cherries. Cover and bake for 40 to 45 minutes. Batter should test "cake" done. Open vent last 5 minutes of baking time to allow top to dry. Serve warm with cream. Makes 6 servings.

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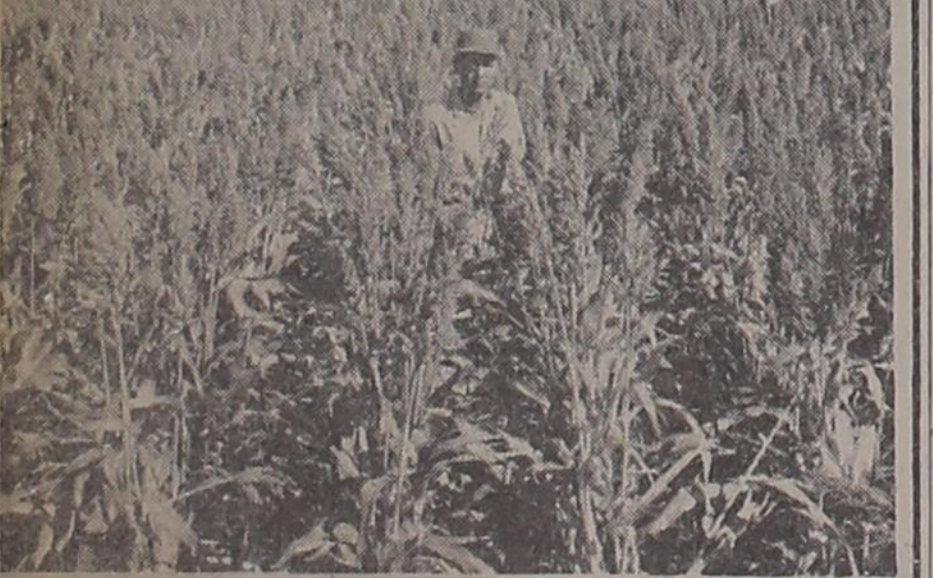
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The soil conservation district is a central source of help and information about soil and water conservation in nearly every community in the United States. The U. S. Soil Conservation Service channels most of its on-the-ground assistance to farmers and ranchers through soil conservation districts.

Legally constituted units of state government, soil conservation districts were created to administer soil and water conservation work within their boundaries. THEY ARE NOT BRANCHES OR AGENCIES OF ANY FEDERAL DEPARTMENT.

Each district is created by legal procedures under authority of state law. Laws differ from state to state, but they have much in common. All are based on the principle that local land owners and operators should take the initiative and responsibility in directing conservation programs aimed at solving local problems.

In Texas, each district is created after petition, public hearings and a referendum show that land owners and operators want such a local agency to deal with their conservation problems.

Each soil conservation district is directed by a board of local people, usually resident land owners or operators elected or locally designated. This board of supervisors decides upon a district-wide program and plan of action. It then arranges for assistance from public or private sources to put its program into effect. The board directs use of these facilities to help cooperating farmers and ranchers further their individual conservation plans.

A Lot To Consider In Skip-Row Cotton

The value of cotton skip-row planting is still questionable in the minds of many farmers because of the fact that very little research has been done on which to base recommendations.

For two years the High Plains Research Foundation has conducted tests on various systems of skip-row planting. The 1958 test indicated that yield of cotton per acre of allotment can be increased as much as 32% with the skip-row system of 4 rows cotton and 4 fallow, and up to 58% with 2 rows cotton and 4 fallow.

The 1959 test indicated that along with this increase in cotton yield, the gross return per acre of land could be increased by interplanting soybeans in the rows skipped. However, more testing is required before definite conclusions can be reached concerning the value of this practice.

In this experiment six different skip-row systems were compared with solid cotton for their effect on yield, quality and gross return per acre.

The Lockett 88 variety of cotton was planted April 28 with 20 pounds of acid delinted cottonseed per acre in 40 inch rows.

On June 15 all cotton plots were sidedressed with 50 pounds of nitrogen in the form of anhydrous ammonia (82% N).

The soybeans in the skipped rows were planted June 20 just

prior to the severe hail on June 22. This hail damaged the cotton to the extent of setting it back in growth and maturity an estimated six weeks and completely killing some plants, thereby decreasing stand. This hail damage can be best illustrated by comparing the yield on the solid planted cotton of only 303 pounds lint per acre, and the 1958 yield of this same variety of 975 pounds lint per acre.

All the land in this test was irrigated in April before planting. The cotton was then irrigated during the growing season on August 11 and August 25. On the first irrigation, water was applied to every furrow next to a cotton row, including the furrows on the outside of the plot. On the second irrigation only the furrows between cotton rows received water, except where soybeans were planted next to the cotton, in which case they also received water.

The soybeans in the test received these two irrigations plus an additional one in September. In no case did the furrow between soybeans and cotton receive the September watering.

The soybeans were harvested with a ten foot self-propelled combine on October 20. At that time a very small percent of the cotton was open so that the soybean trash did not lower the grade of the cotton.

An application of Milo-Mag defoliant was made to all cotton plots on October 10 to speed up opening. Still only a small percent of the bolls were open at the first killing freeze on October 28. All plots were harvested in December with a two-row mechanical cotton stripper. A 100 foot section of each plot was measured and the cotton from this portion was caught in a cotton sack and weighed to determine cotton yield in each system.

A small sample was then taken from this cotton for ginning per cent and quality determinations. These samples were

ginned on a small gin with an attached lint cleaner at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Sub-Station No. 8 in Lubbock. The lint from these samples was then divided into two separate samples: one was sent to the Textile Research Laboratories at Texas Tech for determinations of Pressley strength index and micronaire, and the other was sent to the USDA cotton classing laboratory in Lubbock for grade and staple determinations.

Two systems in this test produced higher gross returns per total acreage involved than did the solid cotton. These were the skip-row plantings of four rows soybeans with two and four rows cotton. The gross return was influenced greatly by the high yield of soybeans which averaged 40 bushels per acre. Even though the system of four rows fallow and two cotton produced 91% more cotton per acre allotment than the solid cotton, the income was only \$47.03 per acre of land involved compared to \$70.11 for solid cotton.

It appears that the four rows of soybeans interplanted between two or four rows of cotton helped the cotton to mature faster by competing with it for moisture during the latter part of the growing season. This is indicated not only by the yields, but also by the ginning per cent, grade, micronaire, and Pressley.

It is believed that due to hail damage delaying maturity, cotton yield could have been increased and cost of production decreased by using at least one irrigation and no fertilizer. A higher seeding rate would possibly have been more desirable from the standpoint of limiting height of the cotton and encouraging maturity.

The following advantages and disadvantages to cotton skip-row and interplanting systems have been observed:

Possible Advantages

1. Increased yield of cotton per acre of allotment.
2. Decreased cost of production (a.) By using less irrigation water, (b.) By using less fertilizer, (c.) By leaving fallow areas for production the following year.
3. Increased land use efficiency by planting all or part of the skipped rows to soybeans or other late planted crops. (By planting soybeans as much as 40 days later than cotton, they would not be in great competition with the cotton for water and nutrients and will provide additional income from the land.)
4. In seasons where maturity of the cotton is delayed by hail or other factors, soybeans may speed maturity of the cotton by competing with it for moisture.

Possible Disadvantages

1. In seasons where planting of cotton is delayed past May 10 or hail damage delays maturity, the increase in yield per acre of allotted cotton may be so small it would not justify skip-row planting without the interplanted crop. (In 1959 the gross income from the skip-row system of two rows cotton and four fallow was \$47.03 per acre compared with \$70.11 for solid cotton; but with four rows soybeans and two cotton the gross income was \$91.40).
2. Some farmers have reported that leaves from the interplanted crop lowered grades of the cotton. This has not been a problem in the tests here at the Foundation.
3. On level land it is difficult to water the interplanted crop.

THE PARMER FARMER

By W. H. Graham, Jr.

Farmers continue to get a black eye in the nation's larger newspapers and magazines. Although the agricultural industry admittedly has many glaring faults, the majority of the time the complete story is not furnished to the reader and he draws conclusions based on half truths.

American housewives have been so bombarded with reading material uncomplimentary toward agriculture and the nation's farm program that they have assumed the inaccurate position that America's grocery bills are high.

They also think the reason that these grocery bills are high is because of farm subsidies.

Such is not the case, of course. We have pointed out many times previously that the biggest part of the food dollar is added by persons who handle food products after they leave the farm.

So often, one point that the housewife misses completely is that she is paying for "maid service" in many of the products which she takes from the shelves of her neighborhood supermarket. Thus, today her potatoes are already peeled and whipped, her cakes are already mixed, her pies are ready to go except for actual baking, her soups are already blended, her yeast rolls need only be browned, her steaks have been tenderized and are ready to cook, therefore, the grocery bill when seen by the housewife at the check out counter of the supermarket is not only a bill for food, but in many many instances is a bill for a good part of the preparation of the meal.

One thing further needs to be mentioned. That is the modern tendency of "one stop" shopping which has resulted in the broadening of lines which supermarkets have had to offer housewives. Not only do grocery stores now sell groceries, but today they also sell mops, kitchen hardware, gloves, socks, toiletries, magazines, gifts and garden fertilizer.

It is only natural that when Mrs. John Doe writes out a check for \$25 payable to her corner grocery store, she is prone to think of this as an expenditure for food alone. However, if she will but go over a list of the items which she has purchased with that \$25, chances are that she would be surprised to see how many non edible entries have gone into her lunch basket.

This is all well and good. Dressing up farm products and taking the drudgery out of the housewife's work is a worthwhile goal for the processors of food products. And, we have no complaint with grocery stores selling these sideline items. After all, it's a free country.

However, here are two good reasons, besides the others that we have mentioned previously why the consuming public is not

NEWS FROM THE FARM BUREAU

BY RAYMOND EULER

We didn't know about this in time to get it in last weeks column. PCFB President Herman Gerles was summoned to a meeting of District 1 FB presidents in Amarillo on Saturday morning, March 19, about seven o'clock.

The purpose of the breakfast meeting was to discuss with Congressman Walter Rogers Farm Bureau policies relating to the labor situation in general, and farm labor in particular.

If you don't know, Farm Bureau is, and always has been, opposed to inclusion of agricultural labor under the minimum wage and hours regulations, and is opposed to any increase in the minimum hourly wage presently existing for any area of employment.

The reason for this is that any industrial increase in labor costs is always reflected in commodities farmers must buy to operate their farms. Also, Farm Bureau favors indefinite extension of the Bracero Act, which everyone in this area is familiar with.

We are sure you appreciate your president's getting up early and going to this meeting, and that you appreciate Congressman Rogers' interest in getting the farmers' views on this very important subject. Right-to-Work legislation, on the national scale, is also an objective of Farm Bureau.

Sugar has been in the news lately, particularly locally, regarding beets, which producers would like to have more of, and which they feel the Cuban situation might help them get. American Farm Bureau has

getting an accurate picture of how much money they are paying farmers to keep them fed and clothed.

A Rough Winter . . . How Is Your Feeding?

made recommendations regarding this situation, which of course came from the national convention in December.

AFBF's recommendations include an increase in basic quotas for mainland areas of 150,000 tons for beet sugar, and 50,000 for cane sugar; Farm Bureau also recommended a revision in the growth formula to permit greater participation in future market growth by domestic areas.

Rhea Farm Bureau will have their regular meeting Friday night, "Arctic Adventure," (Cotton John's) will be shown, and the home demonstration women will serve a delicious meal to the public for \$1 for adults and seventy-five cents for children.

CONSIDER THIS: An unjust man is an abomination to the just; and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked. Proverbs 29:27

It's been a rough winter on beef cattle. And the continued cold weather, advises Uel D. Thompson, extension animal husbandman, could cause losses of both cows and calves.

Shortages of adequate and quality roughages and protein supplement have caused excessive weight losses and cows in such condition generally have calving and after calving troubles, says Thompson. Calves may be born weak—even too weak to nurse. Too, the cow may not produce enough milk for the calf and it may be low in some of the essential nutrients. Thus, adds the specialist, calves become unthrifty and some may die.

Cows in very poor physical condition are likely to have a vitamin A deficiency, Thompson says. This can be corrected by feeding a block of leafy green alfalfa hay or one-fourth pound of alfalfa pellets daily and could save the cow and calf.

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Of Interest To THE WOMEN

Wares Host Bridge Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ware entertained the Thursday evening couples bridge club with a dinner and bridge last week. Guests brought covered dishes to go with Mrs. Ware's ham. Dessert consisted of cake, strawberries and ice cream. Frances Willard and Jimmie Clements won the travelers' prizes.

Winning high prizes were Oakley Stevenson and Gwen Clements.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Willard, Mr. and Mrs. Hemke, Mr. and Mrs. Don Sides, Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Vance, Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Sudderth, and the hosts.

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Music Recital Next Tuesday

Vocal and piano students of Mrs. John Wilson will be presented in formal recital Tuesday evening at 8 p. m. in Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Vocal students performing will be Carolyn Johnston, "Mighty Lak 'A Rose" by Nevin; Radford Venable, "Walk Me By The River," by Rothgeb; Tonya Ivy, "Sleepy House," by Victor Young; Billy Charles, "There's Just One Song," by Lind; Vickie Kunselman, "Side By Side," by Woods; and Charlotte Hromas, "The World Is Mine," by Postford.

Also singing numbers will be Sandra Brown, "Bless This Day, Oh Lord," by Malotte; Linda Johnston and Jerry Roach, "I Met Her On Monday," by Wrubel; Paula Kerby and Dennis Johnston, "Them There Eyes," by Tauber; Daryl Kirkpatrick, "I Want To Be A Cowboy's Sweetheart," by Patsy Montana; and Judy Crawford, "Angels In The Sky," by Glasser.

Piano selections will be performed by Elaine Fuller, "Finlandia" by Sibelius; Phyllis Renner, "Mexican Hat Dance," by Moszkowski; Debbie Hawkins, "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands," by Goff Love; Deborah Whisler, "Sweet Georgia Brown," by Ben Bernie; Judy Roach, "Concerto In B Minor by Tchaikowsky;

Also Patricia Crawford, "Blue Nocturne," by Nevin; Lynn Looney, "C Prelude" by Rachmaninoff; Janice Morton, "Trees," by Rasbach; Kay Looney, "Moonlight" by Frankie Carle; Sandra Patterson, "Starlight Fantasia," by Weybright; Mario Espanoza, "Comin Thru' The Rye," a traditional folk song; and Denise Clements, "German Waltz."

A reception will follow the recital with Mmes. Pat Kunselman, Warren Morton, and Jack Patterson as hostesses. The public is invited to attend.

School Has Unusual Program

Students of Bovina school received a treat Monday morning in assembly when William S. Willett presented "A Bazaar In India."

Willett spent six years in India on the construction of a gigantic steel mill which today employs thousands of natives of various castes and customs. During these years, Willett came face to face with the mysteries of the Orient and the terrors of the jungle. He made an intensive study of the country, its peoples and their life and customs. He collected curios and items. He has woven the information acquired and the exhibit collected into an illustrated story.

Included in the exhibit were rugs, native weaving, knives, articles of clothing, dishes and other household effects, weapons of war and the hunt, opium pipe, fruits, tom-toms that carried the cadence of jungle life, temple bells with haunting tones and the skin of a man-devouring tiger killed by Willett. To each of these was attached a story which Willett told.

Along with this exhibit, Willett imparted information about India, and did it with wit and humor. India occupies a strategic position in world affairs, geographically and otherwise.

Jewel Tabor Honoree

Jewel Tabor was honored with a birthday celebration by members of Bovina Birthday Club Tuesday.

The group went bowling in Clovis and then had dinner in the home of the A. M. Wilsons.

The menu consisted of ham, salads, and birthday cake. The honoree received gifts and cards for the occasion.

Those attending were Lucille Walling, Ola Lee Jones, Bernice Crump, Pat Read, Gladys Wright, Mildred Davies, Lula White, Ester Trimble, and Nettelea Wilson, and hostess, Mary Jane Wilson.

BHS Seniors Enter Space For Evening

Entering into a "Starlight Fantasy" through an aluminum covered door with letters spelling out "Enter Into Space" were members of Bovina senior class. This affair was annual senior banquet sponsored by WMU of First Baptist Church Thursday evening in church annex.

Carrying out the space theme, the walls were covered with black paper decorated with shooting stars, satellites, meteors, and a milky way. A moon hung over the piano and illumination was furnished by blue lights.

Acting as toastmaster was Roy Whisler. Warren Morton gave the invocation.

Mrs. Ovid Lawlis, WMU president, gave the welcome. Sid Killough, senior class president, gave the response.

Starlight entertainment was provided by Earl Hise who sang "Star Dust" and also gave a comical reading. Featured speaker was Mrs. L. Bishop.

Guests dined at tables decorated with twin rocket sets as the centerpiece. Candles were placed in star-shaped holders sprinkled with silver and blue glitter. Place cards were silver and blue glittered comets. Plate favors and miniature rockets.

Menu consisted of atomic appetizer, chicken a la jupiter, baked spudnick, garden comets, rocket-rolls, satellite, milky way, solar delight and javesone flying saucers.

Rev. John Ferguson gave the benediction.

Celebrates Birthday

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Youth Attend Sub-District

Attending the Methodist Youth Fellowship Sub-District meeting in Olton Sunday afternoon from Bovina were Harriette Charles, Verna Marie Estes, Patsy Richards, Patsy Hart, Dixie Hartzog, Virginia Rea, Linda Estes, and Carole Jean Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ware, sub-district sponsors, and Mrs. Dean Hastings, local MYF sponsor, also attended the meeting. Verna Marie Estes, sub-district fellowship chairman, led the recreation period. This was followed by refreshments.

The youth then went into the church sanctuary for devotion and business period.

Program for the afternoon was on the "M. Y. Fund" with Harriette Charles showing a poster giving places the donated dollar is used. This was followed by a skit with characters in costumes of the different lands.

MINTERS HAVE COMPANY

Mr. O. L. Hamby of Clovis is spending the week in Bovina with her daughter and family, the Henry Minters. Mrs. Hamby, the Minter family and Harry Hamby and family of Clovis went to Fort Sumner Sunday for a picnic.

RELATIVES FROM COLORADO

Mrs. Orene Hossack and son, Frank Woods, of Denver, Colo., are visiting with her sister, Dee Ellison and son, Bobby. They also are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Sol Tipton, their parents, in Muleshoe.

Mrs. Horn Gives Review

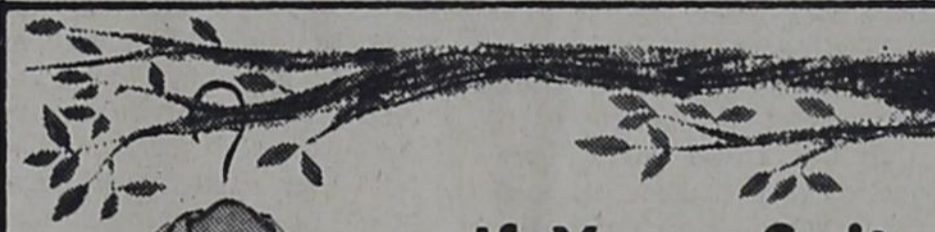
Mrs. Johnnie Horn reviewed "Coronado; Knight of Pueblo and Plains" by Dr. H. C. Bolton for members of Bovina Woman's Study Club Thursday afternoon at their regular meeting.

Mrs. Amos Shockley, Mrs. Ovid Lawlis, and Mrs. Billie Sudderth reported on the Seventh District Federation of Woman's Club convention they attended in Lubbock last Tuesday.

Mrs. I. W. Quickel and Mrs. H. D. Bradshaw were hostesses for the social hour. They served refreshments of guacamole salad and empanoes, a special recipe of Mrs. Pearl Servatius.

An attractive spring bouquet of yellow jonquils was furnished by Mrs. Buck Ellison for the centerpiece.

Those present for the meeting were Mmes. Joe M. Brown, Buck Ellison, Amos Shockley, Billie Sudderth, Charles Ross, J. P. Macon, I. W. Quickel, Rouel Barron, Warren Morton, John Ferguson, H. D. Bradshaw, Reagan Looney, Clarence Jones, Jess Walling, Clarence Guantt, Earl Stevenson, and E. C. Berry.



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Superintendent's Monthly Message
No set of professional ethics that I know of in Our Great Country gives a professional person the right to dabble in personalities or common grievances which exist with minority groups. I shall not be guilty of misusing this generously-given column to advance any selfish gain for myself nor is it my desire to direct my remarks to any particular person or group of persons.
However, when the prestige of an entire school is involved I feel that no apology is necessary for the remarks that follow.
For some months in Bovina, THE SCHOOL has been the subject for a minority group of "petition-happy" persons to

Continue Work On Road

Farmer County commissioners trudged ahead in the detailed acquisition of right-of-way for the four-lane widening of Highway 70-84 during their meeting Monday.

Loyde Brewer to advertise for bids for asphalt tile floor covering for offices on the ground

floor of the courthouse. The bids will be opened April 25 when the commissioners meet.

They approved appraised values of two tracts of land near Lariat which will be purchased to make room for the new public improvements. The county had previously employed a professional appraiser from Plainview to arrive at a value for the land. Both they and the property owners are agreeable to the figures.

Involved is a 11-acre tract in section 18 and an 18-acre tract in section 17. They are valued at \$5070 and \$8300, respectively. Both parcels of land are parts of the Ada Middleton estate.

Precinct 1 (Friona) repaid \$4000 to the county permanent school fund which it had out on a machinery warrant. The money was borrowed to help finance purchase of a motor grader in 1957.

The court authorized Judge

that no money has been taken, misplaced or misappropriated during my tenure of office in Bovina by any employee of this school including myself. I don't know how to speak plainer than that and I say it here because I feel that it is time that a defense be set up to protect the prestige of a fine school in this fine community. The word FINE is used here because I feel just that way in spite of minority groups.

I have no fear of these activities damaging me or any other individual for I still believe that one has nothing to fear unless He has done a wrong. The thing I am concerned about is the damage that has come about to our children in the form of a loss of confidence in worthwhile institutions and people.

This is not an appeal for sympathy for I haven't any use for sympathy except at the proper time. It may be considered an appeal for cooperation and a better understanding. I speak for 25 teachers--37 employees in all--along with 500 school children, to say that we can all do a better job with better understanding and cooperation. In case some feel that they want to do service over and above the call of duty, let me invite your efforts to help clear our newsstand of illicit literature and our movie screens of illicit films. There are many other worthwhile projects that could be listed here and no intention is meant here of local conditions alone. The quality of literature and movies in general has gone too far in the wrong direction in my humble opinion.

Let me finally urge that we work together to protect the constitutional rights we enjoy instead of bringing about the need for Federal aid to education and the abolition of other freedoms which we are privileged to enjoy.
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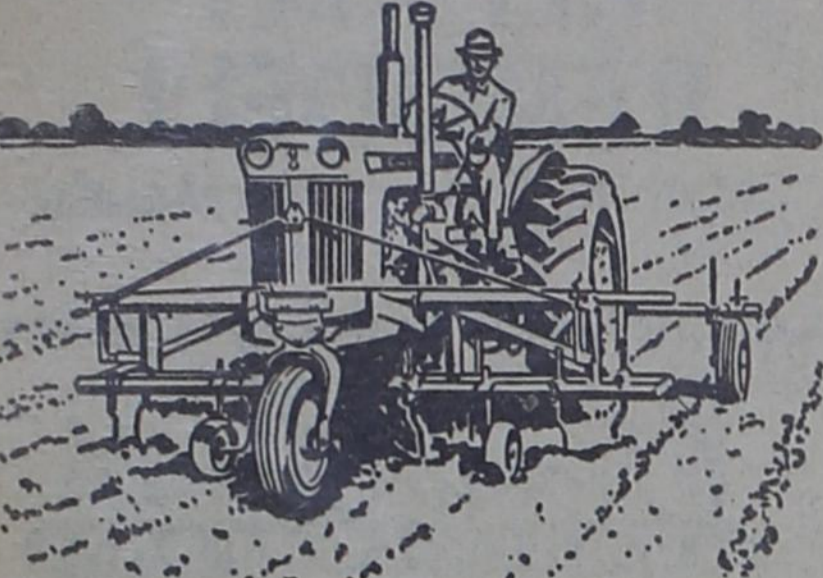
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