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FLOYDADA Mr. and Mrs. Mack spent the holidays on the Ralls Highway at the new motel following the opening ceremonies until 4:30 p.m.

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Floydada Inn Open House Sunday

The unique color scheme inside and out is characteristic of this part of the state. Exterior walls are Indian beige with Spanish dray, desert adobe with comb columns. Stair railing in devil's food.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 13, 7 p.m. Rotary Christmas Party, MAC.

December 16-17 1956 Study Club will sponsor Santa Land at Lighthouse Electric, 8 to 10 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m.

December 21, 11 a.m. Senior Citizens Christmas Party, Lighthouse Electric.

The motel is owned by Floydada Motel Inc. Stockholders for the Corporation include: Barker Chunn, Jimmy Willson, Lon Davis, Louis Pyle, Jay S. Hale Jr., Fred Zimmerman Jr., Wayne Russell, Kinder Farris, W.L. Norman, and Malvin Jarboe.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Payne will manage the motel. The motel opened for business this week.

Interior colors are rust and earth tones, blue and brown tones.



\$125 Needed For Children's Christmas Party

Donations are needed now for the Children's Christmas Party at Della Plains school Thursday, December 22 from 3 to 6 p.m.

The party is sponsored by Kathy Green of the Multi-purpose Service Center and Linda Epps, Community Volunteer Coordinator in Floydada.

It is hoped that there will be enough money to give the children fruit, candy, and small toys. Some 300 children are expected.

Kathy and Linda cut out 300 red net stockings and the Home Economics girls are sewing them together.

So far the 1929 Study Club, the

Kiwanis Club, the 1934 Study Club have donated to the party, and it is hoped that other clubs will join in the sponsorship.

A concession stand at the MAC this Saturday and next will also be operated to make money for the party.



MEMEMAKING GIRLS hold up socks they made to hold candy, fruit and nuts for the Christmas Party. (l to r) Glenna Powell,

Rosemary Gonzales, Billie Linker, Barbara Schwertner, Patty Willis and Patty Anderson. (Staff Photo)

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Aprock Chat

By Wendell Tooley

CAN'T GET SOME FOLKS until you hit their pocket when the farmers will get attention when the IRS complaining about how little they're receiving from the government.

they'll begin to understand farmers have been trying to about farm economics.....then attention.

RE COLD WINDY days come I thank the good Lord that I to pull bolls, or shock feed, bundles, slop the hogs, milk or repair the windmill.

AMERICAN FARMER is an producer. Last year at this time was a shortage of cotton. a year and he's produced a And.....the price has dropped to 25 cents.

TELL YOU HOW to have a Turn on TV channel 28 at 6 which the PTL show. (Praise

enjoy the religious music, by the witness of many people the United States who have the saving Grace of the

a newspaper partner at Slaton probably ask, "can anything open that early in the morn-

MORTON, former Dallas York Giants quarterback who never to the playoffs for the his 18-year history, says he a Christian about five months ago. Susan, introduced him to We've found each other and plan for us to be together. a lot of points in my life been successful. I get not as excited as being a Christ."

IDENTIFIED Whirllette in place to go" action shot in the Hesperian was Karen Karen is one of the forwards pioneering "five man basket- the Whirllette JV team.

POAGE and KATHY DAV present when Doug took the of the Whirllettes with their trophy.....so thought to be mentioned.....

COUNCILMAN, LEROY was the first to register at the Floydada Inn and I think, spent room number two Wednesday. I figure this was roughly a trip for Leroy and his wife home to the motel.

Varsity Basketeers Falter In Opening Rounds At Paducah

By Doug Simpson

Both the Whirlwinds and Whirlettes participated in Thursday's opening round of the Paducah Tournament classic with unsuccessful results.

Coach Linden Weese's girls squad dropped an 11-point decision to Crowell, by a 46-35 score, and automatically entered the loser's bracket with Chilloche, that x contest played Friday morning at 10:30.

Official figures for the Crowell were not available and will be published in Thursday's edition with the remainder of the tourney's results.

Mike Cocanougher's Whirlwinds experienced even greater difficulty with a strong Crowell ball blub, which went practically uncontested throughout all four quarters for an impressive 100-65 victory. It was the seventh defeat of the season for the 'Winds, which played Friday in the loser's bracket of the second round.

Quinn Coleman topped all scorers with 18 points, and Danny Emert followed with a 15-point contribution.

Jimmy Jackson also had 15 points, while Tim Collins, Troy Marquis, and Todd Vickers chipped in 4 apiece. Brad Feuerbacher finished with 3, and Kary Helms had 2.

Results of the entire tournament will be published Thursday.

Cagers Return Home Tuesday

Both girls' teams, the varsity and JV Whirllettes, will be performing before the home folks once again, along with the varsity Whirlwinds, when they do battle with 5-AA foe Post at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

The JV troops will tip-off first, followed by the varsity girls at 6:30 and the boys at 8 o'clock.

All three squads have just completed participation in weekend tournaments, the varsity at Paducah and the JV at Spur.

Floydada Is A Good Place To Make A Home



RICHARD AND GAIL HALE look at McMurry yearbook.

Band Plays, Tree Decorating Saturday

Since the FHS band cannot play until Saturday, December 17, the decorating of the tree on the Southwest corner of the square and the band concert have been scheduled Saturday, December 17 at 6 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the band music, join in a

community sing, and watch the decorating of the tree.

Sponsorship of the event is by the Women's Division of The Chamber of Commerce.

It is possible that several Floydada businesses will remain open that evening for the convenience of the Christmas shoppers.

Chamber Membership Drive Reported Going Well

First reports indicate the Floydada Chamber of Commerce new membership program is going well, according to chamber officials. For one week some 40 civic minded individuals will be contacting over 250 farmers, businessmen and other individuals to invite them to become members in the chamber organization.

The response has been very good in the first few days of the campaign. Many prospects for membership have already been signed up by the group of spirited volunteers.

Chamber president Gene Ehler and Membership Chairman Sam Henry both hailed the new membership campaign as evidence of the unselfish and cooperative attitude of the volunteer group.

"I am personally gratified to see a group of busy men take time from their own businesses to make this a success," declared Gene Ehler. "By increasing the membership we will be able to be much more effective in working for the development of our community and our area."

The week long campaign to enlist 100 new members began last Wednesday in an early morning kickoff breakfast, and will conclude next Thursday at another breakfast meeting. During the Wednesday breakfast meeting goals of the membership program were explained and the volunteer group was divided into two teams. The teams will compete with one another to sign up the most members. The winning group will be treated for breakfast at next Thursday's report meeting.

By Jan Sherman
Richard Hale graduated from Floydada High School in 1971. He then attended McMurry College in Abilene, Texas, and graduated in 1975 with a BBA degree in Economics. He is presently doing graduate work in Finance at Texas Tech. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hale, and grandson of the Walton Hales, owners of Hale's Department Store.

Richard's wife, Gail graduated from Garland High School in 1972 and also attended McMurry College. She graduated in 1976 with a B.S. degree in Elementary Education. They met at McMurry and married June 19, 1976.

After their marriage, Gail and Richard moved back to Floydada. "We needed somewhere to live while I was attending school. Somewhere we could both work and not incur a high cost of living. Gail substituted (at school) that fall and started full time in January 1976 and I had a job at the store. I also found we could live in Floydada and drive to school 2 days a week cheaper than we could live in Lubbock. Now that my father is campaigning for state representative of this area, I won't be going back to school so you might say I'm becoming a full-time citizen of Floydada."

Gail is a teacher of the four year old migrant children in the pre-school program at Della Plains. She enjoys painting, drawing music in general, swimming and bicycling. Richard is next year's vice-president of the Floydada Tennis Club and enjoys most

sports. When he finds the time, amid his numerous activities, he likes to read.

They commented that Floydada is a comfortable sort of town. "It's easy to adjust to the pace of the town, especially for me since I've lived here most of my life. Gail, after growing up around metropolitan Dallas, found the change a bit more dramatic. The town is not as busy as what I'm accustomed, but the people are relaxed and very friendly and have made my transition a happy one. They go out of their way to let you know you're welcome," Gail continued.

"There has been a recent influx of new business in Floydada which shows the town is vital and alive, but Floydada could really use a light industry of some sort. This could bring in new people or at least provide jobs for those who wish to live here. I'd like to see a gain in Floydada's population, not to Plainview or Lubbock's extent, but enough to insure there will be no disintegration of the physical aspects of the town."

The majority of these feature families have commented that Floydada is a friendly place to live. A place that they feel safe and secure...a good place to raise their children and join various clubs to help better our community. This should tell us something. We live in a community of which we can be proud and we should continue to help others without thought of being repaid for our kindnesses. There are other small towns, but not all can boast the friendliness of Floydada.

Leave Your Children At The MAC Free Movie Saturday While You Christmas Shop

Gifts From Kitchen, Keep On Giving

COLLEGE STATION—Gifts from the kitchen that keep on giving are those prepared by loving hands and packaged in handy kitchen utensils, suggests Marilyn Haggard, foods and nutrition specialist, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

For those whose specialty is bread making, bake and give a basic white, or whole wheat, loaf in a non-stick loaf pan.

Others, try dinner rolls baked in a square oven-safe glass pan, or give cinnamon rolls or sticky buns baked in

a non-stick muffin tin. For a special friend, prepare and give a special pound cake in a heavy, decorative round baking pan.

More ideas start with baking bar cookies in a jelly roll pan for a nifty surprise gift. Caramel popcorn would be a welcome gift for some, especially when it travels to them in a handy glass canister.

Give specially seasoned croutons in a salad bowl or crusty bread sticks in a square wicker basket, which also makes a festive package for giving cookies and candies.

Sugared or spiced nuts signal a holiday spirit when they arrive in a novel replica of a glass-topped canning jar.

In addition, gift givers might wrap homemade beef jerky sticks in a bright new kitchen towel. If cocoa or a spiced tea mix is a specialty, give the cocoa in a plastic pitcher with a handy pouring spout, or give the tea mix in an airtight jar with a measuring scoop. Don't forget homemade seasoning salts packaged in perky salt and pepper shakers.

Tie up each gift with colorful yarns and a simple ornament.

As a corpsman in the Navy, then later as a University of Illinois premed student, Wes Dixon gained experience for the demanding often heartbreaking job. Deciding that he was too old for medical school, Mr. Dixon was working in the

university's hemodialysis unit when he was recruited for his present job.

Some families are grateful to him for offering some meaning to the death of their loved ones. Others are overcome with grief to realize that all hope is gone. Every encounter is difficult, and his one inspiration is remembering the 1,500 kidney disease victims in Illinois still awaiting donors.

Some relatives share that inspiration. "I have one mother who lost her only daughter," he recalls. "She calls every six months to see if her daughter's kidneys are still keeping the two recipients alive. It's really good to be able to tell her yes."

Providing invaluable services to others is often not glamorous or dramatic. Like Wes Dixon's job, it can even be exhausting and heart-breaking. But the dedication of people like him working behind the scenes is an essential part of the successful transplants performed by today's surgeons.

For a free copy of the Christopher News Notes, "Let's Talk About Death," send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The Christophers, 12 E. 48th St., New York, NY 10017.

Society

LCC Associates Have Christmas Meeting

The Christmas meeting of the L.C.C. Associates was held December 5 in the home of Mildred Gammage. Dorothy Smith was co-hostess and also began the meeting with a devotional. Janie Carter led the prayer.

After a short business meeting, the fun began with the exchanging of gifts. As each person's number was called out, they were allowed to choose either an unopened gift or one that someone else had already opened. If an opened gift was chosen, the person was able to choose another unopened gift. The person with the last number had her choice of everything. Everyone really enjoyed this. Then

came a game of Problems and Solutions which was very funny.

After all the laughing, everyone had worked up an appetite for the delicious finger sandwiches, cookies, cake, and candy that were served along with coffee and hot apple juice tea.

Those members enjoying the evening were: Mary Glenn Degge, Janie Carter, Cheryl Bradley, Janie Klein, Annabel Bramlet, Madge Huff, Elsie Sherman, Mavis Reecer, Annie Smith, Lorene King, Myrl Wofford, Dorothy Smith, Alma Baxter, Faye Sams, Tommie Williams, Carol Bramlet, Mildred Gammage, and guest Phyllis Sheppard.

Delta Kappa Gamma Christmas Party

The Floydada members of Iota Tau hosted a delightful tasting party and Christmas program in the fellowship hall of the First Methodist Church Monday evening. The room was most attractively decorated with a theme of gingerbread men and women. Proceeds of the money from recipe collections was placed in the scholarship fund.

Mrs. Emily Johnston, president, greeted the group and then turned the prog-

Clarence Foster To Celebrate Ninety Years

Hosting the occasion will be Mr. Foster's son, Bruce Foster and family of Friendswood, Texas; daughter, Mrs. H.S. Calahan

(June) and family of La Porte, Texas; daughter-in-law, Mrs. Garland (Effie) C. Foster of Floydada.

ram over to Cora Lee Nixon whose committee entertained with **Silent Night** sung by Frankie Carter and accompanied by LaVada Garrett, a Christmas visit to Spain and Greece by Jane Berry. Cora Lee closed with inspirational thoughts.

The following members from Floydada attended: Carol Bell, Mary Alice Craig, LaVada Garrett, Louise Hamilton, Roberta Hardin, Emily Johnston, Frances Mitchell, Noma Lou Rainer, Ella Reue, and Dale Tyer.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend a reception honoring Clarence Foster on his 90th birthday, December 17, 1977. The reception will be held at the First National Bank of Floydada Community room on December 17 between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m.

Mrs. Rucker Entertains Global Friends

Ladies from around the globe met in the home of Mrs. Pat Rucker Thursday for an all day visit, Christmas luncheon and gift exchange. The ladies meet each month.

Those attending and their previous countries are Ellie Anderson, Germany; Lisa Howard, Samoa; Pat Rucker, England; all now of Floydada. Here from Plainview Daisy Senter, England; Dollie Palmer, England; Pat Noel, Australia.

Floyd Data

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McCormick and daughter, Mrs. Dart (Jean) Carthel went to Austin, Tx. recently for a few days to visit the McCormick's other daughter Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fisher.

Mrs. R.L. Holland returned Monday from a two-weeks stay in Marengo, Illinois with her daughters' family, the Ed Musers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Worsham of Amarillo spent Sunday with his parents, the George Worshams.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Readhimer, Mrs. Sylvia Yearry and Mrs. Delie Cardinal spent from Sunday morning until Tuesday afternoon in Ruidoso, N.M.

Stay warm this winter by dressing in thin layers of wool clothing which provide insulation against cold weather. As the temperature warms during the day, remove layers as necessary, says Marlene Odle-Kemp, clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

LOOK FOR TEXAS PRODUCTS

One of the things we all can do to support farmers of this state is to buy products raised in Texas. Look for the "Texas Agricultural Products" symbol on egg cartons, milk containers and vegetables statewide. It's TAP for short.



FIVE GENERATIONS OF THE LYLES' FAMILY: pictured Yearly, Mrs. C. W. Jones, Mrs. Billy Hinkle, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lyles, great granddaughter, Charla Dawn Yearly. The five generations of daughters.

Incredibly Easy And Elegant Recipes

Fancy, festive, easy and make-ahead. It's not often you come across recipes that combine all these features, but here are two that do. Chocomint Holiday Roll is light and luscious sponge cake, filled with chocolate whipped cream and sprinkled with crushed peppermint candy. Peppermint Eggnog is a refreshing sipper sparked with peppermint flavoring. Turn to these two treats and you'll have time to enjoy the hustle and bustle of the holidays.

Chocomint Holiday Roll
Makes one 10-inch cake roll of 8-10 servings

Cake Roll:
6 eggs, separated
¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup powdered sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
¼ cup all-purpose flour
Powdered sugar

Lightly grease a 15½ x 10½ x 1-inch jelly roll pan. Line bottom with waxed paper; grease again. In small bowl of mixer beat egg whites with cream of tartar and salt until stiff but not dry or just until whites no longer slip when bowl is tilted. In large bowl of mixer beat egg yolks until thick and lemon-colored, about 5 minutes. Gradually add powdered sugar and vanilla, beating until blended. Sprinkle flour over yolk mixture; add beaten whites. Gently fold until thoroughly blended. Turn into pan, spreading batter evenly. Bake in preheated 400°F. oven 10 to 12 minutes or until top of cake springs back when lightly touched with finger. If necessary, loosen cake from sides of pan with spatula. Invert cake onto clean tea towel which has been covered with a sheet of waxed paper and sifted powdered sugar. Carefully pull waxed paper off bottom of cake. Trim off all edges. Roll up cake starting



from short edge, rolling waxed paper in with cake. Wrap cake roll in towel and place seam-side down on wire rack until cool, about 30 minutes.


NOTE: If prepared in advance, cake may be frozen without filling. Wrap well with aluminum foil or plastic wrap. To thaw: Let wrapped cake stand at room temperature 1 hour.

Filling:
1 cup whipping cream
¼ cup powdered sugar
3 tablespoons cocoa
½ teaspoon vanilla
¼ cup crushed peppermint candy
Powdered sugar
Chocolate curls or candy canes, optional
Combine whipping cream, powdered sugar and cocoa. Beat until stiff; fold in vanilla. To prepare cake roll: Carefully unroll cake; spread with

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Homemaker Service Training Program Concludes



LUBBOCK—The South Plains Homemaker Service in affiliation with the Texas Tech University College of Home Economics has concluded its homemaker training program at the South Plains Electric Cooperative. Homemakers completing 60 hours of training received certificates of confirmation, including training manuals and homemaker service aide pins.

The South Plains Homemaker Service provides employment and training for mature homemakers who perform in-home care services for elderly and disabled persons desiring to remain in their own homes and able to do so with limited assistance.

Services performed by homemakers include menu planning and meal preparation, escort to the doctor or beauty shop, personal grooming and care of individual needs, visitation and companionship. They help also with laundry and light housekeeping.

Services, available at a nominal fee based on monthly income, provide an alternative to institutional or nursing home care.

Persons interested in receiving services of a homemaker aide or desiring information about employment in their community may contact the South Plains Homemaker Service or local coordinator at (806) 763-4641 or 742-3033.



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Citrus Crop Drops Slightly, But Quality Above Average

AUSTIN—Fresh citrus fruit from Texas is expected to be tastier than ever this year even though there will probably be less of it, says the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Based on crop conditions as of the first of the month, crop forecasters with the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service have estimated the 1977-78 grapefruit crop to total 460,000 tons, a decline of seven per cent from last year. Last year's crop reached near-record levels.

The orange crop is expected to drop six per cent from last year's totals—down to 276,000

tons. "Even though our production is expected to be down from last year's crop, the quality of fruit is generally expected to be above average," commented Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown. He said above average temperatures in the Lower Rio Grande Valley have delayed fruit sizing, "but these warm October days and cool nights should bring along normal sizing."

Initial harvest of early oranges began the middle of September and shipments will increase steadily during the month. A few grapefruit were ring-picked by the

third week of September, but volume shipments are anticipated later in October. Grapefruit production for the 1976-77 season totaled \$25 million, to place Texas as the top production state in the nation. Total orange production was valued at \$18,408,000.



The strawberry geranium is neither a strawberry nor a geranium. It sends out runners (like a strawberry plant) with small plantlets at the end which can be separated and planted.

OBITUARY

HORACE CAGE

Horace Rodolph Cage, 69, of Floydada, died Thursday morning in a Crosbyton hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday in Calvary Baptist church here with the Rev. Hollis Payne, former pastor, officiating assisted by Dr. Floyd C. Bradley, pastor of the First Baptist.

Burial was in the Ralls Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.

The Wise County native married Bonnie Beatrice McClure in September 1928, and they moved to Floyd County in 1953, from Spur.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Donald Hoyt Cage of Lubbock and David Roy Cage of Azle; a daughter, Mrs. Ella Mae Gentry of Crosbyton; a brother, Harlan Jay Cage of Floydada; a sister, Mrs. Crafton Hay of Lubbock; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

tion to the Veterans Administration.

Coker advises students returning to school after a break to consult VA campus counselors about the effect of new legislation on dropping courses and on payment procedures.

Giving To Charities

STATION—Give to charity. Your donation to Mrs. Linda Barbozo of the family resource specialist with Agricultural Extension, The Texas University System.

Each season program of giving, where their contributions will have a impact, she says.

Information Park Avenue

South, New York, New York 10016. Consumers may receive free reports on up to three charitable organizations.

The National Information Bureau (NIB) also provides a free monthly pamphlet, "The Wise-Giving Guide," which reports the NIB's rating of a wide range of charitable organizations.

Consumers can help to promote a more charitable operation of such organizations by checking up before writing a check, the specialist suggests.

* Avoid dropping classes after registration.

* Double check on choice of courses to be sure they fulfill requirements for your major.

* If an interruption in education is necessary, notify the VA and give your expected date of return to school.

* If you change addresses, promptly notify the Post Office, VA and the school.

* Submit transcripts to the college admissions and records office immediately after application is made. This will speed up certification.

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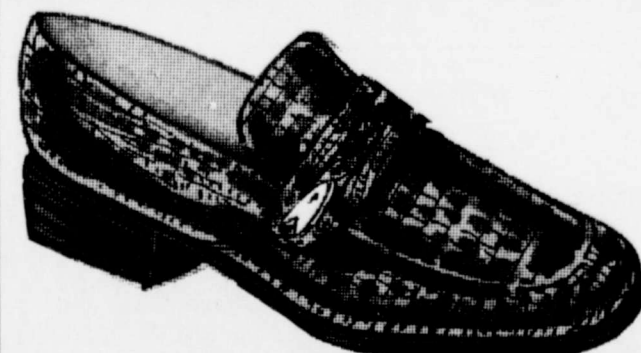
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VA NEWS

Jack Coker, Director of the Waco VA Regional Office, today reminded veterans of World War II and later periods who have serious service-connected disabilities that they may still qualify for vocational rehabilitation training even though their original eligibility for the program has expired.

"Until last year," Coker said, "veterans discharged before January 1, 1969, who have serious service-connected disabilities should consider applying if they are unemployed or working in an unsuitable job and need education or training to obtain suitable work."

Last year's Congressional action provides an open-ended eligibility for veterans who need vocational rehabilitation training to overcome the handicapping effect of blindness or other serious service-connected disability.

Coker said applications for vocational rehabilitation training will be individually considered. Eligible veterans who are found to need training will be provided counseling to help them plan and pursue a program of rehabilitation training leading to suitable employment.

Coker said the agency is writing to an estimated 200,000 veterans who have disability ratings of 50 percent or more to notify them of the removal of the eligibility termination date.

"But," he said, "we want to use every additional method available to us to notify everyone who might be eligible for this valuable service."

Veterans may obtain an application form for vocational rehabilitation by contacting the nearest VA office.

November checks going to 1.2 million Veterans Administration pensioners were accompanied by a questionnaire on income to assist them to qualify for continuing VA pension payments. Pensioners unlike compensation for service-connected disability or death - are based on income. Questionnaires also went to 28,000 parents receiving dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) checks. Completed questionnaires must be returned to the VA by January 1 to insure continued receipt of benefits.

Pensioners are paid to needy veterans who are totally and permanently disabled from nonservice-connected causes, or to their widows. Amount of the monthly stipend is based on the annual income of the recipient. Annual income also governs amounts of the DIC payments to certain parents of veterans who died of service-connected causes.

With some exceptions, pensioners are required to file income questionnaires annually. Those 72 years of age or older, who have been on the VA pension rolls for two consecutive years, are exempt from filing. However, these people must report income changes as they occur.

Some beneficiaries who normally are exempt received questionnaires because of cost-of-living increases in annuities. Prompt return of the questionnaires will avoid suspension of monthly checks in 1978, Jack Coker, Director of the VA Regional Office in Waco, said.

Those failing to return the completed questionnaires before January 1 will, in lieu of receiving their January pension check on February 1, receive a letter from the VA explaining why their pension payments have been suspended.

Full information on the VA pension program is available from any VA office, Veterans County Service Office, or veterans organization service officer.

It doesn't pay to drop out of school to join a military service, most recruiters advise. But if you did, and you want to finish high school or prepare for college entry, VA will pay you.

At least one out of ten Vietnam-era GI Bill students has received monthly checks and refresher or deficiency courses to qualify them for higher education under the GI Bill's "free entitlement" provisions, Jack Coker, Director of the VA Regional Office in Waco, reported today.

More than 760,000 persons have taken advantage of the training opportunities without using any of their basic GI Bill eligibility. The trainees represent more than 11 percent of the 7 million persons who have trained under the current GI Bill since 1966.

Eligible GI Bill students may receive full benefits while training for high school completion. Others who have completed high school but need refresher or remedial courses for entrance into training, also may take the necessary courses on a free-entitlement basis. This training is not charged to the maximum of 45 months' educational assistance available to all veterans during the 10 years after release from active duty, but not later than December 21, 1989.

A special outreach effort by VA benefits counselors during the past year was credited with a 23 percent increase in free entitlement enrollments. Repeated contacts are made with veterans with less than four years' high school in an effort to interest them in training.

VA studies of veterans who use free entitlement show that more than 50

percent continue in other forms of training.

Complete information on all VA educational assistance programs is available at any VA office, Veterans County Service Officer, or from veterans' service organization officers.



Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
My name is Teresa Franklin. I am 9 years old.

I want a life size doll, I want a barby doll ranch, a barby horse, and a schroder for my dolls.

And on Christmas I'll leave you some cookies.

Dear Santa,

My name is Malisa Strickland. I am 4 years old. My friend is writing this letter.

For Christmas I want a praying doll and a tree house and I want a "Baby come back" and a "Baby that away" and a stroller for my dolls and that's all.

On Christmas I will leave you some milk and cookies.

I Love You,

Malisa Strickland

Dear Santa,

My name is Greg Strickland. I am 7 years old.

I want a Stretch Armstrong. A cash register and a toy typewriter, a truck farm and a pottery set.

I Love you, Santa

Thank you,
Greg Strickland

Dear Santa,

My name is Chris Clayton. I am 5 years old. I don't know how to write so my friend is writing this letter.

This Christmas I want a remote control truck and car, and a Stretch Armstrong and a turn and go, and I want a fire truck you can ride on and a bike without training wheels and a big wheel and a wheeler circus and a little pool table. I will leave you some cookies and milk on Christmas.

I love you.

Love
Chris Clayton

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bike and a basketball goal for me and my aunt and my cousin, and cowboy boots for my aunt. I'll leave in some cookies and milk under the Christmas tree. Cars too. I want Steve Austin and a mummy.

Love,
Harry Steve Juarez

Use toll-free reservation numbers of major hotel or motel chains to get over-night accommodations during holiday travel, if saving time and gasoline are important, advises Claudia Kerbel, consumer information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Treat family and friends to eggnog, hot wassail and tasty small sandwiches during the "home for the holidays" season of joyous reunions, warmth, gaiety and good things to eat, suggests Frances Reasonover, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

LOCKNEY GENERAL Hospital Report

Mary Careule, Lockney admitted 11-23 continues care.
Bobby Emert, Dougherty admitted 11-29 dismissed 12-5.
J.K. Holmes, Floydada admitted 11-29 dismissed 12-3.
Martha Sue Driver, South Plains admitted 11-30 dismissed 12-6.
Estefana Chavarria, Lockney admitted 11-30 dismissed 12-1.
Minnie Harton, Floydada admitted 12-1 dismissed 12-5.
Colesta Caffee admitted 12-1 continues care.
Olivia Garza, Crosbyton admitted 12-1. Baby boy Mario Jr. born 12-2 dismissed 12-4.
Floyd Dorman, Lockney admitted 12-5 continues care.
John Lee Carthel, Lockney admitted 12-9.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Citizens of West Texas,
The cost of living is a source of concern for many of us. It denotes common worries about rent, food, utilities etc. But who worries about the cost of life?

One group battling against the soaring cost of living is the American Lung Association. For decades the support of the public through their Christmas Seals Program - a concept that has been an American Tradition since 1907 - Christmas Seals has helped fight the increasing number of lung diseases - many - emphysema, bronchitis, asthma, air pollution and smoking.

This month, the child-created Christmas Seals campaign mailed to more than 80,000 homes throughout the West Texas Area as a plea for funds.

Seeing Christmas Seals decorating a package is a hopeful sign of concern for life - it represents an organization that works to make life possible for millions of people.

So, while we all worry about the cost of living, we thought about the cost of giving.

I urge you to answer your Christmas Seals.

Preston Smith
1977 Christmas

The Right Christmas

LUBBOCK -- Looking for an easy way to do your Christmas shopping? Try on Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine for size and show those on your list the beauty of the Texas outdoors, how they can enjoy it and what they can do to preserve it for all of us.

Whether your friends are scouts, fishermen, campers, bird watchers, photographers, school teachers, hunters, or naturalists, a subscription to the P&W magazine will insure a steady diet of outdoor subjects.

Coming up in the December issue will be articles on duck banding, fish records, crowded parks and Christmas guns. In January, topics



People once measured rank by the length of their shoes. Some dandies wore shoes and tied the toes to the knees.

Venture FOODS

STORE HOURS— MONDAY THRU SATURDAY 8 A.M.—8 P.M.
SUNDAY 8 A.M.—6 P.M.

Turkeys
18-20 LB. AVG. BROAD BREASTED POP-UP TENDER TIMER
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U.S.D.A. CHOICE BEEF CENTER CUT **89¢**
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ARM ROAST **99¢**
CHUCK STEAK **99¢**

Gladiola Flour **59¢**
ALL PURPOSE 5 LB. BAG

Shurfresh Margarine **3\$1**
IN QUARTERS 1 LB. PKGS.

Miracle Whip **99¢**
KRAFT 32 OZ. JAR

Nice 'n Soft **79¢**
BATHROOM TISSUE 4 ROLL PKG.

Catsup **79¢**
DEL MONTE 32 OZ. JUG

Cake Mixes **49¢**
SHURFRESH ASSORTED 18 OZ. BOX

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MOUNTAIN GROWN ALL GRINDS
1 LB. CAN **\$3.09**
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3 LB. CAN **\$9.15**
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CALIFORNIA VINE RIPENED Tomatoes **3**
PORTALES MARYLAND SWEETS Yams **3**
CALIFORNIA SUNKIST Oranges **29¢**
RED DELICIOUS Apples **29¢**
CALIFORNIA ZIPPER SKINNED Tangerines **3**
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NEWS & REVIEWS

First Baptist Church Media Center

Parties for Christmas and New Year are approaching quickly. There are many helps available in the Media Center and games never grow old. One of the books that has been around for a long time is THE FUN ENCYCLOPEDIA by E.O. Harbin. This is a comprehensive plan-book for home, club, school, church and playground entertainments. There is a section on seasonal parties, a chapter on dramatics, games for small groups, games for children, etc. If you have attended a party where many clever games have been used, chances are your hostess had access to this classic volume.

Another book in this group is GAMES FOR ALL AGES & HOW TO USE THEM by Marjorie Wackerbarth and Lillian Graham. This is a treasure chest of games and activities for all ages and abilities. Most do not require special equipment other than paper, string, pencils, or similar items found in every home and school.

INSTANT FUN FOR ALL KINDS OF GROUPS by Lorrell Burns includes stunts and skits as well as games, many of which are church oriented. There are action games, brain teasers, musical fun and all of them requiring minimum preparation time.

Corrie ten Boom's IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE describing her years growing up, is a delightful Christmas reading gift to give yourself. Seeing the warmth and strength of faith of Corrie's family helps one understand how she found the courage and strength to survive World War II. This would make a good Christmas gift book, also.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Sir,

Parking spaces are inadequate at the Floydada High School. There should be no reasons for students to have to park in the residential area. Students without reserved parking places, band students, and students who work in the morning are forced to park in front of people's homes.

This is really not very far to walk, but we only have four minutes to get to class. And furthermore, most of us are not track stars. Townspeople living near the school must find this annoying, and most have been too polite to mention it.

West of the school is an area that would provide for adequate parking spaces if it were to be paved. A few physical improvements to our school could make coming to school a pleasure instead of a duty. We remain,

Sincerely yours,
Concerned Students of F.H.S.

FLOYDADA SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

December 12 - 16, 1977

MONDAY

Sloppy Joes
Seasoned Black Eyed Peas
Cole Slaw
Gingerbread & Applesauce
1/2 pint milk

TUESDAY

Turkey & Dressing & Gravy
Green Beans
Cranberry Sauce
Fruit Salad with Whipped Topping
Hot Rolls
1/2 pint milk

WEDNESDAY

Pigs in Blanket with Mustard
Seasoned Whole Kernel Corn
Futted Spinach
Pickle Spears
Chocolate Cake with Fudge
Peanut Granulate Icing
1/2 pint milk

THURSDAY

Chicken Fried Steak with Cream Gravy

ANTHONY TAYLOR
COMPLETES 20
YEARS WITH NAVY

In brief retirement services November 30 at United States Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, California, Radisman 1st Class Anthony V. Taylor was transferred to U. S. Fleet Reserve after completing 20 years of active naval service.

Taylor, his wife Purita, and their daughters Cindy and Celey, will be making their home in Ridgewood, California, a small community located in the high Majorie Desert.

Taylor is the son of Mrs. Laureless Parkey, and received his education in Floydada schools.

far has been rather small, but with cooler temperatures and recent rains, development should speed up.

WHEN FARMERS DECIDE TO STRIKE, you know something is wrong.

I've been associated with farmers, ranchers and others in the agri-business industry for a quarter of a century. They're a hearty, independent group, and they don't like to complain in public.

But they realize that unusual circumstances require unusual actions. A strike is one way of calling attention to the fact that many of them are being pushed out of business by the cost/price squeeze.



MRS. WINFRED PAYNE are pictured in one of the rooms at the Floydada Inn. (Staff Photo)



WINFRED PAYNE takes reservation at Floydada Inn reception desk. (Staff Photo)



JOE HALL and interior designer Carol Bennett visited in the new Floydada Inn. (Staff Photo)

Lt. Miller Now Naval Aviator

December 5-Marine First Lieutenant First Lieutenant Rex E. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Miller of Route 1, Floydada, Tex., was designated a naval aviator.

Presentation of the "Wings of Gold" marked culmination of 18 months of flight training.

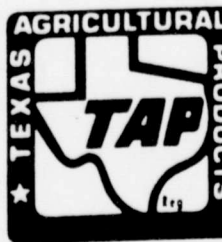
The aviation curriculum included basic studies in

engineering and navigation; training flights in simulators; aircraft familiarizations; basic and advanced instrument training; extended navigation flights and landings aboard an aircraft carrier.

A 1973 graduate of Texas Tech University, Lubbock, with a bachelor of arts degree, he joined the Marine Corps in June 1968.

Texas Food and Fiber

by Reagan V. Brown, Commissioner
Texas Department of Agriculture



TEXAS FARMERS AND RANCHERS will remember 1977 as both the best of times, and the worst of times.

In many areas, farm production hit new highs. Record crops of wheat, corn and soybeans were harvested, assuring Americans of a continued plentiful supply of food. Cattle raisers strove to meet the nation's growing demand for beef, especially hamburger.

But the agricultural industry, unlike other businesses, is not usually rewarded with higher prices for its increased productivity and efficiency. Instead, farm prices fell below cost of production in many cases, and net income hit the lowest point since the Great Depression.

Texas farmers and ranchers are becoming increasingly uneasy about farm prices which rarely meet their cost of production, much less allow an adequate profit with which to feed, clothe and

educate their families. Add to these problems losses from the drought, and you begin to realize the obstacles they face.

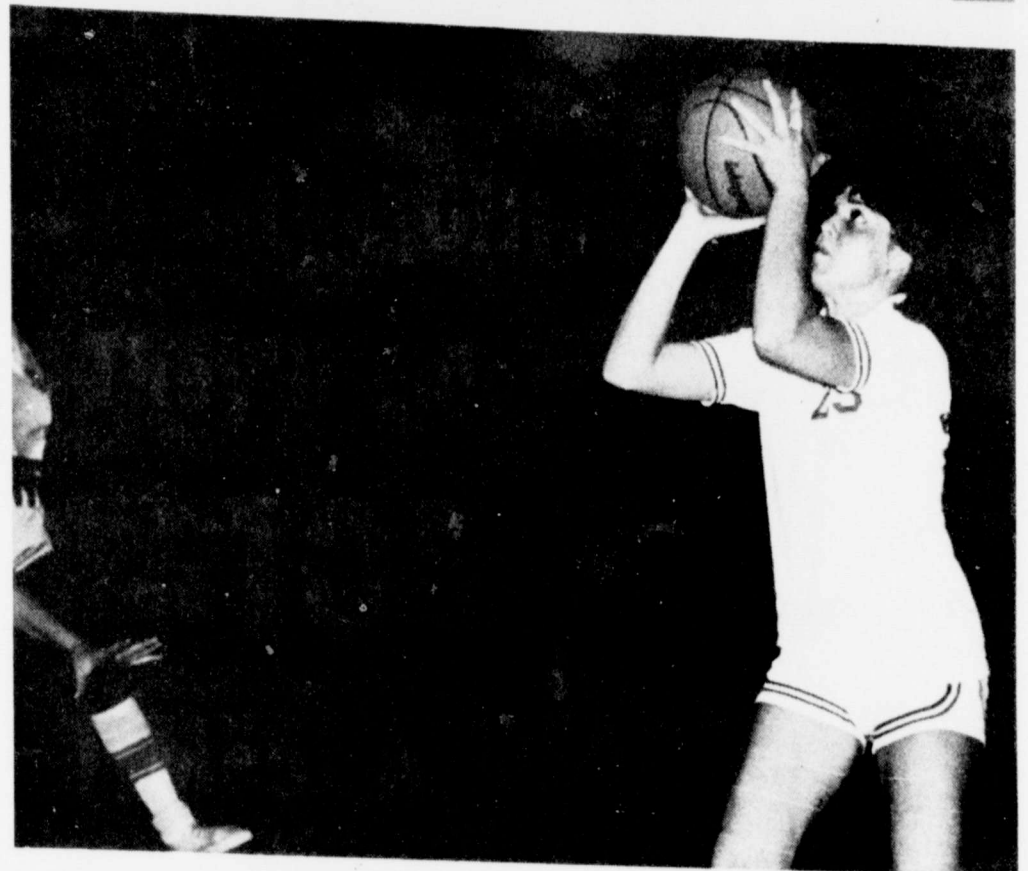
But the so-called "farm problem" is not confined to the farmer alone. It concerns each Texan, and each American.

Without a reasonable profit—something every industry in a capitalistic economy must have to survive—farmers cannot produce. Then the "farm problem" becomes a "food problem."

AN EXCELLENT CITRUS CROP is expected this year from the Valley. Sugar content is high, giving those delicious Texas grapefruit and oranges extra flavor and sweetness.

There has also been very little wind damage to the 1977 crop so far this year. Of course, wind damage does not affect the quality of the fruit. It just makes brown streaks on the rind.

The size of the fruit so



OUTSTRETCHED ARMS...Of Whirlwind Quinn Coleman are all that remained in focus after the 5-7 senior guard ripped the court on a 22-footer Tuesday night in the Olton game. (Staff Photo)

WHIRLETTE FORWARD LISA WEST...gets set in position to shoot in second period of Olton win Tuesday. (Staff Photo)

Why Should You Try Floydada First?

You do business with merchants you know merchants who will give you better service when needed.

In many cases you will spend less money by buying goods from local businesses because it does cost you extra to travel out of town to shop. This is especially true when an item must be returned, repaired, or exchanged.

Because Floydada taxes are lower when the sales tax from locally

purchased goods remains in town.

Floydada businessmen support our town by donating to school projects and fund raising drives, giving discounts to local organizations, providing jobs to students, and in many other generous ways. How often do out of town businesses help support Floydada with their money and time?

So this Christmas season give Floydada merchants a chance for your business give him the first opportunity to make the sale.

Give The Gift
They'll Enjoy
105
TIMES A YEAR

WHAT BETTER CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY THAN A YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION TO THE FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN OR THE LOCKNEY BEACON?

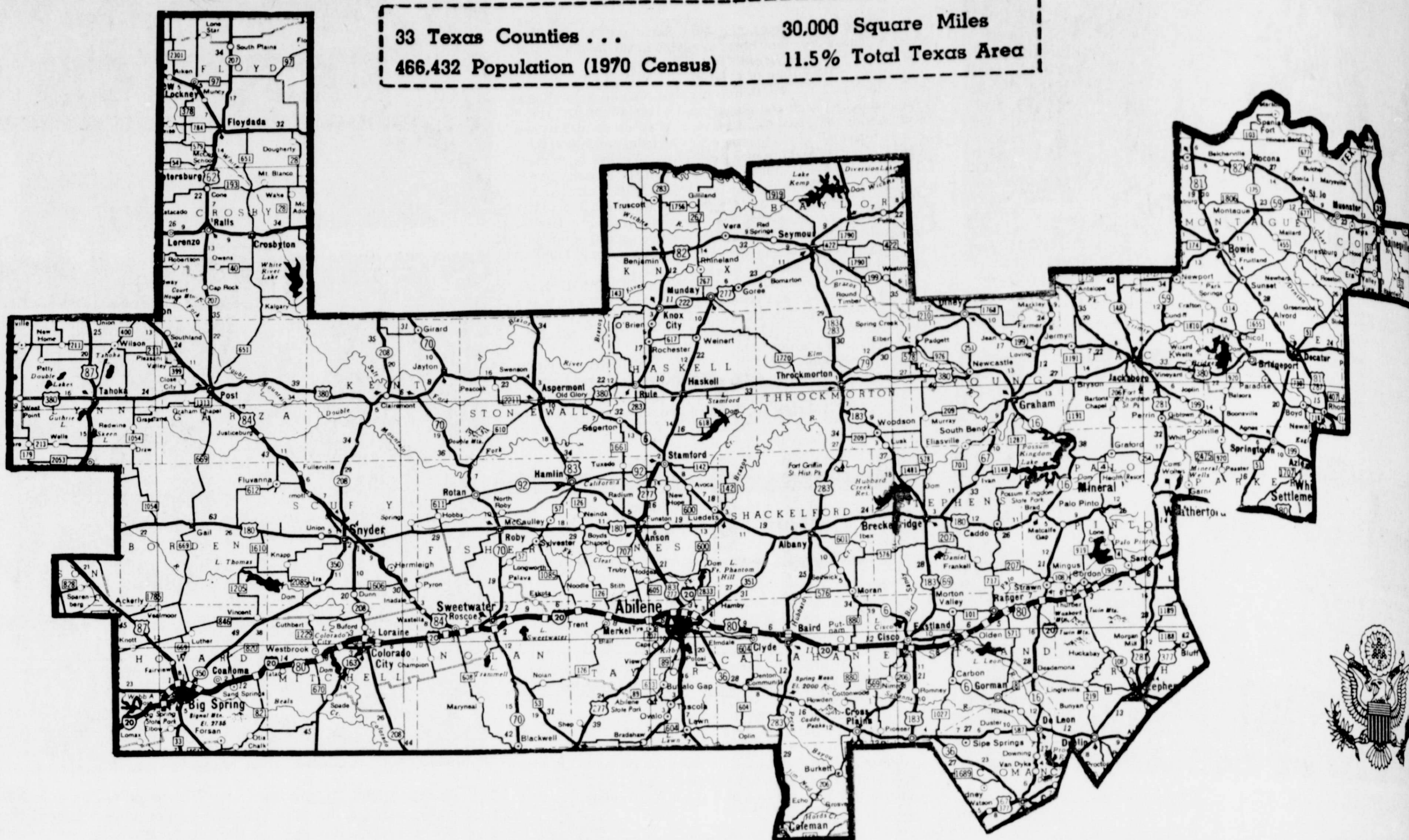
CALL THE HESPERIAN AT 933-3737, OR THE BEACON AT 652-3318 RIGHT NOW, GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON OR FAMILY YOU WANT TO GIVE THE YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION TO, AND THE CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT WILL SEND A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS CARD TO THE RECIPIENT.

THE SUBSCRIPTION WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER.

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THE LOCKNEY BEACON

17th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



History Book Provides Merry Memories

Stuck for an imaginative Christmas gift for a friend, husband or wife, a relative???? How about a history book?? This beautiful, hard bound leatherette collector's edition of the history of Floyd County is being offered by the Floyd County Historical Museum on a pre-sale basis for \$24.50, plus sales tax. The limited copies of this

book contain the history of Floyd County: its beginnings, its struggles, its growth, and its people—YOUR NEIGHBORS.

The picture reminds us of the holiday season and the need to be thinking about appropriate gifts for special people. A copy of the Floyd County History Book would be an ideal gift for

that "hard to shop for" person as well as anyone on a gift list.

These days it's hard to find an original and valuable gift. The Floyd County History Book promises to be both. So get your gift certificates today by contacting the Floyd County Historical Museum 983-2415.

Memorial Pages Available In History Book

Floyd County Historical Museum is making space available in the county history book for interested persons to purchase to memorialize someone special in their lives.

In the past, if a person wished to memorialize a loved one, a marker was put at the gravesite. Now deceased loved ones who lived and worked will be read about and seen in pictures

for decades to come as the county history books are passed down from generation to generation or seen in libraries and public places. Memorial pages are available for a quarter page (60

words with two photos, depending on photo size) for \$45; a half page (300 words with three photos, depending on photo size) for \$80; and a full page (1000 words with up to three photos,

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For ONE FREE REGULAR SUNDAE
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With Your Purchase of a Hot Food Item
(Burger, Sandwich or Basket)
NOW THROUGH SATURDAY, DEC. 31, 1977.
At Your Participating Dairy Queen.



depending on photo size) for \$150.

To purchase these special pages, please contact the Floyd County Historical Museum at 983-2415.

The following is a sample one half page memorial:

Floyd County Merchants Have A Wide Selection For Christmas !!

The Tree That Keeps Christmas Alive For Years To Come

One kind of holiday decoration has been increasing in popularity over the past several years, and the trend promises to continue this season. It's the use by America's homes of one of nature's most enjoyable gifts—a living, growing Christmas tree.

Perhaps this is due, in part, to our deepening appreciation for more that is "natural" in our surroundings. It is certain that the beauty and fragrance of a live tree indoors for the holidays cannot be equaled by an artificial tree, or even by a cut tree.

There is an economy factor, too, even though the living tree may cost more than a cut evergreen at the outset. When the yuletide has ended, the Christmas tree continues outdoors through years to come as an investment that grows, increasing the value of its property, adding beauty, screening out unwanted sights and sounds.

Some suggestions from the American Association of Nurserymen can help assure your pleasure from this year's living Christmas tree.

The first tip is something you can do right now. Decide where you will want the tree to take up residence after Santa's visit and prepare the hole ahead of time. The hole should be sufficiently deep and wide to accommodate the root ball with a bit of room to spare. Put some organic material,



like peat moss, at the bottom, and mix some of the same material with the soil you have removed. Leave that soil right beside the hole, which you should cover with boards so nobody will stumble into it before the tree is installed.

Plan to keep the tree in the house no more than about ten days. That is about as long as it will be happy in the dry indoor environment. Place it in some kind of container that will let you keep the root ball quite moist during those days. The nursery people say about a quart of water every couple of days may be sufficient.

Miniature lights are best for a living tree. The large ones tend to overheat, even scorch the green growth around them. The sturdy branches of a living tree permit you great freedom and imagination in your use of hanging ornaments, though.

One final recommendation. Plant the tree as soon as you take it outdoors. That's when you'll be glad you prepared its new home ahead of time.

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Wed. December 14

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oxidize one ounce of alcohol.
The motorist does not have
to be obviously intoxicated
in order to become an unsafe
driver.

Many accidents in Texas
will be classified as one-car
run off the road type. This
means for some reason, be it
highway hypnosis, driver
inattentiveness, alcohol,
drugs or mental-state, a
driver loses control of his
vehicle. Most of this could be

power. A more realistic shot
gun would be the 20 gauge
which has a good pattern,
good killing power and am-
munition is readily available
in every store.

The selection of a hunting
rifle depends upon the type
of game the young hunter
wants to pursue and what
ammunition will be used.

Most shooters are trained
with the popular .22 rimfire
rifle and it can also be used
to take small game later in
the hunter's career. Ammun-

SEE GUN PAGE 8

AUSTIN-State Comptrol-
ler Eob Bullock said Monday
that the U.S. Supreme Court
ruling that meal allowances
paid New Jersey state
troopers a taxable income
probably won't affect Texas'
240,000 state employees.

"Our legal staff has been
over that ruling with a
fine-tooth comb and we're
convinced that the fact situ-
ation in New Jersey simply
doesn't apply to Texas,"
Bullock said.

As State Comptroller,
Bullock is the state's chief
paymaster.

Bullock expressed that
opinion in letters to Texas
Department of Public Safety
Director Col. Wilson E.
Speir and other state de-
partment heads. The high
court issued its ruling last
Tuesday.

The facts in that case
indicate that unlike in Tex-
as, the meal allowance paid
New Jersey state troopers is
actually considered a part of
their salaries, Bullock said.
"In the first place, the
meal allowance in New Jer-
sey is negotiated every year
between the State and the
police troopers union," Bul-
lock said.

He said the court records
also show that the New
Jersey meal allowance vari-
es with rank and is included
in the trooper's pay for the
purpose of calculating his
retirement benefits.
"The system just doesn't
work like that in Texas,"
Bullock said.
"Our travel and meal al-

avoided if the driver follows
the most elementary rules
of the road. Stop and rest 10
minutes out of every hour
driving time. Keep your
head and eyes moving at all
times, and if you are going to
drink, don't drive.

In an effort to reduce the
expected death toll, Major
Bell said, "The DPS and
Local Law Enforcement Off-
icers will be out in full force
during the holidays. Also, in
cooperation with local agen-
cies and the news media of
Texas, the DPS will conduct
special tabulations on fatal
accidents. These fatality tab-
ulations will be issued three
times daily in an effort to
focus maximum public atten-
tion on the traffic accident
problem.

The Texas Department of
Public Safety is encouraging
all motorists to drive with
their low-beam headlights
on during daylight hours as
well as at night. This pro-
gram is called "Light the
Way for a Safe Holiday". It
is the Department's belief
that most motorists do not
intentionally violate the
Law, and need only to be
reminded that holiday pe-
riods are more dangerous.

Remember, Christmas
and New Years is a season of
joy, goodwill and happiness.
Don't let an accident ruin
your holiday. Don't be re-
sponsible for causing an
injury or death. Our streets
and highways can be safe, if
the motoring public will
think safe driving and drive
defensively.

DPS Will Continue To Get Meal Allowance

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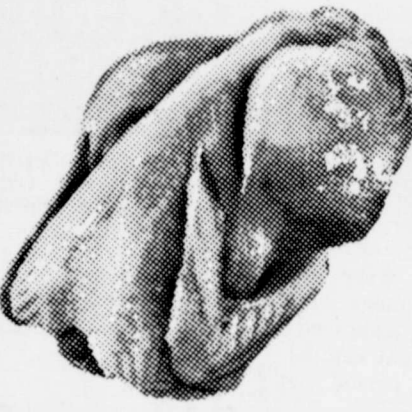
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FARM & RANCH NEWS

All You Want To Know About The World Cotton Situation

The basic fundamentals of world cotton supply and demand in 1977-78 are beginning to take shape, say economists at Cotton Incorporated.

As of now, says M. Daniel Troxler, associate director for demand economics, it appears that during the current cotton marketing year:

World cotton production will probably hit a new record approaching 65 million bales, almost 7.5 million bales more than last year.

World cotton consumption will reach 62.1 million bales, unchanged from 1976-77.

World cotton stocks will increase almost four million bales, with most of this increase occurring in the

United States.

Troxler adds, however, that this picture could change over the next few months as several factors now clouded with uncertainty come into sharper focus.

For example, he says, textile industry activity has been adversely affected by sluggish worldwide business conditions for most of 1977. While a gradual improvement in textile business is likely during the early part of 1978, that prospect is not certain, especially in view of the erratic course of recent economic activity," he adds.

Troxler also points out that the tight availability of world cotton supplies experienced for most of 1976-77 resulted in the substitution of more readily available and

cheaper synthetic fibers in many countries.

"A bumper crop of cotton is being harvested worldwide, with the U.S. crop the largest since 1965," Troxler notes. "While this has brought cotton prices to low levels, the ample cotton supplies won't necessarily mean a quick recovery in cotton's market share since a serious over supply situation now exists in the world's synthetic fiber industry. Extremely low synthetic prices—prices far below the cost of production—will be used to maintain, if not increase, synthetic fiber market share."

For instance, the Cotton Incorporated economist notes, "there have been reliable reports of continuing sales of U.S. produced polyester staple to the Far East at 42 cents per pound delivered. Sales have also been made to the People's Republic of China at even lower prices—38 cents per pound."

However, Troxler points out, "no product can be sold indefinitely at below total costs. Synthetic fiber prices will go up. In the meantime, having been sold on the basis of cheapness, synthetic ties will become associated with cheapness. That is not a strong association to acquire."

Another uncertainty surrounding both cotton and synthetic fiber consumption prospects in 1977, says Troxler, is the controversy now stirred up regarding world textile trade.

In recent weeks, he notes, the confrontation has become very heated between developed nations whose textile industries want curbs

on imports and the exporting developing nations. How this is resolved will be an important factor in determining the course of world fiber consumption during the remainder of this marketing year, says the Cotton Incorporated economist.

Looking at the picture in the United States, Troxler says the tempo of business has slowed in comparison to the pace enjoyed earlier in this year, but, all in all, the U.S. economy appears still headed on a course of slow upward growth, at least through mid 1978. "This," he says, "is almost certain to have a positive effect at the retail counter and on the textile industry."

Consumer demand for cotton textile products continues to be strong, Troxler says.

He reports that during the first six months of this year, 15 per cent more pounds of cotton moved across the retail counter compared to the first six months of last year, according to data from the Market Research Corporation of America. During the third quarter, 6.2 per cent more pounds of cotton textile products were purchased by consumers while synthetic products showed a gain of 5.5 per cent compared to the same period last year, he adds.

"For the nine month period of January through September," says Troxler, "cotton's share of market notched up to 36.2 per cent from 36 per cent in 1976 and a full percentage point ahead of 1975."

If domestic mill activity shows expected quarter-by-quarter gains through mid 1978, and U.S. mills respond to cotton's competitive price and strong consumer appeal, use of cotton will be about 6.8 million bales in 1977-78, a slight improvement over the 6.7 million bales consumed last year, he says.

U.S. cotton exports in 1977-78 are estimated at 4.4 million bales as compared with an estimated 4.8 million bales last year.

Cotton Incorporated is the fiber company of American cotton producers. A more detailed analysis of the world cotton picture is contained in the December issue of the *Cotton Summary*, monthly publication of the company's Economic Research and Development Division.

Texas Cotton Crop Biggest In 26 Years

AUSTIN—Harvesting of Texas upland cotton, proceeding at a record pace due to dry weather, is expected to yield the largest crop since 1949, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown says.

Latest predictions by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service show production may reach 5 million bales. This is a 200,000-bale increase over the Oct. 1 forecast. In 1976, there were 3,307,000 bales ginned.

"All reports show that this year's crop will be of excellent quality also," Brown stated. "If the market would take an upswing, things could be looking better for cotton farmers."

Create a hand-made accessory for an extra-special Christmas gift to family or friends, but be sure colors and styles fit their decor, suggests Glenda Moore, housing and home furnishings specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.



Dr. Edwin Kessler of the National Severe Storms Laboratory, N.O.A.A., Norman, Oklahoma, introduced the above geostationary satellite photograph of March 2, 1977, during the "Weather Modification Today" conference held in Austin. Dr. Kessler observed and presented discussion on his thesis that the southwestern limit of severe dust storms in Texas coincides remarkably with the Texas-New Mexico border. (Note

the light gray formation over the West Texas massive light colored areas represent particular day.) In his presentation Dr. Kessler opinion that the differences between water ownership in the states of Texas and possibly have some bearing on the origin of storms.



COTTON TALKS
FROM PLAINS COTTON GROWERS INC.

Does the target price on cotton, wheat and feed grains for 1978 really guarantee a farmer anything? Is there a chance that target price payments will be made on 1978 crops? How and when can a farmer know how much of his total 1978 production will be eligible for either disaster or target price payments?

Farmers who can't answer these questions "aren't ready to make planting decisions for 1978," says Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock.

To provide all available information related to the 1978 farm program, PCG is cooperating with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Grain Sorghum Producers Association, also of Lubbock, in staging a series of three meetings on the High Plains in December.

Meetings will begin at 1:15 p.m. at the Community Center in Lamesa on Wednesday, December 14; at the Agriculture Center in Plainview on Thursday, December 15, and at the Plains Cooperative Oil Mill in Lubbock on Friday, December 16.

All who are interested in agriculture are invited to attend and take part in discussions, according to District Extension Agent Billy Gunter.

Elbert Harp, Executive Director of GSPA will explain and answer questions on the feed grain section of the Agriculture Act of 1977. Oscar (Cotton) Fanning, PCG Executive Assistant will lead discussions on cotton program provisions, and Marvin Sartin, Extension Service Economist and Management Specialist will discuss the economics of cropping alternatives under the new law.

"The Act of 1977 is not as easily understood as some we've had before," says Johnson, "but the dollars-and-cents importance of understanding it is just as great if not greater than ever."

"The allotment system is a complete departure from what we've become accustomed to, and will involve such strange terms as National Program Acreage, National Reduction Percentage and Normal Cropland Acreage, all of which will be confusing to producers until fully understood," the PCG official points out.

There have also been changes in the workings of the disaster program and new regulations are in the making for the designation, care, use and cross compliance aspects of required set-aside acreage.

And, although not new, since the target price method of supporting prices has not been a factor in cotton producer income since its inception in 1974, "many producers still have something less than a clear conception of how it works and how they may benefit from it," Johnson stated.

GUN FROM PAGE 7

ition is reasonably priced and again the single-shot, bolt-action .22 would be ideal.

A selection of big game rifles might have to be a compromise between a rifle that is good for brush shooting and an open range gun. There is no all around rifle for all hunting conditions. This is the reason most avid hunters have several rifles and shotguns in their home

from which they can choose the right caliber or gauge for each hunting situation.

For the beginner's gun then, a decision as to where they will be shooting deer or other large game animals must be decided. If you plan to take them to Central Texas, a brush gun such as the 30-30 carbine would be good. If you plan to hunt in West Texas, a flat shooting rifle in the .243 caliber would be a wise choice.

Soybean Association

Meeting In Plainview

The Texas Soybean Association will hold its annual Princess Soya contest during the annual meeting in Plainview on January 27, 1978, according to Tommy Lurnside, Lay City, President of the Association.

Mr. Lurnside, in making the announcement, pointed out that the American Soybean Association will be holding its annual convention in Chicago, Illinois, in August of 1978, and the Texas Princess Soya elected in Plainview will compete in the national contest against winners from other states.

He further stated that the national winner usually gets to make trips abroad visiting

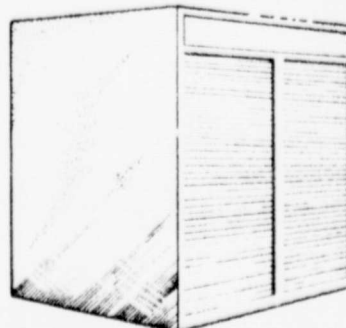
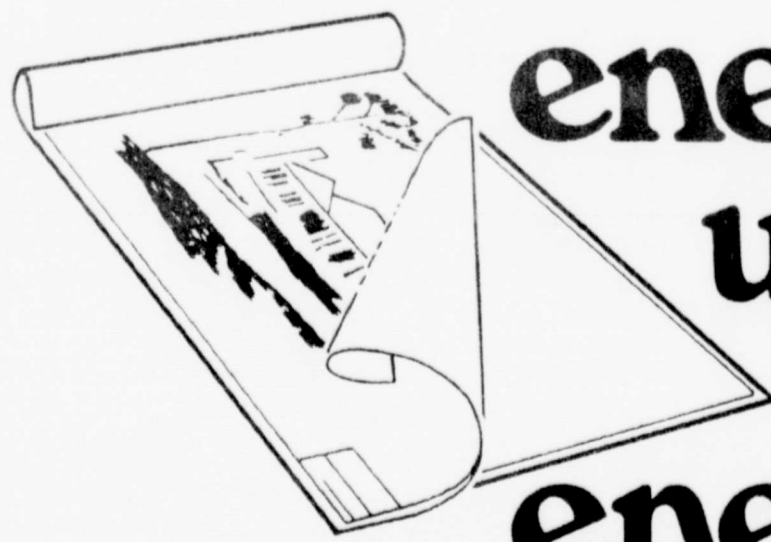
foreign countries in addition to the many appearances she will make in this country during the year of her reign.

Girls are eligible between the ages of 18 and 25, and who have a direct interest in soybeans as the daughter of a producer or related segment of the soybean industry. In addition to the trip to Chicago the Texas winner will receive a Scholarship.

Lurnside urges all who may be interested in entering to call or write the Texas Soybean Association, 812 W. 8th, Plainview, Texas 79072, 806-293-1806, for details and entry blanks. The deadline for getting entries in is December 31, 1977.

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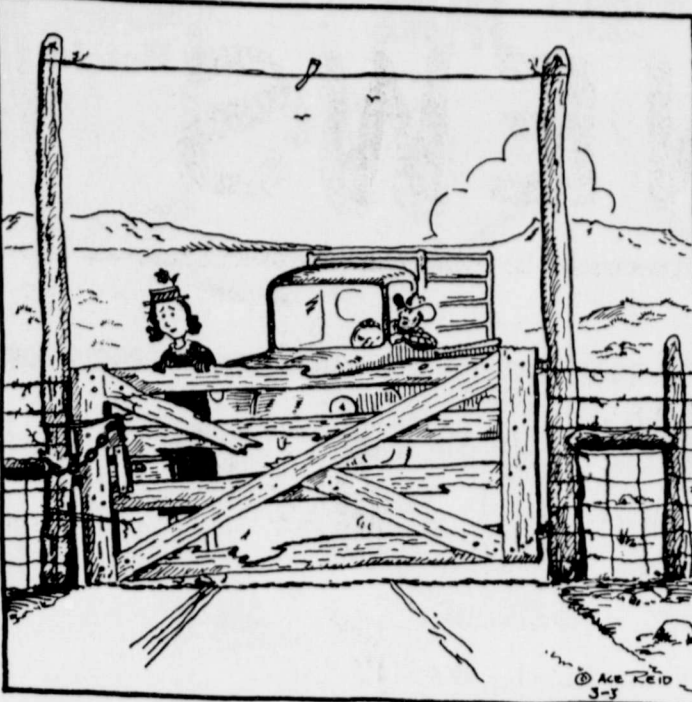
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WITH COUPON

89¢ WITHOUT COUPON

GOOD AT BUDDY'S EXPIRES

25 LB GLAD

FLOUR

WITH COUPON

\$2.79 WITHOUT COUPON

GOOD AT BUDDY'S EXPIRES

20 COUNT HEFTY

TRASH BAGS

WITH COUPON

WITHOUT COUPON \$2.09

GOOD AT BUDDY'S EXPIRES

HERTY

20 COUNT

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