



Low Acreage Released By Cotton Farmers

Only 426.0 acres of cotton acreage was released this year according to County ASCS office manager, Clois Stone.

The low acreage release was due to small producers receiving allotments whether cotton is planted or not. The new feature of the farm legislation applies to cotton farms of less than 10 acres or less than 3600 pounds of yield.

The ASCS office here received request for 3048.0 acres. Stone noted that normal demand for acres and released acres are well balanced.

The 2513.9 acres asked in addition to the county releases, will be requested from the State ASCS office in Byran. Stone predicted that many counties would be in the same situation as Coryell and he expected little additional acreage allotments from the "State Pool."

Stone predicts the cotton planted this season to reach record acreage due to the lack of diversion requirements. Normal planting will total approximately 13,000 acres.

Red Cross Involved In Worthy Causes

The Coryell Chapter of the American Red Cross joined with some 3,000 others across the country last year in the following areas of work:

AREA I is the chartered responsibilities of Disaster Preparedness, and the work connected with the servicemen in the military.

AREA II is the permissive projects which include First Aid. Under that standard and advanced first aid courses are conducted. The local Chapter arranges for the instructors.

Training classes for Water Safety are conducted upon request and include both beginner swimmer and life saving instructions.

Under the heading of Nursing Services, Home Nursing, Programmed nursing, and Mothers Aid Courses are conducted locally. Last year 30 certificates were presented.

The local Chapter participates in many of the National production projects such as:

- (1) Ditty Bags - filled with Christmas necessities for Servicemen.
- (2) School Chests - filled with supplies used in Refugee Camps, 47, in Vietnam. Such items as pencils, games & stationery. Gatesville and Copperas Cove High Schools participated in the program last year.
- (3) Friendship Boxes - local chapter sent 100 boxes prepared for children in the Refugee

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Open Letter To Merchants Of Gatesville

The Gatesville Chapter of the Future Farmers of America wishes to express its extreme gratitude to you and the business men who sponsored the advertisement for F. F. A. in the February 18, 1969, issue of the Coryell County News during National FFA Week. We appreciate this show of support and are extremely glad to know that our organization is backed by so many people here in Coryell County. We thank you again for this expression of our support.

Keith Blackman, President
Harmon Rogers, Secretary

Headline Draws Ear on Vehicle Registration

Vehicle registration is only 75% complete, reports Jack Whigham, County Tax Assessor-Collector.

Approximately 4,000 vehicles have been registered since the February 2 beginning date. Whigham noted that most people have been presenting the license receipt and vehicle as required by the State of Texas this year.

Estimated 7 to 8,000 vehicles are still to be registered with the March 31 deadline only twelve office days left.

Whigham expects to register 19,000 vehicles in 1969.



Gatesville Volunteer Firemen pour water on Botkin's Mobil Station, at Flat, Wednesday afternoon, to no avail. The structure was completely engulfed in flames as firemen reached the scene.

Botkin Station At Flat Destroyed By Fire

Fire gutted the Botkin Mobil Station, at Flat, late Wednesday.

The fire was reported about 4:40 p.m. and units of the Gatesville Fire Department answered the alarm. Fire equipment and law enforcement officials arrived at the scene at 4:50, to find most of the structure engulfed in flames.

Mr. B.B. Botkin, Sr., Joe Walters and B.B. Botkin, Jr. were at the station when the fire started west of the station in a field. A strong northwest wind whipped the fire out of control before the three men could extinguish the fire.

The station and merchandise were completely destroyed. Mr. Botkin estimated the loss at

\$15,000.00. The only thing salvaged was the cash register.

Mr. Botkin had no insurance on his building. The loss includes over \$1,000 in checks, tax records and business records.

Traffic on Highway 36 was temporarily stopped due to the fire hoses stretching across the roadway. Gasoline pumps were scorched on the side facing the building and glass windows on the pumps cracked because of the heat.



TEXAS RABBIT BREEDERS SHOW TO BE HELD MARCH 22-23

The 11th Annual Texas Rabbit Breeders Association Show and Convention will be held in Gatesville again this year, March 22 and 23.

Rabbit breeders from all areas of the state will bring some of the nation's top rabbits in sixteen breeds. This year, the National Judges' Conference National Silver Martin Show will be held in conjunction with the Texas RBA Show.

Judges in an eleven state area will attend the conference for review of breed characteristics and other judging requirements.

A recent publication of the TRBA estimates this year's

Council Schedules Bi-Monthly Meetings Recreation Program Planned

The long standing 'once-a-month-meeting' of the Gatesville City Council, is a thing of the past. Tuesday night, council men voted to hold two meetings of the council each month. Meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

Mayor Miller explained the move will hopefully eliminate the late night sessions and of course provide quicker action on important issues, Tuesday's meeting of the council adjourned at 12:30 a.m., Wednesday, Miller said, "we feel things need to be acted on more frequently."

Twenty-five property owners in the Gatesville Housing Project area of north Gatesville, were on hand for the City Council's hearing on the assessment for curb and gutter expense.

Mayor Miller and city council representatives answered questions concerning the improvement project, Mayor Miller explained Thursday that the large turnout of citizens were welcomed and necessary to do the job correctly.

The council passed an ordinance calling for the assessments following the hearing. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$28,000. Assessments for the project have been set at approximately \$6,423 for forty-nine property owners.

Mayor Miller still is seeking financial assistance through the Housing Urban Development but no commitments have been made.

Councilmen, Gene Chitwood, presented a proposal to the council calling for leasing of the old high school gym to establish a recreation program for all ages of people. The recreation program is proposed to follow highly successful programs established in Temple and Killeen. The proposed budget for the recreation program is tentatively set at \$5700.

Plans call for a fulltime recreational director to be hired to organize basketball and volleyball teams as well as other recreational activities.

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DEVOTED AMERICANS CREATE "MAGIC MOMENT"

"The combined efforts of some 200,000 Civic leaders comes to a happy and exciting conclusion, each year in Atlantic City, as an envied Crown is placed in the possession of the young lady known to the world as -- Miss America!"

This magic moment is even more meaningful when one realizes that it was all made possible by our dedicated group of Americans who devoted over six (6) million man hours in their sincere efforts to not only single out that one girl to be Miss America, but to offer the unprecedented scholarship awards and opportunities of participation to over 70,000 girls in Miss America Pageant Preliminaries, says George J. Cavalier Director, National and Field Production, Miss America Pageant.

Production in The Miss America Pageant and its preliminaries, such as The Miss Gatesville Pageant, is undoubtedly one of the most paramount means of conveying to the A-

Lions Elect New Queen

Miss Martha Parrish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parrish, of Purmela, has been selected by the Gatesville Lions Club as Queen of the Gatesville Lions Club for 1969. Miss Parrish, a senior at Gatesville High School, was selected following



Martha Parrish

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Flu Epidemic Closes Schools

The recent flu epidemic really hit GHS hard. Three days were turned out due to illness and attendance was small on the days that school was held. There are still an unusual number of absences but attendance has picked up somewhat the latter part of the week.

Gatesville students will get another holiday today as the teachers are attending a district teachers' meeting.

John Anderson One of Highest Honor Students at U. T.

John Louis Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal N. Anderson, 405 Grandview, Gatesville, has been named one of the eleven students at the University of Texas receiving Highest Honors on the Fall Semester Honor Roll in the School of Architecture.

Anderson enrolled in the University in the Fall, after graduation from Gatesville High School in the Spring of 1967.

TSTA Meeting To Be Held At University High

The District 12 Texas State Teachers Association's annual meeting will be held Thursday and Friday, March 13 and 14 at the University High School in Waco.

The annual workshop will begin Thursday night with the business meeting of the local representatives of T.S.T.A.

Dr. L.L. Morris, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Midland, will give the keynote address at the conference. Dr. Morris, formerly of Tyler, is on the Board of Trustees of

Six Men to be Inducted in April

Texas Local Board No. 23, for Hamilton and Coryell counties has received notice of induction call for six (6) men and physical examination call for fourteen (14) men to report on April 3, 1969.

The following men reported for induction March 11, 1969: David Bartlett Coats, 1005 E. Henry Street, Hamilton, Texas, VOLUNTEER; Ernest Alfred Gromatzky, 104 N. Price Street, Hamilton, Texas; David Harold Chapman, Route 1, Carlton, Texas; and Terry Lynn Pearce, Route 2, Gatesville, Texas.

There were 11 men who reported for physical examination on March 11th, 1969.

Commissioners Hold Special Meeting

The Coryell County Commissioners Court held a special meeting, Wednesday afternoon, to discuss spending requirements through September of 1969.

The Court voted, in Monday's meeting, to advertise for a heavy duty rotary cutter and tractor for Precinct #1. The new brush cutter will have an extendable arm for cutting hard-to-reach areas.

Hospital News

Arthur Maxwell
Mrs. Melinda Bohne
Mrs. Alta Pearson
Mrs. W. A. Melton
Mrs. Willie Keener
Mrs. Ada Stewart
Mrs. Mary Browning
Mrs. Dero Jones
Mrs. Percy Evetts
Mrs. Don Brookshire
Mrs. Myrtle Hodges
David Paul
Mrs. Stella Bolton
Tom Rainer
Willie Keener
J. T. Loggins
Mrs. Elton Mears
Mrs. Lydie Mosley
Mrs. Mamie King
Mrs. Eddie Winfield
Pamela Shelton
Mrs. Travis Latham
Harry Voss
Charlie Chambers
Mr. Ruby Hopson
Mrs. Rosa Chambers
Mrs. Mary Sims
Don Putnam



Jaycee officers for 1969-70 are, left to right, Clay Rivers, treasurer; Royce Rhodes, 2nd vice-president; Willis Ament, president; Mike Blanchard, past president; Henry Brim, first vice-president and Mack Lee, secretary, in front.

JAYCEES ELECT OFFICERS FOR 69-70

The new officers elected are Willis Ament, President; Henry Brim, 1st Vice-president; Royce Rhodes, second Vice-president, Mack Lee, secretary and Clay Reeves, treasurer.

The 1969-70 Directors elected Tuesday, are, Mike Blanchard, Inter-Club director; Malcolm Meharg, Bill McGlothlin, Dr. Joe Kenworthy and Dean Meeks, directors.

The new directors will take office at the Jaycee Installation banquet scheduled for early April. Banquet chairman, Tom Kennedy, has not announced the guest speaker for the event.

The Jaycees attended the Waco Jaycees regular meeting, Thursday, in force. The locals are in contention for the "travel trophy" this year and all Jaycees were urged to attend the Waco meeting.

Willis Ament has served the Jaycees for several years in other offices, secretary, treasurer and this year as first vice president.

Marshall Brown Trial To Begin Monday

A special venire jury list has been selected with 125 area citizens receiving notice.

The 125 possible jurors are scheduled to appear Monday morning at 9:00 in 52nd District Court.

The State of Texas vs. Marshall Brown is scheduled for that date. Brown is accused of rape and his trial was transferred here from Bay City, Texas.

Hearings on pre-trial motions are set for today at 9:00 a.m.

Homes Prime Fire Target

NEW YORK—Although fires in public and industrial buildings frequently are the headline makers, fires in residences cause nearly twice as much damage as fires in any other category of building, reports the Insurance Information Institute.

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House Speaker Gus F. Mutscher is shown with Representatives J. W. Stroud of Dallas (left) and Bob Salter of Gatesville (right) immediately after he presented them with their gavels as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee on Elections.

Vice Chairman Salter will work closely with the Chairman on Committee matters dealing with the right of suffrage, proposals affecting the conduct of the primary, special and general elections in Texas and all proposals to revise, modify or change the election code.