

1974. Sheriff Dee Clements reports that the television sets stolen from Johnson's Furniture store several weeks ago were recent-

ted during the first quarter of

The second quarter of 1973 recorded \$22,847.90 in sales tax as compared to \$28,135.18

Belinda Wheeler showed the first place steer and was the only entry. HEIFER CLASS

at the First Baptist Church. Anyone donating blood will be entitled, along with their immediate family, to receive blood free of charge from Blood

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the second quarter of 1974. Cont. on Page 3, col. 3

Local Persons See **Clayton Sworn In**

A packed gallery, including more than 120 area residents. watched Rep. Bill Clayton, D-Springlake, sworn in as Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 64th Legislative session Tuesday.

The 12-year member of the House was elected to the top position by an overwhelming 112-33 vote. His only challenger, Rep. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, received the 33 opposing votes. Three members voted "present," and one member was absent.

The district guests made the Austin trip on a special flight from Lubbock arranged by Dr. B.W. Armistead of Littlefield,

Armistead was Clayton's campaign manager during the

Speaker's race. District Judge Pat Boone, Jr., also of Littlefield, swore in the new Speaker and the Rev.

Glen C. Smith, pastor of the Springlake First Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Following the opening ceremonies, the House recessed and Clayton hosted a reception for district guests in the Speaker's apartment in the back of the House chamber.

Attending from Muleshoe were Harvey Bass, J.W. Coppedge, Jack Ferguson, Corky Green, Kenneth W. Henry, Cont. on Page 3, col. 3

the food stamp program. These families purchased foods, prepared for human consumption only, at 13 authorized stores in Bailey County.

Only citizens and aliens legally admitted for permanent residence are eligible. Although students are eligible to participate if they qualify, foreign students normally cannot qualify because they are not admitted for permanent residence. Aliens in the country illegally are reported to the Immigration and Naturalization Service when the caseworker becomes aware of their presence.

The food stamp program is formulated to provide low income families with a nutrit-

Using Food Stamps Here

One hundred ninety-one of ious diet. All families of the 413 families living below identical size receive the same the proverty level in Bailey County are now making use of dollar value of food stamps. However, the price paid for the food stamps varies with the net income of the family. The net income is derived from deducting various expenses from the gross income of the family. Some of these expenses are federal withholding, Social Security, mandatory school expense (including tuition), certain medical costs in excess of \$10 per month, child care expense when necessary for the mother to accept employment and shelter

expense in excess of 30% of the income. The food stamp program has proved to be an effective way for low income households to increase their food purchasing power. The United States Department of Agriculture studied the impact of food stamps on three rural counties in 1970. These were the findings: (1) On the average, low income

households more than doubled their food purchasing power if they received food stamps. The 3,200 participating households paid \$1,085,500 for food stamps and received \$2,254,500 worth of bonus stamps, (2) Economic returns to farmers increased from \$1.04 to \$1.17 (3) Food retailers, food wholesalers and wholesale suppliers had to increase their output as bonus stamps provided more buying power. (4) Purchases with food stamps represented from five to 10% of the total sales of those stores authorized to accept food stamps. (5) Now economy was generated from the community, from \$250,000 to \$1.5 million. (6) the increased economic activity made a total of 130 new jobs potentially available in the three count-

STATE-WIDE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

Before the state-wide food stamp program was approved in 1972, twenty-eight Texas

counties had food stamps. The program which these counties were operating was retained but with several changes.

Administrative costs for the state-wide program are paid by the State Of Texas. Previously, the counties were responsible for these costs. The state-wide program is administered by the State Department of Public Welfare. The United States Department of Agriculture pays for and redeems the food stamps.

Certified households receive an Authorization to Purchase (ATP) card each month in the mail. The ATP cards specify an amount of the stamps and how much money, if any, they must pay for them. The ATP card and the necessary cash is then redeemed for food stamps at the local Post Office.

A variable purchase plan is included in the state-wide program. This allows households to purchase less than their full Cont. on Page 3, col. 1

Layton placed first; Robert Susan Layton, second; Clayton Rainm, third; Craig Kirby, fourth: Susan Layton, fifth; Keith Layton, sixth; Jarrol Layton, seventh; and Robert participate in this program.

Services if it is the next six months.

tion, from 8:20 until 8:40

p.m. From 8:40 until 9 p.m. there will be a question and

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Pat's Photo

To Sponsor

Seminar

It is being sponsored in Muleshoe by the Muleshoe Lions Club. Everyone is urged to

Agriculture Seminar Set For January 31

An agricultural Production Seminar will be held in Muleshoe on Friday, January 31, at the Mary DeShazo Cafeteria, beginning at 7 p.m. This meeting will be sponsored by the Bailey County Crop's Sub-committee, which is headed by J.G. Arnn of Muleshoe. The committee is urging all

farmers to be in attendance. All producers should find the meeting to be beneficial. The meeting is free and open to the public, regardless of race, color, creed or national origin. From 7 to 7:20, Dr. James Supak, area extension agronomist, will speak on Sunflower Production in Bailey County. From 7:20 until 7:40 p.m., Dr. Bob McIntyre, area extension entomologist, will speak on Sunflower Insects on the High

Plains. Jim Valentine, area

soil chemist, will speak on Efficient Utilization of Fertilizer,

Marvin Sartin, area extens-

from 7:40 to 8 p.m.

Rounie and Pat Shafer of Pat's Photo in Muleshoe will be hosting thirteen Profess onal Photographers from the South Plains, Panhandle of Texas, and Oklahoma for a four day photography seminar on posing and lighting from Jan. 26 to 29th. This seminar will be taught by Frank Cricchio of Port Arthur, Texas, who has received both national and international recognition for his outstanding work in photography.

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YCEE WEEK Radio Day will be the highlight of Jaycee Week in Muleshoe this week. This ecial day will be held Thursday, January 23, at KMUL Radio beginning at 6 a.m. The Jaycees 11 be hijacking the radio station, bringing the news, giving advertisements and playing music. stured left to right are Charles Moraw, Jaycee President, Larry Goree, Radio Day chairman, d Leon Logsdon.

Radio Day Hilights Jaycee Week Here

The Muleshoe Jaycees are celebrating Jaycee Week in Muleshoe this week. The National Jaycees and State Jaycees are also celebrating Jaycee Week, January 19 through

Several events are being planned this week including Radio Day on Thursday and the Bosses Night Banquet Saturday evening. At the noon meeting Monday, Jaycee President Charles Moraw presided. Gene McGuire gave the invocation; Marlin Mills led the Pledge of Allegiance and Leon Logsdon led the Jaycee Creed.

Guests included Johnny St. Clair and Roger Williams, both of Muleshoe, Charlie Marino, Jimmy St. Clair, Ray Looper and Roy Oxford, all of the Morton Javcees.

Ken Ferguson reported on the Bosses Night Banquet to be held Saturday, January 25, at the Catholic Center, and Jerry Wenmohs reported on the Outstanding Young Farmer Award to be given.

Larry Goree reported on Radio Day to be held Thursday, January 23, starting at 6 a.m.

over Radio Station KMUL. Butch Duncan reported on the Hereford Regional Work Forum which was held recently. The Muleshoe Jaycees won the Out of Region Travel Trophy and Monty Dollar won the Handshake Award. Also attending was Jay-

City Council Has Meeting Tuesday

Muleshoe City Council met at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 21, in the city hall.

The council discussed and considered a Texas Municipal League Technical AdvisoryService and it was approved.

They also approved authorizing the mayor to enter into a traffic signal agreement with the Texas Highway Department for maintenance of protective crosswalk devices.

David Hamlin appeared before the council to voice his disapproval of the proposed water tower site in Muleshoe.

ion economist, will speak on cee President Charles Moraw. Diversify Agricultural Produc-Cont : on Page 3. col 4



TUMBLEWEEDS TUMBLE. . . High winds that accompanied two cold fronts through the Muleshoe area this week, piled tumblewweds up all over the county. These tumbleweeds were found piled in a bar ditch along with the sand that also blew. A cold front pushed its way into the area late Saturday night dropping temperatures and bringing winds gusting above 50 miles per hour. An-other front made its way through the panhandle Tuesday again bringing high winds, clouds and cold temperatures.

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Projections Optimistic For '75 Wheat Yield

AUSTIN--If present growing conditions continue, the Texas winter wheat crop is expected to top 117 million bushels, a 122 percent increase over 1974 crop, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has announced.

"Wheat production could exceed the state's 1973 record of 98.6 million by as

much as 40,000 bushels,"

said White. He attributed the optimistic projection to abundant fall preplant

moisture and winter rains and snows in the High Plains, the state's leading wheat producing region.

The commissioner cautioned, however, that projected yields also depend

on spring and summer growing conditions. A late frost or freeze or a lengthy dry spell could alter projections. According to the Texas Crop and Livestock

Reporting Service, planted acreage in Texas is estimated at 6.5 million. This represents à 16 percent increase over last year and the largest planted acreage since 1949 when farmers seeded more than 7 million acres.

Most of the increase is

coming from land previously planted in cotton, a crop hurt this past season by a sluggish market. Many Plains farmers who lost crops to last year's drought have also converted to wheat.

Nationwide, wheat production is projected at 1.6 billion bushels, a 15 percent increase over 1974's record crop. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that supplies are expected to be six percent lower than they were last year despite the

increase. Carryover stocks of 249 million bushels are the lowest in more than 25 years.

The USDA also announced that the 1975 national feed grain allotment will be 89 million acres, the same as in 1974. The allotment represents the number of harvested acres of feed grains, based on the estimated national average yield, needed to produce the quantity of feed grains for domestic use and export during 1975-76.

Projected 1975 per bushel feed grain yields on which the allotment is based are 93.0 for corn, 60.0 for grain sorghum and 45.5 for barley. According to the USDA, the allotment does not represent a limit on acreage but is computed only for the purpose of distributing payments to producers if payments are required.

Senate approves \$2.67-billion foreign aid bill.

White Says **Buy Baling** Wire Now

AUSTIN-- Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has advised farmers and ranchers to buy baling wire now to prevent shortages during periods of peak demand

White said the two major

suppliers of baling wire to Texas, Colorado Fuel and Iron and Armco Steel Co., are working at full capacity but are likely to cut back on production if the flow to market is not steady. "If this happens, there

won't be enough baling wire to go around when everyone wants it during the having season in the spring and summer," the commissioner said.

He added that it appears unlikely that the price of baling wire will drop later in the year

Pesticide Certification Law Needed

AUSTIN -- Certain restricted-use pesticides will not be available in Texas after October 1976 unless legislative action is taken in the next session.

According to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White, the action is needed for Texas to implement a pesticide certification program in compliance with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act of 1972.

Under the law every state must submit a plan for certifying applicators of restricted-use pesticides to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) during or before October 1975. The plan will go into effect a year after that date.

Certification will be necessary for commercial applicators, farmers, ranchers, apartment owners and individuals using the restricted pesticides.

Pesticides on the list will be those deemed by the EPA as causing unreasonable, adverse effects on the environment when used in commonly accepted practices.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is the state agency responsible for carrying out the provisions of the law in Texas

According to Texas Department of Agriculture home economists, sirloins with a long, flat bone are slightly more tender than others and have the largest portion of tenderloin.

Survey Says Food Still A Bargain



AUSTIN-Though retail food prices advanced 11.2 percent in the United States last year, a recent survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service revealed seven countries exceeding this increase.

"This survey shows that food is still a bargain in the United States," said Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

He pointed out that prices have climbed 41.9 percent in Brazil, 26.2 percent in Japan, 21.6 percent in Italy, 21.3 percent in Mexico, 17.3 percent in the United States, 15.7 percent in Canada and 12.6 percent in France.

Sweden, the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and Denmark all had lower rates of increase than the U.S.

The recent survey compared prices in 15 world capitals and found boneless sirloin steak selling for \$15 a pound in Tokyo, \$4.09 in Bonn, \$1.79 in Washington, D. C. and 83 cents in Buenos Aires. Median price was \$2.47 a pound.

Eggs went from a high of \$1.35 a dozen in Paris to a low of 70 cents in Brasilia. Eggs in Washington sold for 81 cents a dozen, lower than prices in 12 cities.

Milk was selling for 17 cents a quart in London and 62 cents in Tokyo. Washington milk was 46 cents, the median 35 cents a quart

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Stamps...

Cont. from Page 1 food stamp allotment.

Households receiving monthly ATP cards will have four purchase options - - - all. three-quarters, one-half or one-quarter. Stability of the household's income and preference determine whether they receive the ATP card on a monthly or semi-monthly basis.

An ATP card may be used one time, regardless of what option within the variable purchase plan the households chooses. This card is valid only for the month indicated on the card. The state wide food stamp program promises to put more Texas-produced food on more Texas tables. WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any person receiving a Wel fare check, who doesn't make much money or who is disabled may be eligible to participate in the state-wide food stamp program.

Other persons possibly eligible for food stamps include those who work part-time, are employed or those who get small Social Security payments or some kind of pension check. Individuals and households may apply for food stamps but all applicants must have cooking facilities in their place of

Stock

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Jarrol Layton, fifth; Sherry Claunch, sixth; Keith Claunch, seventh; Staci Kirby, eighth; Kem Bales, ninth; Craig Kirby, tenth; Brian Kirby, eleventh; and Pain Davenport, twelfth. HEAVY WEIGHT STEERS

Jimmy Gleason, first; Kirk Lewis, second; Kirk Lewis, third; Jimmy Gleason, fourth; Brian Kirby, fifth; Robbie Altman, sixth; Larry Mariin, seventh; Greg Harrison, eighth; Keith Claunch, ninth; Kim Bales, tenth; Belinda Wheeler, eleventh; and Jay Gleason twelfth.

For additional information, please contact the Bailey County Extension Office, located in the courthouse, phone 272-3913.

residence in order to qualify. Cooking facilities do not have to be of the conventional type. An individual with no stove but with a hot-plate will meet this particular requirement.

An individual is anyone who does not live in a boarding or an institution. A house household is a group of people, not necessarily related, living in one economic unit sharing common cooking facilities or for whom food is customarily purchased in common, A single individual can also com-

prise a household. WHAT FOOD STAMPS BUY Retail grocery stores certified by USDA may accept food stamps for the purchase of most food and food products. Items which cannot be purchased with food stamps include alcholic beverages and tobacco.

Grocers redeem food stamps through banks or authorized food wholesalers, Local banks, in turn, send coupons to the Federal Reserve Banks. CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Ail persons interested in applying for food stamps should take the following information to the nearest food stamp office. The food stamp office is located at 306 W. 2nd Street, Muleshoe, Texas: 1. Identification (Social Sec-

urity card, driver's license, etc.).

2. Proof of the household's total income (Latest paystubs, pay envelopes, pension award letter).

3. Rent receipts or house payment book and utility bills. 4. Bank books or other papers to show any savings. 5, Medical bills,

6. E-16 Claim identification card for those receiving unemployment insurance.

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work, The only exceptions are those responsible for dependent children under 18 or for incapacitated adults; students enrolled at least half-time in any school or training program recognized by a federal state or local government agency; and those working at least 30 hours a week.

The work registration forms are completed at the food stamp office and then forwarded to the local Texas Employment Commission office.

Ail jobs offered by the emloyment office must meet certa n requirements, such as paying a minimum wage, providing safe working conditions, and being reasonably close to If an applicant should home. refuse work that meets these requirements, he would no longer be eligible for food stamps. Persons out of work due to a strike or lock-out are also required to register for:work but are not required to work at plants subject to a strike

or lock-out. They are, however, required to accept employment positions not subject to in strike or lock-out.

Water...

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that points out the gact that importation is important to this area.

The nation is now realizing what this area can produce and how valuable it is to the nation and the world. It is too valuable not to import water to it. The governor of Texas has also endorsed this plan on January eighth.

Williams, Marshall

In the third quarter of 1973. \$25,978.31 was collected compared to \$29,008.22 in 1974. In the first three quarters of 1974, sales tax revenue increased \$13,267.84 over the previous year. This shows that the sales in Muleshoe stores are also up quite a bit over 1973.

County Judges, Commissioners State Conference Feb. 5-6 The second day of the confer-

COLLEGE STATION ---County judges and commissioners from throughout Texas will take a critical look at both the past and future of county government at an upcomming meeting at Texas A&M University.

The occasion if the 17th annual County Judges and Commissioners Conference Feb. 5-6 at the Aggieland Inn, Theme of the conference will be "County Government: Our Heritage and Our Hope for Tomorrow.

According to Charles Lawrence, county officials program specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and conference chairman, the program will kick off at 10 a.m. with Young County Judge Raymon Thompson calling the meeting to order. Thompson is president of the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas. Following welcome remarks by Texas A&M University President Dr. Jack K. Williams, the keynote ad-

dress will be delivered by Reagan Brown, special assistant to Gov. Dolph Bris-

Jaycees...

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Moraw reported that Gene McGuire has been named the Russell's place who has moved to Clovis, N.M.

guson, Mike Armstron, Darrell Oliver, Curtis Walker and Jeff Smith.

coe. Brown's talk is titled "So Proudly We Hail." Winding up the first morning session will be a discussion on property taxation by Austin attorney Jack Mc-Creary. Afternoon speakers will

discuss such issues as "Predator Problems."

Muleshoe...

Cont. from Page 1 ly recovered in Illinois and were brought back to Muleshoe. ****

Gilbert P. Lamb, broadcaster for KMUL Radio station received an Abe Lincoln award nomination for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission for helping to raise \$700,000 for the new hospital. He is one of 11 broadc: sters who will be honored by the Baptist agency at the 6th national Abe Lincoln Award ceremonies February 13 at the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth.

Buddy Whorton of Vernon. Texas, flew into Muleshoe with associate William McBroom, oil and gas manager of the Waggoner Estate, in a Beach Craft King Air 100 piloted by Bill White, who has relatives in the area. The purpose of their visit was to call on Don

married.

America's BiCentennial Celebration in 1976," "Revenue Sharing, 'Inflation," and "Legislative Acction." Speakers will include Charles Ramsey, Extension Service wildlife specialist; Rod Kendig and Ralph Tabor, both with the National Asso-

So They Say Along time ago, "the good old days" were called "these trying times." -Record, Columbia, S.C.

Date Bait

Landing a man is like catching fish, you have to wiggle the bait a little. -Tiger, U.S.S. Barry.

They Can!

men can do better than anyone else is to read their own

-Origin unknown.

Definition

Road Hog: A driver who meets you more than halfway. -News, Georgetown, Ky. True The chief reason so many marriages are failures is that so many failures are

' Community Resource Development," "Functions of County Personnel," and ' Land Prices.'

Speakers will be Dr. James Mallett, Extension Service specialist in community resource development; Dr. Arthur Wolfe, associate professor of manage-

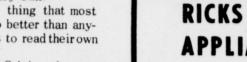
ment at Texas A&M; and Dr. Ivan Schmedemann, A&M agri-

cultural economist. The conference will conclude at noon with talks by Assistant Attorney General J.C. Davis, who will discuss "Playing by the Rules," and Thompson, who SUBSCRIPTIONS: will talk on "Facing Our Fu-

A special ladies program will be conducted on Feb. 5 and a banquet will be held that evening at 7:30 p.m.

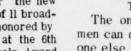
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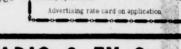
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MRS. STEVE MANASCO

Hard To Find Men, like tacks, are useful if they have good heads and are pointed in the right

-News, Adair.

direction.

Remember, when you point your finger accusingly at

someone else, you've got three fingers pointing at yourself. -Oak Leaves.

Shop for shoe shops in the Yellow Pages

You Have

Mrs. Manasco Honored At Bridal Shower

Mrs. Steve Manasco the former Miss Connie Floyd was honored at a bridal shower Monday, January 20 in the home of Mrs. Lester Baker from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Special guests were the honoree, her mother, Mrs. Auston Floyd; mother of the groom, Mrs. Ray Manasco, grandmother of the groom, Mrs. Lewis Manasco; and sister of the honoree, Mrs. Dale Griswold.

What Do You Say

To A Baby

The honoree received a wh te carnation corsage. The table was covered with a

white net with cut work of felt flowers over silver. The centerpiece was a candle flower

COLLEGE STATION - - It

is frequently thought that a

mother is the only one who really understands what her

But understanding infants and

talking to them has to be lear 1-

ed -- it doesn't come natural-

ly, one family life education

specialist contended this week.

Agricultura! Extension Service,

said that parents are often frus-

trated when they can't identify

their infant's wants or what he

"Infants are vague about what

they say -- their language is

short and very incomplete, al-

is trying to say.

Derthy Taylor, with the Texas

baby is saying of feeling.

arrangement. Ruth Ramm, Alta Ramm and Nancy Ramm served the guests. Cheslea Williams and Carron Floyd registered the guests and gifts.

Hostess gift was a vacuum cleaner.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Jimmy Presley, Mrs. Ernest Ramm, Mrs. Jimmie Carpenter, Mrs. Harvey Bass, Mrs. Jim Pearson, Mrs. Don Bruns, Mrs. Ethel Julian. Mrs. John Stevens, Mrs. Joe Sooter, Mrs. Eugene Shaw, Mrs. Lester Baker, Mrs. George Wheeler, and Mrs. Bobby Henderson.

babies,' she reminded.

words.

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she said.

cating with adults. At no time

in his life is he less able to

talk and express his needs in

The specialist, who is assoc-

iated with the Texas A&M Un.

iversity System, pointed out that

on others to receive his mes-

desperate to talk and to be un-

derstood, a baby is usually a

ready communicator, she said.

ing to talk need good models.

So it is important for adults

to use correct pronunciation

and not baby talk with their

good language development.

Understanding infant com-

munication is an art. Parents

who talk to their babies many

times during the day are help-

ing the child develop good think-

ing and communication skills,"

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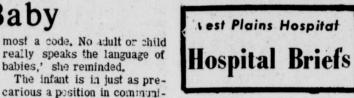
Infants who are just learn-



WHIPS FIRE . . . A fire along the highway and railroad right of way Monday afternoon near the Progress Gin was whipped by high winds while members of the Muleshoe Fire Department were busy smothering the flames. Fire was a potential hazard this week as winds gusted with the onvent of a cold front. No damage was reported from this fire.

LOUISA'S

LETTER



ADMTTTANCE:

Jamary 17: Mrs. A.J. Mallouf, Gary Freeman, Salomon Madrid and Cory Taber.

January 18: Everett Maxwell and Mrs. Elmer Davis. January 19: Jian Garcia and Raymond Gaede.

infants are totally dependent January 20: Adelita DeLeon. sage, interpret it and fulfill DISMISSALS: his needs. Because he is so

January 17: Mrs. Larry Gross and son, Mis. Curtis Walker, Mrs. Marie Langford, Mrs. John Watson, Solomon Madrid, Mrs. Edd Harp and Mrs. Jose Esqinoza,

Freeman.

The infant's understanding is evident in his 'play back'' of words. When he does an instant replay, this reinforces

Ball, Mrs. Dee Clements and Claude Brown.

lash



There was a shower Wednesday afternoon at the Three Way school Home Ec. room for the Billy Simpson family who lost their home and furniture as well as all their clothes in a fire Sunday. Many useful gifts and money was given to the family.

* * * * Mrs. James Gillentine and son, Jimmy from Lubbock spent Monday with her parents the H.W. Garvins. * * * *

Mr. and Mrs. D.S. Fowler were in Lubbock Saturday to visit his sister, Mrs. Troy Wilkerson who was a patient in the Methodist Hospital. They also visited their sons and families, the James Fowler's and Ray Fowler's.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rom-iani from Lubbock were supper guests in her parents home, the Dutch Powell's Wednesday night. ****

Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Welch returned home Wednesday after a visit in Arizona with his mother and other relatives. * * * :

Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Garvin visited in Clovis, N.M. Saturday with their daughter and family, the Kenneth Fox's.

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linens, silver and crystal

is not embarrassed to ask

her friends or in-laws in for

a meal. One reason for this

is the shortage and expense

So I'd like to say that

I agree that it is a nice

thing that we are not obliged

to have formal dinners for

our friends unless we choose

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experience, occasionally,

to sit down to a beautifully

arranged table and to be

served delicious food. But

I am also glad that it is not

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Grandmother--Va.

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Answer:

to do so.

Mrs. Jack Furgeson and Debbie were in Lubbock Saturday shopping. ****

Mrs. Dutch Powell and Mrs. Beadie Powell were in Levelland Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. D.S. Fowler were dinner guests Sunday in Muleshoe in the Zed Robinson home.

Mrs. Dutch Powell was in Lubbock Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Fred Rommiani.

**** Gary Welch underwent surgery at Methodist Hospital,

Friday.

Mrs. Cass Stegall has returned home from Methodist Hospital after surgery.

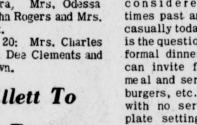
Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Toombs spent the past week in Blythvill, Arkansas visiting their daughter, the Regy Self family.

Recent studies indicate that slapping and jolting infants and very young children can whipthe child's head and may

Dear Louisa, We hear so many people bemoaning the good old times but most of those who do so forget the bad old times. I realize that some of the young people today are not as courteous and haven't as

good manners as the people of an earlier generation seemed to have. But on the other hand, many of the manners of the past were superficial and not caused by kindness or consideration for the feelings of other people.

> Many customs that were considered necessary in times past are treated quite casually today. One of these is the question of meals and formal dinners. Today one can invite friends in for a meal and serve grilled hamburgers, etc., on the patio-with no servants or fancy plate settings. In this way the couple who is not able



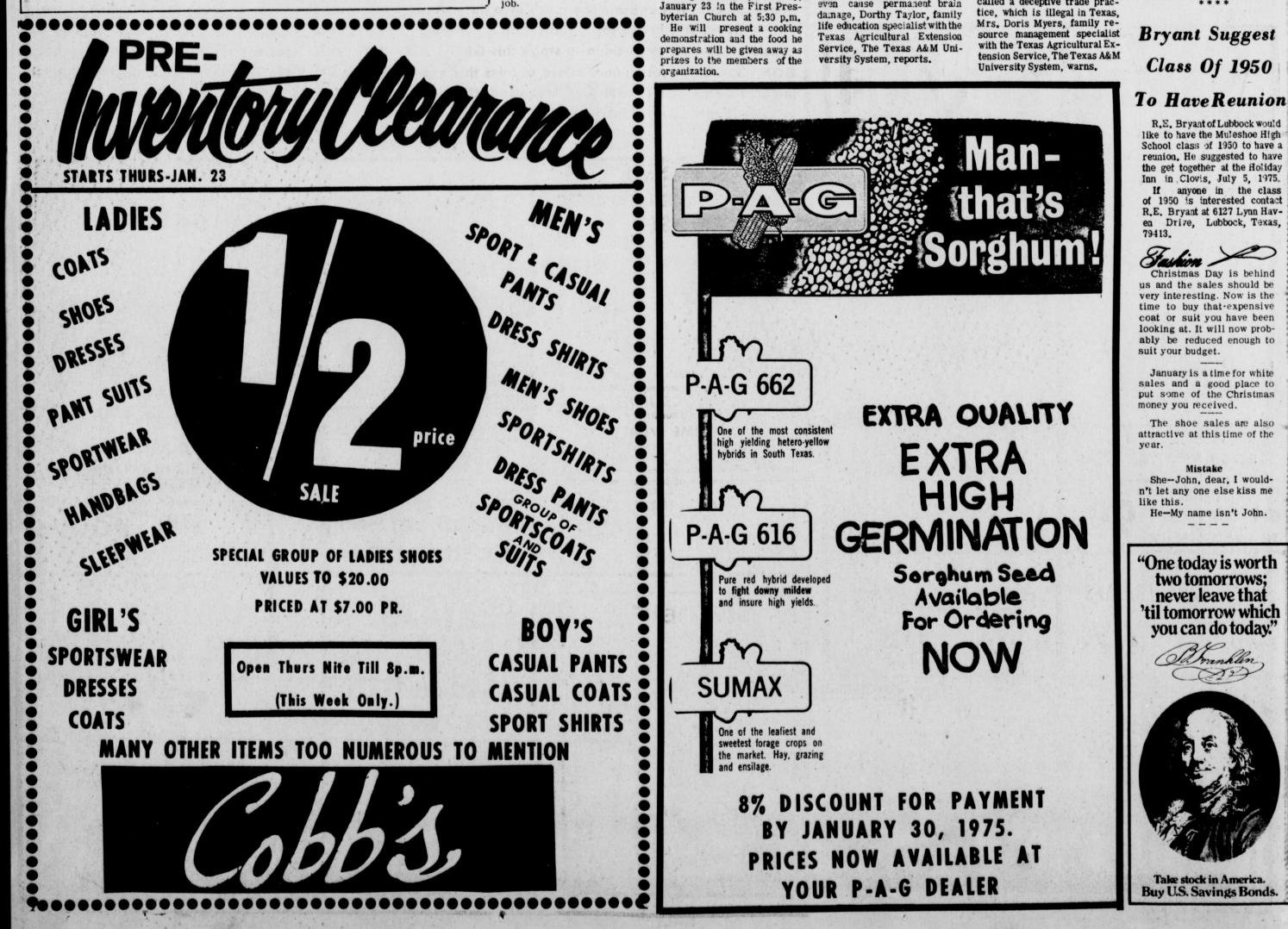
Speak To

Weight Watchers Real service: filling a Bob Jillett a chef will speak small job as if it were a big to weight watchers, Thursday,

January 18: Mrs. W.D. Edwards and daughter and Gary January 19: Cory Gaber, Mrs. Jacinto Bara, Mrs. Odessa

Linville, John Rogers and Mrs. Jess Bryant. January 20: Mrs. Charles

Bob Jillett To



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The Consumer Alert By John L. Hill Attorney General

AUSTIN -- In past columns, we've talked about the problem of consumer debt. Today, let's discuss the means available to solve the problem.

As we pointed out previously, the first step in getting outof debt is for the consumer to face the fact that he or she is in it.

And the earlier that fact is acknowledged the better, say our Consumer Protection attornevs.

Some consumers refuse to realize that their monthly outgo consistently exceeds their income. It doesn't take many months of such imbalance for the problem to have reached such proportions that creditors may be insisting on payment in full.

Much publicity is currently being given to the use of bankruptcy by average consumers as a way to resolve debts. Is bankruptcy the soluction? It can be, for some persons. But filing a bankruptcy petition in federal court is a serious step and one which should be taken only with full understanding of the consequences.

Much less drastic measures can often solve the problems consumers may have with debt. But, again, the effectiveness of such methods frequently depends on facing the problems before they get out of hand,

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division has published "A Practical Primer for the Texas Consumer." In our attorneys recommend it. that consumers who find that illness, job problems, or other reasons have made them unable to meet their bills notify their creditors and explain the situation.

Most creditors will try to help you through a difficult time by re-arranging your payment schedule or amount. After all, for them it is better to receive payment late than not at all.

Some consumers find that they need financial counselling to help them get out of debt and avoid getting back into it. There are several places to turn for such assistance.

*Banks- Many banks offer financial counselling to their cus- attorney, or your local Better

*Attorneys -- Private attorneys may help with financia! problems, especially when there is the possibility of legal action. *Child and family service agencies -- These local affiliates

family problems and those involving children. If money worries or credit difficulties are contributing to a family's problems, the family is usually re-

ferred to volunteer experts who can supply financial counselling. *Credit unions-Credit unions usually aimed at helping con-

ting from their debt.

cost to the debtor.

At present, only Dallas and Corpus Christi have such affiliated organizations. The Office of the Consumer Credit Commissioner of Texas is working with interested groups and individuals who hope to establish a state network of such non-

Operating funds for such organizations frequently come from contributions by individuals, businesses, and those creditors participating in a repayment program.

Spokesmen for one consumer credit counselling service say many people using the service need only to receive advice in setting up a family financial

Others need remedial help, which involves contacting creditors and working out a su table payment schedule.

debt, try contacting one of the groups mentioned above. For assistance with consumer complaint, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, your county or district

of United Way provide help with

System.

frequently provide financial necessity such assistance is *Legal aide societies--Local legal aid societies can assist low-income consumers with credit problems, although of necessity such assistance is

sumers who are already involved in legal procedures resul-

*National Foundation for Consumer Credit- This is a non profit organization with local affiliates which serve their community by providing consumer credit counselling at no

profit agencies.

plan and budget.

For assistance with consumer

Cotton Making A Comeback

COLLEGE STATION ---Cotton is recapturing its share of the fiber market taken by polyester fibers in recent years, according to Marlene Odle, clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. the Texas A&M University

"Consumers are beginning to look for new properties in clothes performance that only the natural fibers-such as cotton-can provide.'

Miranda Lynn

Edwards

Mr. and Mrs. William Dale

Edwards of Muleshoe are the

proud parents of a new baby

girl born January 17 at 9:31

a.m. in the West Plains Mem-

orial Hospital of Muleshoe. The

baby weighed six pounds and

eleven ounces and was named

She is the couple's second

Chawn Pierce

Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Ray

Pierce of Muleshoe are the

proud parents of a new baby

boy born January 18 at 4:34

p.m. in the West Plains Mem-

orial Hospital of Mu'eshoe.

The baby weighed six pounds

and three ounces and was nam-

He is the couple's second

ed Chawn Pierce.

Miranda Lynn Edwards.

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child.

To enhance the properties of cotton, manufacturers blend it with other fibers such as polyester, in different percentages.

"The most popular percentages seen on the market now are 65 per cent polyester, 35 per cent cotton, and 50 per cent polyester. 50 per cent cotton. Specia! finishes like permanent press are applied to make the blended fabric easy to care for,' Miss Odle said. She reminded consumers that sewing with cotton doesn't require special technigues, But homesewers should remember not to use patterns designed for knits because cotton doesn't have the natural elesticity of knits.

The ease necessary for cotton has been eliminated in these patterns. "Polyester threads or cot-

ton-coated polyester threads provide elasticity to prevent puckering when sewing on cottons and cotton blends. "Washable trims also help

keep the cotton from puckering. Seam finishes may be. neccessary if the fabric ravels -- but simple zig-zagging often provides enough finish,' the specialist noted.

A garnish goes a long way with color -- and nutrition. Try using a green peeper, a radish or cucumber, stuffed olives, a tomato wedge, sieved egg, or sprig or parsley, Marilyn Haggard, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, suggests.



honored at a Pink and Blue Shower, Saturday, January 13 in the home of Mrs. D.T. Garth. The table was laid with a pink satin cloth. Punch was served from antique crystal appointments. The honoree's corsage was

made with miniature booties and mittens. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Ottie Chester, Mrs. O.T.

Reeder, Mrs. Mike Tomlinson, Mrs. Wayne Reeder, Mrs. Dwain Miller, Mrs. Jerry Springfield, Mrs. Jack Williamson, Mrs. Jim Ham, Mrs. Odell Byer all of Lubbock; Mrs. Jo Ella Kinkel of Amarillo, and Ludene Ward of Clovis, New Mexico

Stripes are making big waves in fashion circles this spring. Look for them in thick or thin styles, in contrast or tone on ton, Mrs. Becky Culp, area clothing specialist with the Tex as Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, predicts, **Timely Advice**

The best thing that parents can spend on their children is time-not money. -Times, Marshalltown, Ia.

Hostess gifts were a car bassinett, bibs, spoon and a crocheted baby set. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. D.T. Garth, Mrs. Joe Gonzalez, Mrs. Engene Buhrman, Mrs. Jim O'Grady, Mrs. Fred Harries and Mrs. Buddy Holmberg.

Llano Estacado **Has Meeting**

The Llano Estacado Civic Club met Tuesday, January 14, 1975 at 8:00 p.m. in the First National Bank.

Plans were discussed for decorating for the Chamber of Cominerce Ban just, to be held January 30. Mrs. Dick Kelton is head of the decorating commit tee.

Plans were made for club members and their husbands to attend the Hayloft in early February.

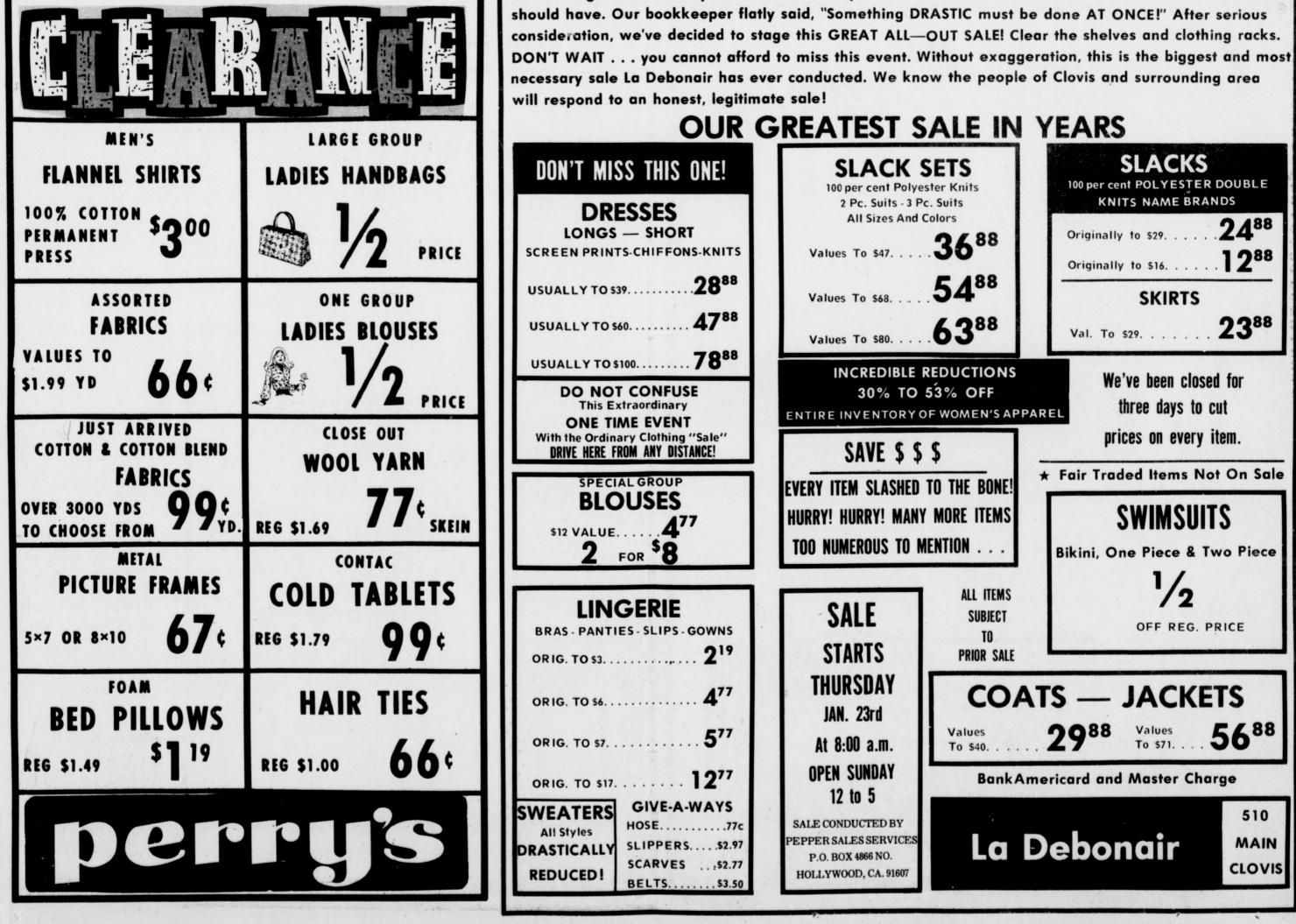
Four new members were welcomed into Llano Estacado. They are Mrs. Jess Bryant, Mrs. Gary Freeman, Mrs. Homer R. Long and Mrs. Gary Skaggs.

MRS. ROD SPRINGFIELD



HERE'S THE STORY:

We're caught with entirely too much inventory. As a result, we have twice as much merchandise as we



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Enochs News By Mrs. J.D. Bayless

Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Snitker drove to Lubbock, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for Mrs. Snitker to see her doctor and took tests. She will go back Tuesday for her treports. ****

le Mr. and Mrs. H.H. McCall Afrom Harlingen, Texas visited ^B his brother, the E.N. McCalls

NOTICE THE 1975 LICENSE PLATES WILL GO ON SALE FEBRUARY 3, 1975. BRING YOUR THREE PART CARD MAILED TO YOU BY THE STATE OF TEXAS OR IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE THE CARD BRING YOUR TITLE AND 1974 LICENSE RECEIPT.

January 31st is deadline for paying 1974 taxes without a penalty . You must sign for your homestead by May 1,1975.

BAILEY COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR JEAN LOVELADY

and Mrs. Paulene McCall in Lubbock, Wednesday.

Miss Sharon Turney became the bride of Jimmy Loyd Lytal of Morton, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 18, at the home

of her mother, Mrs. Myrna Turney. The table was laid with a white cloth, a white three t ered wedding cake, and pink punch was served by her sister, Mrs. Tom Newton and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Dennis Turney, to 27 relatives of the bride and groom. The Justice of Peace of Shallowater, a friend of the groom

performed the ceremony, the bride's maid of honor was Geneva Turnev and bestman was

Sandy Asbell of Morton, The couple left on their honeymoon following the ceremony. They will make their home in Morton. He is a patrolman in Morton and the bride is employed at the Chevrolet house in Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Autry of Denver City spent Friday night with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jackson at Clovis and attended their granddaughters wedd ng Saturday morning. * * * :

Kim Coats will start to school Tuesday, January 21 at the Monday at W.T.S.U. at Canyon. Funeral Chapel in Levelland and Kim has finished at South Plains College. Cemetary. Mrs. Salyer and family lived in our area for

Burley Roberts underwent surgery on his broke finger at the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Friday.

E.N. McCall was in the St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock Wednesday till Sunday afternoon. He had surgery Saturday morning. ****

The Crusaders of Muleshoe sang at the Baptist church Sunday night.

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Jerry Hardaway of Littlefield was staying with her grandmother, Mrs. Winnie Byars and going to school at Three Way and she became ill. She is a patient in the Amherst Hospital with hepatitis. * * * *

Mrs. Quinton Nichols attended a Mary Kay Work Shop in Morton Saturday. Mrs. Guy Sanders and Mrs.

Winnie Byars was in Muleshoe Sunday afternoon to visit Mrs. Sander's mother, Mrs. Mary Hardin. ****

The Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Winnie Byars, 2:30 Tuesday. Mrs. Robin Taylor of Muleshoe showed those present how to use the blender to make Cucumber and sour cream dressing for slaws. Those present were, Mrs. Bill Key, Mrs. Alma Altman, Mrs. Chester Petree, Mrs. W.R. Adams, Mrs. Bonnie Long, Mrs. P.R. Fort, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Byars.

**** Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Bayless drove to Lubbock Monday morning and were dinner and supper guests in the home of her sister. Mrs. Bayless saw her doctor that afternoon, and spent the night with her sister, Mrs. Gracy Swanner and son, Jim.

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- The Graf Zeppelin. The Nile, 4,145 miles
- long. 7. January, 1933.
- 8. Rudvard Kipling. 9. The carnation and the
 - garnet. 10. January 8th.

They were dinner guests in THE the home of Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Adair Tuesday, and Mrs. Bay-FAMILY less was admitted to the Methodist Hospital that afternoon LAWYER and underwent test and x-rays

Motel and Your Car

Melvin's restful night at a motel came to a jarring end when he looked out the window in the morning. His car, which he had parked just outside the room, had disappeared. In fact, he never saw it again.

In due course, he tried to collect reimbursement from the management of the motel. "I was their guest," he argued in a court hearing, "and my car was on their premises. Therefore,



Melvin's claim. The court said his argument did not stand up because he had never turned over possession of the car to the management. He had parked the car himself and kept the keys in his pocket. It is true that motels-and

hotels as well-bear a substantial responsibility for the property of their guests. This rule dates all the way back to the Middle Ages in England, when inns were considered a kind of safety zone for the travelling public. But the rule does not go into

effect until the property has been transferred to the possession of the management. In the case of automobiles, possession is ordinarily transferred when the guest surrenders his keys to a company employee. The exact moment of transfer may become crucial. One woman

left her car at the entrance to a hotel and went in to register. When the bellboy asked her for the keys, she replied that she had left them in the ignition.

Shortly afterward, a thief slipped into the car and made off with it. Had the woman delivered pos-

session of the car to the hotel management, making it responsible for her loss? A court said yes, even though the keys had never been physically

handed over to the bellboy. The court said the woman's words had given him the right to take possession of the car-and along with the right went the responsibility.

A public service feature of the American Bar Association and the Texas State Bar Association. Written by Will Bernard.



FORT WORTH - - Livestock entries in the 79th annual Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show Jan. 24 through Feb. 2 are up three per cent to 12,600, reports W.R. Watt Jr., general manager.

Biggest gains were posted in commercial hereford females, up 16 per cent to 844 head, These cattle, from outstanding herds of the Southwest, will be judged and sold at auction on Jan. 26 at 1 p.m. This yea's Stock Show boosts of seven breed sales. Besides the commercial Herefords, sales will be held for performance tested Angus bulls, Gelbvieh cattle, Blonde d' Aquitaine cattle, Limousin cat-

tle, Charo'ais cattle and Simof Sterling, Colo. mental cattle, and American

Quarter Horses. Junior steers and heifers posted gains of 10 percent with over 1,600 entries. Junior steer champoins will be sold at auction at 9 a.m. Tiesday, Jan. 23.

Judging will be made throughout the 10-day run of the show to choose the best of breeds showing. Premiums are in excess of \$275,000, which includes \$90,000 rodeo purse, The 20 performances of the World's Original Indoor Rodeo in Will Rogers Coliseum will feature 505 entries, with 55 present and past world champion cowboys on hand, Rodeo stock is being provided by Mike Cervi Championship Rodeo Co. Special guest entertainer at

the Rodeo will be Miss Toni Ingraham, country music's newes' song stylist from Las Vegas. The 24-year-old strawberry blonde will be singing favorite hits from her personal appearances across the United States and Canada.

Also, on tap at the rodeo will be an appearance by Mr. Rythm, and American Saddlebred Horse owned and whown by Darrel Wallen of Sedalia, Mo. Mr. Rythm is billed as the "King of Dancing Horses,"

Rodeo tickets are available at coliseum box office, or by mail at P.O. Box 150, Ft. Worth 76101. Prices are \$3.00 for the weekday shows and \$4.00 for other performances, All weekend rodeos have been sold out except 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 25.

Congratulations



FIRST PLACE HEAVYWEIGHT STEER . . . Jimmy Gleason, son of Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Gleason. Steer weighed 1110. He is a member of the Mu'eshoe 4-H Club. Photo by-Pats Photo Parlor

WESTERN AUTO

Chancellor of Germany? 8. Name the author of "Captain Courageous." 9. Name the flower and stone for January. 10. The Battle of New Orleans was fought on what day in 1815?

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Answers To Who Knows

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Roy Bayless of Muleshoe vis-

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Mrs. J.D. Bayless Sunday after-

Mrs. Alta Sayler of Level-

land died at 5:30 Sunday after -

noon, Jan. 19, 1975. Funeral

services were at 2:00 p.m.

burial was in the Littlefield

Oh Joy!

husband could do all the

things his wife suspects he

Wouldn't it be fun, if a

-News, McAlester, Okla.

WHO KNOWS?

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3. Identify John Wilkes

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- 1. Gerald R. Ford as Vice President. "Shaking Palsy."
- 3. The assassin of Presi-
- 4. A German pioneer in aerial navigation.



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FIRST PLACE FEEDER STEER . . . Belinda Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mr.s. Joe Wheeler. She is a member of the Three Way 4-H Club. Photo by-Pats Photo Parlor

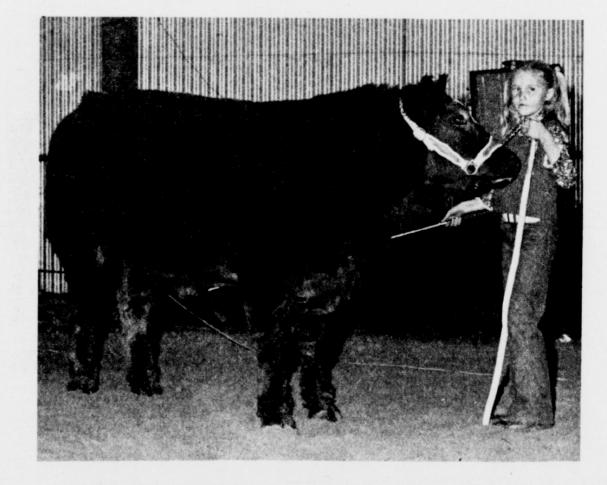
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FIRST PLACE LIGHTWEIGHT STEERS . . Jacinda Gleason, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Gleason, Steer weighed 918 pounds. She is a member of the Muleshoe 4-H Club. Photo by-Pats Photo Parlor





AUSTIN, Tex. - The 64th Texas Legislature started with a bang and a burst of action last week.

State Senators set new records for speed in organizing while the House named Rep. Bill Clayton of Springlake its new speaker and debated rules.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, as promised, named a complete roster of Senate standing

committees on the first day of the session, January 14. Only changes in chairmanships were Sens. Don Adams of Jasper moving up to head the housekeeping appropriations panel and Sen. Pete Snelson of Midland taking over the intergovernmental relations committee. The Senate went to work

almost immediately on a proposed emergency pay raise both houses advanced a measure to extend unemployment compensation benefits four weeks and gain \$5 million in federal funds.

Clayton, who defeated Rep Carl Parker of Port Arthur for the speakership, delayed naming of his committees until this week, while he concentrated on getting rules changes he wants.

Gov. Dolph Briscoe submitted lawmakers a long list of emergency measures for immediate consideration, including the pay raise for state workers and \$80 million in stop gap aid for schools. Other than the emergency measures, and rules adoption, little action is expected on the floor of either house until after the inauguration of Briscoe and Hobby to second terms Tuesday (January 21).

prepared long-Briscoe



SHOWMANSHIP AWARD went to Nicky Barnert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bainert. Photo by-Pats Photo Parlor

JAMES CRANE TIRE CO.

range recommendations for delivery to a joint session of the House and Senate Wednesday (January 22).

PRODUCTION STILL "WIDE OPEN"-February is" the 35th straight month of wide open statewide oil al-

lowable Texas Failroad Commission once again set a 100 per cent production order.

Meanwhile, independent oilmen said the decline in Texas oil production has begun a "big turnaround."

Frank Pitts of Dallas said 60,000 to 70,000 wells can be drilled a year instead of the present 30,000. There are lots of places to drill oilwells, but the cost is going to be high, said Pitts. Crude prices should aver-

age \$90 to \$100 per barrel to encourage drilling the maximum number of wells, said the Dallas oilman.

INVESTIGATION FUNDED -A Senate sub-committee was given a budget to begin an investigation of questioned Southwestern Bell Telephone Company operations in Texas.

The Senate Administration. Committee approved a \$27,-832 allowance to hire utility rate experts and two investigators to look into allegations of wire-tapping, campaign slush fund contributions and keeping of dual sets of books (one for rate cases).

Sen. Ron Clower of Garland, chairman of the Senate Sub-Committee on Consumer Affairs, said the panel already has an extensive file of leads. Clower said he hopes to have the investigation completed before the legislative session ends June

COMMISSION SIZE BLAMED-A House Liquor Regulation Investigation Committee blasted the Alcoholic Beverage Commission for forcing resignation of

ABC Administrator O. N. Humphreys Jr. Had the commission been a nine-member agency instead of a three-member body, one member would not have been able to "carry out

a relentless campaign" to get rid of Humphreys, the committee concluded. Commis-R. L. Thornton sioner launched the effort to fire Humphreys and finally convinced Joe Burkett Jr. of Kerrville to join in asking resignation.

COURTS SPEAK-A divided (5-4) Supreme Court threw out a mandatory nickel-a-ton assessment of grain sorghum growers to finance a program of farm product promotion and research. Third Court of Civil Appeals refused to overturn the will of an alcoholic who left most of his estate to two

to conflicting provisions.

· Development of parks and

· Confidentiality of faculty

performance evaluation can-

not be maintained against an

individual's right to access to

information which is the

basis for government action

· Private clubs and fra-

ternal and veterans organiza-

tions claiming they are pri-

vate places for defense

against gambling prosecution

must prove the public has no

BOARD CLAIMS SAVING-

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sons by his first marriage and little to his estranged second wife. APPOINTMENTS—Some 578

interim appointments by Gov. Dolph Briscoe to offices, state boards and agencies were sent to the State Senate for confirmation.

Among the more recent appointments were Walter Sterling of Houston, Tom Law of Fort Worth and Dan C. Williams of Dallas (reappointment) to the University of Texas board of regents; Alfred I. Davies of Dallas, Ross C. Watkins of Uvalde and Joe H. Reynolds of Houston (reappointment) to the A&M University board of directors:

Gerald Clayton Puckett of Fort Stockton and Jack Henry McCreary of Austin to Texas Aeronautics Commission (succeeding Paul M. Fulks Sr. of Wolfe City and James L. Luther of Killeen); and Jimmy Charles Payton of Euless to succeed Amon G. Carter Jr. of Fort Worth on the Trinity River Authority of Texas board of directors.

AG OPINIONS - Atty. Gen. John Hill held a requirement for reports of child abuse is applicable to the Department



Pork has been a staple

food for years and most folks have their own favorite ways of fixing it. Pineapple adds that special flavor to pork chops.

Hawaiian Pork Chops

4 pork chops 1/4 c vinegar 1/2 c catchup 9 oz. can crushed pineapple 1 T soy sauce

3 T brown sugar 1/2 t salt

2 c cooked rice Trim a little fat from the edge of pork chops and fry out in a heavy skillet. Remove pieces. Flour chops and brown in hot fat. Combine remaining ingredients. Spoon fat from skillet and pour catchup mixture over and around chops. Cover and cook over low heat 11/4 hours or until very tender. Spoon sauce over chops once or twice during cooking and add a little water as needed. Serve chops and sauce with

cooked rice.

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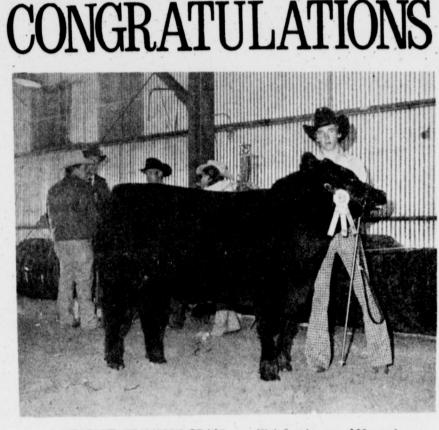
fiscal year "saved" Texans of Mental Health and Mental \$5.7 million in benefits or Retardation, without regard returned premiums. In other recent opinions,

Don Odum cited administrative action against 36 agents and 18 companies and 1,900 field investigations by the board license division.

Planned board reorganization will save \$250,000 in annual operating costs, the report stated. There were 1,705 insurance companies licensed to sell policies in Texas at the start of the current fiscal year.

1974-SAFER?-Vehicle accidents dropped six per cent last year below 1973, and 1974 may have been the safest year on record considering the traffic death rate per 100-million miles, according to the Department of Public Safety.

The traffic toll for the



RESERVE CHAMPION STEER Kirk Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lewis, He is a member of the YL 4-H Club. Photo by-Pats Photo Parlor

FARMERS CO-OP ELEVATOR

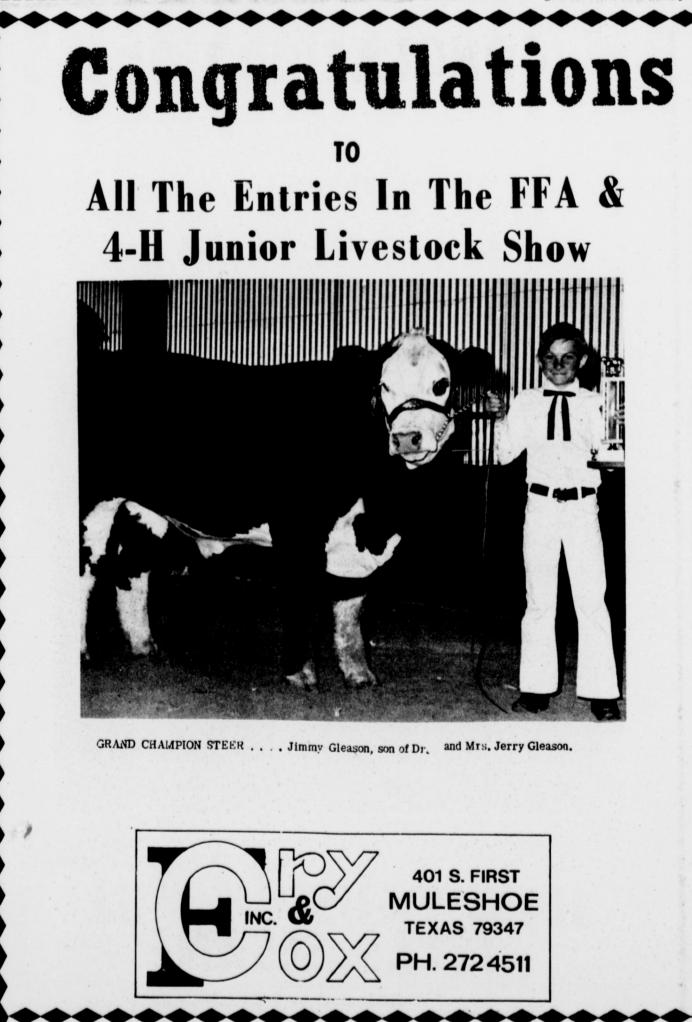
year may reach 3,042 when all reports are in. That would represent a saving of 650 Insurance Commissioner lives from 1973. In 1964, 3,006 were killed in Texas

traffic accidents. DPS Director Wilson Speir speculated that the reduction in driving and reduced speed limit brought about the improved safety record.

SHORT SNORTS

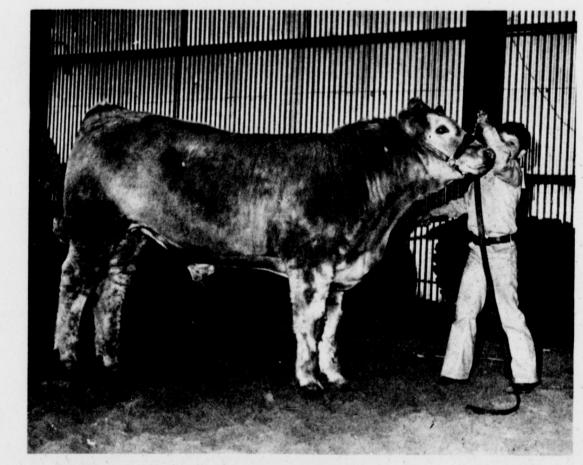
Governor Briscoe expressed concern that President Ford's energy proposals, including excise taxes on domestic oil and gas production, may take \$3.4 billion out of the Texas economy in the form of higher utility and gasoline bills.

The winter tourist season is blossoming, and heading toward a near record, according to Texas Tourist Development Agency.



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All FFA & 4-H Members In Adding To Our **Agriculture Progress!**



Jay Gleason showed steer for Jacinda Gleason, both are the children of Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Gleason, Steer weighed 1018 pounds. Both are members of the Muleshoe 4-H Club, Photo by-Pats Photo Parlor

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Beware of "cold" complications. When a "cold" persists for ten days, call your doctor. Severe illness from infection may result.

When your husband can't locate a much needed wash-

Page 8, Muleshoe Journal, Thursday, January 23, 1975 er, suggest that he cut a

Start 1975 off by keeping temporary one from a plastic a home diary. It's a good day by day record of expenses, It's New Year Resoluplanting dates for vegetables tion time again. How many and flowers, medical records and appointments. did you keep that you made

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With the opening of Senate Agriculture Committee hearings the week of February 3, Congress will have launched what is shaping up as a full-scale and much-needed review of the now one-year old farm law, according to Donald Johnson, Exeuctive Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock.

"Changes are needed in some of the law's provisions for two reasons," Johnson continues. "First, leapfrogging production costs and crashing market prices (for cotton) in 1974 made the law obsolete before harvest of the first crops to which it applied. Second, some provisions of the law have been administered in a manner most unsympathetic and prejudicial to the interests of agricultural producers."

When the law was passed in 1973, the average U.S. cost of producing a pound of cotton was estimated at around 33 or 34 cents. In 1974 that cost figure jumped to at least 50¢, and another hefty round of price increases on production inputs is assured for 1975.

Also, the market price of cotton since the law's inception has plummeted more than 50 per cent from an average spot market quote on Strict Low Middling inch-and-a-sixteenth cotton of 78 cents in January 1974 to less than 37 cents in December.

"These figures clearly demonstrate that the 38-cent per pound target price and the 25.26 cent loan price in 1974 were grossly inadequate," Johnson notes, "and the figures for 1975, unless Congress acts to change them, will remain outdated when considered in the light of inflation production costs."

As the law is now written, the unget price for 1975 will remain at 38 cents a pound. Secretary of Agriculture Butz has announced a "preliminary" loan rate of 34.27 cents for 1975.

One of the fundamental purposes of farm law is to provide farmers the price protection necessary to induce adequate production of food, feed and fiber for this country's needs and to permit foreign sales of agricultural commodities to continue their vital contribution to the nation's trade balance.

"I think Congress is aware of this farm program objective," Johnson concludes, "but there is a wide diversity of opinion as to how it can best be reached, and it will be a long, hard fight to get the law rewritten in a manner that will serve the best interests of agriculture."

There are 75 freshman Congressmen on the Hill and 19 new members of the House Agriculture Committee," he points out, "plus the fact that the Democratic caucus has just voted Congressman Bob Poage out of the Chairman's seat on the House Agriculture Committee.

"Under these conditions it is not now possible to accurately predict the outcome of pending legislative deliberations. However, it is fairly safe to say that changes in the present law will be made, and that the form of those changes will to some degree depend on agriculture's ability to propose reasonable, practical, acceptable alternatives to the present law's shortcomings."

The Lonely Heart-

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It would mean more money in

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low the poverty line.

And, on a purely individual

healthy economic growth.

I am introducing legislation providing \$13 billion in tax re-CHASING POWER lief to midd'e and lower income My tax credit proposal is one Americans. very definitive step we can take

My legislation would save these taxpayers money by establishing a \$250 tax credit as an option to the personal exemption.

There is no longer any argument that our nation is indeed suffering the worst recession of the six we have had since World War 11.

Unemployment stands at a staggering 7.1 percent. This means that more than six and a half million Americans cannot find work. And according to the best estimates, these figures will continue to grow worse, with unemployment deepening to eight percent in coming months.

I am convinced there is only one effective weapon we can use to combat this and that weapon is economic growth. Economic growth, to bring us out of recession without fanning the flames of inflation that persist in decreasing the value of

back into the American Economy. We must get it growing again. We must put people back to work and at the same time get the productivity gains we need to keep inflation under control.

British bills to curb I.R.A. become law.

bill by roughly \$400. TAX REFORMS REPLENISH LOST REVENJE

I am hardly alone in seeing the need for a tax reduction. In the closing days of the last session of Congress, the Joint Economic Committee released a report which called for \$10 billion in tax relief to America's working families.

And now the President has announced a proposed tax reduction. His suggested cut, however, is not directed as much at middle and lower income Americans as I feel it should be to accomplish our

goals. The \$13 billion tax cut I am seeking is a lot of money, and we will have to make up the lost revenue in other ways. But the important thing to remember here is that there are other ways.

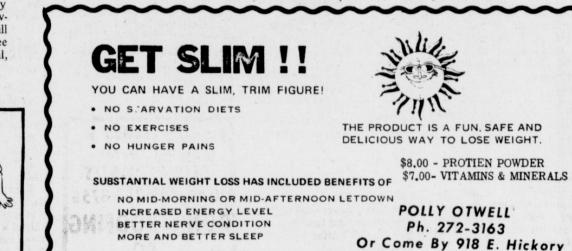
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cent of the energy consumed in our country each year. And the National Bureau of Standards reports that this usage could be cut by almost one-third through improved technology.

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The American economy remains, after all, the strongest economy in the world, if we can but bring it up to its potential. My tax relief measure is in-

In the case of a family of four making \$10,000 a year, my tended to help us realize this proposal would slash their tax potential.



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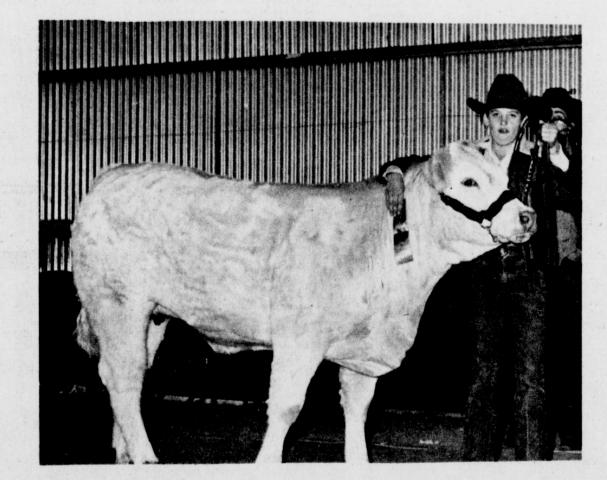
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omy and the related energy pol-THE 94th BEGINNING CONGRESS icy is too complex for simple, one-shot solutions. This week, as the new 94th

We have moved into a re-Congress convened in Washingcession within the past few ton, the main topic of disweeks. Prices and wages are cussion among my colleagues climbing higher while prowas the state of our economy duction has fallen off and our and the need for a national energy conservation policy. The unemployment rate is reaching chief concern of President high proportions. We must Ford in both his address to understand that recession is caused by the pressures of inthe nation on Monday night and flation. As prices continue his State of the Union mesto rise, people are forced sage to Congress on Wednesto cut back on their spending. day also centered on these two Families delay those large purchases such as a new car or Before the 93rd Congress adjourned in December, I was

new home. As demand falls off, so does production. High chairman of a Republican Senunemployment is the result ate Ad Hoc Committee which which further reduces demand. presented several proposals to President Ford addressing our We need to reverse this cycle. I strongly believe that we economic problems. The Democannot abandon our fight against cratic opposition has offered inflation in our zeal to stimuits program of solutions which late our economy out of recesdiffers considerably from the sion. I am willing to sup-port efforts to provide relief President's. The only certainty we have at this moment is that for the jobless and for Amerithere are as many proposed solcans with dwindling paychecks. utions to our problems as there I will support President Ford's are economists and politicians. request for tax cuts for in-Indeed, the state of our econdividuals.

> However, if our only solution is to put more money in the hands of the consumer, then the result is increased demand for fewer goods and services which is the classic definition of inflation. Couple this demanc for goods with the excessive high interest rates caused by government competition in the money market and we have runaway inflation once again. We must find a way to provide in-

Levelland died at 5 p.m. Sunday at Cook Memorial Hospital Levelland after a lengthy ducements to businesses to illness. She was a sister of expand production capacity, Ernest W. Locker and Morthereby stimulating the job gan D. Locker, both of Mulemarket. President Ford has request-

Services were held at 2 p.m. ed an increase in corporate Tuesday in the George C. Price investment tax credits as well Funeral Home Chapel in Levas a cut in corporate income elland with Rev. J. Prentis Mctaxes in order to provide this Gee, pastor of the First Bapinducement for expansion. I will tist Church of Levelland, ofsupport this request when it comes to the Senate. Burial was in the Little-

The President has also suggested a tax on oil from A native of Oklahoma, she foreign sources, both as an atmoved to Bula in 1925. She tempt to reduce our depenmoved to Levelland from Mordence on foreign oil and as an addition to our tax revenues.

ficit? 1 strongly believe that Tax Returns Should Be Early we in Congress must take a hard look at government spend-

ing programs. Thus, Presi-Plainview area residents dent Ford's moratorium on should consider filing their 1974 any new government spending income tax returns as soon as programs for the next year possible if they have not almight well be the proper course ready done so, according to for us in the Congress to follow. Walter Perry, Director's Rep-I am convinced that there are resentative of the Internal Revmany areas where spending can enue Service (IRS) for the Plainbe reduced. Too many govview area. ernment programs have built-"One basic fact you can in spending incrases through

the years which have not been

controlled by Congress and

cannot be controlled by the

The next three months are

going to be very crucial to the

future of our entire economic

structure. I am somewhat con-

cerned that many new Con-

gressmen will be too anxious

to spend more tax money.

Therefore, I hope that my

colleagues will temper their

zeal for swift action with mod

"There is only one point

on which all advisers have

agreed: We must whip infla-

Gerald Ford, President:

tion right now."

President.

eration.

always depend on," said Perry, "is that the sooner you file your return, the sooner you'll receive a refund if you are due one.' He especially urged taxpayers not to delay filing their returns while hoping for a tax cut. He explained that the proposed tax rebate, if approved by Congress, would be based on a taxpayer's total tax liability for 1974. That liability, he said,

cannot be computed until after a taxpayer's return has been filed with the IRS and proceeded at the agency's computer center in Austin.

Perry said that persons filing income tax returns this year actually have two reasons to file early. Those expecting refunds

will get those refunds in about five weeks, while taxpayers filing in March or April may have to wait up to twelve weeks for their refund. And all taxpayers. including those who will owe tax with their returns, need to have a correctly completed return filed with the IRS before they can think about receiving a tax. rebate.

> Edward Kennedy, Senator (D-Mass):

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"The United States should increase its contributions for the relief of Palestinian refugees in the Middle East."

John C. Sawhill, acting head of the Federal Energy Administration:

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Survivors include one son, Glen Byron of Felt, Oklahoma: two daughters, Mrs. Merle Todd of Fort Stockton and Mrs. Larry Bowers of Levelland; three brothers, Ernest W. Locker and Morgan D. Locker, both of Muleshoe, and Fred M. Locker of Bula; and

field Memorial Park.

five grandchildren.



corvice.

I am somewhat inclined to question this plan because this no way provides any adin ditional incentives to oil companies to explore and produce from our domestic sources. For the same reason. I am not in favor of rationing. Most of my colleagues in

Congress need to learn the A-B-C's" of the energy industry. I am fearful that their efforts to find a scapegoat for our energy shortages may worsen the situation by penalizing the very people who produce our energy. Instead, we in Congress must provide inducements through the free market system to spur the petroleum industry to further exploration and production. We are facing a severe natural gas shortage this winter. I will again push for deregulation of the price of natural gas at the wellhead. I will continue to fight for retaining the oil depletion allowance for the independent oil producer who is responsible for discovering the vast majority of domestic petroleum reserves. So, if we are to have de-

creased tax revenues from individuals and corporations and if an oil tax is not the answer, then where are we to reconcile our growing government de-

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Farm Bureau Will Conduct Conference

The Texas Farm Bureau will ized county Farm Bureaus in conduct a joint Legislative Con-ference and 1975 Membership Kick-Off in Austin Jan. 28-29 at the Driskill Hotel, according to Carrol Chaloupka of Dalhart, president of the state farm organization.

Invited to the meeting are county Farm Bureau presi dents, and chairmen of legislative and membership committees. There are 210 organthe state. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 28, and the two-day program will be concluded with a membership kickoff luncheon next day. The TFB,

which ended its 1974 year with an all-time high of 166,216 member families enrolled, will be trying for 175,000 members in 1975. Another goal is to have all of the 210 counties gain in

members. Every county has shown a gain for the past two years.

Highlights of the Legislative Conference which will be held on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, will be discussions on legislative techniques and speeches by legislators. TFB President Chaloupka

will open the conference with an explanation of TFB's leg-

islative program during this session of the Legislature.

"Building Legislative Effectiveness" will be outlined by TFB legislative staff members. Ed McKay of Waco, and Pat Smith of Austin, McKay is national affairs director and Smith is director of state affairs.

McKay will discuss major national issues that will be affecting agriculture in 1975.

plans call for county delegations to meet with their respective legislators on Tuesday evening. Most plan to arrange private dinner meetings.

A number of legislators are scheduled to speak to the group on various issues Wednesday morning. The speakers and their top-

ics include: Rep. Bill Sullivant, Gainesville, "Financing Public Education"; Senator Tom Creighton, Mineral Wells, "Land Use Planning"; Sen-Mineral Wells, ator Bill Patman, Ganada,

"Water Rights and Regula-

tions''; Senator Max Sherman.

Amarillo, "Is Zero Pollution Possible?"; and Rep. Joe Hubenak, Rosenburg, "Animal Health Problems." Executive Director TFB

Warren Newberry of Waco will present a conference summary. In charge of the kick-off luncheon program on Wednesday will be James Burns, Waco, TFB director of field activities division; and Don Neu-mann, Waco, TFB director of field services.

Plan to end G.I. bill is under study.

95 Percent Of 1974 Area Cotton Classed percent the previous week.

More than 95 percent of this year's crop has been classed, according to Paul R. Dickson, in charge of the USDA's Cotton Classing Office in Lubbock. ' About 4,000 samples a day are coming in,' he added. The USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service reported Lubbock and Brownfield classed 31,000 samples during the week ending Friday, January 17. This brought the season's

total to 1,035,000. On this same

date last year the total was

accounted for nine percent of the samples. This compares to 13 percent the week before.Micronaire readings below 3.5 accounted for the other 91 percent this week. Prices quoted by the Lub-

The predominant staples

were 30 and 31. Staple 30

amounted to 27 percent and

staple 31 was 36 percent of

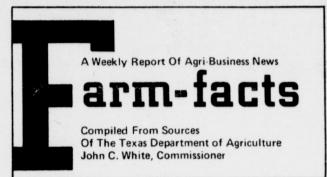
Micronaire readings in the

premium range of 3.5 to 4.9

the samples.

2,283,000, Dickson said. At Lubbock predominant grades this week were 42 and 52. Grade 42 accounted for 25 percent while grade 52 was assigned to 21 percent of the cotton samples. Forty-three percent of these samples were reduced one grade because of bark. This is up from 33

bock Cotton Exchange for the most predominant qualities in the 3,5 to 4.9 micronaire range were: grade 42, staple 30-27.15, staple 31 - 28.15 cents per pound. For grade 52, staple 30 - 24.30, staple 31 - 25.10 cents per pound. Mixed lots of cotton brought 15,25 to 31.50 cents per pound.



Be On The Lookout ... Fertilizer Concern ... Sheep and Lamb Feeding Declines ... Second Lowest In 20 Years.

Figures that should help you to decide what and how much to plant are to be released this week. Included will be the crop intentions planting report on a national and state level. This will involve planting projections for major crops including grain sorghum, cotton, corn and other crops. Study it closely; it should give you an insight into what farmers will be planting this year.

Also study the grain stocks in position report, which is expected to be released this week. That will show you the amount of various grains on hand.

Still another report you might want to look at closely will be the 1974 report for Texas crops. This report was recently issued and will update previous preliminary reports on Texas farm production.

These and other reports about farm production are becoming of more and more interest. Not only are producers taking a closer look at them, but agribusinessmen as well as consumers are paying attention to them since they will give an insight into production plans and thus prospective total production of various commodities during 1975.

Producers can use these reports to help them determine their own production plans for 1975. For current reports, write the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

FERTILIZER industry spokesmen are concerned about the amount of fertilizer that will be needed to produce this year's crops.



An increase is expected for feed grains including corn and grain sorghum. Although a decrease in acres is anticipated for cotton, it is not expected to be enough to offset other increases.

The inventory of fertilizers has also been decreased compared to previous years.

Fertilizer industry spokesmen did not indicate what prices might be for 1974, but a U.S. Department of Agriculture study shows a 10 to 15 per cent increase in price is in the offing over the prices of 1974.

SHEEP and lamb feeding continues to decline. Drylot sheep feeders with a lot capacity of 2,000 head or more had only 59,000 sheep and lambs on feed for slaughter as of Jan. 1, the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service notes.

This is 45 per cent below a year earlier and the lowest Jan. 1 total since 1970. Placements during last December totaled 22,000 head.

Current intentions to market include: 23,000 in January; 23,000 in February; and 13,000 in March. February and March intentions are incomplete at this time because additional lambs could still be placed on feed and marketed during the period.

Marketings during December numbered 35,000 head, which is 4,000 more head than intended marketings of last Dec. 1 and 22 per cent below a year ago.

COTTON production figures for Texas continue to decline, reflecting the severe weather conditions for that crop last year. Harvest is virtually complete.

Average per acre yield is now set at 279 pounds. This would be the second lowest yield of the past 20 years.

Total production of cotton for the state for the 1974 season will be two million bales under that of 1973. The anticipated total now is 2,620,000 bales. In 1973, the total was 4,673,000 bales.

