

Weather

	HIGH	LOW	PREC.
June 9	83	60	
June 8	80	59	
June 7	82	57	
June 6	78	55	
Precip. to date 3.45"			

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STATE 4-H WINNERS . . . Pictured with the ribbons brought home from state competition at College Station last weekend are these members of the Progress Vaqueros 4-H Club. Shown from left are Mark Fried, Curtis Carpenter, Sharla Farmer and Joie Carpenter.

the members of the Horse Judging Team. This was the first time for the team to compete at state level. They were accompanied to the competition by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Farmer.

No Moisture Received In Dry Southern Area

Resentment Building For Seeding Clouds

Rain Traces Erratic Path; Flash Flooding Monday Night

Clouds build up, and up, and slide right on by the barren drought ridden southern part of the county and "We didn't get enough rain to talk about," was the answer by Western Food Supply at Needmore when a spokesman was asked, "How much rain did you get out there Monday night?" Actually, 2 of an inch was recorded, and it was still far from the two inches plus, needed in order to plant anything.

Mrs. Bud Street of the Coyote Lake area said they received .4 at the ranch where they live, but still register .0 in the rain gauge at the farm three miles west of Enochs.

Reports of heavy runoff and temporary closing of Highway 70 east of Muleshoe near Earth and FM Road 303 north of Sudan were recorded Monday night, with more than two inches falling in a short time in that area. However, Mrs. Ken Angeley said they only received an inch at their farm northeast of Muleshoe in the Pleasant Valley community.

West of Muleshoe, Mrs. Jesse Gray said they had no rain Monday night, but did receive 1.75 since last Wednesday, June 2. She said their farm in the Coyote Lake area remains too dry to plant.

The Monday rains which boiled out of the southwest with low hanging clouds and a minimum of thunder and lightning, just a slow, steady rain that fell almost straight down in Muleshoe. Intermittent rain fell throughout Monday night, with partially cloudy skies noted all day Tuesday. Rain reports in two ranged up to .5 with rain predicted to continue Tuesday evening.

According to the newest issue of 'The Cross Section' the monthly publication of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, of two controversial permits to conduct weather modification activities on the High Plains of Texas, one permit will allow the operation

to be conducted in a portion of Bailey County.

The information said the Texas Water Development Board approved the permit of Atmospherics, Inc., of Fresno, Calif., and based in Littlefield, to operate in all or parts of Lamb, Deaf Smith, Randall, Parmer, Castro, Swisher, Bailey, Hale, Cochran, Hockley and Lubbock Counties.

Atmospherics permit extends from May 7 to October 31 although the applicants had originally asked for four-year permits, as a result of the 1975 amendment to the 1967 Wea-

ther Modification Act which The Cross Section said gives the Texas Water Development Board the right to grant permits up to four years.

According to Royston Lanning, TWDB legal counsel, who conducted meetings in Lubbock on March 17 and 18, "The proposed operations will not dissipate clouds, and, in fact, probably cannot dissipate them by silver iodide seeding.

"The operations will not prevent the natural course of developing rain from the clouds in the areas where the operations are to be conducted, but

may change the form of precipitation from hail, to rain, and will probably increase the rainfall.

"There is no material detriment to persons or property in the area of the proposed operations from diminished rainfall, but there may be benefits from the elimination of hail."

He also said that it could not show that clouds had been dissipated by cloud seeding operations and the precipitation has or will be modified.

In the meantime, dryland producers continue to scan the sky prayerfully as no moisture has fallen for them to plant their barren plowed ground.

Local Independent Insurance Agent Explains Rising Costs

"The insurance industry is suffering from two kinds of inflation," stated local independent insurance agent Kenneth R. Henry of Henry Insurance Agency of Muleshoe. "Economic inflation is familiar to us all and strikes us all. Social inflation, the second problem confronted by the insurance industry, is a phrase coined to describe the increasingly high jury awards now being given."

Henry is a member of the Insurance Counselors Association of Texas commonly called ICAT. This association of agents represents nearly 1500 agencies and hundreds of thousands of clients - all of them experiencing rate increases on their personal insurance in recent months. His association is interested in informing the public about the difficulties of the insurance industry.

He explained the concept of social inflation as follows: "While the basic purpose of our legal system is to restore people to the position they were in prior to a loss, jury awards are now exorbitant. They are often far in excess of the amount necessary to restore the injured party to the position he was in before the loss.

"This is the problem we confront in medical malpractice insurance, for example. Physicians are refusing to treat patients because if they are sued for medical malpractice and loss, jury awards are often in excess of \$2 million. The cost of product liability insurance is yet another example - businessmen are suffering from a rapidly increasing insurance expense.

"What this adds up to is a higher and higher insurance costs and bills for everyone. Our society must be made aware of this problem, come to its senses and deal with it before we sue ourselves right out of existence," added Henry.

"Compounding the problem, of course, have been the recent radical increases in the cost of goods and services for which the insurance dollar pays. A recent cost study conducted by a company-sponsored research group, shows that a car owner would have to pay \$19,979 to replace all the parts on a totally wrecked 1976 standard-sized car, assuming a factory price of \$4,438. That's more than four times the original purchase price of the car! Damage to less than one-fourth of the car will cost more to repair than the whole car is worth. Of course, nobody would pay \$19,979 to rebuild a car, but this kind of arithmetic shows why even minor crashes damage costs so much to repair. Medical costs are also rising - although not as fast.

"Remarkably, insurance costs have increased drastically, but this has put insurance companies in a potentially dangerous position. They have not been receiving enough premium dollars to meet the rise in economic inflation - radically increased prices for what they purchase, including auto parts and repairs, hospital rooms, medical services - or to meet the demands of social inflation - the rise in average jury award. Consequently, the insurance companies must seek increases in the price of what you pay for insurance.

Henry offered some advice to consumers who might want to cut their insurance costs. "First," he stated, "use deductibles. With them, you pay for the minor damage to your home or car, but effectively save much more on the price of your insurance policy. Second, make sure your insurance is tailored to your needs - remember, the cost of your house is increasing, too, so be sure you are covered for today's prices. Third, don't switch insurance companies, because they are all suffering from the same problems. And last, come and talk to me, if you have any questions. That's what I'm here for," he concluded.

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Cotton Research Improves Market

Cotton's dollar-a-bale research and promotion program is helping develop improved products for consumers and enabling growers to achieve greater markets at a profit.

This view was expressed today by J.D. Smith, Bailey County



around Muleshoe. Visitors in the Jack Rials home over the weekend included their daughter and family from Denver, Indiana; Mrs. Jim (Pat) Dunnuck and children, Heather, Kimberly and Janie. They will be here for another week.

Also visiting were Sgt. and Mrs. Billy Rials and Bobby from Fort Carson, Colo. and Wanda Adkins and children, Leslie, Melissa and Mandy from Arlington.

Visiting in the home of Sheriff and Mrs. Dee Clements over the past weekend were their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Olan Dee Clements from Albuquerque.

Other visitors included the Sheriff's sister, Mrs. Beatrix Stinnett of Paduch and Mrs. Clements' mother, Mrs. Chaney, from Plainview.

Joe (Buck) Mayberry has been visiting his parents in Paduch.

The Cotter family reunion was held in Littlefield at the park, Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6. Those attending from Muleshoe and the surrounding areas were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sinnacher of Lariat; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sinnacher of pep; and Miss Linda Joe Sinnacher, of Muleshoe. Miss Sinnacher is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mathis Sinnacher of Portales.

Gregg Bass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Bass, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. M.G. Bass, former residents of Muleshoe, received his commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force Reserve during commissioning and awards ceremonies at Sul Ross State University recently.

Bass, a graduating senior, also received the AFROTC Extracurricular Activities Distinguished Participation Ribbon.

Producer in commenting on the work of Cotton Incorporated, the organization that carries out growers' research and promotion effort.

As an example he cited the development and marketing of "Natural Blend," a shirting fabric with a minimum of 60 percent cotton. It has the natural comfort of cotton, plus the durable press quality lacking in all-cotton shirts.

Before the grower-financed effort helped introduce these fabrics, most durable press shirts contained only 35 percent cotton.

Cotton Incorporated worked with several major mills and Manhattan Shirt Co. to bring "Natural Blend" shirts on the market. Latest reports indicate that 11 other shirt manufacturers will offer the product in their dress shirt lines in 1976.

"One of the most crucial areas of research today deals with flame retardancy," Smith pointed out.

"This is a new field for cotton. The survival of cotton, or any other fiber, is directly related to the effectiveness of research and developing fabrics and garments that will pass government flame retardant standards."

He explained that Cotton Incorporated, in cooperation with the USDA's Southern Regional Laboratory, New Orleans, has

Jaycees Sate

Second Annual

Tennis Tourney

With the advent of warm weather, tennis rackets are strung, tennis balls are checked and resupplied and arms start limbering up for a summer on the tennis courts.

Helping the popular sport are the Muleshoe Jaycees who are sponsoring the Muleshoe Jaycees Second Annual Tennis Tournament on June 18-20.

Trophies will be presented in Double Elimination and Doubles only for Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles. There will be no mixed play this year.

Two classes are available for men, up to and including 34 years of age and above 35. Entry fee is \$12 per team, and deadline for entry is noon on Wednesday, June 16.

To register contact Terry Field at 272-3522 or 272-3252.

achieved a major breakthrough with a flame retardant finish that can be applied to 100 percent cotton knits and woven fabrics.

Trademarked Fire-Stop Cotton, the process makes fabrics containing at least 70 percent cotton virtually fireproof up to 50 home launderies. This is required to meet government standards. The process retains cotton's comfort and remains soft, an important quality for sleepwear.

Montgomery Ward, as well as others, currently is retailing the Fire-Stop Cotton in children's sleepwear, he noted.

"We do not wish to imply we have solved all the problems in flame retardancy. We haven't because no one finish can be applied to all end-use products," he added.

In view of this fact, cotton must intensify and expand its research in flame retardancy to meet these challenges involving many of cotton's largest markets, he concluded.

Progress 4-H Club Brings Home Trophy

Several members of the Progress 4-H Horse Club attended the Terry County 4-H Club Invitational Horse Show and Playday on Saturday, June 5, at Brownfield.

Members attending and bringing home ribbons, and belt buckles were John and Lynette Warren, Steven and Chad Griswold, Shane and Julie Claunch and John Welch.

Participating in typical varying South Plains weather which saw clouds, rain, sunshine, and sand, the rains came down during the halter classes which had to be held outside the arena due to mud; then part of the parking lot was plowed up for a show arena then again bright sun beamed down on the Playday activities.

The seven participants won the Team Trophy for Bailey County and this made the third consecutive year that Bailey County has brought home the Team Trophy from Brownfield. This trophy, among others, will be displayed at the Production Credit Associ-

Bailey County 4-H'ers Cop State Honors

Four members of the Progress Vaqueros 4-H Club traveled to the Texas State 4-H Roundup at College Station June 1-3 for competition.

The Horse Judging Team of Mark Fried, Curtis Carpenter, Sharla Farmer and Joie Carpenter and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Farmer made the trip.

Team members placed fourth in Halter Judging and sixth in Overall Judging. In individual competition, honors went to Curtis Carpenter for fourth in Performance and fifth in overall Judging and to Joie Carpenter for fifth in Halter Judging.

Also, the Bailey County team qualified to compete in State by winning District competition against 20 other counties. At state, they competed against 28 other top teams from all over the state.

This was the highest scores ever received by Bailey County at Roundup and the first time a Horse Judging team has qualified for state competition.

Only 11 points were marked between first and sixth place and each member and coaches of the top 10 teams were presented awards.

Progress 4-H Club Brings Home Trophy

ation office. Judge was D.K. Robinett of Lamesa.

The Progress members brought home trophies and ribbons for the following places and classes:

LYNETTE WARREN

Pee Wee
Won a belt buckle for high point pee wee and won first for reining, poles, barrels and flags in the pee wee division and fifth in pee wee Western Pleasure.

JOHN WARREN

Young Junior
Won a belt buckle for high point young junior and won second for poles and flags, third for reining, fourth for barrels and fifth for Western Pleasure in the young junior division.

STEVEN GRISWOLD

Pee Wee
He won third for poles, sixth for barrels, sixth in flags, eighth in Western Pleasure and ninth in halter for grade geldings.

CHAD GRISWOLD

Pee Wee
Chad won eighth for flags. Cont. on Page 3, Col. 4

Meteorologist Shows Film For Rotary

Fitting right in with recent weather, Pesky Winn asked Ronald Imes, Disaster Preparedness Meteorologist from the National Weather Service in Lubbock to be guest speaker at Tuesday Rotary meeting.

The meteorologist showed a severe weather film, "Nesho, Mo. Preparedness" and told Rotarians that Muleshoe and Bailey County are in the Lubbock National Weather Service area and weather warnings issued are out of the Lubbock NWS office. He informed the group of the 250 mile range radar and said the solid state radar is utilized for weather predictions, along with satellite equipment which was installed last year.

"We are still in the severe weather season," he warned, "and I would urge that people not let their guard down. I would also caution, severe weather can hit any time, day or night."

He told the group that tornadoes usually travel from a southwest to northeast and most of the time are on the trailing edge of a storm. They may be very small, somewhere around five feet in diameter, but are still deadly, even when that small.

Imes trains weather spotters, including Civil Defense, CB Radio groups, and law enforcement personnel. He also writes severe weather data and research material.

Guests for the Rotary meeting also include Joe Harbin, City Manager Dave Marr and Charlie Duval.



TRAYLOR (DUDE) CROUCH

Crouch Beating Termed 'Murder'

Traylor T. (Dude) Crouch, 59, who was severely beaten and cut in an apparent fight at the Muleshoe Hotel sometime last Wednesday night, June 2, died of his injuries Sunday, June 6, at 2 p.m. in the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo.

Crouch, who moved to Muleshoe 20 years ago from Littlefield, was found bleeding in a room in the Hotel Thursday afternoon and taken by ambulance to West Plains Medical Center for emergency treatment before being transferred to the hospital in Amarillo.

Thursday night, surgeons in the Veterans Hospital amputated his left leg at the hip and did

abdominal surgery to repair a perforated intestine. He died from complications following the surgery.

A farmer, Crouch was a veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Church of Christ. Dude Crouch was born in Wolfe City, Texas on May 21, 1917.

Sheriff Dee Clements and Deputy Sheriff Alton Carpenter, who are heading the investigation into the beating-stabbing, continue to attempt to trace out leads and find people who saw Crouch during the final hours before the beating took place, apparently in the hotel room where he was registered.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, in the Singleton-Ellis Chapel of the Chimes, with Rev. J.E. Meeks, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Muleshoe officiating. Burial was in Bailey County Memorial Park under direction of Singleton-Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Survivors include two sons, Billy Dean and Barry, both of Fort Worth; his parents, Joe W. Crouch and Katie Crouch, both of Muleshoe; four sisters, Mrs. E.H. Hall, Mrs. Raymond Scott, Mrs. Buford Hunt and Mrs. Woodie Surratt, all of Muleshoe; one brother, Bill Crouch of Muleshoe and one grandchild.

Palbearers were nephews, Robert Hunt, Ronald Scott, Troy Scott, Tommy Hall, Bob Hall and Mack Reed.

Enochs News

By Mrs. J.D. Bayless

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Josie Vanlandingham Thursday night were Mr. and Mrs. Rick Ofolon and son, from Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Phillips did some fishing the past week at Ute Lake, near Logan.

Mrs. Alberta Bryant of Littlefield was a dinner guest in the home of the C.C. Snitkers Wednesday. She went over to the Bible school, at the Baptist Church.

Rev. Charlie Shaw and the R.A. boys did a lot of work in the cemetery before Memorial Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Seagler returned home Tuesday, after spending eight days camped out at Lake Hubbard, where they did some fishing.

Shellie Salyer of Friona visited Tuesday with Chris, Kim and Kerry Rowden of Lubbock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E.N. McCall. Chris, Kim and Kerry spent the week with their grandparents and went to Bible school.

Mrs. Ronnie Gilbert of Sudan visited her dad, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Snitker, recently.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Josie Vanlandingham last Saturday was a sister-in-law, Mrs. Minnie Bell Gibson of Panhandle, and her three daughters, Mrs. Edna Graham and Mrs. Edith Amex, both of Amarillo; and Mrs. Elsie Vaughn, of Muleshoe.

Carl Hall and daughter, Mrs. Bill Burris returned home last Saturday after visiting with his sons, Lawrence Hall and family in Anaheim, Calif. and Cleo Hall and family at Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Kelso of Lubbock visited her son, Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Shaw last Sunday and attended church at the Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Snitker drove to Hart Friday and visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Snitker and family, until Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Layton and son, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Austin and family, in Lubbock last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Shaw and baby of Post spent last Saturday night and Sunday with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Shaw.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Bayless Memorial Day was her sister, Mrs. Gracy Swanner and son, Jimmie, of Lubbock.

Mrs. Winnie Byars spent Thursday until Tuesday at Starford Lake with a group of relatives, where they did some fishing.

Tournament Underway

Trapshooters from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Louisiana and other states gathered in Houston, Wednesday, June 9, and will continue through Sunday, June 13. The tournament, hosted by the Greater Houston Gun Club, and The Texas Trapshooters Association, 2300 members strong, will consist of a total of 1200 clay targets for the field; 400 16 yard targets, in five classes, 150 pair of doubles targets in classes, and 500 handicap targets, with the end result being the crowning of the Texas State Trapshooting Champions.

Tony Waking, president, and Ray Williams, manager of the Club, are expecting some 300 to 400 shooters to shoot approximately one-half million (500,000) clay targets and shotshells, in competing for the \$5400.00 in added money, 161 trophies, plus several thousands of dollars (roughly \$30,000.00) in option money put up by the shooters in the five day event.

Trapshooting today is one of the fastest growing participator sports in the world, with shooters from 12 to 80 years of age competing for the awards to be given. The game has something for everyone who likes the thrill of competing and shooting a shotgun: men, women, children, husband and wife, parent and child, veterans, juniors, sub-juniors, plus competition from and by the five zones in which the state organization is divided.

Ready cash, it seems, is able to outdo magicians in a disappearing act.

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Jimmy and Rasael Jarros of Las Vegas, N.M. have been visiting their grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Shaw.

Visiting in the Chester Petree home last week were her sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cowan of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Williamson of Lubbock. Those spending the weekend with them were her brother, Mr. and Mrs. L.O. Williams of Amarillo. They drove to Clovis, Saturday and visited Mr. and

Mrs. Kenneth Petree and saw the Rodeo Parade.

Mr. and Mrs. Burley Roberts and children, Melonie, Bryan and Timothy, accompanied by her grandmother, Mrs. Lorene Crockett of Morton, attended the Crockett family reunion at Altus, Okla. It was Friday through Sunday. There were 26 in attendance.

Mrs. Alma Altman and daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Coats, at-

tended the Baccalaureate of her grandson, Steven Vic Byrum. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vick Byrum of Tucumcari, N.M. It was held at Tucumcari on May 22. There were 140 graduates.

Mrs. Alma Altman also attended the graduation exercises of a granddaughter, Susan Baker, on May 25, at the Morton High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coats and Kim attended the graduation of Kenneth's nephew, Sand-

syde Hodge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hodge, of White Deer, on May 28.

You can recognize your friends by the fact that they sometimes have no favors to ask.

Men who measure their progress by that of other men usually go short distances.

Letters To The Editor

Letters submitted for publication in the Muleshoe Journal or Bailey County Journal's "Letters to the Editor" column must bear the writer's signature and address. Also required is a telephone number to confirm the letter and signature before publication.

Names of the letter writers will

not be withheld from publication and all letters printed will include the name of the writer. This policy is necessary in order to ensure fairness to individuals or groups who may be the object of comments by contributions to the "Letters to the Editor" column.

Letters to the editor may be withheld from publication because of excessive length, more than 300 words, or because of statements considered libelous or in bad taste. The editor reserves the right to edit all letters for content or to reduce their length if necessary.

A BAGFUL of BARGAINS



FRESH FROZEN GREENLAND TURBOT

FISH

- HORMELS KOLBASE POLISH 12oz. pkg. Sausage \$1.19
- HORMELS SKINLESS 12oz. pkg. Franks 89¢
- HORMELS LITTLE SIZZLERS 12oz. pkg. Sausage 89¢

DECKERS QUALITY VAC-PAC-SLICED

BACON



98¢

\$1.19

89¢

89¢

\$1.39

U.S.D.A. - Fryer Parts

Fresh Market -Cut

- BREASTS lb. 79¢
- THIGHS lb. 69¢
- DRUMSTICKS lb. 69¢
- NECKS lb. 10¢
- BACKS lb. 19¢
- WINGS lb. 29¢

Frozen Foods

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Combined Circumstances Hurt Farmers Last Year

By Billings D. Barnard, Economist
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
 Over the state as a whole, bankers are about evenly divided in their estimates of the financial conditions of Texas farmers.

While tending to think ranchers might be doing a little better than last year, only in East

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JOHN WELCH
 Pee Wee
 Won fifth for Halter for grade geldings; sixth in poles, and seventh in Western Pleasure, barrels and flags.

SHANE CLAUNCH
 Junior
 Shane was second in reining; third for halter for registered gelding; seventh in Western Pleasure and ninth for flags.

JULIE CLAUNCH
 Pee Wee
 She won second in halter for grade mares and third in Western Pleasure.

Arrest...

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 Muleshoe. The police dispatcher asked for information and the man told her what type of car, and the license number. The dispatcher then asked the highway patrol officers, Louis Cardinal and Jim Williams, to switch their CB to the emergency channel.

On switching, the Texas Department of Public Safety Officers could find out the location of the driver of the erratically driven vehicle and the 'chase was on'. During a high speed chase toward Sudan, the driver of the pursued vehicle crossed the median to the opposite lane and nearly hit two different vehicles traveling west, narrowly averting a head on collision in one instance.

The officers got the vehicle stopped a little more than 12 miles from Muleshoe and brought in a woman and her passenger, a very small boy. The woman was charged with driving while intoxicated and was held until her husband arrived from Lubbock to make her bond and take her and their small son home.

So, even if the radios are used for Smokey Reports, they are also helpful and useful in times of emergency.

Texas do bankers think farmers are in better shape.

That is the main conclusion drawn from a survey of agricultural credit conditions in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District. The survey, by Carl G. Anderson, senior agricultural economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, covers banks in Texas and parts of surrounding states.

Where cotton and grain sorghum yields were normal, farmers did about as well as the year before. But over much of the district, these two main crops were not up to par. And even in areas not set back by drought, producers suffered from sluggish markets for rice and soybeans.

Meanwhile, costs of production cut deep into farm receipts. This was especially true in irrigated areas, where sharply higher fuel costs put some farmers in a pinch.

While ranchers may have fared a little better, with lack of moisture limiting winter grazing, few of them were in a position to take advantage of the higher livestock prices. As the drought drug on, costs of feeding soared, forcing liquidation of herds and marketing a deterioration in the financial conditions of most stockmen.

Outside East Texas, only in southeastern Oklahoma did bankers see much improvement in farmers' financial situations. More than half the banks surveyed in Oklahoma reported farmers in their area doing better than last year. Nearly two-thirds of the bankers thought ranchers were doing better.

In East Texas, views were even more encouraging. About 60 percent of the bankers saw improvements for farmers and more than 70 percent saw improvements for ranchers.

But in West Texas and southern New Mexico, the long dry spell left few bankers sensing that farmers had made much gain over last year. In some areas, they thought farmers had been badly hurt. And they had only slightly better opinions of what ranchers had done.

Across the district, in northern Louisiana, two-thirds of the bankers considered farmers worse off again this year. The reason was different, however. There, rain had been excessive, cutting production for the se-

cond year.

But over most of the Texas, lack of moisture had been the biggest problem.

Conditions in South Texas were considered much the same as those in West Texas. In the Rio Grande Valley, in fact, half the bankers thought farmers had lost ground.

Along the Gulf Coast, nine out of ten bankers saw farmers worse off than last year. And well over half of them thought ranchers were worse off.

Estimates were somewhat better through the Blacklands from east of San Antonio north to the Red River. Through this region, only about a fourth of the bankers thought conditions had deteriorated for farmers. And roughly half of them thought ranchers were probably better off.

The biggest change from previous years was the lack of a sense of progress in irrigated areas. In the past, growers that could irrigate had a decided advantage in dry years. But with pumping costs of fivefold in some areas, much of this advantage seems to have evaporated. As a result, some of the bleakest views of agriculture were in areas that were once the most secure.

In the South Plains, two-thirds of the bankers thought farmers were worse off than last year. And well over half of them thought ranchers were worse off.

Some bankers in the Trans-Pecos area did not think farmers should try to grow irrigated cotton with crop prices in their recent ranges. Some even took the position that some farmers in their area had essentially been put out of business.

These views were largely supported in most areas by estimates of changes in land value. On average, bankers in the Southwest thought prices of dryland farms had advanced about five percent over the past year. By contrast, the average estimate for irrigated land was a gain of only four percent.

In the South Plains of Texas, where land values have been on the rise for years, bankers saw an average increase in irrigated land prices of only three percent. In the Blacklands, irrigated land was figures to be worth about three percent less than last year. And in the northern Blackland counties, prices of

irrigated land were down about five percent. In the Trans-Pecos, bankers saw the price of irrigated land off much more.

But estimates of land values did not always track precisely with bankers' estimates of how well farmers had done on the land.

Although land values in the South Plains showed some of the smallest increases in Texas, prices in the High Plains were the fastest rising of all. This was despite less than a third of the bankers there thinking farmers had made any financial progress since last year.

But apparently confident of the longer-run outlook for beef and grain prices, buyers continued to bid up the price of land on the High Plains. Bankers in the area thought prices of cropland, whether irrigated or not, probably averaged 12 percent higher than last year. They thought prices of ranchland were probably nine percent higher.

In South Texas, prices of irrigated land were figures about six percent higher than a year before. In the Lower Rio Grande Valley, prices were up about nine percent. But in other areas, there were also strong advances in dryland prices. Outside the valley, prices of dryland farms increased a little more than prices of irrigated farms.

While bankers in the eastern parts of the district had a better impression of the financial conditions of farmers and ranchers, they did not report the increase in land values bankers had seen in western areas.

In East Texas and southeastern Oklahoma, where bankers were most inclined to see improvements in the conditions of their agricultural customers, little change was reported in land values. Prices of dryland farms were up slightly, but no more than prices of ranchland.

On the Upper Gulf Coast, on the other hand, where bankers were probably most inclined to see a deterioration in the conditions of farmers and ranchers, prices of both farm and ranch land increased about six percent. And irrigated farmers were selling for eight percent more than a year before.

There was much the same situation in northern Louisiana. Although reports of the financial conditions of farmers there were not encouraging, land prices

were up. But here again, prices of dryland farms were up a bit more than those of irrigated farms. The increased were seven percent and six percent, respectively.

In the Rolling Plains from south of Abilene to north of Childress, prices of ranchland and dryland farms were reported six percent higher than last year. By contrast, prices of irrigated land were reported up only three percent.

Moisture conditions go far in explaining most of the problems of agriculture in the Southwest. Depressed cattle prices, for example, resulted primarily from the drought-induced rise in feeding costs that forced cattle onto the market. And even with good spring rains, the winter wheat crop in Texas may have been cut in half.

But markets for some crops were simply weak. With two thirds of the rice crop usually shipped abroad and little demand from overseas, rice prices were off. And with the increase in soybean production and competition from other oils, soybean prices were off.

Meanwhile, receipts from cotton were also down, mainly because of the poor harvest last fall in Louisiana, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.

Now, with not only rain again but also prospects for some higher farm prices, conditions could improve for farmers and ranchers in the Southwest.

The recent resurgence in cattle prices has been accompanied by higher prices for lamb, wool, and mohair, all indicating an improvement in the outlook for ranchers.

Grain crops could be huge, increasing stocks and tightening the cost-price squeeze on grain producers. But smaller cotton stocks and stronger demand have brightened prospects for cotton growers.

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TROPHY WINNERS . . . Four of the seven members of the Progress 4-H Club Horse group who competed in Brownfield last Saturday are pictured with some of the prizes brought home. Pictured, from left, are Julie and Shane Claunch and John and Lynette Warren. Not shown are Steven and Chad Griswold and John Welch.



IT'S A WHAT? . . . Animal Warden Roy Bayless shows off the one that 'didn't get away.' The turtle evidently wandered into the cat trap and, in fact, found itself trapped - the cat didn't come back - it got away.

Panhandle-Wide Autograph Party To Honor Authors

A Panhandle-wide autograph party will honor R.L. and Pauline Durrett Robertson of Amarillo, on Sunday, June 13, from 2 to 5 p.m., in the East Sunburst Room of the Quality Inn, 2915 Interstate 40 East in Amarillo. The Robertson's will be autographing their new book **Panhandle Pilgrimage: Illustrated Tales Tracing History In the Texas Panhandle.**

To commemorate our Panhandle's Centennial, the Robertson's have spent the last three years researching and writing the book that honors the pioneers, settlers and events of the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle. It is published by Staked Plains Press of Canyon to coincide with America's Bicentennial and the Panhandle's Centennial.

Panhandle Pen Women and Amarillo Photographic Society are hosting the autograph party and extend an invitation to attend to everyone in the Panhandle - and especially to those whose families pioneered the top 26 counties.

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Mrs. Michael Derk Powers

Miss Lowery, Powers United In Marriage

In a double ring ceremony Miss Sherry Dawn Lowery and Michael Derk Powers were united in marriage at the Littlefield Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 5. Loyd Lowery, a minister of the Littlefield Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, and uncle of the bride, performed the ceremony.

Decorations in the Hall consisted of two large white standing baskets containing gladiolus, carnations and daisies tied with oversized pink satin bows flanking a subdued wall mural in shades of muted green.

Mrs. James Hartline, Littlefield, pianist and cousin of the bride, provided appropriate selections chosen by the bride.

The bride, presented in marriage by her father, was adorned in a white gown fashioned by her mother. The peau de soie gown with silk organza overlay was styled along princess lines. The bodice featured a sheer inset outlined with French lace reembroidered with tiny seed pearls and a high collar. The long sheer sleeves were gathered softly to a double band of matching embroidered lace accented with tiny covered peau de soie and silk organza buttons. Her full-length train fell gently from the bodice of the dress and was bordered by the pearl encrusted lace. Individual matching lace flowers were scattered on the train. Her elbow length veil was attached to a band formed from lace flowers identical to that of the gown and train. The bride carried a colonial bouquet designed of pink roses, feathered carnations, baby's breath and pink streamers.

Maid of honor was Mrs. Jack Tiffin, Earth, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Miss Sharla Lowery, Littlefield, cousin of the bride and Mrs. Richard Ferrill, also of Littlefield. They wore identical formal length dresses of pastel pink peau de soie with a miramist overlay. The dresses had gently puffed sleeves and pink satin ribbon sashes tied around the empire waists. Fresh pink carnations tied with pink ribbons and love knots were worn in their hair. Nosegays of pink carnations, baby's breath and pink streamers were carried by each of the attendants.

Mark Powers, Hereford, brother of the groom, served as

best man. Groomsmen were John Mayo, Hereford, cousin of the groom, and Jack Tiffin, brother-in-law of the bride, Earth.

Ushers were Glen Lowery, Littlefield, uncle of the bride, Allan Lowery, Lubbock, cousin of the bride, James Hartline, Littlefield, and Fred Meeks, Earth.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Lowery wore a champagne chiffon gown with a lace bodice. Doe accessories accented her gown. Mrs. Powers chosen an orchid polyester gown with matching jacket and white accessories. Their corsages were symbidium orchids.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held in the party room of the Lamb County Electric Cooperative Building.

Guests were registered by Sherry Powers, sister of the groom, and Mrs. Glen Lowery, aunt of the bride, from a table covered in white with a white flounced overlay. Decorations on the table included the guest book, a white milk glass bud vase holding long-stemmed carnations and a large brandy snifter filled with thank-you scrolls.

The brides table was covered in white with a white net and lace flounced overlay. Focal points on the table were a silver candelabra holding pink tapers entwined with carnations and

greenery and the three tiered wedding cake decorated with pastel pink roses and soft green leaves. Pink punch, nuts and rose mints were served from crystal and silver appointments.

The groom's table was covered with a round ecru linen cloth. A wooden candelabra holding a vanilla candle and an assorted nut candle ring centered the table. Chocolate cake, chocolate mints, nuts and coffee were served from wooden appointments.

Members of the house party were Vicki Powers and Valerie Powers, sisters of the groom, Cindy Clayton, cousin of the bride, Michelle Graves, Cheryl Tiffin, Sherry Tyler, Frances Potts, Patti Mills and Lori Hartline.

For travel the bride chose a pink dress with an eyelet waist jacket. She wore a pink rosebud and carnation corsage and white accessories.

The bride is a 1974 graduate of the University of Nebraska Extension Division. She is presently employed by Mighty Distributing System, Earth.

The groom completed his education in Hereford Schools. He is employed by Moorman's Manufacturing, Hereford Division.

The couple will make their home at 406 Avenue I in Hereford.



COUPLE PLANS JULY WEDDING . . . Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Davis of Muleshoe announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharron, to Stan Messer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Messer of Dumas. Miss Davis is a 1971 graduate of Muleshoe High School, and a graduate of Bauder Fashion College of Arlington. Messer is a graduate of Dumas High School, class of 1971, and a 1975 graduate of Texas Tech. The couple plans to marry July 31, in First Baptist Church of Muleshoe.

Monthly KOP Is Mrs. Lewis Shafer

Muleshoe TOPS club met at Bailey County Community Room, Thursday, June 3, with Mrs. J.O. Parker, the leader.

The pledge and song opened the meeting. There were 17 members weighing in and one

visitor, June Arnold, daughter of Mrs. Dana Arnold attending. The cancan winner was Mrs. J.O. Parker. Mrs. J.V. Peeler presented the scrapbook cover, made by Mrs. Dana Arnold. She made it in the spoke of Liberty Bell decoupage with red, white and blue tissue paper.

Queen of the week was Mrs. Dana Arnold; first runner-up was Mrs. J.O. Parker and second, Acension Garcia. The monthly queen was Mrs. Dale Griswald, first runner-up, Mrs. Glenn Stroud and second was Mrs. Kenneth Don Martin. Monthly KOPS recognition went to Mrs. Lewis Shafer.

Mrs. Owen Jones read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Three Way 4-H Made A Skirt

The Three-Way 4-H club "The Southern Gals", had their first two meetings Monday, May 31, and Thursday, June 3, in the home of Mrs. Joe Wheeler, their leader.

At their first meeting, the girls discussed, "Colors Make You Feel Good", and "Making A Pop-Over Skirt". At their second meeting they discussed, "Knits vs. Wovens" and went over their "4-H Design For Discovery Form".

Those attending the first meeting were Staci Kirby, Michelle Lane, Michelle Parkman, Princess Parkman, and senior leader and reporter, Belinda Wheeler.

Those attending the second meeting were Staci Kirby, Michelle Lane, Mitzi Stevenson, Princess Parkman, senior leader and Belinda Wheeler.

West Plains Medical Center Briefs

- ADMISSIONS**
- June 2 - Mrs. Charles Ball, Rebecca Van Leer, Keith Bourne, Chana Eubanks and Mrs. Julian Lenau.
 - June 3 - Marty Walker, Teresa Hamilton, Pete Franco and Mrs. Bobby Henderson.
 - June 4 - Benjamin Murdock, Charles Smith and Buck Creamer.
 - June 5 - Tommy Sliger and Kadie Newton.
 - June 6 - Brady Henley and Mrs. Bennie Pacheco.
- DISMISSALS**
- June 2 - Mattie Heard and Oscar Allison.
 - June 3 - Chana Eubanks, Mrs. Julian Lenau and Kaythryn Hancock.
 - June 4 - Pete Franco, Keith Bourne, Bulah Gatewood, Marty Walker and Rebecca Van Leer.
 - June 5 - Benjamin Murdock, Teresa Hamilton, V.C. Venable.
 - June 6 - Tommy Sliger, Mrs. William Vinson and Mrs. Bobby Henderson.
 - June 7 - Miss Lula Kistler.
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Mr., Mrs. Little Feted At Dinner

An anniversary dinner was held Sunday, June 6, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Little. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Little celebrated their 30th anniversary and were presented a gold engraved plaque, which was a replica of their marriage license. Those attending the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Little's children and their families. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Little were married June 13, 1946, in Decatur.

Maid of honor was Mrs. Jack Tiffin, Earth, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Miss Sharla Lowery, Littlefield, cousin of the bride and Mrs. Richard Ferrill, also of Littlefield. They wore identical formal length dresses of pastel pink peau de soie with a miramist overlay. The dresses had gently puffed sleeves and pink satin ribbon sashes tied around the empire waists. Fresh pink carnations tied with pink ribbons and love knots were worn in their hair. Nosegays of pink carnations, baby's breath and pink streamers were carried by each of the attendants.

Mark Powers, Hereford, brother of the groom, served as



Lori Diane Hodges

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hodges of Muleshoe are the proud parents of a new baby girl born June 4, 1976, at Littlefield Hospital. The baby weighed five pounds and ten ounces and was named Lori Diane. She is the couple's first child.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hodges of Hale Center and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Embry of Muleshoe. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Ruby Hodges of Hale Center and Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Embry of Muleshoe.

West Camp Showered With Gifts

West Camp Community Center will be feted with a shower, just as a "June bride" would be, at the family night, Saturday, June 12, at 8:00 p.m. Cake and punch will be served.

Everyone bring a gift for the building. Suggestions are kitchen utensils, linens, bathroom necessities, window panes, screen doors, paint, air conditioner, electric spool for picnic table, volleyball, pingpong balls, badminton set, horse-shoes, folding chairs, cardtables and any other used items that anyone would like to donate.

The couples hosting the family night will be Mr. and Mrs. Barry Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harris.

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June 18	KFDA	10:25-10:30
June 18	KMCC	11:40-11:45
June 19	KMCC	11:40-11:45

Proper Canning Equipment Essential To Safe Canning

From The Journal Files

Proper canning equipment is essential to the success of obtaining good quality and safe home canned food.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service recommends several precautions for home food preservers.

Be sure to obtain jar lids and caps from reputable manufacturers. Check to see that sealing compounds are even and free from cracks -- with caps and screw bands free from dents. If not, a poor seal may result causing spoilage. Also, bands that have been allowed to rust may cause a poor seal. Products by new manufacturers are on the market.

In considering products by new manufacturers -- and those of long standing -- read instructions carefully on how to use lids. Lids must be made so they exhaust air during processing -- to prevent lid buckling and jar breakage.

Remember to use standard canning jars made for standard jar lids. These jars are tempered to withstand contrast in temperature. Other jars, such as those containing commercial products, may lack proper tempering for home canning, so they pose a greater risk of breakage in the pressure canner or boiling water bath. Also, standard lids may not fit them -- and that will result in a poor seal. In selecting jars, check for tops that are cracked or chipped -- as these will cause a poor seal.

Mrs. Damron Attends Workshop

Mrs. Sam Damron, local piano and organ teacher, is attending a piano workshop June 7 through 11, at Southern Methodist University of Dallas. The workshop will be conducted by Dr. David Karp, associate professor of piano and piano pedagogy at SMU.

He is a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music and the University of Colorado. His credits include over 150 published piano teaching pieces and several collections. His textbook, "An Approach to Jazz and Rock Presented Through Keyboard Improvisation" will be used for an in-depth study of this aspect of piano teaching.

Progress doesn't flow from excuses.

Concerning the canner itself, remember that pressure canners are necessary for processing low-acid vegetables. Botulism, a sometimes fatal food poisoning, can result when low-acid vegetables are not processed under pressure.

Pressure sauce pans also may be used -- if they are adequate in size and have an indicator or gauge that operates accurately at 10 pounds pressure. Keep pressure canners and sauce pans clean and free from odors and stains for best results.

Test pressure canners that have a dial gauge at least once a year -- or more often if the canner is used frequently -- or if the lid receives a hard knock. For testing, use a maximum thermometer or electric testing device.

During the yearly checkup, also make sure the petcock and safety valves are clean and in working order -- and tighten the screws on handles.

Stretch and turn rubber gaskets that allow leakage of steam, or if brittle, replace with a new gasket.

Cleaning supplies for pressure canners include whitening (a gritless scouring powder), soap scouring pads and vinegar.

Vinegar will remove dark stains or odors from inside the canner. Use one cup vinegar in a canner half full of water. Heat to five pounds pressure for 15 minutes. Remove and rinse canner.

Full-strength vinegar is ideal for soaking small parts, such as the petcock, to remove sediment and stains.

Other supplies include detergent and plumbers paste. The paste should have an oil or graphite base, which will not harden. Use paste to close nicks that allow steam to escape -- or when replacing a gauge, the paste can be used to coat threads of the gauge.

For canners with screw type

lugs, use a solvent, such as kerosene or lighter fluid. A few drops of solvent will let the screws operate easily.

A water bath canner is used to process high-acid foods. A rack on which to place the jars inside the canner also is necessary.

Water bath canners may be purchased, but any big, clean kettle with a rack and tight-fitting lid will do -- if it's deep enough to hold jars upright and permit water to boil gently one or two inches over the top of the jars.

Several other "tools" are helpful in home canning. Corers for pears or tomatoes speed preparation of these foods for canning, and that is important to quality. Canning tongs facilitate the safe removal of jars from pressure or water bath canners.

Tongs should hold the jars firmly enough so they will not slip and break. Jar fillers help keep the tops of jars clean -- and that helps in assuring a safe seal as lids are applied.

Auxiliary Reports Expenses

The Muleshoe Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary met in the Thrift Shop meeting room recently. Ten members attended.

They were Dorothy Green, Sammie Ethridge, Joyce McGeehee, Marie Bradley, Skeet Bradshaw, Clara Crain, Rue Kimbrough, Jerry Kennedy, Faye Poyner, and Betty Ramage. Recommendations for a new slate of officers for the 1976-77 year was presented by Clara Crain. They are: President, Dorothy Green; first Vice President, Sammie Ethridge; second Vice President, Rue Kimbrough; recording secretary, Betty Ramage; Treasurer, Faye Poyner; Corresponding Secretary, Marie Bradley; and Historian, Joyce McGeehee. Joy Tibbets made the motion that the slate of officers be accepted. Skeet Bradshaw seconded and the motion was carried. The meeting was called to order by President, Dorothy Green. Minutes were read and approved. Faye Poyner gave the treasury report. They have \$4,463.68 in the Thrift Shop account, \$3,664.07 in the vending machine account and \$102.00 in the dues and uniform account.

Clara Crain gave the report on the beauty shop. Since April of

1975, they bought a total of \$50.85 of supplies. Sammie Ethridge gave the Thrift Shop report and community services they have helped with. The Thrift Shop has made \$10,932.27 this year. In January, they made \$900.13; February, \$789.15; March, \$720.58; and April, \$594.13. August of 1975 was the largest month with receipts being \$1262.76. Community Services were: Blood Bank, two times in July and September, with 44 donors; and County TB test two times. They were co-hostess of a Bicentennial Tea for doctors and staff. They had a Christmas party for the nursing home and in November and December helped with a bingo party, for the nursing home. Prizes were bought for all bingo parties, given once a month. The auxiliary served the Thanksgiving supper and helped with Doctor McDaniels birthday party.

Dorothy Green gave the Baby Photo report: May, June, July, and August \$26; September, October, November, and December, \$53.73; and January, February, and March, \$38.00. The auxiliary has 19 active members with only one new member this year. Membership

dues are due in May. The membership list is to be revised in May. Discussion was held on how many hours per year an individual must work to be an active member.

Plaques for memorials given are to be engraved and hung in the Day Room.

The new Gas Machine has come in, and its cost was \$3,031.10. New dining room furniture was discussed again and they decided to table this issue at this time. The hole in the Day room ceiling has been repaired. The note at the bank for the pledge to the new hospital was discussed. Liability insurance on the Thrift Shop is \$122 per year.

The bedfast rinsers came in and are paid for. The cost, being a little over 150 for the two. One is in the nursing home and the other in the emergency room, in the hospital.

The cost for bingo prizes was discussed: November and December prizes cost \$39 and November through February totaled \$98. Faye Poyner made the motion that they spend \$15 a month for prizes. Joy Tibbets seconded. Motion was carried.

The Baby Photo money is to be used to buy needed things for the nursing home.

Privacy screens were discussed again. Joyce McGeehee will look into the matter. State Convention to held May 18 through May 20.

20 Years Ago

Troop Five Girl Scouts voted to begin working for their swimming badges at the Monday meeting. Instructor will be Pat Arnold.

Attending the meeting were: Doris Ann Gilbreath, Annamary Elrod, Pat Thompson, Carolyn Burge, Magann Lamb and adult leaders, Mrs. Alvis Burge and Mrs. Gilbert Lamb.

Recent guests in the R.L. Roubinek home were Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Kennedy, Mrs. C.M. Van Sickels and Howard, all of Pocsasset, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gross and family spent two days last week in Floydada with her sister, Mrs. Jack Whitrell and family. While there, they attended the old settlers reunion.

30 Years Ago

J. Clyde Taylor, Dick Taylor and Joe Mack Wagon attended the Pioneer Day celebration in Clovis Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson and two sons spent last week at Hot Springs where Mrs. Johnson took a course of baths while "the boys" fished for bass. They report having caught quite a respectable string topped by a 4 1/2 pounder.

Earl Ladd was elected Worshipful Master of Muleshoe Lodge No. 1237, A.F. and A.M., at the annual election of officers held Tuesday night. Ladd succeeds Vance Wagon as head of the lodge.

Other officers elected were: A.W. "Bits" Holt, senior warden, A.J. Lenderson, junior

warden; R.J. Klump, secretary; Ray Griffiths, treasurer; and Vance Wagon, tiler. Appointive officers will be made known later. Installation will be conducted the night of June 25 at a called meeting.

40 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Stovall shopped in Clovis, N.M. Saturday.

R.L. Hobbs and Mrs. Alvis Hobbs were Farwell and Clovis, N.M. visitors, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Damron and children left the latter part of last week on a vacation and business trip to various points in Oklahoma.

Miss Elizabeth Harden and Mrs. Mary McGaughey were Farwell visitors Monday evening.

Mrs. W.C. Morgan, Sr., of Hereford, has been visiting in Muleshoe for the past few days with her daughter, Mrs. Harold Wyer and son, James Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin St. Clair spent last Sunday near Melrose, N.M., visiting with Mrs. Emmett Baucher, formerly Mrs. Stell when she lived in Muleshoe about two years ago. It was the occasion of a family reunion about 20 people sitting down to a noonday feast.

Muleshoe FFA Sponsors Party

The Muleshoe FFA are having a swimming party Thursday, June 10 from 7:30 to 9:30, at the city pool.

Members who want to bring guests are to pay one dollar. Ice-cream, cokes and a hayride will follow the party.

For further information contact Sheila Hunt, 925-3245; Glenda Rasco, 272-3170 or Shannon Kennedy at 272-3214.

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Ten Piano Students Travel To Austin

Ten piano students will be travelling to Austin this year to play in an ensemble number at the Texas Music Teachers' Convention to be held June 12 through the 15. These students are Sharla and Sherri Henry, Keva Roming, Michelle Agee, Jill Turner, Merri Hausmann, and Scott and Stacey Campbell.

They are pupils of Mrs. Jean Craft, Mrs. Sam Damron and Mrs. Dale Jahay.

The program they will play on is the "Texas Composer Program" which features selections written by Texas composers.

The number which the Muleshoe Music Teachers Association selected to use as their number on the program is "The Comedian" written by Alfred Teltchik of Houston. It is written as a piano duo and will be performed on ten pianos. The students that will play in Austin were selected by a contest held locally, earlier in the year. These students must also pass

the state theory test on their school-grade level.

Accompanying the pupils to Austin will be teachers: Mrs. Jimmy Craft and Mrs. Sam Damron. Also there will be parents and other family members: Mrs. Kenneth Henry; Dr. and Mrs. John David Hamblen, Kelly and Mrs. Hamblen's mother, of Amarillo; Mrs. Madeline Loving; Mrs. Earl Jordan; Mrs. Ben Roming, Mrs. John Neil Agee, Mrs. Royce Turner, Mrs. Larry Hausmann, Mrs. Tim Campbell, and Jimmy Craft and Ken.

The convention activities will be held at the University of Texas Music Building and the LBJ Library. Mrs. Damron will serve as the assistant chairman to the state organ solo contest, which will be held Sunday afternoon, in the recital hall, of the University of Texas. The piano solo contests will be held Saturday, at the same place.

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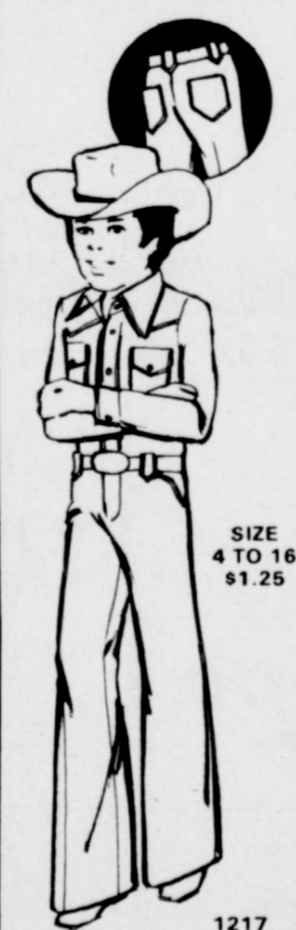
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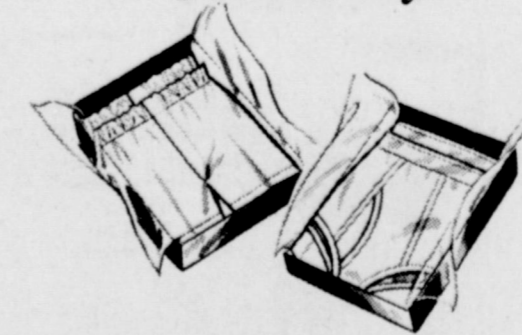
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Lorance Dies In Oklahoma From Accident

Funeral services for D.O. Lorance, 45, of Oklahoma City, were conducted in Muleshoe Monday, June 7 at 2 p.m. Lorance died at 9:40 a.m. Friday in the South Community Hospital in Oklahoma City after being run over by an automobile at 12:40 p.m. the preceding day. A native of Muleshoe, he was born on October 18, 1930 and lived most of his life in Muleshoe. He was a plumber and a veteran of the Korean War, having served in the U.S. Army.



D.O. LORANCE

Lorance was married to the former Shirley Nixon. Graveside services were conducted at Muleshoe Cemetery by Rev. David Evetts, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church of Muleshoe. Burial was in Muleshoe Cemetery under direction of Singleton-Ellis Funeral Home. Survivors include his wife, Shirley; two sons, Rickie and Darrel, both of the home; two daughters, Twilla and Nancv.

Babe Ruth Baseball

The results of the Babe Ruth League games of last week are as follows:
On Tuesday, June 1, 1976, the Eagles beat the Cats by a score of 13 to two.
On Thursday, June 3, 1976, the Pilots lost to the Colts by a score of eight to 12.
On Saturday, June 4, the Lazbuddie team beat the Eagles, 11 to five.
Team standings as of June 5, 1976 are:
The Eagles, six wins and one loss.
Lazbuddie, six wins and two losses.
The Colts, three wins, four losses.
The Cats, two wins and four losses.
The Pilots, one win and seven losses.

both of the home; mother, Mrs. Joyce Lorance, Muleshoe; one sister, Mrs. John R. Moore, Jr., Muleshoe and one grandchild.

Haley Funeral Held Tuesday In Muleshoe

A.R. (Dick) Haley, 77, died on Sunday, June 6, at All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth. He had lived in Fort Worth for the past year, moving there from Graham. Haley was a resident of Muleshoe from 1934 to 1951. Haley was born June 11, 1898 in Fredonia and was a retired rancher and farmer. He was a member of Burton Hill Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Graveside services for Dick Haley were conducted at 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, at Bailey County Memorial Park in Muleshoe with Rev. J.E. Meeks, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Muleshoe, officiating. Interment was in Bailey County Memorial Park under direction of Singleton-Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe. Survivors include two sons, Tommy Haley and Paul Haley, both of Muleshoe; one daughter, Mrs. Anice Couble, Ft. Worth; two sisters, Mrs. Lois Woolsey, Colorado City and Mrs. Louise Jennings, Brady; four brothers, T. Haley, Colorado City; Tommy Haley, Wimberly; Allan Haley, Lake Jackson and Donald Haley, Ballinger; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Service Held For Mother Of Resident

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie J. Griffin, 76, of Lubbock, and mother of Mrs. Ruby Lambert of Muleshoe, were conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Pioneer Park Church of Christ with Ted Carruth, a Church of Christ minister, officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park under direction of Henderson Funeral Directors of Lubbock. Mrs. Griffin died at 6:58 a.m. Sunday in West Texas Hospital. Other survivors include her husband, Evin; three sons, R.C., and Dail, both of Lubbock, and Clyde of Palo Alto, Calif.; three daughters, Mrs. Lambert; Mrs. Bernice Tucker of Abilene and Mrs. Bonnie Wood of Stephenville; one brother, Richard Summers of Abilene; one sister, Mrs. Cressie Bryant of Abilene; 21 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



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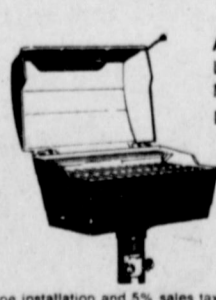


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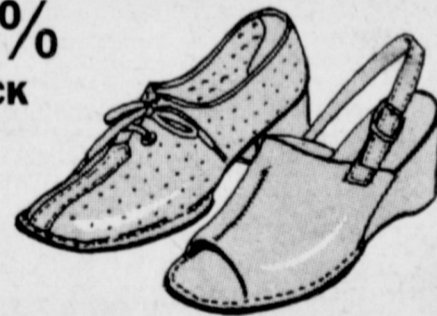
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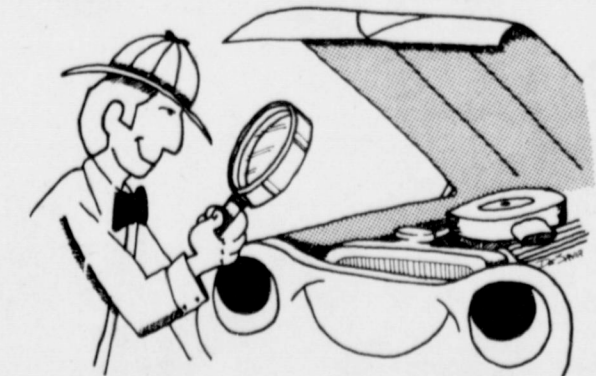
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Words cannot express our thanks and appreciation to all those who have been so helpful in the loss of our loved one, Bert Gordon. To those who came, brought food, the flowers, cards and calls, we are grateful. We especially thank Dr. Pummill, Dr. Albertson and the nurses and staff at West Plains Hospital for their kindness, and Brother David Evetts, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church and all the men who sat and helped in every way possible. God bless and keep each of you.
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results of these acts of sin. Only a short career was seen and enjoyed. There followed a battle between right and wrong - and right won the battle just like it wins every other battle. A truth stranger than fiction is: "Right is right" and "Truth wins out in the end." In this great battle that was fought against the Midianites - Balaam had sided with them - and was slain by the sword of the same people whom he had endeavored to curse. So ends the career of a once prominent and powerful man. But isn't this the story of sin when it is finished? The Bible says that "The wages of sin is death."

the Mobites. His first impressions were rebuffed and refused by the intervention of the hand of God. He was sent for a second time and again he was refused permission - but at length he decided to go in his own strength and power. We shall see how a man who was endowed and recommended by the Lord fell and failed when he disregarded the leadership of God upon him.

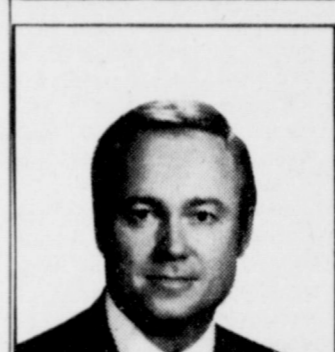
HE FORSOOK THE RIGHT WAY AND WENT ASTRAY: Forsaking that which is right always leads to the far-away country - and the entertainment of degrading thoughts. God sent an angel to warn and turn a stubborn will that would not be broken. But he refused to listen to what God had to say. In Numbers 22:21-36 we find a story where an ass was a determining factor in setting the standards for an unruly man. The ass spoke with the prophet and sought to turn him away from his bent on sinning - but he would not listen.
HE LOVED TOO MUCH THE WAGES OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS: When the Lord permitted Balaam to proceed to the camp of Balak the temptation that was in store for him was too great to bear. He loved riches - he loved

Today few people excuse poor conduct on the part of the wealthy.

When fortune brings up one blessing it pours out three evils.
-Demetrius.

honor in his own peculiar way - and he loved the idea of being co-ruler over a nation where he could exercise power and command the lives of people. When the plan of battle was discussed and Balaam was given the promise that he was the share the spoils he forgot his relationship with the Lord.
HE WAS REBUKED AND SLAIN FOR HIS INIQUITY AND HIS SIN: After his decision against the will of God - Balaam predicted a magnificent career

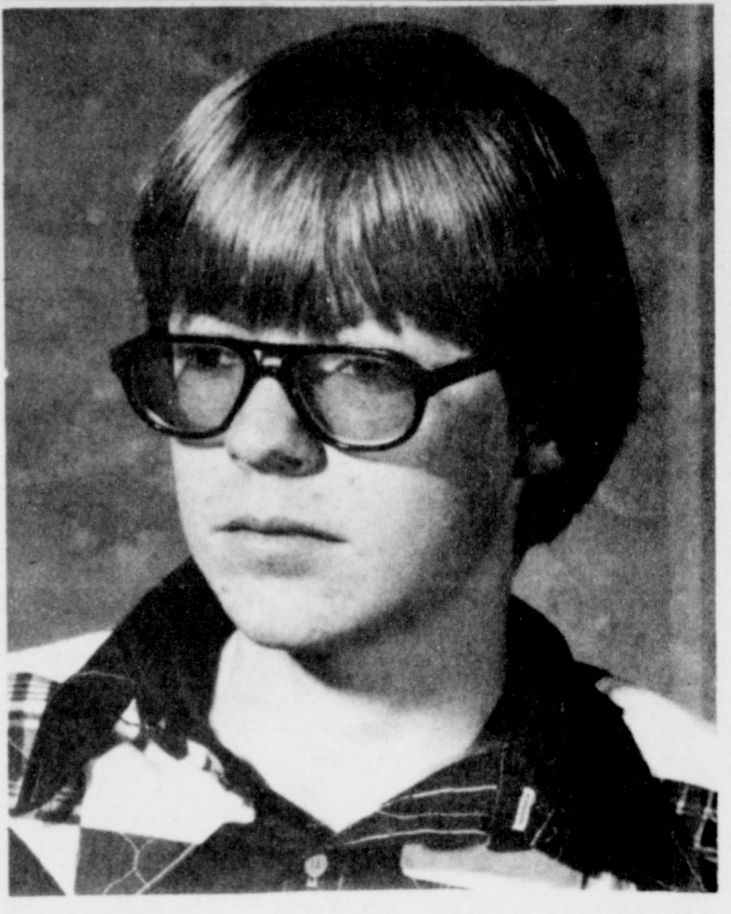
What became of the young man who started to live according to unselfish principles?



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STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

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AUSTIN — A five per cent reduction in state government workers during the next three years has been recommended by the joint Advisory Committee on Government Operations.

The payroll cut was among 15 recommendations of the 18-member panel headed by Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby.

Executive and legislative budget boards were directed to formulate a plan to increase productivity of state employees starting

Sept. 1, 1977.

Panel members figured a five per cent work force trimming can be brought about largely by leaving jobs vacant when employees resign or retire.

Commission members deadlocked on a proposal to limit the expansion of government employment to the population growth rate of about 1.6 per cent annually. Instead, they came up with a general limitation on increases to be lifted only when existing employees can no longer handle

the work load or new assignments mandated by federal action.

The number of state employees grew 107 per cent between 1963 and 1975, and payroll costs have grown 357 per cent. During the period, the population increased 19 per cent.

Commissioners also recommended abolishing the State Building Commission, consolidating 300 state funds and allowing the legislature to give the governor budget execution controls.

Special Session Urged

A new call for a special legislative session on rising utilities bills was issued by Sen. A.R. Schwartz of Galveston.

Schwartz presented a petition by voters in his district urging Gov. Dolph Briscoe to summon lawmakers for rescue measures benefitting consumers.

The senator also pre-filed

in the Senate three bills designed to cut utilities bills as much as 15 per cent. They would remove the sales tax from residential gas and electricity, shift gas regulation to the Public Utilities Commission and impose a five cents per 1,000 cubic feet tax on natural gas producers in place of the present levy to equalize the in-state out-of-state tax load.

Storm Toll High

Recent storms in Texas did more than \$7 million worth of damage, according to Texas insurance industry estimates.

Heavy damage was recorded in Dallas, Graham, Mineral Wells and Olney. Estimates did not include damage from Central Texas and Hill Country storms.

State Insurance Board Chairman Joe Christie said the insurance industry is trying to handle storm claims promptly.

Bank Study Out

Total reorganization of the State Banking Department, better-paid bank examiners and changes in examination procedures were recommended by a recent management study.

The study concluded the department is not keeping pace with requirements for examining each state bank three times every two years. One bank was found not to have been checked in 14 months and 100 to have been skipped for eight months.

Courts Speak

Court of Criminal Appeals reversed a Fort Worth kidnapping conviction because prosecutors suppressed the fact an accomplice witness was involved in plea bargaining.

Texas Supreme Court heard oral arguments over whether deposed District Judge O.P. Carrillo can be

removed from the bench through Judicial Qualifications Commission action for misconduct not related to his judicial duties.

A 53rd District Court jury awarded \$10,000 damages to an Austin black man who charged two Austin police officers used excessive force in arresting him for allegedly violating their order. Lawyers for the policemen say they will appeal.

AG Opinions

Texas Railroad Commission is not authorized or required to issue certificates of convenience and necessity to gas utilities under the Public Utility Regulatory Act, Atty. Gen. John Hill stated.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:

Teachers employed by Texas Youth Council have vacation rights of state employees and cannot transfer sick leave benefits from other districts.

Cities can contract with a private organization for restoring, operating and maintaining historic homes for public benefit.

Whether a natural gas pipeline or a gas utility is a common carrier subject to Railroad Commission regulation depends on whether it holds itself out as available to transport gas to all who desire its services.

Portions of an El Paso Special Commission on Crime report evaluating identifiable employees are exempt from required public disclosure.

Handbook Published

Eighty per cent of Texas' population is now classified as urban, according to the updated Handbook of Governments in Texas. The Handbook is a compilation of information on functions, government organization and finances of Texas' 254 counties and 192 home-rule cities.

Texas now has 13 home-

rule cities over 100,000, 15 with 50,000 to 100,000 and 164 under 50,000. Eighteen counties have more than 100,000 population and 153 more than 10,000.

Texas cities spend the largest percentage of their funds (26 per cent) on utilities, 11.1 per cent on sewerage and sanitation, 10.2 per cent on police protection and 9.5 per cent on highways. Counties spend the most (30.9 per cent) on highways. General county operations take 13.5 per cent, hospitals 13.3 per cent and police protection 6.6 per cent.

Short Shorts

Millions of dollars in crops were lost due to recent storms which slammed the state.

A \$2.1 million highway safety improvement program calls for work in Amarillo, Fort Worth, Odessa, Lufkin, Austin, San Antonio, Beaumont and Pharr districts.



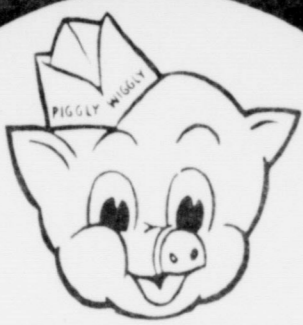
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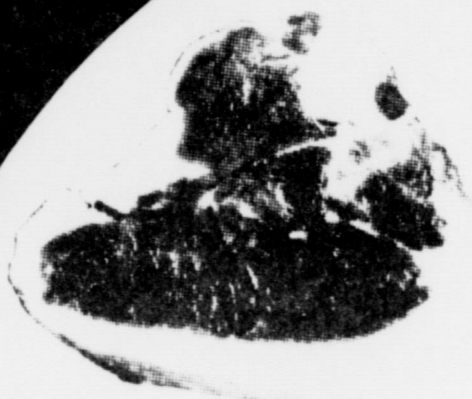
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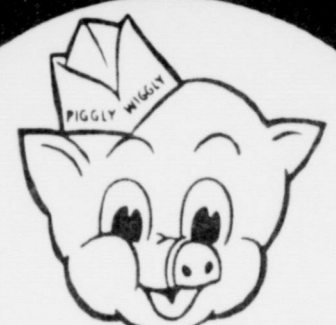
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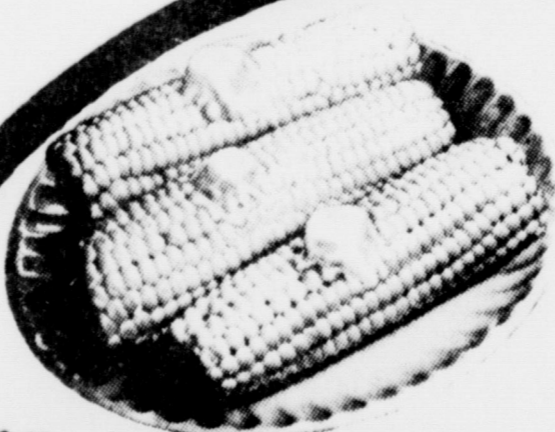
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