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ARTHUR BARLEMANN, JR. COUNTY AGENT

A number of people are asking why their pecans are falling now, prematurely. With the short crop we have here, the drop is even more noticed than usual.

There are several reasons why pecans drop prematurely and we'll try to give you the reasons that are most likely in this area. One is a shortage of moisture and nutrient elements; another is insect damage; a third cause is disease. These three are the major causes of nut-drop in August and September.

First, a shortage of moisture, either together or separately. Pecans require plenty moisture and food. If the tree has been deprived of either of these, it will shed the nuts it is unable to support. This year, the Easter freezes killed the initial buds and the trees had to put out a second crop; this required more nutrients than usual and trees that were borderline for moisture and food are shedding nuts now. These nuts will usually be smaller than normal, particularly at the base with a 'pinched-in' appearance. Often the leaves of the tree will be paler than normal indicating a nitrogen deficiency.

The primary insect causing nut loss now is the pecan weevil. These nuts will not have an outward sign of this until the weevil itself emerges from the nut and the neat little hole about the size of a match stem in the shell. The female weevil punctures the nut and deposits the eggs inside the nut but these punctures are not visible. John Brock has been checking some of his trees that are 'indicators', usually the first to have a weevil infestation, but has found no weevils. This does not mean they are not present elsewhere though as John has consistently sprayed his trees.

A severe infestation of scab, a disease of the leaves, twigs, and shucks will also cause a drop this time of the year. This fungus disease causes dark spots on the leaves, twigs and shucks. None of the nuts we have seen show any of these signs though.

The most prominent reason is the shortage of nutrients. Since the trees did have to put forth two crops of buds this year, more plant food was required. What might have been enough plant food in an ordinary year is now a shortage and the nut drop is the result.

Flea collars for cows? Yes, a collar similar to the flea collar is a possibility for ridding cattle of ear ticks that are causing a problem in the screwworm eradication program. Jimmy Deer, entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Weslaco, is working on such a method.

The Gulf Coast ear tick is responsible for about 75% of the screwworm cases in South Texas now. The tick leaves bloody wounds in the ears which provide just what the screwworm fly is seeking. Normally, this tick is found within one hundred miles of the Gulf Coast but this year has been found as far north and west as Blanco and Gillespie Counties. There has been one large infestation in central Oklahoma for several years.

The collar Deer has been working with is an impregnated or treated collar slipped over cattle's necks. It has provided protection over an extended period of time, presently three

## Alcohol-Drug Abuse Advisory Committee Member Named

Robert V. Hamilton of Sterling City has been named to the Concho Valley Council of Governments Regional Alcohol-Drug Abuse Advisory Committee.

The primary function of the 28-member committee is to make recommendations to the CVOG Executive Committee regarding needs, priorities and plans for prevention, control and treatment of alcohol and drug abuse.

In its role of assisting CVOG staff in developing the region's annual alcohol and drug abuse planning documents, the committee provides citizens input in defining alcohol and drug abuse problems and in developing practical approaches to resolve those problems. The latter activity includes efforts to develop local resources as well as efforts to ensure coordination among service providers.

## HAS 90th BIRTHDAY

Mrs. E.B. Butler was honored on her 90th birthday recently in the home of Mrs. Roy Foster.

Mrs. Foster provided the cake and Mrs. W.J. Swann provided the punch.

Mrs. Butler came here in 1911 as a school teacher. She taught the seventh grade and two classes of Latin. She began a romance with E. B. Butler, the druggist and when school was out they married. She very active for her years; drives her own car, visits the hospital and nursing home and friends. For many years she taught a Sunday School class in the Methodist Church.

Ralph Gonzales, son of Mrs. Lula Gonzales, was here over the weekend visiting his mother. He had been on a trip to the west visiting relatives and others. He visited a sister, Frances Gomez and a nephew, Danny Gonzales in California. While there, he visited with Jack Benge, a former resident here, now living in San Fernando Valley.

## TRAINING COURSE SET

The Rev. C. A. Tucker, Sterling County senior citizen outreach worker, will attend a training course for persons who provide services for the aging September 29 and 30 on the campus of Angelo State University in San Angelo.

The two-day seminar will review state, federal and local programs serving the elderly. It was funded through a grant from the Governor's Committee on Aging to the Concho Valley Council of Governments' Regional Office on Aging.

Dr. Caroline Harley, head of ASU's Sociology Department and Ralph Leach, special consultant from North Texas State University Center for Studies in Aging will conduct the two-day seminar for professionals, para-professionals and others who work with the elderly.

weeks.

Another device being tested at Kerrville is a treated cartag. This however causes a spot of blood in the ear when placed and has this disadvantage.

Deer says that he feels it is time to try for a United States Department of Agriculture approved label on these two methods. Recently approved treatments do not provide protection for enough time and these two are apparently more satisfactory, at least from the standpoint of residual.

## To Publish History of Sterling County

An agreement has been made with Troy Martin of The Canyon News, Inc. of Canyon, Texas to publish The History of Sterling County and other historical articles including family histories.

In order for this book to be available for distribution at the Old Settlers' Reunion next summer, FAMILY HISTORIES must be submitted to Mrs. L.C. McDonald not later than November 15, 1975.

For those wishing to reserve copies of the book, pre-publication price of the book is \$12.00 per copy. An additional one dollar will mail the book to the purchaser.

## Golf Tournament Winners

First place winners in the ABC golf tournament here last Saturday were Mark Sullivan, Steve Langston, Roland Lowe and Louis Watson. (They had 73, 3 under par for 24 holes.)

Second place winners were Randy Peel, Jack Peel, Ken Peel and Ken Rushing with 75.

Tied for third place were teams of Dayton Barrett, Jimmy Watson, R. V. Hamilton and Les Cole, AND Howard Cudd, C.J. Copeland, Steven Foster and Raynolds Foster. Brarrett's team won in the play off.

The longest ball was hit by R.V. Hamilton and the closest ball was hit by Jimmy Watson.

## Legion Barbecue Saturday Night

The annual American Legion Barbecue will be held Saturday evening, September 27 at the old Lester Foster ranchouse on the San Angelo highway. The festivities will start at 6 p. m. and the barbecue supper will be served at 7, said Legion Commander Elton Hull.

The meal will be \$2.50 for adults, said Hull. Everyone but minors are cordially welcome.

All the goat barbecue you can eat for \$2.50—that's hard to beat nowadays.

## Noratadata Club

Members of the Noratadata Club and guests were entertained with a dinner and bridge Tuesday evening by Mrs. Chesley McDonald in her ranch home.

President Mrs. F.S. welcomed the members. Mrs. Danny Stewart set October 6-7 for the Rummage Sale. It will be held in the old corner grocery building, and open at 8 a.m.

Guests present were Mrs. Alta McGibany, Mrs. Leah Wyckoff, Mrs. Craig Frizzell and Mrs. Johnny Hughes and daughter.

Club members present were Mrs. Dayton Barrett, Mrs. Henry Bauer, Mrs. Joe Emery, Mrs. Forrest Foster, Mrs. Reynolds Foster, Mrs. D. Kirk Hopkins, Mrs. Wynn McClure, Mrs. Foster S. Price, Mrs. Martin C. Reed, Mrs. I. W. Terry, Mrs. James Thompson, Mrs. Bill Watts, Mrs. Finis Westbrook, Mrs. Hubert Williams and Mrs. Danny Stewart.

Mrs. Alta McGibany was the high guest and Mrs. Terry high Club. The low guest was Mrs. Wyckoff and low club was Mrs. Thompson. Table cut prizes went to Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Frizzell, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Bauer and Mrs. Emery.

HELP--Would all who have borrowed hand tools of mine, PLEASE return. Thank. Henry Zetler.

## SCS Election; Range Tour October 1

A North Concho River Soil and Water Conservation District directors election will be held here Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Sterling City park, according to Dalton Merz, District Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, USDA.

The election will be conducted to elect a director for subdivision 2 of the North Concho River Soil and Water Conservation District.

Jim Davis is the present director of subdivision 2, having served in this position for the past 5 years. Subdivision 2 is that part of the district in Sterling County north of the North Concho River.

There will be a range tour conducted starting at the Sterling City Park at 9:00 A.M. on the Jim Davis and H & H ranches. The Davis ranch is located at the western edge of Sterling City on the Garden City highway. The H & H ranch is owned by H.L. Hildebrand and S. K. Horwood with Horwood being the ranch operator. It is located 1 mile north of Sterling City on the Robert Lee highway.

Outstanding conservation work applied with the assistance of the Soil Conservation Great Plains Conservation Program will be observed. Conservation practices applied on the ranches include brush management, range seeding, cross-fencing, and a high intensity-low frequency grazing system on the 23,000 acre H&H ranch.

A free barbecue sponsored by the north Concho River Soil and Water Conservation District will immediately follow the tour. Members of other soil and water conservation districts and anyone interested in good range management practices and related programs are invited to attend the tour, lunch and election.

## PEP RALLY TODAY AT 2:30

There will be a pep rally in the high school gym at 2:30. Head cheer leader Patti Bynum says all persons in the community are invited to attend.

The Eagles go Imperial tonight for a game at 8.

## SHS HAS NATIONAL MERIT STUDENT RECOGNITION

### Scholar

AMY HODGES NAMED MERIT SCHOLAR SEMI FINALIST

Amy Hodges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hodges, has been named a Merit Scholar Semi Finalist by the National Merit Scholarship Foundation.

Amy is a senior in Sterling City High School.

Amy is among the 15,000 who will continue in the competition for about 3,800 Merit Scholarships to be awarded next spring.

Over 1 million students from more than 17,000 high schools entered the 1976 Merit Program by taking the 1974 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test. The Semifinalists, most of whom will complete high school and enter college in 1976, represent the top one percent of the nation's most academically talented young people.

Names of the finalist winners will be announced next spring.

## WANT SAN ANGELO SYMPHONY TICKETS?

San Angelo Symphony season tickets are now on sale and can be ordered through Mrs. Billy Ralph Bynum. Tickets will be mailed by the middle of October said Mrs. Bynum.

Cost for the season tickets are \$12.50 for adults, \$6.50 for students, Goodfellow Field personnel and ASU students \$6.50.

## Lions Hear Talk by D. R. Watson

D. R. Wason, district engineer for the Department of Highways and Public Transportation, was the speaker at the Lions Club luncheon Wednesday. He spoke on the problems of his department.

Other guests present were H. E. Barton and Hank Watson, who are new members, Gene Hirschfield with the highway department.

The prize went to Lion Horace Bates.

## To Sponsor Bloodmobile

The club voted to sponsor the bloodbank program here on October 20. The club had sponsored the blood bank here in May.

## Eagles to Imperial Tonight at 8

The Sterling City Eagles will play Imperial tonight at 8:00 in a non-conference game. This is the last non-conference game of the season. The Eagles play Jayton here next Friday night at 7:30 in a conference tilt.

Coach Danny Slaughter's boys dropped their non-conference tilt with Bangs there last Friday night. Last year at this time the Eagles skunked Bangs 6 to 0; and this year the Bangs outfit skunked the locals.

So, to see ese last game before the district plays begin, travel to Imperial tonight at 8.

## Howard Watson New Man at Bank

Howard (Hank) Watson of Crockett has begun work in the bank here. Hank had been employed in the Crockett State Bank in Crockett. He has had about six years in banking. For eleven years he was with the Retail Credit Co. and was a real estate broker in Corpus Christi.

Watson is a native of Rusk in Cherokee County. He and Mrs. Watson has a son, Rick, in the U.S. Navy and another son, Mike, a student in the University of Arkansas.

At present Watson wants and needs to rent a house here.

## Club Rummage Sale October 6-7

The members of the Noratadata Club will hold their annual rummage sale here on October 6 and 7. It will be held in the old corner grocery store building and begin both days at 8 a.m.

The club uses profits made for club community betterment and improvements.

Any donations of items for the sale will be welcomed, it was said.

## SON TO MR. AND MRS. JOHN WILLIAMS

A son, named John B. Jr. was born to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Williams at 2 p.m. September 18 in the Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. The baby weighed six pounds and nine ounces.

'Papa' John is the deputy sheriff here, and the Williamses have two daughters, Cathryn 7, and Margaret 6.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Greenfield of Sterling City and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Williams of San Angelo.

## PTA MEMBERSHIP DUES

P-TA membership dues are now due and deadline is October 13. The first meeting of the local PTA will be Monday October 15.

Annual dues are \$1.

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Sept. 26—Imperial T 8:00  
Oct. 3—Jayton H 7:30  
Oct. 10—Loraine T 7:30  
Oct. 17—Hawley H 7:30  
Oct. 24—Forsan T 7:30  
Oct. 31—Roby H 7:30  
Nov. 7—Bronte T 7:30  
Nov. 14—Sands H 7:30  
\*District Games \*\*Homecoming

### NOTICE

The Texas State Department of Health has established, in accordance with the Federal Public Health Service Act, the current annual level of uncompensated services for Sterling County Hospital and Nursing Home, Sterling City, Texas to be that the facility does not intend to deny anyone admission to the facility or any of its services because of an inability to pay. The documents upon which the determination was based are available for public inspection at the Texas State Department of Health, 1100 West 49th St., Austin, Texas from 9:00 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. on regular business days. The level of services set out meets the presumptive compliance guidelines of the Federal regulation.

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## NEWS OF ECOLOGY

### ALUMINUM STRETCHES ENERGY RESOURCES

Now that pollution clean-up is underway, environmental concern seems to be shifting to energy supply. Some ecologists worry about America's accelerating use of fuels — coal, oil, gas and uranium.

These basic sources of energy, burned directly or transformed into electricity, propel all vehicles, heat and cool our homes, run appliances, cook and refrigerate foods and power our industries.

The use of aluminum, an environmentally thrifty metal, stretches fuels and energy, the people at Reynolds Aluminum point out.

"Aluminum does not deteriorate and is easily recycled with little expenditure of energy," said Dr. Robert F. Testin, director of environmental planning for Reynolds. "That makes it an energy bank that can be drawn upon again and again. When long-lasting aluminum products are finally discarded, melting them down for refashioning into new products takes less than 5 per cent of the energy used to make the aluminum originally."

Because it is so light — only one-third the weight of steel, copper or brass — aluminum provides a greater quantity of material per ton. "This phenomenon stretches the energy used in making aluminum products, as a ton of aluminum yields two to three times more items than are obtained from a ton of other materials," according to Dr. Earl E. Patterson, who heads up Reynolds metallurgical research.

An example of Dr. Patterson's point is beer and soft drink containers. A ton of steel produces 15,400 steel cans, and a ton of glass makes 5,000 bottles, but a ton of aluminum results in 32,680 all-aluminum cans.

An article in the Reynolds magazine reveals many other

ways aluminum conserves energy.

Transportation of all kinds consumes 30 per cent of America's energy supply. The light metal cuts fuel consumption in all kinds of vehicles — aluminum highway trucks, automobiles with their aluminum parts, aluminum railroad cars, aluminum boats and ships with aluminum superstructures. The 1973 autos average about 78 pounds of aluminum per car.



In heating and air conditioning, which take 27 per cent of the energy supply, aluminum insulation and ducts, because of their high heat reflectivity, cut fuel consumption.

Durable aluminum siding, windows and other construction items greatly reduce use of resources and energy in maintenance, repair and replacement. The article points out that aluminum will not rot or warp, and is immune to red rust, mildew and termites.

In cooking, the rapid heat conductivity of aluminum pots and pans — six times faster than steel, for example — conserves electricity and gas. In the refrigerator, foods in aluminum foil chill or freeze quicker than when wrapped in paper or plastic film, saving electricity.

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**DISTRICT DIRECTORS—**

Stan Horwood, Dr. Percy "Bud" Turner, Jim Davis, August Fryszak and Ernest Michalewicz are present directors of the North Concho River Soil and Water Conservation District. The district consists of 1,406,190 acres of land which includes all of Sterling County and a portion of Glasscock and Tom Green counties. The director election this year will be held in October for Zone 2. Jim Davis is presently serving in this zone.

## Great Plains Conservation Program has 88 contracts in local district

The Great Plains Conservation Program, enacted into law in 1956, was initiated as a conservation program to minimize climatic and economic hazards in the area. As the drought of the 50's came to an end, Congress decided that something had to be done to help protect the most productive region in the United States.

The main objective of the program is to assist farmers and ranchers carry out on a voluntary basis a plan of operations that, through cropping and grazing systems and the application of enduring soil and water conservation practices, bring about greater stability to operating units and the area. The law provides cost-share and technical assistance during the life of the contract based on a conservation plan for the

landuser's entire operating unit.

Since establishment of the program, some 88 contracts totally over 325,000 acres have been signed in the North Concho River Soil and Water Conservation District. The most effective practices cost-shared by the program include brush management, range seeding, pasture planting, cross-fencing, water facility development and live-stock water pipelines.

The local Soil Conservation Service office is presently taking applications to be developed in the Great Plains Conservation Program contracts this fall. Contact your local office if you may be interested.

Sterling County has an area of 914 square miles with an estimated population of 1000.



**ED THOMAS**  
... State Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, tells about the 40th Anniversary of the Soil Conservation Service

## Soil Conservation Service marks 40th anniversary

Forty years ago, the country faced tremendous problems brought about by erosion, floods, land damage, and violent dust storms.

On April 27, 1935, a new agency, the Soil Conservation Service, was created to combat the forces that threatened to lay waste to millions of acres of cropland. The Soil Conservation Service began working with landowners by demonstrating means of erosion control, but it became apparent that really effective conservation work was done better when landowners led the job themselves.

In 1937, President Roosevelt recommended that each state legislature enact laws permitting landowners and land occupiers to form units to be called Soil Conservation Districts. Rallying to the call, all the states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, enacted laws permitting formulation of districts.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts set out to focus attention on land and water problems on all privately-owned land, develop annual and long-range programs designed to solve the problems, and to enlist all the appropriate help available from public and private sources.

Now, over 3,000 conservation districts, covering 97 per cent of all privately-owned lands, have formed in mutual concern to protect, conserve, and improve the world we live in.

Typically, a conservation district has five supervisors, elected by local landowners. The supervisors work with the Soil Conservation Service District conservationist and other agencies in helping the landowner apply conservation measures on his land.

More than two million landowners are voluntarily

planning and applying conservation measures in local soil and water conservation districts. They are helping to control erosion, improve water supplies, prevent floods, curtail pollution, and develop recreational areas.

The National Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (NACD), organized by district leaders in 1946, is the means by which the districts make their cause known and voice heard.

George R. Bagley, cotton farmer and real estate developer of St. Joseph, Louisiana, is president of the NACD.

"This land is more than a place to live," Bagley said. "It holds our future. How well we treat it will ultimately determine how well we live.

"Conservation and wise development of our natural resources have never been more important. Soil, water, forests, fish and wildlife, open space, and natural beauty are threatened by misuse and waste. Our total environment is under pressure.

"But more than agriculture is involved. Many district programs are directed toward meeting problems of suburban expansion. Districts are cooperating in site location, sediment control, beautification, economic development, and land use planning," Bagley continued.

The principal source of technical assistance to the districts is the Soil Conservation Service. SCS provides a district conservationist for each district to help carry out conservation programs.

The scope of the Soil Conservation Service program has expanded since establishment 40 years ago. And the Soil and Water Conservation Districts have grown beside it, bringing a better life and future to everyone.

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**NEW RANGE CONSERVATIONIST—**

Fred C. Stumberg, range conservationist with the soil Conservation Service, has moved to Sterling City to receive preliminary training and assist the North Concho River Soil and Water Conservation District. Stumberg is a 1975 graduate of Texas A&M University where he acquired a bachelor of science degree in Range Management. He is originally from Marathon where he was raised on the family ranch. Now headquartered at the Sterling City Field Office, he is under the supervision of Dalton Merz, district conservationist. Stumberg will be available to assist farmers and ranchers with their conservation plans.



**CLEAN RIVER—**

The Sundown Lions Club in San Angelo has taken the lead in trying to improve the environment in the North Concho River Soil & Water Conservation District by cleaning up the brush and debris on a short section on the North Concho River. This was a part of the River Committee of the BCD's program from the Bicentennial celebration.

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**RANGE JUDGING CONTESTANTS—**

According to Stan Horwood, chairman of the North Concho River Soil and Water Conservation District, some 47 contestants from seven area towns comprised 12 different teams competing for awards at the 18th annual plant identification and range judging contest held at the O. C. Fisher Lake near San Angelo. The contest was set up in three parts: 1) 20 to 40 plants to identify 2) Range plot placing and 3) Range utilization, treatment, and condition plot. Horwood also said that the contest was very competitive and that they wish to co-sponsor the contest next year.

**Since pioneer days grass often taken for granted**

By FRED C. STUMBERG  
Range Conservationist  
Sterling City, Texas

Grass has been taken for granted and often neglected since the days of the pioneer movement across the Southwest.

To the pioneers, the vast expanse of prairies and lush grasslands probably seemed to support an endless amount of harvestable grass. Few early cattle and sheep producers had the time to consider the fundamentals of growth or its needs to maintain itself.

With the advent of livestock producers came the thousands of miles of fence. Ranchers used barbed wire to confine too many livestock on their rangeland and this led to rangeland deterioration. How-

ever, early ranchers cannot be faulted too much because they didn't have the research information available that we have today.

It's been hard to convince a society oriented toward land cultivation that proper manipulation of grazing animals is the basic key to rangeland production.

Experience with planted crops and tame pastures has led many ranchers to try techniques such as fertilizers, mechanical treatment, grass planting and the like to solve their rangeland problems. The idea that rangeland productivity can be increased by grazing management has gradually caught on, but the application of such management has lagged considerably.

Because of overgrazing and continued use by grazing animals, much of our grass-

lands have degenerated too far below pre-cattlemen conditions. But grass is a renewable resource. It will respond to a combination of management practices so you can

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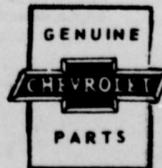
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Victor Probandt, Mike Bowen, J. C. Schovajsa and Ross Hord of the Sterling City FFA won first place in the Senior Team Division of the Plant Identification and Range Judging Contest held at the O. C. Fisher Lake near San Angelo. Standing is Fred Igo, coach of the team and FFA teacher at the Sterling City Schools. Victor Probandt was Senior High individual of the contest. The contest was sponsored by the North Concho River S&WCD, the Concho River S&WCD and the Concho Aggies of Angelo State University.



**EVALUATE VALUE OF TORDON 225—**  
Portions of the Tom and Bill Humble Ranch were recently toured by conservationists of the Soil Conservation Service from Temple and Fort Worth. Emphasis was placed on evaluating the effects of Tordon 225 on important wildlife plants. Those pictured include (left to right) D. B. Polk, State Resource Conservationist; James Henson, Biologist, Olan Dillon, Regional Biologist; Gary Valentine, Biologist; Frank Sprague, Biologist; and Dalton Merz, District Conservationist.

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## Continuous grazing kills many choice grasses

By DALTON MERZ  
District Conservationist  
Sterling City, Texas

In the past, most Texas grasslands were grazed year-long by livestock as well as by wildlife. Continuous grazing destroys many of the choice forage plants essential to wildlife and livestock production.

Forage plants are more vigorous, and productive and they reproduce in greater abundance when given occasional rest from grazing during their growth periods.

Many landowners have begun to divide their grassland ranges into several fenced pastures and to adopt

systems which provide periodic rest from livestock grazing for each pasture. Soil and water conservation districts, professional range conservationist, agricultural experiment station researchers, wildlife biologists, extension service workers, and others encourage wider use of these grazing techniques. Under such systems (referred to as rotation-deferred or rest-rotation systems), one or more pastures are rested while the remainder are being grazed. By rotating the rest periods, each pasture, in turn, has the benefit of a temporary rest from livestock.

Wildlife, especially deer,



### PRE-IRRIGATION USED—

Pre-irrigation is used by many farmers in the St. Lawrence area. The land is pre-irrigated during winter months, and after planting, two or three applications are used depending on amount of rainfall received. The amount of water being applied, along with length and grade of row, are the key to proper irrigation water management.

tend to concentrate in the pastures being rested. This permits them to graze without livestock competition for the choice forbs and browse during the rest period.

Pastures managed under such grazing systems have consistently produced greater sustained net returns from both livestock and wildlife than similar pastures grazed continuously at the same rate of stocking. The systems also permit an increase in forage production and encourage desirable changes in the kinds of forage plants. Grazing systems must be carefully designed to fit the specific resources and needs of individual grassland ranges.

Nineteen hundred and seventy-five was the 21st consecutive year that the North Concho River, Eldorado-Divide and the Concho Soil and Water Conservation Districts, along with almost 3,000 similar districts throughout the nation, has sponsored Soil Stewardship Week.

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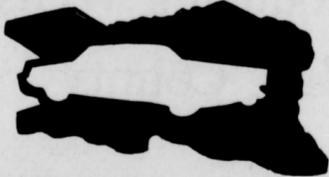
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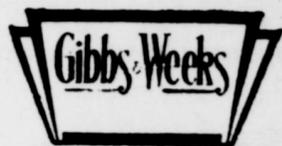
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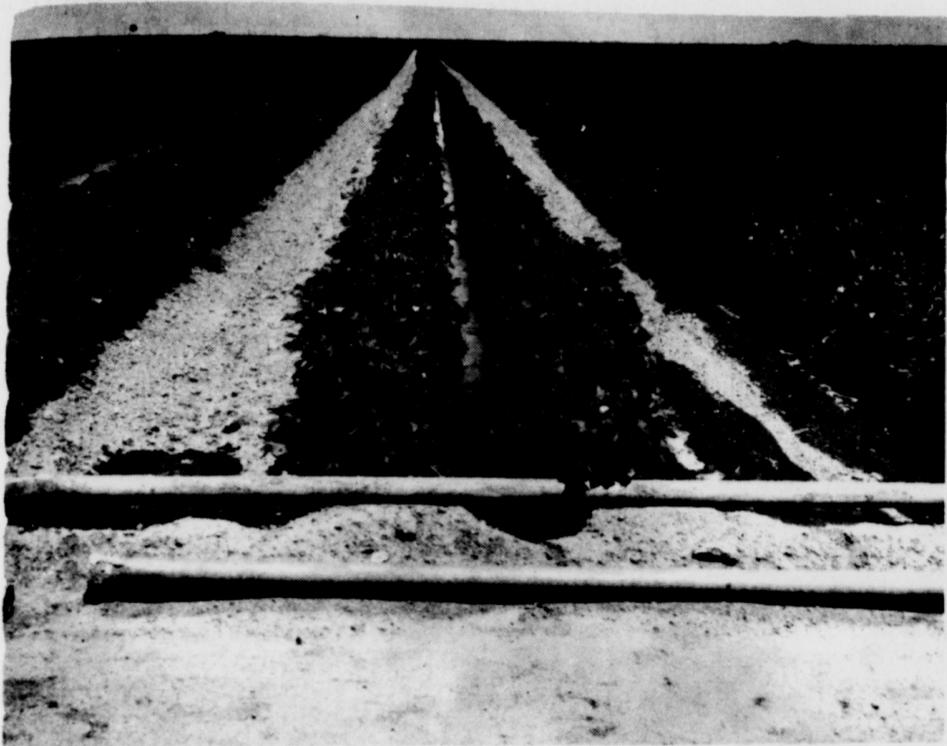
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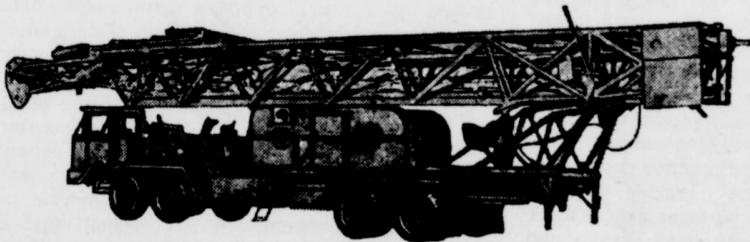
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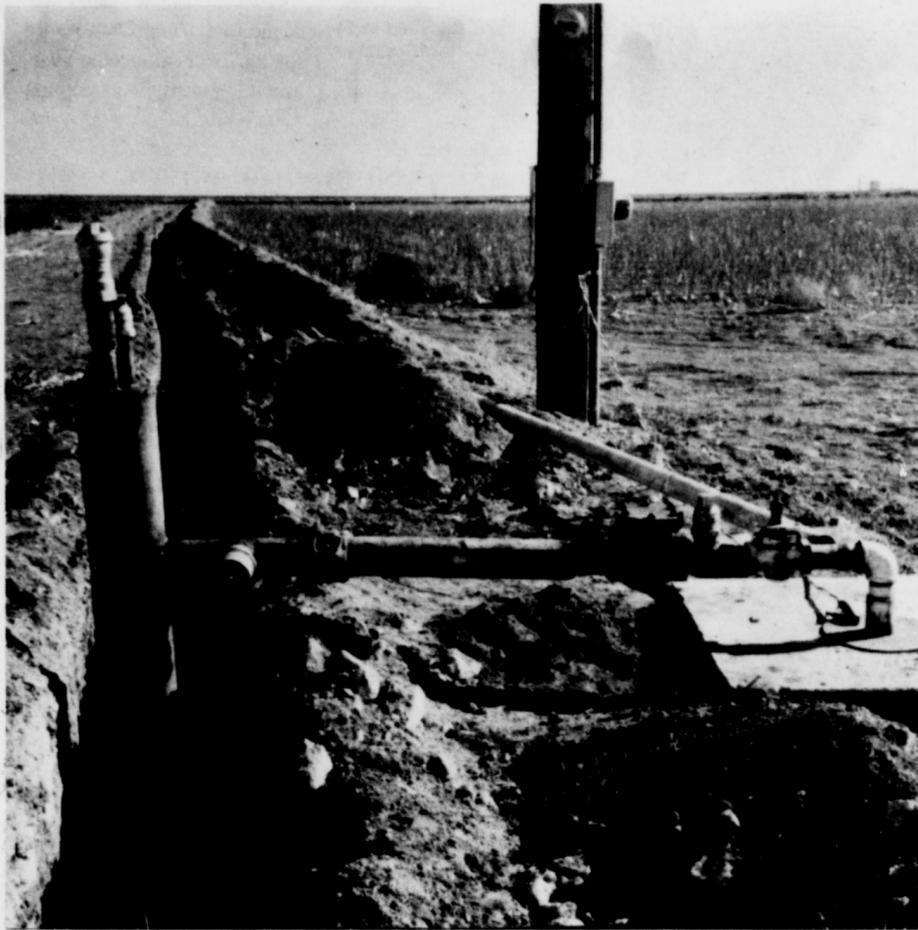
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**Rancher finds short duration grazing enables him to preserve pastures**

By PERCY R. TURNER  
... Rancher  
Water Valley, Texas

When one has given this business of growing forage sufficient thought to realize that maximum potential can not be obtained through a continuous grazing system, he looks for alternatives.

One alternative is the short duration grazing system where pastures are used for relatively short periods and rested for much longer periods of time.

I have used this system in an experimental unit of 1850 acres for over seven years. My system is made up of 9 pastures and is usually grazed

about 3 weeks with cattle, following by a similar grazing period with sheep and then rested until the cattle come around again, 3 to 5 months later. Rest interval has varied due to brush control and re-seeding and season

Some observations and thoughts concerning this system follow:

1. One can either make faster range improvement or can take off more forage without detrimental effects than with other grazing systems.

2. Individual grass plants continue to become more hardy for several years due to

development of a better root system.

3. More forage is produced due to a better opportunity to grow and due to better utilization of rainfall. Plants have better root systems and there is less runoff since there are more large plants and they are more dense on the ground. Also, the better the range condition is, the better this system works.

4. Individual animal performance will suffer if this system is pushed to its maximum potential, however, production per acre will be greatest from this system. My system has not shown this since I still haven't pushed it

this hard but this has been shown on several research systems.

5. Total water volume can become a limiting factor very quickly. Through space does

not seem to be as critical as one might expect since animals spread out better and don't come into water as bunched up as they do in other

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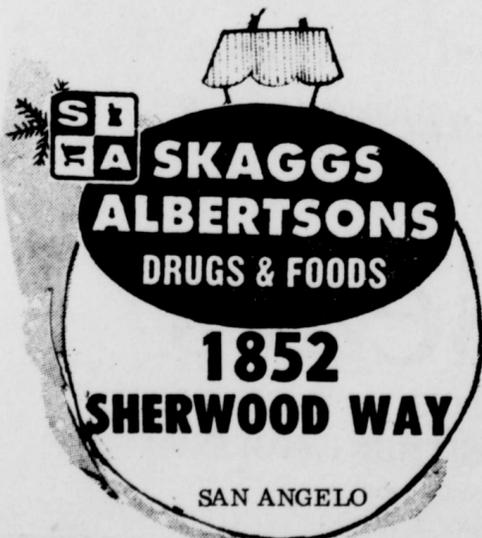
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Soil Stewardship Week material was distributed to 26 churches in the San Angelo area, 4 churches in the El Dorado area, 6 churches in the Eden area, and 9 churches in the Sterling City area.

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## Deer and turkey respond readily to ranchers' efforts to improve range

By **FREDDIE J. WILLIAMS**  
Range Conservationist  
Sterling City, Texas

This fall, thousands of Texas hunters will be heading for the country in pursuit of their favorite game animal or game bird. Some will be paying large sums of money to have a change at that big whitetail buck or that huge turkey gobbler. When these hunters, or yourself, arrives on opening morning, what will they find. Well, this depends alot on the plants present on the ranch that are beneficial to deer and turkey. The two classes of plants most beneficial to deer and turkey are forbs and browse.

Forbs make up the largest part of the deer's diet throughout the year when they're available. This year, ample forbs are present almost everywhere but this generally is not the case. Quality preennial forbs such as Englemann daisy, Guara, Bush sunflower, Dalea species, Euphorbia species and Aster species are the main forbs present during normal rainfall years. Turkey also feed on



**CONSERVATION PRACTICES INCREASE GAME -** These turkeys benefit from conservation. Adequate food and cover must be present for wildlife to exist. Carefully planned conservation practices can increase wildlife numbers while increasing domestic animal production.

the seeds of these forbs and other borbs such as the croton species.

Browse plants are utilized most during the stress periods when few forbs are available. Some of the better browse plants to look for include Ephedra, Littleleaf sumac,

Shinoak, Hackberry, and Skunkbush. Without these plants, deer could not stay in one location due to the lack of food reserve.

Management practices can affect the variety and quality of plants present. For example, overstocking with cattle or sheep will kill out or reduce in numbers the high quality forbs so vital to deer and turkeys. If most of the quality forbs are already reduced, a program of systematic deferred grazing and proper grazing use can put them on the road to recovery. Many of the browse plants have disappeared due to overstocking by goats. These will start coming back in with frequent rest periods.

Mechanical treatment of brush can be beneficial if proper planning is implemented. Treedoing, root-plowing, chaining, and aerial spraying can be completed in strips to leave adequate cover and food for deer and turkey. Also while treedoing, all of the high quality browse plants should be left.

In summary, deer and turkey respond favorably to well-planned and applied conservation practices that provide ample cover and food. As with humans, they will try to locate their homes where the conditions are the sweetest.

Soil Stewardship Week is a national observance which emphasizes man's responsibility to protect and conserve soil, water and other natural resources, was held May 4-11

this year, according to Barney Jefferson, chairman of the Soil Stewardship Committee for the Concho, North Concho River and Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Districts.

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## Conservation practices restore old Wylie ranch land to good pasture

By CONDA O. RICHARDS  
(Condensed from article in  
Rangeman's Journal  
June 1975)

**History.** The Wylie Estate was first operated as a ranch in 1876 on land formerly occupied by Fort Chadbourne, north of Bronte. Early descriptions, from as far back as 1852, reported that the grass in this area was in excellent condition.

From the years 1876 to 1956 we had to move all the livestock off this ranch a total of five times because of droughts. These moves were in the 1890's, 1905, 1917, 1948, and 1954 and all resulted in a near total livestock sell-out.

The stocking rate on this ranch varies from 10 to 25 acres per animal unit from 1876 to 1956. Each time we sold out we came back with fewer animal units than before. In the 1960's we became aware of what we had been missing.

Through the lack of scientific knowledge of soil and water conservation, we were



### RANCH TOUR—

Stan Horwood and Glenn Riley, Sterling and Glasscock County ranchers respectively, consider the advantage of a short duration grazing system during a tour of the Chadbourne Ranch near Bronte.

overgrazing our rangeland. Out cattle were put under a

fence and forced to regrow the same area rather than move on. They had eaten the best grass and then the next best grass until only the low producing grasses were left to cover the land.

**Brush Invasion.** In the late teens ranchers began to notice an increase in mesquite and other invaders. They gradually increased as the grasses decreased until we could carry only one animal unit per 25 to 30 acres. With hardening economic conditions we realized we had to do something to improve this.

In 1948 we began aerial spraying of mesquite. We chained some cedar infested areas; rootplowed and seeded some lowlands and hand-sprayed pricklypear and tasselgrass. Each program resulted in some success, but something was still wrong.

**Turn Around.** In the 60's Woodrow Hoffman, then SCS District Conservationist, helped me develop an understanding of grass as a manufacturing plant and how to meet its needs for production.

In February of 1969 an agreement was signed with the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District and a

We designed the plan around the idea of using cattle, goats, and wildlife as our grass harvesters. The plan was developed. We are still working with the plan. grazing management alternative for our ranch was the Short Duration Grazing System. Water had to be developed and crossfencing done  
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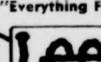
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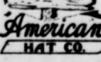
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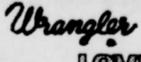
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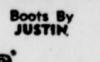
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## Ranchers find pasture improvement enables them to produce more feed

John Caldwell and Ted Haywood purchased about 2,549 acres of land from the Penrose Metcalf Estate in January 1971. The ranch is located about two miles west of Tankersly and along the north side of Highway 67. After several years of consultation with Soil Conservation technicians assisting the North Concho River Soil and Water Conservation District, they decided to enter into a Great Plains Conservation Program contract.

The basic needs for the ranch were determined to be brush management, re-establishment of desirable pasture plants, retain desirable habitat and protection for wildlife and improve the pasture plant composition through frequent rest and proper grazing.

In 1974, 701 acres was rootplowed, roller chopped and seeded to a mixture of 50 per cent sideoats grama, 20 per cent green sprangletop, 15 per cent kleingrass, 15 per cent King Ranch bluestem and 5 per cent sorghum alnum. In 1975, an additional



### PASTURE ROOT-PLOWED—

This heavy bulldozer was used in root plowing on the Caldwell and Haywood ranches in December of last year.

555 acres received the same treatment. About 646 acres in four pastures has been left in brush. These brush strips are about 300 feet wide and alternate with cleared re-seeded strips about 900 feet wide. The brush strips provide natural cover and food for deer, turkey, quail and dove.

John is convinced that the rangeland improvement program for livestock must also provide for wildlife benefit. Returns from game animals is such more profitable today than was anticipated five years ago.

After analyzing results on the treated land, Caldwell says, "It looks like the seeded areas are producing two or three times more livestock

feed than the untreated areas. The seeded pastures will continue to rest until after frost. We should be able to run at least 100 more animal units of livestock this fall and winter. We are well pleased with results and I will be glad to show anyone our accomplishment."

Food and energy shortages, environmental pollution and the growing concern over land use were cited as examples of changes affecting the use of America's natural resources in material furnished for Soil Stewardship Week observance this year.

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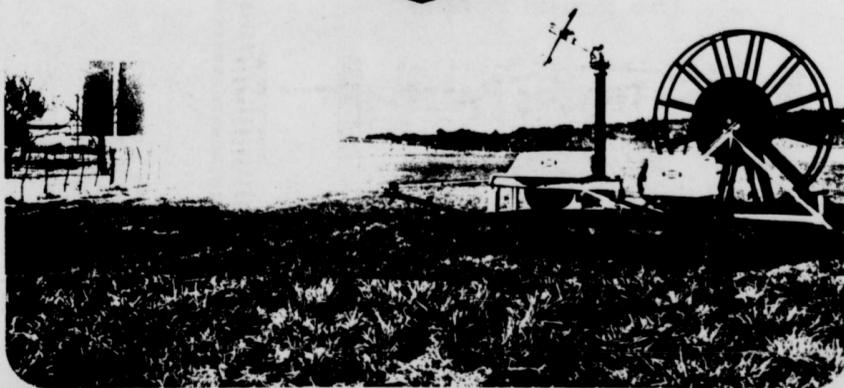
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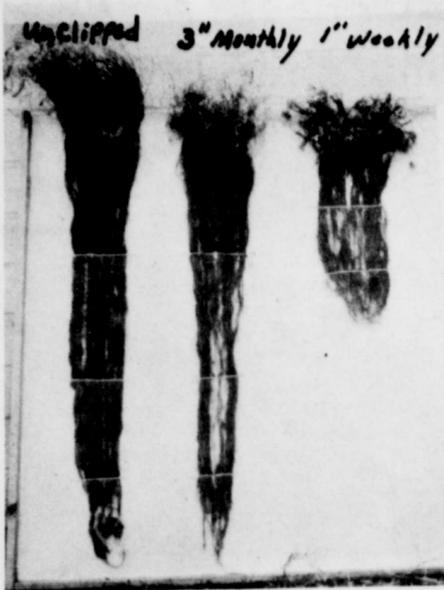
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**MESQUITE KILL—**  
Glenn Riley, Garden City Rancher, inspects mesquite tree kill following aerial spraying. Through aerial spraying and chaining, Glenn has effectively controlled the invading mesquite on his ranch.



**HOW ROOTS RESPOND—**  
The effect of various grazing pressures upon the grass's root development is shown in the above comparison. The unclipped plant at left represents no grazing pressure applied while severe grazing pressure is represented on the right. Which plant could survive a drought best? The center plant represents proper grazing pressure.

Sterling County, containing 114 square miles, has a tax valuation of \$8,933,344 and a mineral value of \$6,774,000.

The Texas Almanac lists 98 persons as total number employed in Sterling County. Number of automobiles registered is 477.

Sterling City is the county seat of Sterling county which bases its economy on oil and ranching. Highways 158, 87 and 163 enter the city.

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**Wylie--**

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before the plan could really work.

To help a more rapid recovery of grasses, we felt it necessary to rootplow and reseed. But after 5 years of deferred grazing on some parts of the ranch we are getting recovery without rootplowing.

We have again reached the original one animal unit per 10 acres rate, but our greatest challenge is still before us. We must be able to harvest our grasses and still improve the forage quality. I am sure the short duration grazing system is the best tool available to accomplish this on our ranch.

The altitude of Sterling county ranges between 2,200 and 2,600 feet with the average annual rainfall 9.52 inches. January's temperature minimum is 33 degrees average. With the high average of 95 degrees in July.

**Rancher--**

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systems.

6. This system can be very flexible in regard to its operation. I routinely divide into several pastures during lambing and stay through marking. This can also be done for breeding. Pastures need not be similar in size since the grazing period can be adjusted to the individual pasture size. The more pastures in the system, the better.

7. Routine observation and working of livestock is greatly simplified. Although the additional work of moving the livestock is substantial, I think it is far outweighed by the fact that one is looking after a much smaller area at one time in this system. I have not found the moving of the livestock to be detrimental to them and they soon seem anxious to move to fresh forage.

8. I think this system is much easier to get started if rainfall has been good or one starts with a reduced number of livestock from what one would usually consider for a given area.

9. This system requires more management than other grazing systems, however, on many places I think it also has the most potential for greatest long term net return.

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**SONGBIRDS ANOTHER BY-PRODUCT—**  
Olan Dillon, Regional Biologist of Fort Worth with the Soil Conservation Service inspects the nest of a Cactus Wren on the Tom and Bill Humble ranches of Sterling City. Song birds are additional resources which are sometimes overlooked during the planning process of considering alternative treatments of land.

## Don't kill all mesquite, conservationist advises

By DALTON MERZ  
District Conservationist  
Sterling City, Texas

For optimum production of both wildlife and livestock, mesquite should be controlled in strips or blocks alternating with untreated areas. Brush should always be left along drainage ways, on steep slopes, near waterings and roosting places, and on other areas most attractive to wildlife. Clearing brush in such patterns greatly increases the edge (brush-grass edge area) available to wild animals. Deer populations on brushy grasslands treated in this manner have a much better balance of food and cover than where entire pastures are either left in thick brush or entirely cleared of woody plants.

The proper width of strips to be left in brush varies with the height and density of the mesquite and topography. If the brush is short, brush strips should be wide. Narrower strips of brush are more suitable when brush is dense than when it is in an open stand. Flat country usually need wider brush strips than hilly or rolling country. Strips should be wide enough to include adequate amount of needed browse and to permit wildlife to hide from view easily. As a rule of thumb, brush strips should not be less than 300 feet in width, and cleared strips should not be more than 1000 feet.

Broken strips offer greater hunter safety and some think deer move across short

openings more freely. Deer and other wildlife continue to use grassland with any type of pattern as long as sufficient brush cover is maintained. The landowner must decide which type of pattern will best fit into his livestock and wildlife operation.

Besides increasing the amount of edge, patterned brush control has other benefits to wildlife management.

Game animals are more easily seen because of the clearings created and they are easier to hunt. And, extremely important in management, it is much easier to obtain an adequate harvest of game on land treated this way.

Contact your local Soil Conservation Service office if you are interested in controlling brush strips and patterns.

Sterling County is located in the 17th Congressional District, represented by Cong. Omar Burleson of Anson.

### Best Wishes For A Successful Junior Livestock Show

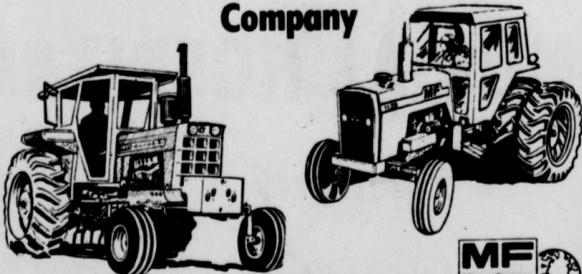
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**WEATHER** Forecast for the Sterling area for this weekend—Showers and rain, accompanied by thunder and lightning.

**Social Security Tips**

Social security checks should be cashed within a reasonable time to prevent loss or theft, even though there's no time limit on cashing them, according to social security officials here.

'If your check is lost or stolen, get in touch with your nearest social security office at once,' a spokesman said. 'The check can be replaced, but it takes time. Handle your check carefully when you get it and you won't have to wait while it's being replaced.'

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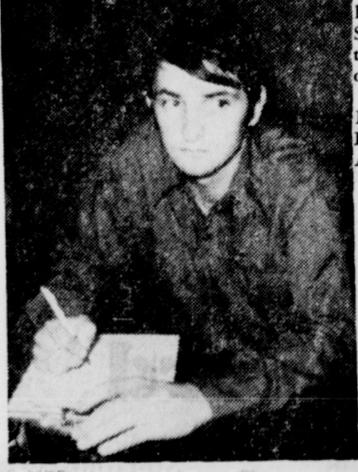
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Marcus Estrada

Dismissals since Thursday morning of last week were:

Mrs. Lena Key  
Mrs. Doug Davis and infant son  
Mrs. Robert Allen

Patients in the Sterling County Nursing Home on Thursday morning of this week were:

George Case  
Mrs. Walsie Gibbs  
Virgil Brownfield  
Mrs. Lucy Chaney  
Mrs. Blanche Copeland  
Mrs. Luther Hallmark  
Mrs. Lura McClellan  
Mrs. Edith Hudson  
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W. J. Williams  
Mrs. J. E. Bynum  
Mrs. Larkin Longshore  
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Noble Read  
J. B. Ratliff  
Mrs. Minnie Pinson  
Roy Morgan  
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Mrs. Noble Read  
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## Behind the 8-Ball



By the editor.

Shades of Wilkes Booth, Harvey Oswald and Sirhan Sirhan—(don't know when to stop on him) what is the US of A'—coming to? Now with women's lib, even the women are getting into the act. Why would anyone want to kill Ford? Or any public figure, for that matter?

What I'm scared of is that we will get sorta like the banana republics that seem to take assassinations as a matter of course. This sort of thing just might turn away a lot of good people from seeking public office. And I don't blame them.

If I was Betty Ford I would not let Gerald run again for the office. It is not worth it.

Through the years some few presidents were shot at or an attempt was made to assassinate them, and failed. Like Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman—and some candidates have been shot, like Wallace and Robert I. Kennedy. The American way of life is undergoing a change—and one that is not good.

Although the assassins are just nuts, or disgruntled persons, it is rough on office holders.

We may see they day when a president will not get out into the mainstream, but stay behind bullet-proof stuff all the time.

Some politicians love the feel of the public, and mixing with them, especially during a campaign. It is life to them. They like the crowds and the seeming adulation. It is sorta like an actor or actress needs the applause. All that may change.

8-BALL

I don't think that gun control is the answer. In fact, I don't know the answer. Do you—

8-BALL

If such goings ons continue no self respecting and family-loving man will run for a big office. It will be too dangerous.

8-BALL

You know, it's a wonder that some one did not try to assassinate Nixon. Then he would have been a martyr.

8-BALL

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Oct. 2—Bronte H 7:00  
Oct. 9—Robert Lee H 6:00  
Oct. 16—Forsan H 6:00  
Oct. 23—Garden City H 6:00  
Oct. 30—Bronte T 7:00

## Postal Consumer Service Program

A nationwide Consumer Service Program designed to improve and broaden the quality of mail service was announced today by Postmaster Bill Brooks.

Beginning October 1, the U.S. Postal Service will introduce a program at the Sterling City Post Office and other offices across the nation to encourage mail users to register problems they may have with their mail service.

At the core of the program is a consumer service card, through which problems are identified and which postal managers attempt to expeditiously resolve.

The Consumer Service Program reflects Postmaster General Benjamin F. Bailar's determination that mail service to the public will be—friendly, courteous and efficient, as well as speedy and reliable.

Good service is a far broader concept than just fast mail handling, as important as that is—the Postmaster General says—It is also built on employee courtesy, our responsiveness to customer needs, the sympathy and understanding we bring to your own expectations of what good postal service is all about.

Postmaster Brooks urged customers in Sterling City to bring inquiries and complaints to the attention of postal managers. And if people feel their problems have not been properly handled, the Postmaster said, they should see him personally.

To make it easier for a customer to make a suggestion or complaint about postal service, the new consumer service card will be available from letter carriers and at post offices.

According to Postmaster Brooks the card is two postal cards with carbon paper between them. One copy goes to me or a station superintendent so work can begin on the problem, he said. The other goes to Postal Service Headquarters in Washington for cataloging and analysis. The cards will help management spot problems and take corrective action if necessary.

The card should take no more than two minutes to fill out. The Postmaster also said he and his staff are willing to discuss any problems, including lack of courtesy, irregularities in deliveries or collections, collection box convenience and postal office hours.

We want you to come to us with your problems, concluded Postmaster Brooks. The whole point of this service program is to bring your problems and gripes out in the open where we can attempt to resolve them.

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The Rev. Roy Wold, pastor of the First United Methodist Church here, took Charlie McClure to the San Antonio Medical Center Monday where McClure underwent an examination for possible surgery on a hip.

Charlie will enter the Community Hospital there next week and undergo surgery to correct a bad hip joint.

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August 14 Teacher Work Day  
August 15 No School  
August 18 School Year Begins (for students)  
October 27 District TSTA (A student holiday)  
November 7 End of 1st Quarter  
November 10 Teacher Work Day (student holiday)  
November 11 Holiday-Armistice Day  
November 27 and 28 Thanksgiving Holidays  
December 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, January 1 & 2 Christmas holidays  
January 12 Holiday, Local Stock Show  
February 20 End 2nd Quarter  
February 23, 24, 25, Inservice (student holidays)  
March 5 Holiday (San Angelo Stock Show)  
March 19 & 22 Spring Holidays  
April 15, 16, 17 Easter Holidays  
May 22 Baccalaureate  
May 26 Graduation  
May 26 End 3rd Quarter  
May 27 Teacher Work Day

## Social Security News

### A SPECIAL NOTICE TO SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME RECIPIENTS

Franklin Upp, District Manager of the San Angelo Social Security Office, addresses this news release to those of you who receive the Supplemental Security Income payments (SSI) through the Social Security Administration. As all of you know we at social security need to be kept informed about those items that could change the amount of your benefits, such as marital status (marriage, divorce, address, material and monetary loss or gain, as well as death of a beneficiary.

To do this, we rely upon you, the individual, to keep us informed; and at least once a year, we contact you. It is that time of year again for many of you. Please don't be alarmed should you receive a letter to contact us regarding your continuing eligibility for SSI. Be sure, however, that you do either meet with one of our representatives or call our San Angelo Office as soon as possible after receipt of one of our letters. Failure to do so could lead to a suspension of your benefits.

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