| mack's |
| :---: |
| tracks |
| - by dave |

This is Public School Weel State all parents and interested and
taxpayers to take this chance to
view their shools view their schools in action.
Parents are invited to visit Parents are invited to visit
anytime during school hours
this week and a special 0 pen this week and a special Open
House is slated for 7.9 p .m. on Friday night.
There is no There is no formal program
slated for Friday night, but each parent is invited to visit their
child's classroom where teachers will be on duty to visit and
answer any questions. Our schools are an important part of our communities and ional schools in Stratford. We would urge everyone to
show their interest by visiting
the schools this week then be sure to attend the Open House Friday night. ${ }_{\text {XXXX }}$ have gotten the energy saving
rules all mixed up...some have been driving at 68 mph and had
their thermostats set on 55 $\underset{\text { Our congratu }}{\text { xxxy }}$ Gordie Ramon for his participat ing in the recent Author's
Dinner held in Amarillo last sored annually by Friends of the Amarillo Library.
Gordie, Stratford's poor
man's Michaelangelo, has been man's Michaelangelo, has been
writing poetry for many years,
and had his second book of poems published this
Good work Gordie!
XXXX

|  | o., bringing the messages. The Revival services begin |
| :---: | :---: |
| nty Older Texans (SCOT) | each evening at 7:45 |
| dtheir second meeting at the | Everyone is invited to attend |
| unty barn and again the event |  |
| well attended. |  |
| hope the folks will | ARENA CONSTRU |
|  | MEETING SLATED |
| hope it will fill a need for our | All interested persons rned with construction of |
|  | the |
| night |  |
| Lions will be co-sponsoring a program in conjunction with the | he barns. |
| ord Hosp |  |
| explain how Canadian const- | SCOT |
| ructed and runs their con | Attracts 85 |
| ors from Canadian w |  |
| on hand to answer questions |  |
| along with representatives from | Eighty-five senior citizens |
| the Panhandle Regional Health | of Sherman County met at the |
| Council. <br> The Stratford Hospital Board | County Barn for their second |
| s been at work this past ye | meeting |
| looking into the possibilities of | Stage Band directed by Mr. |
| constructing a facility for this | Gary Laramore and |
| area. The project has now had | ns Car |
| the approval of the Regional | by Mr. Pos |
| Health Council and the | Everyone fifty-five and over is |
| Canadian facility has been | welcome at these meetings, so |
| singled out as one closer to wh | next time why don't you come |
| will | and bring a guest? Mrs |
| he Lions will meet at 7 p.m. | Maude Alexander from Gruver |
| the general public is invit | attended this meeting, so surely |
| come at 7:30 p.m. for | you can make it. |
|  | Delicious refreshments were |
| Tracks would encourage all residents to be on hand to hear | served by the Contemporary |
| take part in the open for | Study Club. Our next meetion |
|  |  |
| board has spent many hours |  |
| working on this project and | enjoy meeting old friends. | imagine a similar project will be

up before voters before the year
is out. If you have questions we
hope you will be on hand
Monday night.
This weekend the Stratford Chamber of Commerce will b
holding their annual banquet. They have a fine program lined up with a former Miss Texas
Bellinda Myrick as the featured entertainment.
$\$$ Tickets for the event will be children under 12. Tickets are
on sale by all members of the Chamber or at the door.
$\mathbf{X X X X}$ Our weather has been
mess! The wind has been bessing and the dirr has bee
flying. No moisture tin flying. No moisture in sig
either, we hope we do get som either, we hope we do get some
kind of wetness to help hold the kind of wetness to help hold the
ground better. Dryland wheat $i$ is
fast becoming a thing of the
 noon showedity prices Theat selling for
$\$ 5.31$ per bushel at $\$ 4.80$ per cwt and corn at $\$ 2.91$ per bushel on local For Adult Ed. Class Sessions Three new Adult Education
Classes were organized at the Stratford Schools last week with
special sessian special sessions offered for
Conversational Spanish, Typing, Bookkeeping and Welding.
The The Spanish Class, under
direction of Mrs. Wanda Riffe, will be meeting on Thursday beginning at 7 p .m. The Typing Class will meet at
7 p.m. and is directed by Mrs. Ruthie Gates. The Bookkeeping
Class will meet
8 Class will meet at $8: 30$ p.m.,
also under Mrs. Gates' also under Mrs. Gates' direction
and both classes will meet in the school business classroom.
Welding Classes Welding Classes, under
direction of Richard Carter, will direction of Richard Carter, will
meet at 7 p.m. in the Ag Shop meet at 7 p.m. in the Ag Shop.
This Thursday night is the last night new students may
enroll in any of the four special classes.
TOWN TALK Pruitt Adkins is hospital-
zed in the Dumas Memorial ized in the
Hospital.
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HAVE YOU PURCHASED Your Chamber banqu
TICKET?
Assembly Slates Special Program Members of the Assembly of
God Church will hold a Special Singing Program in their church
Saturday night beginning Saturday night beginning
6:30 p.m., announced the Rev. Jesse Ashley, pastor. All local resi
to attend. In addition to the Singing
Program, the Assembly Church Revival will be continu ing through March 17 with the
Rev. J.F. Beebe of Bourbon. Mo.. bringing the messages.
The Revival servicse begin each evening at $7: 45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Everyone is invited to atte Rev. Ashley

## arena construc MEETING SLATED



SCOT Event Attracts 85 From Area

Eighty-five senior citizens
of Sherman County met at the meeting on Thursday. Stage Band directed by Mr.
Gary Laramore and a talk on
"What Senior Citizens Can Do"
by Mr. Poss.
Everyone fifty-five and over
welcome at these meetings, and bring a guest? Mrs Maude Alexander from suded this meeting, so surely
you can make it.
Delicious refreshments were served by the Contemporary
Study Club.
Our next meeting will be a
luncheonat noon on March 28 at
the County Bann. Come and
enjoy meeting old friends

Deadline Set NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

## Local Hospital Board Slates Open Meeting



Thin Clads Brave Dirt For Fourth At Ranch
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Stratford's thinly clads } & \text { also finished second place in the } \\ \text { braved winds of top to } 0 \text { mph at } \\ \text { the Rooghrider Relays held } & \begin{array}{c}\text { Ordjump event. } \\ \text { The Freshman }\end{array} \\ \text { Saturday at Boys Ranch and } \\ \text { team won fourth with a tite of of }\end{array}$ Saturday at Boys Ranch and team won fourth with a time of
finished fourth in overall 51.8 while Mark Phillips won standings for the varsity with 63 fourth in the Discus.
points and the freshman team
Leonard Duncan won fifth in
ended up in a tie with Phillips $\begin{array}{lll}\text { ended up in a tie with Phillips } & \text { the } 440 \text { Yard Dash while Tommy } \\ \text { for fourth with } 46 \text { points. } \\ \text { Coash David Bornstein said } & \text { Ewhers wound up third in the } \\ \text { shotput event. Joe Albert }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { he "was real pleased overall as } & \text { finished in the } 100 \text { Yard Low } \\ \text { this was the first event of the } & \text { Hurdes and the Stratford Mile }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\begin{array}{l}\text { season and was run in less than } \\ \text { ideal conditions." }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Relay team wound up in sixth } \\ \text { place in that event. }\end{array} \\ \text { Strat }\end{array}$ Stratford's Mile Relay team,
comprised of Van Brandes, Jor
Walden, comprised of Van Brandes,
Walden, Steve Barrett an
Mark Beaty won first Mark Beaty won first place in
this event for the only first place
won by the blue and white

## time for the event was 3:42.4.


proceedings as the the da
and Sprint Medley
won second places while Ja
Haile wo
saile won a third place in the
shot tor the top scores of the
day for the varsity.
Stratford's 440
won second with a time of 45,
seconds behind Clarendon that event. This team
comprised of
Beaty Beaty and Brandes the wame the winning Miles Relay Team.
The Sprint Medley Relay The Sprint Medley Ream.
team, comprised of Beaty, Kirkwood ran their event in
4:05.8 behind Clarendon was 4:05.8 behind Clarendon was
won with a 4:01.6.
Jimmy Powers ran fifth in the 880 Dash with a time of $2: 22.4$
while Van Brandes ran a 56 time in the 440 Dash to wind
sixth in that event. Ricky
Howard ran a 24.8 seconds Yoward ran a 24.8 seconds 220
Yevent tosh to ound in fifth it ith Stratford point-getters.
Moving down to the Freshman Division, Stratford was
lead by Don Harris who set
new record in the division we new record in the division with a
8.8 second time to win the 60
Yard High Hurdle event. Harris

Relays for Varsity was as
follows: Boys Ranch, $133 \mathrm{I} / 2$ Clarendon, 129 1/2; White Dee
85: Stratford 63; Sanford-Fritch, 85; Stratord $63 ;$ Sanford-Fritch,
62; Vega, 52; Dalhart, 31 ;
Texline 24 and Beys Ranch B Freshman Team totals includ-
ed Boys Ranch $155 ;$ Dalhart, 129 ed Boys Ranch 155 ; Dalhart, 129 46; Stratford, 46; Panhandle 43; Sanford-Fritch
Clarendon,
$\qquad$ travel to the Bobcat Relays to be
Running events beginning at
$10: 30$ a.m. Stratford will at
competing in Division II events
with teams from Beaver, Boise City, Booker, Dalhart, Gruver,
Hooker, Keyes, Laverne, looker, Keyes, Laverne, Spear
an, Stratford, Sunray, Tex Among Area Authors Stratford's Gregorio Ra-
mon, more familiarly known as
"Gordie", was Panhande, eraas authors of horred 18
at Saturday night's Friends of at Saturday night's Friends of
the Library annual Book and
Author Dinner in Amarillo. The 18 men and women were
honored by the Amarillo group published during 1973. Gordie has been writing
poems for several years and had
another book


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SHOW AND RODEO
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## the Rev. J. Frank Perry, pasto

 giving the Invocation.Welcome for the evening will
be presented by past-Chamber
President President B.A. Donelson. Spec-
ial guests will be recognized and ial guests will be recognized and
newly-elected Chamber officer for 1974 will be introduced b Donelson.
The Chamb port will be given by Manager
George Jeffcoat
New officers for the Chamber
include President include President Lance Harrin
gton, Joe Wells, vice-president gton, Joe Wells, vice-president;
Bill Blain, secretary-treasurer; Carroll V. Wisdom, Jame
Spurlock, B.A. Donelson, H.L. Spurlock, B.A. Donelson, H.L.
Haile, Rex Christian, C.C Haile, Rex Christian, C.C.
Plunk, with Martha Mitts, president of Women's Division,
and Marillyn Albert, vice-pres and Marilyn Albert, vice-pres-
Ident of the Women's Division This is the first time the
Chamber has had a banquet for Chamber has had a banquet for
the past four years and many the past four years and many
members are urging the revitalization of the group. Theme for this year's banque will be all green
Patrick's Day hut.
Tickets for the banquet are
currently on sale currently on sale at the
Chamber office, from all members of the board or may be purchased at the door. Tickets
are $\$ 5$ for adults and $\$ 2.50$ for are $\$ 5$ for adults and $\$ 2.50$ for
children under 12 . Bill Frizzell At DPS School

\section*{| Sherman County Judge Bil |
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Frizzell recently completed
special Civil Defense Director's
special Civil Defense Director's
Seminar at the Department of
Public Safety Sate Emergency
Public Safety Sate Emergency
Operation Center in Austin.
Operation Center in Austin.
Over 20 directors from ove the state attended.
The primary purpose of the
seminar was to provide seminar was to provide
information and guidance to
local Civil local Civil Defense Directors
and Coordinators so governments may achieve
readiness capability to cope with any disaster or hazard. Instruction was provided in the
organization of Federal and organization of Federal and
State governments in meeting
disaster so as to inform local disaster so as to inform local
directors of assistance available and channels of communication
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## Band Boosters

 Will Sponsor Basketball Game:

 canes.
 Oopus Chistst in April. ..me games will begin at
 under $12 . A$ concession sand
will be peen for benefit of the band alse.
Anyone interested in playing
participating in any way in Hazs may contact Juanita

Lavon Ditzler Buys Interests Of Ken Melton
purchased the distributorship of this area, announced Kenneth Melton, former distributor for the Amarillo-based company. Ditzler took over the new
acquisition this past weekend from Melton. Melton had owned and operat
since 1962
Ditzler
Ditzler is a native of Dumas
and says he and says he intends to serve
residents of Stratford, Cactus and Sunray with Plains No stranger to this area Ditzler has served the area for
Meads Fine Bread for the past Meads Fine Bread for the past
12 years and is a member of the Stratford Country Club.
Ditzler says he hopes to get as soon as possible to mee veryone he hasn't been able to
meet in the past "We are happy to have bee Lavon's qualifications to purch. Lavons qualifications to purch-
ase our interest," says Melton.
"We know that Lavon will be We know that Lavon will be
asset to the area in this new asset to the area in this
venture," Melton added. Ditzler says he will be serving
he needs of this area the needs of this area as
efficiently as possible with both wholesale and home service of Pone desiring home service
Ditzler by photucts may contact $396-5676$ in Ditzler by Ditzler is his wife have two children,
Belynda, 10 , and Wally, 8 .


Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of Joy..."

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Church School......

Youth Activitipe............................5:30p.m. $\quad$. $10: 0$ atm.
Evening Worship...................6:30 pom.
Evening Worship........
Rev. J. Frank Perry


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## What's New At Your School. . .

## GREEN THUMBS--This group of fourth graders under the supervision of Mrs. Charylene Smith have

 been studying plants in science. They ve observed the ecrmination of plants by using a see-croprovided by the school. Some of their class activities include planting such things as beans, carrots, corn, cucumbers, sunflowers, wild onions, flowers, potatoes and radishes. They have also planned spring gardens. Shown seated, left to right, ave Rusty Harbour, Sherwin Burton, Brian Wright, Harlan spring gardens. Shown seated, left tright, ane Rusty Harbour, Serw
Judkins, Karen Lundberg, Randy rrbeck and Adrian Ortega. Second row, left to right, are Rodney
Roberson, Nora Rendon, Kim Newburn, Margarita Asenz, Buddy Schertler, Curtis Keener, Shelly Roberson, Nora Rendon, Kim Newburn, Margarita Asenz, Buddy Schertler, Curtis Keener, Shelly
Summerour, Debbie Hodges, Chris Stanley, Rosemary Tervino and ViAnn Ferguson. Back row, left to right, are Gary Blain, Cherie Brown, Elva Olivas, Ricky Duran and Mrs. Charylene Smith.
ALI $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lisa Albert to Marie Boardman, County Bond Sales } \\ & \text { Kristi Dosher, Suzanne Preston, } \\ & \text { Susan Williams, Annette Flores }\end{aligned}$


## Joe Flores Gets Award

 AtWaco Stratford, agency manager,Sherman County farm Bureau,
received a Master Agent award
from the Texas Farm Bureau
Insurance Companies at a
recognition Insurance Companies at a
recognition program Feb. $25-26$
at the Green Worth.
Agent is the highest honor and recognition the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies
can bestow their sales force according to company officials. B.C. Jone,
Waco, is executive vice president and Austin Crow
over, Waco, is state sale over, Waco, is state sales
director for the companies. The criteria for determining Maste
Agent is Agent is rigid and selective,
requiring the maintenance of requiring the maintenance of they said.
Jones and Crownover said the following criteria is used in determining recipients of the Master Agent award:
Production must rank high in Production must rank high in
life, fire and casualty insurance life, fire and casuaty insurance
sales throughout the year. The agent must have bee with the Companies two years or more, participate in company
schools and follow company schools and follow company
guidelines. guidelines.
Professional status must be maintained as full time Career Agents or Agency Managers. $\underset{\text { A Master Agent must }}{\text { maintain a good business record }}$ maintain a good business record
on underwriting risks and handling claims.
The Master Agent must
adhere to Company and Farm

# Notice To Taxpayers Over 65 

April 30 is the deadline for those faxpayers age 65 or older to apply for $\$ 3000$ residential homestead exemption

Those eligible must apply in person at the following :

STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL TAX OFFICE
CITY OF STRATFORD TAX OFFICE
SHERMAN COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

Don't Forget - Deadline is April 30, 1974


## No A Salute To Our Public Schools

This year, March 4-8, Texas Public Schools Week will be observed throughout the state. This observance marks the 120th year of the public school system in Texas. Parents and others interested are invited to visit the public schools in their area to observe how the system works.

School officials and teachers believe that active parent and community participation in education will help to maintain the highest achievement on the part of students and faculty

All grades-elementary through high school will be open to the public. Special presentations by students, displays of art and other projects are planned. Some schools will send out invitations as a personal reminder to parents.

School officials are encouraging the public to visit their schools anytime during the year but most especially during the annual observance of Texas Public Schools Week, March 4-8.


## Music Recital Set For Thursday Night

Tenor John Carpenter and
oboist, Robert Krause of West A native of Louisville, Ky.,
Carpenter received the Bachelor Texas State University $w^{* \prime}$ be of Arts degree in Applied Voice
featured in a joint ital from the University of LouisThursday at 8 p.m. in the first ville. He was awarded the Christian Church of Stratford. Master of Music degree from The concert is sponsored by the Stratford Federated Music
Club. Proceeds from the ticket sales will go toward a music
scholarship given ench scholarship given each year to a
graduating senior. The dual performance is made available
through the WTSU Faculty through the ${ }^{\text {Performance Series. }}$ Both Carpenter and Krause
are instructors in music at the university.
The Faculty Performance The Faculty Performance
Series presents at no cost to area civic and arts groups
programs in music, art, drama and speech presented by members of WrSU's artist-fac
ulty. The program is funded ulty. The program is funded
through the WT Friends of Fine Carpenter, a former soloist
with the Air Force Band will with the Air Force Band, will
sing five arias and thre sing five arias and three
selections of popular music. His ${ }^{\text {program includes }}$
Mozart's $\cdots$ Dies Bildniss is bezaubemd schoen,", Puscini's
"Nessun dorma," Verdi's "D Nessun dorma, Verars 'Me
quella pira," Massenet's
"Pourquoi me revellier" and Woarner's "Movgenlich leuch tend im rosigen schein." Also on the program are " ever I would leave you" from
the musical "Camelot," "Speak
 Godfather" and "The Imposs- Texas was the first State to ible Dream" from "Man of program which made use of
LaMancha."

TSCRA Convention
Set For Dallas March 17

## Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton will give the keynote address at the 97 th

 C. B. Morton will give the ittee meetings, the day'skeynote address at the 97th activities will be climaxed with
annual Texas and Southestern the traditional Cattlemen's Ball
Cattle Raisers Association featuring the orchestra music of convention in in Dallas, Texas, Ed Gerlach. March 17-20, says William C. $\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { Ed Gerlach. } \\ \text { The convention will be }\end{array}\right] \begin{aligned} & \text { Donnell, TSCRA president. }\end{aligned}$ concluded with West $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Donnell, TSCRA president. } & \begin{array}{l}\text { The coluded with Wednesday }\end{array} \\ \text { Morton will address the } & \text { morning's general session. } \\ \text { convention's noon membership } & \text { Officers will be elected }\end{array}$ convention's noon membership Officers will be elected and
kickoff luncheon on Monday, various committee reports Kickoff luncheon on Monday,
March 17, at the SheratonDallas Hotel. The annual convention, which
is expected to attract more than is expected to attract more than
1,000 cattlemen and their wives, will begin with registration on
Sunday morning and continue throughout the day. An evening reception is planned for the
convention registrants from $5: 30$
Committee meeting will occupy Monday morning, foll-
owed by Secretary Morton's owed by Secretary Morton's
kickoff luncheon address. At the kickof luncheon address. At the
directors' meeting Monday directors meeting Monday
afternoon, Topper Thorpe,
general manager of Cattle Fax, general manager of Cattle Fax, a division of the American
National Cattlemen's AssociaNational Cattlemen's Associa-
tion will give the projection and current information on anticipated market trends. The
activities that evening will be activities that evening will be
highlighted with a dinner-dance highlighted with a dinner-dance
featuring country-western enteartainer Jim Ed Brown.
The first The first general membership
session will be called to session will be called to order by
TSCRA President Donnell in the TSCRA President Donnell in the Sheraton's grand ballioom at
9:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 19 . Governor Dolph Briscoe,
former TSCRA former TSCRA president, will
address the gathering. Charles address te gathering. Charles
L. Becker, president of Handy Andy Inc., a a large food store
And chain in South Texas, will speak on the beef business as seen
through the eyes of the retailer through the eyes of the retailer.
Mark McLaughlin, San Angelo ranger and former assistant attorney general, will provide an update on the progress of the constitutional convention and
proposals affecting cattlemen proposals affecting cattleme
and rural landowners. Paul Engler, group vice-president, carcass division, Iowa Beef
Processors, Dakota City, Neb-
raska, will give the packer's

## SCS News

 no-tillage crop production sys. tems will be conducted atBushland on Tuesday Bushland on. Tuesday March 7
at $1: 00$ p.m. With the fuel at $1: 00$ p.m. With the fuel
situation farmers are having to situation farmers are having to
seek ways of producing the
same crop, but with seek ways of producing the
same crop, but with less tillage operations.
The symposium will include both research work and field experiences on limited and no tillage crop production systems. Lehman Fowler, Manager,
Winrock Farms, of Texline will Winrock Farms, of Texline will
report on these systems under report on these systems under
sprinkler and Frank Buzzard sprinkler and Frank Buzzard
will report on his experiences under gravity systems.
of major concern irrigated farmers will be covered by Dr. A.F. Wiese and
that is of weed control. Dr.
Wiese will cor Wiese will cover controlling weeds, volunteer and co
crops with new chemicals. rops with new chemicals.
They symposium is being sponsored by the Agricultural Research Service, USDA: The
Texas Agricultural Experimen Texas Agricultural Experimen
Station, Soil Conservation Station, Soil Conservation
Society of America, (Golden Spread Chapter)
There are several that will leave from the Soil Conservation
Service Office at $10: 15$ and we Service Office at $10: 15$ and we
would invite all interested

## Get To Know

## Your Schools

In Texas, we will be facing many hard choices in the next few years regarding the methods by which we finance our public schools. Will there have to be major tax reforms? Will the state have to provide a larger cost of public education? Yes, Public school financing is in a severe financial bind and major reforms may have to be instigated in order to resolve this problem.

Just how much do you know about your local school district? During Texas Public Schools Week, March 4-8, you are invited to visit the public schools in your area or neighborhood. You are invited to evaluate your local schools. Visit and observe-is there enough funding being provided to assure your child of quality education? Are your teachers experienced? Are your schools being adequately maintained? These are some of the questions you can find answers to during Texas Public Schools Week, March 4-8.

Whether a parent or not, your visit and comments will be most welcome. Show your interest and your concern during Texas Public Schools Week, March 4-8.

Applications Being Taken For Patrolmen
 Commander of the Texas
Department of Public Safety, announced today the DPS is accepting applications for Applicants selected as cadets will enter 18 weeks of training at
the DPS Law Enforcement Academy in Austin in a class entatively scheduled to begin
June 11, 1974. Bell said general qualificalions for DPS Troopers are. Applicants must be 20 through
35 years of age (inclusive), good 35 years of age (inclusive), good
moral character; excellent plysical condition; height not
less than 68 inches nor more than 76 inches; weight not less three and one;ialf pounds per whe of height; visual acuity no 20/20; and a a citizen of the
United States. Education United States. Educational
qualifications, which are now a minimum of 45 semester hours
of college, will increase to 60 semester hours on September 1 He pointed out that qualified female applicants are now being accepted for the uniformed
services of the DPS, and that services of the DPS, and that the
Department has been increasDepartment has been increas
ingly successful in recruiting persons from minority groups. During the training period,
cadets participate in some 850 cadets participate in some 850
hours of law enforcement hours of law enforcement
classes on a wide variety of subjects such as criminal and
traffic traffic law, human and community relations, and in-
vestigative techniques. The schooling includes rigorous physical training, marksmanslip, and skills related to
pursuit driving. pursuit driving.
Somme of the classes are taught ulder all agreement between
Dos and St. Edward's University, and Acadenyy graduates receive credit for six se
hours of college work. hours of college work.
After graduation, cadets be commissioned as Probationary Trooper I at a salary of $\$ 743$
monthly and assigned to the monthly and assigned to the
Highway Patrol, License \& Highway Patrol, Litense \&
Weight Service, Motor Vehicle Inspection Service or Driver License Service according to the needs of DPS and consi
of personal preference. of personal preference.
The salary automaticall
increases to $\$ 768$ per mont increases to $\$ 708$ per month
affer six months. Upon
completion of 12 months completion of 12 months
comissioned service, Probation-
ary Troopers are promoted to ary Troopers are promoted to
Trooper 1 at a salary of $\$ 820$ monthly. Officers electing to remain in a non-supervisory
uniformed position are eligible to complete for promotion to
Trooper II after 60 months commissioned service.
All DPS officers reecive fringe
beffits including hospitaliza benefits including hospitaliza-
tion and life insurance, paid vonations and sick leave, and
vactidays as for all State
holider holidays as for all State employees. Uniforms, vehicles
and equipment are furnished and Troopers receive a uniform cleaning allowance. Expenses
are paid when away from home are paid whe
station. In addition, personnel are
members of both the members of both the State
Employees Retirement System and social security.
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## tips m OUTDOODSMEN

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| Removing Kinks From Line | Watch What's Following |
| Every time you load your fresh- | ant to know which lure interests |
| reel, either spinning or casting, | sh most? |
| there will be kinks in your line. This | Okay, after each cast drag the lure |
| regardless of how careful you are in |  |
| winding on a new spool of monofila- | ever you're fishing-and on past you |
| ut, th | While doing so, watch closely to see |
| Climb aboard your favorite floater, | are following |
| crank up the powerhouse and spin out | does happen. In fact it's amazing |
| into the lake far enough from shore | how many fish follow the lure right |
| to permit release of the line slowly | up to the boat, then dart away when |
| and completely down to the | see your |
| Then, continuing to drive slowly, re- | Anyway, it's a good inkling as to |
| the spool. | what lure interests the fish. |
| One point to remember is to trail | alongside the boat, or just as the |
| y the line behind the boat-no lure | angler was about to bring the bait in |
| on it, not even a swivel. | for another cast. It's quite a surprise, |
| A 10 or 15 minute ride is sufficient | too, because it's just not expected. |
| remove all kinks. | But, if you want an even greater thrill, let it happen in the darkness |
| move line twists that result from trolling. | of night. That'll scare the living daylights out of you! |

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