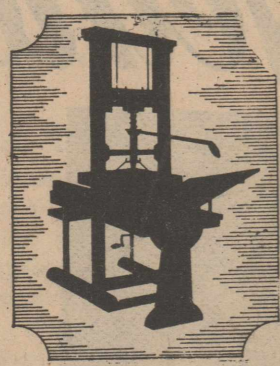


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Local Newspaper Wins W.T.P.A. Certificates

Teresa Coan and Mrs. Evonne Teague represented the Rotan Advance-Roby Star-Record at the West Texas Press Association meeting at Midland August 4 and 5. The local newspaper, one of 145 represented at the association's meeting, received two awards, placing second in editorials and second in ad composition.

U.S. Rep. Bob Krueger was guest speaker at the Saturday morning breakfast meeting. Bill Comedy, one of the owners of the Haskell Free Press, was installed as president of the West Texas Press Association. He formerly had been first vice president of the association.

Awards were given in several categories, and were divided for weeklies and dailies.

Editorial-Weekly: 1. Iowa Park Leader, 2. Rotan Advance-Roby Star Record, 3. Breckenridge American. Daily: 1. Big Spring Herald, 2. Snyder Daily News, 3. Vernon Daily Record.

News photography-Weekly: 1. Stanton Reporter, 2. Peryton Herald, 3. Fort Stockton Pioneer. Daily: 1. Big Spring Herald, 2. Hereford Brand, 3. Snyder Daily News.

Column Writing-Weekly: 1. Iowa Park Leader, 2. Slaton Slatonite, 3. Levelland Surveyor. Daily: 1. Big Spring Herald, 2. Snyder Daily News, 3. Vernon Daily Record.

Advertising composition-Weekly: 1. Hamilton Herald, 2. Rotan Advance-Roby Star

Record, 3. State Line Tribune. Weeklies over 3,000 circulation: 1. Haskell Free Press, 2. Hamlin Herald. Daily: 1. Hereford Brand, 2. Vernon Daily Record, 3. Big Spring Herald.

News writing-Weekly: 1. Levelland Surveyor, 2. Hood County News, 3. (tie) Colorado City Record and Fort Stockton Pioneer. Daily:

Florence Wiley Named To Mile High Club

Florence T. Wiley, National Farmers Union Insurance agent of Roby, has been named to the Company's Mile High Club for outstanding sales and service to policyowners over the past 18 months.

Screening Of Children Age 4 Before Sept. 1

There will be a screening of children (4-year-olds) before September 1, for enrollment in Rotan Primary Early Childhood Program, according to John Harbison, principal. The screening will be held August 16 at 8:30 a.m. at the Primary School.

Please contact John Harbison, Primary Principal, at 735-3182 for further information concerning this program and for screening time.

1. Big Spring Herald. General excellence-Weekly: 1. Crosbyton Review, 2. Texas Spur, 3. Hamilton Herald News. Weekly over 3,000: 1. Iowa Park Leader,

2. Haskell Free Press, 3. Hamlin Herald. Daily: 1. Big Spring Herald, 2. Hereford Brand, 3. Snyder Daily News.

Mrs. Wiley has been a Farmers Union agent since 1975. It is the first time she has won election to the honor group and attended the company's Mile High Training conference.

More than 900 Farmers Union agents compete for Mile High honors each year. The Club is chosen from the top ten percent of all agents in 23 states.

Rehearsal For Rotan Band Start Tonight Aug. 11

Rehearsal for Rotan band members will start tonight, August 11, at 7 p.m. at the band hall.

All Rotan band students are urged to attend the first meeting which will include the election of officers.

The massive energy needs of this nation continue to grow in the face of declining crude oil and natural gas production in Texas and nationwide. Because of this, Fisher County's 1976 petroleum production was as important as in any year since production began in 1928.

Economic conditions within the county were improved substantially by the marketing of crude oil and natural gas with an estimated value of \$76.3 million and an industry payroll said to be approximately \$366,000, according to compilations by the staff of the Dallas-based Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association.

Jack S. Blanton of Houston, president of the Association, said, "The decline in Texas' oil and gas production makes it imperative that Congress adopt policies which will encourage more exploration and drilling in the nation's No. 1 energy state. This is a facet of the energy supply problem that President Carter has not dealt with adequately in his proposals."

According to figures from the U.S. Bureau of Mines, Texas' crude oil production last year was approximately 1,189,719,000 barrels, down from 1,221,929,000 barrels in 1975, and the fourth consecutive year of decline from 1972's all-time high of just over 1.3 billion barrels.

Natural gas production, estimated by the Bureau at 17,192,371 MMcfs, also was down from the 1975 figure of 7,485,764 MMcfs. Texas gas production also peaked in 1972--at 8,657,840 MMcfs--

and has fallen each year since.

Blanton said that drilling starts and expenses reached all-time highs in Texas last year and noted that this was directly attributable to a free market for intrastate natural gas. He also pointed out that a five-year lag time exists between increased drilling activity and increases in proved reserves.

In addition to the payment of local school and county property taxes, producers in the county also contributed to the support of state government through production tax payments of approximately \$3.7 million, with \$3.1 million coming from crude oil output; \$618,000 from natural gas.

According to the Texas Employment Commission,

33 employees worked in the industry in the county last year. These direct employment figures do not take into account employment by the service and supply firms that support oil and gas company exploration, production, transportation, and processing activities and, as a result, do not reflect the industry's full impact on the county's economy.

The search for additional petroleum continued in Fisher County in 1976, with oil and gas developers spending an estimated \$4.5 million in the drilling of 88 wells, including 23 classified as wildcats. Some \$1.8 million of that amount was lost in 45 dry holes. The 43 strikes included 41 oil wells and two gas wells.

Processing also contrib-

ed to the county's petroleum-related economy through the operation of two natural

Petroleum Industry Pumps Approximately \$4.5 Million Into County

The Fisher County Fair and Rodeo parade will be held at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, August 25, in downtown Roby, according to Glenn Upshaw, parade chairman.

"We are expecting to have one of the best parades ever", said Upshaw.

Trophies will be awarded to the best senior riding clubs and Sheriff Posse, with trophies for first, second and third places. A trophy will be awarded to the best Jr. Sheriff Posse or Riding Club. At this date, several Sheriff Posses and Riding Clubs are committed to be present.

In the float division a first, second and third place prize of \$25.00, \$15.00 and \$10.00 respectively will be given.

In the band or other organizations that would be in this classification, a first,

second and third place prize of \$25.00, \$15.00 and \$10.00 respectively will be awarded. Several of these bands and organizations are to be present.

The parade chairman encourages anyone who wants to be in the parade to please contact him or Don Ballenger.

This is usually one of the more colorful parades held locally since the Fisher County Fair And Rodeo Queen contestants, junior and senior, are featured on horseback in western attire.

All county businesses and organizations are urged to feature somekind of entry in the parade. Organizations such as Firemen, Lions Clubs, or school organizations are urged to feature their own queens in the parade.

Fisher County Highway Project Set For 1978

Work in Fisher County included in the 1978 Special Rehabilitation and State Highway Safety and Betterment and Farm to Market Road Improvement Program approved by the State Highway and Public Transportation Commission. The quarter-billion-dollar program was made possible by the funds provided by the 65th Texas Legislature.

A large part of the program will be financed with General Revenue funds especially appropriated for this purpose with the remainder of the projects financed with state highway funds.

District Engineer, Roger G. Welsh of Abilene, said the work includes a seal coat consisting of a single course of asphalt and aggregate on FM 611 from Rotan west for 5 miles.

Estimated cost of the Fisher County project totals \$26,200.

Statewide, the program provides for the improvement of some 6,900 miles of highways at an estimated construction cost of approximately \$222,560,000, with an additional \$4.3 million set aside for later assignment.

Approximately 68 per cent

of the overall program will be on State and U.S. Highways, another 30 per cent on Farm to Market Roads, and the remaining 2 per cent reserved for future assignment.

The program is the first phase of a long-range program to restore the highway system to the standards Texans have come to expect, Welsh said. It is based on recommendations submitted by several district engineers and selected following a statewide assessment of highway needs.

Hobbs Teachers Have In-Service Training 15-19

Hobbs teachers will have in-service training August 15-19 with classes starting August 22, according to Bill Denman, Hobbs Superintendent.

Hobbs classes will be dismissed for the close of school on May 19th.

Queen Contestants To Appear On TV Show

The sixteen entries for the Rodeo Queen's contest will be filmed August 11 for the Saturday, Aug. 13, showing on the Harry Holt Farm Show. The girls will meet at the Roby Courthouse Square and will leave at 6:00 p.m. Thursday. Each of the girls will be interviewed by Mr. Holt.

Gary West of Seymour has donated a personalized clothes bag for the senior queen. McClure's Feed and Fertilizer has donated a saddle pad set for the princess. Runners-up will be receiving nice gifts also. The senior girls will choose a Miss Congeniality from the

senior entries and she will also receive a gift.

Tina McCombs and Tisa Lovett, 1976-1977 Queens, will lead the entries in the parade and the grand entries of the rodeo performances. These girls will crown the new winners Saturday night, Aug. 27, after the grand entry of the rodeo.

Tina McCombs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billie Joe McCombs of Rotan, was sponsored by the Fair and Rodeo at the Stamford Sponsors Barrel Race Queen Contest. Tina rode in the parade and grand entry



VISIT WASHINGTON: Brad Stuart and Penny Coker of Roby are pictured with Congressman Omar Burleson on the steps of the U.S. Capitol. Brad and Penny were in Washington attending a 4-H Citizenship and Heritage Tour.

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Time To Prepare F-C Fair Items

Fair time is almost here and now is the time to get everything ready to enter.

The Fisher County Fair will be August 25-27 on the Fair and Rodeo Grounds in Roby. Fair catalogues are in the County Extension Office in the County Courthouse.

Anyone desiring a copy should pick one up. Copies have also been left at banks in both Roby and Rotan for the convenience of Fisher County residents.

Women's exhibits will be set up on Wednesday,

August 24, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. All entries should be in by 4:00 p.m. Exhibits are to remain in place until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. No exceptions to this will be made.

Anyone having any questions concerning the Women's Division of the Fair should call Mrs. Fred Waddell in Roby.

Chairman of the Youth Division of the Fair is Mrs. Alton Smith of Rotan. She will be glad to answer any questions regarding the County Fair.

SCS Outlines Eye Sore Pinpoints

"Nearly every farm or ranch has at least one 'gullied' or eroded area that has been an eyesore for years," states Charles Black, District Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service office at Rotan. He continues, "Every rain washes more soil away. The 'head cut', or active upper portion of the gully, moves from a few inches to several feet during each rainstorm." This eroded area is considered by SCS technicians to be a "critical area".

The term "critical area" is used to describe a badly eroded, heavily damaged, possibly brush infested area that is unfit for any profitable use. It may be endangering other valuable land such as pastureland or cropland. Because it cannot be crossed with farm equipment, management is impossible.

Treatment of critical areas has run almost as rampant as the eroded areas themselves. Ton after ton of trash, tires and brush are dumped alongside old car bodies in attempt to stop gullies. Sometimes they work. Most of the time the trash ends up miles downstream from the gully overflow.

Almost all critical areas can be controlled. In some cases, control could run as high as thousands of dollars per acre. Although considered unfeasible in today's economy, there may come a time when we will look back with regret at an irreversible process.

Critical areas are usually described as being denuded, gullied, sediment-producing areas that are actively eroding. Vegetation is difficult or impossible to establish with the usual planting methods.

The key to the control of these critical areas is maintenance. A producer must be able to cross the area with farm equipment to plant grass, fertilize, shred weeds and fill small washes. Most critical areas must be

shaped with heavy equipment such as a bulldozer or scraper. Brush is usually removed first by blading it off at ground level. The brush is raked and piled for burning or other disposal. Next the sides of the gully are shaped no steeper than a 6:1 slope (6 feet horizontal to 1 foot vertical). This is similar to the side slopes of a new terrace. It can be crossed with farm equipment in any direction.

After the area is shaped, it is rootplowed to remove the roots and stumps. The stumps are raked and piled for burning or other disposal.

The final heavy machinery operation is to disc the area with a heavy disc plow. This operation smooths the area and makes it possible for farm equipment to prepare a seedbed for grass planting.

Close watch must be kept on the area until a good stand of grass is established. If heavy rains damage the area, it must be repaired immediately. Otherwise, a new gully could develop and destroy the entire operation.

Cost to shape and prepare a critical area varies from \$175 to \$250 or more per acre treated. Seedbed prepara-

tion, seeding operation and seed are additional expenses. However, the once

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I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who sent flowers, cards, gifts, and visited me while I was in Lubbock hospital recuperating

from surgery. Also, I thank those who sent food since I've been home.

May God bless you.
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Let us Worship Together

One Great Certainty



We go back to the old homestead, the old home town. Perhaps we have long anticipated that visit, but now we find that the changes are so disillusioning that we don't care whether we ever return. We meet a friend of years gone by and hardly recognize him. He too has changed. We compare the face reflected from our mirror with old photographs and realize that, without knowing it, we have changed. We try to use a map of yester-year only to discover that it is out of date.

We shudder a little as we wonder if there is anything that remains the same.

The Church tells us that there is. Through the centuries it is the one institution which points to the unchanging God, "the same yesterday, today, and forever." Worship customs may differ, but every Christian congregation seeks to lead men to the one great Certainty, which is God. That is why you will want to attend church regularly. Here is peace. Here is assurance.

Scriptures selected by The American Bible Society

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Peter 2:11-25	Job 23:1-17	Psalms 94:1-23	Proverbs 3:1-12	Isaiah 1:1-20	Isaiah 40:18-31	Matthew 17:1-13

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Golden Haven Home News

Our visitors for this week were Mr. and Mrs. Oran Simmons from Lubbock visiting his sister, Mrs. Clara Neeves and Ellis and Ann Neeves from Snyder also visiting Mrs. Neeves.

Mattie Lou Davis from Sweetwater visited her mother, Mrs. Eula Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leach from Rotan visited Maebell Ogden.

Mrs. Henry Gruben enjoyed having his brother-in-law and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ellison from Jones County.

Myrtle Clark and Lucille Campbell, from Hamlin and Ronnie and Marie Henry all visited Lois and Rollie Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Hodges visited Sam Lambert.

Prof. and Mrs. Ernest Dawn from Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Dooley and Mrs. R.E. Williams all from Roscoe visited Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Bettis.

Viola Barrington enjoyed having her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cathey from Hamilton. They took Mrs. Barrington to some church meetings where she saw several more friends and relatives.

Mrs. Letha Meek had a very enjoyable week. She enjoyed seeing her daughter and her family, the J.R. Mahaffey's from Brazoria. They took her out for lunch on Friday and then to her son's home in Sylvester where another daughter was there with her son and daughter and their families.

We want to thank the First Baptist Church for their services Sunday.

That's all for this week.

Grandparent's Corner



Tony Click of Abilene recently won \$200.00 in the Southwest Savings and Loan contest for his entry of the Great Green Machine. His top winning version is made of plywood, contact paper, cans, belts, buttons and a faucet. Tony is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Click. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Click, Sr. of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Murphree of Rotan. Mrs. V.B. Murphree and Mrs. B.A. Knight are great-grandmothers.

Texas Hospital Costs 20% Lower Than Nation

The Texas Hospital Association (THA) announced its strong opposition to President Carter's "Hospital Cost Control Act of 1977".

President Carter and HEW Secretary Califano presented the proposed legislation early this week.

O. Ray Hurst, President of THA, headquartered in Austin, said: "The Texas Hospital Association is strongly opposed to the 'Hospital Cost Control Act of 1977' as announced by President Carter. This plan would set an arbitrary 9 percent limit on the amount of increase that a hospital could use to increase the price of its services to patients. This limit is arrived at by a very complex and complicated formula that will not doubt add a lot of bureaucracy in checking and in calculating. The very act itself will increase hospital costs substantially by the amount of paper work that will be involved.

"This plan does not permit any sort of control on the cost of supplies or services that a hospital must purchase.

"We all acknowledge that health care costs and hospital costs are rising, but there are very definite reasons. The cost of food, energy, telephones and malpractice insurance as well as other supplies has gone up drastically in the past 12 months. Any housewife that has to deal with these, by looking at her own budget, knows that hospital costs undoubtedly have to go up to take care of these increased costs. Under this proposal though, these costs are not controlled in any form so the hospital will be forced to absorb the increases. This could financially impair hospitals and cause a drastic reduction in the services that the hospitals will be rendering to patients in the areas they serve.

"This proposal also has tried to speak to the alleged

overbedding in hospitals. Here in Texas, we have a "Certificate of Need" program mandated by the state legislature two years ago, and operated by the Texas Health Facilities Commission, a state agency. Under this system, if a hospital wants to expand the number of beds or its services, it must apply to the Texas Health Facilities Commission for a "Certificate of Need" and demonstrate that there is a need for the increase in beds or services. If the Texas Health Facilities Commission finds that there is not sufficient need, then the request is denied.

"Hospital and health care costs in Texas are approximately 20 per cent lower

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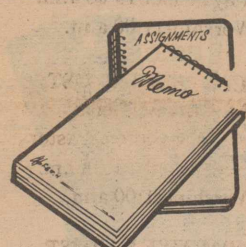
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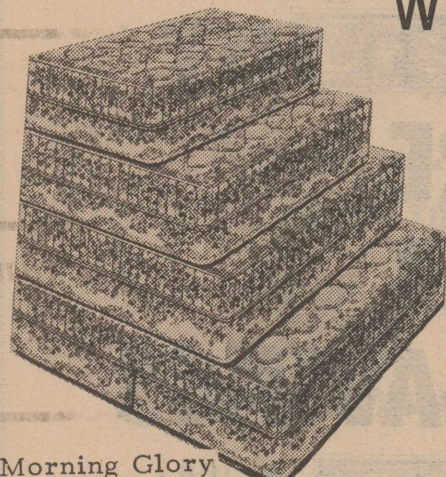
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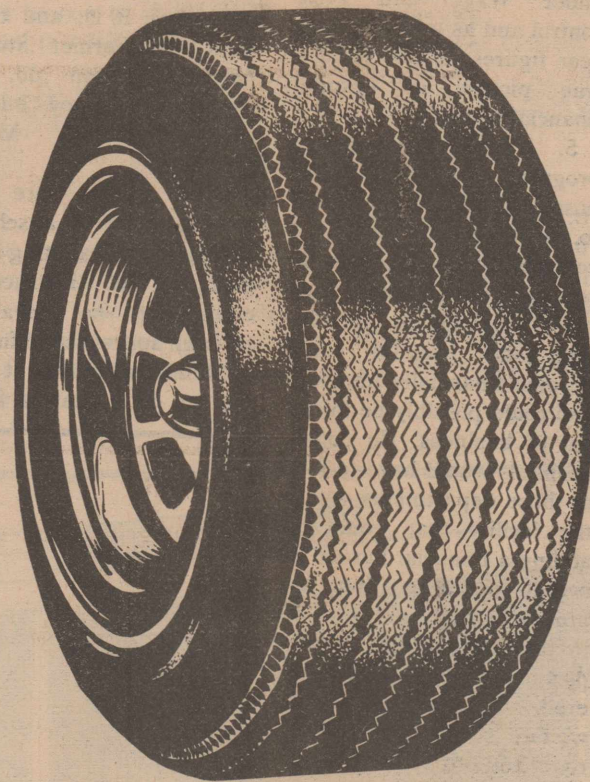
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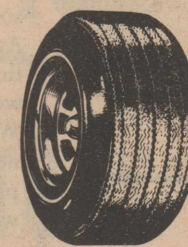
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Funeral Service Ethel Peeples

Ethel Ramona Peeples, 47, of Longworth, died at 1:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, in Austin after a lengthy illness. Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel in Rotan.

Burial was in Longworth Cemetery, directed by Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Jack Teel

Jessie (Jack) Luther Teel, 75, of Big Spring, died at 4:45 p.m. Friday, July 27, at Malone-Hogan Hospital in Big Spring. Services were held at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 31, in Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel in Rotan.

Burial was in Roby Cemetery.

Born Sept. 5, 1902 in Tishomingo, Okla., he was a

hersbee Funeral Home.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Peeples of Roby; three brothers, Milton of Lubbock, Weldon of Odessa and Edwin of Manchester, Mo.; and a sister, Gracie Williams of Longworth.

lake and game warden at Lake Trammel in Sweetwater. He retired in 1963.

Survivors include his wife, belle; two daughters, Mrs. C.E. Rutledge of Snyder and Mrs. J.R. McMurray of Big Spring; three sisters, Fannie Harmon of Houston, Elsie Carter of Rotan and Bertha Evans of Mabank; and four grandchildren.

Willis Noles

Willis Reeves Noles, 64, of Stephenville died at 11:15 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, at his home after a lengthy illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 30, at Lacy Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Emil V. Becker officiated. Graveside services were held at 5 p.m. Saturday at Midlothian.

Born Sept. 23, 1912 in Rotan, he moved to Stephenville nine years ago from Rotan. He was a farmer and breeder of registered Hampshire sheep. He married May Ruth Springer June 2, 1932.

in Midlothian. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Billy Joe of Fort Worth and Jerry Don of Gatesville; five sisters, Blanche Grimes and Velma Upshaw, both of Rotan, Vada Edwards of Corpus Christi, Gladys Riggs of Lubbock and Vallie Frondolig of Rockport; four brothers, George and Jim, both of Marble Falls, Cleo of Corpus Christi and Alex of Rotan; and three grand-daughters.

Mrs. Robertson

Services for Minnie Robertson, 89, of Roby, who died at 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1, in Golden Haven Home of the Aged, were held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, at Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Alan Cartrite, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in Rotan Cemetery.

Born May 26, 1888, in Mason County, she was a housewife. She married Homer Robertson April 21, 1907, in Blackwell. He died Sept. 30, 1957. She was a

Methodist.

Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. Dee Patrick of Albuquerque, N.M., Mrs. V.S. Adams of Pampa, Mrs. Ross Woolsey and Mrs. Nita Rinker, both of Roby, and Mrs. Bill Clay of Odessa; two sons, Herbert and E.H. Jr., both of Roby; a brother, J.D. Shippard of Clovis, N.M.; 29 grandchildren; 62 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son and daughter. Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Many Attend Services

Out of town guests attending the funeral service of Mrs. Homer Robertson were: Children, Hubert Robertson, E.H. (Heck) Robertson, Roby; Madie Patrick, Albuquerque, N.M.; Faye Woolsey, Roby; Hazel Adams, Pampa; Dorothy Clay, Odessa and Nita Riker, Roby.

Grandchildren; Billie Rue Whitesides, Houston; Don Robertson of Lorenzo; Dean Acker, Irving; Wayland Acker, Pampa; Harvey Acker, Monahans; James Acker, Pecos; Frank Adams, Hurst; Pat Shelton, League City; Joyce Jenkins, Bay City; Glenn Adams, Arlington; Sue Lewis, Midland; Francis Upshaw, Rotan; Sheran Chittwick, Abilene; Barbara Garner, Abilene; Shirley Miller, Witesboro; Sandra Cobb, Sunray;

Nancy Rasco, Robert Lee; Neva Beene, Houston; Diane Feagan, Roby; David Duke, Irving; Becky Land, Arlington; Kris Colay of Odessa.

Great-grandchildren; Lesie Robertson, Treandee Acker, Greg Acker, Pampa; Kerry Acker, Monahans; Russell Acker, Janie Acker, Pecos; Debbie Johnston, Austin; Sherry and Greg Gallahan, Mike Scott and Julie Adams, Arlington; Kim, Tracy and Kris Lewis, Midland; Tommy Beene, Houston; Karen, Kenda, Kirby Rasco, Robert Lee; Cherrie and Shanna Feagan, Roby; Patti Brown, Rotan; Ann Whiteker, Colorado City; Michal, Treon and Jackie Cobb, Sunray; Starla, Brett and Brad Garner, Abilene.

Miss Teenage Abilene Entry Forms Available

Entry forms for the 1978 Miss Teenage Abilene competition are now available throughout the 25 counties of the Dr Pepper Bottling Company of Abilene distribution area. The forms have been placed in schools, youth centers and all Grigsby's Rag Doll locations, in addition to all locations where Dr Pepper is sold.

Girls wishing to enter this year's competition should return a completed entry blank along with a recent photograph to the MTA offices as soon as possible. Deadline for entry is September 9, with preliminaries scheduled to begin October 1. The Miss Teenage Abilene Program has been set for

October 22, in the Abilene Civic Center. Competition includes girls age 13 to 17.

Judging in the Miss Teenage Abilene competition involves scholastic achievement, poise, appearance and awareness, and is not based on beauty. A written examination, prepared by World Book Encyclopedia, is the first area of judging. This test will be administered simultaneously in Abilene and San Angelo on September 20.

Any girls having difficulty locating an entry form should contact the Miss Teenage Abilene office, Box 2383, Abilene, Tex. 79604 or call 915-673-9311 for information.

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than they are nationwide, even though the cost of living in only 10 per cent lower.

"This enviable situation is, in part, brought about by the Statewide Hospital Productivity Center that the Texas Hospital Association has been operating for the past 18 months. We have almost 400 of 600 hospitals participating in this productivity center. We show participating hospitals how to improve the management and operation of the hospitals. To date, we can point to over \$20 million that has been saved by Texas patients in this short period of time and these savings are ongoing and will be recurring each year. The proposed legislation gives no credit to these well managed hospitals—in fact, it penalizes them.

"The President's Wage and Price Council, for the past two years, has been studying health care costs and has conducted hearings around the nation, including Texas. The final report was issued this past December. In that report, the Wage and Price Council said that one of the major factors that was increasing hospital costs in the nation, was the number of government regulations that the hospital must comply with. Each hospital must answer to 25 to 30 government regulatory agencies at the local, state or federal level. Each one of these agencies requires reports and information which are costly to prepare and the hospital must look to its patients to pay these costs.

"We find that the Carter proposal is most arbitrary and capricious legislation in that one industry has been singled out to live with cost controls.

"The Texas Hospital Association, as well as the American Hospital Association will be doing everything we can to fight this proposal. We are convinced that it is not in the best interest of the patients we serve, and we do want to continue to render the best of health care to all the citizens of Texas."

Fact Sheet, Hospital Cost Control Act of 1977, prepared by Texas Hospital Association:

1. Due to the complex and complicated formula as set out in this proposed legislation, the amount of allowable

increase that a hospital may use can range from zero to a maximum of 9 percent. The formula takes into consideration occupancy, revenue and a number of other factors in computing the exact percentage that a given hospital may increase its prices each 12 month period.

2. Since public hospitals, other than federal hospitals, are included in this control program, if a public hospital cannot increase its prices sufficiently to charge a patient for the services received, then that amount over and above the allowable charge will be added back to the tax burden paid by the taxpayers for the given public hospital.

3. Under the proposed legislation, there is a possibility that a hospital with less than 80 percent occupancy could be excluded from Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements. This would seriously affect the hospital's willingness and ability to serve those patients whose bills are paid by Medicare or Medicaid.

4. In the proposed formula for computing hospital cost, the original base years of 1974 and 1975 are used. During a part of this two year base period, hospitals were under Wage and Price control and as a result, base year figures do not reflect a true picture of hospital financial needs.

5. If this cost control program does not allow hospitals sufficient revenue to meet their expenses, since controls are not placed on the services or supplies they must purchase to operate, then the hospital could become financially impaired and could possibly be forced out of business. No doubt, hospitals would have to look at those departments within the facility that would be adding a financial burden to overall operation, but not producing sufficient revenue to justify continuance. Departments normally considered vital to community welfare such as emergency room and obstetrics generally would fall within this category.

6. Cost of health care in Texas is about 20 per cent lower than the national average even though the cost of living is only 10 per cent lower than the national

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TSTI Grad Association Is Formed

Action by the board of regents has given official standing to the Texas State Technical Institute Former Student Association (TSTIFSA).

As established under a new constitution and bylaws approved by the regents, the association will function on all four campuses in the TSTI system—Sweetwater, Waco, Amarillo and Harlingen. After chapters are operating on each campus, efforts will be made to form chapters in cities and towns where interest is expressed.

President of TSTIFSA is Bob Moore of Waco, who admits that getting the organization off the ground is going to be a difficult job.

"There is no other student organization in the U.S.," Moore said, "that has four campuses like we have and that will have chapters other than the campus chapters. Everything we do is a learning process."

A board of directors will supervise operations of the association. At present, all board members but one are from the Waco area. Later, each campus will be represented on the board.

Chapters already are functioning on two campuses. On the James Connally Campus in Waco, an association project was the landscaping of a new building. On-campus donations were solicited, nurseries in Waco were asked to donate plants (everyone did, Moore said), and horticulture students took on the landscaping as a class project.

TSTI graduate Freddy Fender, a member of the Harlingen chapter, will give a concert to benefit TSTIFSA. Moore stressed that these funds will be for the entire organization, not just the Harlingen chapter.

Moore said a primary goal of TSTIFSA is to form the state-supported technical-vocational school into "A united front."

"I want technical-vocational education to be realized more than it is, and that's what the Former Student Association can do, not simply by money but by word-of-mouth," Moore said.

Other goals are the establishment of a scholarship fund and assisting in the purchase of instructional equipment not available through appropriated funds.

Membership dues at present are \$3 a year; a future

board may or may not decide to change that, Moore said.

But it is not in a monetary way that TSTI graduates can help the school the most, he added.

"The big thing that (the graduate) can do is the enthusiasm he or she has for the place where he or she went to learn to make a living," Moore said.

Moore completed three courses of study on the James Connally Campus and took courses in a fourth. He also holds a degree from a four-year school.

TSTI graduates in the Sweetwater area who are interested in TSTIFSA are asked to contact Moises Perez, manager of Student Services on the Rolling Plains Campus.

Texas 36th Division To Hold Reunion

Labor Day Weekend will bring 600 veterans of the famous Texas' own 36th Division Association to Dallas for their 52nd annual reunion.

Royal Coach Motor Inn is headquarters for the men who wore the "T-Patch" during WWII, the first American troops to invade Hitler's Europe at Salerno, Sept. 9, 1943.

The 36th Division, made up of men of the Texas National Guard were mobilized in Nov. 1940 at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, with 10,000 men. The Division strength of 18,000 was made up of draftees from Texas. Replacements were made from men of every state in the union.

Registration for the reunion starts Friday, Sept. 2, with a hospitality party that night, general assembly at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, with General Paul Adams as guest speaker, and dinner dance at 7:00 p.m. Memorial services will be held on Sunday, Sept. 4, at 10:00 a.m.

The 36th Division served in 5 major campaigns in Europe, had 15 Congressional Medal of Honor winners, and were credited with the capture of Hermann Goering and Field Marshall Von Rundstedt.

For information contact Amil Kohutek, membership chairman, 1933 College St., Abilene, Tex. 79602.

Hustlin' Round Hobbs

By Mrs. Jimmy Walker
Hobbs, Texas 735-2840

No rain this week, but the cotton still looks real good, although we could do with a shower or two.

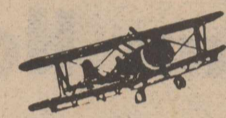
Mrs. Neil Hyer and family from Andrews spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Kincaid. Sunday they all attended the Williams reunion at the North East community center in Snyder.

Mrs. Ed Marks, Jessica nad Robyn from Lockney visited with the Phillipses during the week, and Sunday they all ate dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Walker attended the funeral of Miss Laura Shipman at Snyder on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. David Shipman of Odessa returned home with us and visited for a short while. Thursday night we attended the Stamford Junior Rodeo and Melody rode there. Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Walker went to Stephenville and attended the funeral of Mrs. Elmer Caraway who was buried at Dublin. Saturday we went to Odessa and Melody rode in the last A.J.R.A. rodeo of the season. Starting today (Tuesday) she will be competing in the A.J.R.A. finals which are being held at Snyder this week.

Todd Etheredge had a birthday Tuesday, so happy birthday to Todd. David and Todd Etheredge went to Snyder with Lealon Wilburn and watched their cousin LaTisha Kiker play in the All Star Miss Softball America baseball game. She was also picked for the All Stars for the Regional Tournament.

Not too much news this week, as everyone is still very busy with their gardens. See you all next week.



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Clevelands Hold Family Reunion

The family of Mrs. Stella Cleveland held their annual reunion in the Firemen's Hall, Roby, Sunday, August 7. Many of the family members attended. There were nine of the children of Mrs. Stella Cleveland and the late Sam Cleveland present, Gene, one of the sons, was unable to attend. Several grandchildren and six great-grandchildren were present. Cindy Mash, a granddaughter, registered guests.

The group enjoyed visiting, taking pictures, playing games, and eating the delicious food.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Joplin, McCaulley; Mr. Dalton Cleveland, Brownwood; Mrs. Gene Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. William Cleveland, Bessie Cleveland, Pamela and Diane Cleveland, and Mrs. Stella Cleveland, Rotan; Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Mash, Mr. and Mrs. John Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doty, Darrel, Bubba and Julie, Roby; William Cleveland Jr., Rotan; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cleveland, Teddy Cleveland, Corpus Christi; Mr. Lewis Cleveland, Brownwood; Ruthie Riddels, Mr. and Mrs. Phil McCurdy, Sandra and Wade Riddels, Dallas; Cindy Mash of Stephenville; Carol Sue Rossander, Don and Chala, Big Spring; Lewis Cleveland Jr., Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hatley and Jennifer, Abilene; Pat, Robina, Walter and Terry Cleveland of Roby.

Visitors were Mrs. Opal Williamson, Roby, a niece of Mrs. Cleveland; Laura and Trevor Dickson, Abilene, friends of Pat Cleveland and Darrel and Bubba Doty; Alfred Klein, Odessa, friend of Lewis Cleveland, Jr.

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Home Economics

By Alice Ballenger

776-2171 Court House Roby, Texas

Watermelon rind is a favorite for pickles and preserves--and they're easy to prepare.

Watermelon Rind Preserves
1 pound watermelon rind; 1 1/2 teaspoons pickling lime; 2 cups sugar; 2 quarts water; 2 tablespoons ginger root; 1/2 lemon, thinly sliced, use only white part of rind. Cut into 1-inch pieces.

Soak 3 1/2 hours in lime water. Use 1 1/2 teaspoons pickling lime to 1 quart water. Drain and place in clear water for one hour. Then drain and boil for about 1 1/2 hours in fresh water. Drain.

Make a syrup of 2 cups sugar to 2 cups water. Drop watermelon rind and ginger root into boiling syrup. Boil for about 1 hour. As syrup thickens, add lemon--and spices if desired.

When somewhat thick, pack in hot canning jars with fruit to 3/4 inch of top add syrup to 1/2-inch of top of jar.

Remove air bubbles with a knife. Wipe top of jar with a clean, damp cloth. Close with jar lids. Process in boiling water bath for 10 minutes.

Watermelon Pickles

Rind of 1 (20 pound) watermelon; 1 gallon cold water; 2 tablespoons pickling salt; 2 cups white 5% acid strength vinegar; 7 cups sugar; 1 tablespoon whole cloves; 2 or 3 sticks cinnamon.

Trim off outer green skin and pink flesh of thick rind. Cut with small cookie cutter, cut in 1-inch squares, or any desired shape.

Place in a large container. Combine 1 gallon cold water and 2 tablespoons salt. Add to watermelon rind. Let

stand overnight. Drain and rinse in cold water. Cover with ice water. Let stand 1 hour.

Drain rind and place in a large kettle. Cover with boiling water. Bring to boiling; reduce heat and simmer until tender. Drain well.

Combine vinegar and sugar in large kettle. Tie cloves and cinnamon sticks in cheesecloth bag; add to kettle. Bring to boiling. Add rind. Cook gently until rind is clear and transparent. Remove spice bag. Turn rind and syrup into a crock or glass container and let stand 24 hours.

Drain rind, reserve syrup in a large saucepan. Bring syrup to boiling. Pack rind in 6 hot sterilized pint jars. Pour boiling syrup over rind filling to within 1/4-inch from top. Wipe top of jar with clean, damp cloth. Adjust lids.

Process in boiling water bath 5 minutes. Start to count the processing time when water in canner returns to boiling. Remove jars. Cool on wire rack overnight. Check jars for airtight seal. Makes 6 pints.

Kaye Roa Rank Senior Airman In US Air Force

The daughter of a Green Bay, Wisc., couple has achieved the rank of senior airman in the U.S. Air Force.

Airman Kaye E. Roa, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. William P. Nelson of Green Bay, is a radio operator at Scott AFB, Ill., and serves with a unit of the Air Force Communications Service.

The airman is a 1974 graduate of Southwest High School. Her husband Tiburcio, is the son of Mrs. Janie Roa of 105 W. Lee, Rotan, Texas.

Doug Upshaw In Virginia With Brown & Root

Douglas Upshaw recently accepted a position with Brown and Root, Inc. as Safety Superintendent for the construction division at the DuPont DeNumours EI & Company, Inc. in Richmond, Va.

Doug and his wife, Sheila, are former residents of Roby.

Before transferring to Richmond, Upshaw was employed as Safety Officer for Eumech, an overseas division of Brown and Root on the Eldfisk Platform in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea.

Brown and Root, Inc., a division of Haliburton, is the nation's largest construction-engineering firm, with home offices based in Houston.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Upshaw and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Justiss, all of Roby.

Brad Stuart Nominated H.S. All-American

The Texas Sports media cast has nominated Brad Stuart of Roby as High School All American for his track ability.

He received a certificate and emblem on June 1.

Brad is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Stuart and will be a senior at Roby High School this fall.

Leisure Lodge News

We have two residents in the hospital at this time, Mr. Emmett Cave and Felix Garcia. Hope they will soon be able to come home. Mr. Tom Simmons returned home from the hospital last Thursday and seems to be doing fine.

We would like to thank Mrs. Ottie Polk for the cantaloupes; Edna Taggart for the peas and squash; and Abbie Tankersley for the cantaloupes. Everyone really enjoyed these home grown vegetables and fruit.

Want to give a special thank you to all our volunteers. It means so much to have Sunday School and Church Services. Also, to the Fisher County Singing Group residents really look forward to the singings.

We've enjoyed several out of town visitors. Mrs. Hull's daughter, Mrs. Betty Lou McDaniel of Bellflower, Calif., grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Terry McDaniel and Aimee Lee of La Miranda, Cal. and Matthew McDaniel of Mira Loma, Cal.

Visiting the Ben Williams for the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Chandler of Hico and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams and Millisa, Mrs. Laura Mae Williams, all of Hermleigh.

Visiting Bud Crawford was a granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Pearson and Janea of Midland and great-grandson David Stuart of Snyder.

See you next week.

Hobbs Baptist Church To Hold Revival

Hobbs Baptist Church will be holding their Revival August 26th through 28th, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights at 8 p.m. A group of young people from Western Texas College at Snyder will be bringing the messages and will lead the singing.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Rhonda J. Hammit To Marry W. Janowiak

Rhonda Jane Hammit of Abilene and Randy Wayne Janowiak of Abilene will be married September 1 in the home of the bride-elect's parents.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Hammit of Rotan. She is a graduate of Angelo

University and is presently employed at Shady Oaks in Abilene.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Janowiak of Abilene. He is self-employed in Abilene. The couple will make their home in Abilene.

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average. Under the bill's provisions, Texas hospitals would be penalized for having sustained lower costs than those in states where rates are already much higher. Those hospitals with higher rates are allowed to use identical percentage increases as are those who have managed to maintain efficient, less costly facilities.

The Texas Hospital Association is the trade association for hospitals in Texas with over 690 health care institutions as members.

Up-to-date immunization is real insurance--for all ages, says Carla Shearer, health education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas A&M University System. Grown-ups need protection too. So when was your last immunization, asks the specialist.

worthless land can now become valuable grazing land. Also, an active gully will have been stopped that may have endangered other cropland and pastureland. "There are many pluses in favor of critical area treatment that make it worthwhile", Black states.

Soil Conservation Service technicians have assisted producers in reclaiming hundreds of acres of eroded land. Farmers and ranchers who have critically eroded areas are urged to call or go by their SCS office. "The sooner the better", Black says, "because every rain makes control more difficult and expensive."

One pound of regular rice serves 14 or more. Brown rice serves 16 or 18 per pound, and one parboiled pound serves 18, says Gwendolyn Clyatt, consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M Univ. System.

Rotan HDC Met Thursday

The Rotan Home Demonstration Club met Thursday with Mrs. Hazel Aldridge. Mrs. Lois Sparks, the president, had charge of the business meeting. The roll call was answered by each member present with "A way I have made money at home".

Mrs. Beatrice Hargrove gave an interesting report on the many ways a homemaker can stay at home and earn money too. Several points she gave were: giving garage sales, dress making, cake decorating, bookkeeping, quilting, food preparation--catering for banquets and weddings, and art. Regardless of what a person sells, home business gives a homemaker a great deal of opportunity to be creative, to gain experience in business development, and to earn money. Check out governmental agencies for laws, guidelines and help. Have faith in yourself and patience to stay with your project to give it a fair trial. You may find self-employment an exciting and challenging experience.

Members present were Lois Sparks, Romie Kersh, Oma Long, Effie Murphree, Minnie Porter, Beatrice Hargrove, and the hostess.

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Card of Thanks

We would like to thank our many friends in Rotan and Fisher County for the many acts of kindness shown us during the long illness and death of our loved one, Willie R. Noles. Also for the many cards, phone calls, visits, and the beautiful floral tributes that were

sent to his funeral services, and the many memorials made to favorite charities in his memory.

We will always be grateful for your love, concern and interest in our welfare.

Mrs. W.R. Noles
Billy and Jerry Noles
Mr. Noles' brothers and sisters



Mr. and Mrs. James Clawson are parents of a son born Aug. 6 at Stamford Memorial Hospital. He is named James Allen Clawson and weighed 8 lbs. 11 1/2 ozs. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Stanford of Hamlin and Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Clawson of the Hobbs

community. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Danie Gruben of Rotan, Mrs. Bertha Gretory of Hamlin and Mrs. Rosie Stanford of Rotan.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all our many friends at Roby, Sylvester, Sweetwater and Longworth for the love and

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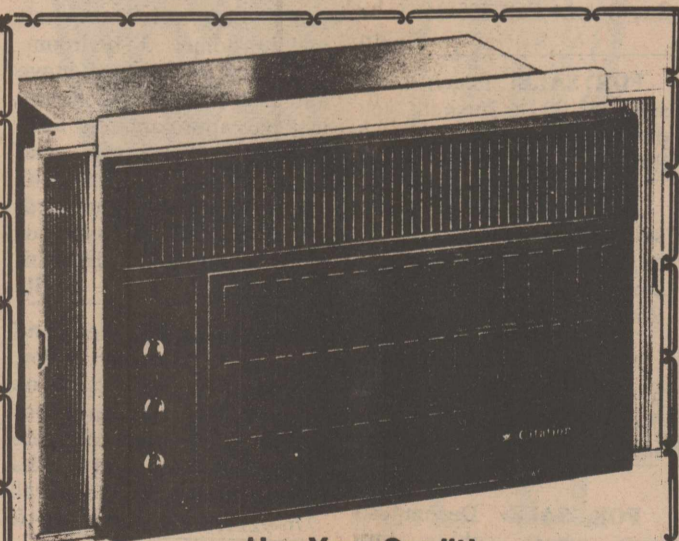
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HEALTH TIP

From the American Medical Association
BACK TO SCHOOL

School days are almost here again for millions of American youngsters.

With the approach of the fall term, the American Medical Association reminds parents once again that there are health and safety considerations that are important in preparing the small fry for another nine months of studies.

The AMA recommends a thorough health examination for 5 and 6-year-olds who are starting school for the first time. Your physician will know what to do. His examination will cover all aspects of your child's health, and will encompass hearing (to make certain he can hear the teacher) and vision (to make sure he can see the blackboard). It is better if this examination can be made and booster immunizations given a few weeks before school starts.

School boards in some communities require a health exam for beginning students. Many schools also require certain immunizations against infectious disease. Your doctor will know

of the requirements for your neighborhood.

Most doctors feel that four or five thorough health examinations during the school years are sufficient for healthy youngsters. These usually are spaced at the start of the first year, about the fourth grade, about the seventh grade, at the ninth or tenth grade, and upon graduation. A thorough examination is important if the child is participating in school athletics. The doctor should be told that junior is going out for football, so that he can look for any health problems that might be heightened by rough contact sports.

In the excitement of the first few days of school the small child may forget all of the safety warnings you've been teaching him. Each parent should make certain the child knows how to cross streets and intersections enroute to and from school. He should know that crossing guards are there for his protection and obey them. He should know about proper deportment on the

school bus. He should know the rules of bicycle safety.

FOUR OF A KIND: Homer T. Fillingim Sr., who has lived in Rotan for more than 50 years, is shown with his son, grandson, and great-grandson, all with the same name. Homer T. Fillingim, Jr., left, now resides in Lincoln County, New Mexico; Homer T. Fillingim III, right, is deputy-sheriff of Stonewall County, Texas, and the proud father of Homer T. Fillingim IV* who is the fourth generation to bear that name.



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COUNTY AGENT NEWS

BY RICHARD SPENCER

Control your farm rat population and you may control some serious diseases affecting livestock.

Besides the spread of livestock diseases, rats contaminate feed and cause numerous holes in farm buildings. Rat droppings in animal feed and grain are the most frequent method of disease transmission by rats.

The farm rat problem warrants a well-planned rat control plan. A good baiting program is advisable. Bait stations, located in barns, garages, grain bins, hog houses and machine sheds, should be supplemented by perimeter baiting on the outskirts of buildings.

A continual cleanup campaign combined with rat-proofed buildings should deny rats access to breeding and living areas.

If rats are visible during the daytime, the problem could well be serious. For every rat seen, hundred are in hiding on the premises.

There are 5 million diabetics in the United States and 1.25 million require insulin daily. It requires the pancreas from 36 cattle to provide enough insulin to keep one diabetic alive for one year. So 45 million head of cattle are needed each year to produce the insulin needed for the diabetics in the United States.

The peak season for using pesticides is at hand, so home gardeners should give careful consideration to safe storage of these materials.

Pesticides are often stored in a garage or shed without thinking that this place is as dangerous as an unprotected medicine cabinet.

Curious youngsters often explore under kitchen sinks and low-to-the-floor places. These are the primary places to avoid for storing bleaches, pesticides and fertilizers.

High cabinets in the house or garage are suitable for storing pesticides if they can be locked. Often a symbol (skull and crossbones) that a child associates with "bad stuff" is helpful.

Poison Control Center reports reveal that children under five years of age are involved in more than half

all accidental swallowings involving a variety of substances. But less than five per cent of all these poisonings are caused by pesticides.

Pesticides should not be kept in storage for more than a year to protect both children and plants from the aged chemicals.

All containers used to store the pesticides should be non-breakable and closed securely.

Remember, pesticides are just as safe as the person using them.

One good management practice that every Rolling Plains small grain producer should consider for the next growing season is using fertilizers based on the results of a current soil test.

Wheat growers should get their soil samples into the lab now. Cotton and sorghum producers can also take advantage of this slack time of the year.

The turn-around time from soil sample to analysis to recommendations is presently about two weeks at the Rolling Plains Soil Testing Laboratory which is located in Seymour and serves this area of the state.

There is an excess of wheat straw left on the ground this year and most fields will need extra nitrogen to take care of straw decomposition. About 15 pounds of nitrogen per ton of straw should do the trick, with most wheat fields needing about 15 to 20 pounds of nitrogen per acre to take care of the straw.

Many farmers are planning to add to income by grazing the crop and if this is the care, an application of phosphorus with the seed will help "kick-off" the young seedlings a little earlier and produce more tillers, more grazing.

Wheat prices haven't been good this year and the profit squeeze makes it necessary to get every nickle out of the crop and fertilizer can't be used to the best advantage without knowing what is in the soil store house.

Lowell Cure, Baylor County Extension Agent, is in charge of the soils laboratory and translates the test results into fertilizer recommendations.

Cost of a soil test is \$2 and soil containers and mailing instructions may be picked up at any local county agricultural Extension agents office.

Commercial and non-commercial applicators interested in training programs for the categories Field Crop Pest Control, Fruit and Vegetable Pest Control, Weed and Brush Control will have an opportunity to participate in a workshop scheduled for August 23-25, 1977 at the Texas Electric Service Company, 900 Scott Street in Wichita Falls. The workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. on August 23. The initial session of the workshop will include subject matter applicable to all categories of commercial and noncommercial applicators. Sessions that follow will deal with category specific subject matter. Certification is granted by the appropriate state regulatory agency on the basis of an examination on dates and at locations to be announced by the regulatory agency. The workshop is not a requisite to certification as a commercial or noncommercial applicator and is not a part of the official certification process. Persons planning to attend the workshop may preregister by contacting Mr. Emory Boring, Area Entomologist, Box 2159, Vernon, Tex. 76384 indicating their intent to participate in the workshop.

Notice

Notice of Board of Equalization Meeting:

In obedience to an order of the Board of Equalization, regularly convened and sitting, notice is hereby given that said Board of Equalization will be in session at its regular meeting place in the McCaulley Independent School Gymnasium Building in the City of McCaulley, County of Fisher and Jones, Texas, at 10:00 o'clock on Tuesday the 23 day of August, 1977 for Oil and Gas and 10:00 o'clock on Monday the 29 day of August, 1977 for Real & Personal Property, for the purpose of determining, fixing and equalizing the value of any and all taxable property situated in McCaulley Independent School District, Fisher & Jones County, Texas, for taxable purposes for the year 1977, and any and all persons interested or having business with said Board are hereby notified to be present.

By Order of the Board of Equalization
Frank Kemp
Chairman of the Board of Equalization
McCaulley Independent School District

Fisher & Jones County, Tex.
9th day of August A.D., 1977
This notice supercedes the Notice of June 27, 1977.
26-1tc

Governor Proclaims Special Week

Governor Dolph Briscoe has proclaimed August 15-19 "Beyond The Sundown Drama Week."

Beyond The Sundown is presented on the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation, 85 miles north of Houston, between Livingston and Woodville. The drama, which is staged in an amphitheatre set on a hillside, traces the history of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribes and the role they played in the battle for Texas Independence.

Governor Briscoe will officially sign the proclama-

tion at 8:00 p.m. on August 15. Also at that time, Honorary Chief Price Daniel, Sr. will assist Chief Fulton Battise in presenting Governor Briscoe with an honorary lifetime membership in the Alabama-Coushatta Tribes.

Governor and Mrs. Briscoe will remain at the Reservation for the performance of "Beyond The Sundown" and will be on hand to meet the public after the drama ends.

The public is invited to attend the proclamation ceremony and the drama. Tickets may be reserved by call a toll free number, 1-800-392-8355.



COCKENY ENGLISHMAN PLAYS INDIAN CHIEF: Bert L. Taylor as Anton, Chief of the Alabama Tribe in "Beyond The Sundown" at the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation, 80 miles north of Houston.

Texas Duroc Breeders Sale At Lubbock

The Texas Duroc Breeders State Sale will be held at Lubbock August 13, according to Waylon R. Carroll, Secretary-Treasurer and show and sale manager of Lubbock. This show is sponsored by the West Texas Duroc Breeders Association.

The event scheduled at the Panhandle South Plains Fairgrounds Swine Barn is expected to draw 40 consignors from 4 states and numerous breeders and commercial producers. Over 100 head of bred gilts, open gilts, and boars are entered for the show and sale.

Col. Luther Hill of Littlefield will handle the auctioneering. Dr. Don Orr, outstanding swine judge of Texas Tech University Animal Science Department, Lubbock, will serve as the breeding animal judge.

The West Texas Duroc Breeders has sponsored shows and sales for over 30 years. This is expected to be the greatest sale offering this show has ever seen because the leading breeders from 4 states have made entries--New Mexico, Texas, Oklaho-

ma and Colorado.

Entries will be accepted on August 12. Judging of entries will begin at 8:00 a.m., August 13. The breeding sale will begin at 1:00 p. m. August 13. Officials stressed all breeders consistently bring outstanding breeding animals for this show and sale. All are invited to attend.

J&D Durocs (Jack Miller) of Rotan has registered Duroc breeding animals consigned to the show and sale.

Hospital News

Hospital admissions August 2 thru August 8, 1977.

Emmett Cave, Ruby Howell, Vicki Thomason, Thomason Baby Girl, Jerry Don Carter, Clarence Mize, Carol Ann Price, Price Baby Girl, Lova Rivers, Ted Freeman, Rotan; Hubert W. Bennett, Marcus Ramon, Gracie Edwards, Lila Hardy, Jose Ramon, Roby; Dennis J. Johnson, McCaulley.

Fisher County Nursing Home

Our visitors for this week were Johnnie and Cecil Barnes from Lubbock visiting Mrs. Vevie Barnes. Also visiting Mrs. Barnes were Mr. and Mrs. Ford Waldrip of O'Brien and Mrs. L.G. Goodman, Mrs. Jim Wilburn and children from Roby visited Mrs. Barnes and also Mrs. Albert Hataway and daughter Dede and a friends. And Mr. George Peeples from Roby visited.

Mrs. Evelyn Dillard and Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Summers, all of Arlington, visited with Mrs. Phronia Taggart.

Jo Reed enjoyed having her daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Cass Lightfoot from Crane.

Mrs. Florence McCoy from Austin and Vivian Clark from Big Spring visited Era Vaughn.

Neda Kiser enjoyed her visitors this week. They were Mrs. Freda Rushton from Sweetwater and Jolene Ablocia from Eula.

Tish Hayes had a very nice week this past week. First, she was our honoree this month at the birthday party given by the women of the First Baptist Church. Then she enjoyed having her sister-in-law, Ella Mae Hayes from Hamlin visit.

Eva Stephens enjoyed having her brother-in-law, Paul Stephens from Sylvester, visit.

We want to thank Mrs. Lunette Goforth for the fresh vegetables and also everyone

who has been bringing fresh vegetables.

Again, let us thank the ladies of the First Baptist Church for the nice birthday party.

That's all for this week.

Lt. Col. Larry McLendon At AFB In Mich

Air Force Lt. Col. Larry F. McLendon, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.C. McLendon of Sylvester, has arrived at K.I. Sawyer AFB, Mich., to assume command of the 644th Bomb Maintenance Squadron.

Col. McLendon, previously assigned at Barksdale AFB, La., is now a member of the Strategic Air Command.

The col., who holds the aeronautical rating of command pilot, is a 1953 graduate of North Side High School in Fort Worth. He received his B.S. degree in 1957 from Texas A&M University and was commissioned through the Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

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County Entomologist Column

DAVID FINLEY
COUNTY ENTOMOLOGIST

Cotton has made excellent growth this past week due to excellent moisture conditions and hot weather. However, conditions are very favorable for bollworms and very careful monitoring of fields is essential at this time.

Boll weevil activity is on the increase with 85 percent of the fields in the pest management program standing at 10 percent or less punctured squares. The remainder of the fields range from 11-41 percent punctured squares. More and more boll weevils are being found in cotton now. Producers should become more aware of this pest as time goes along.

Bollworm and budworm activity has either declined or remained the same in all but 3 fields in the pest management program. Most damaged square counts are 5 percent or less with 2-5 medium to large worms/100 plants. The field that has the most damage is standing at 15 percent, but damage in this field is restricted to hot spots. Egg counts are extremely low with 0-5 eggs/100 plants being the most found. Several producers are not involved in the pest management program are into bollworms pretty heavily at this time. Some of those fields have as much as 30 percent worm damaged squares and 15-30 worms/100 plants. Dipel has been used on those fields with little slowing effect on the large worms. Some producers are also now involved in a spray program and will be there until into September. If it is at all possible, producers should try to wait as long to spray as they can during this time of the month. Soon (August 15) we will have our large peak of eggs, so we had better get ready and watch our fields closely. As far as budworms go, larvae were taken from one field not in the pest management program. From this sample, 98 percent were bollworms, while only 2 percent were budworms.

Leaf miner damage has been heavy in several fields in Jones County. One field has heavy damage to every leaf except those located in the terminal. Leaf miner damage is found in the leaves of the cotton plant. Small larvae will burrow between the upper and lower leaf surfaces leaving a trail where it has fed. This trail will usually be light in color with some browning on the edges. Leaves will turn yellow and fall off if damage is severe enough. No control measures are effective, however, a systematic insecticide or one to control adults may be used.

Conchuela stink bugs are showing up in more cotton in Jones County. These insects are migrating from maize into cotton as the maize reaches the hard dough stage. These stink bugs are doing their damage to small bolls by sticking their beak into the boll. This causes a staining of the lint and reduces yield and quality. Those small bolls that have just dropped a bloom are the ones most attacked. When these are punctured, they will fall off. Control has been obtained by using Malathion. Some ethyl parathion has also been used with moderate success.

Beneficial insects are moderate in some fields, however, the majority are still light. Green lacewing egg/bollworm egg ratios range from 2:0 to 15:1 in some fields. Damsel bugs and lady beetles along with numerous kinds of spiders are also being found. Saving these beneficials will pay off later I guarantee you.



MR. CLEAN: The new City of Rotan garbage truck started on its route last Friday. The truck is from Pakmor Co. of San Antonio. Staff Photo by Cindy King.

Before buying a freezer, investigate "bulk" and "special" foods. Then weigh savings and convenience against price of freezer and operating costs, advises Claudia Kerbel, consumer information specialist with Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M Univ. System.

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