

# The Valley Tribune

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## Valley Athletes Receive Recognition

The Valley athletic teams have received recognition for their many accomplishments.

Three Valley boys were named to the All-District First Team. They were Brett Cheatham, Randy Fuston, both seniors, and Tommy Williams, a junior. Jerry McNary, a senior, was named to the second team, and Kraig Cox, a junior, received honorable mention.

The Valley girls team had three named First Team All-District. They are Angie Clay and Candy Jones, seniors, and Sherri Hendrix, a junior. Elaine Adams was named to the second team, and Mary Down received honorable mention.

Candy Jones was selected to play in the All-Star game of the Golden Spread High School Girls in conjunction with the Converse NWIT in Amarillo last weekend.

Tommy Williams was named to First Team All-District, First Team All-South Plains, and Third Team All-State.

Brett Cheatham was named to First Team All-District.

Jerry McNary was named to the Second Team All-District and First Team All-South Plains.

Randy Fuston was named to First Team All-District.

Will Williams was named to Amarillo Globe News Super Team as Freshman of the Year.

Kraig Cox received honorable mention All-District.

## Adams Named Coach Of The Year

Valley Coach Steve Adams has been named the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal Coach of the Year.

Coach Adams states, "This award is a direct reflection upon our kids and our basketball

program. Good kids made good coaches. It is easy to receive awards when everybody expects you to win. This award is special because we lost five starters from the previous year and were not expected to do anything. Our kids' dedication and never-quit attitude was the main reason we had such a successful year. This will be an example year for our younger kids. It doesn't matter how many people you lose from the previous year if you have the right attitude. These kids earned everything they received through their dedication, discipline and desire to win. This Coach of the Year award goes to our kids because they were the Team of the Year."

## Brush Control Meeting To Be Held

Francis Aerial Spraying and Dow Chemical will sponsor a mesquite and cactus control program for range and pasture in the Silverton School Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 31.

The use of Grazon herbicides will be discussed.

Supper will be served.  
Call 847-2523 to confirm your attendance at the meeting.

## WREN VINYARD AND GROUP SCHEDULED TO GO TO SAUDI ARABIA SOON

Wren Vinyard and a group from this area are scheduled to leave for Saudi Arabia soon. They will be setting up a wheat farming operation for a retired Saudi General who wants to raise some food instead of depending entirely on oil for the economy.

They will be working on irrigation methods and will be taking the farming machinery needed that the General has purchased here in the States. That is one reason their departure is being delayed, as they are waiting on delivery of the needed machinery.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Talkmitt, Brandon and Jamie of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Eudy Sunday.

## Turkey Lions Install New Member At Tuesday's Meeting

The Turkey Lions Club met Tuesday at noon and installed Chuck Dees as a new member. Invocation was by Brett Parsley and Red Williams led the Pledge to the Flag. Pot of gold was won by Melvin Clinton.

A delicious steak meal was served by Marie Hurst and Colleen Stone to 14 members and Elaine Adams, guest of Sweetheart Melody Cruse, and Doug Setliff.

Boss Lion Roy Patterson announced that new officers would be elected at the next meeting, April 12.

## GENERAL MEETING OF BOB WILLS ASSOCIATION CALLED MARCH 30

There will be a general meeting of the Bob Wills Association Wednesday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bob Wills Center, according to Jim Majors, president.

This is a very important meeting, and it is hoped that all members will be present.

## Valley Juniors To Sponsor VB Tournament

A volleyball tournament, sponsored by the Valley Junior Class, will be held April 7-8-9 in the Valley School Gym.

Entry fee is \$18.00 plus admission per team. Entry deadline is April 4. Contact Betty Tiffin at Valley School, 455-1411, to enter.

## MRS. SETLIFF IS GRADUATE OF TECH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT AMARILLO

Mrs. Kenny (Relda) Setliff of Amarillo is one of 17 scheduled to graduate from Texas Tech School of Medicine in Amarillo during the first week in June. Mrs. Setliff will take her residency training in internal medicine at Texas Tech Medical School in Lubbock.

She is the daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Arville Setliff of Turkey.

(Ed. Note: Our area is blessed with the college, university and specialized graduates from our midst. Congratulations!)

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Meacham, former Turkey residents, of Midland were in Turkey Sunday night and Monday visiting relatives and getting some more of their things to take back home with them.

## Community Sunrise Service Scheduled

To begin the joyous celebration of Easter, a special Sunrise Service will be held at the Interpretative Center at the Caprock Canyons State Park north of Quitaque.

The service will begin at 6:30 a.m. April 3, Easter Sunday, and is to conclude at 7:00 a.m.

Leading this special commun-

ity event will be the pastors of the local churches. Following the service at the Park, everyone is invited to return to the First United Methodist Church in Quitaque for sweet rolls, coffee, milk or orange juice.

Everyone in the Valley area is invited to attend this special service regardless of church affiliation.

## "We The Women" Banquet Is Tuesday Night

The "We the Women" Spring Banquet is set for Tuesday night, March 29, at 7:00 o'clock at the Quitaque Community Center. "We the Women" sponsors this banquet each year to honor the community Emergency Medical

Technicians and the Firemen for all the work they do for the community. The public is invited and there will be no charge. Advance reservations will be required.

The entertainment for the evening will be provided by a couple who are no strangers to the area, Alton and Donna (Brown) Hurley of Amarillo. They will sing many selections.

Nominees for Man of the Year are Roye Pigg, Jerry Maupin, Wayne Norman, Jim Stell, Wilburn Leeper and Arnold Castillo.

The Woman of the Year nominees are Marge Boyles, Lolla Belle Harmon, Janice Henson, Lockwood McCracken, Jean Rice and Ann Jones.

The organization is expecting each of you, and promise you an evening of entertainment.

A week ago Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Shotwells and Sarah of Stillwater, Oklahoma and Mrs. Jack Hutton of Abilene spent the night with Jess and Dona Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Browning had as a guest on Saturday night, Oleta Randell of Irving. She spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Smith and visited other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. James Barefield spent Thursday and Friday visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bingham and Criss in Big Spring. On Thursday night, they were all invited to a fish fry in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Gilbert. They were joined by the Gilbert's son, James Albert, for the meal and a visit. The Gilberts are former residents of the Quitaque area.

Mrs. Bob (Joetta) Morris, her granddaughter, Linda Jo Cathey, and her daughter, Cassidy, all of Pampa, and Mrs. Frankie Cade and daughter, Shawna, of Fort Worth visited Mrs. C. H. Hamner Thursday of last week.

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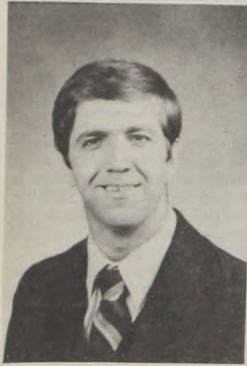
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**CLIFFORD M. COOPER**

Clifford M. Cooper of Afton was among more than 40 students honored for outstanding academic achievement during Wayland Baptist University's annual Recognition Day recently.

Cooper, a junior majoring in Bible and minoring in English, was recipient of the prestigious Boyd Award, recognizing Wayland's top junior ministerial student.

A 1973 graduate of Cooper High School, Cooper attended Texas Tech University before transferring to Wayland last fall. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cooper of Lubbock, he is married to the former Cheryl Merrell,

**Nursing Students Named To Honor Roll**

Twenty-eight students from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing have been named to the Dean's Honor List. These include Lana Fuston, a freshman from Turkey.

Those students named to the honor list earned a grade average of 3.5 or higher during the fall semester.

At TTUHSC School of Nursing, students enter at multiple levels. Students are accepted who have no previous nursing background and those who are Licensed Vocational Nurses and Registered Nurses in pursuit of a bachelor of science in nursing degree. Licensed LVNs and RNs are enrolled at TTUHSC School of Nursing at levels of training commensurate with previous education.

Mr. and Mrs. Dellis Monk and children, Bobby, Dennis and Scotty of Mesquite spent the weekend with Dellis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. John Monk. This was the first time the grandparents had seen the new baby, Scotty, who is almost two months old.

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# By July 4th You May Have Less Independence!



It seems ironical that over 200 years ago our forefathers fought for independence primarily on the declaration that excessive taxation would no longer be tolerated. Yet on July 1, 1983 our Federal Government will enact a law which unfairly withholds 10% of your total interest and dividend income as prepayment on anticipated earnings.

By law, we will be forced to send 10% of your savings interest dollars to the IRS on a periodic basis. You will automatically see the deduction. And, that means your total interest earnings will be reduced even more because you will get less income from reinvestment and compounding.

Join us in our strong opposition to this new law. We know our Texas representatives in Washington will listen and repeal this unnecessary legislation if enough of the people who put them into office raise their voices. Sign your protest to the accompanying letter and send it to your U.S. Senators and Congressman . . . because now taxation with representation is an American right and privilege.

# Make A Declaration

The Honorable  
U.S. Congress  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear

I wish to join other Texans in requesting your work to repeal the 10% withholding tax on savings interest and dividends legislation which will be enacted on July 1, 1983.

I have worked hard to build my savings. Now our Government wants to withdraw a percentage of my earnings prior to the time I have faithfully paid my taxes each year. I respectfully protest.

I should not be penalized for saving money. Yet this new law will keep me from access to my entire savings over the year and give me fewer dollars to compound or reinvest. I ask that you become my voice in Congress and work towards the elimination of excessive and unfair taxation. I'm counting on you.

Sincerely,

Signature

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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## VALLEY SCHOOL

### HONOR ROLL

#### Fourth Six Weeks

##### First Grade [Adamson]

A Honor Roll—Angela Norman, Julie Ross

A & B Honor Roll—Paul Brittan, David Castillo, Cynthia Estraca, Danny House, Angie Pointer, Gilbert Ortiz, Michael Tamayo, Carmen Rodriguez, Sammy Ortiz, Santi Hernandez, Bubba Powell, JoDee Robison, Joshua Scoggins

##### Second Grade

A Honor Roll—Julie Clay, Audra House, Kacey Fuston, Sarah Alexander, Kobi Melton

A & B Honor Roll—Chastity Price, Clay Merrell, Jason Smith, Garrett Mills, Bradley Price

##### Third Grade

A Honor Roll—Tonya Gerhardt, Alecia Mullin, Laura Norman, Robyn Lane

A & B Honor Roll—Chad Powell, Manuel Silva, Cory Pointer, Jay Gray, Stephen Silva, April Stephens, Tommy Pinkerton, Josh Brooks, Chad Calvert

##### Fourth Grade [Strange]

A Honor Roll—Genie Seymour, Tina Clay

A & B Honor Roll—Kay Lynn Edwards, Shadi Mullin, Matt Washington

##### Fifth Grade

A Honor Roll—Gina Conner, Kyle Fuston, Amy Maupin, Chad

##### Oakley

A & B Honor Roll—Andrea Hinojosa, Warren Merrell, Celeste Sperry, Colby Waldrop, Chad Isbell

##### Sixth Grade

A Honor Roll—Stacy Rothwell  
A & B Honor Roll—Sherry Clay, J. D. Harmon, Shane House, Paula Scoggins, Brandon Stark

##### Seventh Grade

A Honor Roll—Christie Gragon, Melissa Maupin, Scott Saul  
A & B Honor Roll—Lea Ann Edwards, Cari Morrison, Derek Mullin, Sandy Price, Craig Setliff, Joe Silva, Brandon Smith

##### Eighth Grade

A Honor Roll—Jeff Fuston, Joe Morrison, Kirk Saul, Kristin Couch, Sandi Lipscomb  
A & B Honor Roll—Gary Brannon, Delma Martinez

##### Freshman

A Honor Roll—Devonna Smith  
A & B Honor Roll—Jamie Cox, Chuck Martin, Tammy Clay, June Johnson, Tommy Taylor, Laurie Harp

##### Sophomores

A Honor Roll—None  
A & B Honor Roll—Kaylene Green

##### Juniors

A Honor Roll—None  
A & B Honor Roll—Kraig Cox, Darren Edwards, Sherri Hendrix, Karen Ramsey

##### Seniors

A Honor Roll—Melody Cruse

A & B Honor Roll—Elaine Adams, Stachia Chadwick, Bobbie Duncar, Randy Fuston, Candy Jones, Misti McElreath, Terese Taylor, Doug Setliff, Colvin Morrison

### WITH THE SICK

Hayden Carter of Paragould, Arkansas, brother of Ralph Carter of Quitaque, underwent a bi-pass surgery Friday in a Memphis, Tennessee hospital. According to report, he came through fine. He has a daughter who is in critical condition and this has made it twice as hard on the family.

Mrs. Floye McCracken entered Highland Hospital in Lubbock Thursday of last week and underwent knee surgery there Monday morning.

Mrs. McCracken came through the surgery in fine condition, it is reported.

Deloy Myers underwent surgery at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview Tuesday morning. Bro. Elgin Conner and Bro. Alvis Fisher of Brownwood drove to Plainview to be with Deloy and his wife when he went into surgery. They report he came through fine.

John Lane returned from

Central Plains Hospital in Plainview on Monday. He will probably undergo surgery later, according to report.

Robert Proctor underwent surgery at Nichols Clinic in Plainview on Tuesday of last week. It is reported that since Saturday he has improved a great deal. The family hoped that he would be able to return home on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Farley of Amarillo spent last week at Toledo Bend, near the Texas-Louisiana border, fishing with a group of friends. They left their children, April and Cory, in Quitaque visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Farley.

The Larry Farleys returned to Quitaque Saturday and spent the night and took their children home with them Sunday.

Mrs. Cora Gragson and Mrs. Bill Sauls of Quitaque and Mrs. Gordon Bain of Turkey attended an Eastern Star School of Instruction at Matador Monday of last week. The Worthy Matron and the Worthy Patron of Texas were the instructors. They are from Houston.

The Hedley and the Turkey chapters served coffee, orange juice and doughnuts to the

visitors from 8:00 until 9:00 in the morning.

The ladies report a good day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jeffries of Hale Center stopped by for a visit with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hunter, last week enroute home from a visit in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mrs. Jeffries broke her right heel while in Oklahoma. She stepped off a porch to pick up the newspaper, according to Mrs. Hunter, and broke her heel. She is in the Hale Center Hospital at this writing and there is a possibility of surgery being required.

Mrs. Jimmy Stone of San Angelo is spending a few days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Ramsey. Mrs. Stone had a dental appointment to keep.

DeDee McWaters of Lamesa spent last week visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Faye Dudley, in Quitaque. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen McWaters, came for her Saturday and spent the day. They visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McWaters, in Silverton. Mr. Joe McWaters is recuperating from recent surgery. Shane McWaters had spent the week in Silverton with the other grandparents. He returned to his home also.

**CRAPPIE POPULARITY REMAINS HIGH**

The popularity of the crappie is widespread among people of all ages. One reason for the high popularity is the simplicity of equipment needed to catch this fish, says Billy Higginbotham, fisheries specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. More crappie fall victim to the cane pole and minnow than to all other angling methods combined. The schooling tendency of crappie provides the angler with almost non-stop action once a school is located. Many Texans proclaim that no other fish comes close to the crappie in eating quality.

Whether this panfish is called calico bass, white perch or sac-a-lait, the crappie is a member of the sunfish family and a first cousin to the largemouth bass and bluegill.

Two distinct species of crappie exist, and both, the black and white, are found in Texas. Their common names, indicating color, are not always a good key to distinguish between the species. This is especially true during the spawning season when males of both species become darker in color. Higginbotham says. For positive identification, count the hard spines on the dorsal fin. Black crappie have seven or eight dorsal spines while the white crappie have six spines.

Black crappie prefer the clear, slightly acidic waters found in many East Texas lakes. However, the range of this species has been expanded to the west and south. The white crappie originally ranged in the central and western portions of the state, but widespread stocking programs have resulted in large populations in the eastern portions of Texas as well.

Black crappie spawn slightly before white crappie in the spring. When water temperatures warm to about 60 degrees, the black crappie begins spawning activities. White crappie do not begin spawning until water temperatures reach 65 to 70 degrees. Although natural hybridization between the species has been documented, the difference in peak spawning periods probably serves to reduce the incidence of hybridization.

When the water temperatures warm in the spring, the spawning migration toward shallow water begins. Both species build nests in water from one to eight feet deep, usually in gravel or on hard bottom. If these types of bottoms are not readily available, tree roots and submerged vegetation may serve as spawning sites.

Fry normally hatch in about five days and after the yolk sac is absorbed, feed actively on microscopic animals called zooplankton. As growth continues, insects and small fish make up the bulk of the diet. During the summer, fall and winter months, crappie tend to school in the deeper, more open areas of lakes.

Growth rates of crappie vary due to water conditions and available food, but generally lengths of three to five inches are normal at one year of age and seven to eight inches the second year. The normal life expectancy for crappie is about six years, but individuals eight years old have been reported.

The best time to fish for crappie is during the spawning

season. A feathered jig, tiny spinner or a well-placed minnow hooked lightly through the back are all successful angling methods in the spring.

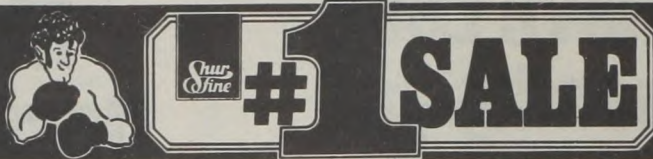
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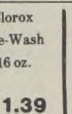
look for crappie concentrated and suspended over deep water structures. A depth finder can become a real asset in locating crappie under these conditions. If a depth finder is not available,

drift fishing will often assist in finding schools of crappie.


Some anglers prefer to make the crappie come to them. They anchor cedar and willow tops in deep water to attract the crap-

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to you during standard office hours (8-5) because of the heavy usage of the TX-AN system under which we operate. Our routine day usually starts from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. This is sometimes interrupted by a breakfast meeting such as the Panhandle delegation on Wednesday mornings. I use the early, quiet hours for answering first-class mail and phone calls.

From 8:30 a.m. until the House goes into session (usually 10:00 a.m.), I am in the Appropriations Committee meeting daily. Then,

I go back into the Appropriations Committee meeting on adjournment of the House. There is usually an hour and one-half break for lunch. Most of the lunch break is spent with some group or an individual who has an interest in some kind of legislation. This may be a farm group from your district or a school superintendent, or a friend from your district, or any one of the hundreds of lobbyists. Many people, who come by to persuade you on some issue, do not think of themselves as

lobbyists. Some lobby for good causes, some for bad. The paid lobbyists also fit into this category.

Sometimes, I have to leave the Appropriations Committee meeting in order to sandwich in the presentation of a bill I am sponsoring which is being heard by another committee. Sometimes, I am forced to run back to our office for an emergency call or other matters. This grind continues throughout the day and usually ends with you back over your desk late at night or even in the wee hours of the morning.

The County Affairs Committee meets each Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. I have to skip the Appropriations Committee when I attend this meeting.

Last week, a reporter from Lubbock asked to spend one day with me. She did a story, "One Day with a Legislator." This gave me the idea to follow today's format.

Yesterday, Comptroller Bob Bullock announced there would be \$867 million less available for spending in state government for the next two years as compared to his late '82 estimate on state funds. Today, Governor Mark White presents his budget to the Legislature. More on this next week.

Debate should pick up sharply on the floor of the House now. Failure to suspend the rules prohibited anything except emergency legislation from being heard before this date.

Our WATT LINE NUMBER: 1-800-692-1389. (This number goes to my district office—it is not an Austin number.) THOSE PERSONS RESIDING IN PAMPA, PLEASE USE OUR REGULAR NUMBER: 665-3552.



Two weeks ago the Houston and Galveston Chambers of Commerce and the business and civic leaders of that area hosted a weekend trip for the Legislators and their wives. Lois and I were among those attending. Hundreds of millions of our tax dollars are collected in this vast metropolitan area. Likewise, millions of our tax dollars are spent there as well. One of the highlights was our visit to Baylor Medical Research Center. This is funded by millions of dollars from private foundations and other sources, but the State of Texas appropriates from \$40 to \$50 million annually for research. It has no legal ties to the Baylor University of Waco. One group of legislators got to see a team of doctors do an open-heart surgery while it was in progress. The world famous Dr. DeBakey was there and explained the minute details of the operation. Another group went to a different area where they explained that we are on the threshold of new discoveries in other fields of medicine.

In Galveston, we inspected a newly-completed hospital to house patients of the Texas Department of Correction. About \$45 million of tax money is being spent on this hospital. Other events included an inspection of the Police Academy in Houston.

We also saw a very boring rodeo at the Astrodome where you were so far away from the action you needed a powerful set of binoculars to see what was happening. The Houston delega-

tion did an excellent job of presenting their problems.

Now, let me suggest that the Chambers of Commerce of Lubbock, Amarillo and the West Texas Chamber of Commerce immediately start planning a similar trip to West Texas so legislators from the Eastern part of the state will have a better understanding of our problems. We might even get their ear on the West Texas water problem. We could cap it off by taking them to the musical drama "TEXAS" so they would know West Texans have an appreciation for the arts even though most of them are opposed to using state tax dollars for entertainment events in the form of grants to those on the top end of the social and economic ladder. Please let me have your response on this idea. Use my WATT number which terminates in Pampa: 1-800-692-1389. Those persons residing in Pampa, please use our regular number: 665-3552.

This Legislative session has been most depressing to many of the legislators. Every day you will have as many as 15-20 groups asking for increases in state budgets in millions of dollars. Each have a host of good reasons why their request is justified. We will soon start our mark-up sessions on the Appropriations Committee where we made decisions on the exact dollars that are designated to these agencies. In past years, the big justification for raises has been because of inflation. Since the inflation rate dropped to less than three percent, no one has used this factor in support of their budget requests.

**NEED GREATER THAN EVER FOR DAY-CARE CENTERS**

"The need for child day-care centers in Texas is greater now than ever," says Delores Stegelin, a family life education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Texas has over 900,000 children from infants through 14 whose mothers work. Yet in 96 Texas counties, state-regulated day-care centers are available for fewer than 100 children.

The biggest problem for most parents, says Ms. Stegelin, is finding quality day care that provides rich learning experiences for their children.

**ANNUALS FOR THE LANDSCAPE**

A bed of flowering annuals is a versatile means of providing color and accents in home landscapes, says a landscape horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Use annuals as borders along fences, at the side of houses or around patios. Plant them in raised beds that aid drainage. Add peat moss or other organic matter to tight clay soils before planting, and broadcast a fertilizer such as 12-12-12 at the rate of 2-3 pounds per 100 square feet.

Add a high nitrogen fertilizer every three or four weeks. Mulch around the plants with shredded pine bark or other material to conserve water, prevent crusting and reduce weeds.

# WHAT ARE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS?

This public service message from the State Property Tax Board, local taxing authorities and this newspaper explains exemptions.

A homestead exemption is a reduction in the taxable value of your residence homestead. Various types of homestead exemptions are available in Texas and, if you qualify, they can reduce your total property tax bill. Read on for details.

## What Exemptions Are Available?

School districts offer a residence homestead exemption to all homeowners and additional exemptions to persons who are disabled or over 65.

Counties offer homestead exemptions on their farm-to-market or flood control tax rate, and may offer optional exemptions to the disabled and elderly.

Cities and other taxing districts may offer optional exemptions for the disabled and elderly.

All local taxing units offer an exemption for certain disabled veterans on one designated property.

Additionally, many taxing units offer a local option, percentage homestead exemption to resident homeowners.

## How Do I Apply?

Applications for the disabled veterans' exemption must be filed annually with the county appraisal district office.

For other exemptions, if you received a residence homestead exemption on your present homestead in 1982, it will not be necessary for you to make a new application for 1983 in this appraisal district.

If you were 65 or disabled on January 1 and have not previously

filed for the over-65 or disability homestead exemption, you will need to make application this year.

Or, if you have never received a homestead exemption on your present home, an original application should be filed in 1983.

Applications should be made to the county appraisal district at the address shown below. Forms are available from the appraisal office.

## Is There a Deadline?

For 1983, applications should be filed on or before May 2. While late applications for exemptions may be accepted in certain instances, you can fully protect your rights by applying before the May 2 rendition deadline.

The State Property Tax Board has a pamphlet, *Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities!*, to help you understand your local property taxes. Get a free copy at the appraisal district office or contact the State Property Tax Board in Austin.



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**Senator Bill Sarpalius**



**Reports**



**SAFER STREETS**

AUSTIN -- The Texas Senate this week made it clear that it can no longer tolerate the highway carnage caused by drunk drivers in this state. State Senators voted 28-1 in favor of Senate Bill 1; the DWI Bill we sponsored and worked on for almost two years.

There were attempts on the Senate floor to lessen the strength of the bill, but when it came down to the final vote, 28 of the 29 Senators present supported our legislation. They agreed with us that it will provide Texas with the best possible DWI laws.

S. B. 1 increases both the severity and assurity of punishment for those people convicted of DWI. Specifically, the bill stipulates that first offenders can now face jail time from three days to one year and will be fined from \$100-\$2000. The second time offender, under S. B. 1, will face a mandatory three days to two years in jail and a fine of \$300-\$2000. S. B. 1 requires that a third time offender face a fine from \$500-\$2000 and a possible maximum sentence of five years in the Texas Department of Corrections. A DWI offender whose offense resulted in serious bodily injury to another person would face an additional six months in jail and an extra \$500 fine. S. B. 1 also abolishes for DWI cases the use of deferred adjudication, which resembles probation except that the offense is never recorded on the offender's record.

So, not only does S. B. 1 deal with first offenders, but it also cracks down on repeat offenders. There is a case in Tarrant County where a person was arrested for driving while intoxicated 21 times and never went to jail. S. B. 1 will keep DWI offenders from consistently slipping through the system. We can no longer keep laws that make lax probation available over and over again.

Another major tenant of S. B. 1 is the allowing for rehabilitation and treatment of alcoholics in lieu of jail time. It would serve neither the offender or society to lock up an alcoholic without getting to the actual source of his problems.

S. B. 1 will now go to the Texas House of Represent-

tatives. We are fortunate to have many strong supporters in the House, not the least of which is Speaker Gib Lewis. We are confident that the House will act as sensibly as the Senate and pass this bill so Texas can start eliminating some of the hundreds of needless deaths on our highways due to drunk drivers.

We would like to hear your comments on S. B. 1 or any other legislation before the Legislature. Please write to Senator Bill Sarpalius, P. O. Box 12068, Austin, Texas 78711 or call (512) 475-3222.



The National Cancer Institute (NCI) will explore the use of vitamins to help prevent cancer.

The new Chemo-prevention Program is aimed at finding ways to halt or reverse the development of cancer in people already exposed to cancer-causing agents (carcinogens) or potential carcinogens. Such agents as beta-carotene, a common dietary source of vitamin A, which is being tested in clinical trials; and vitamins C and E, which are

being examined in laboratories; may prevent, inhibit or reverse cancer developments at the cellular level. Natural vitamin A is known to have toxic effects in animals, particularly when given in high doses. Researchers are now trying to develop synthetic substitutes that are as effective, but non-toxic.

Until these studies are

complete, experts recommend that the best way to obtain minimal daily requirements of vitamins, minerals and protein, is through a balanced diet that includes ample fresh fruits and vegetables.

"It's never too late to mend." English Proverb



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# Lloyd Bentsen Report

Senator Lloyd Bentsen said recently that, for all anyone knows, the administration proposal to sell weather satellites to private industry would not only cost farmers but add substantially to the federal deficit.

Bentsen, in a letter to Director David Stockman of the Office of Management and Budget, said the administration needs to give more thought and study to this proposal.

"I am deeply concerned about the impact of the administration's recent proposal to sell land survey and weather satellites which are now owned and operated by the federal government," the Senator said.

"A proposition to terminate agricultural weather forecasting offices was soundly rejected by Congress last year because this

function is meeting an important national need.

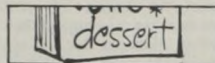
"Timely and accurate weather forecasts are vitally important to farmers. I do not believe that it is wise to begin charging farmers for such services as frost warnings. Real net farm income is at the lowest levels since the 1930's and it is not expected to improve much in 1983.

"The administration of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in announcing this latest proposal, has stated that there are no reliable figures to show that this sale would save money for the American taxpayer. He stated, in fact, that it might cost taxpayers \$100 million or more per year for perhaps 10 years, possibly longer. In addition, a Commerce Department study estimated

that this sale would cost taxpayers an additional \$190 million per year.

"Congress has given the executive branch a clear mandate to serve the public interest in helping to predict the weather, explore and map the globe and assist in the management and wise use of our natural resources through this satellite program," Bentsen said.

"At a time when large federal deficits are plaguing our economy, I would think the administration would seek better information than it now has on the fiscal impact of this proposal before proceeding further," Senator Bentsen said.



Inventor Peter Cooper obtained the first patent for a gelatin dessert in 1845.

# CAPITOL UPDATE

*John Tower*

U.S. SENATOR for TEXAS  
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One of the surest signs that our economy is bouncing back from recession is the substantial recovery we can see in the housing industry. Housing has such a large economic impact that improvement in that one segment can play a substantial role in leading the entire economy back to health.

For every 100,000 housing starts, 142,000 jobs are created -- about 80,000 in construction trades and 60,000 in related industries. Three thousand different products, ranging from lumber to carpet to furniture, go into every new housing unit.

After several years of economic decline, the housing industry is on the mend. During January, building starts were up 96 percent from just a year before, with a projected annual rate of 1.7 million. Building permits in January were up 88 percent from a year ago. Construction spending increased 13.5 percent from the year before to an all-time record of \$256 billion. The January monthly gain was 8.9 percent, the largest in 37 years.

Sales for existing and new homes were up significantly, and the inventory of unsold homes was 5.5 months, the lowest level since March 1977.

All of this means jobs for Americans. The unemployment rate in the construction industry has begun to drop, and related industries are showing the predictable increased activity.

Additionally, this improvement in the housing situation means that more Americans are finding it possible to buy homes. Housing costs have stabilized, and mortgage rates have dropped substantially.

For example, FHA mortgage rates have dropped from 17.5 percent in 1981 to 12 percent today. On a \$60,000 mortgage, that decrease amounts to a savings of \$94,620 over a 30-year term, or \$262.63 in the monthly mortgage payment.

With interest rates hovering at the 17 percent level, fewer than five million American families could qualify for a 30-year, \$60,000 loan. More than 10.5 million families are eligible for that same mortgage at 12 percent. In fact, each one-half percentage point drop in interest rates makes another 800,000 families potential home buyers.

I fully expect interest rates to remain stable or to drop below current levels. Legislation passed last year concerning financial institutions has brought money back from large money market funds to local depository institutions. These new deposits will increase the funds available to finance new homes, and, thus, help keep interest rates from rising again.

Of course, heartening as the news from the housing industry is, we must not become complacent. The patient is healthier now than it has been in many, many months, but it is not quite out of intensive care.

As new chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Housing and Urban Affairs, I will be working to ensure that adequate mortgage money is available at affordable rates and that we take precautions to hold the price of housing at levels that sustain the dream of home ownership for every American.

The subcommittee began hearings on his important topic last week in Washington. A little later this year, I will be chairing field hearings in Texas in order to hear more directly from my fellow Texans on this subject.

In my view, housing is one of the most crucial issues which will come before Congress this year. Certainly, it is an issue vital to all Texans.

## SAVING MONEY

Got a question about auto and home insurance? premium increasing? How can I save on auto insurance premiums? Should I add my teen-age son or daughter to my auto insurance policy? How do I know if my home insurance is adequate?

The Insurance Information Institute may be able to help with a free leaflet, "10 Questions Consumers Most Frequently Ask About Auto and Home Insurance." You can get your copy by calling toll-free 800-221-4954. In New York State, call 212-669-9200 collect.

The Institute notes that one of the best ways to save money on auto and home insurance is to shop around. If you have a question about your policy, call your insurance agent or company representative.

The leaflet provides answers to questions such as: Why is my auto insurance

# WHAT IS TAX RENDITION?

This public service message from the State Property Tax Board, local taxing authorities and this newspaper explains the process.

Rendition is the method through which a taxpayer reports or lists the taxable property he owned or managed and controlled on January 1 of the current tax year. It is also the means by which a taxpayer is allowed to record his own opinion of what the value of that property should be.

Not every taxpayer is required to file a rendition, but there are important reasons why a taxpayer may wish to do so.

Renditions must be filed: (1) for all tangible personal property used for the production of income; or (2) on any other taxable property if required by the chief appraiser.

Renditions may be filed by any taxpayer who wishes to preserve certain valuable rights.

Even if you aren't required to prepare and file a rendition on your property, there are several good reasons why you should do so:

- As previously noted, by filing a rendition, you have placed into the record your own opinion as to the value of your property.
- You create a responsibility on the part of the chief appraiser and the appraisal review board to notify you if they intend to increase the value of your property by any amount over what you have rendered. Further, you have the right to protest to the appraisal review board either the increase in value or any other decision affecting the taxability of your property.
- For property that is not rendered by the owner, the chief appraiser makes his own

decision on the property's value and places that value on the appraisal roll.

In addition to a rendition, you also may file a special report called a report of decreased value if the value of your property decreased during the preceding tax year for any reason other than normal depreciation. The appraisal office will view the property and verify any reported change in appraised value and its cause and nature.

Renditions and other property reports may ordinarily be filed with the county appraisal district office at any time from January 1 through April 30. This year, since April 30 falls on a Saturday, the deadline is extended by law to May 2, 1983.

Rendition forms for various types of property, as well as other property report forms, are available from the appraisal district office. Your appraisal district can also give you a free copy of the Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities! pamphlet which explains exemptions, appeal rights, and other details of the local property tax system in Texas. Or, contact the State Property Tax Board in Austin.



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## Mrs. Bruce Setliff Honored With Wedding Shower

The home of Mrs. Keith Green was the scene of a wedding shower for Mrs. Bruce Setliff, nee Karen Wellman, Saturday morning from 10:00 until 11:00. Assisting Mrs. Green with hostess duties were Shirley Couch, Kay Eudy, Sandy Fuston, Rita Mullin, Dona Browning, Virginia Degan, Totsey Bain, Janice Wheeler, Beth Mills, Delores Price, Wilda Fuston, Jean Rice, Jacquelyn Ham, Ann Coker, Ginger Mullin, Brenda Smith, Patsy Herrington, Dollie Irby, Paulette Lipscomb, Margie Pinkerton, Jan Ramsey, Zelda Leeper and Mary Ann Browning.

The serving table was laid with a white linen cloth and the

centerpiece was an arrangement of white silk flowers. Appointments were of silver and crystal. Jean Rice and Rita Mullin served coffeecake, sausage balls, spiced tea and coffee.

Zelda Leeper registered the guests.

Hostess gift was an Oster Kitchen Center, and the honoree received many other lovely and useful gifts.

Out-of-town guests included Mrs. Harvey Wellman of Wellman, mother of the honoree, Polly Burelsmith, Wellman, Mrs. Johnnie Williams, Lubbock, grandmother of the honoree, and Mrs. Winfred Lee and Mrs. Osie Smallwood of Matador, aunts of Bruce.

## Turkey UMW Has Easter Program

Turkey United Methodist Women met in the home of Mrs. R. C. Green Monday afternoon for an Easter program with Mrs. Green serving as leader. Topic was "He Lives" and the hymn by that name was sung by the group.

Fredia Fuston brought the devotional taken from the book of Galatians and spoke of the Fruits of the Spirit and spring time. After an introduction by the leader, each person gave an item on "What Easter Means." Mrs. Green closed the program by reading the Easter story in verse form.

Mrs. Fuston, president, called the meeting to order and Nadine Baisden gave the opening prayer. During the business session it was voted to give \$53 to pay a camper's way to Camp New Dawn, a camp for retarded or handicapped adults, to be held at Ceta Canyon and also one at Camp Butman this summer. The money will be used in whichever camp it is needed.

The hostess served coffee, cookies and juice to ten members.

Mr. and Mrs. Wren Vinyard have visiting in their home their daughter, Mary Smith and daughters, Heather and Christina of Abilene, and their son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Faye Vinyard of San Antonio.

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Armstrong received word early Tuesday morning that his mother, Mrs. W. L. Armstrong, sr., who is in a rest home in Dimmitt, was very ill. They left immediately to be with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dudley and children of Arlington spent from Wednesday until Sunday with her parents, the Lon McKays, in Quitaque. Mrs. Charlotte Kemp of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McKay and Mrs. Bill Lane of Turkey joined them Saturday for a visit.

Mrs. Corky Davis of Amarillo visited her parents and sister and family Thursday, and Mrs. O. L. Gregory of Lorenzo visited them Friday.

### BAISDENS HAVE NEW GREAT-GRANDSON

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dearing of Grapevine announce the arrival of a new baby son. Mrs. Dearing is the former Dempsey Baisden. The baby arrived March 20 and weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs. and has been named Kevin Duane.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Baisden and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Dearing of Grapevine. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Baisden of Turkey and Mr. and Mrs. Heber Johnson of Grapevine.

### MISS CLANTON TO WED REGINALD CATHEY IN LUBBOCK APRIL 9

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clanton request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Sue, to Mr. Reginald Lyn Cathey, on Saturday, the ninth day of April, nineteen hundred and eighty-three at five o'clock in the afternoon, at the First Baptist Church Ford Chapel, 2201 Broadway, Lubbock, Texas. Friends of the family are invited.

Reception immediately following.

### NEW ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Lucero are the proud parents of a baby girl, Ashley Nicole, who was born March 17 at Childress General Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 15 1/2 ozs.

Her grandparents include Jim Decker of Quanah, Barbara Martin of Tulia and Lucas Lucero of Quitaque. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Dean Lane, Turkey, and Charlie Lucero of Quitaque.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Daugherty of Greenville spent from Wednesday until Friday last week visiting his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barbee.

The Quitaque Church of Christ opened a series of gospel services Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Barham of Tulia joined them for the morning services and the noon meal which was served at the Community Center.

In the afternoon, the Barhams visited Mr. and Mrs. James Brunson.

Mrs. Bud Bailey drove to Plainview and spent Thursday night and until Saturday with her mother, Mrs. T. J. Reeves, and her sister, Irene Purcell, who is spending a few days with her mother in Plainview.

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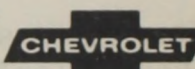
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**HOUSE PASSES SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENTS**

"I was pleased to support and vote for the bipartisan Social Security compromise legislation which passed the House on March 9. Although I did not agree with every item in the package, I felt it was essential to pass the best measure we could agree on and give needed assurance to this nation's elderly that the Social Security program will

be put, and kept, in the black for the foreseeable future.

"I think passage of the Pickle Amendment gradually raising the retirement age from 65 to 67, a phase-in starting in the year 2003, was a much better approach overall than the other option we had of merely raising, again, the Social Security tax burden on both employers and the employed," said Congressman Jack Hightower. "The average worker is already overbur-

dened by payroll taxes of all kinds. This approach, I believe, will be the least burdensome to our young people, the middle-aged taxpayer, and to the elderly and it helps resolve in a significant way one of the structural problems that had threatened the program's long-term stability."

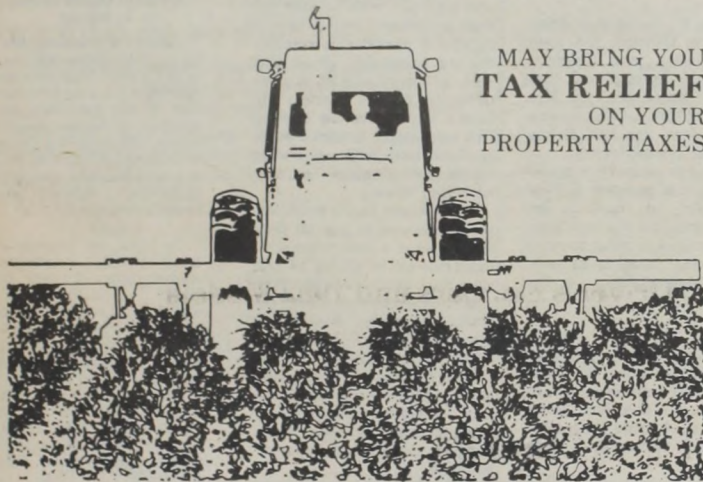
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If you have never received open-space (1-d-1) valuation on your land, or if your land has been receiving agricultural (1-d) valuation, you must make application to the appraisal district office by May 2, 1983, to be entitled to tax relief this year.

If your land received open-space (1-d-1) valuation in 1982, there will be no requirement for you to reapply for 1983 in this appraisal district. Remember, however, that annual applications are required for agricultural (1-d) valuation.

For additional information, contact the appraisal district office at the address shown below.

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AUSTIN—A citizen's unfamiliarity with routine government record keeping may make him or her the victim of solicitations from document handling services that charge for services the government provides for free.

Typically, such appeals are sent to persons who have just married, just graduated, have just had a death in the family or experienced some other change in social or legal status that may require a change in federal or state government records. Such information about a person's life is readily available from the public records in the county courthouse, or from the newspapers or commercial reporting services in your community which disseminate such public record data.

Solicitations are also made asking for payment for searching a person's records or files; for example, determining the status of one's Social Security account and benefits.

Forms are often included in such a mailing that mimic the official government forms that would be available to the citizen. Features that are copied minuteley include the style of type, arrangement of spaces and lettering, the size, color and material of the cards or forms.

In fact, it is not unusual for such a document processing service to also use a type style on the letterhead and envelopes designed to make the whole packet resemble as closely as possible the actual written materials most citizens have learned from experience to associate with United States, Texas or local government mailings. This careful attention to detail undercuts the impact of whatever one-line disclaimer may appear buried in the body of the advertising pitch, say our Consumer Protection attorneys, adding that people undergoing major changes in their life situation may be preoccupied with many details, thus more vulnerable to this type of visual cueing.

To protect yourself against paying needlessly for services that are available free from government offices, try the following steps. Before paying for a document handling service, check with the government agency which the advertisement claims requires the action. First, their officials can tell you whether or not the

action, such as a name change or renewed filing, is actually required for someone in your position, or whether it is optional. Second, they can tell you whether or not a fee would be charged by the government office for handling any necessary record changes and how much the fee, if any, would be. Third, they can provide you with the necessary forms and instructions to make the change yourself.

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## NEW HEIGHT-WEIGHT TABLES RELEASED

New height-weight tables recently released by the insurance industry show a five to seven percent weight increase in most height categories.

"But people should be less concerned about how much they weigh, and more concerned about how much fat they have," states Dr. Dymple Cooksey, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Overweight can result from many different factors such as body frame or musculature, and is not necessarily bad. Overfat is purely the accumulation of excess fat, which has been linked to heart disease and other risk factors.

A height-weight table won't tell people how much fat they have, says Dr. Cooksey. That is why a person should consult with a doctor before beginning a weight loss plan, she adds.

## Texas Grape Growers To Gather At Lubbock

Commercial and backyard grape growers will gather in Lubbock March 24-26, for the annual Texas Grape Day conference. The three-day educational program will include a tour of South Plains vineyards and wineries, general sessions of interest to all grape growers, concurrent sessions on grape cultivation and wine making, and a taste of Texas wines.

The meeting at the Holiday Inn at the Civic Center, 801 Avenue Q, is being conducted by the Texas Grape Growers Association, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station of the Texas A&M University System.

The program will open Thursday, March 24, with a tour of six area vineyards and two wineries. The group will leave the headquarters motel at 8:30 a.m. Stops will include the research vineyard at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, the Cox family vineyard and winery, the vineyard of Paul and Shirley Crosnoe, lunch at the vineyard of Allen and Leta Hagen, the Llano Estacado Vineyard and Winery, and the Scott Slaughter vineyard.

Association president Dale Bettis, who owns a vineyard and winery at Cypress Mills and manages a vineyard at Van Horn, will open the general session at 8:30 a.m. Friday, March 25. It will feature discussions of vineyard winery management by Bill Ward, Napa, California; small and medium winery design and cost by Dick Vine of Mississippi State University; a banker's perspective of the Texas wine industry, by Hershall Timmons of the Central Texas Production Credit Association, Georgetown; and tax and estate planning by Dr. Wayne Hayenga, Extension Management Specialist, College Station.

The afternoon program will include two concurrent sessions. One on viticulture will include grape diseases, criteria for selection of varieties and rootstocks, critter control and vineyard management problems, nursery production and certification, determining costs of establishing a vineyard, and petiole and analysis and nitrogen fertilization.

The session on enology, or winemaking, will cover soil tem-

perature and classification of vineyard climate, winery quality control, measurement and control of sulphur dioxide, field crushing and pressing.

A panel of winery owners will discuss styles of Texas wines. The conference participants will join Austin restaurateur Don George in tasting Texas wines.

The general session Saturday, March 26, will include a restaurateur's and a retailer's look at Texas wines, marketing approaches, presentation of a guide to training and pruning, the president's report and installation of new officers.

County Extension agents throughout the area have registration information.

### CUT CORN ACREAGE TO THE MAXIMUM, SEED COMPANY URGES USDA

The head of the nation's largest seed company today urged U. S. Secretary of Agriculture John Block to make the maximum possible corn acreage cut under the government's Payment In Kind (PIK) program.

Signup for the program was completed March 11. The USDA now has the option of accepting or rejecting offers by farmers to idle their entire corn base acreages.

Pioneer President Thomas N. Urban, in a telegram to Block, urged the USDA to accept the maximum corn acreage reductions offered by farmers under the PIK program, up to the limit of 50% of the base acreage in each county.

"Although a large acreage reduction will be painful to many segments of agri-business, it provides an opportunity to demonstrate PIK's effectiveness in reducing price-depressing surpluses," Urban said. "Sharp acreage reduction can be made this year with little risk of a shortfall in food supplies due to good soil moisture reserves and ample supplies of fertilizer, seed and pesticides."

Urban also pointed out that "allowing the program to work to its fullest this year will help us complete the job of supply adjustments in 1984." Even more important, he said, is the development of new approaches to long-range food and agriculture policies that will improve and

Mrs. Lottie Owens drove to Silverton Sunday morning after Sunday School. She attended church services there, then ate lunch with her sister, Mrs. Ollie McMinn. After lunch the ladies drove to Plainview and stopped to visit Mrs. Olive Owens and Mrs. Ollie Breland at the Heritage Home, then made a pop call at the Eddie Owens. They drove on to Hale Center and visited Mrs. McMinn's sister-in-law, Mrs. Ollie Mae Dorman. They attended the evening services at the First Baptist Church where a dear friend, Ronald Ledbetter of Hinton, Oklahoma, began revival services Sunday morning. Ronald and Mrs. Owens' oldest son, Dwain Henderson, grew up like brothers. He brought a good, old-fashioned gospel message. The song leader got up to sing a special number and he sang, "His Eye Is On The Sparrow," a favorite of the late Gaston Owens.

The ladies returned home without mishap, reporting a good day.

Mrs. L. W. Hamilton of Amarillo was in Quitaque last week from Tuesday until Thursday attending to business and visiting. She visited Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hamilton and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edd Helms, other relatives and friends.

L. W. has recently accepted the position of manager of West Texas Turf, for whom he has been working for the past year. Mrs. Hamilton is going to work for the same company as bookkeeper. Congratulations to the Hamiltons.

Mrs. Faye Dudley and Mrs. Wilma Hodges drove to Childress Sunday afternoon on an outing. They visited Mrs. Jessie Hooks at the Leisure Lodge. She was so glad to see them, they report.

### Hints for Homemakers

#### Get Your Carpets Fresh

If your household includes children, pets or a busy entertaining schedule, you know that soils and spills can cause carpet odor.

Now, the people at one company, Allied Corporation, have come up with a fresh new idea to keep your carpets permanently odor-free through years of use. It's a new antimicrobial nylon carpet fiber, called Anso IV® with HaloFresh™ that repels bacteria and fungi which cause odor in carpets. It has a built-in protection that fights odor-causing agents — and it's safe for people and pets.

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stabilize farm income.

Pioneer was one of the first agri-business firms to urge a more effective 1983 corn acreage reduction program to help support corn prices. In December, it also boosted its support of larger farm exports by pledging \$630,000 over three years to market development organizations.

## Tower Announces New Legislation

U. S. Senator John Tower (R-Texas) announced today he will introduce legislation to promote increased savings and home ownership.

"The Mortgage Retirement Account (MRA) Act of 1983 would allow individuals to establish a tax-deferred account to save for a down-payment on a home. Those who own homes could establish an MRA to pre-pay principle on their mortgages. Regulations and limitations on the MRA would be virtually identical to those now covering IRA's," Tower explained. Tower is the new chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Housing and Urban Affairs.

"This legislation would simultaneously encourage savings and stimulate the vital housing industry," Tower said. "Young people who may not wish to save for their retirement would have a significant incentive to combine the tax advantages of an IRA with the opportunity to set aside money for a home. Renters will have a way, under the existing IRA mechanism, to own a home of their own while providing equity for financial security when they retire."

"Current and future homeowners who choose to pay off their mortgages at a faster-than-scheduled rate will be 'saving' as well, since they will be reducing their debt and therefore increasing the amount of money available to other borrowers," the senior Texas senator said.

"This additional savings generated by MRA's would benefit not only individuals providing for their futures, but allow would stimulate the national economy," he added.

"For financial institutions, early payment of mortgages would mean that some of their assets would be freed earlier than scheduled. That, in turn, would give them greater ability to respond to fluctuations in interest rates," Tower said.

"Additionally, the housing industry is such a vital part of our economy that recovery in this sector is vital to the overall prosperity of the nation. This

plan would directly stimulate this industry without drawing from the federal budget. In fact, the long-term impact on tax revenues from enactment of this plan could very well be positive, given increased employment and reduced mortgage interest tax deductions," he said.

Tower informed his colleagues today of his planned legislation. He expects to introduce the bill within the next week.

## NEWS OF JOBS

### Federal Government Is Hiring

Lots of job seekers don't know that there are plenty of career opportunities right now working for Uncle Sam. In fact, the federal government is having trouble filling openings for some in-demand occupations, such as accountants, computer specialists, engineers and health technicians.

In 1982, the government hired 108,087 people for civilian jobs all over the country, according to Federal Jobs Digest, a Washington-based newsletter which lists job openings with Uncle Sam, with salaries ranging from \$11,490 to \$57,500.

Moreover, you don't have to take a "civil service" exam for these jobs. If you have the skills, fill out and submit a government form (SF-171).

Federal Jobs Digest lists about 2,000 job openings in each issue. A subscription includes a Federal Jobs Kit with SF-171 forms and instructions on how to apply. For a subscription for six bi-weekly issues, send \$29 to Federal Jobs Digest, Dept. NAP, 325 Pennsylvania Ave. S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003. As a job-seeking aid, the price is tax deductible.

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## Pamphlet Available To Help Residents Save On Property Taxes

Carlye Hill, chief appraiser for the Briscoe County Appraisal District, has announced the availability of an eight-page pamphlet which may help district residents save on their property taxes.

According to Mrs. Hill, "Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities" explains how the property tax system operates in Texas and highlights possible tax savings available to property owners.

The pamphlet is published by the State Property Tax Board under provisions of the Texas Property Tax Code. The information in "Remedies" applies to

property taxes collected by all types of local government, including counties, cities and school districts.

The pamphlet explains in detail the residence homestead exemptions offered by various taxing units, Mrs. Hill said, including the amounts of each exemption and what it takes to qualify for and receive them.

For example, all homeowners in a school district are eligible for a \$5,000 general residence homestead exemption. Also, certain disabled taxpayers and those aged 65 or over may qualify for an additional \$10,000 exemption from the value of their home-

steads.

"A taxpayer who was 65 or older or January 1 of this year is also entitled to a tax freeze or ceiling on the tax bill from the school district on his house and yard," Mrs. Hill added. "This ceiling is established when a taxpayer receives the over-65 school homestead exemption."

The chief appraiser pointed out, though, that homeowners who received the elderly exemption and tax freeze from the school district last year need not apply again this year. **Only those who became 65 during 1982 and those who have never been granted the exemption and freeze must apply for 1983.**

Mrs. Hill noted that now any taxing unit may adopt a general "percentage" homestead exemption. Approved by Texas voters as a constitutional amendment in 1981, this exemption can be granted for any percentage up to 40 percent off the appraised value of residence homesteads.

School boards, city councils and county commissioners must take official action for this exemption, after careful review of the taxing unit's needs and taxable property.

Additional exemptions are available upon application to disabled veterans.

Owners of agricultural land which was taxed for 1982 on its productivity value under 1-d-1 open-space provisions do not have to reapply this year. However, applications must be filed by May 2 for land to be taxed for 1983 under 1-d agricultural-use provisions, and by landowners who have not previously received either kind of productivity valuation.

"More complete information on special land valuation, tax ren-

## Rendition Statement Must Be Filed By May 2

Carlye Hill, chief appraiser for Briscoe County Appraisal District, reminds district residents that everyone required to render their taxable property for taxation must file these statements with the appraisal office by May 2.

The Texas Property Tax Code is specific in listing property which must be rendered to the chief appraiser for taxation.

A taxpayer must render all taxable personal property used for the production of income if, on January 1 of the tax year, he owns the property or manages and controls it as a fiduciary.

Tax law also requires banks located in Texas to file a statement listing assets and

conditions and exemptions is available from appraisal district personnel as well as in the pamphlet," Mrs. Hill said.

She said that the "Remedies" pamphlet also contains information about the appraisal review board (ARB) which serves to equalize all property values in the district. This section of the pamphlet outlines the steps for making a protest to the ARB and suggests ways to prepare and present the appeal.

Another section deals with the process of initiative and referendum by which voters are now able to petition for an election to limit the amount of tax increase by any taxing unit.

"District residents are encouraged to review the pamphlet and to make any applications required, in order to get all the tax relief to which they are entitled. Remember, applications must be filed with the appraisal office by May 2 when the rendition period ends," the chief appraiser said.

"Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities" pamphlets may be obtained in the office of the Briscoe County Appraisal District located in the county courthouse at 415 Main Street in Silverton. The office is open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any taxpayer who has questions concerning his or her local taxes is encouraged to call the office at 823-2161.

liabilities.

The chief appraiser may also require a person to render any other taxable property that he owns or manages and controls as a fiduciary on January 1. The chief appraiser will deliver written notice that a rendition statement is required and attach the appropriate form.

According to Mrs. Hill, rendition statements are filed with the chief appraiser of the appraisal district in which the property is located.

Any taxpayer who believes that his property's value has decreased during the preceding tax year, for any reason other than normal depreciation, may submit a "report of decreased value" to the chief appraiser. This report describes the property involved and states the nature and cause of the decrease.

Forms for rendition and the report of decreased value are obtainable from the Briscoe County Appraisal District office. Anyone filing a rendition or report must include all the information requested on the form, and it must be signed by the property owner or an authorized individual.

When rendering property, it is not necessary to state a market value for it, Mrs. Hill said. However, a taxpayer may continue to include his opinion of its market value and thus be assured of official notification in case the appraisal office places a different value on the property.

Mrs. Hill also said that renditions and property reports are now confidential and no longer open to public inspection.

The forms should be filed with Mrs. Hill by May 2 at the appraisal district office at the county courthouse at 315 Main in Silverton. For more information, call 806/823-2161.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Strickland of Lubbock visited recently in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Green.

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We would like to express our sincere appreciation to our friends for the lovely flowers, cards, memorials, your prayers and the food and phone calls during the illness and loss of our loved one. A special thanks to the class of 1959 Turkey High School which was Betty Jean's class and

the class of 1983, Randy's class for the beautiful pieces. We appreciated the lovely meal at the First Baptist Church so much.

May God bless each one of you. Love,  
Josh Smith  
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Jo and family  
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Terry and family

We want to say thank you to each and every one of the friends of our beloved mother and grandmother, who were so sweet and kind in so many ways to ease the sorrow of our loss. She loved each of you and you have endeared yourselves to our hearts. May God reward you as we cannot.

God bless each of you.  
The family of  
Mrs. J. A. McKay

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**HOW BIG IS A TROPHY BASS?**

The first bass caught by most people, whether one-half pound or 10 pounds, is a trophy. "It's all in the eyes of the fisherman," says Don Steinbach, fisheries specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. As in all sports, someone must be tops and anglers continually strive to be the one who catches the most fish or the biggest fish.

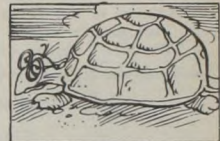
Several factors, including age, breeding genetics and available food affect the size of largemouth bass, Steinbach says. The concept of "put the small ones back"

and they grow to be the big ones does not always work. Neither does throwing the big ones back. The answer seems to be a slot limit where all the fish 12 to 18 inches in length are returned when caught. This allows these fish to grow older and larger in size. Part of the anglers quota should be taken from fish less than 12 inches. This provides more food for the potential trophy fish. Care should be taken with fish being returned to the water. Grasp the fish by the lower lip, remove the hook and immediately release.

Food is one of the most critical factors for a bass to grow. Bluegill, threadfin shad and other forage fish must be present in sufficient numbers and the right sizes to make the bass grow. This can be accomplished in private lakes and ponds by stocking the forage fish, but is usually not successful in public waters. Bass will also be heavier at certain times of the year due to egg buildup before the spawn. Bass genetics has received much attention during the past

few years. With the right food and age, bass easily grow to 8-10 pounds. If bigger bass are desired, Steinbach says the answer is probably the Northern and Florida cross—"super bass." Recent preliminary results seem to indicate that the Northern male crossed with the Florida female has the best potential for producing the largest fish with the F1 hybrid.

Genetics can produce bigger fish, but food and age remain important factors, Steinbach concludes.



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