





## Bippus Club Plans For Upcoming Trip

Bippus Extension Homemakers Club met in the home of Mrs. J.B. Perrin recently. Mrs. Jerry Homfeld called the meeting to order.

The opening exercise was a quiz on St. Patrick's Day. Roll call was answered by responses to 'The one food item I know I should leave alone'.

Plans were discussed on the Community Supper which is to be held on March 30 at 7 p.m. at the Bippus Community House.

Members were reminded of the furniture refinishing workshop scheduled for today and a program was given by County Extension Agency, Joyce Shipp on weight control. Included in her program were slides.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. J.B. Perrin and were compiled with the program. Dips of vegetables, V-8 and coffee were served.

Those present were Mmes: Cecil Blasingame, J.B. Hall, Dan Hall, C.F. Homfeld, Jimmy Bradley, Jerry Homfeld, and hostesses, J.B. Perrin, and Joyce Shipp.

## Dawn EH Club Members Plan for Activities

Members of Dawn Extension Homemakers Club were reminded of several upcoming events during a business meeting Friday at Dawn Community Center.

Verlene Worley, president, called the meeting to order. Items of interest in coming weeks include a furniture refinishing workshop to be held today at the Community Center, the district meeting to be at Wellington, the officers training session at EH Council meeting on the 26th and the Health Fair May 12.

Lazelle Fowler presented a program on various crafts, including owl figures made of carpet scraps.

Members in attendance were Mmes. Fowler, Ronny Johnson, Larry Paetzold, Richard Paschel, John Wilson and Dale Woodford.

The club's next meeting is scheduled April 6 at Dawn.

## Choice of Rootstock Insures Peach Tree

COLLEGE STATION -- Successful home peach plantings begin with selecting the right rootstock.

"The right rootstock is one that is resistant to root knot nematodes and compatible with the variety to be grown," points out Dr. Jerral Johnson, plant pathologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"This is just as important to the life of a peach tree as selecting the right insurance for your family needs. Root knot nematodes are a serious problem for homeowners raising either peaches or plums."

Root knot nematodes are microscopic "worm like" animals that live in the soil. However, once they begin to feed on plant roots, plant tissue forms a gall or swelling around the nematode. This gall is clearly visible to the eye.

Nematodes interfere with normal uptake of nutrients from the soil to plant foliage which is essential to the continued health and development of the tree, explains Johnson.

"Texas homeowners should insist on a nematode-resistant peach rootstock such as Nemaguard for their home orchard, emphasizes the plant pathologist. "Such a rootstock can be grown in an area infested with root knot nematodes, yet remains free from infestation."

Nemaguard gives excellent resistance to nematodes, says Johnson. Most Texas nurseries are currently budding their trees on Nemaguard rootstock, thus making them available to homeowners throughout Texas.

Recent rulings by the Environmental Protection Agency has severely limited the use of chemicals previously recommended to control nematodes on peaches. Therefore, homeowners must depend on plant resistance for nematode control.

The alternative to using a nematode resistant rootstock such as Nemaguard would be to use a susceptible rootstock such as Elberta. When placed in nematode infested soils, it will soon become stunted and in many cases will die in two or three years.

"Most peach varieties are not available on Nemaguard rootstock, and this should be a major consideration for homeowners selecting trees," contends Johnson.

## Reading to Children Improves Relationship

COLLEGE STATION -- Parent-child interaction through reading experiences can be more than just words between the parent and child, Diane Welch, a family life education specialist, says.

Learning to read is a gradual process that begins before the child enters school and continues into adulthood.

Reinforcement in the home environment is supportive to the school and at the same time encourages parent-child relationships, the specialist points out.

Mrs. Welch is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

**EXPLORE INTERESTS**  
Reading aloud to the child in elementary school makes the child feel he is the focus of attention. Together with the parent he can explore widening avenues of interest, she continues.

Books which fit the child's level of understanding but stretch his reading skills can be shared. Answers to stimulating questions are more readily available.

**PROCESS**  
Reading aloud is an old-fashioned way of helping the child become a good listener.

Thoughts are built, one upon another, as the child hears the smooth flow of words that might be stumbling blocks at his ability level.

Inflection and tone added by the parent increases the child's interest.

**BUILD RESPECT**  
Parents can transmit their respect for reading to the child as together they select, read and discuss a book. The positive attitudes of a significant adult reinforces the idea that reading is fun, Mrs. Welch says.

Often the reading role can be reversed and the child might select a book he feels comfortable with and read aloud to the parent.

**PRAISE EFFORTS**  
The adult should praise the child's efforts and help him to understand the parent's pleasure in hearing his reading accomplishments.

### New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Rosalio Valle are the parents of a son, David Valle born March 13. He weighed 9 lbs. 3 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Audie Hugh Freeman are the parents of a son, Charles Codey Freeman born March 14. He weighed 7 lbs. 10 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gerald Nunley, Jr. are the parents of a daughter, Allison Lee Nunley born March 16. She weighed 7 lbs. 3 1/2 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Burr Osborn are the parents of a daughter, Sharon Dee Osborn born March 18. She weighed 3 lbs. 10 1/2 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Crescento Abeyta are the parents of a son, Chad Patrick Abeyta born March 17. He weighed 7 lbs.



## Preparations Begin

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are making plans for their meeting which is to be held tomorrow in St. Anthony's Catholic Church at 9:30

a.m. Preparing for the meeting are left Sylvia Paetzold, Adeline Loerwald, Father Haefer, and Donna Lindeman.

## Ann Landers

### Telephone-Aholics



DEAR ANN: Please tell me what is wrong with people who must be on the telephone for hours at a time. Is it an illness?

I have many friends who consider the telephone absolutely vital to their lives. They make one call after another and go on and on. Their conversations constitute a night or a day's entertainment. Can't they read? Even watching something stupid on TV would be an improvement over non-stop telephone gabbling.

I look at the telephone as a convenience for the sole purpose of conveying messages. I wouldn't dream of using the phone for entertainment.

I am baffled by these telephone-aholics. I also resent being trapped by these time-wasters. Explain them to me, please. — Unlisted Personality.

DEAR U.P.: There is a great deal of loneliness in the world. The telephone means "other people." It's a chance to talk to somebody — to be put in touch with what's happening.

Unfortunately, most lonely people call busy people and usually at a time when it is inconvenient. If this is what's happening to you, I suggest a polite but emphatic sign-off. Example: "Sorry, I must run now, but I'll call you when I have the time to talk again." Then ring off and DO call that person back when you can spare a few moments for someone who is lonely.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: How can a wife keep her sanity when her husband tells her he can't make up his mind whether he wants her or another woman? He has asked me to be patient and I am trying.

We've been married eight years — no children — and I am desperate. My husband dresses up in his best clothes to take out this other woman. He spends money on her when he knows we have unpaid bills. His sex life is with her and I know it.

If anyone had told me I could live like this I would not have believed it. I pray constantly for the strength to hang on. If I could stop loving him it would be easy — but I can't. Please, Ann, tell me how to get this man to accept the fact that he needs psychiatric help. — His Wife.

DEAR WIFE: Never mind about him. Get some psychiatric help for yourself. A woman who sets herself up for such emotional assault and battery needs to find out why she tolerates it.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: A while back you printed some stupid things people say at funerals. May I add a few "gems"? Perhaps a few clods out there will recognize themselves and learn something.

When my father passed away recently, a neighbor comforted my bereaved aunt and uncles (they are in their late 70s and early 80s) with this beauty: "Well, we all have to go someday. I wonder who will be next?"

Another messenger of good cheer said to my mother when Papa died: "You'll have some long days now." Mother, who always looks at the bright side of everything replied, "How fortunate I am to have a job I enjoy — I won't have to sit at home all day." To this, Job's comforter responded, "Yes, but you'll come home to an empty house."

Will you please tell me why anyone would make such cruel and thoughtless comments? — Beats Me.

DEAR BEATS: It's more thoughtlessness than cruelty. When people don't know what to say they often blurt out something inane and inappropriate. If only they knew it isn't necessary to SAY anything. Their presence speaks for them.

Contrary to popular belief, lightning can strike more than once in the same place.

DEAR ANN: Please tell me what is wrong with people who must be on the telephone for hours at a time. Is it an illness?

## Farm, Ranch Club Prepares For Trip

Farm and Ranch club met recently at Dickies Restaurant with Frances Mae Miller as hostess.

After their meal members met at the E.B. Black house for their business meeting and dessert. Roll call was answered with old slogans of products used several years ago.

The floating prize was won by Joyce Geiger.

The next meeting will be April 19 at J.E. Sorrells cabin at Grandbelt Lake. Members will meet at the Community Center parking lot at 9 a.m. and leave as a group.

Members present were Lou Hall, Jessie Mae Thomas, Dorothy Weaver, Vesta Mae Nunnely, Joyce Geiger, Sannie Rudd, Dorothy Worthan, Frances Mae Miller, and visiting was Margaret Hall with her daughter.

## Legion To Observe 60th Anniversary

The American Legion is observing their 60th anniversary today and Post #192 will celebrate this significant milestone with a covered dish dinner, announced by Commander Lawrence Carlson.

Legionnaires and their families will meet at the Legion Hall at 7:30 p.m. today for a covered dish supper. Members are asked to bring a vegetable or salad dish. The meat, drinks and a birthday cake will be furnished.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walden will be present to show slide photographs of their recent trip to the Soviet Union.

needs of his community, state and nation through the Legion's varied programs."

### Hospital Notes

**PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL.**  
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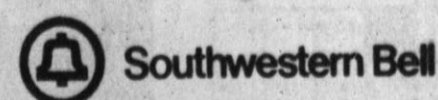
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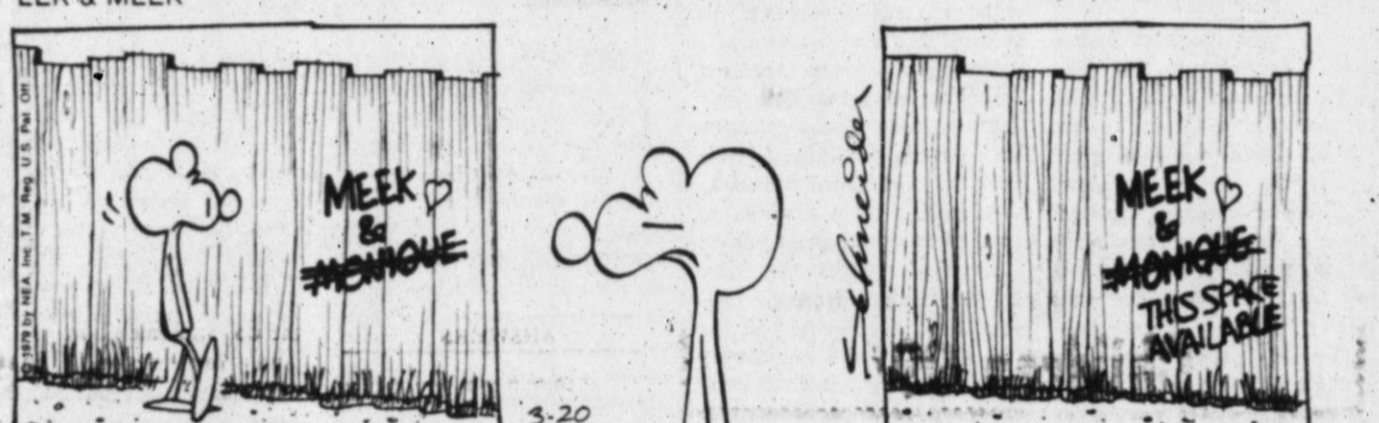
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THAVES 3-20

**ACROSS**

- 1 Pianist
- 2 Judge
- 3 Questionable
- 4 Large tub
- 5 Not qualified
- 6 Winged horse
- 7 Sound a horn
- 8 Dell
- 9 Depression initials
- 10 Be mistaken
- 11 David Copperfield's first wife
- 12 Cultivates
- 13 Biblical kingdom
- 14 Horns
- 15 Wine (Fr.)
- 16 Trousers pocket
- 17 Female sovereign
- 18 Insect egg
- 19 Dog doctor
- 20 Ship part
- 21 Fish
- 22 Noun suffix
- 23 Pennsylvania port
- 24 Before (prefix)
- 25 McNally's partner
- 26 Oklahoma city
- 27 Sea
- 28 Center
- 29 Hall
- 30 Toddler
- 31 Walked in line
- 32 American
- 33 Indians
- 34 Heroine of A Doll's House
- 35 South
- 36 American rubber tree
- 37 One who feels superior
- 38 Animal waste
- 39 Talk back
- 40 Ruin (2 wds. sl.)
- 41 Period
- 42 Father

**DOWN**

- 1 Arrival-time guess (abbr.)
- 2 Paroxysm
- 3 Constellation
- 4 American
- 5 Heroin
- 6 Doll's House
- 7 South
- 8 American rubber tree
- 9 One who feels superior
- 10 Animal waste
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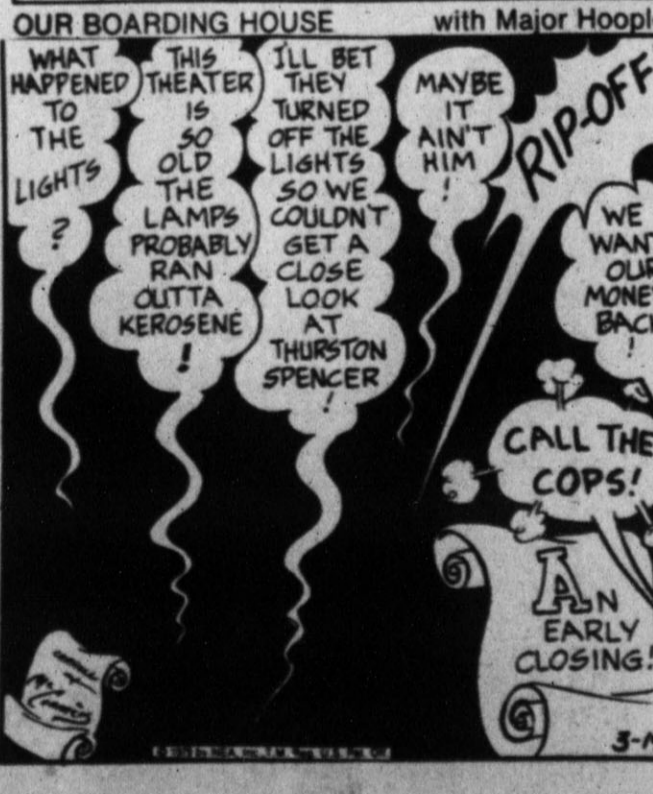


GRAUE 3-20

**ACROSS**

- 1 Force unit
- 2 Pelvis
- 3 Frequently (poet)
- 4 Vast period of time
- 5 Cross inscription
- 6 Bashful
- 7 Massachusetts island
- 8 High craggy hill
- 9 Not ripe
- 10 Segregate
- 11 Make angry
- 12 Egg drink
- 13 Preposition
- 14 Hindu garment
- 15 Ottoman
- 16 Gifted speaker
- 17 Picturesque
- 18 Restricting building
- 19 Charge with gas
- 20 Minced oath
- 21 Biblical land
- 22 Lysergic acid diethylamide
- 23 Make an edging
- 24 Maple genus
- 25 Weepee
- 26 Person of prominence
- 27 Commerce agency (abbr.)
- 28 Depression initials
- 29 Always
- 30 Tropical fruit
- 31 Of the (Sp.)
- 32 Lateral part
- 33 Coin opening
- 34 Length unit
- 35 Ancient Phoenician port
- 36 Accord
- 37 Mild expletive
- 38 Twelvemonth
- 39 No one
- 40 Enroll
- 41 This (Lat.)
- 42 Hazer
- 43 President (abbr.)
- 44 Suppress (sl. 2 wds.)
- 45 Eight-sided
- 46 DAVE
- 47 DAVY
- 48 ASIA
- 49 ODE
- 50 LOA
- 51 YAM
- 52 ADA
- 53 DREAMS
- 54 UNFIT
- 55 PEGASUS
- 56 FOOT
- 57 DALE
- 58 NRA
- 59 DORA
- 60 HOES
- 61 SAMARIA
- 62 TUBAS
- 63 VIN
- 64 JOB
- 65 QUEEN
- 66 NIT
- 67 VAN
- 68 USS
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By Lawrence Lamb, M.D. DEAR DR. LAMB — Some years ago I read in a British medical journal that raw eggs were unsafe for human consumption because of a substance they contained known as avidin, which has a devastating effect on the vitamins and minerals in the human body. Recently on some TV commercials I observed that raw eggs added to beverages or drinks were being recommended. May I know what your opinion is about using raw eggs?

DEAR READER — If you want my personal opinion, just looking at a raw egg would be enough to keep me from adding it to any drink. The feel of the raw egg white doesn't tickle my palate, either. But I suspect you want my professional opinion. There is some basis of truth in your letter, although I'm afraid it is a little exaggerated. The relationship of raw eggs to vitamin deficiencies is based on the egg white and not the yolk. The raw egg white contains an anti-vitamin called avidin. It is able to inactivate biotin which is a vitamin and is important in human metabolism.

In fact, biotin was first discovered because of the effects of feeding raw egg whites to rats. Fortunately, we are not rats so we don't have as much of the same problem. Now, raw egg white will not affect any of the other vitamins or minerals that you consume. That's what I mean by saying your letter does exaggerate the case a bit. In man, you'd have to consume a lot of raw egg whites to produce such an effect. Biotin deficiency can cause loss of appetite.

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TUESDAY 8:00 NBC MOVIE Legend of The Golden Gun (Premiere) Jeff Osterhage Hal Holbrook After his family has been murdered by Quantrell and his raiders, a young farmer teams up with a runaway slave to seek revenge. 8:30 MOVIE The Stooge (1953) Dean Martin Jerry Lewis A singer decides that he needs his partner to be a success. 9:00 PTL CLUB 9:05 THREE'S COMPANY 9:10 CBS MOVIE Red Sun (1972) Charles Bronson, Ursula Andress A bandit and a samurai stalk the outlaw's former partner, who has wronged them in different ways. 9:30 MARY TYLER MOORE "AMERICA AT THE MOVIES" CHARLIE CHAPLIN, LAUREL AND HARDY, JEAN HARLOW, CANDICE BERGEN, JAN VOIGHT, JAMES DEAN AND ANNE BANCROFT ARE FEATURED IN A MONTAGE OF PAST CINEMA FAVORITES. 9:35 700 CLUB 9:40 13 QUEENS BLVD. (Eileen Brennan) In a garden apartment complex organizes a high school reunion. 10:00 BOB NEUHAART THE ROPERS MOVIE Crazy Joe (1974) Peter Boyle Paula Prentiss Joey Gallo reigns as a Mafia leader until he is shot down in 1924. 10:30 BIZARRE Richard Dawson is host for this zany comedy special featuring Steve Martin, George Allen, Tom Herman and Deacon Jones. 10:35 STAND UP, AMERICA 11:00 NEWS 11:30 NHL HOCKEY Atlanta Flames vs Los Angeles Kings. 11:45 HARVEST TEMPLE MEETING TIME IN OUR OWN IMAGE 10:15 MOVIE (CONT'D) 10:30 BEST OF CARSON "JEWISH VOICE BROADCAST" BARBARY JONES ROSS BAGLEY GUNSMOKE CHARLIE'S ANGELS GOD IS MOVING AMERICAN GOVERNMENT MAVERICK The Long John A dying outlaw asks Bret to find a man innocently convicted of murder because of a man he shot. 11:40 CBS LATE MOVIE Banacek Project Phoenix.

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# Silkwood Case To Decide Liability of Company

**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)**—Critics and boosters of the nuclear industry are focusing their attention on the Karen Silkwood plutonium contamination trial here in an apparent belief it may have a crucial impact.

The focal point of the \$11.5 million lawsuit is whether the Kerr-McGee Corp. should be held liable for the contamination of Miss Silkwood and her Edmond apartment by plutonium taken from the firm's plant.

The week before she died in a Nov. 13, 1974 auto accident, Miss Silkwood learned she and her apartment were contaminated. The highest radioactivity readings came from packages of bologna and cheese in her refrigerator.

Kerr-McGee and Atomic Energy Commission workers stripped the apartment of its furnishings and shipped them to a nuclear waste burial ground, Miss Silkwood was sent to Los Alamos, N.M., for specialized contamination testing.

She has become a martyr to some anti-nuclear movement members who disbelieve the Oklahoma Highway Patrol conclusion she fell asleep at the wheel the night of her fatal one-vehicle accident. They claim Miss Silkwood was run off the road because she was en route to deliver documentation of Kerr-McGee safety lapses to New York Times reporter David Burnham and Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers International union investigator Steve West.

U.S. District Judge Frank This has ruled the "treatment of Silkwood during her contamination period, and the training equipment and procedures available to minimize employee exposures and to treat those contamination incidents" has direct bearing on whatever injury Silkwood suffered as a result of Kerr-McGee responsibility.

In six days of testimony elicited from seven witnesses, lawyers for the Silkwood estate have been attempting to establish a pattern of negligence by Kerr-McGee. They expect to prove employees weren't aware of the ultra-hazardous nature of working with radioactive materials, particularly plutonium.

Kerr-McGee lawyers, although none of their witnesses have yet appeared, made it clear in opening statements they plan to show there was adequate employee health and safety training classes. Their position, as revealed in opening statements, is that Miss Silkwood contaminated herself possibly to dramatize her claims about tax security and safety procedures at the Kerr-McGee plant.

Three expert witnesses testified plutonium was a safety hazard. One said cancer can result from an amount of the radioactive element the size of a pollen grain.

Four former plutonium plant employees have testified there was lax security at the facility

and said it would have been easy to smuggle radioactive materials out. One of the men, a former Kerr-McGee health and safety technician, said he quit when his repeated warnings about radiation contamination and casual safety attitudes were ignored.

One of the former employees, a quality control worker, said nuclear reactor fuel rods that failed weld inspections were shipped out anyway. He said workers sometimes sanded the

rejected welds instead of sending the fuel rods for disassembly.

Several witnesses at the trial have also testified about approximately 40 pounds of plutonium that Kerr-McGee was unable to account for. Atomic Energy Commission reports admitted as evidence.

Kerr-McGee's position is that the reports mentioned in court aren't the final accounting the company made after the plant closed in 1975. The trial starts its final report shows Kerr-

McGee was within or nearly within AEC regulations on unaccounted-for material.

The final report allegedly says part of the "missing 40 pounds" is in the pipes at the plant and part of it was never missing at all. It was instead, a result of statistical variations.

A former plutonium plant supervisor testified liquid plutonium piping at the plant was flushed several days in an attempt to find the missing amount. He said it was never

located and a less strenuous clean-up effort after an earlier plutonium contract enabled Kerr-McGee to easily transfer its books on that job.

Two scientists who testified said 40 pounds of plutonium would be enough to make several atomic weapons. One said it would be enough to give radioactive air in the world a mark as high as a possible dose of radiation.

Silkwood attorneys expect all at least two more testimony sessions in the next few weeks.

include more experts on the dangers of radioactivity and nuclear plant safety.

The former employees' attorneys argued the safety and health records were incomplete. They also argued that Kerr-McGee's operations and safety records were incomplete and incomplete.

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Freeman Kerr-McGee objections to testimony and reported conferences in the industry chambers concerning whether to appear in the lawsuit, the trial

has been delayed several times by Kerr-McGee's attorneys. They have also argued that the Kerr-McGee's operations and safety records were incomplete and incomplete.

# Regulation: Number One Industry

**NEW YORK (AP)**—You don't buy shares in it, and since it doesn't make any money, you wouldn't want to, but regulation is probably America's number one industry.

Federal spending to regulate the economy last year totaled \$56.9 billion, up from \$49.3 billion in fiscal 1978. The fiscal 1979 budget allots \$50.9 billion for regulatory activities, a 10 percent increase.

That growth, says Kenneth Chilton, assistant director of the Center for the Study of American Business, St. Louis University, would be the envy of any business executive tracking a company's sales.

Similar to the pattern in business, in education, it is the power to regulate, not the consumer safety and health, job

safety, and environment, and energy, that drive the most rapid expansion.

While he was at the Brookings Institution, Charles Schultze, now chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors, often found time for his own observations about regulatory agencies.

Belmont, a well-known anti-trust lawyer and consultant, has been quoted as saying that the regulatory agencies are the most powerful in the government.

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studies released during the past few years by the St. Louis study center, and by The Business Roundtable, the latter a small organization of big business executives.

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**Flood Watch Extended**  
By The Associated Press

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The flash flood watch means that there was the possibility of flash flooding covered an area of Texas along and 30 miles on either side of a line from Junction to 10 miles northeast of Beaumont.

Heavy thunderstorms were reported early today in East Texas after a rainy night. A flash flood watch was extended to include the area of high wind gusts and heavy thundersqualls. The heavy rain produced some street flooding in the Beaumont area and in North Texas, mainly at and Gainesville.

A flash flood warning expired early today in Liberty, Hardin, Jefferson and Orange counties. Forecasters said heavy rains were causing some flash flooding because the ground was soaked.

Forecasters called for mostly cloudy skies today with widespread showers and thundersqualls. Some of the heaviest rainfall was expected in the Hill Country and in portions of South Central and Southeast Texas.

Dense fog cut visibility early today around Austin and in the Concho Valley.

Early morning temperatures ranged from the 30s in the Panhandle and mountains of Southwest Texas to near 70 along the coast in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Early morning extremes ranged from 33 at Dalhart to 71 at both McAllen and Brownsville.

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