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An interesting headline in a recent issue of the Cross Plains Review read something like this "Wanted: Rain, a soaker preferred". This seems to be the current need of everybody in this area. But have you noticed how reluctant people are to talk about the weather? It's almost as if we are trying to assume the "ostrich attitude" - "Don't talk about the drought and it will go away".

Even newscasters, at weather forecast time, seem to lose their "gift for gab" as they regretfully announce "Sorry, folks, no rain is forecast for the next 24 hours."

But the little showers we have had recently, tell us that the rain making process is still functioning, so who knows, we may get that "soaker" yet.

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Six Flags Over Texas is known as the "Entertainment Capitol of the World" and the daily attendance proves it. Talk about the masses--they are there! Young, old, black, white, happy and unhappy--but one would have to be completely out of it if you didn't catch some of the joy and enthusiasm of the children (especially if those children happen to be your grandchildren). You stand in line for hours, endure the heat and get soaked to the skin on the log ride--but it's fun!

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Happy 7th Birthday, Leslie!



Pat Howard - locally known girl is praised for work in Tehran.

An Amazing Lady Pat Howard

Taken from the Tehran Journal

There's a person who is out of town right now, who is being sorely missed by her bos. That person is Pat Howard, journalism teacher and public relations director at the Tehran American School.

But if that was all she was doing, she'd have a lot of time off. "I've never known anyone like Pat", one of her friends says. "She's got more things going on at once than most people accomplish in a lifetime."

That's no kidding. Pat keeps so busy it's hard to track her down for more than second at once. And if you stay around her for more than five minutes, she'll have you working and scheming too.

Ms. Howard was born on November First in Gorman, Texas, and graduated from Howard Payne College in Texas, did master's work at California State in Fresno, and is now working on her Ph.D. at the University of Maryland.

She's been a constant face in that handy little pamphlet, "Personalities of the South", (handy for southerners that is) and has published three books, all printed by Pierien Press, on whose editorial board she

serves, and is currently, "when I feel like it", working on two other books.

Her workload at the Tehran American School keeps her pretty busy, but she doesn't mind, simply because Pat Howard is the sort of person who thrives on work.

A lot of people have been wondering at all the publicity TAS has been getting this year, and it's due to Ms. Howard. When something's going on, she picks up the telephone and does a very simple thing, which is to let the newspapers know about it. Then she talks the local reporters into teaching her journalism classes. And does things like treat you as a friend, no matter who you are, and simply cares about people--and teaching, and TAS.

If you can track her down, it's worth getting to know Pat--and she could use the help, so she'll be free to get interested in anything else that comes along. A dozen doers are what is needed in any organization, in writing and in living in general and Pat Howard is one of those people.

Pat is the daughter of Mrs. Lillian Howard of Rising Star.

NOTICE

Red Cross Free Adult Swimming classes will begin on Wednesday, July 31, from 12-1 at the Lakewood Recreation Center. Club members will not have to pay the pool fee. Mrs. Pointer, the Red Cross Instructor, will teach the classes.

Birthday Greetings

- JULY 26 James Susie Bailey
 - JULY 27 C.A. Claborn Larry Gerhard W.C. Brush
 - JULY 28 Ethel Barnes
 - JULY 29 Mrs. E.M. Oney Pauline Winfrey
 - JULY 30 Wayne Teague Leslie Jean Alford
 - JULY 31 Rufus Pierce Judith Kinsey
 - AUGUST 1 Lucy Boase
- BELEATED BIRTHDAYS**
- JULY 22 Terry Byrd

React Club Elects

Honorary Members

The Rising Star React Club elected Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forbes of Brownwood honorary members of the club in its regular meeting Thursday, July 18. Sixteen members were

present, and five visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Leon McCartney and Mr. and Mrs. Forbes and son. Mrs. Alene Morris was elected secretary of the club, replacing Mrs. Barbara Welch who had resigned.

The ladies' auxiliary is planning a bake sale and rummage sale to be held Saturday, July 27. The proceeds will go to a needy family in Brownwood, the husband of which has cancer of the liver and spine. He is 30 years old and is the father of two children. He is affiliated with

the Brownwood React Club and is a member of the Early Volunteer Fire Department. Anyone wishing to donate items to be sold for this worthy cause, please call Fay Bishop, at 643-4271, Jim Nichols, phone 643-3811, or Lorene Clark, 643-4832 and the goods will be picked up.

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Crude Oil, Up - Eastland County Income, Up

Current higher prices for crude oil and natural gas produced in Eastland County point to a significant jump in 1974 income for county land and royalty owners who last year received \$217,744 as their share of the county's output, according to a study by Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association.

"With the average price of Texas crude oil now at about \$6.70 a barrel, compared with the 1973 average of \$3.84 a barrel, and with some newly discovered natural gas selling intrastate for more than \$1 per thousand cubic feet, the outlook for the economy of producing communities is encouraging if prices hold up", according to Sherman Hunt, Dallas, Association president.

"Should price rollback schemes and other tax-and-control proposals now underway in Congress be successful, current economic gains will evaporate", Hunt said.

The Association's study shows that crude oil and natural gas produced last year in Eastland County was valued at \$1.7 million, ranking the county 156th in the state. Crude oil production of 269,866 barrels

was valued at \$1 million and 3.7 billion cubic feet of natural gas at \$705,667.

Statewide, crude oil prices for 1974 are estimated to be some 74 percent higher than 1973. This expectation has stimulated a revival of drilling in Texas, with well completions the first five months of 1974, at 4,013, a 19 percent jump over the same 1973 period.

From the county's 1973 output, the State of Texas collected \$47,669 in oil production taxes and \$52,925 from natural gas.

Also adding to the dollar flow in the county last year were these factors: --Drilling activities, on which producers spent \$757,331 in drilling 39 wells, \$384,675 of which was lost in 25 dry holes. Successful completions amounted to six oil wells and eight gas wells.

--Payrolls, which amounted to \$1.1 million paid to 165 workers, according to Texas Employment Commission figures.

--Operation of other oil and gas facilities, including four natural gasoline processing plants with 50.3 million cubic feet per day capacity.

Federal Retirees To Meet Monday Night July 29

Chapter 555 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), will meet at the Ramada Inn in Eastland Monday, July 29, at 7 p.m. All Civil Service retirees, from any branch of the service, are invited to attend and bring their wife or husband. A special invitation is extended to retirees in area counties and communities to attend the Eastland chapter as a guest or to join as a member. The \$2.50 price of the dinner includes the tip.

The program for Monday night promises to be a most interesting one and the Program Committee feels it will be a highlight in a series of outstanding and varied programs.

Weldon Hudson, immediate past president for four years of the Fort Worth Genealogical Society and Chairman of Southwest Council of Genealogical and Historical Societies will present the program. He has co-compiled and co-published three volumes of Cemetery Inscriptions of Erath County, Texas, and recently published the book, "Civil War Diary of William Spencer Hudson". He has been listed in Who's Who in Texas for 1973-74.

Further information concerning the organization can be obtained by contacting Secretary Gussie Leverette, 214 Blundell, Ranger, Texas, 76470.

Reunion Set

The Sipe Springs Homecoming is slated for Sunday, July 28. All former residents and ex-students are urged to attend.



Official Memorandum

By DOLPH BRISCOE

Governor of TEXAS

GREETINGS:

AUSTIN, TEXAS

Accidents on Texas farms and ranches continue to take a heavy toll in spite of advances made in recent years in agricultural technology. These accidents are a great loss to the agricultural economy of our state. Each year thousands of Texans suffer painful injuries as a result of rural accidents of all types and hundreds more lose their lives.

Although the farm and ranch environment contains many hazards experience has shown that caution, common sense, skill and protective equipment can counter these hazards and keep accidents and injuries to a minimum. Texas farmers and ranchers, their families and employees need to dedicate themselves to the task of safely producing the commodities needed by an entire nation.

The needless waste of human economic resources caused by rural accidents is a matter of national as well as statewide concern, and the President of the United States has proclaimed the week of July 25 to 31, 1974, National Farm Safety Week, in order to focus attention on the problem.

During this special week, a statewide farm accident prevention and education program will be undertaken by the Texas Safety Association, Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Future Farmers and Future Homemakers of America, and Young Farmers of Texas. Such a campaign can do much to call attention to the need for accident prevention among our rural residents.

Therefore, I, as Governor of Texas, do hereby designate the week of July 25-31, 1974, as

TEXAS FARM AND RANCH SAFETY WEEK

and urge all farm and ranch families in Texas to put safety first, to take advantage of modern methods designed to remove many of the hazards in agricultural enterprises; and further urge all persons, organizations and particularly those working in agriculture, to unite in a strong and purposeful effort to reduce farm and ranch work, home, recreational and highway accidents.



In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 12th day of July 1974

Dolph Briscoe Governor of Texas



Mrs. J.N. Childers and Mrs. Lela Ham, left to right, hold up a quilt with a "Cinderella" design which Mrs. Ham recently finished quilting for Mrs. Oliver Laatsch of Bossier City, La. The style of stitching is a modified "shell" pattern.

Quilting As "Folklore Art" Reflected Virtues Of Frontier Housewife

B.A. BUTLER

Those of us who recognize art forms as an imitation of life in an attempt to express its meaning should have little difficulty persuading ourselves that quilting is one of the more significant of these forms.

True enough, as practiced in the cabin homes of the frontier it was severely limited both as to imagination and means. It leans more to the practical and at best may be considered as a type of folklore.

But if artistic values are to be critically judged in relation to a time and an environment then quilting certainly deserves to be included among those activities most expressive of the spirit and mores of the settlement period of this country. It falls within an artistic assessment of the character of the frontier housewife, affording a subjective peep into a mind compelled to a solace of fatalism in sustaining a faith as profound as it was simple. In this respect there is an undoubted harmony of form and content.

Technically speaking, there was very little room in the frontier milieu for creative expression. Jim Ham, a nephew of Mrs. Lela Ham of Rising Star, makes this clear in an interesting article on quilting researched in his mother's side of the family and submitted in a course at the University of Texas. Young Ham, who was only twenty-one when he wrote it, has done a remarkable bit of in depth study, utilizing the knowledge and experience of his maternal grandmother, a Mrs. James, who lives at Valera, near Temple.

But he could also and possibly did benefit from the "know-how" of his Rising Star aunt, who is herself an accomplished quilter and only last week completed a quilt with a "Cinderella" design in applique furnished her by a woman in Louisiana.

Only recently, says young Ham, the "mass media", particularly the women's magazines have begun "rapidly changing quilting formulas." New block designs, such as 'Airplane' and

'Boat' designs, have completely revolutionized the quilting tradition. Large over-all quilt patterns such as 'Around the World' and 'Indian Blanket' go completely against the traditional 'set block' norm of this particular discipline.

The effect, of course, is to remove quilting from a frontier art--from which it was already removed in time--into one interpretative of the more sophisticated present.

These "block designs and quilting patterns" had hitherto remained constant in the quilting craft tradition, Ham explains. The "patterns" of stitching by which the quilt top and the lining are sewed together with a layer of carded cotton between are relatively few. Basically, he explains, they are known as "shells", "lightning", "machine" or "Tackling" and "applique". "Shell" and "lightning", are free-hand stitches and are among the oldest forms.

The dominant formula for the quilt top--the more artistically expressive part of the creation which was sewn of almost any available cloth material, old or new, and scrap or discarded garments, or even "Bull Durham" tobacco sacks cleaned and dyed--is a block pattern. Its geometric design afford a number of variations. Ham lists the basic "Nine Patch", the "Holland Windmill", and the "Neely Patch", and more imaginative concepts such as "Dove at the Window", "Wheel of Fortune", "Double-S", "X-Patch", and the highly personalized "Friendship Block, sewed with the signatures of friends and relatives. He also mentions a sturdy brick design.

Women of a more inventive turn or a willingness to endure a greater tedium for the artistic result obtained, developed such extravagant patterns as the multi-colored "Fan", the "Butterfly", and a "Flower" block for the friendship design. "Whatever your view," concludes young Ham, "the craft of quilting fits into about any new theory or notion about folklore, tradition, time depth", etc.

As regards "time depth" it most certainly reflects an artistic meaning having to do with the hardships, hopes and hidden beauties of frontier life.

It was about the only traditionally aesthetic medium available to the deprived mothers of the settlements--if one excludes cooking, clothes making and the other more obvious duties of their drudgery as being more utilitarian than spiritually expressive. It met a practical need in the discipline of her time but its nature offered her a moment of retreat to herself in which she could express in spirit at least what she thought and felt in her heart. It is in the reflection of that spirit that the real meaning of her 'art' exists, for certainly as an artistic form the quilt does not offer the technical latitudes to be found in painting and the plastic arts.

One can think of her in what we now regard as the poverty of her place, gathering inspiration from the intimate simplicities of her environment--from the rough, tissuey petals of hollyhocks along a graying fence, the quick, bright gestures of cardinals in the lilacs, a flash of lightning above the blowing corn, the aureate massiveness of goldenrod in a summer's crowding farewell--then sitting at her quilting frame in a far and lonely land to say in devotion to her needle that the content of her life was meaningful and good.

One can think of her as creating something far greater than the sum of its parts, an individuality to enter into the wholeness of yet greater creations. And that would be something more, perhaps, than do so many of the inheritors of her art who receive such bewildering amounts of information and comment from the TV and printed page but can draw no conclusions therefrom except to complain of institutions wherein they have squandered Tomorrow upon Today.

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"Hum - m - m! That's delicious!"

These pictures of a hummingbird at feed were taken by B.S. Butler at a feeder hung in the Butler's back yard. "It's remarkable how these tiny, highly sensitive little birds will tolerate the human presence," said Butler. "I set my camera on a step-ladder and focussed it three feet from the feeder and

just waited, unmoving. The little bird shown here was darting in for sips of sweetened water, avoiding the dive-bombing of another hummer who considered it his private domain. I had to shoot two dozen pictures to get these. It takes much, much quicker reflexes than mine to push the button at the right instant."

SSI Beneficiaries Meet Report Must Report Changes

People getting supplemental security income payments - should promptly report changes in their other income to social security, according to Glyn Hammons, social security manager in Abilene.

Supplemental security income payments have established a nationally uniform income floor for people with little or no income and limited

resources who are 65 and over or blind or disabled.

"Increases or decreases in income may affect the amount of monthly supplemental security income payments," Hammons said. "People getting supplemental security income checks should report changes or expected changes in their wages, self-employment earnings, pension payments, and other income from any source

exact general increases in social security benefits."

Changes can be reported by contacting any social security office.

People getting supplemental security income checks should also promptly report change of address, marriage, separation, and any other circumstance that might affect their payments.

The Federal supplemental security income program is run by the Social Security Adminis-

\$12,000 in Scholarships To Be Awarded At ACC

ABILENE--A total of \$12,000 will be awarded in tuition scholarships at Abilene Christian College this fall to 20 young preachers who are just finishing high school and are getting ready to enter college, according to Dr. J.D. Thomas, ACC professor and head of the Department of the Bible.

The awards of \$600 each will be given on a competitive basis with commitment, ability, future promise and need as the major factors.

"It is hoped and expected that additional monies will be raised during the coming year to carry this program on permanently," said Dr. Thomas, "so that these same 20 young men can go through their four years of college training with this same help."

"This means that in four years," he continued, "80 of the most promising young preachers in the church can be in training for the ministry at

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lacy from Richmond, Va., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Watkins this week.

Little Miss Mia Allen of Abilene spent the weekend visiting Laura Lyn Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Henry and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Joe Henry and boys have been vacationing and fishing in Corpus Christi. They were joined there Wednesday by Mr. and Mrs. James Rutherford and Kasey and Mrs. Ken Butler and Jamie. They all returned home on Sunday.

Mr. George Steel, James and David spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davis and Leslie in Mesquite. They all went to Six Flags Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dennard and boys are vacationing this week in Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Florene Forbes and friend Bob Hudson of Amarillo were recent visitors of Mrs. Olice Jones.

Mrs. Effie Gales has been dismissed from Brownwood Community Hospital and is now living in a nursing home in White Settlement. Her address is Leisure Lodge, 7820 Skyline Park Drive, White Settlement, Texas. Mrs. Gales would appreciate hearing from her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roberson and three children of Big Spring are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Jacobs. The Robersons attended Six Flags during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Gordon and Sydney of Abbeville, La., are visiting her mother, Mrs. Ruby Morris and other relatives.

Abilene Christian College with this amount of financial help. This, of course, calls for \$48,000 in scholarship help each year and we are hoping that interested persons will rally behind this opportunity."

"It is the interest of all of us that we must get well-trained preachers out into the field," he said. "The bottleneck in recent times has been financial, but in this program we are trying to put the money in the right place to solve the problem."

Dr. Thomas said nominations of prospective scholarship recipients should be addressed to him at ACC Station, Box 7768, Abilene, Texas 79601.

Mrs. Jack McKeehan of Brownwood is hospitalized in Brownwood Memorial Hospital after suffering a severe heart attack. She is a sister of Mrs. W.N. Jenkins.

Jody Hook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hook of Mineral Wells is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Cole White, while his mother Colleen is hospitalized in Graham Memorial Hospital in Cisco.



McGinnis - Polk Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. McGinnis of Rising Star have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl, to Michael Polk, son of Mr. William S. Polk Jr., of Lubbock, and Mrs. S.C. Cotton of Rising Star.

Cheryl is a 1974 graduate of Rising Star High School and is currently employed in Brown-

wood. Michael is a 1972 graduate of Rising Star High School and is planning to attend Texas Tech in the fall.

The wedding will be August 30 at 8:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Rising Star. All friends are cordially invited to attend.

Men In Service

Ronald Miles Graduates From Air Force

RANTOUL* Ill.--Airman - Ronald W. Miles, son of Mrs. Helen Miles of 300 S. Main St., Rising Star, has graduated at Chanute AFB, Ill., from the U.S. Air Force aircraft mechanic course conducted by the Air Training Command.

The airman, who learned to maintain and service multi-engine jet aircraft, is being assigned to Wurtsmith AFB, Mich., for duty with a unit of the Strategic Air Command.

Airman Miles is a 1973 graduate of Rising Star High School.

Stewart Reunion Held At Lake Eanes

The Stewart Reunion was well attended at Lake Eaves July 14. Four of G.C. children were present: Paul and Darlene, Pat, Kenny and Alvin of Big Spring, Donnie of Big Spring, Temple and Stella Marshall, Quito, Ecuador. Mrs. Herbert Stewart, Chris and Carl of Pasadena, Herbert was working and could not make it. He works with the State at Sugarland. Of course Guy of the home. Several others visited us during the week.

Last weekend visitors in the G.C. Stewart home was Paul Stewart's family of Big Spring, Lonnie Prescott family of Rowlette, Lee Day family of Baird, Hollis Stewarts of Moran, Ricki and Micki Stanley of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Esther Sandell of Big Spring and J.C. Sandford of Clovis.

IRS Mails Delinquent Tax Notices

DALLAS--Owners of certain trucks, truck-tractors and buses that use the public highways are liable for federal highway use tax and IRS has announced that notices of possible delinquency have been mailed to about 5,000 Texas truck and bus owners.

The tax applies to trucks weighing 13,000 pounds or more, truck-tractors of 5,000 pounds or more, and buses that use the public highways. Bus tax is figured on gross weight starting at 26,000 pounds. For trucks, the amount of tax depends on the number of axles and weight of the vehicles.

The nation's tax collectors matched their highway use tax records with state truck registration records to come up with the listing of potential nonfilers. The return is due by the end of the next month after a truck is driven on a public highway.

The mailing is the first stage of a nationwide compliance program, the Internal Revenue Service says. In a few days, the names of truck owners who do not respond to the notice will be referred to district offices. Truck owners will then be personally contacted to clarify the tax status of the vehicles in question.

According to the federal tax agency, a person who receives a notice but is not liable for the tax should provide the informa-

tion requested in the notice and return it to IRS.

Truck owners who recognize that they are delinquent should not wait to be contacted, but should file a return immediately to avoid additional penalties and interest, IRS says.

IRS Publication 349 "Federal Use Tax on Truck-tractors and Buses", furnishes detailed information on the subject. It is available free at IRS offices.



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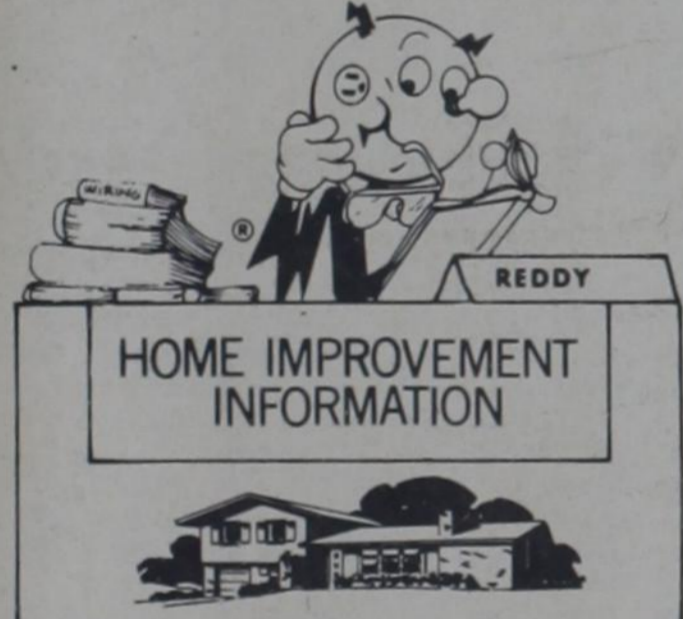
Obituaries

Earl Montgomery

Services for Earl Montgomery of Rising Star were pending Tuesday at noon at Higginbotham Funeral Home. Mr. Montgomery died Sunday morning at his home following an apparent heart attack.

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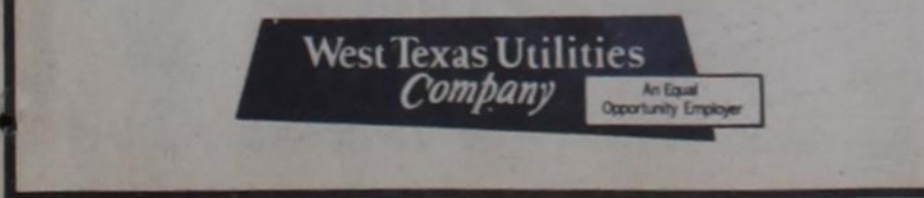
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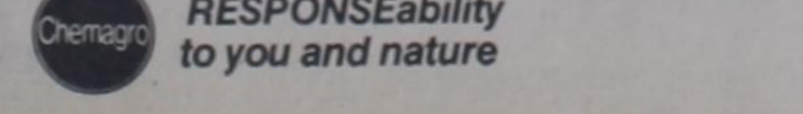
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