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Ropesville Farmers Harvest Top Sorghum Yields



Work continues on the new American Bank of Commerce at Wolfforth building just on the outskirts of town.

Harvesting Water Considered for West Texas Farming Problems

For the first time, the possibility of "harvesting water" for use at a later date is being suggested as one solution to West Texas' agricultural problems.

"Harvesting water" means management of vegetation to allow free movement of water to greater depths.

A study of water movement through different sands and associated soils indicates that Tivoli sands possess the greatest potential for moving water faster and deeper into the ground and finally to the Ogallala Aquifer, West Texas' principal source of irrigation water.

Dr. Russell D. Pettit of the range and wildlife management faculty at Texas Tech University is currently studying eight different soils in West Texas.

"Upon completion the research will provide the data needed for hydrologists to predict aquifer recharge rates, and perhaps we could then manipulate vegetation or soils to effect specific recharge potentials," Pettit said.

The Ogallala Aquifer under the sand dunes in West Texas is a major source of high quality water for domestic and industrial users. In the southern portion it does not have a source for natural recharge.

Pettit is estimating how much of the precipitation received in West Texas percolates past the deepest plant roots.

Lubbock Theatre Play Scheduled

Start the holiday season in an enjoyable way by taking your family to see "A Child's Dream of Christmas" at the Lubbock Theatre Center.

There will be five performances, the first one on Friday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 4 at 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. and Dec. 5, 2:30 and 4:30. For more information call 744-3681 and make your plans now to attend.

A local youth, Shannon Barton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mitchell is a member of the cast.

The cast of children were guests of Sunshine Sally on Channel 13 Monday morning.

In his preliminary investigations he measured soil moisture to a depth of nine feet. The measurements have been taken twice every month since April '75.

At this stage Pettit's work is highly technical, but the results suggest the use of low productive lands for water production.

"Vegetation on Tivoli sands can be removed or manipulated to facilitate free movement of water."

The Texas Tech professor presented preliminary results of his study during the meeting of the American Society of Agronomy this week in Houston. The presentation included findings from three of the soils under study.

Pettit expects his investigations to continue for about five years in order that he can measure both the variable rainfall and vegetation responses. Since April '75 these soils have been losing water to plants. When heavy rains commence, water accumulation rates will be again calculated.

Data for the three soils were collected in Bailey County. Leland Gile, a soil scientist, is working with Pettit. Gile maps the soils and studies the geomorphology and stratigraphy in the area.

The project is funded by the Texas Legislature.

Ropes Basketball Report

Ropes Varsity basketball teams played Roosevelt in Ropes November 23. The Varsity Boys defeated Roosevelt 63-59, with Chris Hobbs scoring 20 high points. Ropes record is 7-1. Richard Adams of Roosevelt scored 23 high points in the game, and their record is 1-1.

Ropes varsity girls lost 50-48, making their record 4-5. Sherry Means scored 24 points. Debbie Parker of Roosevelt scored 27 points.

The junior varsity girls turned the tables, beating Roosevelt 50-48. Rebecca Guzman scored 22 points for Ropes, and their record is 4-0. Myra Mann scored 33 points for Roosevelt.

Hockley County Farm Product Sales Report

The vital need for cotton producers to maintain and build momentum for their fiber in the marketplace through increased research and promotion will be stressed on "In the Company of Cotton," a special television presentation to air on KCBD-TV, Channel 11, on Thursday, December 9 at 9:00 p.m.

A panel will discuss a proposal under which producer assessment for research and promotion would be increased by four-tenths of one per cent of the gross sales price of each bale of cotton, beginning with the 1977 crop. This is in addition to the current \$1 per bale. The panel will be made up of J. Dukes Wooters, President of Cotton, Inc., New York, L.C. Unfred, cotton producer from New Home, Tx., Lloyd Cline, cotton producer from Lamesa, Tx., and J.D. Smith, cotton producer from Littlefield. The panel will be moderated by Bob Etheredge, Agricultural Director for KCBD-TV, Channel 11, and Ed Wilkes, Agricultural Director for KFYO Radio.

Chess Tourney Scheduled at Frenship Library

The Frenship High School Chess Club will host a team chess tournament for all local high schools this Saturday in the Frenship Library. Teams from several schools will contend for the first place trophy, including two from Monterey, last year's champion. It is hoped that this tournament will help spark a serious interest in chess among Lubbock area high school students.

Frenship High News Briefs

December seems to be a busy month for the students at Frenship High School. The seniors will be taking the Betty Crocker Homemaker Award test on the morning of December 7. Then on the 9th, the Air Force will present a Safety Assembly to the student body of FHS.

The FHS Student Council will have representatives attending the District V Student Council Convention at South Plains College on December 13. All Frenship schools will be dismissed at 2:00 on December 21, with students returning to classes on January 3, 1977. We hope everyone will have a safe and happy holiday season.

Frenship FHA

The members of the Frenship chapter of Future Homemakers of America have been busy recently. After completing quarter finals during test week, they have been beginning new courses in their Homemaking sections.

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If the proposal is accepted, the supplemental assessment could be increased to one per cent after 1977 on the recommendation of the Cotton Board and the Secretary of Agriculture. The Cotton Board has stated that this would be done only after an in-depth study showed conclusively that the program was being conducted with maximum effectiveness, that its effectiveness could be increased only with additional financing, and that producers themselves indicated an overwhelming sentiment for an increase.

All facets of this proposal and its importance to the cotton industry will be examined by the panel on "In the Company of Cotton," an hour-long special political broadcast December 9, 9 p.m., on Channel 11.

Frenship FTA

The J. Weldon Bennett FTA Chapter will be attending the District XVII Convention which will be held at Plainview High School on Saturday, the 4th of December. This Convention has been rescheduled because of the weather on November 13.

Jenny Hilton, District XVII Recording Secretary, will be in charge of the registration which will be from 8:00 to 9:00. Nancy Howell, Lucy Stokesberry, Tina Olenik, Judy Baack, and Mike Mansell are all scheduled to help with the registration. The members who were voted as voting delegates are Judy Baack, Mike Mansell, Lucy Stokesberry, Tina Olenik, and Cam Chennault.

The Convention should last most of the day. Let's hope it doesn't snow this time.

Garage Sale Set In Ropesville

The Ropes Ambulance Service will have a Garage Sale December 2-4 at City Hall

"In the Company of Cotton" Looks to The Future of the Cotton Industry

The market value of all agricultural products sold by the 773 farms in Hockley County in 1974 amounted to \$32,096,000, according to a preliminary report of the 1974 Census of Agriculture released today by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census. Production expenses on these farms totaled \$31,855,000 in 1974.

The figures are for farms qualifying under the definition first used for the 1959 Census of Agriculture: A farm includes all agricultural operations conducted at any time during the census year under the control of an individual management, provided that sales of agricultural products amounted to, or normally would amount to, at least \$250 for places of less than 10 acres or \$50 for places of 10 acres or more.

Two local area farmers were recently named members of the DeKalb Yieldmasters Club for producing top sorghum yields in 1976.

They are Joe Schwartz, Ropesville—7895.31 lbs. per acre with DeKalb F-67; and H. Joe Schwartz, Ropesville—6413.77 with DeKalb E-59+.

These yields were mechanically harvested from a solid block measuring one or more acres, calculated on the basis of 14% moisture and verified by an impartial third party.

Joe Schwartz' Yield

Joe Schwartz planted the field on May 6 at 6 lbs. per acre and harvested the crop on October 21.

His fertilizer program included 90.7 lbs. of nitrogen. Schwartz controlled weeds with Milogard at 1 lb. broadcast per acre. Sevin Mol was sprayed for Army worms. An estimated 5 inches of rain fell on the crop from planting to harvest.

Concerning the hybrid's performance, Schwartz says, "The good yield on F-67 was to my liking. It had good head exertion and combined better than any we cut."

H. Schwartz' Yield

H. Schwartz planted the field on May 7 at 6-1/2 lbs. per acre and harvested the crop on October 23.

His fertilizer program included 90.7 lbs. of nitrogen. Schwartz controlled weeds with Milogard at 1/2 lb. per acre. No insecticide was used. An estimated 2-1/2 inches of rain fell on the crop from planting to harvest.

Concerning the hybrid's performance, H. Schwartz says, "E-59+ yields good, grew off good, has good head exertion, combined very easily, and had good drought resistance."

The purpose of the DeKalb Yieldmasters Club is to promote an exchange of ideas and information among the nation's leading grain producers and to recognize them for their outstanding accomplishments as well as their important role in helping feed the world. Through the sharing of such information, the program also encourages farmers to adopt management and cultural practices that will aid them in obtaining maximum profit from each acre.

Figures for farms with sales of \$2,500 or more are shown for 1974 and 1969. These farms accounted for \$32,030,000 of all agricultural products sold in 1974 and \$19,590,000 in 1969.

There were 689 of these farms in 1974 compared with 943 in 1969. The average size increased from 598 to 730 acres during the five years. The value per acre increased from \$263 to \$330 raising the average value per farm from \$157,076 to \$240,758.

The market value of livestock and their products on farms of \$2,500 or more of sales was \$11,013,000 in 1974; poultry and their products, \$8,000; and crop sales, including nursery products, hay and forest products, \$21,009,000.

Farms reporting less than Continued On Page Two

Carol of Lights Observance Scheduled at Texas Tech

The bells will ring in Christmastide at Texas Tech University as hundreds lift their voices in celebration Friday at the annual Carol of Lights at Texas Tech University.

The ceremony, which precedes the lighting of thousands of colored bulbs outlining the Spanish arches at Tech, will begin about dusk. Recorded music will start at 6:30 p.m. as crowds gather. At 6:55 p.m., the Saddle Tramps torchlight processional will signal the beginning of the program in the Science Quadrangle on campus.

Theme for the program this year is, "The Bells were heard upon the lighting of the world." The theme will be expressed in music—a bell choir, the Texas

Tech choir, group singing, a brass ensemble, a group called "Black Voices," and a concert on the university's new 36-bell Baird and Larabee Carillon.

The program is arranged by the Residence Hall Association with the Women's Service Organization and Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. Chi Rho, a religious service organization, is in charge of the luminarios which outline

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\$1,000 in sales numbered 21 in 1974. The value of agricultural products sold on these farms totaled \$5,000.

Frenship FHA . . .

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during Activity Period, the FHA had an assembly meeting at which time a box of canned goods for a needy family in Wolfforth was gathered. This was the Thanksgiving project.

The FHA would also like to thank everyone for their support during the recent sale of Frenship T-shirts and the candy sales. Both projects have successfully helped the FHA in raising funds for the chapter projects.

Ropes School Lunch Menu

Monday, December 6

Barbecue Weiners
Ranch Style Beans
Potato Salad/Spinach
Rice Krispie Cookies
Roll/Butter/Milk

Tuesday, December 7

Chili W/Beans
Crackers/Cheese
Tossed Salad
Peach Cobbler Pie
Milk

Wednesday, December 8

Roast/Brown Gravy
Steamed Rice
Garden Salad
English Peas
Pudding
Rolls/Chocolate Milk

Thursday, December 9

Pigs in Blanket/Mustard
Pork 'n Beans
French Fries/Catsup
Lettuce Wedge
Fruit/Milk

Friday, December 10

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SPORTS

by Joe Kelly

Baylor, and only Baylor, stands between Texas Tech and one of the best seasons in its history. If the Raiders are able to trim the Bears, it will be their best season ever, because they will have tied for a co-championship of the conference.

A co-championship would be an amazing accomplishment, for the Raiders were not picked in the top four in the league before the season started. And they richly deserve it.

The 1976 Raiders are cast in the same mold as a lot of Alabama and Arkansas teams of the past. They are not physically powerful, but they have quickness and speed. They also have great determination, a never-say-die attitude.

They have taken a defensive team that was suspect before the season started and combined it with an offensive team that has come along in each game. They have earned their record.

Arkansas, even with a sub quarterback, was a real test. The Razorbacks still had a strong offensive line and they always are tough defensively. Despite that, the Raiders shut them down and stayed on the attack all afternoon.

And any question about the character of this squad was answered. The Raiders shook off that ego-crushing loss to Houston. They proved that they are one of the nation's top teams.

Something has been written elsewhere and something has been said about the perfidy of Tech fans, who desert a losing team much as rats desert a sinking ship. Every school has that type of fan.

There are fans who stay with a team, win or lose. They are the ones who never think a game is lost, no matter the score. They are the ones who put their money behind a team and then stay with it. Who cares about the fair weather "friends" who leave when adversity strikes.

Baylor, of course, is the final test in the regular season. A victory would give the Raiders a 10-1 record and how many other teams in the entire You Ess of A have the same mark? Who else has tied for a conference title?

The Bears present a problem. They have been shunned for a bowl, they have a winning record, they are explosive. Winning Saturday will be no easy task, but it can be accomplished.

A Raider letdown at this point would be almost unbelievable. A co-championship is better than none at all and would be something no other team has accomplished in 16 years. It isn't the whole loaf of bread, but half is better than none.

This ought to be the Saturday of "All I See Is Red" because Baylor is green and the contrast would show more. Besides, Tech needs the support of everyone in a tough game.

And so the season is almost over, with more than its share of surprises. Arkansas and Texas couldn't come up with a capable quarterback and the Wishbone T fell apart. A&M was upset twice in the early going, came back strong, but too late.

Tech and Houston, a pair of upstarts, managed to circumnavigate the dangerous pitfalls and come out on top. Baylor disappointed its backers after being picked fairly high. SMU surprised and TCU and Rice did about as expected.

I doubt that Frnak Broyles and Darrell Royal are in serious trouble, but there will be loud mumblings. And another season like this could do either or both in after great records.

Jim Shofner has already departed TCU, but both Rice and SMU were operating with first year coaches. Grant Teaff hardly is due for the axe at Baylor, where he brought the Bears out of hibernation after 50 years. There will be no change at A&M.

So, after Saturday, the Raiders will be turning their sights to Houston and the Bluebonnet Bowl, Nebraska in particular. The Cornhuskers will be a formidable foe, but not unbeatable.

In fact, Tech has handled Big 8 teams pretty well—Kansas, Oklahoma State, Iowa State, Colorado. They haven't played the others in recent years, but that means little. Tech is, along with Houston, the best in the SWC and that means a lot.

Sorry that I can't bring you a report on Tech's opening basketball game, but this is being written, of necessity, on Sunday. I rather imagine that Tech won and looked better than expected.

Gerald Myers was singing the blues, which is what he should do after losing Rick Bullock. He exuded, in varying degrees, pessimism about this season. He has the basis for such an outlook. Losing Bullock, the backbone of Raider teams, is serious.

But the Raiders still have the nucleus for a good, if not outstanding team. It will be different. They won't rely on the big man as much. They should run more. They will have to have improved outside shooting. The potential is there.

It should be an interesting team to watch and the guards will be the key. And Saturday night will be the real test when they take on South Carolina. After that game we'll know much more about this edition of the Raiders.



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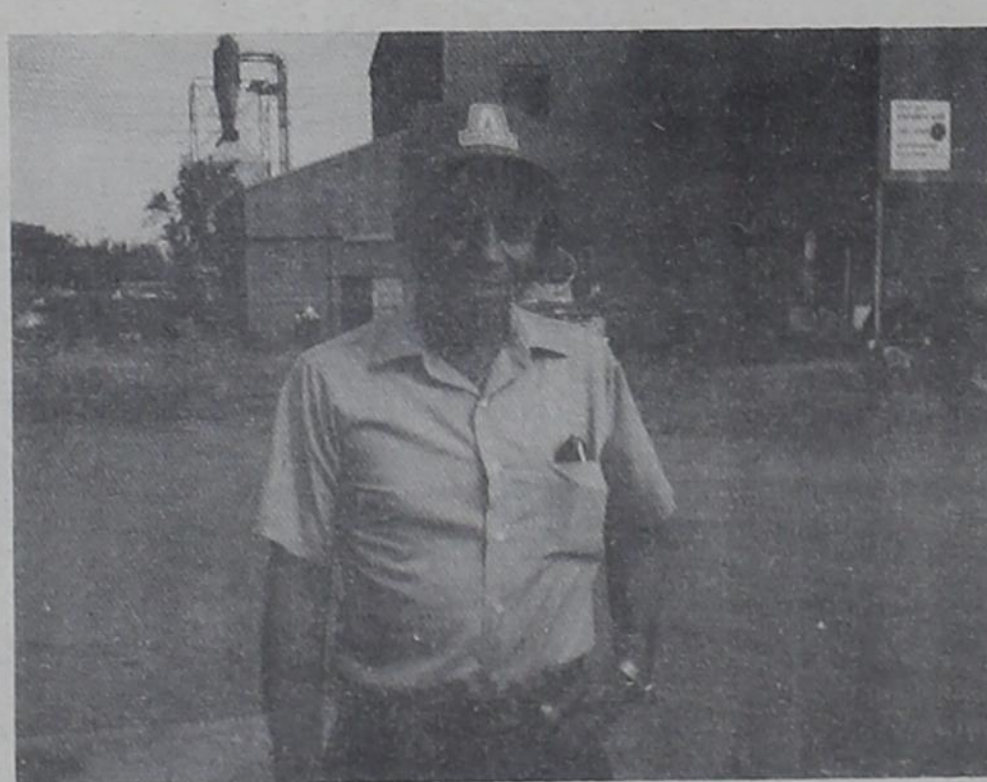
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Thompson-Hunter Exchange Vows

In a candlelight ceremony on November 20, Miss Zoe Thompson became the bride of John Steven Hunter at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Lubbock. The Rev. Sam Estes performed the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the newlywed couple are Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hunter of Shallowater and Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Thompson of Abernathy.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was presented at the altar in a pearl white silk formal gown designed especially for her by Priscilla of Boston. The gown was of French Baroque design of pearl beadwork and imported silk English net. The moulded bodice was covered with applied flowerettes. The sleeves formed peeks at the wrist with strands of pearls. From the lace and pearl encircled waist fell the bouffant A-line skirt; from the back bodice the gown drifted to form a full chapel train. The bride selected a white capulet from which drifted full bouffant mantilla edged in deep garlands of white matching lace and deep pearl beadwork forming shell shapes among lace medallions.

In following bridal tradition, the bride carried her mother's bible, for something old, she borrowed a handkerchief of the Swiss Wedding ring, wore a blue lace garter and her dress and veil were new.

The bridal bouquet was fashioned from an array of delicate white roses and baby's breath with streamers of roses falling from the Bible which was carried by the bride's mother when she was married.

The altar was adorned with a rose covered arch and kneeling bench was surrounded by swirled candelabras ascended with blue carnations, white gladiola and greenery. A memory candle of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Horne, Mr. Bob Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Thompson was burned on one side of the altar. On the other side a honor candle in honor of Mrs. Pearl Hunter and Mrs. Lillie Shephard were used to light the single unity candle.

The bride's attendants wore floor length princess gowns of royal blue velvet which featured a tufted bodice and high neckline. Blue carnations and white roses were worn in hair cascades and flower bouquets.

Miss Kym Thompson, sister of the bride, served as the maid of honor, and matron of honor was Mary Jane Henson of Gruver, Texas. The bride's attendants included Jeaney Hunter; the groom's sister and Toni Howard of Lubbock. Junior bridesmaids were Regina Powell and Kelly Thompson, cousin of the bride, both of Abernathy.

Miss Holly Murray, cousin of the bride from Springlake-Earth was the flower girl and Kirk Heard of Abernathy was the ring bearer.

The groom's best man was John Young of Tulia. Other attendants were the bride's brothers, Todd and Lane Thompson of Abernathy. Also serving as grooms-



men were Brent Couch, cousin of the groom, Kim Brock and Steve Rackler. Ushers were Carter Noonan, Rick Davidson and Scott Foree, all of Lubbock.

Special music during the ceremony was performed by Mrs. Donald E Smith, organist of Lubbock, and Mr. Johnny Ray Watson of Lorenzo, soloist. During the reception Dovie Barron, Lonna Barron, and Donna Horne played selections at the grand piano.

A reception followed the ceremony at the church fellowship hall with Belinda Petty, Laura Arnold, and Nancy Foster serving at the brides table. Also serving at the grooms table were Sher Clark and Margaret Wilkes. Debra Barton of Abernathy registered guests for both the wedding and reception.

The bride's table was centered with a candelabrum, accented with gladiolas, carnations and white roses. The four tiered cake of Greek design featured five cupid hearts amidst a blue waterfall on a chantilly lace tablecloth. The grooms table featured a royal blue tablecloth with appointments of gold. The gold candelabrum featured an array of beautiful blue flowers to compliment the table. The three tiered German Chocolate cake was decorated with a gold ball and chain. Finger sandwiches and coffee were served.

For her wedding trip, the bride chose a blue suit with a matching print blouse and navy blue hat and shoes. The couple will live in Lubbock after the honeymoon.

The bride will finish her dietetic internship and graduate in May at Texas Tech University. John, a graduate of Texas Tech University, received his Bachelor's Degree in accounting. He is currently employed as the assistant controller for Lubbock National Bank.

A rehearsal dinner preceded the wedding ceremony on November 19 at K-Bob's Steak House of Lubbock with the groom's parents acting as hosts. Special guests were the bride's family and the wedding party.

Party line

Dick Thweatt and Jack Acker of Paris, Texas, visited Homer Randolph last week.

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LOOK WHO'S NEW



Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bickel of Gonzales announce the arrival of a son, born November 9, weighing 8 pounds and 1/2 ounce.

Named Brian Robert, he has a 2 year old sister, Jennifer.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis McMenemy and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bickel of Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. L.E. McMenemy of Shallowater are among the little boy's great-grandparents.

Services Held for Troy Burnett

Funeral services for Troy L. Burnett, 84, of Olton were held at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Parsons Funeral Chapel in Olton with Don Jones, minister of the Main Street Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial was in the Olton Cemetery under the direction of Parsons Funeral Home.

Burnett died about 9:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22, in Plainview's Central Plains Hospital.

He was a farmer and resident of

the Olton area for 44 years. He was a member of the Main Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Margie Bolen of Brownfield and Mrs. Huldie Ellard of Portales, N.M., and two brothers, O.B. of Spur and H.C. Durham of Lubbock, and a cousin, Mrs. Gertie Williams of Shallowater.

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"Extension Update"

by Georgia Doherty
Cut Living Costs

Cutting living costs may be a necessity for most families and it can be done even though it may seem impossible at first.

Begin by setting up a net worth statement. This record provides a good overall view of your financial situation and is easy to prepare. A local bank or the county Extension agent can advise what information to include.

Consider economizing on luxuries. Stop and think of what luxuries are really important to the family. Which ones can be reduced. Don't let this discourage you — it may just mean that you will spend more time at home, visiting friends, or taking advantage of the city entertainment programs.

Spending less on food takes prior planning. Begin reading

articles in magazines, newspapers and cookbooks on budget-stretching ideas. Take advantage of supermarket specials and join a food coop if one is available.

Residence may be another expense that can be cut without too much strain. If you live alone, consider a roommate. You may not want one forever, so specify that the arrangement is for a certain number of months and see how it works out.

Instead of sending clothes to a dry cleaner, try using a coin-operated cleaning service, and press them at home. The cost of cleaning and laundry can be kept low by wearing professionally handled clothes only to interviews or other occasions when you must.

But it's important to continue any medical or dental treatment.

What Young People Want From Their Parents

Concern and trust top the list of what adolescents want from

their parents.

Adolescents want parents to be "interested" in them as individuals. As they mature toward their teenage years, they seek more time with parents—not necessarily more money. But parents often tend to increase allowances and decrease the amount of time spent with their teenager.

Trust is another commitment children want from their parents. But sometimes a teenager's behavior makes a lack of trust creep in. For example, if a teen says he will be back by a certain time and returns 30 minutes later without letting his parents know he will be late, parents often question their teenager's word. And it's easy for the adolescent to sense this mistrust.

If this mistrust occurs repeatedly or in other areas, then a pattern is established. The young person begins feeling that his parents never trust him and he gets a low mental picture of himself in the eyes of his parents.

This happens because when parents expect the worst, the teen then begins to wonder if it's worth trying for anything else. He lives out what he thinks his parents expect of him. If they don't expect much of him—don't think he can do much—he accommodates them with his low performance. Before long, the parents have an 'air-tight case' against the teen who never comes through with his responsibilities.

A flexible attitude will help

Carol of Lights . . .

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central campus streets. Mark Wells, a sophomore business administration major from Dallas, is chairman for the event.

The Tech Brass Ensemble, directed by Prof. Robert Deahl, will introduce the program with a fanfare. Red Raider football Coach Steve Sloan will give the invocation, and RHA President Ruth Foreman will give the welcome.

parents deal with individual situations, such as coming home late. But it's not easy. Parents enjoy the security of experience—therefore they have a mechanism to keep reaffirming basic trust in the teenager.

Another teen request is for parents to talk "to" them—not "at" them. No one likes lecturing, especially young people, who are so sensitive to their emerging independence. Parents can talk at the family dog or even the infant, but by the time a person reaches adolescence, communication must change to reflect a mature give-and-take approach between the young person and his parents.

One way parents can learn what their own children need and want from them is to ask the child about his best friend and that family situation. The answer probably will include several personal ideas of what your teenager wants from you.

Joe W. Jones will direct the Oakwood Baptist Church Bell Choir. Joe Williams will direct "Black Voices," a group sponsored by the Student Organization for Black Unity. The Tech Choir will be conducted by Prof. Gene Kenney.

Prof. Kyung Wook Shin will direct all visitors and program participants in singing "O Come, All Ye Faithful" and "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

Wells will have brief comments, and then a short fanfare from the Brass Ensemble will herald the turning on of the lights at 7:30 p.m.

Group singing will conclude the program. The final Christmas carols will include "Joy to the World," "Deck the Halls" and "Jingle Bells." The carillon concert by Prof. Judson Maynard will begin as soon as the group singing ends.



By M.A. PETTI, M.D.

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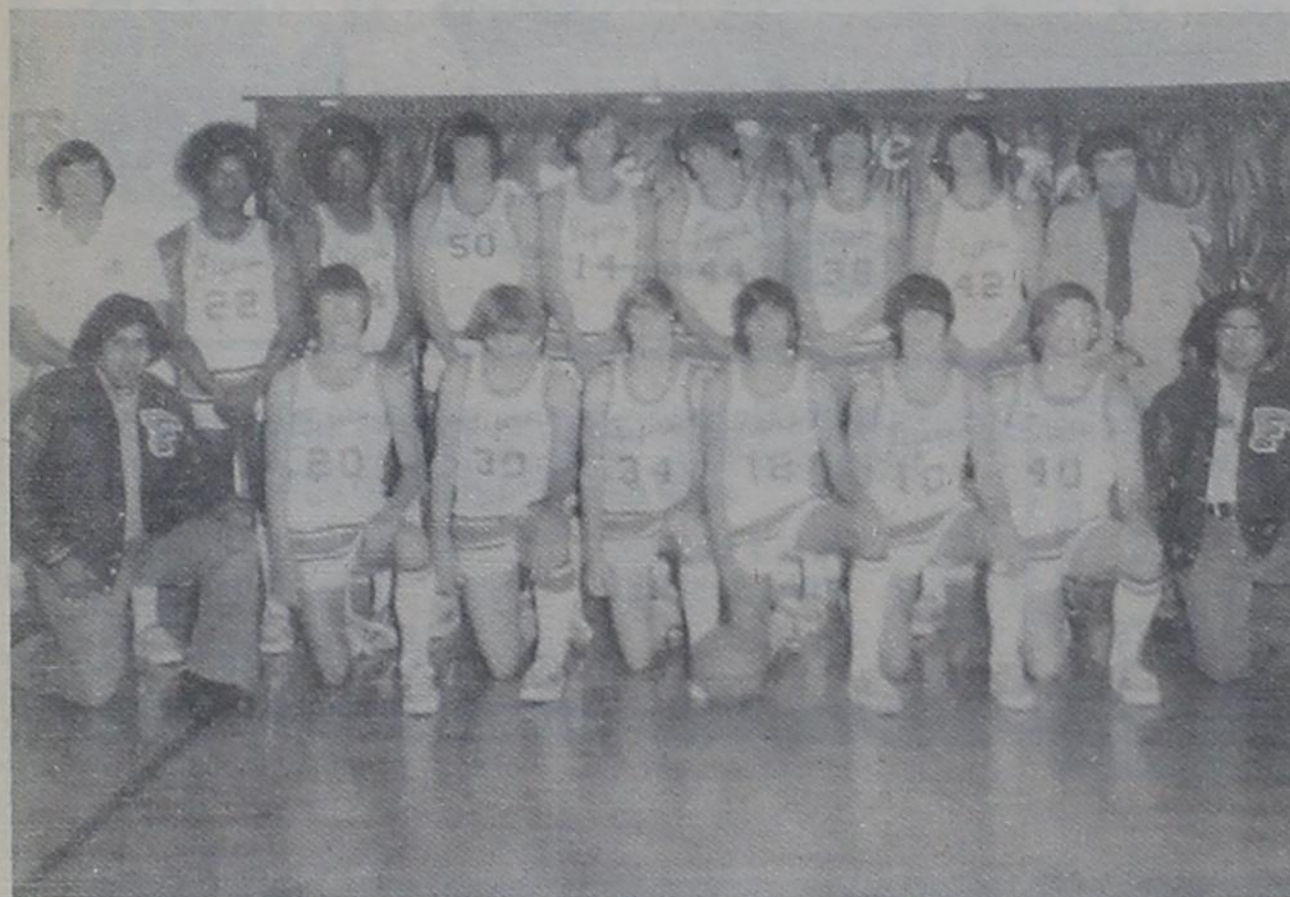
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Sheridan's Ride

by Jack Sheridan

The off-again, on-again history of the little movie house on Broadway between Aves. R and S picked up again this past week when the house reopened as a "repertory theater" under the management of Don Bollinger, a very young operator with a company that has similar houses in Dallas and Albuquerque, N.M.

What the schedule will call for are selected revivals, some out of the great era of Hollywood's 1930s and other of more recent vintage, all of them highly regarded for their quality and content.

There will be distinguished foreign films as well as British and American, none of the bills penned in for more than three days playing time. Among the upcoming films are Ingmar Bergman's version of "The Magic Flute," opera by Mozart, which will end its brief run tonight.

In its way will come such outstanding films as "Platinum Blonde" with Jean Harlow, "Cover Girl" with Rita Hayworth, "My Little Chickadee" with Mae West and W.C. Fields, and Fields' "Never Give a Sucker an Even Break" with Fields (on the same bill), not one but four Marx Brothers early films on one bill, "Money Business," "Horse Feathers," "Coconuts" and "Duck Soup," and a double bill of "Midnight Cowboy" and "The Last Tango in Paris," to name only a few. It is a rare opportunity to see these fine films again and to catch them for the first time.

Lubbock has needed such a house and it is only to be seen and hoped for that the Bijou sustains the necessary support from the public. We wish them well, Bollinger and his little theater.

Though these few remarks are tardy, since the play concluded its run last week, but they are no less enthusiastic for the beautifully-mounted, very well played, superbly directed production of Peter Shaffer's study of the search for values both material and spiritual in old Peru, "The Royal Hunt of the Sun" at the University Theatre at Texas Tech.

This production is important in more ways than one, for it is the Tech entry in the American College Festival of plays, which opens today at the University Theatre and continues through Saturday night. Tech is hosting the annual gathering and the play line-up is impressive, indeed. You should try to catch some of the entries which will be announced in the daily press.

The Tech production of Pizarro's expedition and his confrontation with the Atahualpa, Soverieng Inca of Peru was a thought-provoking challenge to the audience and was received with acclaim. In the two leads were Brad Williams and Bob Starr doing noble jobs, and the long cast most ably supported them. The narrator, playing both the young Page to Pizarro and the older narrator, was lucidly done by William Carter.

The direction was handled with his usual delicacy, power and immaculate staging by Ronald Schulz. The choreography was by Rick Brame and the handsome production was designed by Forrest A. Newlin.

A film that is recommended for the entire family is the G-rated "Joe Panther," at the Cinema West out on 19th St.

This is the story of a young Seminole Indian who must achieve his manhood by fighting alligators in the Florida swamps. Ray Tracey, a newcomer, plays the title role and he plays extremely well. His buddy is handled nicely by A. Martinez. Two well-regarded oldtimers appear in this one, though their roles are nothing to shout about. They play with their usual professionalism, Brian Keith and Ricardo Montalban.

This little film has much to recommend and provides a simple and direct little tale that will please most folks.

There is a very interesting, absorbing book in the Lubbock Public Library that many of you might like to have directed to your attention.

It is called "The Day the Laughter Stopped" and it recalls very vividly and tragically the sex scandal that set the pattern for film-making on subject and cuts from then on.

It was Labor Day, 1921 in San Francisco. There was a party in progress in the St. Francis Hotel suite of the top-ranking comic star of those silent picture days, Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle.

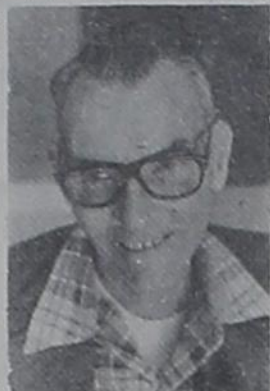
One of the young ladies present, Virginia Rapp, a would-be actress, became ill and died. It was rumored that she had been attacked but this book cites trial records, investigation and all the politically ambitious men in the Golden Gate city who drove this persecution through three trials, ultimately vindicating the tragic Arbuckle.

But, the die had been cast. Arbuckle's career was finished and the panic-stricken Hollywood figures, some of the most famous producers and studio heads frantically set about to govern sex, drug and other moral activities of their stars. This is when the famous Will Hays came to the fore as the "censoring body" and the Hays Office for many years thereafter set the rules and regulations for stars' personal lives as well as limited the frankness on the screen in almost sophomoric manner.

Arbuckle directed films for some years, until his death, but under an assumed name. He had become the "victim," in the worst sense, of prejudice, false rumor and the onslaughts of national women's and civic groups, hysterically righteous in their militancy, even though Arbuckle had been officially cleared of wrongdoing.

It is a fascinating book by David Yallop of one of the most celebrated of all Hollywood scandals and is well worth the reading for all film buffs.

Incidentally, the title "The Day the Laughter Stopped" came from the late comedian and colleague of "Fatty" Arbuckle, the frozen-faced Buster Keaton.



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Common Table Salt May be Answer to Producer's Cotton Root Rot Problem

A simple kitchen table product may save cotton producers an estimated \$20 million annually.

Work being done for Cotton Incorporated by scientists at Texas A&M University points to sodium chloride—table salt—as the best possible cure for root rot, a cotton plant disease that plagues producers in Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico.

Researchers have discovered that root rot is not a problem in soils containing high levels of naturally occurring sodium chloride, so the scientists are

conducting experiments to inject salt into soil infested with root rot spores.

Tentative results from five farms in the Texas Blacklands, where initial tests have been conducted, show that the salt can curb the root rot problem.

"For some cotton producers in the Southwest, root rot can be a persistent source of troubles," says Dr. William D. Eickhoff, associate director of agricultural research implementation at the Cotton Incorporated research center at Raleigh, N.C.

Studies show that the disease causes an estimated annual damage of \$22.5 million, Eickhoff says.

"Unfortunately, we currently have no inexpensive way to combat root rot. We can use a nematocide, but that treatment costs an average of \$200 an acre," he adds.

"Cotton producers on the Cotton Incorporated board of directors pinpointed root rot as one of the ways that cotton producers' profits get nibbled away," he explains. "We decided to look at it closely and see if there might be a simple way to knock the problem out. Salt treatment just may be the answer."

The research is being conducted for Cotton Incorporated by Dr. Stuart D. Lyda of Texas A&M University.

Root rot is caused by spores in the soil that lie dormant until the proper combination of rainfall and temperature causes the spores to proliferate. The spores develop a root system that attaches itself to the cotton plant, choking it off.

Lyda and other researchers observed several years ago that root rot does not occur in soil with

a high sodium content. Further study showed that chemical exchanges in the soil created carbon dioxide, which strangles the root rot spores.

With that discovery, Lyda tried salting some soil to see if it would prevent root rot. It did. Now Lyda is trying salt on five different farms in central Texas, an area particularly affected by root rot.

"First we use infra-red photography to identify sections with root rot," Lyda explains. "Then soil samples are taken to determine sodium level and to ensure that our treatment won't destroy the soil structure. After that, we mark off one section for control purposes and use the other section to test the salt treatment. We apply up to 1,800 pounds of salt per acre on a total of about 40 acres. Our costs run about \$30 an acre."

Results this year at two of the places were very good, says Lyda. Results at the other three experimental plots were inconclusive because there was little problem with root rot in the control plots.

"At the Texas A&M experiment station at Temple, we had

74 per cent infestation in the control plot, compared with 27 per cent infestation in the treated plot," Lyda says.

The salt treatments build up a cumulative effect over the years, Lyda points out. Each year fewer and fewer spores survive and carry over to the next year.

Lyda figures there are about 1.5 million acres in Texas that are heavily infested with root rot spores. Much of that land has been taken out of cotton production and put to less profitable use, he says.

Root rot affects land in the Blacklands, Coastal Bend, Rio Grande Valley, and in places around San Angelo, as well as cotton acreages in New Mexico and Arizona, says Lyda.

In New Mexico, producers have inadvertently brought root rot under control by their use of irrigation water that has naturally occurring salt in it, Lyda comments.

Lunch Bunch to Hear Lena Spencer

Mrs. Lena Spencer will be the guest speaker at the Lunch Bunch program on Tuesday, Dec. 7. Her talk is entitled "Hawaii—1941." She and her family lived in Hawaii from 1935 to 1948 while her husband was a civilian employee with the government. They were in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and she will share her recollections of that day.

Lunch Bunch meets every Tuesday in the Mahon Community Room of the Lubbock City-County Library from 12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m. The public is invited to bring a sack lunch. Coffee is furnished by the Library.

Tech Packets Distributed Today

Registration materials and schedules for spring semester registration at Texas Tech University will be distributed to students beginning Wednesday, Dec. 1, from the second floor conference room of West Hall.

D.N. Peterson, associate dean of admissions and records, said hours for distribution will be 1-6 p.m. daily, Dec. 1-7, Saturday and Sunday not included.

Registration for the spring semester is scheduled in the Lubbock Coliseum for two days only, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jan. 13, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Jan. 14.

Late registration will begin Jan. 17 and will be conducted from the registrar's office in West Hall and departmental offices.

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