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Natural Fibers Fashion Contest Set for 1975 Southwest Farm Show at Ft. Worth

New Weekly Column by Ronald Reagan Will Be Featured Here Beginning Today

Ronald Reagan, former movie star, two term governor of the nation's most populous state and a leading spokesman for the nation's conservative thinkers, now has become a newspaper columnist.

The man who put the California state budget back into the black, turning it around from a 1966 million-dollar-a-day deficit, will write a weekly column for the Plainsman beginning January 31st.

After eight years as governor, Reagan did not seek a third term. In the past he has been a U.S. presidential contender and is a potential presidential candidate in 1976.

His column, to be distributed nationwide by Copley News Service, will deal with national



and international events as seen from the conservative viewpoint. Look for the first Reagan column this week.

Wolfforth Home Demo Club Meets

The Wolfforth Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Raimon Coleman, with Mrs. Chester Alexander bringing the program on improving storage in the home.

Those members attending were: Mrs. J.F. McGinnis, Amelia Crow, Mrs. Grady Brook, Mrs. Ross Adamson, Mrs. Raimon Coleman, Mrs. C.W. Jennings, Mrs. Donnie Morris, Mrs. D.C. Foy, Mrs. Ruth Haskins, Mrs. Alice James, Mrs. Bill Baker, and Mrs. Chester Alexander.

All home demonstration club members are invited to a covered

dish luncheon, letter addressing and envelope stuffing party on Friday, Feb. 21 at the Precinct I Clubhouse from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are to come with a covered dish and ballpoint pens. Publicity material is to be mailed to about 800 people.

Also in the offing is the Fix - It Festival to be held Thursday, March 13 in the South Plains Mall.

Rabies Clinic Set

Wolfforth will have a rabies clinic Saturday, February 1st from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Location will be the Frenship Vocational Agriculture Building.

The charge will be \$3.00 per vaccination.

Among the stellar events scheduled during the Southwest Farm Show in Tarrant County Convention Center in March of 1975 will be a Natural Fibers Fashion Show, with outstanding prizes for those garments judged best in the competition.

Each garment entered in the show must be made from a fabric which utilizes natural fibers — cotton, wool or mohair — either 100%, or in a blend totaling not less than 50% natural fiber.

Garments may be original designs, or made from a commercial pattern. Each contestant must model the garment she has made, and judging will be on construction, style, natural fiber content, and utilization of accessories.

Those eligible to participate in the contest are members of Young Homemaker organizations in Texas and Oklahoma, wives of members of Texas and Oklahoma Young Farmers Associations, and wives of members of Southwest Tractor Pullers, West Texas Tractor Pullers and South Texas Tractor Pullers Associations. Entry blanks may be obtained by writing May Harris, Natural Fibers Economic Research, P.O. Box 8180, University Station, Austin, Texas 78712. Entries must be returned to the office of Miss

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Attends Chicago Confab



LAURIN W. PRATHER (R), Abernathy, Texas farmer, was one of eight representative farmers brought to Chicago recently to participate in the third Farm Forum Panel sponsored by International Harvester.

Here, Prather is interviewed by farm broadcaster, Bill Mason. The panel's comments were featured in the current edition of the International Harvester quarterly publication, FARM FORUM, which has a circulation of one million readers.

Prather farms 900 acres of irrigated land with cotton, milo, alfalfa and wheat. He also has a 400 head feedlot.



A short course in baton twirling will be offered beginning Feb. 3 at South Plains College. The course will meet on Mondays. Students can sign up at the first class meeting.

The Morton Jaycees will be sponsoring a "March of Dimes Grocery Grab" February 8th in Morton, with all proceeds donated to the Cochran County March of Dimes. Tickets may be obtained from any Morton Jaycee member.

The winning ticket holder will receive five minutes in a grocery store of his or her choice in Morton, to grab all the food he can carry to the counter in that time.

Monday, Feb. 3, is the deadline to register for two extension courses, Educational Psychology and Public Opinion and Propaganda being offered this semester at South Plains College.

A discussion of property taxation will be one of the critical issues headlining the 17th annual County Judges and Commissioners Conference at Texas A&M University, Feb. 5 - 6.

State Senator Kent Hance of Lubbock was named Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Water, Tuesday, January 14, in the opening hours of the 64th Texas Legislature. He was also

Frenship Basketball Game Results

Varsity Boys

Frenship Tigers played Cooper on Friday, January 24, and Cooper won 58 to 53. High point for Frenship was Bob Woodward with 19 points, followed by Eddy Prather with 11 points, Vernon McKinney with 10, David Drapen, 5 points, Leslie Preston, 4 points, Monte Booher and Mel Wright each 2 points.

The Frenship Tigers played Slaton on Tuesday, January 28, and were victorious with a 35 to 30 win. High point for Frenship was Bob Woodward with 12 points, followed by Eddy Prather and Mel Wright with 6 points each, Monte Booher 2 points, Vernon McKinney and Leslie Preston with 2 each.

JV Boys

The Frenship JV boys won over Roosevelt 42 to 33, with Lonnie

Ropes Pastor Assists Services

Services for Beth Dunlop of Abilene were held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 22, in Abilene, with Rev. Russell Harris, pastor of Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Abilene officiating.

Rev. Robert Adams, pastor of the Ropesville Nazarene Church, was the assistant.

appointed a member of the Senate Committees on Education, Finance and Natural Resources.

Lambright as high point with 13, Weldon Brooks and Junior Gomer had 7 points each. In the New Deal tournament, Frenship lost 46 to 45 to New Deal. Bruce Wright had 16 points and Weldon Brooks 13. In other games this past week, they lost to Post 61 to 56 and to Slaton 58 to 52.

9th Grade

Wolfforth 9th grade boys and girls will play here in the Frenship 9th Grade Tournament, beginning Thursday, Jan. 30 thru Saturday, February 11.

They will play at Cooper in the Cooper 9th Tournament from Thursday, Feb. 6 thru Saturday, Feb. 8th.

Jr. High

The 7th, 8th and 9th grade girls vie Cooper there Monday, Feb. 3 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

7th, 8th and 9th grade boys vie Cooper here Monday, Feb. 3 starting at 5:30 p.m.

Varsity

The varsity boys and girls and JV boys play against Christ the King team on Friday, Jan. 31, there, starting at 5 p.m.

The varsity and JV girls will play Morton there on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Frenship Varsity and JV boys play at Denver City on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. John Hord is now out of the intensive care unit and is in Room 766 of Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. Geo Coke is now home recovering from surgery.



FARM CENSUS TIME AGAIN—Farmers and ranchers throughout the United States are being asked to report on their agricultural operations during 1974. The 1974 Census of Agriculture is the 20th nationwide farm census since the first one in 1840. Report forms are mailed out in January and the Bureau of the Census would like to have them filled out and mailed back promptly. All information is confidential by law. The results, published only in statistical form, provide the yardstick by which American agricultural advancement is measured every five years. No information can be released which might reveal the operation of an individual farmer or rancher.

EDITORIALS

Social Security Off Track

Without fully thinking the matter through, the 93rd Congress, which adjourned last December, approved large increases in the Social Security program.

The same Congress also passed the 1974 Employee Retirement Security Act which establishes federal standards for some 350,000 pension plans offered independently of Social Security by private business in the United States of America.

The intention of both measures is to assure that persons who contributed to the progress of the United States during their productive years will have security and dignity in the twilight of their lives.

Unfortunately, it is becoming increasingly apparent that if the present trend in Social Security continues the gains envisioned in private pension security may be far less than anticipated. Citizens may wind up with half measures or less in either program.

The problem faced by the Social Security program is plain. The retirement benefits approved by Congress in recent years have outstripped the payroll taxes that have been levied to support the program.

Two recommendations have been made to correct the deficiency. A private citizen's advisory council suggests that the wage base on which the 11.7 per cent Social Security tax is assessed be raised from the present \$14,100 to about \$24,000. The blue ribbon panel also recommends that retirement benefits be proportioned to wages that are earned.

On the other hand, Rep. James A. Burke, chairman of the House Social Security subcommittee, declares that Social Security taxes should be lowered to 3.9 per cent on both the employer and employee. He would fund the resulting deficit by dipping into general tax revenues.

The virtue of the citizens' council recommendation is that it proposes to turn Social Security back toward its original purpose of being a modest supplementary retirement program linked to earnings. Its flaw is that it would continue the upward tax and benefit spiral of Social Security which could threaten its soundness again in later years.

Rep. Burke's plan would forever lock Social Security into the federal pork barrel and tax wage earners and their employers twice—once at the payroll window and the second time when they pay other federal taxes.

Both plans overlook a critical fact. Social Security taxes paid by employers are a part of their expenses of doing business. The more the employer pays for the government program, the less he can afford to be generous with his private pension plan which is encouraged in the 1974 Employee Retirement Security Act.

Social Security is emerging as the dominant retirement plan instead of a supplementary one as originally planned. For millions of Americans this means increasingly heavy payroll taxes. For millions of others it means nothing more than a meager federal dole when they retire.

Comments by Ronald Reagan

by Ronald Reagan
(Copley News Service)

In many parts of the country organized labor is working around the clock to unionize civil servants. In some states collective bargaining by public employes has been legalized. In others, such as California, legislation is pending. If the unions succeed, the effects will be profound.

Promoters of this legislation claim that government employes without the right to strike are second class citizens. Are they? The answer lies in an examination of the nature of the Civil Service system. Foremost, public employes have job security that goes beyond what the private sector provides.

Their boss can't sell out to another company or get old and decide to close up shop and retire. A new invention can't wipe out the market for their product. And, the boss can't go broke and declare bankruptcy—he just asks for more taxes.

Public employes are protected against being fired for private reasons. Promotion is based on merit, and the pay scale is required by law to be at least in line with the private sector's. If a government employer doesn't abide by the law, the employes can take their case to court.

Although the right of private sector workers to organize and strike is almost universally recognized, fundamental differences between the private and public sectors argue against public employes having the same right. The strike, after all, is a test of economic strength.

The worker withholds his services; management shuts down. The worker gambles on losing some wages against his employer's ability to halt production and risk the loss of customers to competitors. Government, though, can't shut down its "assembly line," for its a monopoly.

When sewage workers in San Francisco struck last year and hundreds of millions of gallons of raw sewage spilled into the bay, the people of the city couldn't choose to use another sewage system. When your house catches fire, you can't turn to the Yellow Pages to find a substitute for the fire department. The same holds true when teachers or garbage collectors strike.

In the case of public employe labor relations, "management" consists of men and women elected by the public. Both labor and management, therefore, are employees of "the people."

Management, being made up of elected officials, can't have any power beyond that voluntarily granted by the people.

Some proponents of public employe strikes propose to resort to binding arbitration to settle disputes. Yet, if "management" is beholden directly to the electorate, how can it delegate to nonelected individuals or groups the responsibility of making decisions which might result in tax increases?

Any governmental body that doesn't have adequate procedures for hearing employe grievances should institute them. Employes and other voters should make sure their elected officials do so.

On the other hand, there is a need for statutes that clearly prohibit strikes by public employes.

In some states, "case law" resulting from court decisions outlaw such strikes, but the lack of statutory laws has been interpreted by some union



'WE'LL NEED A LITTLE MORE'

Texas Winter Wheat Crop Projections Optimistic in '75 Production Hopes

If present growing conditions continue, the Texas winter wheat crop is expected to top 117 million bushels, a 122 percent increase over 1974 crop, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has announced.

"Wheat production could exceed the state's 1973 record of 98.6 million by as much as 40,000 bushels," said White.

He attributed the optimistic projection to abundant fall preplant moisture and winter rains and snows in the High Plains, the state's leading wheat producing region.

The commissioner cautioned, however, that projected yields also depend on spring and summer growing conditions. A late frost or freeze or a lengthy dry spell could alter projections.

According to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, planted acreage in Texas is estimated at 6.5 million. This represents a 16 percent increase

over last year and the largest planted acreage since 1949 when farmers seeded more than 7 million acres.

Most of the increase is coming from land previously planted in cotton, a crop hurt this past season by a sluggish market. Many Plains farmers who lost crops to last year's drought have also converted to wheat.

Nationwide, wheat production is projected at 1.6 billion bushels, a 15 percent increase over 1974's record crop. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that supplies are expected to be six percent lower than they were last year despite the increase. Carryover stocks of 249 million bushels are the lowest in more than 25 years.

The USDA also announced that the 1975 national feed grain allotment will be 89 million acres, the same as in 1974. The allotment represents the number of harvested acres of feed grains,

organizers as an invitation to strike. With clear laws in hand, elected officials can deal quickly with public employe strikes by declaring the jobs vacant and hiring new employes.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, one of labor's favorite presidents, said it all: "... a strike of public employes manifests nothing less than an intent on their part to prevent or obstruct the operations of government until their demands are satisfied. Such action, looking toward the paralysis of government by those who have sworn to support it, is unthinkable and intolerable."

Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor:

The groups opposing the Equal Rights Amendment (E.R.A.) have been accused of using scare tactics in their efforts to rescind (repeal) the E.R.A. in Texas. The most common quote I hear is "The things they say will happen are so ridiculous. The American people won't let that happen."

The E.R.A. presents a great threat to the American way of life and could be the most important issue ever. One of the communists main goals is total equality of the masses. The E.R.A. is over-simplified and leaves the door open for numerous consequences. I oppose the E.R.A. because it is vague. I would support specific legislation for specific problems concerning equal rights.

Are you opposed to legalizing homosexual marriages? Are you opposed to abortion on demand? Are you opposed to 18 year old girls registering for the selective service or draft? Are you opposed to freeing husbands and wives of their legal responsibilities to each other and their children? Are you in favor of separation of Church and State? These are just a few of the questions you need to ask yourself. If you answer "yes" to any one of these You must oppose the E.R.A.

The only way the "American people won't let it happen" is to stand up for what they believe and be counted.

Write your Senators and State Representatives! Ask them to vote for rescission (repealing) the ratification of the E.R.A. in Texas. Write now and often.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Douglas Simpson
Lubbock, Texas

based on the estimated national average yield, needed to produce the quantity of feed grains for domestic use and export during 1975 -76.

Projected 1975 per bushel feed grain yields on which the allotment is based are 93.0 for corn, 60.0 for grain sorghum and 45.5 for barley. According to the USDA, the allotment does not represent a limit on acreage but is computed only for the purpose of distributing payments to producers if payments are required.

State High School Rodeo to Be Held in June

The 29th Annual State Championship High School Rodeo will be held in Hallettsville, Texas on June 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, 1975.

All high school students that are interested in entering the State Championship High School rodeo should write for further information to: State Championship High School Rodeo, Paul Cook, Route 1, Box 81A, Hallettsville, Texas 77964.

The winners from the State Championship will participate in the National High School Rodeo finals that will be held in Gallup, New Mexico on August 4th through 10th.

Fashion Contest . . .

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Harris before February 28.

Since not all prizes or judges are yet finalized, final announcement of details will be made in the March 1975 issue of Progressive Farmer.

All participants should plan to be in Fort Worth at the Convention Center to register between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. on March 8. Judging on construction will begin immediately after registration and continue until 2:00 p.m., with a fashion review scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Following the Fashion Review, winners will be announced. Winners and their husbands will be invited to special activities at 7:30 p.m.

Ropesville Area News

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Young of Lubbock visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Young, last Thursday night.

Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Suter were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ray Suter and family, and Mr. and Mrs. David Burks and family, all of Ropesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Price attended church in Meadow Sunday morning and ate lunch in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jordon. They attended funeral services in Brownfield for S.L. Freeman.

Mrs. Ruby Drake visited in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Drake and sons, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Fowler of Wolfforth visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall Sunday.

Mrs. Freda Sparkman, Marlo and Michelle of Burleson, Texas, are visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Pointer, this week.

Mrs. Myrlene Hill of Clifton, Texas, daughter of Abb Russell, recently underwent major surgery in a Clifton hospital. She is reported to be in a serious condition. Mr. and Mrs. Russell are with her at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Snider took his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Snider out to lunch in Lubbock one day last week.

Ronnie Jonas of Slide was a recent visitor in the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Estell Arant.

Mrs. Betty Jane Moore of Lubbock and Jim Briggs of Ropes recently visited in the home of their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Moody of Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Timmons returned home last Thursday. They have been visiting relatives in Dallas, Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Timmons for Sunday dinner, were their sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Timmons and children,

and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Timmons and children, all of Brownfield.

John Smith was taken to Highland Hospital early Saturday morning with what was thought to be food poisoning. This was ruled out and they have been making x-rays and other tests. At last report he was feeling lots better. We hope he will soon be able to come home.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Glenn, Kevin and Tammy, last Wednesday were her mother, Mrs. Isla Etheridge and uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Gailey.

Mrs. Violet Wright, Erma and Steve Wright visited in the home of Mrs. Wright's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith and Mickey of Whitharral, Sunday.

Steve Wright who has been living in Lubbock for the past few years, has moved back home in Ropes recently. He drives back and forth to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris visited in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Harris and baby of Colorado City, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Carter who recently moved to Winsboro, Texas, were back in Ropes last Friday visiting friends and attending to business.

Randy Carter spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris. He was on his way back to Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Tindel of Levelland and Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Littlefield of Ropesville, took their son and grandson, Ricky Tindel, to the Children's Medical Center in Dallas last week for tests and x-rays. They returned home Thursday.

Flora Martin returned home Friday after a week's stay in the hospital. Mrs. Bob King of Lubbock came home with her and stayed until Sunday afternoon.

Those visiting in Flora Martin's home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Clements of Stanton, Alfred Martin and Audie Jacobs of Lubbock.

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Peek of Lubbock visited Flora Martin Monday.

Sgt. Octavio Reyna III, whose parents live in Ropesville, has completed eight weeks of advanced individual training at the U.S. Army Armor Center, Ft. Knox, Ky.

Services Held for Brother of Ropes Area Resident

Services for S.L. Freeman, 66, of 5115 42nd St., were held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Friendship Primitive Baptist Church in Brownfield.

Freeman died Saturday morning in Lubbock University Hospital.

Officiating at the service was the Rev. Johnny B. Rodgers, pastor. Burial was in Terry County Memorial Park under direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Freeman was a native of Borden County. He married the former Bonnie E. Turner on July 31, 1928.

Freeman moved to Lubbock from Seagraves in 1950 and worked as a carpenter until his retirement. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Sidney L. Jr. of Dallas, Melvin D. of Terrell, and Harold Doyle of Austin; two daughters, Mrs. M.D. Saxon of Dallas and Mrs. Jim Collins of San Jose, California; a brother, M.A. of Denver City; three sisters, Mrs. Johnny Grace of Denver City, Mrs. Emory Hobbs of Ropesville and Mrs. Bill Jeffcoat of Snyder; and 13 grandchildren.

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Values Compared

by Rev. Robert Adams
Ropes Church of the Nazarene Longfellow could take a worthless sheet of paper, write a poem on it, and make it worth \$6,000—that's genius. Rockefeller could sign his name on a piece of paper and make it worth a million dollars—that's capital. Uncle Sam can take silver, stamp an emblem on it, and make it worth a dollar—that's money.

A mechanic can take metal that is worth only \$5.00 and make it worth \$50.00—that's skill. An artist can take a fifty cent piece of canvas, paint a picture on it and make it worth \$1,000—that's art.

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"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn; but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:16 -17.

Wedding Shower to Honor Betty Dial

There will be a wedding shower for Betty Alynn Dial, bride elect of David Cain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cain, in the Fellowship Hall of Ropes First Baptist Church, at 7 p.m. February 8th. Everyone is invited.

Marks Birthday

Mayme Rasberry celebrated her birthday, Thursday, January 23, when friends and relatives dropped in to see her, bringing gifts and cards.

Out of town relatives visiting Thursday night were a granddaughter and family of Lubbock.

Ropes School Lunch Menu

Monday, February 3
Barbecued Weiners
Pinto Beans, Buttered Broccoli
Cooked Apples, Cornbread Milk

Tuesday, February 4
Hamburgers
Tomatoes, Onion, Pickle, Lettuce
French Fries, Catsup
Pork and Beans, Orange Juice
Fruit Mate, Milk

Wednesday, February 5
Vegetable Beef Soup
Cheese, Crackers
Corn Bread, Peaches
Chocolate Milk

Thursday, February 6
Chalupas and Salad
Blackeye Peas
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Rolls, Butter, Milk

Friday, February 7
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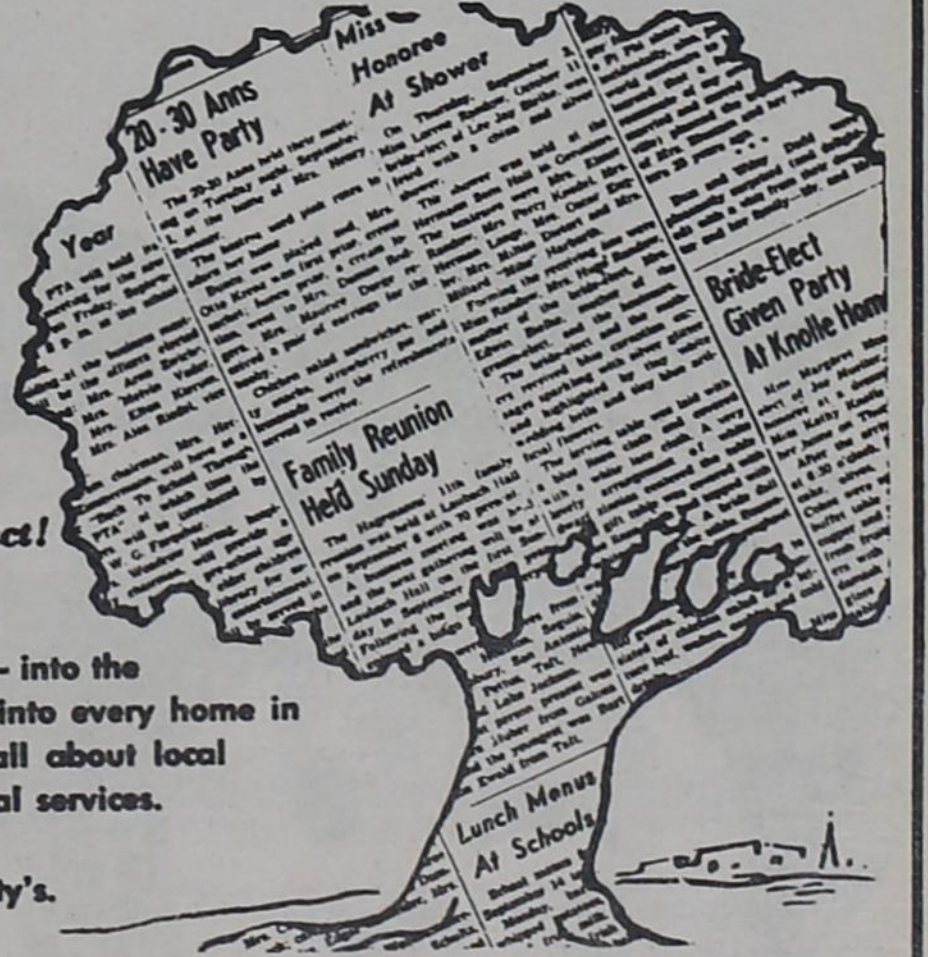
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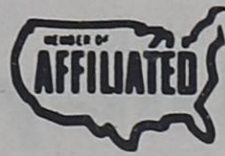
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The 9 and 10 year olds will practice from 9 to 11 a.m. in the new gym. The 11 and 12 year olds will practice from 1 to 3 p.m. in the new gym, and the 12 and 13 year olds will practice from 1 to 3 p.m. in the old gym.

Anyone interested in Little Dribblers may attend Saturdays practice and join at that time.

Shallowater Bridge Members Meet

Members of the Shallowater Bridge Club met Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Carey Gooch.

Refreshments of a salad plate and coffee were served to Mesdames Leroy Grawunder, R.W. Woodruff, Garland Stokes, Marie Casey, Emma Lou Rice, Karen Pierce, and J.U. Cone.

The group meets each second and fourth Thursday of the month. Next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Leroy Grawunder.

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License plates for all vehicles go on sale in the State of Texas, Saturday, February 1st.

There will be a representative at the First State Bank in Shallowater one day only, Wednesday, February 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the convenience of Shallowater and area residents. Tags for their vehicles may be purchased at the bank during these hours.

You have a right to your own life if you have the courage to live it.

SPORTS

by Joe Kelly

When the 1975 Southwest Conference basketball campaign goes into the record books, the biggest basket of the season may have been the one William Johnson scored against Texas Saturday afternoon last. At least, from a Texas Tech standpoint, it may have been the biggest.

The Red Raiders were on the verge of losing their second straight league battle. A horrendous first half by Tech was made acceptable only because Texas almost matched the Raiders.

Then came the second half turnaround, when the Raiders began to hit with their accustomed ability. Slowly they pecked away until they had tied it. The lead changed hands and here came the heart stopping final minute.

And here came a flu-ridden Johnson, summoning up hidden strength to block a shot, kick it out to another Raider. With time running out, Tech had a chance to win—if it could score.

An overtime might be costly. Rick Bullock, who had come back in the second half, also had fouled out and was not available. Only Johnson and Phil Bailey had been scoring consistently.

"We wanted Johnson to take the last shot," Coach Gerald Myers said. That tells you something of the high regard and respect Tech has for this superb athlete. It also jolts the memory back to the days when Gerald was the one Tech wanted to take the last shot under similar circumstances.

Johnson was equal to the challenge. From 15 feet out he turned, jumped and arched his last effort. The ball fell through and Tech held a 1-1 record in league warfare.

It's foolish to speculate what might have happened had that basket not been made. The game would have gone into overtime and who knows what would have happened? Forget it. Johnson took care of that and propelled the Raiders right back into the thick of things.

A week ago Coach Myers, gravely concerned about Bullock's shoulder, remarked that Tech might well be playing the four toughest teams right at the start—with three of the games on the road. He had added, in dead seriousness, that Tech could be 0-4, easily.

For a time that dismal Saturday night against Texas he almost seemed like a prophet. Loss No. 2 appeared imminent and, while two losses, unlike football, would not eliminate a team, it would be a tremendous hill to climb.

Then came Johnson's winning goal and the Raiders could breathe a little easier. They were only one game behind Arkansas and Texas A&M—and they had a chance Tuesday night to do something about the Aggies.

Arkansas looked impressive beating a good SMU team, a Pony team that might well be in the fight all the way. The Razorbacks ought to have relatively easy sledding this week, with only Rice and Baylor. Still, both games are on the road and anything can happen.

This is a critical week for the Raiders. They came out of road warfare at .500 and that's a winning margin. Two victories this week would make the picture much brighter.

One thing is certain, it's going to be a rough race. The team that wins probably won't lose over three games. And, if the prime contenders win all their home games, it's going to make road games all the more important.

Right now I'd list the main contenders as Tech, A&M, Arkansas, with SMU and TCU in the leading challenging positions. Baylor, Rice and Texas can be the type which will be extremely dangerous.

So, Arkansas, A&M, and Tech each have taken a step forward against the more dangerous teams, but with Arkansas having a little better on the strength of beating SMU in Dallas.

There's a lot of season left and the fans ought to be hanging from the rafters for every game in the conference.

A couple of sports fans were talking in church Sunday and one remarked that he had never seen such fantastic shooting as Arkansas showed against SMU. I remarked that he must not have seen the Houston-Tech game, when both teams shot better than 52%.

"Houston!" he replied. "Boy, they're going to mess things up when they start playing in the conference."

Maybe the Cougars will, but there will have to be some changes, primarily in attitude.

Insofar as ability is concerned, the Cougars this year probably have the best talent in the league. They have height, speed and tremendous shooting ability.

But Houston did not impress us as a disciplined team. There was individual ability, but not the type of team play that will make Houston a consistent winner. They have the type of team that can win by 40 points this time, then lose by two to an inferior club the next time.

The recent Pro Bowl game wasn't, as Frank Gifford inadvertently said, "the last game of the year," it was the last game of the 1974 season.

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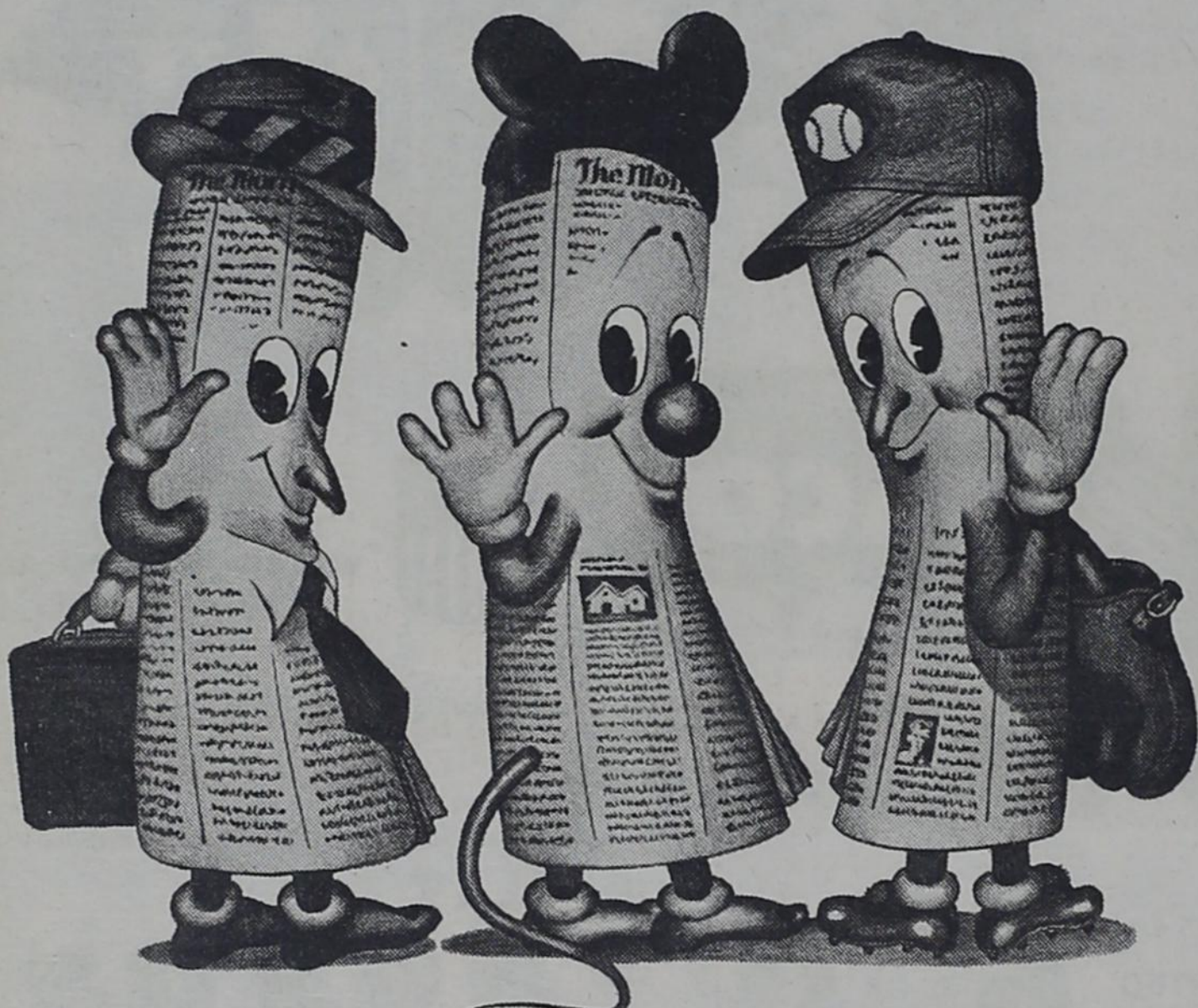
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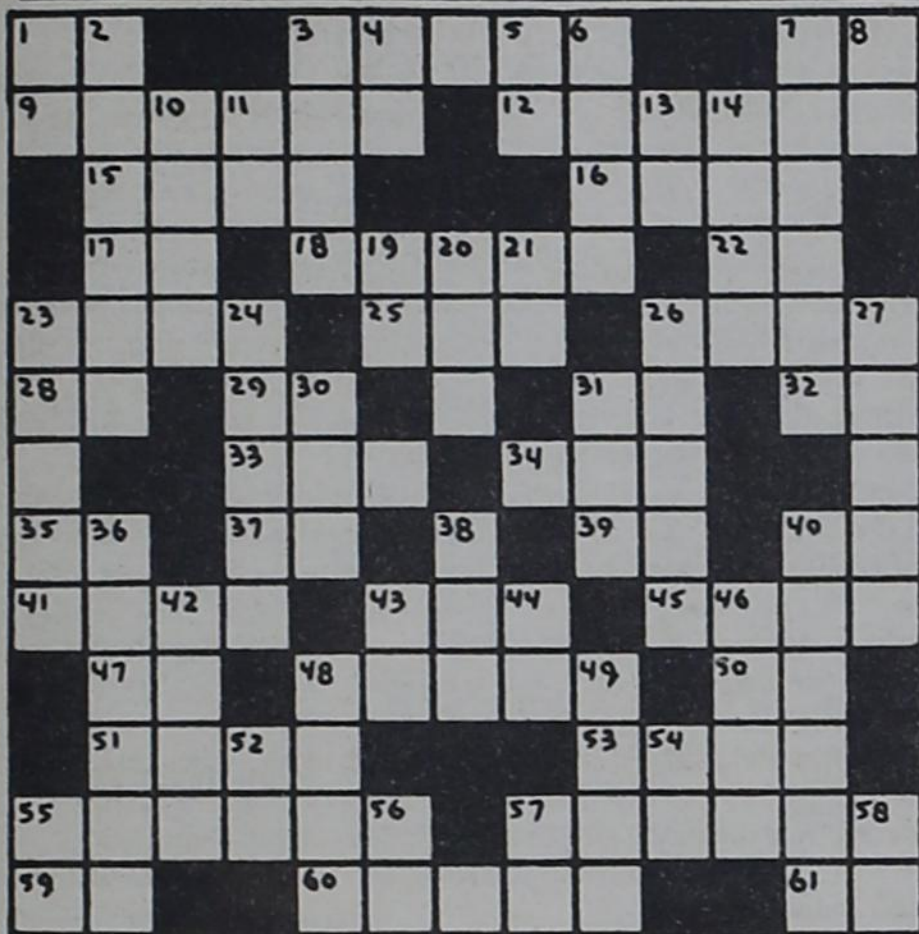
Advertising is everybody's business.

people lose jobs. And if certain Texas companies could possibly be ordered not to advertise, who would be next? Maybe your company?

The next time you think about advertising, think about free speech and the right of one person to communicate with another. It's all the same thing.

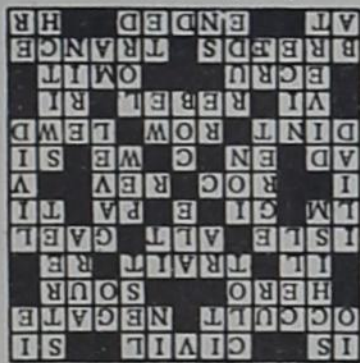
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CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon



- A CROSS**
- 1 - Exists
 - 3 - Courtly
 - 7 - Senior's yes
 - 9 - Mysterious
 - 12 - Nullify
 - 15 - Leander's beloved
 - 16 - "... grapes!"
 - 17 - ILLINIUM (chem.)
 - 18 - Characteristic
 - 22 - In reference
 - 23 - ... of Capri
 - 25 - The tops in music
 - 26 - A Celt
 - 28 - Roman 950
 - 29 - American soldier
 - 31 - Parent
 - 32 - Musical note
 - 33 - Mythological bird
 - 34 - Step up the engines
 - 35 - Public note
 - 37 - Printer's unit
 - 39 - Pronoun
 - 40 - Silicon (chem.)
 - 41 - Force
 - 43 - Brawl
 - 45 - Unchaste
 - 47 - Two triples in old Rome

- 48 - Be insubordinate
 - 50 - U. S. eastern state (abb.)
 - 51 - Color shade
 - 53 - Neglect
 - 55 - Generates
 - 57 - Coma
 - 59 - Preposition
 - 60 - Completed
 - 61 - Time unit (abb.)
- DOWN**
- 1 - Zeus's beloved
 - 2 - Separation
 - 3 - Coagulate
 - 4 - Pronoun
 - 5 - Preposition
 - 6 - For fear that
 - 7 - Public way
 - 8 - That is (abb.)
 - 10 - Small room
 - 11 - Abraham's birthplace
 - 13 - Proceed
 - 14 - Emanation
 - 19 - Sun god
 - 20 - Brew
 - 21 - Pronoun
 - 23 - Homer's epic
 - 24 - Heron
 - 26 - Authoritative hammer
 - 27 - Dull blue
 - 30 - Electric atom
 - 31 - Religious bench
 - 36 - Amuse
 - 38 - Mr. Swan
 - 40 - Change
 - 42 - Fastidious
 - 43 - Regarding
 - 44 - Pronoun
 - 46 - Ireland
 - 48 - Uncivil
 - 49 - Title of nobility
 - 52 - Rhenium (chem.)
 - 54 - Parent
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Most of us can find an excuse for doing what we want to do when we want to do it.

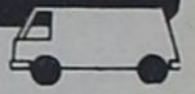
It's best to judge your friends by what they do rather than by what they say.

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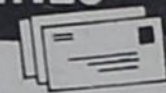
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Olympic Athlete to Speak to Library Lunch Bunch

Attending the Olympics is one thing, but participating in the Olympics is quite an unusual experience and not one that many are privileged to enjoy. Mr. Joshua Owusu, a graduate student from Ghana, at Texas Tech, and a participant in the 1972 Olympics will speak to the Library Lunch Bunch on February 4 concerning his experiences as an Olympic athlete. The thirty minute program begins at 12:15 p.m. in the Community Room of the Mahon Library, 1306 9th Street.

Mr. Owusu competed in the long jump, placing fourth, losing by less than one half inch. He plans to compete in the 1976 Olympic games in Montreal. He will answer questions from the audience concerning his Olympic participation.

The program is open to the public. Coffee is furnished by the library and a sack lunch may be brought to the meeting, if desired.

James Host Bridge Club

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie James were hosts Saturday night to the

monthly meeting of the couples bridge club.

Refreshments of cake and coffee were enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Dub Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. Don Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Louis McMenamy, Mr. and Mrs. B.H. Thomas Jr., and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Shropshire.

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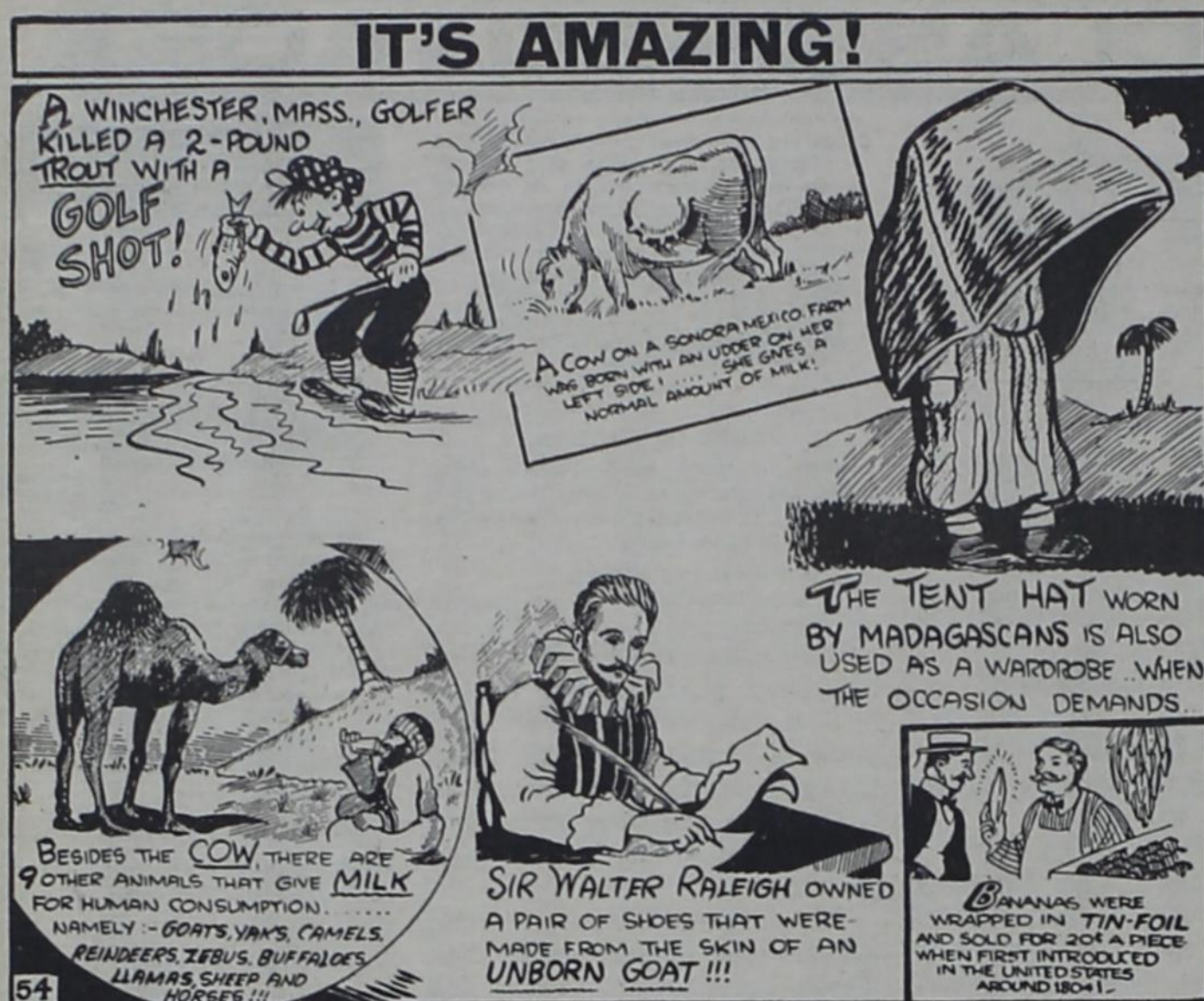
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- Tuesday, February 4**
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 French Bread, Butter
 Pound Cake, Milk
- Wednesday, February 5**
 Barbecue Pork on Bun
 French Fries, Pickles
 Cole Slaw, Dressing
 Chocolate Cake, Milk
- Thursday, February 6**
 Fish, Tartar Sauce
 Macaroni and Cheese
 Spinach
 Hot Rolls, Butter
 Apricots, Milk
- Friday, February 7**
 Southern Fried Chicken
 Potato Chips, Applesauce
 Peas with White Sauce
 Hot Rolls, Jelly, Milk

Ropes Needle Club Meets

The Ropes Needle Club met at the home of Mrs. Loweta Abney, Thursday, January 23.

There were 12 members present. They were: Hixie Tipps, Myrtle Teaff, Jewell Whitner, Faye Rogers, Viedna Darby, Kathleen Armstrong, Louise Sylvester, Tressie Exum, Jessie Thomas, Imogene Redford, Ruby Drake and the hostess.

They quilted a quilt, and each lady carried a covered dish and lunch was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Kathleen Armstrong.

Home Highlights

by Jewel Robinson
Hockley County Extension Agent
Helping Children
Adjust To Divorce

With divorce on the increase in Texas, many couples are faced with the problem of how to explain a separation to their children.

Of approximately 64,000 divorces in Texas last year, slightly more than half involved children. Parents can help their children adjust to the new relationships if they are aware of the children's feelings during this stressful time. For young children the circumstances leading to a divorce and the actual separation will create mixed feelings. The child is probably aware that some problem exists between his parents long before the divorce occurs.

He may feel guilty for some of his past actions and believe he is to blame for the problems his parents are having. A child may feel some hostility and rejection because he is being left by one of his parents.

It is important to help the child understand that the divorce is not his fault. Parents should emphasize that they are separating because they can't live together happily, not because of something the child has done.

The child needs reassurance that he will still have a mother and father who love him, even though they will not all be living together. He needs to know that both parents want to be with him as much as possible.

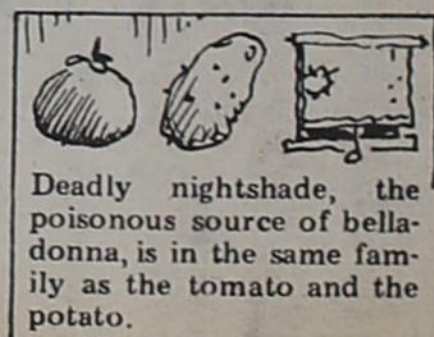
Parents can help a child to accept the situation realistically by explaining what is happening and why. The child needs to understand and accept the fact that his parents will not get married again, that things will never be like they were before the divorce because the relationships have changed.

When a child knows what to expect, he will feel more secure and less anxious. Parents should decide who the child will live with and where they will be living. As soon as plans are complete, it is time to explain to the child what will happen.

It's also important to have some agreement between the parents about the type of guidance and discipline the child needs. Consistent relations with each parent will be less confusing to the child.

This will be a good year for those who strive to move ahead.

Never ask for a favor unless you are ready to grant one.



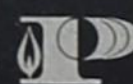
Tex Watson talks about The West Texas Gas Supply

You hear a great deal about the competition for the natural gas in West Texas these days. It is rightfully a matter of interest and concern to every citizen of this area. It has some serious implications.

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