

Railroad Commission Candidate Hits Utility Companies
Wolfforth Ambulance and Fire Department News in Highlight
by Carol Drake
Wolfforth's volunteer ambu-
lance aided two students and an expectant mother during the past week.
On Tuesday afternoon, the ambulance service responded to a School where a young student had injured his back. Ma Henry, Jose Rosales, Ricky Drake, and the school nurse treated the child before transporting him to the Reese Air Base Hospital.
Last Thursday, the unit was Road. Ricky Fortenoy, a Cooper High School student, was treated for cuts and abrasions he received during a collision with a county-owned vehicle. Jose Ro-
sales, Ma Henry, and Carol Drake treated the young man before taking him to West Texas Hospital.
Early Sunday morning, the Wolfforth ambulance assisted threatening miscarriage. The woman was taken to St. Mary's Hospital by Ronald Drake, Ma Henry, and Jim Phillippe.
The Wolfforth Volunteer emergency medical service held their regular monthly meeting in the Drake home Tuesday night.
Discussion centered on the district meeting held the night before in Lubbock, which was attended by Ronald and Carol Drake, and Rickey and Shelley McWhorter.

EMS officials representing the Lubbock County Hospital District procedures and problems encountered or anticipated by existing EMS units.
The group, consisting of representatives from Abernathy,
Slaton, and Wolfforth, was shown a portable incubator acquired by EMS. The unit is kept at a temperature of 90 degrees and
will be used whenever a premature birth is anticipated. The unit will come from Lubbock


Large Texas C otton Crop Looms in Season Ahead
Attractive cotton prices could mean a big cotton crop in Texas this year.
That assessment comes from Dr. Bob Metzer, cotton specialist
for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "According to a U.S. DepartTexas farmers are planning to increase their cotton acreage this year by about 10 per cent," notes
Metzer. "That would mean an Metzer. "That would mean an from the 1975 crop of 4.3 million acres. However, should sorghum and soybean prices soften before planting starts, Texas cotton acreage could move as high as five million acres."
According to the Texas A\&M University System specialist, the will come in the Rio Grande Valley where producers are expected to double last year's acreage. Cotton
acreage should also increase in the Coastal Bend and in the Central Texas Blacklands. All of these areas had a drop in cotton acreage in 1975 due to low cotton prices
and high sorghum prices. In the state's prime cotton country of the High and Rolling Plains, Metzer expects only a
slight increase in cotton acreage over 1975 plantings because there is less opportunity for expanding the crop. The cotton acreage in
the Plains has remained generally stable in recent years.
"Across the Cotton Belt, cotton

Labeling utility rate pass"state and national scandal," Lane Denton, democratic candidate for the Texas Railroad Commission, Tuesday said he would conduct an
independent study to audit utility company books to see if such fuel adjustment passthroughs were justified.

The only figures we have are the ones who are being supplied by the industry, the three time
Waco legislator said at the Southpark Inn. "No one knows whether the cost passthroughs are justified. Making the utilities
open up their books and present the whole facts, that's where the railroad commission has to step in."
Last year, Denton said, the rate passthroughs cost Texans $\$ 1$ charged for administrative, entertainment, and travel expenses for company executives, he said. Fuel adjustment passthroughs
have been banned in 11 other states, and four attorney generals have ruled the cost passthroughs unconstitutional.
"In many places, farmers cannot afford to run their irrigation pumps by natural gas power
because of its outrageous cost," the legislator said. "During the current period of drought, the situation becomes an emergency for the farmer." costs," he paid Bea of fuel companies are not regulated, they do not have to negotiate for the said, and they can be "wasteful and inefficient" in their handling of the energy source.
The former school teacher said elected, to lobby for Texas' railroad interest.
'We don't have anybody pushing to develop our railroads in Texas," Denton said. Citing a proposed Amtrak route between Atlanta and Los Angeles, the
one-time all-district basketball player said the route "should go through Lubbock.
"It's important to go to
Washington and lobby for Texas' railroad service."
Denton also said he would sponsor attempts to obtain federal
money for alternative energy sources.
"No one is lobbying to get funds for solar energy," he said. Denton said West Texas was ideal for such research with its climate and the location of Texas Tech
University. In addition, he described a method for solid waste disposal currently being used in St. Louis which mixes the trash
with lignite for a cheap energy source.
Another alternative energy Another alternative energy
source Denton said he would try to develop was the use of geothermal energy in
which leads to El Paso.
Denton will continue on to Morton and Turkey in West Texas before returning to Waco. Lane Denton has sponsored legislation during his three terms utility regulation, better ethics in government, and educational
improvements. In 1975, he received the "Outstanding Legis-
lative Award in Agriculture",


Frenship High School principal Clyde Strong receives a check for $\$ 172$ from Raul Saenz, Joe Johnny Rosales, and Patty Johnson. The money, which will be donated to the March of Dimes, was raised at a dance sponsored by the Frenship High FTA and FHA chapters.
Wolfforth Ambulance
Continued From Page One be held again this weekend on Saturday and Sunday. The hours are 9 to 6 Saturday, and 1 to 6 Sunday. If you wish to donate anything to the sale,
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## Frenship High Hosts Pageant

by Ronda Newsome Frenship High School held its first Mr. and Mrs. Ugly Pageant Tuesday, February 24, 1976. The Spanish Club sponsored the event.

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## Teacher Spotlight

Mr. Shaw is a native of Blair Oklahoma. He graduated from Blair High School before attend ing college at Midwest University in Texas. He holds a teaching in Texas. He holds a teaching degree from Southeastern Uni versity in Blair, Oklahoma, with a major in mathematics and history
The algebra teacher taught his first two years in Texas, and then moved to Oregon where he taught or 14 years. He returned to Blair Okia., to teach for two years, and then moved to Texas. At Frenship, Mr. Shaw teaches high chool algebra and geometry.
He is married to the former Myrna Loa Dean, and they have two children, Scott age 8, and Lana age 5.

## 7th Grade Tigers

The 7th grade Tigers closed out their 1975-76 basketball season with a big win over the Slaton Tigers. This victory gave the Tigers the district championship. The Tigers were host to the Slaton Tigers and defeated them by a score of $18-15$. The ballgame was a defensive struggle right up the final buzzer. Frenship Frenship Tigers scoring points in the championship game were David McKinney with 10 points, followed closely by Keith Ayers with 6 points. Pat Gaston rounded out the scoring with 2 points. Defensively for the Tigers, Mike Rodriquez, Nicky Schmidt and Pat Gaston played an outstanding game.
The Tigers have had a successful year and finished the season with 17 wins and 2 losses. In district play they finished with a 9-1 record. The distric champions are proud of their success and are turning their attention to track and are hoping for a successful year

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## SPORTS

by Joe Kelly
In a family, when a child misbehaves, father takes said child into the woodshed, or the equivalent, and chastises said child. Usually, he meets out some additional punishment.
For years the Southwest Conference was a family. It took great pride in telling everyone that it didn't need outside assistance or direction, it would take care of its own problems. And for years it did deal directly with problems within the circle.
At the same time, member institutions stayed pretty much in line. If they strayed outside the bounds, the conference pulled them. Punishment was doled out in accordance to the rules. Guilty members swallowed and accepted the decision.
The NCAA respected the Southwest Conference and usually went along without additional investigation or punishment. It knew that the conference ran a good operation.
Everyone in the United States, under our judicial situation, is considered innocent until proven guilty. This is the way our founding fathers saw fit to rule and succeeding generations have gone along with this as being fair.
For years in the SWC the ruling fathers dealt with problems on this basis. After a closed door hearing had been held, action was taken. The innocent were cleared, or the guilty accepted their punishment.
Texas A\&M has defied this and, in the process, dirtied the "family" operation. A\&M defied the conference, took the case of two ineligible-ruled basketball players to court and, in the process, probably opened Pandora's box.
What is most disturbing is the arrogance shown. Not only has A\&M defied the conference, it has openly sneered at the ruling and, in effect, said that it is bigger than the conference.
The tragic thing is that intercollegiate athletics have been dragged into the courts, thus bypassing both the ruling conference and the overall judicial body, the NCAA. If you don't like rules and regulations, overall judicial body, the NCAA. If you don the
There is no place in so-called amateur athletics for courts to become There is no place in so-called amateur athletics for courts to become involved. Both the conference
the ability, to judge honestly.
In drawing down the opposition of the conference, A\&M has virtually In drawing down the opposition of the conference, A\&M has virtually
invited the NCAA to make an investigation, providing the SWC is invited the NCAA to make an inves
And the NCAA is likely to go farther afield than just baksetball. It might well dig deep into the overall program. Indeed, such delving might be similar to dynamiting an iceberg after the top of the berg had been exposed.
The word we have is that the conference is on solid ground. We will, of course, find out later if this is true. And the whole affair may surface-if politics doesn't enter into it.
Back in 1967 Texas blew the whistle on A\&M, but when the conference considered the matter, Texas reversed its position and A\&M was cleared. The story was that politicians, to whom intercollegiate athletics means little, entered the picture
The politicians, in effect, told Texas that theyheld sway over the purse strings, and what was good for one, was good for another. In other strings, and what was goo
words, back down or else
Texas yielded to that pressure, which brings up the question, can lightning strike twice? This time a Texas coach, Leon Black, admitted lightning strike twice? This time a Texas coach, Leon Black, admitted disclosing "facts" t
in capitol letters.
Leon Black went up 100 percent in our estimation for doing what he thought was right, whether he is substantiated or not. He has been, and will be, villified by many who share the philosophy that winning, at any expense, is the only way
Leon may well lose his job. If so, it will be a rotten miscarriage of justice. But he will be the winner in the long run. He should be praised, and defended, for his stand.
How the A\&M action contrasts with Texas Tech. The Raiders played an ineligible man, Norman Reuther, by irony an assistant coach now at A\&M.
When the conference office informed Tech that it had found Reuther ineligible, Tech investigated, found the evidence correct, and forfeited games in which Reuther had played. It cost Tech the championship, but Tech gained respect.

The basketball Raiders close out their conference season tonight against Houston and I, for one, hope that every seat in the Coliseum is filled. It should be.
There's no disgrace in finishing second, especially this year, and West Texas fans ought to give a rousing ovation to the seniors who have been the backbone of this outstanding club-Rick Bullock, Grady Newton and Rudy Liggins.
It's been a great season and the tournament is still to come. And, if Tech wins tonight, it will make only the fourth Tech squad ever to win 20 Tech wins tonight, it will make only the fourth Tech squad ever to win 20
games in a season, maybe the first ever to win 20 during the regular games in a season, maybe the first
season, excluding post season play.

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The Ropes Eagles smashed Sundown to take the lead in the second half of district play. Led by the 27 points of Randy Melton, the Eagles outscored Sunday 71-51. Riky Streety netted 15 for the Riky Streety netted 15 for the
winners while Gary Means had 12, Monte Moore 10, Jeff Arnwine 4 and Dicki Arant had 3.
The Eagles also defeated Smyer $79-65$ to win the $7-B$ second half district title. Leading the scoring district title. Leading the scoring Randy Melton 10 points, Randy Melton had 10 rebounds, Randy Melton had 20 points, Monte Moore, Riky Streety and Dicki Arant had 8 points each. Brad Pettiet scored 7, Jeff
Arnwine had 2 and Tim Berry one Arnwi
point. point.
The Eagles then lost to New Home by only 9 points, $73-62$, for the district title. Monte Moore led the Eagles with 16 points while Randy Melton controlled the boards with 12 rebounds. Randy Melton had 13 points, Gary Means 10, Riky Streety 8, Jeff Arnwine and Dicki Arant had 6 points.
The Eagles ended the season with a 25-8 record and a district record of 13-2. Coach Don Parker and the entire Eagle team did a great job this year and the Ropes community are proud of them.

## Bridal Shower to Honor Miss Pat Bevers at Ropes

There will be a bridal shower honoring Pat Bevers, bride-elect of Randy Smith, Saturday, March 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the home of Mrs. Sidney McSpadden Ropesville.

## PARENTS CAN DIRECT

LOVES IN CHILDREN'S LIVES
Parents play an important role in creating an environment where the "loves in our lives" can grow and develop.
Children need other "loves" in their lives besides the affection they learn to express for friends and family.
Four special loves can help children become independent, self-confident adults.
-Love of learning. Stimulate enthusiasm for new skills, new places and new ideas. If children feel good about learning, they will enjoy it instead of fearing failure or poor grades on their report cards. Encouraging a love of learning in children can result in a desire to learn which will remain with them always.
-Love of liberty. Allow freedom-appropriate to the child's age and abilities-to touch, taste, explore, play, choose friends and even make noise. Children learn to love liberty become independent and develop a sense of adventure if they are not over-disciplined. Too many "no's" or "don't" can result eventually in a passive adult who lacks self-confidence or initiative -Love of law. Set reasonable limits geared to each child's age, developmental level and abili-ties-and explain to the child why the rules are necessary. Reasonable limits provide a guide for the child; they help him understand what is acceptable behavior. Don't what is acceptable behavior. Don't
feel guilty for saying "no." Rules feel guilty for saying "no." Rules and respect for laws.
and respect for laws.
-Love of life. Show your child he is loved and valued as a person. Wisely control the use of criticism-it can be defeating to a child. Children who are unsure of themselves may be afraid of others and suspicious of anyone who is different. When children feel good about themselves, they want to grow and change and improve their skills, and they will learn to be friendly with oth
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There is a man I know well in this town who has an unusual but easily rognizable name. It is Billy Graham. Not THE Billy Graham but namesake, you might say, who has a birthday just passed. He is, really William R. Graham (Bill) who was born Feb. 2, 1926, in El Paso and came to Lubheck in April 1953 . Shortly thereafter, in 1954, he started with to Lubbock in April of 1953 . Shortly thereafer, in 1954, he started with the Lubbock Fire Department. Then, in January of 1959, he was promoted to driver with the department. Now he has retired, as of Feb this bearded, genial man has been suffering from a respiratory ailment this bearded, genial man has been sufler
Bill has a son, Russell, who lives in Amarillo and his mother, Elsie Bill has a son, Russell,
But Bill Graham is of Lu's his birthday, his service and his dedication. It's nice to number him as a friend.
Now we have one new movie to talk about and some notes about the abundance of live stage entertainment that is available to us all this weekend.

The movie is called "Lucky Lady" and is currently at Showplace 4. It's not a very good movie. It's a big one, simple because it lists three top-ranking stars in its cast, but in this case names do not necessarily mean quality. Gene Hackman is the Kibby of the film, big-eyed Liza Minnelli, who still reminds you of her late mother, Judy Garland, is Clair; and hairy-chested, but not necessarily hairy-talented, Burt Reynolds is Walker.
Now, these three stars met under the Twentieth Century-Fox banner to make a movie estimated at $\$ 12$ million, under the heavy hand of the usually estimable Stanley Donen. What finally emerged out of the Mexican seacoast is a prohibition era charade about booze smuggling with over (and under) tones of whimsy, bawdy humor and genera nonsense.
Somehow, in this overlong ( 117 minutes), really dull movie, the PG rating comes under scrutiny. The language is rough, my friends, and one thinks back to Judy Garland, as her daughter mouths some language that that estimable lady would never have permitted on screen or stage. Times have indeed changed
Miss Minnelli has no "Cabaret" in this one and the frequent close-up shots on the big screen seem to focus on her wide and starry eyes. In fact, so much that one longs to see her teemed with Marty Feldman (Sherlock Holmes' Smarter Brother) for the eye-popping team of the year.
George Segal was supposed to play one of the leads but illness forced him out and Hackman took over. That was not so hot for the ultimate outcome of this film. His is not this sexy flair movie ability and, if anything, his teaming with the more predictable Reynolds-Minnelli anything, his teaming with the more predictable Rey
There is some good work by Michael Holdern, the ship captain; John
Ther ancomfortable sense of miscasting. There is some good work by Michael Holdern, the ship captain; John
Hillerman, the murderous hood; Geoffry Lewis, the Coast Guarder; and Hillerman, the murderous hood
The Fred Ebb-John Kander music for Minnelli has been singled out for Academy Award nomination but what they have provided is not too memorable.
"Lucky Lady" is a romp, but don't take it too seriously. It's an also-ran.
This is
This is, as usual, being written in the dawning hours of Tuesday. And with this day we start a run of attendance at no less than four "live" stage plays being offered this week to Lubbock audiences. For example, we hie off to the country tonight (Tuesday) for the opening performace of the Hayloft Dinner Theater's new comedy, "Three for the Money." This one will run most of March at the rustic playhouse and we'll comment on this one next week.
We'll also be talking about the Lubbock Theatre Centre Arthur Miller drama about the Salem witch hunts, "The Crucible," which opens Friday (tomorrow) and runs through Tuesday, with a matinee on Sunday afternoon at $2: 30$. The play is being directed by June Bearden, the longtime and expert drama head at Lubbock Christian College. Mrs. Bearden (Mrs. James) has for a long time wanted to direct this particular drama and our anticipation is high.
Also tomorrow (Friday), the University Theater comes back into the production fold with the opening of the Tennessee Williams' comedy, The Rose Tattoo. This is the tale of the lady who reveres her husband's ashes until her head is turned by a brawny successor. Anna Magnani, that wonderful Italian actress, now dead, made a memorable portrait of Serafina on the screen and the part is a love. Anticipation is high for this one, too.
And, if all this were not enough, the Texas Tech Lab Theater gets into the act, too, with a revival of R.C. Sheriff's forceful and moving account of British Tommies in the trenches, World War I, "Journey's End." This is a difficult, compelling play and the Lab Theater students have tackled tough one. We shall see.
The Theater Center play is at $8: 15$ p.m.; the two Tech entries have split times. The former is at $8: 15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. through Wednesday, while "Journey's End" will be see at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and then at 8:15 p.m. through Wednesday.
And to top it all off this Bicentennial year, the Lubbock Community Concert Association brings back the play with music, " 1776 " for its membership at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Monterey High School auditorium. Nothing to do, no place to go, in Lubbock? Don't you believe it. If we survive this onslaught, we'll fill you in on how it all comes out next time

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"CAPTURE OF TICONDEROGA"
One of the main objectives of the Continental Army was to prevent the British from using Canadian bases. The Americans also hoped to enlist the help of the French-Canadians in their struggle for fredom. In May. 1775 , Colonels Benedict Arnold and Ethan Allen, with
the help of Allen's Green Mountain Boys, captured the British Fort Ticonderoga as well as the help of Allen's Green Mountain boys, captured the british Fort Neonderoga as well
Crown Point. These two strongholds were on the main road between New York and Canada In addition to opening the way for an American advance into Canada, the capture of the collection of American National Insurance Company, Galveston. Texas

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## Youth Leadership Conference Scheduled at Texas Tech

Office Education Association's Area IV Youth Leadership Conference will be held on Friday March 5, and Saturday, March 6 at Texas Tech University. The participants are students enrolled in Vocational Office Education and Data Processing classes. There are approximately 30 high schools in the Panhandle and West Texas area that will participate.
The Conference registration and the first general session will be held in the Coronado Room at the University Center at 9:30 a.m. Friday. Business skill competition will be held in the Business Administration Building from 1 through 7 p.m. The second general session will be held at 8 p .m. in the BA Building, and area officers for 1976-77 will be elected.
Saturday an Awards Luncheon will be held in the University Center Ballroom. The program will include a Bicentennial theme-OEA is the American Way. Guest speaker at this Awards Luncheon will be Dr. W.R. Pasewark, Texas Tech Business Educator. New officers will be installed, and awards will be presented to the top winners of be eligible to compete in the Texas State Contest in Houston in April Approximately 400 high April. Approximately 400 high school Pam Don enter the contests. Pam Dean, graduate of Lubbock Monterey, will preside at the OEA general sessions as Area IV OEA President. Other officers partici pating will be Buddy Jennings, Amarillo Palo Duro, and Louanne Kindsfather, Hereford.
Mr. Billy Bell, Big Spring is Area IV Consultant and Mr Robert Gordon, Austin, is State Advisor of Vocational Office Education. Lubbock teacher-co ordinators hosting the event are

Miss Nelda Jobe, Mrs. Dot Park, Mrs. Sydney Askins, Mrs. Shirley Ponder, and Mrs. Barbara Clarkson. Assisting is Mrs. Diane Black, Crosbyton, VOE TeacherCoordinator.

## Ballet and Orchestra to Appear

 March 5th at Municipal AuditoriumThe Pennsylvania Ballet will booth and at Furr's Family appear in performance with the Center. Tech students may Pennsylvania Orchestra at the purchase tickets for half price at Lubbock Municipal Auditorium on the UC Ticketbooth. For ticket Saturday, March 6, 8:00 p.m. Tickets are priced at $\$ 2.25, \$ 3.00$, $\$ 4.50$ and $\$ 6.00$, and are on sale at the University Center Ticket-
information call 742-3380
This program is sponsored by the Texas Tech University Center

## from the National Endowment for

 the Arts and the Texas Commission on the Arts and Humanities.The Pennsylvania Ballet is one of the top five ballet companies in the U.S. and the only one who hails from outside New York City. The Company is unfailingly resourceful, stylish, disciplined, and it dances with the special vigor born of dedication .

## REMEMBERING...

The Blacksmith Shop Dad ran a blacksmi point or hammered two ur house our house and so we kids "forge weld." The grinder practically grew up in it. would send bright orange There were so many sparks, first circling the fascinating things to see in stone then spraying out in all the shop, things to hear, hings to touch and fiddle

The coal forge was the first hing you noticed. Its blower would shoot hot sparks up at the roof and put out black moke that hovered about in the rafters, settling there on wood already blackened. Beside the forge was the slack tub, a large iron It was used for cooling hot iron and heat treating metal Iron plunged under the water would hiss and send up white steam. The water would bubble and boil.
Across one side of the shop were all the motor driven machines. One motor powered all the pieces of equipment by means of a arge, long shaft high up near the rafters, with gears on it. Long, flat belts ran from the shaft down to the machines. There were grinders, drill presses, and an awesome thing called a trip hammer. The trip hammer made a loud WHAP! WHAP! WHAP! everyone needed a knew they would pay when
blacksmith because, in those the crop came in or when
days new parts were seldom People stopped by each day,
bought. The old ones were either to get something fixed

or to just talk. They talked about the weather mostly, I guess because it was so
important to them farmers and ranchers. They couldn't always pay for the work when it was done but Dad would do it anyway. He knew they would pay when the crop came in or when either to get something fixed times got better. Sometimes have
they would pay with a ham or bushel of fresh "roastneers" or maybe by doing ork on our farm
It was dirty work and I'm sure it was hard on Dad but it was honest and it made us a living. It also taught me many things about tools and equipment and people that I have since found most helpful. directions as high as the
rafters and as far as the rafters and as far as the
wall. There was the anvil on wall. There was the anvil on
the huge block of wood with its hamemer ringing as it struck. There were different types of tongs for handling hot iron. Hanging from the rafters were things blackened with soot from years of storage, kept because someday they might be needed. There were sacks of fresh coal for the forge,
work benches, tool bins and work benches, tool bins and boxes and heaps of assorted
junk, broken parts and junk, broken parts and
discarded pieces. The place was like a wonderland of stuff for a young boy to build just about anything he could dream up. The scrap pile always yielded enough parts to devise some toy or add the finishing touches to exciting new invention. blacksmith shop for miles around, we got to meet mos of the people in the com of the people in the com-
munity. Sooner or later days new parts were seldom
bought. The old ones were usually repaired or rebuilt.


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