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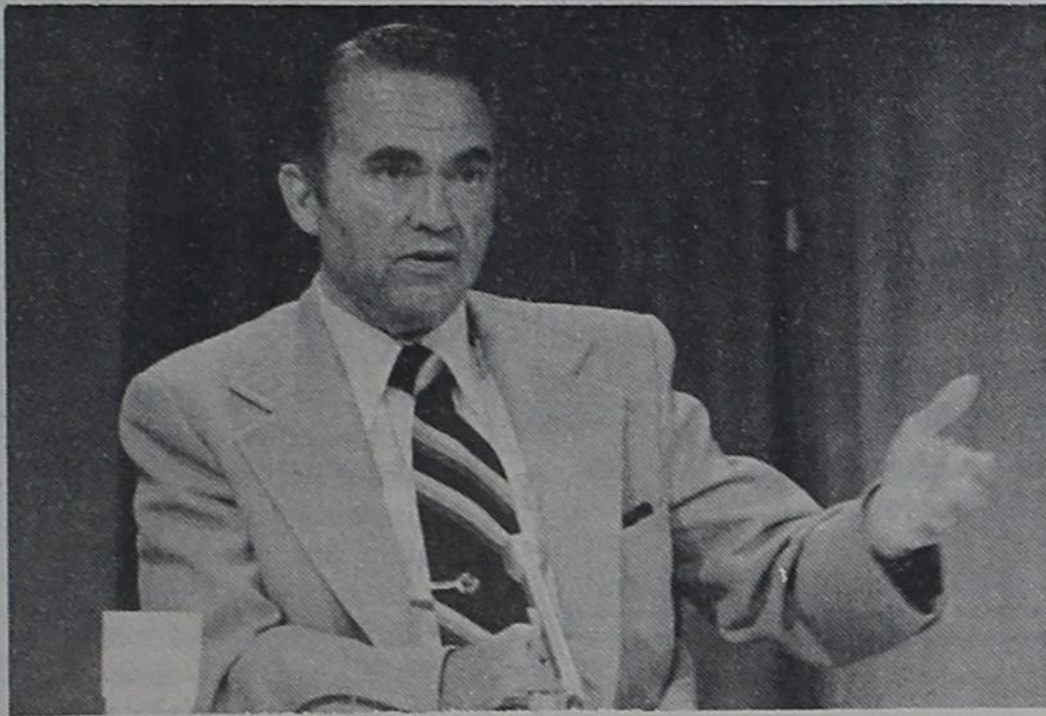
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4-Hers Vie for Honors Saturday



George Wallace hands television viewers a choice in the May 1 Democrat presidential primary. Wallace was in Lubbock last week to solicit votes for his campaign.

During his brief Lubbock visit, the governor of Alabama appeared at a local television studio to tape an interview program. He dismissed statements that he was out of the presidential race, claiming he had received the second highest popular vote total in the Democrat primaries so far.

George Wallace also said the best way to cut down on crime was to jail criminals. In response to questions about the similarity between his and Ronald Reagan's views, Wallace said that people running for president were coming around to what he had been saying over the years.

Some 350 4-H'ers from 20 counties across the South Plains converge in Lubbock this Saturday (April 24) for the annual District 4-H Roundup.

Senior winners of that event will advance to state competition in College Station in June.

The contests, which are to be held on the Texas Tech University campus, will include team competition in livestock, dairy and horse judging, and rifle skills.

Awards ceremonies begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Tech University Center.

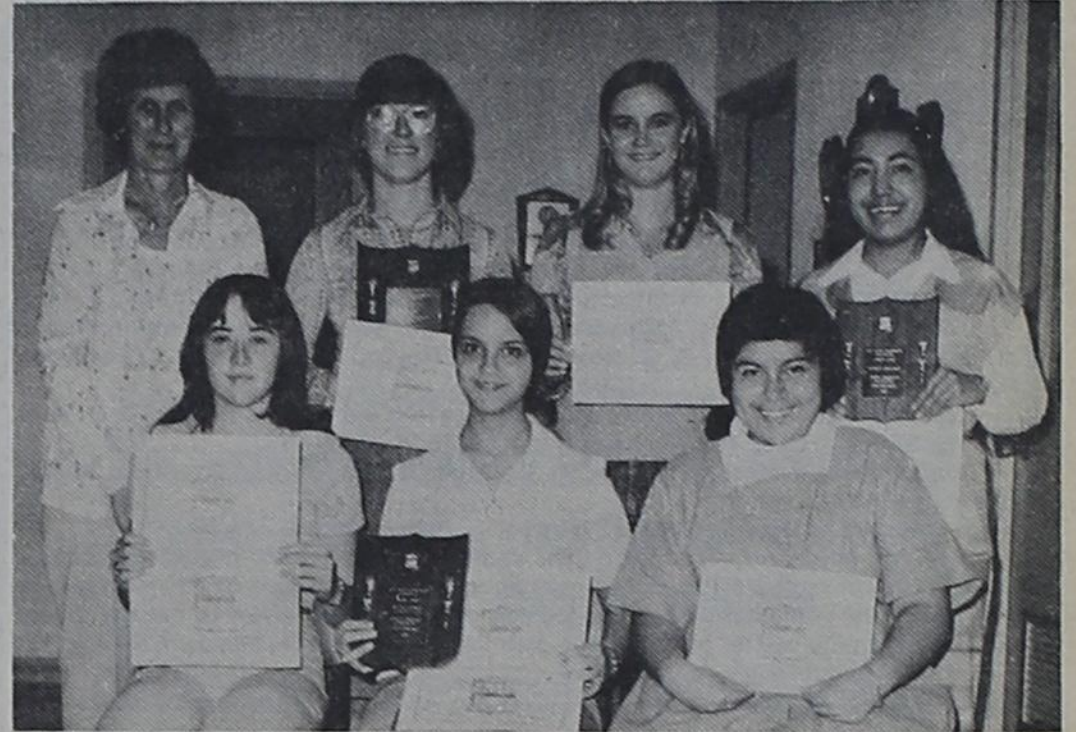
District winners will compete against top finishers from the other 13 districts of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in June at State 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University.

Competition will also be held in the junior division, with the top teams in each qualifying for honor ribbons. Junior division winners, however, will not compete beyond the district level.

One round of district competition already has netted winners of the annual 4-H Food Show. This event, featuring some 150 youths, was held in December. The top four seniors from that contest will compete in state 4-H roundup.

Another round of district contests will follow this Saturday's event on May 1. Winners of the 29 method demonstration contests from that final round will advance to State 4-H Roundup also.

Billy C. Gunter and Catherine B. Crawford of Lubbock, district agents for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, are coordinating the district contests.



OEA GROUP WINS AWARDS AT STATE MEET—The South Plains chapter of the Office Education Association won a number of plaques, certificates and a state office at the recent state OEA convention in Corpus Christi. Seated from left are Ann Tims, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Tims of Route 2, Muleshoe, winner of a fourth-place certificate in records management clerk; Karla Smart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smart of Farwell, SPC chapter secretary and winner of third in prepared verbal communications and fifth place in records management clerk; and Maria Vasquez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gavino Vasquez, Jr. of Brownfield, voting delegate to the state convention. Standing from left are Mrs. Lunette Dickson, OEA sponsor and chairman of the SPC business administration department; Ronda Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hahl of Littlefield, new state OEA secretary and president of the SPC chapter and winner of first place in secretary Level I; Barbara Nance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Nance of Sundown, chapter historian; and Hope Cervantez, daughter of Mrs. Guadalupe Rosales of Ropesville, second-place winner in medical secretary competition. The SPC chapter also took third in chapter of the year competition and fourth in display board. Misses Cervantez and Tims also served as voting delegates to the convention.

High Optimism Expressed For Plains Type Cotton

Just over 350 cotton producers and interested businessmen in Lubbock, April 7, heard two speakers voice general bullishness on demand and price prospects for U.S. cotton in 1976-77. Another expressed high optimism for the longer term future of Plains-type cottons "provided we continue to do things in what is truly the American way."

The occasion was the 19th annual meeting of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., area cotton producer association representing 25 counties surrounding Lubbock. Following the membership gathering, the organization's newly confirmed 50-man Board of Directors re-elected PCG President W.B. Criswell of Idalou, Vice President Lloyd Cline of Lamesa and Secretary Treasurer Joe D. Unfred of New Home. Each was returned to office for a second one-year term.

Both Richard Bell, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for International Affairs and Commodity Programs, and David Cox, Director of Cotton Incorporated's Economic Research and Development Division, presented world cotton carryover, production and consumption trends that point to no more than adequate, and possibly "tight" cotton supplies for the next 12 to 18 months.

Speaking under the title "Producers: Cotton Marketing Force of the Future," Cox praised cotton growers for prudent marketing of 1975 crops. "By not dumping cotton onto the market in times of slack demand and depressed prices," he stated, "you put an additional \$75 million into your own pockets and did your mill customers a favor by helping prevent widely fluctuating prices."

Slanting his annual report toward the Bicentennial theme, PCG Executive Vice President

Donald Johnson outlined numerous opportunities that exist for High Plains producers to solve production problems and improve markets for High Plains cotton. He emphasized the advantages of area cottons in open-end spinning plants and said he looked forward to a bright future for the High Plains cotton industry "so long as we continue to approach these problems and opportunities in what is truly the American way—not sitting back waiting for things to happen, but making them happen through individual commitment to group effort."

"Not idly complaining about what government does, but working with government to get things done right. Not complaining because the boll weevil is about to eat us up, but doing something to stop him."

"Not giving up when silt and other diseases hit, but spending a part of our income to finance research to produce disease-resistant varieties."

"Not accepting as inevitable the loss of income from early freezes, but directing and helping to finance the research necessary to develop faster maturing varieties, new production systems, etc."

"Not merely complaining because our cotton doesn't have a great reputation with textile mills, but doing the research under mill conditions that proves our cotton's value."

"That is the American way, and that is the PCG way," Johnson concluded.

Hockley County Records Twenty Accidents in March

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated 20 accidents on rural highways in Hockley County during the month of March, 1976, according to Sergeant H.E. Pirtle, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

Novelist to Appear at LCC

Novelist Earnest Gaines, whose book "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman" was made into CBS' nine Emmy-Award-winning television special, will speak on the Lubbock Christian College campus April 23 and 24.

Gaines will present "Miss Jane Pittman: Messages Through Fiction" to the public at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. April 23 in the Mabee American Heritage Auditorium on the LCC campus. Each lecture will be followed by a reception also open to the public.

Gaines will also appear at a Saturday morning session beginning with a coffee at 9:30 a.m. in the Sue Stevens Reading Room of the Mabee American Heritage Building. Starting at 10 a.m. the writer will give readings, comments and responses to questions. Area teachers are especially invited to attend the speech in the Mabee Auditorium.

At noon Saturday a luncheon honoring Miss Jane's creator will be held in the LCC Betty Hancock Student Center. Tickets may be reserved by calling the Center for Business and Economic Education, 792-3221, ext. 214. The price is \$2.00 per plate.

Gaines is appearing as the final speaker in a series entitled "A Symposium: Discourse and Discovery in Freshman English" which is jointly sponsored by the Center for Business and Economic Education and the LCC Department of English.

Appliance Parade Set April 29th in Lubbock

An "Appliance Parade" will be open to consumers in the Lubbock area on Thursday, April 29 at the Precinct I Clubhouse, 5012 50th Street.

The all-day event gets underway at 10:30 a.m., and is open to the public with no admission charge.

Major appliances will be on display and company representatives will be available to visit with consumers and answer questions.

In the afternoon and evening, short program demonstrations will be presented on how to buy, use, and care for major appliances.

Beginning at 1:30 p.m., 20-minute programs followed by question and answer sessions will be presented during the afternoon, and again in the evening, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

A.D. Boon, Maytag representative, will give Laundry Tips.

Frenship All Sports Banquet Scheduled Next Tuesday

The Frenship High School varsity All Sports Banquet will be held Tuesday night, April 27th, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The banquet will honor all varsity athletes during the 1975-76 school year.

Guest speaker for the event will be Dr. Don Newbury, director of community relations for Tarrant County Junior College. Newbury has also addressed the Southwest Football Conference football banquet for the Baylor Bears.

Banquet tickets are \$2.50 and can be purchased from the high school coaching staff.

Martha Logan, associate professor of Home Management at Texas Tech, will demonstrate Kitchen Clean-Up equipment. Lynn Bourland, Specialist in Management of Family Resources will present a program on Keep Your Cool and Get Action. Micro-Wave Cooking will be demonstrated by Joy Parnell, Southwestern Public Service Company Home Service Advisor.

The event is sponsored by the Lubbock County Family Living Committee and Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Cooperation with major appliance manufacturers.

Commencement Exercises Scheduled

Commencement speaker for spring 1976 graduation exercises at South Plains College will be Dr. Roy C. McClung, president of Wayland Baptist College at Plainview.

Commencement ceremonies for 301 prospective graduates are scheduled at 10 a.m. May 7 in SPC's Texan Dome.

Dr. McClung, a native of Frederick, Okla., served a trustee of Wayland from 1960-63 before becoming president of the institution. He holds a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma Baptist University and both master and doctorate degrees in theology from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. McClung is active in civic, school and church affairs at Plainview. He and his wife, the former Genelle Bucklew, have three children, Dr. Michael R. McClung, Mrs. F.R. (Nancy) Chaddick, and Mark R. McClung.

Boy Scout Sustaining Membership Committee Reports Progress

A recent report meeting of the South Plains Council, Boy Scouts of America, Sustaining Membership Steering Committee, brought the total of the goal now reached to \$177,000, reported Dr. John Bradford, Chairman.

Several deviations are over their goal and it is anticipated that the Council will reach its total goal by April 26th.

Plans are being made for a Victory Dinner to be held on Tuesday, April 27th. Most encouraging reports are coming in every day and we are confident that our Council goal will be reached on our report date so that we may celebrate a great success of April 27th, Bradford stated.

Max Tidmore, Council President, stated that it is most

gratifying to see the great number of people who have worked so enthusiastically to make this membership enrollment successful. Thousands of our youth and Scout leaders will benefit from this successful venture with the help, program and facilities made available to them as a result of enrollment, Tidmore stated.

Los Pobres Theatre Company to Present Play at Tech

On Wednesday, May 5th, the Texas Tech University Center Programs Council along with MECHA and Los Chicanos, the Chicano student organizations of Tech, will present a cultural

theater company, "Los Pobres." Los Pobres, who are from El Paso, will have a showtime of 8 p.m. in the University Center's Ballroom. The subject of the play will come from J. Humberto Robles' "Los Desarraigados" or the "Uprooted." The basic concept deals with the cultural heritage of a family upon moving to a new country.

The group, who are very popular in the El Paso area, will be going to New York City for this particular production in September. They are also connected with Bicentennial celebration activities in the El Paso area. Admission to watch this brilliant theater group, who also do four other plays in Spanish and English, will be \$2.00 or half price with a Tech ID.

Attention Veterans

To help celebrate this bicentennial year, the local VFW Post #2466 will honor all Vietnam veterans with a free dinner and dance for them and their wives or dates, Friday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the local post located at 1505 34th Street.

All Korean war veterans welcome. Please bring a copy of or the original 214 with you.

Dinner is at 7 p.m. and the dance from 8:30 to midnight. Music by the Branded Four.

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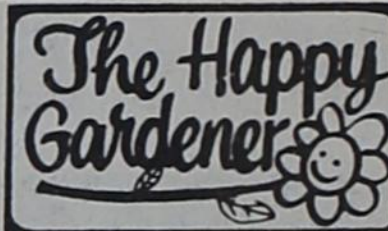
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A: Are indoor-growing kalanchoes considered succulents and should they be watered as infrequently?

A: The kalanchoes are succulents but they do require slightly more water and less sun than most of their relatives. Grow them in clay pots so you can tell how damp the lower levels of soil are by feeling the moisture on the outside of the pots. Only the top layer of soil—about an inch—should be allowed to dry out before the next watering. During winter months, slightly less water will help them get their beauty rest as they go into partial dormancy, but the rest of the year, keep them consistently well-watered.

Rachel Heredia worked in a bank but longed to be part of the medical profession. She went back to school.



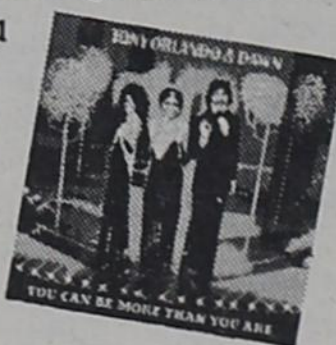
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Emergency Medical Services Committee Appointed by County Hospital District

An advisory committee for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System was appointed Monday by the board of managers of Lubbock County Hospital District.

The advisory group, to coordinate work of community agencies and improve service, includes five members from EMS stations within the county. They are J.D. Young of Shallowater, Jose Rosales of Wolfforth, Alex Webb of Slaton, Tim Ward of Idalou and Larry Fields of Abernathy.

Others on the committee are Bill Payne, Lubbock Civil Defense; Dr. Leslie Ansley, Lubbock-Crosby-Garza County Medical Society; Maj. C.W. Bell, Texas Department of Public

Safety; Capt. Jack Thomas, Lubbock Police Department; Dr. Royce Lewis, American Trauma Society; Mrs. Bonnie Jackson, Lubbock Christian College; and Chief Deputy Albert Smith, Lubbock County Sheriff's Office.

Harold P. Coston, executive director of Lubbock County Hospital District, reported progress in the emergency power generating system for Health Sciences Center Hospital and the Texas Tech University School of Medicine. He stated that the hospital staff has been able to remove 860 KVA's from the possible emergency load, and that if the medical school can help remove 202 more while keeping the building within code restrictions, an additional emergency generator will not be needed.

Honor Society at Tech Names First Male Member

The Texas Tech chapter of Mortar Board, previously an all-female senior honor society, accepted its first male member after nineteen years as a chapter of a nationally recognized service organization.

Ron Hutchison, of Dumas, and son of Mrs. Duane Smith of Dumas, an accounting major, was chosen out of ten men applying to the organization. In all, 33 Tech students were taped. Membership to this organization are selected on basis of scholarship, leadership and student service.

Taped for Mortar Board was Miss Jan Kassahn of Bovina who is a former student of Shallowater. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kassahn of Bovina.

Publicity is a dangerous habit; some people make fools of themselves over a little bit of it.

How long would it take you to get to an emergency room if you had a heart attack?

Family Reunion Unites Five Generations

The home of Mr. and Mrs. O.D. Sanders, who reside in the County Line community, was the scene of a family reunion of five generations recently in observance of Mrs. Will Sanders' 93rd March birthday.

The youngest member of the Sanders family attending the get together was Hillary Ann Queen of San Antonio who was born Dec. 28th and is Mrs. Will Sanders great-great-granddaughter.

Other members of the generation group were Mrs. O.D. Sanders, Hillary Ann's great grandmother, Mrs. Bill Allen of Pecos, her grandmother and her mother, Mrs. Dan Queen.

The happy event was attended by approximately twenty members of the Sanders family and a lovely birthday cake for Mrs. Sanders was made by Mrs. Rod Sanders.

Mrs. Sanders resides at Quaker Manor Nursing Home in Lubbock where she has lived the past two years.



Five Generations—Mrs. Will Sanders, Mrs. O.D. Sanders, Mrs. Bill Ann, Mrs. Mary Queen and Hillary Ann Queen.

Robert Sanders Receives Award

Thirteen-year-old Robert Sanders was awarded a superior rating certificate recently from the National Federation of Music Clubs.

Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rod Sanders, is a student of Mrs. Dovie Barron of the County Line Community.

The active seventh grader has been taking piano lessons from Mrs. Barron for only a year and by receiving this rating he has shown a great accomplishment in his love for music in such a short time.

Shallowater 4-H Club Meets

Members of the Shallowater 4-H Club met Monday night at 7 o'clock in the Community Club House.

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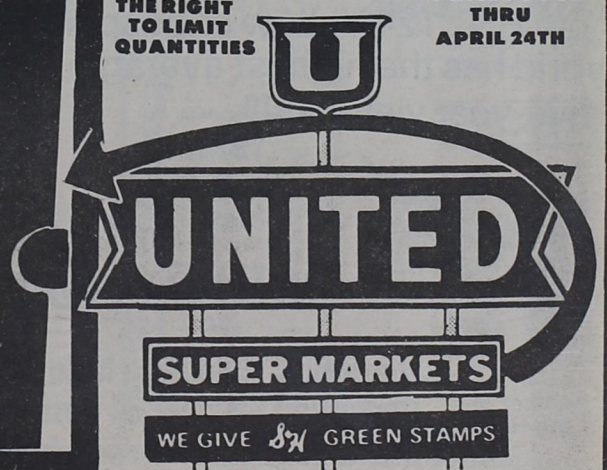
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Services Held for Mother of Mr. Lawrence Armstrong

Funeral services for Mrs. Malissa Armstrong, 81, of Rt. 5, Lubbock, were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Golden Chapel in Bastrop, La.

Burial was in Moreland Memorial Park Cemetery there, directed by Golden Funeral Home of Bastrop.

A former resident of Louisiana, Mrs. Armstrong died at 12:10 a.m.

Tuesday in Highland Hospital. She had resided in Lubbock County the past 18 months.

Survivors include five sons, Lawrence of Shallowater, Roscoe of Rt. 5, Lubbock, David of Lubbock, Jim D. and John H. of Louisiana; one sister, Mrs. Stella Foster of Bastrop; 14 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

and Mrs. Adela Soliz of Lubbock; and one grandchild.

Services Held for Mrs. Lucia Garza

Graveside services for Mrs. Lucia Garza, 37, of Shallowater were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

Mrs. Garza died Saturday afternoon in St. Mary's Hospital.

She was a native of George West, and had been a Shallowater resident over two years. She formerly lived at Plainview for 10 years. Mrs. Garza was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Plainview.

Survivors include five sons, Reynaldo, Raymond and Raul, all of Albuquerque, N.M., and Ricky and Remigio, both of Lubbock; two daughters, Mrs. Rose Marie Cortez and Felipia Garza, both of Lubbock; four brothers, Cruz Rodriguez of Chicago, Felipe of Dundee, Miss., Ruben of Wolf-orth and Joe of Lorenzo; and five sisters, Mrs. Sofia Perez of Wisconsin, Mrs. Lydia Morin and Mrs. Alida Cuevas, both of George West, Mrs. Maria Silva of Devine

Rites Read for Mother of Local Resident

Services for Mrs. Alta Bertha Barnes, 62, of 4207 37th St., Lubbock, were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in W.W. Rix Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial was in City of Lubbock Cemetery under direction of Rix. Rev. J. Waid Griffin, associate pastor of Lubbock's First United Methodist Church, officiated.

Mrs. Barnes died at home Monday morning following a brief illness.

She had lived in Lubbock since moving there in 1968 from Hamlin.

Survivors include her husband, Herbert; a daughter, Mrs. Troy Studer of Shallowater; two brothers, Melvin Eakins of Wichita, Kan., and Lee Eakins of New Jersey; two sisters, Mrs. Roy Cudd of Texhoma and Mrs. Elaine Wilmoth of Columbia, Mo.

Shallowater 8th St. Birthday Club Holds Meeting

The monthly meeting of the 8th Street Birthday Club was held Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the party room of the First State Bank with 14 ladies present to help Mrs. Bertha Hardy and Mrs. Oneta Elliott observe their April birthdays.

Hostesses for the occasion was Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. Corene McAuley.

The Easter motif was used in table decorations with a tapered green candle, nestled in green grass, flanked with various colored Easter eggs on the serving table.

Refreshments of coffee and cake was enjoyed by those attending and an out-of-town guest, Mrs. Coy Garrett of Washington, D.C., was present. Mrs. Garrett is here visiting her parents, the Penny Stegalls, who reside on 8th Street.

Shallowater Study Club Meets

The Shallowater Study Club met at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20 in the home of Mrs. S.H. Robinson, 1014 14th St. Twenty members answered roll call by sharing a childhood memory on something pertaining to Walt Disney or Mickey Mouse.

The program was given by Mrs. J.U. Cone on "How to be Your Own Best Friend" from the book of the same name. Tips were on self improvement.

Mrs. H.V. Newman, Jr., gave the next part of the program (Nostalgia—A Look at Walt Disney and Mickey Mouse). After giving a short history of Mickey Mouse, the club viewed a cartoon of Mickey Mouse and Pluto.

The meeting adjourned and refreshments were served.

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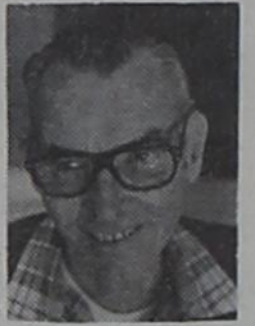
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Sheridan's Ride

by Jack Sheridan

Oh, Alfred baby, I love you! That may start this column with what might seem a bit of irrelevancy but, believe me, I meant every word I said. The "Alfred" to whom I have publicly ascribed my affection is, of course, the 70ish motion picture director-producer Alfred Hitchcock whom the Lord has spared so that he keeps on turning out his singular and fascinating films.



His newest effort, "Family Plot," which is unspooling daily at Showplace 4, is, happily, one of his best. The old boy whose work I have been admiring since his early British days of "The 30 Steps" and the likes, has come up with a brilliant comedy-suspense story that is the epitome of what that old line used to say "Movies are your best entertainment." Entertainment his film is, from start to finish. And, too, the film shows that Hitchcock has moved along with the times, for some of today's language is there, not the bombastic kind of "Cuckoo's Nest," but common garden variety vulgarisms that fit the character and the place. There is a nod to today's sexual mores, too, not underscored, just admitted.

You take an old weathy grande dame who is troubled by the fact that she engineered the giving away of her sister's illegitimate baby years back, who finds her end coming and wishes to locate that baby and give him the family name and fortune. She seeks out a medium (phony) to contact her sister in the beyond.

She engages the medium to help the search, who in turn enlists her unemployed actor boyfriend, quondam taxi driver, and they eventually find themselves involved with the real missing heir, who is engaged in some high activities in kidnapping for diamonds for ransom, along with his expert-in-disguise and unwilling paramour and his henchman, a dedicated "hit" man. From then on the fun is tops and the thrills and intrigues abound.

You'll love "Family Plot," I did. But, be sure to see it from the beginning.

The cast is superb all the way. The medium and cab driver are Barbara Harris and Bruce Dern, ideally matched; the con artists and kidnapers are perfect, William Devane and Karen Black. Cathleen Nesbitt, from the stage's "My Fair Lady" original, as old Mrs. Rainbird, is a gem, while Ed Lauter as the balding hit man is menacing. There is a raft of lesser roles, all excellent. They all spell "Family Plot," ace number one.

While waiting for the above to start, I stepped into the next booth to watch about 20 minutes of a comedy called "The Duchess and the Dirtwater Fox," a pseudo western type. This is the film that award presenters Goldie Hawn and George Segal kept intrusively mentioning on stage during the recent Oscar ceremonies. The film is pleasant, shallow and with good western photography. Like so many of its kind these days, even though it's a PG-rated film, the crude language is there and, in the mouth of Miss Hawn particularly, it is not exactly an asset. Everybody in the film does creditably with what they have to work with (from what I saw) but the film is somewhat lackadaisical and never achieves that belly-laugh level that somebody along the way had obviously intended.

I want to touch base again about last week's mention of "The Bad News Bears," the Walter Matthau-Tatum O'Neal comedy at the Fox. (I called it "The Big Bad Bears" last week, which probably gave an indication of my private, subconscious thinking.) I saw the whole in the interim and found it occasionally, funny, the whole concept marred by the little league baseball team of misfits mouthing some pretty rocky language which proved disturbing and witless, to me. Matthau is good as the drinking coach, a somewhat standard Matthau stint, while O'Neal has past the sharpness of the "Paper Moon" days.

The Lubbock Theatre Centre opens the fourth and final production in its current Bicentennial season plays with Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse's mild comedy, "The Great Sebastians" at 8:15 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, at the LTC Playhouse, 2508 Avenue P. The play repeats at 8:15 p.m. Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, with a 2:15 p.m. matinee on Sunday.

The comedy about a married mind-reading act behind the Iron Curtain, their involvement over a collector's stamp and international intrigue served as a vehicle for the great Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne.

We'll talk about the cast in the follow-up; the play is directed by Wayland Winstead.

Ticket information can be gotten by calling Lubbock Theatre Centre, 744-3681.

This is the first night of the two-night benefit dinner premiere preview of Texas Tech University drama, music and dance departments production of Alan Jay Lerner-Frederick Loewe musical about King Arthur's court, "Camelot," first performed on stage in 1961.

The regular performances of the ambitious show start at University Theater Saturday and plays daily at 8:15 p.m. through May 2.

The director is Joseph B.Kaough, with John Gillas as associate director, Peggy Willis the choreographer and Ron Williams as music director.

As in the aforementioned LTC play, we'll deal with the lengthy cast, in our summary in next week's item. For ticket reservations, give Tech's University Theater a ring.

Four Texas Tech bands will join in a Bicentennial concert, open to the public without charge, at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday in the Municipal Auditorium, and the Air Force Academy Band takes the same stage at 8:15 p.m. Thursday.

There is an engrossing book at the Public Library, just out. If you like movies and remember back when, I think you'll like it. It's by the man who wrote "The Last Detail" and "Cinderella Jones" and bears the provocative title "Tom Mix Died for Your Sins."

Indeed, this is the biography of the famed movie western star, former Oklahoma (from Pennsylvania) cowboy Tom Mix, told in fiction form, with the narrator a fictional companion Kid Bandera. Through this device we follow the rises and falls of Mix and Tony and Bandera through Oklahoma, Montana, Calgary Stampeded, New York, Washington, D.C. (for a meeting with President Theodore Roosevelt), Hollywood and Arizonia where Mix met his death in an auto accident.

His enormous popularity with fans in the United States and in Europe, the unfortunate passages of his personal life, his libertine habits and his headstrong and winning manner, his ventures after his movie days had slackened with Sells Floto and other circuses, including his own, are all here, told disarmingly and fascinatingly. The term "Tom Mix Died for Your Sins" came from a graffiti painted on an old water tank somewhere in the old West that Mix so loved. Watch for the book; it's worth your time.

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SPORTS

by Joe Kelly

Texas Tech completed three weeks of spring grid drills last Saturday and there was marked improvement over the second week's scrimmage. And that's the way it should be.

The contact was harder and you could hear the action in the stands. Also, the offense looked a little more polished and the defense looked a little stronger. You must remember, though, that it was the No. 1 offense and No. 1 defense going against the rest.

The encouraging thing is that, when you put the squad together, there is somewhat more strength than a year ago. The starting backfield is almost certainly set and Saturday's scrimmage did nothing to make it look weaker.

Despite the score, the offense wasn't consistent enough, but one pleasing thing was a punt return for a touchdown, along with three TD passes.

The defense has a way to go, although there were bright spots. It indicates that this phase, which was weak last year, should be stronger, although still not of the overpowering variety.

Don Roberts, who started at quarterback and then was shifted to flanker last year and to defensive halfback at the start of drills this spring, impressed again at a cornerback. For two weeks now he has stood out.

Tommy Duniven and Rodney Allison continued on an even-Stephen basis at quarterback, but it was Duniven who took his squad on a long sustained march for a TD. The drive looked strong.

Duniven's passing was adequate, although he overshot receivers a couple of times and he also had passes dropped. Coach Steve Sloan wants to bring a third quarterback along and put Allison on the red shirt list and he may be able to do that.

A week from tomorrow will be the spring game and a big crowd isn't anticipated. Unfortunately, spring games at Tech never have drawn well, although they usually are interesting.

But the real football fan will get his money's worth, because the players will go all out and you can't hide individual ability. The players who look good in the spring game are the ones who will be stars next fall.

I'm not a member of the National Rifle Association, or any other group interested in preserving the freedom of American citizens to bear arms, but I'm sympathetic.

Legislation to control handguns, or any other firearms, seems to me to be a waste of time and money. The criminal element is going to get any guns it wants, while law abiding citizens would be forced, under proposed laws, to give up the ones they have.

Prohibition didn't keep people who wanted liquor from obtaining it; banning of firearms wouldn't prevent people wanting guns or obtain them, either.

In a way, the featured story in Sunday's Easter morning edition of the local advertising bird cage litter gave support to how ridiculous gun control is. The story featured a murderer, whose method was decapitation with a scalpel, knife, or some other sharply honed instrument. No bang! bang! for him.

They're playing baseball in the major leagues and despite Saturday's 17-1 and 18-16 games, most of the battles have gone about the way most "normal" baseball games go.

West Texas fans probably didn't even raise an eyebrow over the 17-1 and 18-16 scores, not if they used to watch WT-NM League games on Sundays. They almost called for a saliva test in those days if the scores were 2-1, or anything like that.

It isn't too late to salute Willie Mays for observations he made at the time of the lockout, the quasi-strike and the general who-shot-John disagreement.

Willie remarked that his biggest concern was for the fans who didn't give a tinker's dam about who was right or wrong, but who wanted to see baseball. Willie said that he always put the fan first, and that's the way he did play baseball.

The poor slob making \$10,000 a year or less and who sees taxes eat heavily into that isn't going to sit around spilling tears in his beer over players demanding \$1 million a year or over three years.

That guy, who pays hard earned money, where he can, to see a major league game isn't going to be concerned for either side. All he wants is baseball and to heck with the rest of the world.

THE ROUNDUP—The All America game is only two months from this past Monday . . . Donny Anderson said, at the Red Raider Club dinner t'other night, that his greatest joy is working with young boys . . . I sat sandwiched between Dr. and Mrs. Wally Hess and the Jackie Sullivans, while across the table were Pete West and Herman Brown. And I came out of alive! . . . Bobby Knight, who obviously is successful, came through as a somewhat irreverent young man with slightly more self confidence than most. But there was meat on the bone in his talk if you listened . . . and then there's my neighbor who thought that an Aggie was a prize marble.

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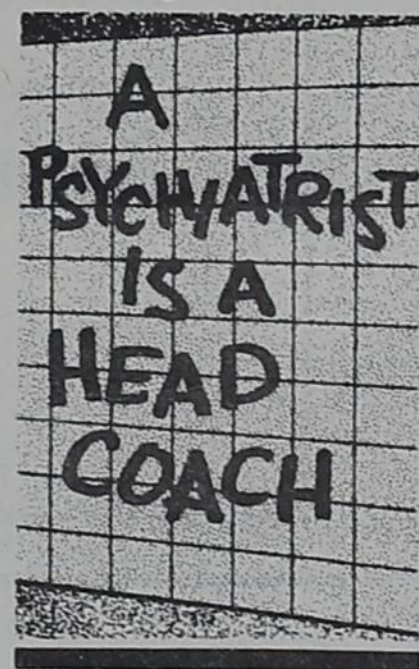
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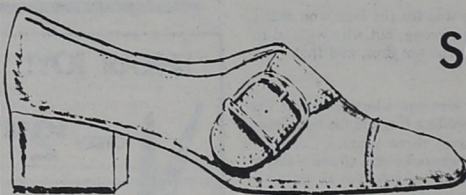
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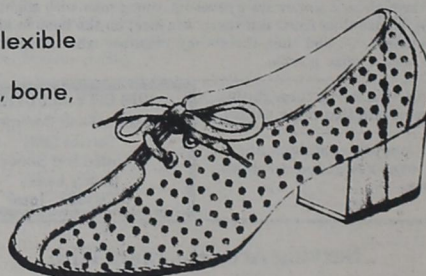
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