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Farm Bureau Meet Open in Fort Worth December 5 - 8



WINTER WONDERLAND-In less than a month, the West Texas area has had snow for the second time. Snow, which makes any area look like winter wonderland, was well received by the kids but it hampered the activities of many adults last weekend.

University Theatre to Perform Shaffer Play "The Royal Hunt of the Sun"

Spanish conquest of the Inca nation, will be presented at the Texas Tech University Theatre at 8:15 p.m. Nov. 19-23.

"The play combines historical fact with dialogue, a striking set, brilliant costumes, music and dance," explained Tommy Culpepper, assistant promotion director at the University Theatre.

Most of the play takes place in

"The Royal Hunt of the Sun," the upper province of the Inca Peter Shaffer's play about the Empire, where Francisco Pizarro confronts the sovereign Inca of Peru, Atahuallpa. The Spanish troops, in search of gold, massacre the Inca Indians.

In an explanation of his play, Shaffer commented, "The greatest tragic factor in history is man's apparent need to mark the intensity of his reaction to life by joining a band. A band, to give itself definition, must find a rival, or an enemy."

Ropes 4-H Club Meeting Held

The Ropes Starlight 4-H Club met November 8. There were 22 members present.

Ropes 4-H'ers that attended the 4-H Awards Banquet were Regina Melton, Julie Ward, Tim Berry, Bruce and Martha Turnipseed. Adult leaders which attended were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ward, Mr. and Mrs. I.V.J. Melton and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Turnipseed.

Martha Turnipseed received the "I Dare You Award" and a Completion Award on Sheep. Regina Melton received a Completion Award on Beef. Adult leaders were presented with letter openers.

Danny Tuggel with the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife presented a program on hunting and wildlife.

Plans were made to have a carolling party for the December meeting, which will be Dec. 13, 1976.

Ropes News

Rev. and Mrs. Bill Patton and family will be going home to Iowa November 21. John Smith and Leon Young will be special speakers on Sunday Nov. 28, at the Church of Nazarene.

Thanksgiving Services Set at **Baptist Church**

There will be a Community Thanksgiving service Sunday night the 21st at the Baptist church. There will be refreshments afterwards in their fellowship hall. Rev. Patton will be speaking. All try to come.

Ill this week are Ennis and Kate Moore, Vollie Hough, Etta Gailey and Pat Smith.

"The New You" will be Thursday at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Ladies only.

"For Women Only" will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Hayride for teens will be Saturday p.m. if weather permits. More information to come. Be thinking about who you would like to bring.

Swine Flue Clinic Scheduled

A swine flu vaccine clinic will be held at Levelland Friday, Nov. 19, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at 1202 Houston Street. No clinic will be held in Ropes.

Dub Bowlus to Speak to Library **Lunch Bunch**

Mr. Dub Bowlus, announcer for KCBD-TV, will present the Lunch Bunch program on Tuesday, November 23, at the Lubbock City-County Library. His talk is entitled "Who Was That Masked Man?"

Mr. Bowlus has been with KCBD-TV for sixteen years, and is vice-president in charge of looking out the window to see what the weather's going to be.

Lunch Bunch meets in the Mahon Room of the Library, located at 1306 9th Street. Coffee will be furnished by the library.

About 1,500 farmers and ranchers are expected to attend the 43rd annual meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau in Fort Worth Dec. 5-8.

General sessions will be in the Tarrant County Convention Center with some conferences scheduled for the Sheraton Hotel.

Policies to guide the state's largest farm organization next year and recommendations on national policies will be adopted

News Deadlines Changed For Next Week

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday next week, Publication Service Company is announcing deadline changes for all of its newspapers.

All copy and advertising for Wednesday's East Lubbock eidition of the West Texas Times will be due by noon Monday. Articles and advertising for Thursday's edition of The Plainsman and Suburban Today will be due in the Lubbock office by noon Tuesday, and copy for the Friday West Lubbock edition of the Times will be due by noon Wednesday.

All offices of Publication Service Company will be closed Thanksgiving day, Thursday,

These deadline changes are effective next week only.

Men in Service

Marine Pvt. Ramona J. Hamby, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loy Hamby of 1105 Ellington Ave., Ropesville, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

During the eight-week training cycle, she was introduced to the typical daily routine that she will experience during her enlistment. and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

Hamby participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills including close order drill and first aid. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

A 1976 graduate of Ropes High School, she joined the Marine Corps in November, 1975.

Community Blood Drive Scheduled

The Shallowater Lions Club is sponsoring a community wide blood drive that will get underway from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Saturday, December 4, in the First Baptist Church.

A goal of 30 pints has been set to be received by donors throughout the area. Be sure and keep this date in mind.

There will be more information about the drive in next week's issue of Suburban Today.

during the final two days of the convention. Delegates will also elect a president and directors. More than 1,100 voting delegates, representing 190,000 member families in 210 organized county Farm Bureaus, will participate in the business session. The number of voting delegates from a county is based on the total number of member families in the county.

Another highlight of the meeting will be an address by TFB President Carrol Chaloupka and a guest speaker yet to be announced.

Events for young people in Farm Bureau will include a queen contest, talent find and discussion

Recognition awards will be interspersed throughout the convention. Counties will be honored for outstanding achievements in membership, public relations and safety. A meritorious service award will be presented to an individual, not yet announced.

The convention will get under way with registration beginning at 2 p.m. in the Sheraton Hotel. Registration will continue Monday morning in the Convention Center.

A vesper service and discussion meet will be held Sunday evening in the Sheraton Hotel and will be followed by talent find competition in the Convention Center theater. Representatives will be elected in both the talent find and discussion meet to participate in those events at the American Farm Bureau Federation convention in January in Hawaii.

The Monday morning general session, which features speeches by TFB President and a guest speaker, will also include the annual report of the TFB Secretary-Treasurer, Reed Lang of Rio Hondo.

A ladies' luncheon and fashion show are scheduled for noon Monday at the Sheraton Hotel.

Eleven special conferences will be held in the Sheraton Hotel that afternoon. These inlcude Livestock and Animal Health, Community Services, Cotton, Wheat and Feed Grains, Rice, Farm Bureau Services, Peanuts and Oilseeds, Research and Education, Farm Labor, Natural Resources, and Dairy.

The annual queen's contest will be that evening in the Convention Center theater with 12 District winners competing. District caucuses will be held prior to the convening of the business session at 10 a.m. that day. Warren Newberry, executive director for the TFB, will make his administrative report at the beginning of the business session which will be held in the Convention Center theater. The voting session will continue throughout the remainder of the day. The annual dance will be that evening in the Sheraton Hotel.

The voting session will reconvene Wednesday morning and will continue until all proposed resolutions have been disposed of. Final order of business will be election of directors from even-numbered districts and the president.

Following adjournment, the TFB Board of Directors will meet to select a vice president and a secretary-treasurer.

Ropes Basketball

Ropes varsity boys topped Union 52-48 Nov. 12. The out of town game makes Ropes won/loss record 2-0. Randy Melton was high point with 19 for Ropes and John Hopper of Union was high point with 22. Union's record is 2-1.

Ropes varsity girls traveled to Union Nov. 12 and won 55-38. Sherry Means scored the high 25 points for Ropes, and the won/loss record is 2-1. Cathy McNiel was high point for Union with 25, and their record is 0-3.

Ropes 8th grade boys and girls traveled to Southland Nov. 15, only to beaten. The boys-lost by a score of 46-23 and Gene Valentine was high point with 10 for Ropes. Perry Hill was high point for Southland with 18. 8th grade record is 0-2. The girls lost by a score of 38-15, making their record 0-2. Kala Littrell made the 8 high points for Ropes and M. Hill made 16 high points for Southland.

Ropes varsity boys and varsity girls played Union at home Nov. 9 and both won. In the score of 70-54, Randy Melton was high point with 20 for Ropes and John Hopper was high point for Union

Varsity girls slipped by Union 41-38 and Josie Ponce scored 18 high points for Ropes. Cathy McNiel made 29 points for Union.

"Extension Update"

by Georgia Doherty

When shopping, do you consider the price of an item, or its value?

Some authorities believe that families could increase their purchasing power by 25 per cent if they would develop buying methods similar to those used by efficient executives producing consumer goods. The consumer's main challenge is one of choosing. Wasteful choices are represented by the part of ones dollar which does not return full value.

Present or future full value is measured by the consumer's judgement of the best performance one could expect from the product or service bought.

The price of an item is often considered as an indicator of its value. Remember, though, that price is only the amount of money for which the product or service can be exchanged in the market.

Value takes into consideration how long the article will last, the amount of labor it will save, the degree of satisfaction it will give, and the added work it will accomplish.

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cost of goods and services they use by knowing in advance what they want and avoiding wasteful consumption.

Moving can be one of the biggest, costliest agonies a family endures. Consumers frequently ask certain questions about moving, and the answers may help avoid moving problems.

•When is the best time to move?

Of all the millions of American families who move each year, more than 60 per cent move between June 1 and September 20. During this period is when you can expect the heaviest demands on vans, equipment and personnel.

If possible, try to avoid scheduling a move on the first or last day of the month. Many leases expire then, causing a busy time. Give the mover about four-six weeks' advance notice, if possible. The more lead time you allow, the better your chances of moving on your preferred dates.

•Do I need an estimate? In order to determine the approximate cost of a move and estimate the van space required, the moving agent needs to see everything to be moved. Don't assume an estimate will be the actual cost of the move. The final cost is determined only after the goods are loaded and weighed.

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pay the full value of a lost or damaged item. Ask ahead of time how much liability the company accepts and decide whether you want to pay for additional protection.

•When do I have to pay the movers?

Make plans to pay upon delivery. Before the goods are unloaded, you will be expected to pay with cash, money order, cashier's check or traveler's checks. Personal checks are usually not acceptable.

Carbon Monoxide **Dangers Cited**

With the winter months setting in, the specter of carbon monoxide deaths materialize, according to fire department Chief, Floyd Epperson, with a local family just recently narrowly escaping the vicious fumes of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Listed below are several safety features for the home dwellers to observe in order to safeguard their homes against the deadly fumes.

Physical warning symptoms include a dull headache, dry mouth and nausea, he said. By the time the third stage is reached, he added, poisoning has become severe and help should be sought immediately.

Homeowners who have tried to seal their homes to outside air should check their heating unit closet to see whether an air vent pipe leads to the outside, Black said. This vent carries off unburned carbon monoxide gases and supplies fresh air to the

Other safeguards include:

·Making sure openings in the foundation aren't blocked by weeds, flowers or debris, thereby preventing air from getting to the

•Keeping a window open in homes with unvented room heaters in order to dilute carbon monoxide fumes released by the

·Changing the filter regularly and making sure the thermostat

 Checking the gas line for leaks by applying soap and water where the pipes are connected. If bubbles appear, gas is leaking out

burner, he added.

burner and vent pipe;

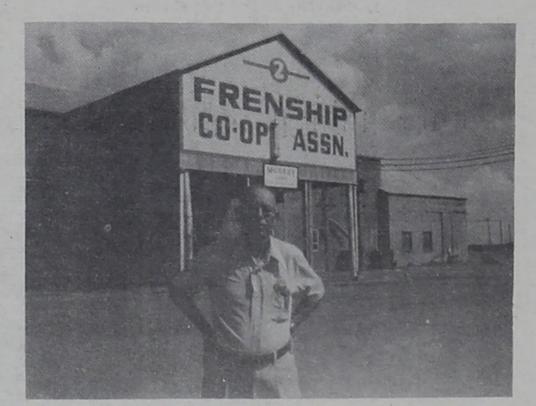
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Sheridan's Ride

by Jack Sheridan

Heavens to Betsy, the snows came and came and that blocked out some film going and theater attendances set for the weekend, regrettably.

Lot of interesting new films, too, moved into the local cinema palaces. Showplace 4 brought in the football stadium thriller, "Two-Minute Warning" another Charlton Heston epic of suspense, and "The Next Man" a thriller with Sean (James Bond) Connery. Comedian Woody Allen's new one, in a more serious vein for a change, "The Front" has arrived at the Fox complex and Lana Turner, bless me, has come out of the shadows after a long time in a little drama of incest called "Bittersweet Love" down at the big Winchester.



We'll get some or most of these down the drain during the next week or so, if the weather gods will be nice and let things alone.

Another victim of the storm was the Lubbock Christian College's musical "Brigadoon," directed by the estimable June Bearden, and since it will be repeated this coming weekend maybe I can make up for lost time there, too.

Two events are on tap for Friday, incidentally, that deserve a recommend. The Broadway touring production of the hit musical "A Little Night Music" will be at the Municipal Auditorium for one performance only on Friday, courtesy of the University Center Cultural Events group at Texas Tech, open to the public, of course. On the same night director Ronald Schulz will be starting a run of the spectacular drama of the Pizarro Montezuma days in Mexico, "The Royal Hunt of the Sun" at Tech's University Theater. Time is 8:15 and the play will run through Nov. 23.

The Lubbock Theatre Centre was another local outfit that suffered because of the snowfall. So much so that the comedy "Period of Adjustment," which opened its run Friday was forced to cancel Saturday night's performance. But, they rebounded for the Sunday

matinee, which performance I was fortunate to catch. This is the second play of the second season of Bicentennial shows, each written by a distinguished American playwright. In any lineup such as this the name of Tennessee Williams must necessarily be included but, alas, why did LTC choose what is probably his most inept and clumsy attempt at comedy. Williams is not at his best in comedy as a base subject for his work and "Period of Adjustment" is a classic example. Trifling, adolescent, trying and just plain tedius, it is dull play about dull people. Two married couples, the men are old war buddies from Korea and Vietnam, are having marital problems. The older couple (in time of vows) has split, with wife and child gone home to her stuffy self-made success parents. The other couple are into their second day of marriage, a slob of a man and his simple wife who spends a good deal of

time with her hankie up to her nose. There are half-hearted ribald attempts skirting the marriage relationship but you'd never know this absurdity came from the once-gifted pen of Tennessee Williams.

There wasn't much substance for director Lynn Elms to work with but the try was there. That it was a dud despite the hard-working if none too subtle cast players was nobody's fault. The play was just not the thing.

For the record, the players included Lynn Howerton, Rhonda Toth, Bill Conley, Melanie Ainsworth, Monterey Baron, Baron Upton, Betty Johnson and Larry Elms.

To summarize, "Period of Adjustment" was a mistake for LTC. But, be of good cheer. June Bearden is about to get into her directing rehearsals for the February play, which is the highly-esteemed "Abe Lincoln in Illinois," the famous Raymond Massey production. This is a tried and true play by the late Robert E. Sherwood, tracing Lincoln from his days in Illinois to the steps of the White House. Good, strong stuff and an event to be anticipated.

Two deaths only a day apart was the sad record of the past week. Both persons were gifted educators and longtime personal friends of mine. Louis Catuogno, Jr., the sensitive, talented member of the Texas Tech University Piano Department fought a losing, lengthy battle and passed in Dallas at the age of 44. The service and burial were in Lubbock.

Catuogno was a fine teacher and a dedicated man and musician. Of all his accomplishments, I am sure none pleased him more, as it has Mrs. Catuogno, also a teacher of piano, than the emergence of his daughter, Laura, as a professional concert pianist. I watched this girl grow to professional status over the years and I know the total absorption of Catuogno and his wife to this end. He has left his mark, without question, in his field and on his family. He touched many of us and his loss is deeply regretted.

The other person who left us was the distinguished, gracious, always smiling, educator Ivy Savage, longtime member of the public schools in Lubbock, as well as tireless civic worker and club member. There is only one Ivy Savage in a generation and when such as she is loaned to a community, it becomes a kind of trust. Mrs. Savage's contributions were endless and this area is the better for her presence over so many years

She was always a supporter of this column and never failed to have something nice to say in the midst of an audience gathering here. She was the kind of person who brings out the better side of the person fortunate enough to meet her, however briefly, along the daily way.



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Publication Service Company Publisher Norman L. Williamson Managing Editor Tubb Funeral Held Last Monday

Funeral services for longtime educator and Hockley County Judge, Gano Tubb of Levelland were held at 3 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church in Levelland with Rev. Nolan Sumner, pastor of the Fifth Street Baptist Church and Mike Dukes of Dallas officiating.

Burial was in City of Levelland Cemetery directed by George Price Funeral Directors.

Tubb, 63 year old father of Joe Tubb, a coach for Shallowater Schools died at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at his home following a lengthy illness. He was born Dec. 13, 1912 in Plainview, Okla. and had moved to Levelland from Tahoka in 1921. He spent the majority of his 35-year teaching career coaching basketball and teaching history at Levelland High School.

He retired from teaching in 1974, ran for county judge beginning his tenure in January

Tubb was married to the former Goldie Curtis Oct. 1, 1938 at Levelland. He was a member of the Fifth Street Baptist Church

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Mack of Hereford, Dick of Levelland and Joe of Shallowater; his father, G.H. Tubb of Levelland; three brothers, Francis of Mullin, Nathan of Levelland and Harvey of Wellman; a sister, Mrs. Clarkie Turrentine of Mesa, Ariz.; and three grandchildren.

Services Held for C.J. "Doc" Beach

Services for C.J. "Doc" Beach, 84, of O'Donnell were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell.

Officiating were Garnie Atkisson, a Church of Christ minister, and the Rev. Harry Kennedy, pastor of First Baptist Church.

Burial followed in Plainview Cemetery in northeast Dawson County under the direction of Branon Funeral Home of Lamesa.

Beach, the grandfather of Mrs. Bill Masten of Shallowater, died at 1:30 a.m. Friday in Mercy Hospital in Slaton.

He was born in Beckville and moved to Lynn County in 1903. Beach was married to Edna Jackson on Aug. 9, 1911, in Tahoka. He was a Methodist, a life member of Masonic Lodge No. 1187 and was engaged in ranching, farming, real estate and oil for more than 60 years.

Survivors include his son, Ralph of O'Donnell; four daughters, Mrs. Lorene Thompson of O'Donnell, Mrs. Peggy Penn and Mrs. John (Ellen) McLaurin, both of Odessa and Mrs. Ina Merle Harris of Denver City; a sister, Mrs. Anna Griffith of Delton, Mich.; 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Rites Read for Mrs. J.B. Masten

Services for Mrs. J.B. Masten, 81, longtime Plainview area resident, were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church in Plainview with Dr. Roy C. McClung, president of Wayland Baptist College, officiating.

Burial followed in Plainview Cemetery under direction of Lemons Funeral Home

Mrs. Masten, grandmother of Bill Masten of Shallowater, died Sunday at Central Plains Hospital in that city after a sudden illness.

Born in Denton County, Mrs. Masten moved to Plainview in 1905. She was a member of the First Baptist Church here.

She was married to John Bruce Masten Sept. 3, 1911, in Halle County. Her husband died in

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. H.R. (Edith) Waits of Lubbock and Mrs. W.C. (Otelia) Clement of Abernathy; three sons, Horace L., Reese and J.D. Jr., all of Plainview; 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and four great-greatgrandchildren.

A man was killed the other day by an "unloaded gun;" he will not repeat the mistake.

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Services Read for **Burns A. Merrell**

Funeral services for Burns Alexander Merrell, 62, of 5415 14th St. were held at 3 p.m. Saturday in Franklin-Bartley Chapel, with the Rev. Charles V. Dunnam, pastor of the Agape United Methodist Church, officia-

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Merrell died at 8:30 p.m. Thursday in Methodist Hospital following a lengthy illness.

He was a relative of several Shallowater and area residents.

Merrell moved to Lubbock from Corpus Christi. He had been a Lubbock resident for seven years. He was a member of the Agape United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha; one daughter, Mrs. David Stagg of Richardson; two sisters, Mrs. Cecil Johnson of Littlefield and Mrs. James Shaw of Port Arthur; one brother, Maurice of Rolling Hills, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

E.R. Merrell and Edwin Merrell were among those serving as pallbearers.

Silence is Golden

We've always heard this saying "Silence is Golden." For the Shallowater Emergency Medical Service volunteer workers, the saying holds true, for their beepers have been silent for the past several weeks, not having any ambulance emergency calls.

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Lubbock County Food Show Set

The Lubbock County 4-H Food Show will be held on Saturday. November 20 at Texas Tech University.

Judging will begin at 9:15 a.m. followed by a Tasting Tea at 10:30 a.m. in the Home Economics Building. The awards ceremony will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Coronado Room of the University Center.

The public is invited to both the

Tasting Tea and the Awards Ceremony. Over 100 youth are expected to participate in this years food show entitled "Gourmet Foods."

Caprock China Club News

The Caprock China Club will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday, Nov. 20, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Municipal Garden and Art Center in Lubbock.

Guest artist will be Lu Gilliam of Houston who will demonstrate cutting out scenes on china with a razor blade.

A Thanksgiving luncheon will be served at noon followed by a workshop with all the members participating in the razor blade china cutting.

Hostess chairman will be Mrs. Ruth Bogart, with the members from New Mexico as co-hostesses.

Lu Gilliam will be accompanied to Lubbock from Houston by Mrs. Eldon Bybee. Both ladies will be houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Raff of 6106 Louisville

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Frenship School Lunch Menu

Monday, November 22 BBQ Weiners **New Potatoes** Corn White Cake/Icing Milk

Tuesday, November 23 Hamburger/Catsup Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Potato Chips Apple Crisp Milk

Wednesday, November 24 Bean Chalupe/Sauce Tator Tots Pineapple Slices Chocolate Brownie Milk

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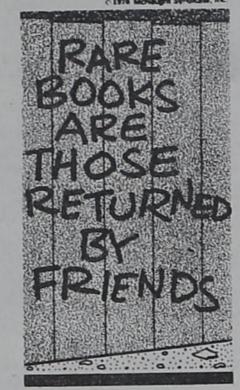
Shallowater School **Lunch Menu**

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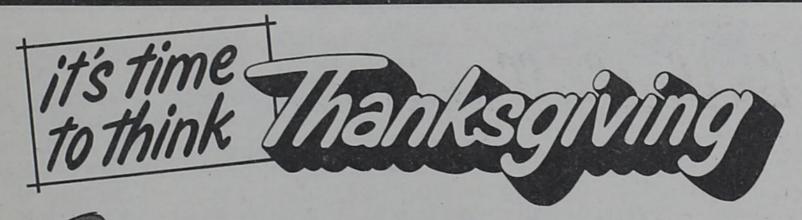
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SPORTS

by Joe Kelly

My hat's off today to the fans who braved snow and cold to witness that 34-7 Texas Tech victory over the SMU Mustangs, a better team than many expected. It was, as Steve Sloan said, a critical win.

Conditions were anything except good and it was the type of day when the underdog can rise up. Fortunately, the Raiders were mentally ready. There was no letdown, as there was against TCU. They took charge early.

Sloan's biggest concern was the snow that did arrive later. That's why he was anxious for Tech to jump out in front, why the Raiders settled for an early field goal. And also why they elected to kick off to start the

Actually, the game was pretty well out of SMU's reach by the half. It would have taken a real miracle for the Ponies to have come from 24-0 and have won, although stranger things have happened.

Tech's dressingroom was subdued after the game. While writers waited, a shout or two went up, but that was all. The players were more anxious to take hot showers and get warm than to celebrate.

At the same time, Tech players were looking ahead to Houston. Several mentioned the fact that this was the big game. Encouragingly, they seemed no more concerned about the Cougars than for any other team, maybe even less than for Texas.

Steve Sloan remarked at his press conference following the game that he rated the final three games as tossups.

"We could win those three games, or we could lose them," he opined quietly. "Houston? No, I haven't really seen them. I saw a little of them in films we studied of A&M. I'd say they were a lot like the teams we played when I was at Alabama and Florida State."

Steve was asked if he thought that Tech's lack of size-he had mentioned that Houston was large physically-was a help to Tech in that opponents seemed to overlook Tech.

"I'd have to think so," he replied. "We don't have much size. We have 219, 219 and 223 in the middle and that's really not much size these days.

"After the game today, for instance, Ron Meyer remarked that Tech was bigger than he thought it was. We don't have much size, but we have quickness."

The only thing displeasing to the Tech coach was the long SMU touchdown pass.

"One player slipped and fell down," he said, "but another went the wrong way. We've played pretty good defense most of the time, but we have had some critical breakdowns.

"A&M burned us with a long pass and so did TCU, just like SMU did. That hurts. It gave teams a chance to come back after we had them down.

"Otherwise, I thought the defense played well. Any time you hold a team to less than 100 yards rushing, you've done a good job."

So, after eight games, the season comes down to three games, but really a major test this week. A victory over Houston won't clinch the

championship, but it would be a major step towards it.

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New Weed Threatens West Texas Cotton Fields

A weed scientist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station says a tough, prolific new weed pest is invading West Texas cotton fields, and may be as tough to live with as any weed farmers have encountered.

Dr. John Abernathy says the weed, Rough Blackfoot, is a native of the Trans Pecos area of Texas, and has been steadily moving up the state over the last three years.

According to the Experiment Station scientist, there were several severe infestations of the weed in Hockley county near the Whitharrel community, where it is sometimes called Duckweed.

"During the past year the plant has spread eastward into Lubbock county where several plants were seen along roads north and northwest of the city," Abernathy says.

"Rough Blackfoot is a very prolific seed producer," he adds. "Equally important, the seeds are resistant to the preplant incorporated herbicides normally used in cotton."

"Rough Blackfoot can emerge either early or late in the growing season, depending on available soil moisture," he says. "The flowers on the plant are very

A defeat for Tech virtually would assure Houston a title tie, since the Cougars have only Rice left. The answer, of course, would be for the Raiders to eliminate Houston and not have to hope that Rice pulls the

It won't be easy. The Cougars obviously have a big, strong team. Early fumblitis appears to have been eliminated and they have a potent offense clicking. They have a good passing attack and their running game is strong.

It will be, or should be, a classic confrontation between two outstanding teams. Take plenty of fingernails, because it's going to be a real biter. I just hope that the weather cooperates and that conditions are ideal.

Just a word of congratulations to Tech officials for not agreeing to move the Tech-Arkansas game to Thanksgiving Night. Sloan said that ABC had called. His answer was that he would prefer not to move the

"I told J.T. King and Dr. Mackey that I knew it was a lot of money and that I'd go along if that's what they wanted," Steve said. "I thought it would be a disadvantage to us because we'd only have about three days to get ready to play Arkansas, and at their place, too."

Steve said that he wished that fans could see the game, but having a chance to win was more important. Jake and the Tech president backed

"We gambled that they might put the Houston game on TV," Steve said. "Any they are putting it on."

Frankly, anything that favors the Raiders winning the championship is worth much more than a TV appearance that might jeopardize the chances.'

Another critical thing is the injury situation, too. The Raiders will have a hard, physical game with Houston and then must play another physical game against Arkansas.

Incidentally, Steve paid high tribute to the many people who helped Tech clear the field of snow.

"We tried to clear it like we did before the Texas game," he said, "but the sweeper just spun its wheels. We finally got a maintainer in. It cleared the stands (at the ramp) by only two inches.

"Actually, because of the maintainer, we could have played the game at 2 p.m., but by that time it was too late to change again. We even suggested playing the game on Sunday, but SMU didn't want that.

"If you had seen the field at 10 a.m., you wouldn't have thought we could have played today (Saturday)."

distinctive in that they appear as yellow clusters at the junction of the branch and the stem. The plant can become four or five feet tall by harvest and turn very woody upon maturity. This can severely interfere with the

stripper harvest of cotton." In research tests conducted by Abernathy and his research assistant, Wayne Keeling, the only treatments giving acceptable results for controlling the weed pest were herbicides such as Caparol and Sancap when applied preemergence and in combination with a preplant incorporated herbicide. However, the researcher cautioned that enough rainfall must occur to activate the preemergence herbicide treatments.

"Farmers should be aware of Rough Blackfoot and do everything possible to dispose of isolated plants," he says. The plant produces such a tremendous amount of seed that what might be one plant this year could become a sea of troublesome weeds next year.

Ropes School Lunch Menu

Monday, November 22 Fish/Tartar Sauce Cole Slaw Hush Puppies Buttered Corn Cobbler Pie/Milk

Tuesday, November 23 Hot Dog/Chili Pork 'n Beans Onions/Pickles Cookies/Milk

Wednesday, November 24 Turkey or Chicken/Dressing Giblet Gravy Garden Salad Creamed Potatoes Green Beans Cranberry Sauce—Pumpkin Cup Rolls/Butter/Milk

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