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## Frenship Students Inducted into National Honor Society

## Hospital District Needs Additional Funds Executive Director Contends

By Richard Mason

The Lubbock County Hospital District needs more money to operate what it considers to be an adequate regional medical center.

And if the money does not come from the state of federal government, or an additional loan, the district is prepared to ask Lubbock County taxpayers for contributions — or another tax levy, Harold Coston, executive director for the district, said in a wide-ranging interview with local media Monday.

"The public can and must have a part to play," he said.

The administrator said the district was prepared to ask for additional money from Lubbock County residents even if the Texas Tech School of Medicine drops its charges for shared services from the current \$5.8 million figure to the less than \$3 million used to operate the same facilities in comparable teaching hospitals across the state.

Tech's charge for shared services was mentioned last week as the reason the medical center was expected to open its first years of operation in a deficit. As a result, the hospital district board voted during that meeting to offer the facility to the medical school for their own operation, or should that prove unacceptable to the Tech board of regents, to lease from the university those shared services needed to operate a full service hospital. Coston last week estimated the board could operate those same services for half the cost.

The district administrator said that should Tech drop their price the hospital could operate out of the reserve the district has built up for its first year of operations, but that alternative was less acceptable.

"We have some additional capital needs such as a larger start up reserve," he said in a telephone interview. "We're estimating we need an additional \$2 million.

The facility the director envisions would be a regional research center offering sophisticated treatment for burns, cancer, and peri-natal problems as well as providing a teaching hospital for the Tech School of Medicine.

"The principle difference (between the health sciences center and other community hospitals in the county) is in specialized service" Coston said. "The peri-natal center is a very significant difference involving the treatment and care of the young age group child."

The peri-natal center would be set up to deal with newborn children suffering from special problems such as the need for blood transfusions, breathing difficulties, or in some cases drug addiction picked up from the mother during pregnancy. West Texas has a very high rate of infant mortality due to the unavailability of medical care and other factors affecting mothers during their pregnancy.

### Medical School Official Contends Care For Medically Indigent Main Problem

By Richard Mason

The problem is not the price for shared services, Dr. Richard Lockwood, a medical school administrator and a vice president for the Health Sciences Center, says, but rather lies in the unique financial base of a public teaching hospital: unless certain financial difficulties are worked out the facility cannot operate successfully.

"We're not talking about anything peculiar to Lubbock County, we're talking about the same damn problem in teaching hospitals across the country," he said.

The difficulty according to the administrator centers on three major factors: care for indigents, hospital costs versus reimbursement, and the number of actual paying patients. Two of those factors are intangibles, Lockwood said, and one can mean the difference between successful financial operation of the \$24 million regional medical center and financial trouble.

That problem is care for the medically indigent. In an interview with the Times, Dr. Richard Lockwood also said

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"We're not setting up for education only but for a problem high in Texas," he said.

The hospital would also contain the capabilities to treat certain types of cancer and provide organ transplants.

"New things start (from research) in medical schools," Coston noted.

The regional medical center would contain clinical, classroom and medical facilities in the same general area cutting down on the overall costs of the medical school program, the director said. "The necessity to move classes to El Paso should concern the community," he said, noting that third year medical students currently perform their residency requirements in the Sun City.

According to the administrator, the district cannot cut back on some of its hospital facilities to stay in the present budget and still "fulfill the total mission" of the medical school.

"The ideal is to give the medical school what it wants and needs to fill their primary mission," he said. "You might have to cut back care to certain patients, but it's all downhill when you get there."

Coston remained optimistic that the problems could be worked out, however. Other possible sources of revenue included the possibility of the state assuming the expense for certain portions of the teaching costs in state teaching hospitals and an additional loan from the federal government.

### Ropes Seniors Honored with Lubbock Luncheon

Ropesville high school senior Omie Dalton and Texas Tech graduate Von Ayers were honored at a luncheon in the Gold Room of Hemphill Wells in the South Plains Mall by Mrs. Bob Bevers and daughter, Dawn, on Saturday, May 15. Special guests were Mrs. Omer Lee Dalton, Mrs. G.C. Bevers, and Mrs. Omer Dalton Sr., mothers and grandmothers of the honorees. Fifteen guests attended the luncheon.

### Ropes Students At State Track Meet

Two Ropesville boys attended the State Track Meet in Austin this past weekend. Monte Moore, a senior student at Ropes High School, was entered in the Class B High Jumping Event. Monte received a silver medal for second place in this event by jumping a height of 6'4". Randal Fowler, a junior at Ropes High School, was entered in the mile run for Class B. Randal Fowler's time was 4:28.0. Randal received a gold medal for first place. Both of these boys did a great job for our school! Those attending the track meet from Ropes were the Doc Moores, the Monte Fowlers, the Bill Shahas, Jeff Arnwine, Debbie Johnson and Danny Norris.

### Central State University Grad

Central State University in Edmond, Oklahoma, will graduate 1,651 students in spring convocation ceremonies Wednesday, May 12, the largest group ever. The class was led by five students who achieved a perforce A, or 4.0 grade-point average, another first for the university. There were 52 Summa Cum Laude graduates, 34 Magna Cum Laude and 58 receiving Cum Laude honors. All were recognized as outstanding scholars in their academic field.

Included in the ceremonies was Elizabeth J. Thomas of Ropesville who received a BS in Special Education, Learning Disabilities.

This year's class included 362 receiving graduate degrees. The university offers graduate studies in 53 fields of study leading to masters' degrees in education, business administration and an MA in English.

Largest number of graduates was 381 in the school of business with 282 from the liberal arts school; 261 in education; 222 in special arts and sciences and 136 in mathematics and science.

Graduation ceremonies were in Wantland Stadium at 7:30 p.m.



Students inducted into the National Honor Society must meet rigid standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Last week 21 Frenship High School students who met those standards were inducted into the society, during a school assembly.

Among the seniors inducted were Sabrina Carroll, the class salutatorian and member of both the annual staff and dramatics class; Teresa Hitt, a varsity cheerleader and member of FTA and the girl's basketball team; Anna Huffman, a member of FHA; Carolyn Lewis, a band and FHA member, Ruth McMorris, a member of FHA; and Debbie Welch, a member of FTA and FHA.

Juniors inducted into the

### Immunization Clinic Scheduled

Our monthly Immunization Clinic will be held Wednesday, May 26, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Health Department, 1212 Houston Street, Levelland.

The immunizations offered will be Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Polio, Measles, and Rubella.

society this year include Mary Baxley, a pep squad member; Dessie Belbrey, who served as the secretary-treasurer for student council; Glen Cottrill, the junior class president and member of the football and basketball teams. Cottrill is also a nominee to Boys' State where he will attend a Nuclear Science Symposium during the summer; Jenny Hilton, a member of the newspaper staff and FTA; Nancy Howell, a member of the girls' basketball team; Jamie Jett; Anne Lindsey, active on the annual staff and in dramatics classes; Mike Littlejohn, a member of the football and basketball teams; Mike Mansell, a member of the football team and vice-president of the student council; Cindy Mitchell, a cheerleader and participant in Ag projects and 4-H activities; Ofelia Pena, a member of the girls' basketball and track teams; Shirley Russell, who served as a junior varsity cheerleader; Rita Stigers, a member of the varsity choir; Lucy Stakesberry, the editor of the annual; and Karen White, a member of the annual staff.

Selection of the students was made by a faculty council.

# REMEMBERING...

By BILL D. BROOKS

## LEMONADE STANDS

One hot summer day us kids were sitting around enjoying a cool glass of lemonade when the thought suddenly occurred to us that other people would like to have some too and people should be willing to pay for something they want. A business was born. The boys set to work building the stand under the shade tree in the front yard near the street. Boxes, blocks and boards were arranged to serve as a counter. Crayons and paste board were used for signs.



LEMONADE STAND

The girls worked with their mothers to make a good deal of lemonade and collect the necessary cups, pitchers, napkins, ice and last, but most important, a cigar box for our money. A nickle per serving was to be our price. All the preparations done, we seated ourselves behind the stand and peered anxiously up and down the street for our first customers.

The first customers didn't arrive as quickly as we thought they might and we decided it wouldn't cut into our profits too much if we each had just one small glass. It was very enjoyable and as we were finishing our drinks a car pulled up to the curb.

Mrs. Jethro from down the street got out of the car and smiled as she came toward our stand. She exclaimed that she would be delighted to buy a glass of lemonade from us, that she had been looking for just such a place of business all day. Just as we were going to pour her some, an unexpected whirlwind came and scattered napkins, paper cups, dish clothes and signs in all directions. Mrs. Jethro was left standing while we ran all

over the place trying to retrieve our things. As we were just finishing gathering up the scattered articles (we brushed the dirt off of them as best we could), a big dog came up to our stand. I didn't know dogs liked lemonade but I guess he did because he drank quite a bit. We shoed him away and poured Mrs. Jethro a cup. She thanked us, paid us a whole quarter and said keep the change. She stood there for a while chatting with us and then set her cup down, excused herself and left. I don't think she even drank any of the lemonade. One of our group said we ought to pour it back in the pitcher, but we decided that wouldn't be very sanitary.

The lemonade stand idea caught on and some kids put one up across the street with reduced prices. We figured if we were going to compete, we'd have to cut ours to the bone — 2c a cup!

Business was good after that and late in the afternoon we were sold out. We were tired but happy to find when we divided our money we each had 18c. That was enough to go to the movie and buy a bag of popcorn and three pieces of bubble gum to boot.

# SPORTS

by Joe Kelly

It's the season for reruns on TV, a time when the shows you missed last fall are no better than when they first appeared. There is one saving grace—we have DST, which makes it possible to work in the yard longer.

DST also makes it possible for many a harried businessman to close the doors, change in the back of his place of business and, with a cart, get in 18 holes of golf.

For those who don't want to labor in the vinyard, as it were, or punish God's Green Acres, there is the boob tube, with its rehash of wornout old favorites.

Okay, push the button and let's read a good book, or play a friendly game of double solitaire. There are other pursuits, of course, too many to enumerate, but let's not get into that. It's a quiet season and there's not much hope for change.

It's unfortunate that the television networks don't see fit to try something different. For example, they might have the foresight to have a camera in the pressbox during the Tech spring game and tape the interchange between J.T. King and Leete Jackson.

Oh, I'll admit, King and Jackson aren't exactly household names in national TV circles, but if you think Johnny Carson's monologue is funny, they ain't seen nothing yet.

Leete and J.T. manage to entertain during the spring game, year after year, with two bit bets. It's the same routine, year after year.

The Whites have a drive going. Leete says, with a straight face, "they're going to score."

"The Whites are going to score?" Jake asks innocently. "Okay, I've got two bits that says that they don't."

The drive looks promising when suddenly there's a fumble, the Reds recover. Leete reaches, flips a quarter over.

It goes on like that the rest of the game, with Leete pitching quarters and Jake needing a little. Pretty soon everyone in the press is making a comment.

"I don't mind losing two bits so much," Leete observes, "if it wasn't for all the comments you have to put up with!"

That, of course, only produces more comments until Leete suddenly remembers an important date and departs. Somehow, the remaining few minutes of the game are pretty dull.

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Gerald Myers richly deserved the honors heaped on him by Borger last week. The former Bulldog has been a real credit to Borger, both as a player and as a coach, to say nothing of being a fine father and person.

I don't know what brought on the recognition, but it was richly deserved. Gerald is one of the most unassuming young men you'll ever meet. At the same time, he's an outstanding man. Congratulations, Gerald.

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All too often fine people are forgotten, or overlooked. As yet, for example, no organization has seen fit to honor Sam West, maybe the finest fielding player in the history of the American League, a performer in the first All Star game and a resident of Lubbock for many, many years.

Sam, like many of us, is getting no younger. It would be fitting for some organization, like the Chamber of Commerce, to have a day and honor him.

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I was talking with Billy "Coach" Brown Sunday and we discussed the awards for Coach Myers. We agreed that it was a fine thing, but something that was passing from the American scene.

"Small towns do it more than bigger cities," Billy observed. "I remember when they gave Johnny Mack (who quarterbacked Alabama to a Rose Bowl victory and gained All America status at the same time) a day. That was really something."

Johnny Mack Brown, for those too young to remember, was one of three brothers who played quarterback at Alabama and went on to stardom. Johnny Mack also went on to star in the movies and once was honorary marshall of the ABC Rodeo here.

"I was in the band that day," Billy commented.

The band? That startled me.

"Yeah," Billy said with a broad grin, "I played the drums, snare drums. I was in the National Guard band. They really gave Johnny Mack a big day."

If those days are gone, the losers are the kids, who have a chance to see their idols praised, as well as a lot of older people, who still have stardust in their eyes.

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Obviously, you can't buy a pennant. The Yankees are having that proved through Catfish Hunter, while the Atlanta Braves are finding our through Andy Messersmith.

Hunter, as of Saturday night, had lost five of the nine games the Yanks have dropped this season. Messersmith, at the same time, had an 0-4 record. The Yanks were in first place, no thanks to Hunter, while the Braves were in last place, some small thanks to Missersmith.

## Lubbock County Museum Building To Be Dedicated

A \$27,000 extension to the building housing farm machinery dating back to the turn of the century will be dedicated in afternoon ceremonies at Shallowater Sunday, June 6th. Ribbon cutting ceremonies will precede a short program for the

scheduled 2 p.m. opening of the Lubbock County Museum Building located along Avenue G. A contract was awarded last December to Liberty Building Company to construct a shed extending from the existing warehouse over equipment parked outside. Construction on the project started in February.



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# Couples Enjoy Hawaiian Vacation Sheridan's Ride

by Jack Sheridan

Recently the Leroy Grawnders and the Garland Stokes enjoyed a Hawaiian vacation. Their plane left at 11 a.m. and after nine hours flying time and a three hour layover in L.A., they arrived in the city of Honolulu. The Honolulu Airport is one of the ten busiest in the world. Buses took the tour group to the beautiful Hawaiian Village Hotel. After a good nights rest they enjoyed a "Waikiki Welcome Breakfast" of ham and eggs, orange juice and delicious fresh pineapple spears. You haven't eaten pineapple until you eat fresh chilled spears! After breakfast the group enjoyed a tour of a garment factory, where you watch seamstresses make their famous muu muu's and matching shirts for the men. Then we were taken on tour of the city of Honolulu, which is on the island of Oahu. The island is known as the gathering place as 70 percent of the 700,000 Hawaiians live on this beautiful island.

The tour enjoyed seeing the beautiful landscaped University of Hawaii, the Civic Center, and the residential area of Manoa Valley, a \$30,000 home here would be a \$100,000 home there. Flowers and shrubs soon cover the exterior of the house. We explored the acreage and saw the original grass shack where Robert Louis Stevenson wrote "Treasure Island" at Waioli. The Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery was an interesting place to wander through. At one time it was a live volcano and now is a memorial to the war dead. On a large marble structure 26,280 names of the missing in action are carved. Ernie Pyle, the famous war correspondent, is buried here. From the lookout tower one could see the coast line with it's large swells coming in.

Diamond Head was as pretty as we've always been told. It's so named because of the clear stones the first settlers found and thought were diamonds. It too was a former live volcano and now houses, deep in the crater, the radar tracking stations, and the FCC. We saw the State Capitol, a large white, square shaped building. The present governor is Japanese and his salary is \$50,000 per year. He was voted in by a vast majority. The natives of Hawaii are Japanese, Filipinos and Portuguese. We saw the Iolani Palace and it is the only royal residence on U.S. soil. It was built in 1881 by King Kalakana.

The next day, after an early breakfast, we started out on a "beach and waterfall" tour. The island of Oahu is 40 miles long and 20 miles wide and is third in size of the islands. An avrage of 70 inches a year is the rainfall here, 80 degrees is the average temperature and October is the rainy month. The first stop of the day was Pearl Harbor, this was a sad and meaningful experience. The Japanese bombed the Arizona at 7:35 a.m. on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941. It had 5 direct hits and sank in seven minutes. Some of the ship, burried in 30 feet of water can still be seen, the smokestack is still visible but will soon be gone as it has almost rusted away. The bodies of 1,102 men were not disturbed and are still entombed there.

On our way around the island we saw sugar cane in all stages, some just being planted and some being harvested. The sugar cane joints are first soaked in water then planted. It takes 15 to 18 months for the cane to ripen, then the leaves are burned off the plants to make for easier harvesting. It takes 250 gallons of raw sugar to make one pound of

refined sugar. It's dark in color when harvested and dirty looking. After being harvested and washed in Hawaii it is then sent to California for refining, and packaged as C&H sugar, California where it is processed and Hawaii where it is grown.

Next came the pineapple fields and we stopped at a little roadway stand in the middle of a field for fresh pineapple spears. It takes 18 months to two years for the pineapples to ripen. They are harvested by hand, put on conveyor belts to be loaded on trucks and taken to the canneries. Farm labor is \$4.00 to \$6.00 an hour. During the peak season 3 million pineapples are processed at the larger canneries.

From the pineapple fields the tour bus took us along the north shore to Waimea Falls, where we had a picnic lunch and watched divers dive from the ledges into the foaming water below. We walked the half mile back to the parking lot through exotic plants, orange, coffee, and mango trees. From the falls we drove along the Pali Highway to Pali Lookout, one of the windiest places in the world (made us West Texans feel at home!). The afternoon was clear of clouds and we could almost see forever. Wooden slopes on all sides and flowers everywhere, so pretty. From there we drove on to one of the prettiest beaches in Hawaii, Hanauma Bay. It is down off the road and surrounded by white sand. We snorkled in the crystal clear water to watch our tour guide feed the tropical fish that came from everywhere to eat the frozen peas he fed them. After the refreshing swim it was time to get back to the hotel. That night we attended a dinner show to see the world famous "Surfers" in the Long House (only none of us had ever heard of them!) Anyway we enjoyed their songs and antics.

The next day we took a Panarma plane hop to some of the other Islands. The plane was a twin engine nine passenger job. Everyone had a window seat, and the view was something you hear about but just can't believe until you really see it. Beauty is everywhere, as far as the eye can see. We flew from 500 to 1,000 feet high, and the pineapple fields were laid off in perfect rows and every bit of land is used. The Pineapple Island of Lanai is mostly farm land and 90 percent of the harvest is done by the women. The entire Island is owned by Dole Pineapple Co., except for a few lots that the employees own. Population is limited to around

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There is a director of stage and screen who, in recent years, has been making a name for himself in the Hollywood field. He is Arthur Penn and he has achieved that inner circle of motion picture directors whereby any film he makes now bears, like the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval, the definitive and identifying logo "a film by Arthur Penn."



Well, Arthur Penn has hit some highs and lows down through the years but he has come up with a winner this time. He gathered himself a sold script, two stunning superstars, a cast that is well nigh impeccable in characterization, a geographical dual of unbelievably rugged and beautiful terrain, a composer for the score with provocative interpretation and a cameraman who deserves any old awards laying around.

The film, which opens its regular run at the Winchester Theater tomorrow (Friday) is "The Missouri Breaks," a horse-rustling film pitting the rustlers against the establishment ranchers against the stark and mysterious Montana area known as "The Missouri Breaks," the source of "The Migt Mo" river.

The rustlers suffer the loss by the hanging of one of their colleagues as the film starts. They rob a train in a hilarious sequence to gain money with which they buy a small ranch to serve as a relay point for their stolen horses. The ranch is adjacent to the big spread of the powerful, unfeeling baron owner. Under the guise of farming, the rustlers prepare for the big haul.

With the rustlers' true operation uncertain to the opposition, the rancher imports a strange, Greek-like nemesis with an Irish accent. Literate, bemused, deadly this is the Enforcer, Robert Lee, whose sights are murderous and whose pathological pleasure is served in violence. It is his self-ordained job to hunt out and to kill the rustler band.

The Enforcer is played strongly, much in his remembered oldtime force, by Marlon Brando. With his fattening face, his flowing locks, his narrow eyes, Brando is pitted against the bearded, genial, charming and deadly-in-his-way rustler head, Jack Nicholson, the recent "Cuckoo's Nest" Oscar winner. Nicholson has achieved his superstar status and he brings all his multiple talents to bear, his charm, his charisma, his skills to this role.

There is a formidable motion picture debut by the young woman playing the rancher's daughter and Nicholson paramour, Kathleen Lloyd, a beautiful, warm job all the way.

Lack of a cast sheet precludes identification of other than Oscar nominee Randy McQuaid (for "Last Detail") as Todd, Nicholson's henchman, and Frederick Forrest in the cast. Too bad for all deserve mention. The father is superbly done, so are all the others.

John Williams' score is full of portentous rumbles and booms presaging disaster while the camera work among the Breaks, and especially during the ill-fated raid on the Canadian Mounted Police garrison, is almost three-dimensional in its handling.

Arthur Penn's direction is taut and close, though at moments he has included scenes that, while colorful or amusing, seem to have little relevance to the progression of the main plot line. But, no matter.

The language for the PG-rated, two-hour film is "today", but not overdone other than fits the characterizations and the events. Particularly pleasing are the "courting" scenes between Nicholson and Miss Lloyd, amusing, bright, witty and adult.

Arthur Penn has, without a doubt, taken a leaf from fellow director Sam Peckinpah who is known for his violence emphasis. Penn does not spare us the shock treatment. His murders and assassinations, hangings, are electric, no doubt and one of the shock treatment scenes of the film is the brief but unforgettable end of the Enforcer.

It's a good, solid, absorbing film, "The Missouri Breaks." It's got stardust all over it in every department. It is highly recommended.

Another bright, shining event in pure entertainment is now current at the Hayloft Dinner Theater down on the Brownfield Highway. This is the presentation through June 5 of the off-Broadway musical, the six character spoof of all the Ruby Keeler - Warner Brothers - Busby Berkeley musicals of the 1930s talkies, "Dames at Sea."

Set in rehearsal in New York City, the little plot concerns, as you might know, the unknown hooper from Utah with Broadway in her eyes; the aging and difficult star of the show; the fey producer-director-actor; the chorine with the heart of gold; two sailors, one a composer, the other a hooper and a galaxy of tunes by George Hamsohn and Robin Miller (book and lyrics) and Jim Wise (music), with the Utah gal getting her big break opening night.

The production, in three acts, is one of the brightest to hit town in a long time and this show has never been seen in the city before.

It is the work of a Kansas City-based group, The Continental Theatre Company, and they are a tightly-knit, highly-talented, bright and youthful group that apparently enjoy working together to the hilt. What they have produced is a laughable, tuneful, parody of hit proportions that keeps the audience smiling from beginning to end and pounding the palms after each of the numbers, the extremely clever choreography, by Gerald Webb, and the direction by Yvonne Ghareeb. There's a lot to be said for the musical direction by Gary Green and his backup group.

The working players are all just right. Olivia Vann is a joy as Mona Vann, the vet actress; K.K. Harper (that's a luscious, funny girl) is Ruby to the K; Lee Griswold is mincingly mercurial as producer Hennessey; Ina Jo Donovan is all the John Blondells of the business rolled into one, while Michael Haley and Mark Atchison as the gobs, Dick and Lucky respectively, are the "On the Town" sailors to matchless degree.

If any show at the Hayloft deserved full houses every night of the run, it is "Dames at Sea." I can't think of what any audience member could want more in the way of sheer entertainment and fun. If you don't see "Dames at Sea," then you just lose an evening of pure amusement and in these days that's like an unexpected rebate on your income tax!

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**Hawaiian Vacation . . .**

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15,000 people. The soil is so rich here the crops don't have to be rotated. We flew over the tiny Island of Kahoolawe, it is uninhabited and is used only for bombing practice. Years ago convicted criminals were taken by boat to the island and put out and left to die, thus the name Island of Death. Only 3-5 inches of rain falls here a year, and 37 species of man eating sharks lurk in the water surrounding it. The volcanic ash is red and nothing much can grow here.

To the southwest of Kauai is the tiny island of Niihau, the Forbidden Island. It is privately owned and one can only visit it by invitation and these invitations are few and far between. The pilots were not allowed to even fly close to the island. A decedent of the Royal Hawaiians, Mrs. Robinson, bought the island to keep it like the primitive Hawaii. There are about 300 persons living here in grass huts, without electricity, running water, cars or machinery. The women are not allowed to leave, but if they do they cannot return, but the men can come and go.

Next comes the "Big Island" of Hawaii. We can see the snow on Mauna Kea, the pilot says there is six feet of snow on the mountain which is 13,796 feet high. The plane lands and we take a Grayline tour of Kona, the third largest city of the Islands. We drove by the beautiful Kona Hilton Hotel where we'll be staying tonight after our tour. Bougainvillea grows everywhere and we were told they had fourteen different colors of the showy vine. The red Hibiscus is the state flower and you see it everywhere. There are 5,000 varieties of this hardy flower, and the huge blossoms are a mass of color. Macadamia nuts are grown in abundance on this island. They are very good and very expensive. The shells are so hard to crack that special heavy duty machines are used. Kona coffee is grown here and is very strong, you only use one third of what you would normally use. (one of our party was very happy about this and didn't have to add extra instant coffee to make it strong enough.) When the coffee bean is ready for harvest it is red in color and looks like cranberries. It is all picked by hand and the children are let out of school to help with the harvest.

We returned to our plane and flew across Hawaii to Hilo, the second largest city in the Islands. Hilo is the wettest city in the world. Average rainfall is 160 inches a year, but lots of time as much as 200 inches fall. We saw the beautiful Rainbow Waterfalls, where you see several rainbows at one time. Charles A. Lindberg owned land and is buried here beneath a white chapel built in his honor.

Now we are on our way to Maui, The Valley Island. This green, green Island is covered in valleys, waterfalls and trees. There are over 1,000 waterfalls here more than 100 feet high. We land and take another sight seeing bus tour. Had a delicious buffet dinner, and all our salads came topped with an orchid. The next Island is Molakai, The Friendly Island. We didn't stop on this island but could see the leper colony from the air. There are 140 lepers here now and their supplies are brought in by plane. Dole

Pineapple Company has 700 acres of fruit and Del Monte has 5,000 here. In 1977 a big resort area will be built on the white sands, this will be for a secondary income.

The next Island is Kauai, the Garden Island, fourth in size and is the wettest place in the world. Average rainfall is 451 inches but in 1967 they received 648 inches in one year, a government reading on top of one of the mountains. On Kauai they have the second "Grand Canyon." It is 4,000 feet deep at the deepest point and a long lazy river runs through it. The northwest coast is so steep that one has to see it by plane or boat. Cars cannot be driven there, the cliffs are 5,000 feet high at various places and 80 percent of the Hawaiian people have never seen this part of their state. The plane flew low so we could get pictures of the beautiful waterfalls and beaches. Down this coast line the film "South Pacific" was made, as well as "Blue Hawaii." Our plane landed and we took a boat trip up the Wailua River to the Fern Grotto, a lush tropical garden and cave where ferns grew in abundance. Our guides sang the Hawaiian Wedding Song and other Hawaiian songs.

There were a lot of Japanese making these tours, they seemed to cover the place, were well dressed and didn't speak English. Most of them were young, but we did see one older lady that still had her feet bound. In our plane again we flew low over the beautiful clear, blue water. We are told that we can see 30 feet deep. Clouds are beginning to build and they look dark and wet. Our pilot wants us to see the volcanos before they are engulfed in clouds. Kilauea Volcano crater is two and a half miles long, two miles wide and four hundred feet deep. We flew low over the fire pit and the pilot was going to turn around and go back through so we could get a better look, but the control tower said we'd best get out because of the rain clouds. Our plane takes us back to Honolulu and we take the Royal Hawaiian Aloha plane back to Kona on the Big Island. The next day is spent fishing and shopping and resting, and just drinking in all that beauty. We can't seem to see enough of the flowers and shrubs, the natives are so friendly and want you to enjoy their state. Everything is nice and clean. They use vacuum cleaners to clean the parking lots and to clean up the fallen blossoms from the trees.

In 1969 all the billboards and signboards were taken down and burned in a huge bonfire, and they are not allowed now. Even Colonel Sanders can't put up his big bucket of chicken or McDonald's their golden arches!

There are only two snakes in all of Hawaii, they are both male and in the Honolulu Zoo. It took six months of legislation to get them okayed for the zoo. There is no poison ivy or poison oak, and we

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only saw flies at one place, very few of them and they looked more like flying bugs. They do have a lot of termites and they call them Texas Termites because of their size.

After two days in Kona we took a motorcoach around the south end of the Big Island to the second largest city in Hawaii, Hilo. This was truly a scenic drive, flowers were growing wild all along the highway. We saw the black sand beach, made when the lava hit the cold water and exploded into fine particles of sand. We drove through tropical plants, and then on into the volcanic area. We had felt a slight tremor the night before at 1:30 a.m. and this is a good sign that there will soon be a volcano erupting. They say it is such a wonderful sight that when there is an eruption, people leave their jobs for miles around to watch the flow. We could see the steam coming from under the ground in the crater of the Kilauea Volcano. This is one of the world's most active volcanic areas. The crater is two and a half miles long, two miles wide and 400 feet deep. We watched the seismograph recording slight tremors all around.

After this stop we passed through the most southern part of the United States, on up the east coast and stopped at a florist where we are given a bright red anthurium blossom, these will stay pretty for three or four weeks. They are so bright and shiny they look like plastic. After touring the grounds of the florist we went on to Rainbow Falls and a tour of the city.

Our last day we rented a car and toured all the north end of the

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Island. Along the jagged coast, through sugar cane farms, pineapple fields and toured the Macadamia Nut Factory, where we saw them sort and grade the nuts by hand, then roast and can them. From here we drove through the Parker Ranch. This is the largest privately owned ranch in the U.S. The King Ranch in Texas is larger but is owned by a corporation. On the Parker Ranch each cowboy is given a string of eight horses when he starts to work, and if he stays for five years he is given a piece of land to build a house on, or whatever he wants. At the Parker Shopping Center we ate lunch and shopped, then started back to Hilo.

The next day we explored some more before we took the plane back to Honolulu, so we could start our homeward flight. Just before we got on the plane to start home we bought a dozen of the beautiful Anthuriums to hold in

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**Med School Official . . .***Continued From Page One*

that Texas Tech was not in danger of losing the medical school even if the Health Sciences Center hospital does not open, and blame for the difficulties between the medical school and the hospital district lies not on one side or the other, but in a "difference of perception."

Lockwood said the hospital district and medical school began to talk about shared service arrangements last December to "try to determine what the cost in relation to patient care would be." Shared services include costs for x-rays, laboratory services and other operations needed to operate a hospital. But, according to Lockwood, the costs are based on the number of patients and, since the hospital is not yet open, such figures cannot be accurately determined.

"There is no way to do that," he said of the actual costs, "no way to make projections from something that doesn't exist. Those numbers (the \$5.8 million figure) and 15 cents won't get you a cup of coffee. The best estimate we can make is on relative cost."

The financial problem stems from another source, he noted. The medical center like all public teaching hospitals will operate on money supplied from the tax base and from patient income. In most cases, patient income derives from a third party payer such as social security, Medicaid, or health insurance premiums. But those rates are set by negotiation or provided for in statute. While reimbursement rates for teaching hospitals are greater than rates for community hospitals.

That, Lockwood said, is not the problem. The problem is finding funds to cover the cost of medical care to the medically indigent. Hospital district estimates show that 10 per cent of those using the facility will be indigents if current patient ratios hold up. The district must pay for these people with tax dollars. However, there is an

additional figure not covered in the estimates which consists of those who cannot afford to pay the cost for medical care. A married man with a family of four who earns \$7000 each year does not qualify for indigent care. But that man may not be able to pay a \$3000 hospital bill.

In most hospitals the figure is marked off as a bad debt, Lockwood said, and the costs for providing their care is included in tax funds and the charge to paying patients. Currently the hospital district writes those debts off as unpayable if the amount is not recovered in six months.

There is no income to offset the cost of providing these people with care. The charge is included in the overall hospital operation cost, and unless offset by other income, eats into the financial base of the hospital.

"If the number (of patients unable to pay) is 5 per cent, we're all right," Lockwood said. "But if they are 20 to 30 per cent we're in trouble." If a public hospital is opened in Lubbock County, the hospital will receive the indigent patients and the borderline cases, he said.

"It won't work financially if these things are not worked out."

The problem with public health care systems is that there is "a great big group of people who drop between the 'guidelines,'" Lockwood explained. The way to finance their care is to raise the local tax base or to get a subsidy from the state. Such a subsidy for Texas Tech was remote, he noted, because it would include aid for the other teaching hospitals in the state.

"We're talking about a significant amount of money if you're talking about all the county hospitals that are teaching hospitals."

One of the intangibles in determining the income for the county hospital is the actual number of paying patients who will use the facility. The figure cannot be determined because of the existence of other hospitals in the community, Lockwood said. There was no need for another hospital in the community which would provide the same services as those already in operation. If the Health Sciences Center hospital is going to operate successfully, it needs to compete against the other hospitals for patients. The only way to do that, Lockwood added, is to provide special services.

However, over the years community hospitals have started to provide those same special services.

"You don't have to go to a teaching hospital to get it all done anymore. Community hospitals



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are more sophisticated," he said.

The administrator said the community hospitals here could not serve as a teaching hospital for Tech medical school students because of the teaching hospital's nature. A teaching hospital needs a faculty to set policy, Lockwood noted, and unless there was close cooperation between the school faculty and the hospital's medical staff, the program would not work.

"This community has never had a medical education facility before. Most community hospitals cannot serve as teaching hospitals because the faculty needs to establish hospital policy. You need a primary hospital," he said.

Lockwood also said he was not opposed to accepting the hospital from the district, but it would not make any difference financially.

"One organization running a hospital and clinical unites in the hospital makes sense," he said, "but it doesn't solve the problems." One reason is that the medical school cannot use their funds to pay for direct patient care.

"Our funds are in terms of state appropriations. We're prohibited from spending funds for direct patient care. Certain teaching

costs we can pick up," he said.

The medical school official denied that Tech was in danger of losing the School of Medicine if the hospital is not opened in Lubbock. Lockwood said keeping the entire facility in Lubbock depends on the amount of clinical teaching conducted in Lubbock. If the hospital is not opened, the school will remain with Tech, but different facets of the educational process will take place in different areas.

"We'll be doing most of our (residency) teaching in El Paso for the next two or three years," he said. "We want to have a clinical program and teaching hospital here," he added.

Such a plan was still realistic, he said "if (the hospital district) can get the money."

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"Good price prospects for cotton are a result of low supplies on one hand and increased domestic and foreign consumption on the other," points out Charles Baker, an economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Both domestic and foreign mill consumption should be up more than a million bales each above the 1974-75 marketing year."

How will production shape up for 1976?

"Overall plantings should be up moderately from 1975. Texas farmers intend to plant 4.67 million acres of cotton as of April 1," notes the Texas A&M University system economist. "However, final plantings could exceed 5 million acres if farmers plant all their available acres for cotton and sorghum. With sorghum planting intentions also down, about a million acres of cropland is uncommitted. These acres will probably be split between the two crops."

In the U.S., Baker expects the cotton crop to total about 11.5 million acres. If the crop produced a bale per acre, the 11.5 million bales would still fall short of the expected domestic consumption and exports. This would reduce stocks on hand even further than the lean carryover of 3.6 million bales expected on August 1.

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