

Ropes' All Stars Team Places 4th in National Tournament

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Ropes Youth Participate in **Britches Rodeo**

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Friday and Saturday nights. June 7 and 8, the Abernathy Riding Club sponsored their annual Little Britches Rodeo. The two nights totaled 300 entries. Ages range from 1 to 16 years.

Those entering from Ropes were Roger Putman in bareback bronc, pee-wee division eleven years and under. Rusty Putman entered the junior division bareback bronc, ages 12-14, and won a 4th place ribbon in this event. Randy Putman entered the senior division bareback bronc and bull riding, ages 15-16. Ricky Putman entered the junior division bareback bronc and bull riding, he won a 4th place ribbon on his bull.

Gregg Watts entered bareback bronc and bull riding in the junior division and won a 5th place ribbon on the bareback bronc.

Other catagories offered were pee-wee, junior and senior barrells, pole bending, ribbon roping and flags.

Randy Dale Carter, 1974 Graduate of Ropes High School Receives Scholarship



Ropes All Star Girls Little Dribblers closed out their season with a fantastic record. They had 22 wins and 5 losses. They placed fourth in the National Tournament held in Levelland. They had a wonderful experience playing in the tournament.

There were teams there with great basketball fundamentals and the Ropes team played hard with great sportsmanship and determination. With hard work and personal effort, these girls traveled a long and hard road to make it to the National Tournament.

It was an honor for these girls to represent Ropesville and this furthered their desire to win. So, when you meet one of these girls, give them a pat on the shoulder to show our happiness for them. Also lets remember Coach Hedges for the fundamentals began there.

Somewhere in the future, this may be the state champions.

These girls made friends from other states and this within itself was quite an experience.

As coaches of the Ropes All Stars, Margaret Lowrie and Levetta Bradshaw would like to say, "We have enjoyed the girls. Their conduct, sportsmanship and ability has indeed been a blessing to us. Although the season has been long and tiring, we will miss these girls very much. We fell a life long friendship has been established. We would also like to thank the parents for their time, effort and expense in helping us transport these girls. Thanks again to our fans, they have been faithful and great sportsmen."

Randy Dale Carter, 1974 graduate of Ropes High School, has been awarded a \$750 Clark Foundation Scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

The Clark Foundation provided funds for 64 of the \$750 grants to be given to outstanding participants in University Interscholastic League academic and literary contests.

Randy earned eligibility for the Clark Scholarship by participating in League Band, One-Act Play and Boy's Poetry Interpretation competition.

In 1974 Randy won first place in

the regional Poetry Interpretation contest and was named to the All-Star Cast at district One-Act Play competition. Twice his group won superior ratings in Band Ensemble competition.

Randy was a member of the marching and concert bands for three years. He was a member of the Fine Arts Club, casts for drama class Christmas skits and the National Honor Society.

In his after school hours, Randy has worked on his family's farm and in an aquarium shop. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Carter. Randy plans to attend Wayland Baptist College.

Future of Herbicide in Jeopardy

The American consumer would become the ultimate loser and agriculture the immediate loser if future use of 2,4,5-T is limited or banned, according to a researcher with the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station.

Dr. Joseph Schuster, head of Texas A&M University's range science department and a TAES scientist, emphasized that future use of the herbicide that is widely used to control brush and weeds on rangeland is in jeopardy.

"This herbicide is highly effective in controlling noxious woody plants on rangelands and forests. It has a record of relative safety covering more than two decades of use. Now, this vital product is awaiting a public hearing called by the Environmental Protection Agency. Action following the hearing remains to be determined," the scientist added.

Costs of such agricultural items as meat, wool, mohair, and forest products are likely to climb if use of 2.4.5-T is banned or limited. Schuster said.

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What is happening concerning this herbicide points up the risk to other important agricultural herbicides, regardless of their safety records, Schuster continued.

"The general public needs to understand more about the vital uses of each product, their safety records, how to use the products effectively, as well a possible potential dangers. The public should be concerned with protecting the environment, but citizens should depend on scientists and others trained in the field to determine the hazards involved in using herbicides," he added.

Schuster emphasized that our country's economic strength and its ability to produce needed food, fiber, energy, timber and other resources are sometimes weakened by demands made in the name of protecting citizens and the environment.

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Eugene Parchman of 1705-A 66th Street are the parents of a son weighing 6 lbs, and 8 ounces.

The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson of Ropesville and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Parchman of Lubbock,

Mr. and Mrs. O.K. Briggs visited in the home of their son, Jim and his family of Ropes, Sunday. ***********

Ropesville Area News

Mrs. Herman Timmons was in Dallas last week visiting her sister, Laverne Riddle, who has been ill with Multiple Sclerosis for several years. She is the former Laverne King.

Kevin and Tamara Glenn spent two nights in the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Isla Etheridge last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gailey of Lubbock visited in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Gailey, last week.

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Mrs. Vera Bridwell visited with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Staples and Rhonda of Lubbock last week.

Earlie Cox of Lubbock visited in the home of his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Price, Sunday afternoon.

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Pfc. Jimmy Kimberlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Kimberlin, left for South Carolina Monday morning. He will go from there to Germany.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Snider ate

Ropes Teens Attend Camp

A group of teens from the Nazarene Church left early Monday morning to attend youth camp at Camp Arrowhead near Glenrose, Texas.

Terry Allen, Larry Smith, Johnny West, Jerry White, LaWana Smith, Linda Roberts, Patricia Miller, and Sherry Fry.

Patsy Smith and Sherry took some of them in her car. Camp Arrowhead is located on the Brazos River.

dinner Sunday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Snider.

James Martin and children of Lubbock visited his mother, Mrs. Irene Martin, Saturday. **********

Louise Martin of Fullerton, Calif. visited in the home of her cousin, Irene Martin, last week. She also visited the Arzie Martins and Tommy Littlefields. ***********

Rickey Tindel of Levelland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benney Tindel and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Littlefield, had bladder surgery last Tuesday at Methodist Hospital. He is home now and doing fine.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ron Thomas of Shamrock visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arzie Martin, last week. ***********

Visitors in the Emory Hobbs ome were Rev. and Mrs. Johnny B. Rogers of Brownfield, last Saturday.

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Mrs. Lillian Gryder of Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Hobbs of Ropes, ate supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs Saturday night.

Mrs. Emory Hobbs and Merlin visited her sister-in-law last Friday, who is in a hospital in Lubbock.

Iva Ree Young had minor surgery in the Methodist Hospital Monday. She is back home and doing fine.

The City of Ropesville would like to express their thanks to everyone that helped in the city-wide clean-up Saturday. ***********

Mary Lou Martin had surgery last week at Highland Hospital. She is at home now and doing fine.

Janie Vanstory, Sherrie and Jerry have been visiting relatives

in California. Janie came to Ropes last Wednesday and left Thursday for Wichita Falls to help take care of her sister's husband, E.H. Graham, who has been severely burned.

Larry Cox stated that due to lack of interest in skating at the Community Building, there will just be skating on Sunday afternoon now.

Mrs. Garth Gatcher of Borger had major surgery Monday in University Hospital of Lubbock. She is in intensive care at this time. We hope she will soon be better. She is a sister of Larry Cox and sister-in-law of Lois Sims.

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Garth Gatcher of Borger spent Sunday night in the home of his sister, Lois Sims.

Mrs. Elsie Berry, Flora Martin of Ropes and Annie Longley of Meadow, attended a luncheon last Thursday in Lubbock for the retired federal employees.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Embery, stephanie and Sharon are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.N. Sullivan and her sister, Mrs. James Pierce. Mr. and Mrs. Embery went to Dallas to attend the Southern Baptist Convention this week. Rev. Embery is pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Boise, Idaho.

Those going were Joe Allen,

Page 2 **Services Held for**

Mrs. C. M. Doyle

Services for Mrs. C.M. (Sallie) Doyle, 88, were held on Thursday, June 6 at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Shallowater, with the Rev. Allan Cartright, pastor and Rev. Wayne R. Williams, pastor of the Parkway Baptist Church in Lubbock, officiating.

Burial was in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. R.I. Marr of Lubbock; a

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brother, Floyd Williams of Denton; 2 sisters, Mrs. C.L. Howell of Ballinger and Mrs. Mary Hoffman of Santa Anna; 3 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were W.H. Bell, S.B. Deavours, John C. Anglin, M.J. Stanton, Gale Ballard, and A.J. Hargrove.

Services Held for John T. McKay

John T. McKay, 94, of Route 2, Lubbock, died Friday in West Texas Hospital.

McKay had been a resident of Lubbock County since 1935, and had lived primarily in Shallowater. He was a retired farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church of Shallowater.

McKay was married to Mary Jane Starr in 1905 in Cooksville.

Survivors include two sons, Warren of 306 Vernon Ave. and Jess of Shallowater; two daughters, Mrs. Bladys Coffee of Rt. 2, Lubbock and Mrs. Opal Esther Lynch of Shallowater; 11

grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

Services Held for Mrs. Ethel James

Services for Mrs. C.U. (Ethel) James, 78, of Route 2, Lubbock, were held Monday at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Max Browning, pastor, officiating. Burial was in City of Lubbock Cemetery under direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

Mrs. James died at 9:45 a.m. Friday in Jewell's Hospitality House in Lubbock. She suffered a broken hip in March and had been ill several months. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Shallowater. She was a resident of Lubbock County 58 years.

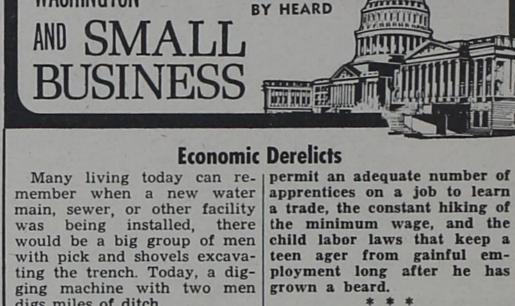
Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Robert Middlebrook fo Shallowater and Mrs. Charles Wood of Route 2, Lubbock; one sister, Mrs. P.E. Crosnoe of Route 2. Lubbock; one grandson and one granddaughter.

Summer Tax **Savers For Farmers**

The summer months offer farmers a chance to save on income tax by paying their children for farm work and by combining vacation and business trips.

This word comes from Dr. Wayne Hayenga, economist in agribusiness management for the **Texas Agricultural Extension** Service at Texas A&M University. A farmer can deduct wages he





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ental pride. So many parents would prefer to see their progmen would be employed stackenv in white collar instead of ing lumber. Today, this is all blue collar occupations. * * *

AS HEARD

For example, the chief steward on a luxury liner holds down a very responsible white collar job. But for the fact that there are blue collar workers who with the greatest of skill and expertise were able to turn out the huge propellor shafts on lathes within tolerances of thousands of an inch, there would have been no ship for a chief steward.

If the nation is to regain its economic leadership, which can only be achieved by increasing productivity, there must be a change in attitude and in the educational process.

The country badly needs more competent artisans, and probably less philosophers, social workers, et al. In fact, it is not beyond the realm of possibility that in time those who are unable to perform any tally related to the schools. productivity will become eco-The reluctance of unions to nomic derelicts. © National Federation of Independent Business

pays to his children and still claim them as dependents as long as he provides over half of their support. The wages must actually be paid upon and paid by check.

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they earn less than \$2,050, the children will not have to pay income tax. Also, dependent children working for parents do not have to pay social security taxes, but then they do not gain

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Contact Isla Etheridge in Ropes or write to P.O. Box 263, Ropesville, Texas 79358



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Cotton production prospects on the Texas High Plains become darker by the day according to officials of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock based cotton producer organization representing 25 counties surrounding Lubbock.

Looking a week backward from June 7, they point to a series of devastating hail storms across 11 counties in the North and Northeast sections of the area where most cotton is irrigated, and to a continuation of dry weather over the South and Western counties where most of the cotton is highly or totally dependent on rainfall.

Earlier in the year officials were looking toward 3 million acres of cotton in the 25 counties. Now they calculate that figure could be significantly reduced, and at best much of the Plains acreage will be fighting an uphill battle to produce normal crops.

Acreage lost to hail is estimated by various sources at from 200,000 to 350,000 acres. Heaviest losses were recorded in Crosby (100 to 140,000 acres), Hale (35 to 45,000), Floyd (25 to 30,000), and Swisher (25 to 30,000). Counties losing in the neighborhood of 20,000 acres include Dickens, Lamb, Motley, and Briscoe. Smaller acreage was destroyed in Parmer, Castro and Lubbock Counties. The best estimate of cotton completely destroyed might be about 250,000 acres, with another 100,000 acres or so suffering damage that could For, darling, I'm much more well reduce the harvest. It is expected that all but about 75,000 of the lost cotton acres will go back to cotton. But the late planting in these northern counties greatly reduces chances for a normal crop.

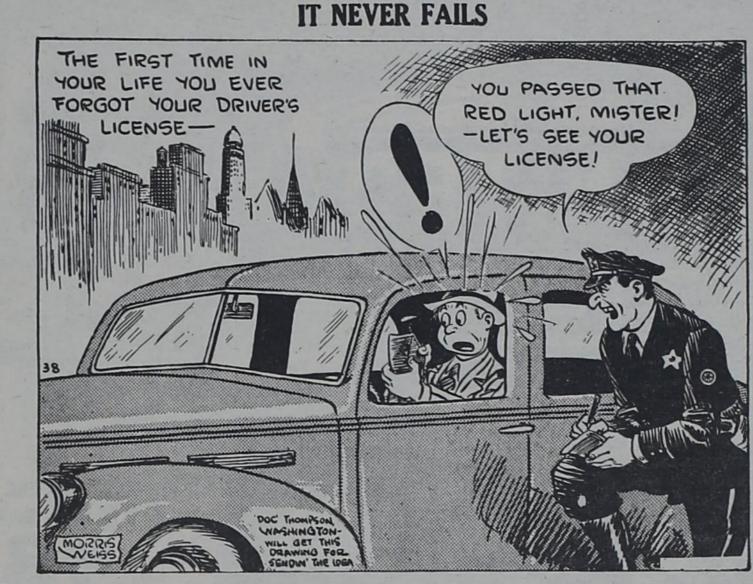
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the end of June, the Plains could have 1,675,000 acres of "normal" cotton, 100,000 acres of hail damaged and 1,150,000 acres of late planted cotton.

But the total of 2,925,000 acres looks larger and larger with each passing day.

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- And end up addicted to poppy seed waste.
- So, you'll start inhaling me one afternoon;
- You'll take me into your arms very soon.
- And once I have entered deep down in your veins,
- The craving will nearly drive you insane.
- You'll need lots of money (as you have been told(,



Home Highlights

by Jewel Robinson **County Extension Agent Hockley County** Discipline

Discipline is not controlling children, but teaching children to control themselves. Offer praise for accomplishment, but do not use it indiscriminately,

or untruthfully.

Never use techniques which destroy the child's self-image. Teach children by example, whenever possible.

Humor often eases a tense situation.

Use positive directions with simple words.

Refrain from threats or promises, unless you intend to carry them out.

Tensions must be released in

must be within the realm of safety and common sense. Help the child to talk out his emotions.

Ignore situations where children are able to work things out for themselves.

Limits are important and children really want and need them. Don't let your own emotions affect your reaction to your children. Routines are essential and provide a sense of security to children. Encourage the child to accept

Helps Shrink Swelling Of Hemorrhoidal Tissues

caused by inflammation Doctors have found a medicaothers as individuals. Never make the child feel that you love him less for misbehavior, only that you disapprove of his actions.



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South and West of Lubbock, much of the acreage has not been planted, and that which has been planted and is now up to a stand will not last long without rain.

Agronomist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, estimates that only about 30 percent of the cotton in Dawson, Lynn, Terry, Cochran, Hockley, and Garza Counties has been planted. And those six counties were counted on for around 1,100,000 acres earlier in the year. If the rains don't come, there would be some three-quarters of a million acres in these counties to subtract from the expected 3 million total for the Plains.

Other unplanted dryland areas throughout the Plains are thought to total at least another 200,000 acres.

There is still time for much dryland acreage to be planted if moisture falls by the end of June. But high yields on cotton planted in late June or early July must be considered unlikely.

Putting all the figures together, PCG calculates that if there are no further hail losses and if all dryland areas get planting moisture before

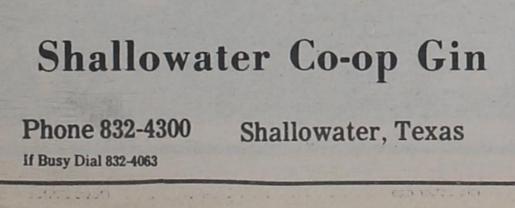
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expensive than gold. You'll swindle your mother; and, just for a buck,

- You'll turn into something vile and corrupt.
- You'll mug and you'll steal for my narcotic charm,
- In the drought-ridden area And feel contentment when I'm in your arms.
 - The day when you realize the monster you've grown,
 - You'll solemnly promise to leave me alone.
- Bob Metzer, Area Cotton If you think that you've got the mystical knack,
 - Then, sweetie, just try getting me off your back.
 - The vomit, the cramps, your gut tied in a knot.
 - The jangling nerves screaming for just one more shot.
 - The cold chills and hot sweat, the withdrawal pains,
 - Can only be saved by my little white grains.
 - There's no other way, and there's no need to look;
 - For deep down inside, you will know you are hooked.
 - You'll desperately run to the pusher, and then
 - You'll welcome me back to your arms once again.
 - And when you return (just as I foretold).
 - I know that you'll give me your body and soul.
 - You'll give up your morals, your conscience, your heart,
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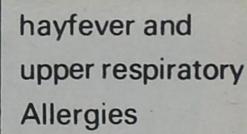
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Rays of Hope

by Pat Stanton

My family and I were very pleased to have my parents, Rev. and Mrs. J.T. Campbell, in our home last week. They are from Denver, Colorado and are former residents of Shallowater.

My dad was pastor of the local Baptist church when I graduated from high school, which was a few years back. At that time, the population of Shallowater was only about 500.

I can remember one amazing thing that happened in the church life. A record attendance was made in Sunday School with 318 present. Well, there had never been 318 present before that day and there never has been that many present for Sunday School even to this day. I'm not sure how all this came and prayer.

I am most thankful for my dad and his untiring efforts and goals. In his 34 years of ministry to and with people, I've never known him

to explode in wrath, use profanity, run over another person, or retreat in fear.

My dad is sixty years of age and still works as many hours as ever. His health is excellent and my mother says that he has never had a headache in his entire life.

Dad is in his tenth year as pastor of a thriving and spiritual church in the Denver area. His services are filled with the reality of the Lord Jesus and as a result, people respond in every service with committments to Christ.

There are verses in Ephesians 6:2-3 which say that we are to give honor and respect to our earthly fathers. "Honour thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."

Father's Day is a beautiful time about except through much effort for expressing love and thanks, but the 364 other days of the year deserve our consideration also.

> Success that is permanent comes slowly, if at all.

Summer Tax Savers . . .

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A farmer can also deduct business related expenses from business-vacation trips as long as business is the primary purpose of the trip, points out the economist. To do this, records of activities and costs of the trip should be maintained. Before going on a major business-vacation trip, it may be worthwhile to check the Internal Revenue Service publication No. 463, "Travel, Gift, and Entertainment Expenses," adds Hayenga.

Slow Progress

In New York, where nothing surprises any longer, firemen were recently ordered to wear uniform, appropriate clothing. Despite grumbles from some that the dark blue trousers and shirts made them resemble service station attendants (what's wrong with that?), they complied.

But a few days ago the fire department suspended the sale of the uniforms. Reason? It was charged the material in the uniforms is highly flammable!

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Building Materials





by Joe Kelly

A funny thing happened to the All-America football game on its way to Lubbock; it stumbled over attendance. Indeed that's the reason why the game is being played here for the fifth year in succession.

Last week, at the ticket report meeting at the Lubbock Lions Club, it was chronicled that the game was assured of having 22,000 fans on hand. In other words, that many tickets had been sold already.

It's highly unlikely that not a single additional ticket would be sold between that meeting and the game. But even if not one ticket was added to that total, it would still be the third largest crowd to see the All-Americans in 14 years.

Indeed, those 22,000 tickets already exceed the 9-year average for attendance when the game was played in Buffalo, N.Y., (five years) and Atlanta, Ga. (four years).

Out of inate curiosity about trivia of overwhelming unimportance, I checked some figures. For instance, the game here has, over four years, averaged 42,814 fans. That's more than double what the game averaged in nine years (21,273).

Now, friends, there may have been too much emphasis on Watergate for you all to think about it, but an average of 42,814, compared to 21,273, only means money for the sponsoring AFCA-and money is the name of the game, this game, any game.

In fact, when you compare the success of the venture here, with the other two locations, there's no doubt in your mind why the coaches have come to LOVE Lubbock.

In three of the four years the game has been played here, record crowds have attended. It opened with a record in 1970, set another record in 1971, missed a record by 1,071 fans in 1972 and set the top mark last year with 43,472 fans.

Not once has the All America game in Lubbock fallen below the 42,000 plateau, and twice it has reached the 43,000 level. All this, mind you, when 100 isn't a perfect score, but the mark on the thermometer.

And with 22,000 tickets sold by the first report meeting, the game was assured of attracting more total fans in five years here than in the previous nine years, 191,460 in its early life to 193,256 here.

The game shows these averages to date, not including 1974; Lubbock, 42,814; Atlanta, 26,664; Buffalo, 16,960.

The largest crowd to see the game before the Hub City became host was 38,326 the first year in Atlanta, so the average tells you something. The game here has ranged from 3,988 fans above the largest crowd in Atlanta to 5,146 above. Statistics may be like kissing your sister, but a lot of AFCA members probably are hunting up sisters now.

The recent rhubarb in Cleveland, when fans dashed onto the field and broke up the game between the Indians and the Texas Rangers, with the Indians losing by forfeit, was bush. There's no other word for it.

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Ten cent beer was blamed, but I doubt that pale pilsener or amber ale had anything to do with it. I've seen fans in New York City and other places behave just as badly without alcohol serving as the stimulant for overexuberant spirits.

But I almost wrecked the car the next day when I heard a radio commentator remark that baseball was to blame. Said the golden throated creep, how could you blame the fans when they were treated to roughness on the baseball field?

This disciple of breath control and half-baked brainpower suggested that the brushback pitch, the spikes-high slide into second, managers arguing with umpires, and similar assorted venemous gestures on the field actually sparked the fans into riot.

Someone ought to break that he-man's violin before he replaces Walter Crankcase, or whomever. I never liked to have my cap's bill serve as a target, and body block slides into second and third never made me long for ballet lessons.

But to say that such accepted baseball practices generated hatred by fans, hatred enough to cause them to crash the playing surface, is sheer balderdash, poppy-cock or even stronger words that hardly fit into a family newspaper.

The helmet block, the crackback block, gang tackling and other such practices in football are all part of the game. The players accept it, just as they do thrown elbows, holding and other genteel practices in basketball and hockey.

And, in the many years that we played and watched, we never thought that such things gave us any right to race onto the field and create a riot. The truth is, any athlete in halfway decent shape could flatten me, or anyone else. And he should if another such happenstance occurs. *****

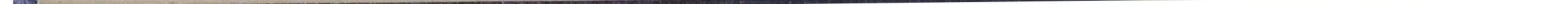
Fortunately, the majority of the writers viewed the event as being purely caused by cheap beer, intense home town loyalty and extreme exuberance over a tie score late in the game.

But heaven help us if the ivory tower boys pick up the attack on sports by one idiotic announcer. No one ever pretended that sports weren't violent. But the athletes know it even better and they can protect themselves. Let's let them take care of themselves, and leave the profound "deep thinking" to athletes.

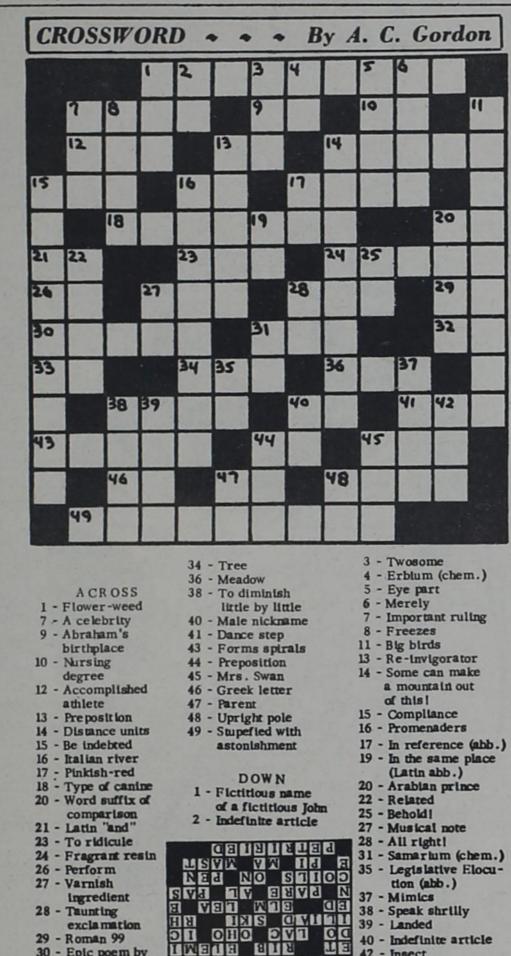
The Roundup: Jerry Bell, former Tech quarterback, has left a motor company in Lamesa and moved to Colorado... Old Lobo Park, which used to rock to the screams of Lamesa fans, still is the site of baseball, even though the pros are gone . . . WT-NM League members will be going to Amarillo this weekend to stage an Old Timers game Sunday afternoon as part of a Gold Sox (?) promotion. It will be Jackie Sullivan and Hubbers against Frank Benites and Gold Soxers . . . The annual reunion of the WT-NM stars will be held here July 26-28, but no game this year ... And Charley Keese, former Brownfield Cub coach, is highly respected in Lamesa school administration circles, as is ex-Raider Neal Chastain .

Sullivan has moved from the Lubbock Sheriff's Office to Texas Instruments and is glassy-eyed over future political plans . . . What do former pro players think of the major leaguers of today? "Half the old WT-NM League players today would be playing in the major leagues," stated one, forcefully, Amen!

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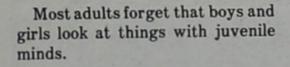
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group were: Gregg Hartman,

18, Pueblo, Col., Barry Mc-Cutcheon, 18, Hanford, Calif., Steve Tresslar, 19, Franklin, Ind., Iowan Charles Butt, 18, of Hampton and Cam Foreman, 18, Felt, Okla., Freshmen or sophomores in college, the young men are well on their way in agricultural pursuits.

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