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Late registration for summer evening classes at Reese Air Force Base is scheduled from 5:30 to 7 p.m. June 4-5 in the Academic Building on base. Fifteen classes will be offered daily through the Continuing Education Division of South Plains College.

Legionnaires and Auxiliary members from the 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, and 21st Districts, comprising the Fourth Division of The American Legion, will assemble in San Angelo on Saturday and Sunday, June 8-9, for their annual Spring Convention.

T. Euel Linder of Lubbock was recently elected to the board of the Texas Pork Producers Association.

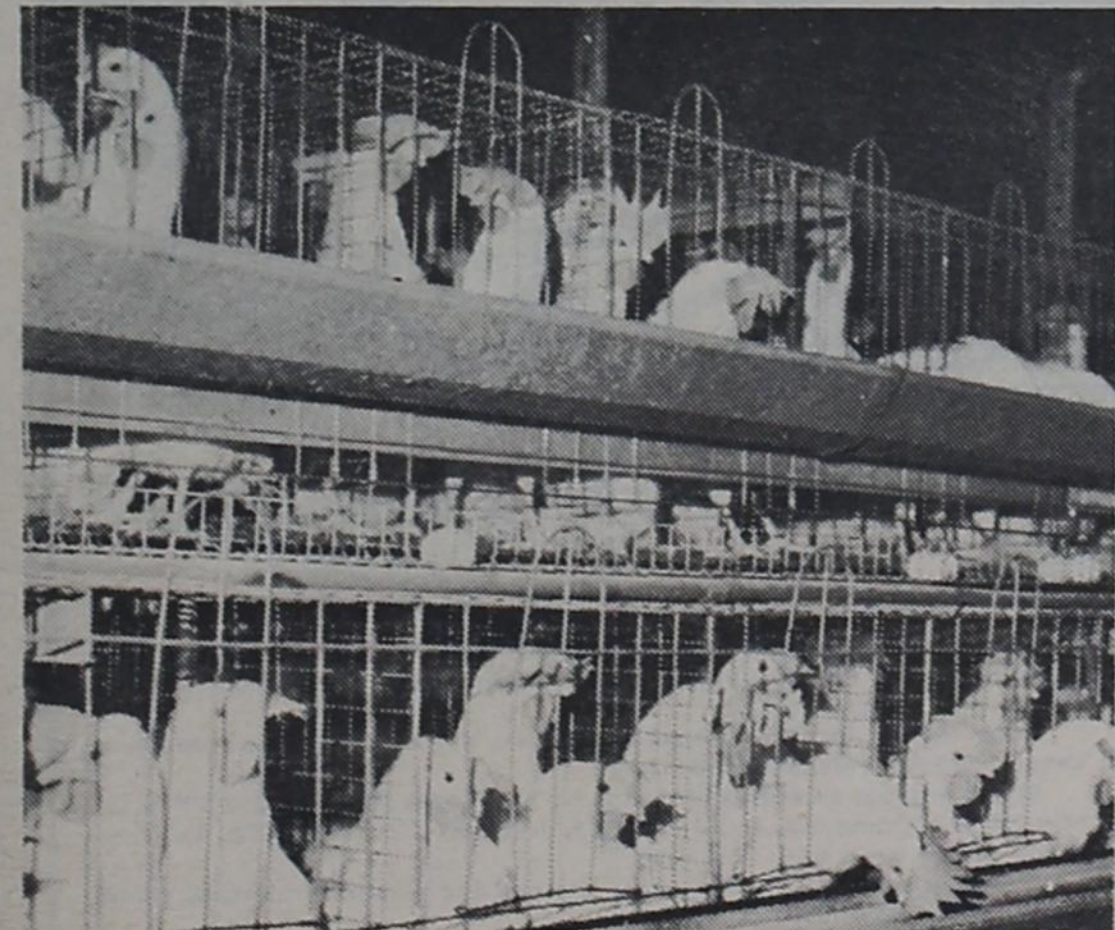
Airman Jerry D. Parker, son of Mrs. Ruby J. Parker of Plains, Texas, has completed Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. He is a 1974 graduate of Plains High School. His father, Lowell B. Parker, lives in Ropesville.

Monday, June 3, is the registration date for the first of two summer sessions at South Plains College. Enrollment in classes is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the SPC Administration Building.

The first five week academic session is June 4-July 9, and the second term is July 11-August 13.

A three week course in "Basic Principles and Practices of Real Estate" is being offered in July by the Continuing Education Division at South Plains College.

Instruction will be in two parts from July 8-12 and July 15-26. Advance registration is encouraged. For more information contact Don Yarbrough, SPC, Levelland, Texas 79336 or call (806) 894-4921 in Levelland.



NOBODY HERE BUT US CHICKENS—Eggs are the most nearly perfect source of protein and Texas laying hens plan to keep working at a rate that will keep the customer satisfied. Agriculture Commissioner John C. White says 1973 egg prices averaged the highest in many years, but 1974 prices have been lower.



Left to right, bottom row—Regina Melton, Sandra Dalton, Elia Perez, Lisa Miller and Cathy Stegall. Top row—Coach, Levetta Bradshaw, Sharon Schoepf, Glinda Stephenson, Jan Turner, Cathy Kimberlin, Debra Chaney and Coach, Margaret Lowrie.

Ropesville Girls All-Stars Named

This years Ropes All-Star Girls have led a fun and fulfilling season. All their hard work and determination has been satisfied by their winnings. Their record stands as of now, 13 wins and 1 loss.

Among their winnings they have managed to bring home the championship of the White Face Tournament and Co-Champions of the Cotton Center Tournament.

So citizens, let's back these girls with as much pride and determination as they have put forth in playing this season.

These girls will be representing Ropes in the qualifying tournament at Plains to be held May 30, 31, and June 1. Their first game is 2 p.m. Thursday. Come and give these girls your support.

City-Wide Clean-up In Ropes Set June 1st

There will be a city-wide clean up day, Saturday, June 1st.

The City Council asks that everyone (men, women, and children) help in this project to make Ropes a cleaner place in which to live.

They ask that people of the community, take pride in the cleaning of their own yards, and extend that pride throughout the city for a much cleaner city.

They also ask that anyone who can, please bring their pickups and trailers and meet at the City Hall at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 1st.

If you have some big items you would like hauled off, please leave your name at City Hall. The City Council asks that businesses, old buildings and vacant lots, be cleaned around by the owner.

Your cooperation on this project will be appreciated by the Council and all residents of Ropes.

Graduation Party Honors Sherry Fry

After graduation on Thursday night, those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Fry in honor of Sherry were: Mr. and Mrs. George W. Fry of Mt. Vernon, Missouri; Rev. and Mrs. Ross Spencer and Patricia; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scott and Derice; Rev. and Mrs. Joe Scott and Sherry, all of Lubbock. Also Mr. and Mrs. James Stowe and Keith of New Home; Patricia Miller and LaWana Smith of Ropesville.

The serving table was centered with a large cake with the senior announcement reproduced in frosting on top with 17 black graduating caps, each with the name of a graduating senior written on it. These were placed around it. The cake itself was frosted in pale green trimmed in white.

Barbecue, ranch beans, sandwiches, chips, cake and punch were served to the guests.

Band Camp Scheduled at South Plains College Runs From June 17 to 21st

The second annual South Plains College Junior Band Camp for sixth through eighth grade band students will run from June 17-21, announced Jack Nowlin, SPC band director and camp director.

The camp is for students in grades, 6, 7 and 8 who have had a minimum of one year's training in a school band, Nowlin said. Classes for the five-day camp will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building at SPC.

Camp participants will receive instruction in band, music history and appreciation and instrumental music. Twirling also will be offered, as will private instrumental instruction. Supervised recreation also is included in the camp program.

This year, in anticipation of a large enrollment, the camp will be divided into two bands. Band I will be for first year students and Band II will include second and third year students. At the conclusion of the camp, a concert will be presented at 3 p.m. June 21 by all camp participants. The concert

will be open to the public without charge.

Band directors in the area have been notified of the camp and can give information to students who plan to commute, Nowlin explained. Staff for the camp will be Marlin Lindsay, Levelland High School band director; Jim Hutson, Levelland Junior High band director; Barbara Lindsay, who will teach the twirling sessions, and Nowlin.

Complete information about the camp is available by writing Jack Nowlin, Band Camp, South Plains College, Levelland, Texas 79336.

Ropesville Area News

Inez Kimberlin, Kathy, Cobey, Ronnie and Rickey were in Lubbock visiting with Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Wade and Mr. and Mrs. J.V. Jones, Sunday.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Evans Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Yeager and family of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Evans and girls visited with Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Mannin Sunday. They enjoyed visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mannin and family while they were there.

Jerry Parker was home over the weekend. He is stationed at San Antonio. He has completed his basic training.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Whitehead and Jeff, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ward and family, were at Oak Creek fishing over the weekend.

Those fishing at Lake Buchanan over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. David Burks and family, Billy Tooter, Mr. and Mrs. John Bain and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donny Suite, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Cox

and Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cox. They enjoyed staying with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Russell.

Jimmy Kimberlin is home on leave for a few weeks. He will leave for Germany of June 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs attended commencement exercises in Brownfield for their grandson, Mark Dorsett. Visiting with the Hobbs last week were Lillian Gryder and Billy, Mark and Steve Dorsett of Brownfield.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Fry and girls on Sunday were Rev. and Mrs. Claudie Jarrett of Eules, Texas; Mrs. Berta Tingle, Mrs. Jarrett of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. James Stowe and Keith of New Home; Charles Hayes of Brownfield, Mrs. Opa Pierce and Sue Tonn of Ropesville.

Visiting with Mrs. Jim Martin over the weekend was her sister, Mrs. Larue Reeves and a niece, both of Abilene; and another niece of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cox and family this week is Mrs. Sally Robinson from Alabama.

Attention Girls Who Would Like to Sew this Summer

The 4-H sewing project class will begin in Ropes on June 10th at 2 p.m. Please meet in the homemake department at the high school and bring your mother if possible.

This will be a planning session only and you do not need your materials on this day.

Girls, you do not have to be a 4-H member to take part in these classes. You must be at least 9 years old. The leaders will be assisted this year by Mrs. Oleta Hamby, the homemaker teacher.

For any additional information call Mrs. Roy Carpenter, 562-4942, Mrs. John Ream 234-2576, or Mrs. Larry Chaney 562-3677.

WASHINGTON AND SMALL BUSINESS

AS HEARD BY HEARD



A Matter of Priorities

A well known politician, of the liberal spending persuasion, is quoted as once saying that taxes are the price we pay for civilization.

But there is coming more and more the question of just how civilized can you get, if that is a valid guideline.

According to surveys taken by the National Federation of Independent Business, taxes loom high on the list of major problems considered critical by the nation's independent business people

The smaller enterprises, usually not able to use all the tax dodges available to the big conglomerates, are more conscious of the tax bite not only from their own standpoint, but also due to the closer relationship they have with their customers than enjoyed by the board chairman of a big international corporation.

Tax Foundation, Inc. recently came out with some most interesting figures which indicates the average American works longer to pay taxes than for any other expense of living.

According to these figures, and it should be injected that Tax Foundation, Inc. is not only an astute but conservative research operation, the average American out of an eight hour work day spends two hours

and 38 minutes of that day earning the money to pay his or her taxes

For housing, the money needed is earned in one hour and 24 minutes of the day.

And while the average American is complaining about the high cost of eating, it only takes one hour and one minute to earn enough food, or less than half the time it takes to get earnings to pay off various assorted tax grabbers.

Clothing takes 25 minutes of the workday, and transportation takes 38 minutes, recreation 19 minutes. One hour and 12 minutes is left for miscellaneous expenses.

And now comes the shocker. As is well known, the halls of Congress ring with oratory concerning the high cost of medical care. And there is no question it is costly.

But, this study shows the average American works 23 minutes per day to pay for medical care, or just about one-seventh of the time spent in working to pay taxes.

Thus, perhaps there should be some priorities established. It would seem logical that before government attacks the high cost of medical care, it would first attack the high cost of taxes. Or is logic too much to expect out of government?

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Home Highlights

by Linda S. Lynch
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Older Texans' Consumer Problems
Older Texans can take steps to

protect themselves from unscrupulous "deals."

Many older Texans are victimized, gyped and deprived of their rights every day.

They make prime targets since they tend to have trusting

natures—and this creates special problems for them, especially since many live on fixed incomes.

To protect their money, older Texans, first, should remember it is their money, and they have the right to spend it as they wish. A reliable businessman respects a person's ability to judge quality and spend money wisely.

In view of that, older people should be careful of ads or phone calls that promise a prize or free gift.

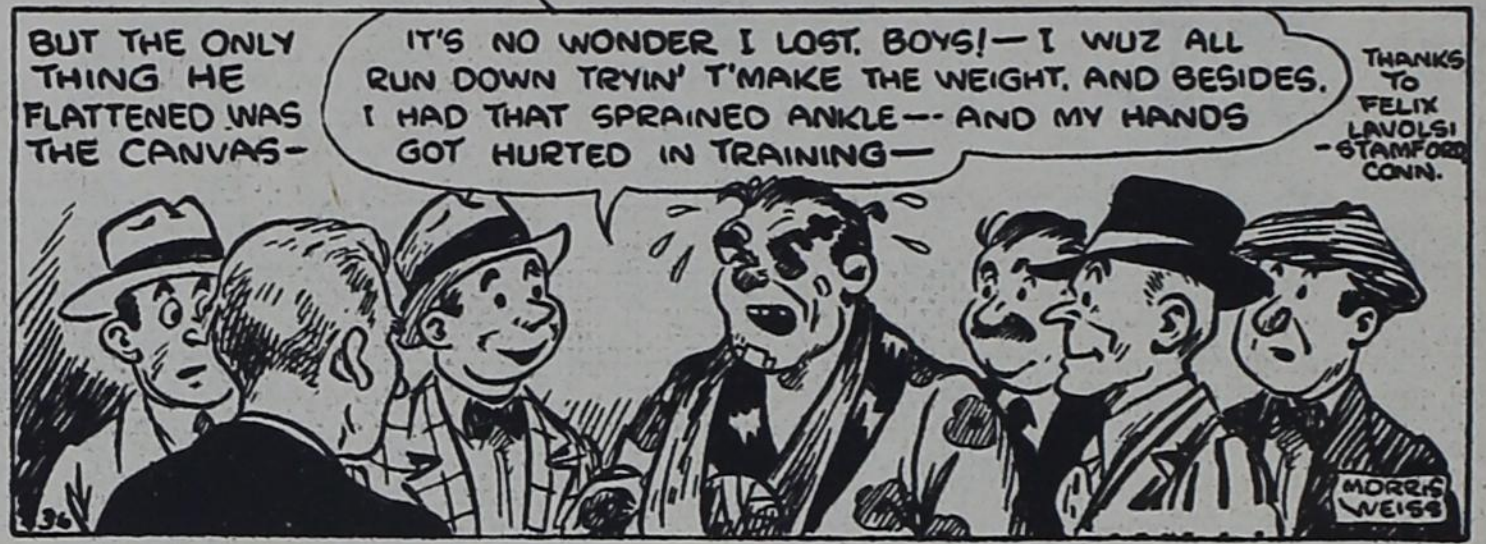
Don't accept an offer unless all conditions are understood. Listen carefully to what the buyer must do.

When considering a purchase, get all conditions in writing on the sales slip. This includes delivery date, guarantee and right to exchange or return.

Don't accept verbal promises, they can't be enforced.

Resist pressure to sign a

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Cotton Contracting At A Standstill

Forward cotton contracting for the 1974 season is currently at a standstill with growers seeking 60 cents a pound and buyers willing to pay only 45, reports Agriculture

contract in a hurry, and don't sign at all if it has blanks that should be filled in. The best time to avoid trouble is before signing.

Before signing a contract, read it over carefully. Then 'sleep on it' and talk it over with someone you trust. A reliable businessman won't ask a buyer to sign in a hurry, because he's concerned with consumer satisfaction.

Also, deal with door-to-door salesmen carefully. Be courteous, but don't be afraid to say no.

When considering a salesman's merchandise, check his credentials and examine the item to make sure it's worth the money.

And, after signing a contract with a door-to-door salesman, reconsider the action. The buyer has three days to cancel the contract if he decides he made a poor decision.

The decision must give the buyer a postcard which cancels the contract if the merchandise costs more than \$25.

You can plan your life and your actions without regard to what others think or do, but you can't live to yourself, whether you want to or not.

Commissioner John C. White. As a result, only about five percent of Texas growers have contracted as compared to 16 percent this time a year ago.

In the Lower Rio Grande Valley, which grows six or seven percent of the state's total, 99 percent was contracted earlier in the year at 65-70 cents a pound. Upper Gulf Coast counties contracted some acreage at around 60 cents, and in the Winter Garden area, acreage was signed up for 60-65 cents.

Since then, however, prices have dropped. Warehouses and processors are stacked up with the 1973 crop. For the time being, farmers—confronted with rising costs—and buyers, facing a drop in the market, are playing a waiting game.

On the High Plains, where around 80 percent of the state's cotton is grown, no one is even talking the subject, White said. "Compresses and warehouses are 90-120 days behind schedule in processing and shipping. When that crop starts to move, maybe then buyers will start thinking about the new crop."

White expressed some concern about High Plains cotton, which is currently being planted. "If they don't get more rain, there could be a drop in harvest," he said.

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4-H Contest Winners Slated to Attend State Roundup Next Week at A & M

Exciting things happen during Roundup time in Texas, at least as far as some 1,800 4-H boys and girls are concerned.

4-H Roundup marks the occasion when district 4-H contest winners gather on the Texas A&M University campus to compete for top honors in some 30 different events. These range from livestock judging and public speaking to demonstrations on foods and nutrition and safety. Those who compete have been named winners in their respective counties and districts.

Texas 4-H Roundup, one of the oldest annual statewide 4-H events

in the nation, is slated for June 4-5, announces Dr. Don Stormer, state 4-H and youth leader for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the parent organization of 4-H. The State 4-H Food Show on June 4 is held in conjunction with Roundup.

In addition to the throngs of youth, some 600 adults, including county Extension agents, 4-H leaders, friends of 4-H, mass media representatives, contest donors and members of the board of directors of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, will also be on hand. T. Louis Austin of Dallas, president of Texas Utilities Co., chairs the board.

Roundup activities will officially get underway with a general assembly at 5:30 p.m. on June 4 in J. Earl Rudder Center. Dean of Agriculture Dr. H.O. Kunkel will welcome the group. Special awards will be presented to 10 individuals, businesses and mass media representatives who have made outstanding contributions to 4-H. Winners of ten \$4,000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarships will also be announced.

Twenty-five outstanding 4-H leaders (two from each of the 13 Extension Service districts except one) will be recognized at a luncheon on June 5.

Contest and demonstration winners and donors will be honored at a special recognition program that evening at 8 p.m. in the Rudder Center.

According to Stormer, 4-H Roundup is the highlight of their 4-H year in Texas.

Wolfforth Area News

DePanion Signed To Play At Grayson County Junior College

Frenship's Jay DePanion heads a list of four basketball recruits signed by Grayson County Junior College by coach Buddy Travis.

DePanion, a 6-1 guard averaged 20.4 points per game his senior year and was named to All-State and player of the year on the All-South Plains Class AA teams. He will be playing in the Coaches All Star game set in Houston in August.

Methodist Bible School

Wolfforth United Methodist Church will hold Bible School next week starting Monday, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Gift Tea

Miss Vicki Young, bride-elect of Wayne Keeling, was honored with a gift team Sunday in the home of Mrs. H.L. McPherson.

Special guests were Mrs. C.P. Young Jr. and Mrs. Jack Keeling, mothers of the engaged couple, and Mrs. Jewell Moore.

The couple plans to exchange nuptial vows July 6 in First United Methodist Church.

Lingerie Shower Honors Miss Teana Brooke

A lingerie shower honored Miss Teana Brooke, bride-elect of Mike Wright, Saturday in the home of Mrs. Ralph Black.

Special guests were Mrs. Grady Brooke and Mrs. Lois Wright,

mothers of the engaged couple.

Miss Brooke and Wright plan to wed June 1 in First Baptist Church.

Local Items

Rev. Richard Pittman, pastor of Wolfforth United Methodist Church, will leave Sunday night for Amarillo to attend the annual meeting of the Northwest Texas Conference of Methodist Churches.

Mr. and Mrs. James Vardy will leave Tuesday to attend the Northwest Texas Conference of Methodist Churches.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mangum spent the Memorial Day weekend in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

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—Courier, Portsmouth

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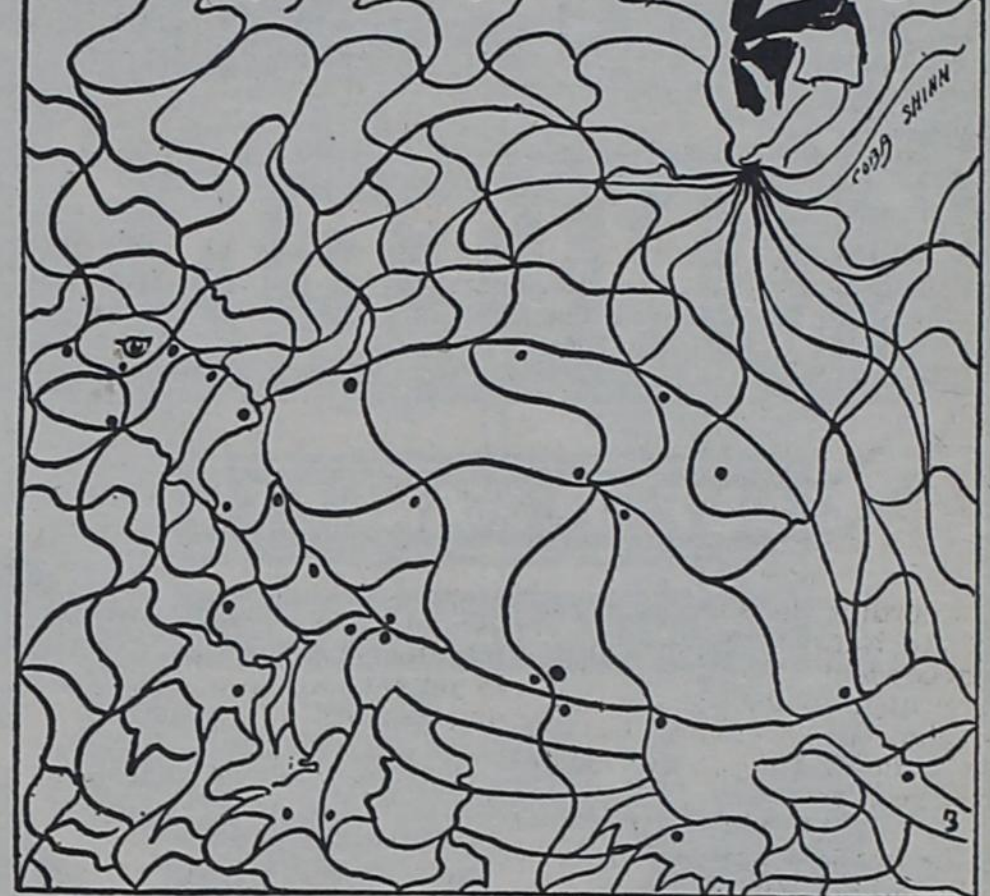
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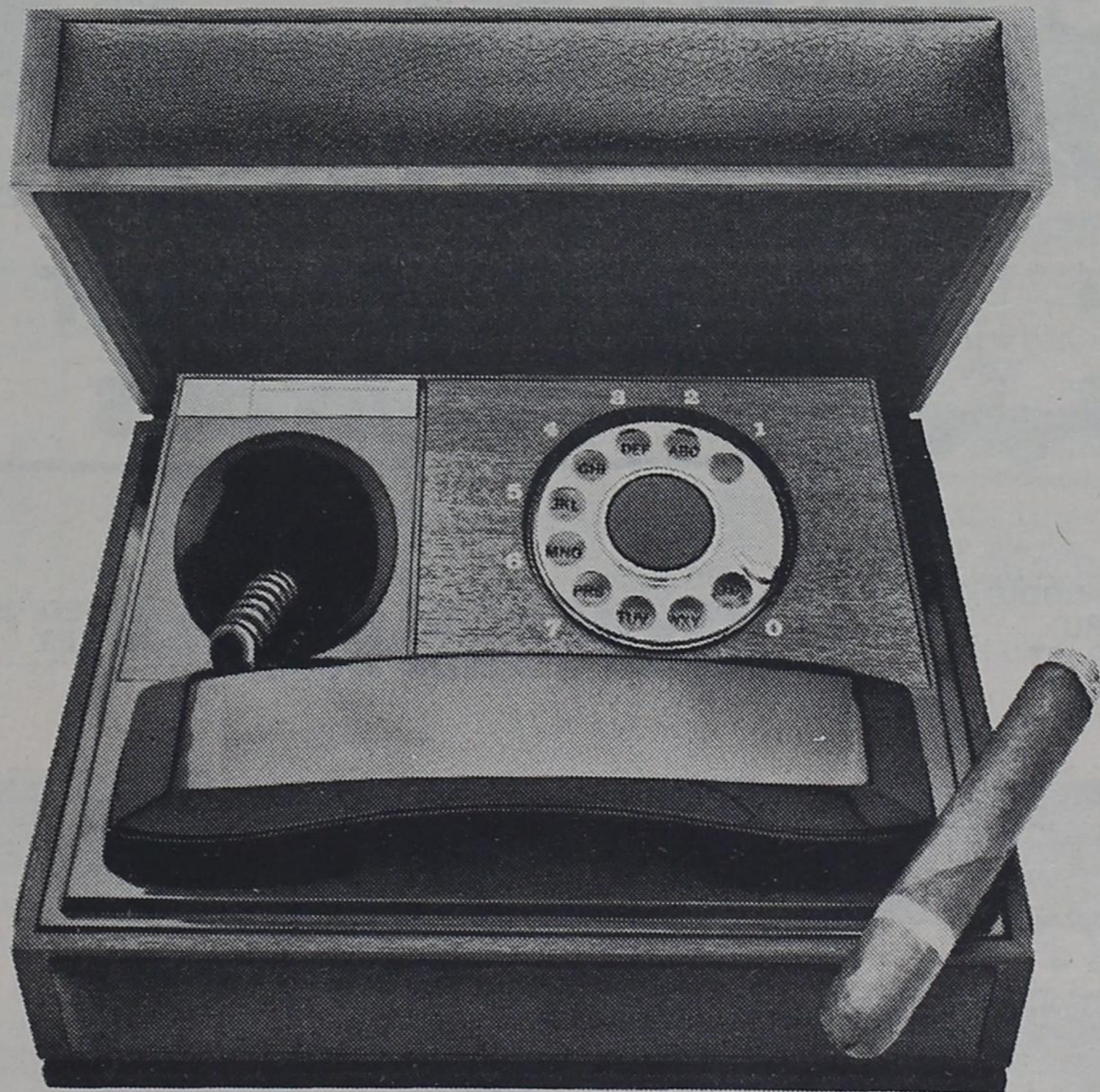
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New Federal Legislation on Minimum Wages to Raise Farm Rates to \$ 1.60

Recently enacted federal legislation raised the minimum wage for farm workers who are covered from the present \$1.30 to \$1.60 an hour, effective May 1.

The minimum will increase to \$1.80 on January 1, 1975; to \$2 on January 1, 1976; to \$2.20 on January 1, 1977; and to \$2.30 on January 1, 1978.

The differential in minimum wage for agriculture and non-agriculture is wiped out by 1978. The newly enacted amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act do not change the exemption of agriculture from overtime requirements or the '500 man-day' test for coverage of agricultural employers.

Farmers should examine his records to determine whether he hired as much as 500 man-days of agricultural labor in any quarter of 1973. If so, the farmer is obligated to pay at least the minimum wage to all labor in 1974.

Covered farm employers need to keep the new minimum wage

requirements in mind in recruiting workers for this summer.

Also effective May 1, certain domestic service workers were covered by the minimum wage law for the first time. In general, such a worker is covered if employed for a total of more than eight hours in a work week, even if the employment occurs in more than one household.

However, domestic workers are not covered if employed on a casual basis for babysitting or companionship services for individuals who, because of age or infirmity, are unable to care for themselves."

The minimum rate for newly covered domestic workers is \$1.90 an hour. It will increase to \$2.00 on January 1, 1975; to \$2.20 on January 1, 1976; and to \$2.30 on January 1, 1977.

For non-agriculture employees covered before 1966, the minimum wage increased from the present \$1.60 to \$2.00 an hour on May 1. Next January 1 it will go up to \$2.10, and a year later, to \$2.30.

Feedgrain Supplies Are Up, Sorghum Prices Head Down

Sorghum producers in the United States can expect feedgrain supplies to increase during the next months, thus bringing prices down. Of course, much of the outcome depends on the world feedgrain situation and the weather, says a grain marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"We are now moving into the transition period between grain crops, so the market will tend to overreact to any news, good or bad," points out Roland Smith. "Producers will want to keep abreast of the situation, since the way they market their 1974 crop will have a sizeable impact on their income. Current indications are that a sorghum price of around \$3.50 per hundredweight can be expected during the coming season."

According to Smith, the prospect for increased supplies and lower prices is brought on by a record feedgrain crop in the making and uncertain demand factors. He expects both domestic and export buyers to stay out of the market for a while to see where the price will stabilize. This will result in sluggish forward contracting for the new sorghum crop through early summer.

"Although sorghum production will be down slightly this year with about a one per cent decrease in planted acres, corn acreage is expected to increase a whopping 10 per cent. This will set the stage for the feedgrain market," contends the Texas A&M University System specialist.

Any change in fuel and fertilizer supplies could also have a measured effect on the feedgrain market, adds Smith.

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SPORTS

by Joe Kelly

It's almost June and, around the South Plains that means that football is uppermost on everyone's mind. If it isn't, it should be. The All America game is now only three weeks away and there's nothing bigger for sports fans in this area.

Lubbock and the South Plains have done an outstanding job of supporting the event. Indeed, the game probably would be just a memory now if this area had not rallied behind it and turned out in record numbers. The game was headed for the junkyard, based on attendance in Buffalo, N.Y. and Atlanta, Ga.

Coach J.T. King, a member of the American Football Coaches Assn., didn't believe all the dire things about the future of the game. He thought that this area, in all probability, would get behind the event and make it a success. He was right. He received ready support from the Lions Clubs of the South Plains and from Texas Tech. As a result, the game had the backing it needed, with all the paraphernalia needed to finance the effort and to publicize it, to say nothing of the all important selling of tickets.

A massive tornado cast doubts on that first game. Stadium lights were twisted and broken off. Temporary lights had to be jury-rigged. The city suffered massive damage. It was the worst possible timing to have a game of this magnitude here.

But the pride of this area wouldn't let the game die a noble death. A record crowd turned out on a hot June night to see stars of the past year perform. The players, possibly impressed with the spirit of the people and certainly awed by the tornado damage that stood starkly for all to see, gave an all out effort. As a result, fans saw a great game.

And so it has gone each year. For each of the four years the game has been played here, crowds in excess of 40,000 have viewed the stars. ABC has brought its cameras here and the publicity has been terrific. The game has been a success in every sense of the word.

The treatment of visiting players, coaches, press and everyone connected with the game has been tremendous. As a result, officials have gone away singing the praises of this area. The game has found a home. If it's a love affair, it's one of the most exuberant in history. From an ordinary event, the game has become a solid success and a summer highlight.

Thus, the proposal that the game be moved to Philadelphia as part of its observance of the 1976 celebration hardly caused too much of a fear ripple here. You don't gamble that fans will support a game for one year after four years of success. Coaches are not big, dumb oxen, contrary to the opinions of some. They are smart, like foxes.

When you have a good thing going, you stay with it, and Lubbock and the South Plains are a good thing. This area has bailed the AFCA out of trouble and that group isn't about to discard what appears to be a sure thing for a highly speculative gamble.

I see no reason why the game won't be another hit this year. Attending the game has become the thing to do and besides, fans have been rewarded with some outstanding football. And this year's game seems to be no exception.

Maybe some of the players' names aren't household words around here, but they were chosen because they were football players. That means that when kickoff comes, fans can sit back and expect to see a football game. And with Joe Barnes and Kenneth Wallace of Tech involved, there will be more than the usual amount of interest. So, buy your tickets now for the June 22 game. You'll be glad you did.

From all appearances Tech has ended its basketball recruiting with three new players in the fold. This is under the authorized allotment and there is some grumbling around town that the Raiders fell a little short of what it takes to be a contender.

Popycock! It might be impressive to point to five or six recruits, but if the players Tech signed are able to contribute immediately, Tech has had a good recruiting season. It's far better to have players recruited capable of playing, than to recruit several who will do no more than take up room on the bench. That's the type of situation that leads to trouble.

In Gerald Myers and George Davidson, Tech has the coaches to develop players and you can rest assured that the Raiders will be contenders. Polk Robison used to take men you never heard of and make basketball players of them. Gerald and George have essentially the same ability. Tech will compete and have a team worth of respect.

It's a long time to the basketball season and there will be a lot of work done this summer. Come fall, when workouts start in earnest, I have no fears about the Raiders' basketball fortunes. They'll be representative and they'll be fighting for the title.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. had an article recently on chiggers, a little beast that fortunately doesn't abound here, but which thrives not too far away. If you do any camping on fishing trips, or go on picnics, there's a good chance you'll make their acquaintance.

Chiggers can drive you crazy with their itch and many people don't know what to do to ease the problem. The P&W Dept. says that some relief has been gained by taking a hot bath in a weak solution of ammonia water, or a weak solution of pine oil, bleach or Lysol water.

Years ago, when I was in the infantry at Fort Meade, Md., we went on an overnight exercise. Saturday morning, when we returned to camp, many of us were itching like mad. Even a shower and generous use of Army lye soap did nothing to relieve the itching.

I had a pass and, when I got home to Washington, I called our family doctor. He game me a remedy that stopped the itching completely. So, should you be bothered, here is what he suggested. It's a little tedious, but believe me, it works.

First, draw a tub of lukewarm water, pour salt liberally in it, stir it up and then get in and soak thoroughly. Just before you get out, take a stiff bristle brush—like a woman's fingernail brush—and brush every place that itches, or where you see a telltale reddish spot.

When you get out of the tub, pat yourself dry with a towel, don't rub. Then use a mixture of flowers of sulfa and common table salt, putting this liberally on every itch or welt. Put your clothes on and go about your business, free of that itching that can drive you crazy.



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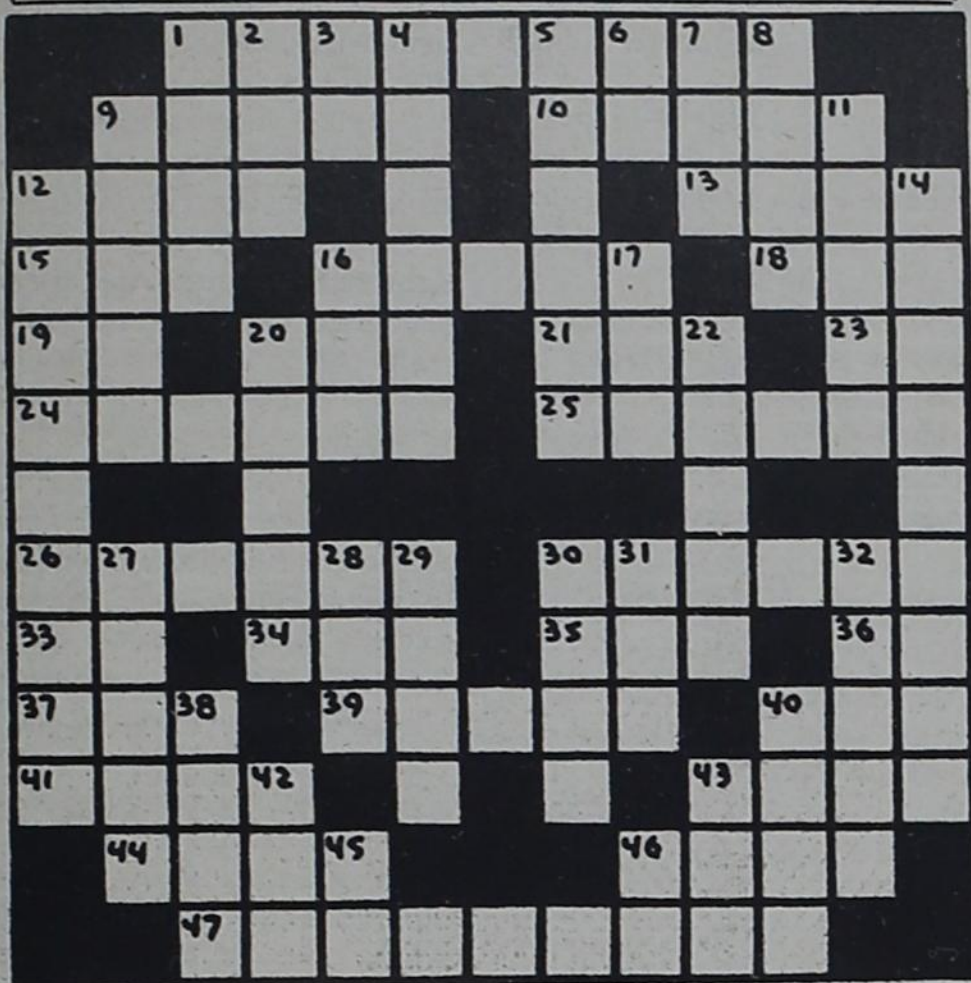
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 - 16 - Varnish ingredient
 - 18 - Pale
 - 19 - In reference to
 - 20 - In favor of
 - 21 - To harden
 - 23 - Musical note
 - 24 - Robin Hood's "bullets"
 - 25 - Tormentor
 - 26 - Thrower
 - 30 - To span
 - 33 - Preposition
 - 34 - Watery expanse
 - 35 - Aquatic propelling device
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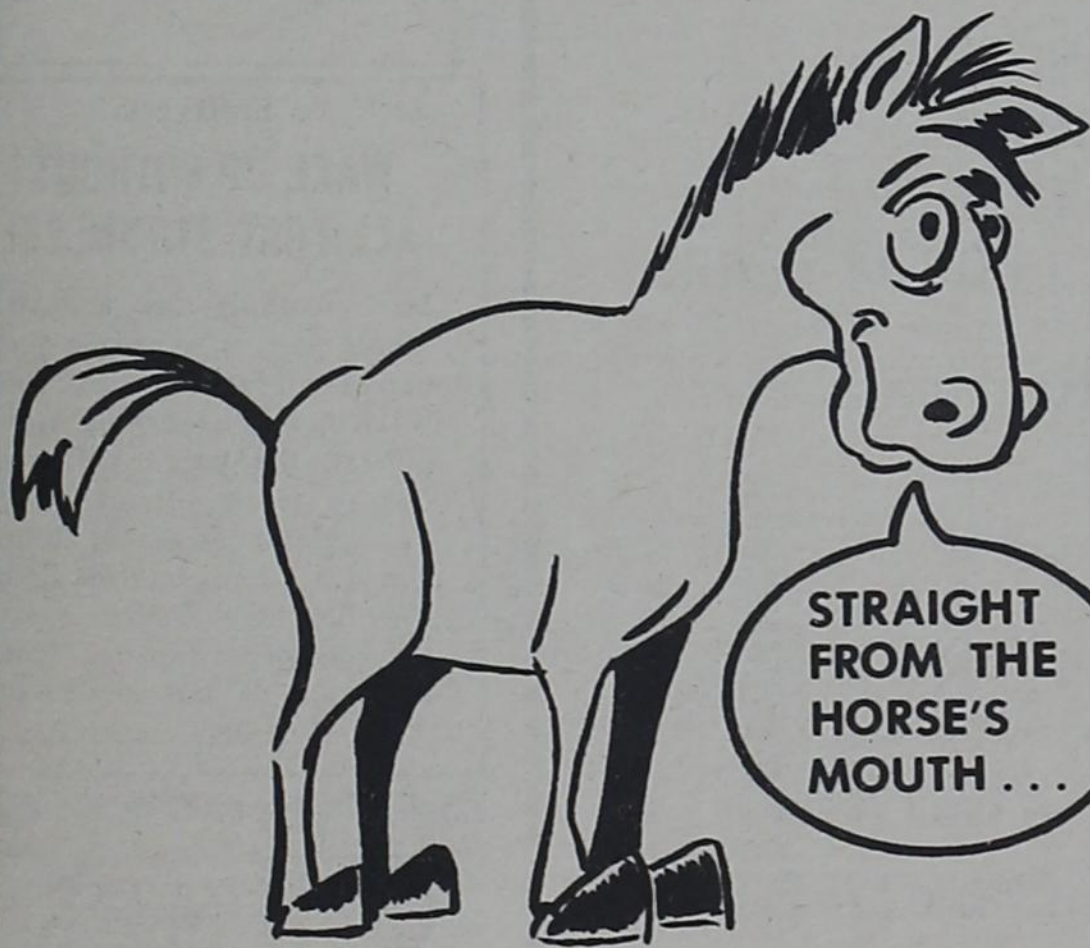
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Grape Production on High Plains Continues to Show Great Promise

Preliminary research results indicate that commercial grape production may have considerable promise in the Lubbock plains area.

Field trials by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station show that yields of several cultivars (cultivated varieties) of grapes topped 13,000 pounds per acre in 1972 and 16,000 in 1973.

Two to five-year-old vines of 238 cultivars of wine, table and juice type grapes are being evaluated in the Abernathy vicinity to gauge

yield, quality and adaptability to plains conditions.

Grape quality, so far, has been good, especially for wine potential. Sugar levels have hit as high as 32 per cent, and 21 per cent is considered a minimum for wine making. However, research is not complete enough to recommend wine varieties.

Siebel 9110 (Verdelet), Golden Muscat, 23-4 and Niagara have shown promise as fresh market or juice types.

Dr. W.N. Lipe, TAES research-

er at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Lubbock, says grape feasibility studies for the plains began in 1968 with the planting of a vineyard east of Abernathy.

Although grapes have been grown in this region for many years in home plantings, recent developments in the industry—the wine industry in particular—have enhanced chances for a commercial grape business for the Texas plains, Lipe pointed out.

"Favorable climatic, soil, biological and economic considerations indicate that the plains and far West Texas are the most likely areas of the state for this industry," he said.

Also, cool nights and relatively low heat in late August and September favor good quality for win production. Low rainfall during July and August encourages sugar accumulation in grapes.

Lipe said French Columbar, Meyers 16-20, Refosco, 259077 and Favat 51 have come up with extremely high sugar levels, with some samples reaching 32 per cent.

The researcher emphasized that the plains area is free from cotton

root rot and Pierce's disease. These maladies, along with downy mildew, are real trouble makers for grapes in the more humid section of the state.

Summing up, Lipe said grape production potential appears to be excellent for the Lubbock region, and continued research "promises to be very fruitful."

However, he recommended caution in choosing varieties for commercial production. Selections should be based on proven performance records and such records are still unavailable.

Concern Shown Over Falling Farm Prices

Texas Farm Bureau President J.T. (Red) Woodson has expressed strong concern over rapidly declining farm prices.

"Together with steadily increasing production costs, the disastrous drop in farm prices since mid-winter has caught farmers and ranchers in a deadly cost-price squeeze," the farm leader said.

The Farm Bureau president said a number of factors were responsible for the decrease in farm prices, including government intervention, food boycotts, truckers' strike, increased crop yields around the world, and increased plantings in the U.S.

Woodson said farm prices for eight major commodities are down an average of 27 percent from 1974 highs. He pointed out that production costs are up 16 percent in the past year.

The farm leader said that Farm Bureau, which has 2.3 million members nationally including 152,000 in Texas, would be pushing strongly to keep world markets open to U.S. farmers and to prohibit price-depressing government-held food reserves.

"It's about time that prices came down more in retail markets," Woodson said. "We have seen some retail price declines, but not in keeping with the actual drop in farm prices."

Woodson said statistics released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture show the dramatic decline in major farm commodities from 1974 highs. These include: wheat, down 43 percent; corn off 22 percent; soybeans, decreased 20 percent; hogs, down 37 percent; feed beef cattle, off 18 percent; eggs, off 43 percent; broilers, down 9 percent; and cotton down 25 percent.



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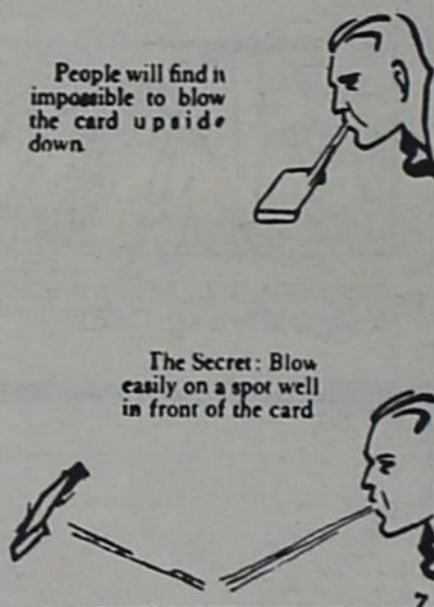
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