

A TOUCH OF HISTORY

King Cotton Brings Prosperity To County

(Editor's NOTE: The following information on the agriculture era of Bailey County was taken from the thesis written in 1939 by Thelma Walker Stevens.)

It takes people and transportation to develop the agricultural resources of any county; and Bailey County was no exception. Civilization was established by the furrows of the plow. The farmer must be given credit for the development of this county. They came seeking and making homes, and homes alone will hold a place.

The agricultural era of Bailey County began with the breaking up of the ranches. The agricultural industry in the year 1910 consisted of 70 farms with 365,128 acres valued at \$3,773,790 in land and buildings. There were 963 farms in 1935 with 424,345 acres valued at \$7,450,125 in land and buildings. The amount of population given for Bailey County in 1910 was 312, and in 1930 it was 5,186.

With the increase of land in cultivation there was, of course, an increase in the number of families, and likewise an increase of families accompanied this increase of farms.

The number of acres in pasture land has been gradually decreasing. The greatest farm development, during the period from 1920 to 1935, was the result of cutting up the large ranches.

During this 15-year period of rapid increase in the number of farms, a greater number of the farm owned entirely by the operators than later.

The principal crops of the county in 1910 were corn, wheat, oats grain sorghums and hay. Twenty-seven acres were planted on Irish potatoes.

For more than two decades Bailey County has produced cotton, which is called the money crop of the small farmer. The first bale of cotton was raised by Edd Hupp. He planted and irrigated ten acres. It was taken to Plainview to be ginned as that was the closest gin. Hupp baled the cotton in a hay baler and gave Less Dodson \$20 to haul the cotton to Plainview for him. Dodson carried it in a truck, taking two

bales each trip.

R.L. Brown built the first gin in the County in 1923. It was located in Muleshoe. G.R. Fort raised the first bale of cotton that was ginned at the Brown gin. He took it to the gin September 25, 1923 in a small trailer attached to a Model T Ford automobile. The trailer was not large enough to hold all the cotton. Part was placed in sacks and put in the back seat of the car. This bale of cotton caused a good deal of excitement in Muleshoe. Several pictures were made before and after it was ginned. Many of the citizens of the town had their pictures made standing by the cotton.

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Leota Wilterding has some of the first cotton ginned by Brown who gave it to Harry Wilterding on September 25, 1923.)

Although cotton is comparatively new as a crop in this county, it is one of the leading crops today. In the fall of 1938 there were fifteen gins in the

County in 1939 was equipped for furnishing adequate storage for 6,000 bales of cotton. Muleshoe, located in the northern part of the county, had three warehouses with a total storage capacity of 3,000 bales then. At Enochs, in the southern part, there is a warehouse of 1,000 bale capacity; and at Bula, in the southeast, a warehouse having 2,000 bale capacity. Mrs. Stevens continues in her thesis written in 1939.

In a survey of the counties in the South Plains by the Lubbock Avalanche Journal in the fall of 1938 the agricultural income of Bailey County was as follows: cotton, \$578,000; wheat, \$82,500; grains, \$810,000; livestock, \$576,000; for a total of \$2,055,500. (Total sales from agriculture and livestock in 1962 are estimated at \$27,300,000 by J.K. Adams, county agent.)

OTHER MONEY CROPS
Grain sorghums, which include milo maize, kafir corn, feterita, and hegari, have been one of the most important crops since the beginnings of farming in the county. This crop has found great favor with the farmers as it is a drought resistant crop and because it

has very largely the feeding qualities of corn.

In 1910 there were 3,094 acres planted, and there was a yield of 26,492 bushels which was about eight and one-half bushels to the acre. There was a steady increase in the acreage until 1930. In that year 52,679 acres were planted and there was a yield of 104,525 bushels, which was about five and one-half bushels per acre. The small amount of acreage and the small number of bushels produced per acre in 1935 were probably due to the drought of the year.

Two hundred bushels of wheat were sown in the county in 1910 with an average yield of 10 bushels per acre. In 1935 there were 10,148 acres planted in wheat. On account of the drought of that year, it only averaged about six bushels to the acre. In 1925 eight farms had some acreage in wheat; in 1930, 69 farms had wheat, and in 1935, 101 farms reported acreage.

There were three grain elevators in the county in 1939. They were all located in Muleshoe. The first one was built by a Mrs. Stone of Portales, N.M., and is now owned by Ray Griffiths.

Corn has never attained the distinction of being a first-class commercial crop. It is generally a sideline with the cotton farmer and may be termed a "fence corner" crop. The largest corn crop that has been raised in Bailey County was in 1930. In that year 10,101 acres were planted. They yielded 125,659 bushels, which was nearly twelve and one-half bushels per acre. The average per acre in 1910 was nearly nine and one-half bushels. The yield of corn in the county varies considerably from year to year.

Oats has always been a minor crop. However, there has been a decline in acreage with the decrease in the number of work stock and farms.

Lack of market demand and inexperience of the farmers with the barley crop have kept production down in Bailey County. The first barley was raised in 1930. One farm had 20 acres in cultivation that year. It made 15 bushels which was less than a bushel to the acre. In 1935 three farms had 32 acres in cultivation, which was hardly an average of ten acres per farm. The yield was nearly 14 bushels per acre. Since 1935 there has been an increase in the acreage.

Sandhills Philosopher

Editor's Note: The Sandhills Philosopher on his Johnson grass farm on Sandy Acres has a question about the latest decision of the Supreme Court.
Dear Editor:

Luckily, members of the U.S. Supreme Court aren't in business.

By a split decision the court made a ruling the other day that has cheered women leaders. I have never quite understood a split decision. If four grown, studious-minded members of the court say something is constitutional and three members I presume as grown and studious-minded say no it isn't, the four members prevail, which is sort of baffling. It's as though the Ten Commandments mean whatever four out of seven people say they mean.

I guess though the Supreme Court doesn't have rules as strict as jurors in a murder trial at the court house. They're required to come up with a unanimous verdict.

Anyway, about that Supreme Court decision women leaders are hailing. The Court has ruled that it's constitutional for a business manager to promote a woman over a man even if the woman is less qualified.

This is supposed to increase equality in the work-place and correct the wrongs women have suffered through discrimination in years past.

As far as I know this is a good thing, you aren't going to catch me arguing with women or traffic cops, but there may be an aspect in its decision the Supreme Court hasn't considered.

For instance, suppose a woman employee in a big outfit is promoted over a male employee from a secretarial position to an executive position. And some joker sends her a bouquet of flowers with a note: "Congratulations on being considered less qualified."

Does the Supreme Court know what it has wrought?

Yours faithfully,
J.A.

It's So

Inflation blows up everything a white collar worker has to buy, but leaves his pay envelope as flat as ever.

—Times, St. Louis



TOURNAMENT WINNERS--In playoffs last week, Field's Insurance third and fourth grade boys' youth basketball players took tournament honors, just before the championship games were played. Team members, who were first place winners for the year included Kelly Railsback, Manuel Hernandez, Bryan Field, Jeff Pope, Jeff Lewis, Gage Tosh, Tommy Day and Barak Harlan. Coaches for the team were Terry and Charlotte Field.



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Selected In
OYWA Program**

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Women of America awards program announced today that Karen Sue Stovall of Muleshoe has been selected for inclusion in the 1986, edition of Outstanding Young Women of America.

The OYWA program is designed to honor and encourage exceptional young women between the ages of 21 and 36 who have distinguished themselves in many fields of endeavor, such as service to community, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments, and civic and political participation. The OYWA program believes that achievements in these areas are the result of dedication, responsibility, and a drive for excellence-qualities which deserve to be recognized and remembered.

Ms. Stovall will be listed, along with other Outstanding Young Women throughout North America, was selected after 115,000 nominations were received from political leaders, university and college officials, clergymen, business leaders, as well as from various civic groups and community organizations. Each young woman will be represented by her biographical entry in this prestigious annual awards publication.

Margaret Long Arnold, chair, board of advisors, said "Our board of advisors and editors salute all those honored as Outstanding Young Women of America. We take great pride in bringing their accomplishments to the attention of the American public."



RECEIVES BOOK BAGS--Delwyn Latham, Cade Hooten, Michael Lopez, Joe Lopez, Christopher Gatewood, Ryan Powell, Lindsey Field, Michelle Parker, Kelsey Jones, Jeffrey Shelburne, Stephan Shelburne, Tyson Purdy, Audra Clarkson and Deborah Crosswhite (Not in Order) all received a book bag and Easter coloring book Wednesday morning during a special program at the Muleshoe Public Library. These prizes were awarded to children who missed one or more story hours during the past season.

Maximize Meatless Meals

It used to be that Lent brought out one's repertoire of meatless meals and thoughts of "giving up" something more desirable. Today, meatless meals are common all year round for reasons both dietary and economic.

In planning a meatless meal, the trick, of course, is to supply a healthy balance of proteins, carbohydrates, vitamins, min-

erals and fiber. The possibilities are many. Pasta makes an excellent base, as it serves up a hearty helping of carbohydrates. Add vegetables for vitamins, minerals and fiber, and look to cheese for protein and all-important calcium.

A colorful combination that fills the bill is Linguini with Italian Cheeses and Garden Vegetables. Nutritious as it is eye-appealing, the recipe can be prepared in under 40 minutes. As the water heats and the linguini cooks on the stove, the vegetables can be prepared and sauteed. Once the vegetables have finished cooking, just toss them with smoky-flavored Provolone and grated Parmesan cheese until melted.

Arrange the pasta on a serving platter and surround with the vegetable-cheese mixture. When served with milk, this attractive meatless entree provides a nutritionally balanced and satisfying meal.

LINGUINI WITH ITALIAN CHEESES AND GARDEN VEGETABLES
Yield: 3 to 4 servings
8 ounces uncooked linguini, 2 tablespoons butter, 1 small clove garlic, crushed, 1 cup chopped tomatoes (1 medium), 3/4 cup sliced zucchini (2 small), 1/2 cup sliced fresh mushrooms, 1/3 cup sliced green onion, 3 tablespoons diced green pepper, 1 table-

spoon chopped fresh parsley, 1 teaspoon dried basil, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1/8 teaspoon pepper, 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded Provolone cheese, 3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese.

Cook linguini according to package directions. Melt butter in a large skillet. saute garlic until tender, about 2 minutes. Stir in remaining ingredients except cheeses. Saute until tender, about 8 minutes. Drain linguini; arrange on serving platter. Combine vegetable mixture and cheeses; spoon around pasta. Toss gently just before serving.

Serving size: 1/4 of recipe; Calories per serving: 380; Protein 17 g, fat 14 g, carbohydrate 47 g; Calcium 308 mg, riboflavin (B2) .37 mg.

BUYING AND STORING FISH
-- When buying fresh fish fillets, look for firm flesh without signs of browning or drying around the edges, and a fresh and mild odor, says Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service nutritionist Marilyn Haggard. Whole fish should have bright, clear, full eyes and shiny skin. Fresh fish should, of course, be kept refrigerated, and can be frozen in moisture-vapor proof material for months, she adds. "All crab meat is cooked before it is packaged and can be used without further preparation," Haggard says, "but crab meat must be kept refrigerated."

Arts Festival Caters To Children

The 1987, Lubbock Arts Festival has been set for April 24, 25, and 26 with the Gala Opening being on April 23. Festival hours begin at 10 a.m. on Friday and continue until 9 p.m., Saturday's hours will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

Lubbock Memorial Civic Center will be the scene of the Festival, which is free of charge. The price for the Gala tickets will be announced at a later date.

Art will be on display and for sale in the Gallery. Other features include exhibits, Artists' Market, Senior Artists' Areas, performing Arts, local groups, plus Cultural and Humanities Groups offering information and displays.

Also Children's Area Crafts to do; "To Market-To-Market" Sales, Artists' demonstration area and culinary arts and concessions offer foods for sale.

Special features will include spotlight performances Friday and Saturday nights for children, "Theatre Mask Ensemble," "Run for the Arts" West Texas Running Club event with one mile, two mile and 15 K races-Saturday morning.

Sponsors for the festival are the Lubbock Cultural Affairs Council of the Chamber of Commerce and Civic Lubbock.

While the Lubbock Arts Festival boasts of offering something for everybody, the children have the opportunity for some very special experiences this year. The children's area has been named "Artspace" and will be the site of activities designed just for the young festival goers.

"Children can really dig in and enjoy making decorated papersacks or masks out of paper plates. These "hands on" encounters with creating their

own works of art will be guided by adult volunteers and art instructors."

A popular area from recent years, "To Market, To Market," will again be found near the activity area. In this shopping area, items under five dollars can be purchased only by the youngsters. Possibilities for gifts for the upcoming Mother's Day holiday can be found there.

Another project for the children to work on will be a new Weaving Wall where they can actually see a large panoramic display come to completion.

A visiting exhibit from Philadelphia's Franklin Institute will be "Light and Sounds." Again, involvement is the key to enjoyment and understanding.

For the school children who go as groups on the opening day, Friday, the Mask Ensemble of Portland, Oregon, will give performances at 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Group reservations are necessary for this.

Children will also delight in hearing and seeing performances by many school groups throughout the Festival.

Selected art work from Lubbock and area elementary and secondary schools will also be on display.

BIBLE VERSE

"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name."

1. Upon what occasion was the above statement made?
2. Of what is it a part?

Answers to Bible Verse
1. Jesus made this statement during his Sermon on the Mount.
2. The Lord's Prayer.

Tax Crack

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TUESDAY
 Milk, Pancakes, Syrup, Sausage, Fruit
WEDNESDAY
 Milk, Blueberry Muffins, Juice
THURSDAY
 Milk, Honey Buns, Juice
FRIDAY
 Milk, Biscuits, Gravy, Sausage,

Lazbuddie School Menu

LAZBUDDIE MENU
APRIL 6 - 10
BREAKFAST
MONDAY
 Cereal, Juice, Milk
TUESDAY
 Cinnamon Rolls, Juice, Milk
WEDNESDAY
 Sausage, Biscuits, Juice, Milk
THURSDAY
 Pancakes, Syrup, Bacon, Juice, Milk
FRIDAY
 French Toast, Bacon, Fruit, Milk

LUNCH
MONDAY
 Chalupa's, Pinto Beans, Green Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk
TUESDAY
 Sloppy Joe's, French Fries, Pickles, Pudding, Milk
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FRIDAY
 Milk, Fish Patties, Macroni & Cheese, Eng. Peas, Hot Rolls, Fruit

COMBO LINE
MONDAY
 Milk, Steak & Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Fruit
TUESDAY
 Milk, Juicy Burgers, Lettuce & Tomato, Pickles & Onions, Tater Tots, Cobbler
WEDNESDAY
 Milk, Skillet Dinner, Corn, Beans, Corn Bread, Fruit
THURSDAY
 Milk, Corn Dogs, Veg. Beef Soup, Crackers, Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit
FRIDAY
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FRIDAY
 Waffles & Syrup, Juice, Milk
LUNCH
MONDAY
 Bar-B-Que Weiners, Green Beans, Cream Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey/Butter

TUESDAY
 Goulash, Peas, Salad, Hot Rolls, Milk, Cake
WEDNESDAY
 Pinto Beans, Greens, Relish, Corn Bread, Milk, Fruit
THURSDAY
 Pizza, Corn, Salad, Milk, Jello
FRIDAY
 Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Frys, Pickles, Tomatoes, Lettuce, Buns, Milk, Cookies

Leaf Rust Threatening '87 Wheat

Leaf rust is heavy in some wheat fields again this year and could reduce yields sharply, so farmers need to stay abreast of the situation, says Spencer Tanksley, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

After a heavy infestation of leaf rust in last year's wheat crop, the fungus-caused disease successfully "over-summered" and then infected the new wheat crop last fall, explains Tanksley.

With mild weather and good moisture conditions, the disease could be devastating.

While certain fungicides are effective against leaf rust, controlling the disease is a costly practice, says Tanksley. That's why control is only practical when a farmer has a high yield potential—more than 40 bushels per acre—and leaf rust is the major limiting production factor.

Timing of the fungicide application is critical, emphasizes Tanksley. The most effective time to apply a fungicide is when the flag leaf (last leaf) is emerging. The flag leaf emerges just before head exertion and is most critical for head filling and grain maturity. Thus it should be protected from infection.

The Extension Service has monitoring devices located over the state to track the disease and determine its development, Tanksley points out. These devices trap the disease-causing spores. They are checked weekly and reports are issued via a special radio network and to county Extension offices.

The Extension Service is monitoring the situation closely so that a farmer can make an intelligent decision regarding chemical control, harvesting the crop for grain or grazing it out. In addition, studies are continuing to evaluate the susceptibility of various wheat varieties and to test the effectiveness of different fungicides.

All commonly-grown wheat varieties are susceptible to the rust fungus even though some offer resistance, says Tanksley. The severity of the disease will depend a lot on moisture, since a high relative humidity must be present at the leaf surface for spores to germinate and penetrate.

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—Polish Proverb.

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Peace Officer's Spring Meeting Set At Stratford

The spring meeting of the "Five-State Peace Officer's Association" is scheduled for April 15 and 16. The meeting, which will be held in Stratford, Texas, is a semi-annual event of the Association. Members of the group are law enforcement officers from Colorado, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas and Texas.

On the agenda for the meeting is a host of activities ranging from an individual and team "shoot-off" to a nine hole fun scramble of golf. Also included is a wide range of law enforcement products that will be displayed.

Special speakers for the April event include the "Patriarch Sheriff" of Texas-Rufe Jordan from Pampa, Texas; Chief Jerry Neal of Amarillo Police Department; Judge Jack Powell from Moore County, Texas and Kenneth Wyatt, a renowned artist, speaker and humorist.

"The fine folks of Stratford have gone all out to ensure that the spring meeting of the Association will be a complete success," states Chief Dennis Davis of the Stratford Police Department and a Vice-President of the Association.

"Every hour of the two day meeting will be filled with information, relaxation and challenge," Davis continues.

The Five-State Peace Officer's Association has been organized for over forty years and includes hundreds of members from the five-state area.

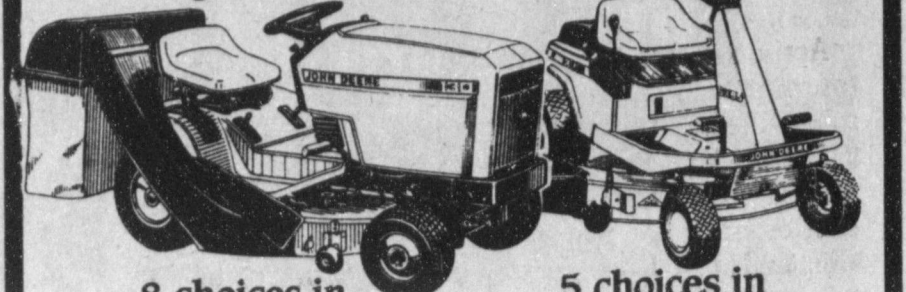
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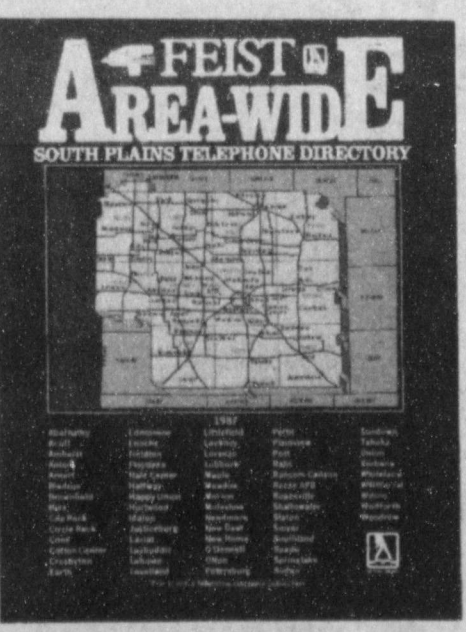
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Water Level Rises: First Time In History

For the first time in its 36-year history, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 has documented an average net rise of more than one-half foot in the water levels of observation wells penetrating the Ogallala Formation throughout the Water District's 5.2 million acre service area.

Twelve of the 15 counties which are served by the Water District show an average rise in water levels from 1986 to 1987. Water-level rises range from a slight gain of 0.03 of a foot in Lamb County to a larger 3.27 feet in that portion of Lynn County lying within the District's service area.

Four of the 15 counties in the District's service area show average annual water-level rises for the 10-year period 1977 to

1987, and six show average annual rises for the five-year period 1982 to 1987.

Three counties, Castro, Deaf Smith and Parmer Counties, show average annual declines in water levels. The declines, which are all less than one-half foot, range from 0.16 of a foot in Castro County to 0.38 of a foot in Parmer County. However, these declines are smaller than the declines recorded for these counties for 1985 to 1986.

The 10-year average change in water levels from 1977 to 1987 shows an average annual decline of 0.74 of a foot for all

the wells measured throughout the District's service area. This equals a 10-year total decline of 7.4 feet.

However, the five-year average annual change in water levels from 1982 to 1987 shows a total decline of one foot, which equals an average annual decline of 0.20 of a foot. This indicates a 73 percent reduction in the decline rate between the 10-year average annual decline and the five-year average annual decline.

High Plains Water District personnel annually measure and record the depth to water in the Ogallala aquifer within the District's service area through a network of more than 950 water-level observation wells scattered throughout its service area. The wells are privately-owned and spaced at a density of approximately one well per nine square miles.

Horticulture Seminat Seminar Set For Muleshoe

A Landscape horticulture meeting has been planned for Tuesday night, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bailey County Civic Center meeting room.

Dr. William C. Welch, Extension Landscape Horticulturist from College Station, will be in Muleshoe and will be presenting the program.

Spencer Tanksley, the Bailey County Extension Agent, said Dr. Welch will explain how to correctly landscape the home area and discuss type of maintenance required in the home landscape. Home landscaping should not be a burdensome chore, and with good planning, every Saturday will not be spent out in the yard.

"Regardless of how simple or extravagant your home may be, a well-planned landscape will increase the beauty and value of your home," said Tanksley.

"Landscaping will also give you a sense of pride and satisfaction in knowing that you are doing your part to improve the environment of your town and make it a nicer place for all of

us to live."

Dr. Welch will have handouts on landscape design and plants that are adopted to this area, added the county agent.

Tanksley concluded, "This is an excellent opportunity for home owners to receive information and ask questions on the home landscape. This program is being sponsored by the County Extension Advisory Council and the program is free and open to the public, regardless of the race, color, creed or national origin."

Texas A&M Press publishes book on dirt

COLLEGE STATION — A book for the adventurous reader on dirt may seem a bit absurd, but when you dig into it, that's the target of "Dirt," a new book by John Anthony Adams.

Published by Texas A&M University Press, the book is designed to change the minds of those who think dirt is, well — dirty.

For instance, writes the Phi Beta Kappa orange grower from San Bernardino County, Calif., dirt — in the form of soil surfaces — provides a window to the past. Ancient soils themselves no longer exist, but their appearance is sometimes preserved where muds were turned into rocks.

All soils originated from rocks, Adams writes, explaining how the clays, sands and silts were formed.

"Could your distant ancestor have been a rock?" asks the author. "There has been an imaginative and interesting conjecture that clay has not only been of great importance to life, but that life may have originated from clay particles. A Glasgow chemist, A.G. Cairns-Smith, has speculated that our ancestors were literally made of clay."

"Dirt" takes a here's-mud-in-your-eye approach for the unusual, the not-frequently-thought-of and the incredible. Chapters deal with such issues as death, decay and compost, muck, mystery and the good old days and the plowman's folly.

Concise and easy to understand, "Dirt," priced at \$11.95, offers fascinating facts for anyone on this terra firma and is, well, dirt cheap.

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A dollar sign has been described as a capital S which has been double-crossed.

—Constitution.

Letter To The Editor

Editor
Muleshoe Journal
Muleshoe, Bailey County Texas
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Dear Sir,

We recently received a package from Nelda Merriott filled with Muleshoe Journals containing Girl Scouting articles and photos. We are delighted with the excellent coverage you have given to local Girl Scouts.

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Sincerely,
Sheila Butterfield
Director, Public Relations
Caprock Girl Scout Council

Texas A&M tops other state institutions in student retention

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M University, which has the highest student retention rate among public colleges and universities in the state, also ranks well above the national average, according to recent figures.

Nearly 70 percent of the entering freshmen at Texas A&M receive their degrees at the end of four years, said registrar officials.

A U.S. Department of Education report found that fewer than half of all students earn a degree in the four years after high school graduation. Nationwide, one student in four took six, seven or more years to complete a degree.

Using figures for the 1983 freshman class, records show that 84 percent returned for their sophomore year, approximately 75 percent for their junior year and 72 percent for the senior year.

Texas A&M also boasted the highest retention rate for minority students among all public colleges and universities in Texas. The Coordinating Board, State College and University System reported that more than 81 percent of the undergraduate black students enrolled at Texas A&M in the fall of 1983 returned to begin the 1984-85 school year. The figures are the most current for which comparative data is available.

COTTON TALKS

FROM PLAINS COTTON GROWERS, INC.

LUBBOCK, Friday, March 27, 1987

By far the largest annual gathering of "cotton folk" in Texas will take place in Lubbock April 8 through 11.

An estimated 6,000 ginners, producers, oil millers, compress operators and others in the industry will congregate in the city on those dates for the Texas Cotton Ginners Association (TCGA) convention and trade show and the annual meeting of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG).

Activities will begin April 8 with an 8:00 a.m. golf tournament at Hillcrest Country Club, and TCGA officials will stage the convention and trade show opening at 9:00 a.m. April 9 in Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

PCG President Myrl D. Mitchell of Lenorah will open that organization's annual meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the west end of the Civic Center Banquet Room. The meeting will conclude with a fish and chicken lunch for registered attendants at noon.

Featured speakers for the PCG meeting include Nick Hahn, Executive Vice President of Cotton Incorporated (CI), Raleigh, North Carolina, and National Cotton Council immediate past president and board chairman Lloyd Cline of Lamesa.

Hahn, a former CI president, recently returned to CI after a three-year absence. He is now shouldering responsibility for special CI projects as assigned by the CI board. His remarks to the PCG membership will center on CI's "Grown and Made in the USA" campaign and the fiber company's expanding promotional activities through cotton wives groups across the U. S.

Cline, who is also a long-time director and past president of PCG, will address the overall cotton situation, including domestic and worldwide supply and demand prospects, past and expected effects of current cotton legislation and proposed changes in farm programs.

PCG members also will hear reports from President Mitchell and Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. The 1986 activities of the organization's Boll Weevil Steering Committee will be reviewed by committee chairman Jarrell Edwards of O'Donnell, the progress of PCG's Plains Cotton Improvement Program will be assessed by committee chairman Wayne Huffaker of Tahoka, and Dr. James Supak, Area Agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will discuss the work of the joint CI-PCG Barky Cotton Research Task Force.

Directors elected to the PCG board this year in individual county elections will be confirmed by the membership and the new board will convene at 1:30 p.m. for the election of 1987-88 officers.

Exhibits in the cotton trade show will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 9:30 a.m. until the start of the TCGA luncheon and business meeting at noon on Saturday.

Texas A&M Press book role of myths in Texas explores and interprets

COLLEGE STATION — In the Lone Star State myths involve many things — wealth and power, the "good life," the family, the Texas woman, a wilderness settled and then urbanized, the freedom heritage of the state's blacks and the clash of its Hispanics with Anglo ways and views, to name just a few.

"Texas Myths," a new book from the Texas A&M University Press, explores those myths and their role in shaping the state in a series of essays by academic and nonacademic writers from areas such as folklore, history, literature, an-

thropology, American studies, cultural geography, religious studies and journalism.

In his introduction, editor Robert O'Connor, associate director for special projects at the Texas Committee for the Humanities, defines myths as "true stories that explain reality and present a system of values, thereby giving meaning to life." "Texas Myths," he says, interprets the myths of the state's major ethnic groups as they illuminate Texas history.

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Farm Bureau Approves Payment Limitation

S. M. True as president of the Texas Farm Bureau, said he had been assured by USDA officials that a new directive on payment limitation would give relief to farm operators.

Under the 1985 farm bill, there is a \$50,000 payment limit per farm. Stricter interpretation this year by USDA had jeopardized some farmers who have certain business ties with close relatives.

True and Vernie Glasson, TFB director of public affairs, met Wednesday, March 25, in Washington with USDA officials to request that the interpretations be softened to give relief.

They met with Milton Hertz, administrator of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, and two key associates; and separately with Peter Myers, USDA deputy secretary.

True said both Hertz and Myers promised that USDA would issue a new directive "within a few days" to all state ASCS offices, clarifying the matter. The new directive would be in addition to one issued March 25 to County ASCS executive directors and committeemen, True pointed out.

"Farm Bureau is not seeking relief for those who may be purposely subverting the intent of the law," True told the officials. "However, USDA's attempt to clamp down on abuses is causing serious concern for many legitimate farmers."

The Farm Bureau leaders cited several actual examples that have been in question. In each case, the USDA officials assured them that the payment eligibility would not be affected, True said.

These examples are:

"(1) Cases where health problems resulted in disability of a father during a crop year. The father and son operate with their own financing, separate equipment, on separate farms. Due to the father's health problems (such as a heart attack), the son has to finish the crop.

"(2) Cases where father and son have separate operations and because of weather problems, one of their farms dries up earlier and both operators plant the crop on that farm and then move over to the other farm to plant that crop.

"(3) Cases where two brothers have separate bulk fuel tanks and one brother uses his truck's fuel tank to transfer his brother's fuel to his brother's tractor."

The TFB president also cited a personal example in which he and his brother had helped one another for over 30 years in putting in crops or harvesting crops as family members helping family members, yet having separate farm operations, separate financing and a minimal

sharing of equipment.

The USDA officials assured True that both he and his brother will continue to be eligible for separate payment limitations.

The problems with interpretations surfaced in early March during the state ASCS committee meeting in San Antonio. Many producers have contacted the TFB on the matter.

True and other leaders in Texas have been busy in the

past few weeks, seeking relief in the way the rules are interpreted. Dean Kleckner, as president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, and John Datt, director of the AFBF's Washington office, have also conferred with USDA officials on the matter.

The issue is all the more urgent because the uniform sign up date in the farm program is April 1, True said.


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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS



By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

After restoring credibility and a sense of order at the White House, Chief of Staff Howard Baker's first and perhaps most important priority is to cooperate with Congress to reduce the federal deficit to the \$108 billion mandated by the 1986 Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law.

President Reagan was insisting on cuts in domestic spending to reach that goal while Congress was resisting such cuts and in favor of cuts in defense appropriations.

As former Majority Leader of the Senate, who knows Congress and is on friendly terms with its key members, and having a long working association with the president, Baker is about the nation's only hope for living within the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law in fiscal 1988.

The present outlook for the deficit in fiscal 1988 is between \$150 and \$170 billion—depending on what forecast one accepts. That means at least \$40 billion must be accounted for in cuts and increased revenue.

If the president would accept some revenue-increasing, and if Congress would legislate reduced spending (from whatever source), the total being \$40 billion or more, the law can be complied with.

More important, the precedent of abiding by Gramm-Rudman-Hollings would have been established. The precedent might be more important than one year's compliance, since it could lead to continuing compliance in coming years.

There are some in Congress who want to shift the law's goals, allowing fiscal 1988's deficit to be larger than \$108 billion, to delay balancing the budget from 1991 to 1992. But that is, really, dodging or postponing tough choices.

One hopes Baker can help persuade Congress to stick to this present goal and abide by the law, and persuade the president to give on the question of new revenue and reduced defense spending.

That is the new chief of staff's most awesome and number-one legislative priority.

Hobby, in fact, pointed out that Bullock himself said as much to a Senate committee last summer, and indicated Bullock was changing the rules in the middle of the game.

Bullock just wants to know where he stands. It's an interesting point. Texas has never been this down in the dumps in quite a while.

Lottery Boosted

One alternative is to raise taxes immediately, but Gov. Clements and others won't allow it. Thus, lottery may be looming.

A state lottery may not raise cash quickly enough, but last week Speaker Lewis softened his opposition to that bill.

The lottery issue fares well in the Senate, and if Lewis will stand aside in the House, it might be passed.

Enochs News
by
Mrs. J.D. Bayless

Miss Sheryl Waltrip of Lubbock spent the weekend with her mother and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thomas.

Mrs. Etta Layton, Mrs. Edward Crume visited their sister, Mrs. Juanita Snow, in Muleshoe Sunday afternoon another sister, Mrs. Vida Cash, from Hereford also visited with them.

Mrs. Zelma Fred of Morton, mother of Mrs. Bob Newton, fell recently and broke three ribs and her ankle. She has been staying with a daughter in Levelland. Get well soon Zelma!

Tannian Logsdon of Lubbock was honored with a 6th birthday party at McDonalds in Lubbock last Sunday. Keily had her 4th birthday in January they also had a birthday cake with the candles to. Their mother Linda, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Adams, Mrs. Shirley Logsdon great grandmother, Mrs. Mamie Adams, an aunt Mr. and Mrs. Glen Green an uncle Lance Logsdon and 14 children helped them celebrate their birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Layton spent Sunday night with his mother, Mrs. Etta Layton.

Supporters say a state lottery could be installed and marketed quickly, with tickets being sold at various stores, particularly convenience stores.

Fine Threat Lifted

As for good news, a federal judge temporarily backed off his threat to fine Texas for contempt of prison reform court orders.

The next day the Texas AG's office told the federal appeals court that the contempt ruling was beyond the judge's authority and asked it be overturned.

The inmates' lawyer asked the appeal court to stay out of it.

Proposed Court Reforms

Meanwhile, two plans to overhaul the Texas court system caught the limelight, and they don't necessarily like each other.

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