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Thanksgiving

**...A Time For Us To
Count Our Blessings**

We have much to be thankful for in this great land of ours. For we live in a nation of abundance and opportunity, health and prosperity. Where freedom is our birthright... and brotherhood our life spirit.

This spirit of brotherhood is one that our forefathers exemplified on the first Thanksgiving. And from it we have established a lasting sense of loyalty, compassion and respect for one another. For this, we are truly fortunate.

Let's take this holiday as a time to reflect on all that we have to treasure. And celebrate Thanksgiving in the true tradition of peace, unity and love.



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The Speaker Reports

by Bill Clayton

AUSTIN—In compliance with House Bill 1126 of the last legislative session, the Governor's Office of Educational Resources has compiled and released market value figures for all property in Texas, as well as legislative recommendations. The Governor's Office undertook this project over a year ago and has produced a product that will receive considerable attention for some time.

Included in the recommendation is proposed legislation. The bill which has been released contains two major elements: provisions for changes in the public school finance system and provisions for the establishment of uniform property assessment practices. These sections deserve careful thought by legislators and

citizens alike so that the best possible plan can be developed.

A look at the proposed bill from the Governor's Office, which has a price tag of approximately \$850 million, reflects a desire to reduce local property taxes while adding more State money to public education. The local fund assignment would be reduced, and at the same time, the value of property assessments would increase.

This increase would offset any dramatic decreases in property taxes. However, the tax rate would drop to about 9 cents per \$100 from the 35 cents per \$100 rate set by House Bill 1126. As a result, the local share of education funding would be reduced, and the State would contribute a greater share of the funds. An additional \$640 million would be funneled into the foundation school program, and this change would create a State share of about 90 percent of the foundation program. In addition \$50 million is budgeted for maintenance and operation expenses of the schools.

A more liberal equalization aid formula has also been proposed. The package would

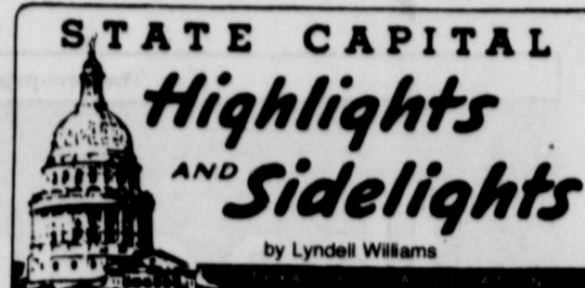
cost a total of about \$100 million for the biennium. The philosophy behind this approach is to bring the less wealthy districts up to a more acceptable level without placing much spending constraint on wealthier districts.

Although tax limits have been proposed for both maintenance and operation and capital improvements, the caps do not seem to be stringent enough to really prohibit school districts from increasing their property taxes in view of their increased revenue-producing ability due to the rise in property values.

Other education issues are addressed in the proposed bill. An accountability and renewal system at a cost of \$10 million has been included. This system would provide for a management information system, an improved accreditation process, and other such procedures. Transportation funding is revised and would cost \$25 million. The "hold harmless" formula for districts under 1,000 students in average daily attendance would cost about \$15 million.

The other major part of the proposal concerning assessment practices provides for several significant changes and new developments. This section would set up a School Tax Assessment Board with six members appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Senate.

Minimum standards for operating the school tax offices are included as well as sanctions for noncompliance.



by Lyndell Williams

AUSTIN — Texas oil supplies are decreasing, and the Railroad Commission is sending out the alarm.

The commission last week, for the first time in more than four years, reduced the statewide production allowable — from 100 per cent to 99 per cent.

Although the cut is small, it is designed to get big results by gaining Washington's attention.

About 40 per cent of U.S. crude oil is produced in Texas.

In 1975, the total for the state came to 1.2 billion barrels, but outflow is off 26 million barrels in 1976.

"Whether this will be good, bad or indifferent, I think it's time that the people in Washington begin to realize that the capacity of Texas to continue to produce crude oil and natural gas with the declining incentives to do so is having a diminishing effect upon our natural resources in Texas," said Railroad Commissioner Jim Langdon.

Commissioner Mack Wallace said new steps must be taken to alert the nation to "the very severe problem that continuously ap-

proaches us without any activity on the part of the congress to alleviate the problem."

The change in the allowable will lower estimated crude oil production only about 7,500 barrels a day — to 3,124,500 barrels.

Commissioners stated the production trim would save oil for possible emergency use.

The East Texas Field again was restricted to 86 per cent production.

Primary Boosted

Legislation to revive and extend an altered version of a presidential preference primary in Texas has been prefilled in the House of Representatives.

The bill by Reps. Sarah Weddington of Austin, Luther Jones of El Paso and Lance Lalor of Houston would establish a proportional primary system. Delegates would be selected by state political party conventions in proportion to the state wide popular vote (for candidates receiving more than six per cent of the total).

State Democratic Executive Committee is expected

to come up with its own version of primary legislation after a special committee study.

Bell Rests Case

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company rested its case before Texas Public Utility Commission for a \$298.3 million hike in its Texas rates.

The P.U.C. staff, meanwhile, came up with its own alternative proposal which would give Bell about a sixth of what it asked — \$49.76 million.

Bell is continuing to cross-examine opposition witnesses. After concluding summaries, the commission is expected to reach a decision — possibly by mid-December.

Cities Get \$13.2 Millions

The 640 Texas cities levying sales taxes got checks totalling \$13.2 million as their November rebate on collections.

A total of \$252.2 million has been received by the cities to date this year. This represents a 13 per cent increase, or about \$28.5 million over 1975.

November rebate checks ranged from \$501 for Springtown to more than \$2.5 million for Houston.

Courts Speak

Texas Supreme Court held constitutional a new state law regulating mobile home sale and manufacture and requiring performance bonds.

The high court decided a San Antonio mother delayed too long a lawsuit for \$1 million in damages due to alleged brain damage suffered by her infant daughter in an operation.

Court of Criminal Appeals reversed a marijuana conviction on grounds Houston police had no right to stop the driver of a car because it had out-of-county license tags and was moving slowly.

The same court reversed a 99-year prison sentence of an Ector County woman for heroin possession due to improper argument to the jury by the prosecutor.

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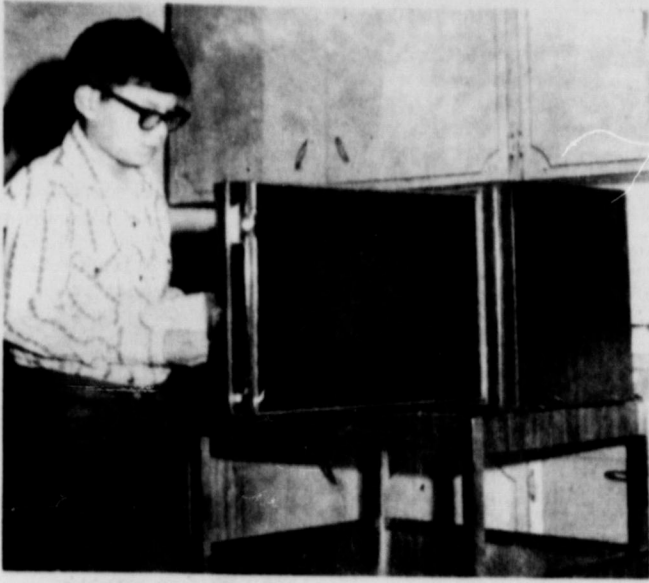
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Contest In Three-Way Tie

The annual Earth News-Sun and merchants football contest ended up in a three-way tie. Larry Price, Jimmy Randolph and Doug Jones ended the season with a score of 80 each.

The winner will be decided by a toss of the coin in the near future.

The final standings for the season were:

Larry Price, Jimmy Randolph and Doug Jones, 80; Novella Price, Bill Weldon and Mike West, 79; Edna Sanders, 76; Tom Sanders, Glenn Branscum and Loyd Hood, 75;

Danny Randolph, 74; La Juana O'Hair and Cliff Follis, 72; William P. Holland, Jr., 71; Kevin Kelley and Mona Price, 70; Brad Barden and James Hanson, 69; Kelley O'Hair, J.D. Barden and Allen Moore, 68.

Shawndi Geissler and Rocky Lunsford, 67; Mary Fulfer, 65; Rodney Geissler and Lexie Fennell, 62; Toni Sanders, 59; Jamie Myers, 58; Wendy Branscum and Ricky Castaneda, 52; Edwin Fulfer, 48; Pat Fulfer, 46; J.W. Dear, 43; Mark Parish, 41; Vicki Freeman, 40; Bennie Prather, 33; Terry Conner, 28; Jerry Been, 27 and Lonnie Neinst, 22.

Lexie Fenell Weekly Winner

Winner of the final weekly News-Sun and merchants annual football contest was Lexie Fennell.

Second place winner was James Hanson, with Bill Weldon placing third.

Each one had six games correct with the tie-breaker making the difference.

Others having six games were Allen Moore, Novella Price, Mary Fulfer, LaJuana O'Hair, Cliff Follis and J.D. Barden.

Those having five games were Jimmy Randolph, William P. Holland, Jr., Brad Barden, Rocky Lunsford, Edna Sanders, Doug Jones, Danny Randolph, Larry Price, Loyd Hood, Kelley

O'Hair, Glenn Branscum, Bennie Prather and Mike West. J.W. Dear, Kevin Kelley and Tom Sanders had four games correct.

Shawndi Geissler had two games correct.

DARK GREEN color sometimes present on the outside of the yolk and white of hardcooked eggs is harmless. It is caused by heating too long or at too high a temperature.

An unwillingness to change and adapt to the changing demands, roles and responsibilities of the marital relationship usually goes on with an unsatisfactory marital relationship.

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Micro-Wave Cooking Quick

Well, if you didn't attend the demonstration on the many uses and conveniences of the microwave oven, you missed a very informative as well as entertaining evening. The demonstration was held Thursday, November 18 at the Homemaking building at Springlake-Earth School. Marie Slover gave us varied demonstrations of the number of quick and delicious items that can be prepared in just a few minutes. Fudge just like grandma use to make was one of the greatest hits of the evening. She also in the course of 5 minutes, heated sweet rolls in just seconds, and served everyone a cup of hot spiced tea

in just a matter of minutes. The microwave oven is the coolest way to cook, which is why it is so great if you have children who are always wanting to help in the kitchen. Marie demonstrated this act very well with the help of Todd Lively and Michelle McCarty, who were very delighted to help with assorted dishes.

The energy saving features are also a thing to consider in this energy conscience era. The cost of operation for an average family for a year is about \$10.00 This fact and others such as less shrinkage, better food color and texture, plus the time saved in the kitchen are only a few features provided by the microwave oven.

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Clennon Williams Services at Bula

BULA-Services for Clennon A. Williams, 69, of Bula were at 2 pm Wednesday, November 17 in the Bula Baptist Church with the Rev. Eddie Riley, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Littlefield Memorial Park under direction of Hammons Funeral Home of Littlefield.

Williams died at 12:50 AM Monday at Medical Arts Hospital in Littlefield following a brief illness.

Anative of Johnson County, Williams moved to the South Plains in 1928. He had been a farmer in the Bula area for a number of years. He married Jewell Swanner in March 1934 at Littlefield.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Allan of San Juan, Puerto Roco; Darnell of Enochs and David of Slaton; two daughters, Mrs. Jaunell Young and Mrs. Barbara Brunk of Eugene, Ore.; a brother, Sam Williams of Morton; three sisters, Mrs. Velma Smith of Burleson, Mrs. Ruth Hendricks of Pasadena, Calif., and Mrs. Christine Kulehaunik of Los Angeles, Calif.; and 10 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Eugene Bryan, Gilbert Demel, Ashel Richardson, Ivan Clawson, Freddie Parkman and Bobby Foley.

Williams was the brother-in-law of Mrs. Lowell Walden of Earth.

Two brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Swanner of DeLeon, Texas and Bro. and Mrs. L.R. Swanner of Freeport, Texas spent Tuesday night with Mrs. Walden and attended the funeral services Wednesday.

Baptists Attend Seminar

Last Thursday night eight members of the Earth First Baptist Church attended a puppet seminar in Plainview. A group called Puppet Productions, Inc. conducted the seminar in the First Baptist Church of Plainview.

The purpose of the seminar was to train church leaders in this area how to effectively use puppets in their churches.

Those from the local church attending the seminar were Mrs. David L. Burum, Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Kellar, Mrs. Donald Kelley, Mrs. Hershel Hulcy, Mrs. Lillian Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Pete O'Hair.

The group plans to begin a puppet ministry in their own church soon.



We wish each and every one of you a bountiful holiday in every way!



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In the foreground of a prosperous land, our symbol of pride, humility, and generosity is a pair of hands clasped in a prayer of thanksgiving. Our warm wishes for a grateful and joyous Thanksgiving.



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Bookmobile Schedule

The High Plains Bookmobile will be in your area on the following dates.

December 2, Springlake No. one, 11 AM to 11:45 AM. Springlake No. Two, 12 to 1:00 PM. Earth, 1:15 to 3:45 PM.

Friday, December 3, Pleasant Valley, 10 AM to 11 AM.

Sandra Sue Leeman Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Leeman announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Sandra Sue to Larry Murrell, Jr.

The couple plan to be married Saturday, December 18 in the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 409 West Third in Littlefield.

The families of the couple extend a cordial invitation to all friends and relatives to attend the wedding and the reception immediately following.

If you are unable to attend, we ask your presence in thought and prayer.

Layman Services Held

Services for Mrs. Bessie Layman, 81, a Lazbuddie resident since 1900, were held at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Lazbuddie Baptist Church with the Reverend Jim Standridge, pastor officiating.

Assisting was the Reverend C.T. Jordan, a Baptist minister from Pecos, the Reverend Johnnie Timms, pastor of the Frio Baptist Church in Hereford. Burial was in the Lazbuddie cemetery, under the direction of Singleton Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Layman, a native of Georgetown, died Thursday in the Deaf Smith County Hospital in Hereford. She came to Lazbuddie from Haskell and married Sam Layman in Plainview, in 1914, she was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, three sons, L.G. and Clifford, both of Muleshoe and Donald of Earth, a daughter, Mrs. Arlyne Ashley of Hereford, a sister Mrs. Jessie Baker of Earth and seven grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

4-H Year Pins

Enclosed are the names of the 4-H members who received year pins during the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet which was held Monday, November 11. We apologize for failing to get the names to you along with the other information regarding the banquet.

1976 YEAR PINS

FIRST YEAR

Girls

- Judy Decker
- Jean Decker
- Kelly Prentice
- Bridget Hampton
- Janie Cordao
- Rhonda Offield
- Cathy Caddell
- Norma Casas
- Tracy Cowan
- Sharman Stephens
- Sherri Payne
- Mitzie Dutton
- Carrie Thomas
- Susie Reed
- Shelia Summer
- Janie Brown
- Debbie Hill
- Shawnie Deloach
- Angela Williams
- Jerry Page Been

- Boys
- Alfredo Lopez
- Steven Decker
- Jodie Riley
- Randy Offield
- Heath Hampton
- Victor Soliz
- Preston Huguley
- Gary Smith
- Brad Carter
- Todd Carpenter
- John Shipp
- Arle Ellis
- Sam Lewis
- Mark Jordan
- Wade Kelley
- Bart Belew
- Todd Kootz
- Heath Reynolds
- Kyle Reynolds
- Michael Vincent
- Ira Lloyd

SECOND YEAR

Girls

- Chrystal Rudd
- Carrie Been
- Renee Ingle
- Elizabeth Huey
- Barbara Huey
- Linda Huey
- Jessica Huey
- Tanoa Landers
- Brenda Huey
- Teresa Kemp
- Cheryl Kemp
- Jennifer Lynch
- Sherry Thornton
- Mary May
- Melissa Patton
- Kammie Campbell

Boys

- Derral Bryant
- Garland Wilkinson
- David Pinkerton
- Chuck Conner
- Terry Conner
- Rex Fennell
- Scott Churchman
- Sandy Clayton
- Gary Brown
- Allen Clayton

THIRD YEAR

Girls

- Dora Black
- Amy Smith
- Vicki Tunnel
- Kim Terry
- RRuth Allen
- Libby Keller
- Lori Duran
- Evelyn Duran
- Tammie Cowan
- Terri Cowan
- Janie Starnes
- Christal Cantrell
- Melissa McFadden
- Kim Spencer
- Lareshia Sawyer
- Judy Wiseman
- Stacy Tunnell
- Darcy Randolph
- Diana Pinkerton
- Stacy Huguley
- Christy Brandstatt
- Venesha Schroeder

Boys

- Brad Franks
- Craig Franks
- Cliff James
- Duke Hampton
- Scott Branscum
- Randy Wiseman
- Lynn Brown
- Ted Daugherty
- Matt Lloyd
- Tony Lopez

- Mike Hill
- Mark Clark
- Steven Bearden
- Mark Jordan
- Todd Holt

FOURTH YEAR

- Girls
- Cindy McDaniel
- Debbie Spencer
- Monica Enloe
- Jana Mandrell
- Gayla Clark
- Vonda Stephens
- Carmen Kelley
- Cindy Moss

Boys

- Gary Fields
- Donald Black
- Cary Sawyer
- Tommy Hampton
- Biff Belew
- Darrell Quigley
- Larry Ogery

FIFTH YEAR

- Girls
- Belinda Hampton
- Lynette Spencer
- Lacretia James
- Cindy Ham
- Brene Belew
- Lisa Templeton
- Charla Carpenter
- Celia Pierce
- Carla Taylor
- Cindy Clayton
- Judy Quigley
- Dina Jo Hampton
- Stephanie Tunnell
- Melissa Lowrance

Boys

- Kevin Riley
- Barry Wiseman
- Tracy Spencer
- David Smith
- Troy Wayne Moss
- Rodney Pittillo

SIXTH YEAR

- Girls
- Kelli Smith
- Wendy Wiseman
- Cathy Swart
- Nancy Norfleet
- Christi Thomas

Boys

- Jimmy Mandrell
- Scott Carter

SEVENTH YEAR

- Wendy Branscum
- Petra Lewis
- Dawn Branscum
- Cathy Ham
- Girls

Boys

- Michael Graham
- Rodney Smith
- Glenn Branscum
- Tommy Graham
- Joe Foley
- Allen Been
- Brad Pierce
- Brian May
- Dan Foley

EIGHTH YEAR

Girls

Boys

NINTH YEAR

Girls

Jennifer Templeton

TENTH YEAR

Boys Brad Walden

ELEVENTH YEAR

Boys

Rare Book For A&M

A rare book on the livestock industry will hold a key place in the Texas A&M University Library when it is formally presented November 20.

The book, "Prose and Poetry of the Live Stock Industry of the United States," will have the distinction of being the symbolic millionth volume in the library.

Published in 1905, the volume will be presented at a 10 AM ceremony in the Sterling C. Evans Library on the A&M campus by T. Edgar Paup, a 1973 A&M graduate, on behalf of his mother, Mrs. M.F. "Chan" Driscoll of Midland.

The copy being given to the library was originally owned by C.C. Slaughter, one of the founders of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association.

Mrs. Driscoll is immediate past president of Friends of the Texas A&M University Library and organized the A&M Mothers' Club of Midland when her older son, Harry B. Paup, attended Texas A&M. He is a 1970 graduate.

LET US GIVE THANKS

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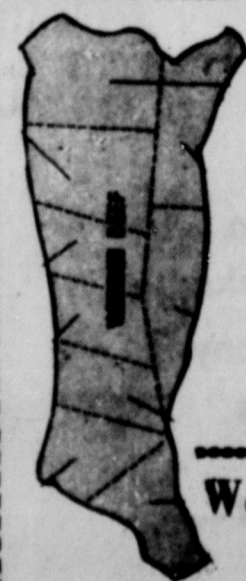
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Rutherford Reception

In honor of the Fiftieth Anniversary of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rutherford, the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rutherford will host a reception Saturday, November 27, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Citizens State Bank in Earth.

The children are Glenna Fern Fuller, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Roxie Jean Loudder, Dimmitt, Texas and Wayne Mae Wilson, Amarillo, Texas. The couple have seven grandchildren.

Friends are invited. No gifts please.

Texas 4-H'ers Part of Congress

When the 55th National 4-H Congress gets under way November 28 in Chicago, 42 of Texas' top 4-H members will be on hand to take part in the gala event.

The Texas delegation will be among 1,600 4-H'ers from throughout the nation who have been winners at the state, regional and national level in 4-H projects and activities supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service.

"The Texas group is one of the largest ever to attend National 4-H Congress," points out George McArthur, 4-H and youth specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "They represent all areas of the state and reflect a high quality of leadership of which we can all be proud. Each one has worked hard to win the right to attend the Congress; for many it is a dream come true."

Theme of the 1976 Congress is "4-H—Room to Grow." It will emphasize how 4-H provides opportunities for young people to grow as they set goals and respond to new challenges.

During the five-day Congress at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, prominent leaders in government, education and business will meet with delegates to share their knowledge and experience. Discussion groups and assemblies will enable 4-H'ers to exchange ideas about the American economic system, points out McArthur.

4-H delegates will also have an opportunity to visit various points of interest in Chicago and will be honored at special recognition events hosted by 4-H donors and other friends of 4-H.

The Texas delegation will participate in an orientation session at the Holiday Inn near the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport on November 26 and will fly to Chicago the next day.

Too Much "C"

Massive doses of Vitamin C may not be all good, Mrs. Sally Coble, a foods and nutrition specialist, contends.

"A vitamin is a substance vital to the body in small amounts—but those who advise 'megavitamin therapy' are speaking of amounts sometimes 1,000 times greater than individual requirements for the vitamin," she explained.

Mrs. Coble is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"Although there is some evidence that Vitamin C may have an antihistaminic effect, there is nothing conclusive that this kills the cold virus.

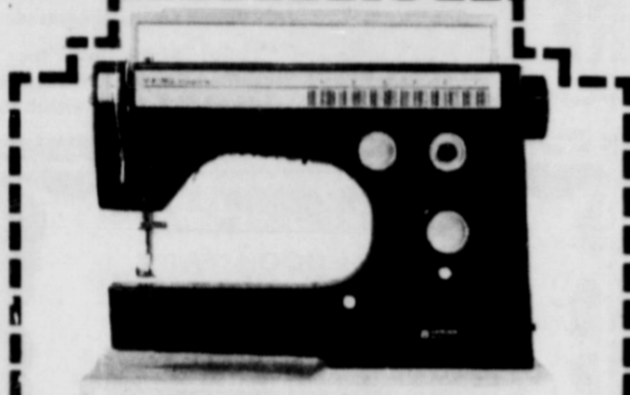
"Large doses of Vitamin C can produce 'rebound scurvy.' When one takes megadoses, the body machinery for destroying C is speeded up and will continue to function at high speed when one goes back to normal intakes.

"Symptoms of scurvy which might develop include bleeding and swollen gums, loose teeth, muscular pain and rough skin. These symptoms are not so likely to occur in adults as in newborn babies whose mothers were taking megadoses," she noted.

Schedule Announced

SPRINGLAKE-EARTH BASKETBALL 1976-77				
DATE	SCHOOL	PLACE	B-TEAMS	TIME
Nov. 16	Amherst	there	boys & girls	4:00
Nov. 19	Roosevelt	here	boys	5:00
Nov. 22	Ralls	there	boys	5:00
Nov. 23	Sudan	here	boys & girls	4:00
Nov. 30	Amherst	here	boys & girls	4:00
Dec. 2,3,4	Meadow Tourn.			
Dec. 2,3,4	Amherst Tourn.			
Dec. 7	Sudan	there	boys & girls	4:00
Dec. 9,10,11	S-E Varsity Tourn.			
Dec. 14	Anton	here	boys & girls	4:00
Dec. 17	Spade	here	boys	5:00
Dec. 21	Ralls	here	girls	5:00
Dec. 27,28,29	Amarillo Tourn.			
Jan. 4	Vega	here	boys	5:30
Jan. 7	Bovina	there	none	
Jan. 11	Kress	here	girls	5:30
	Hart		none	
Jan. 13,14,15	S-E J.V. Tourn.			
Jan. 18	Farwell	here	boys & girls	4:00
Jan. 21	Vega	there	girls	5:30
Jan. 25	Bovina	here	boys & girls	4:00
Jan. 28	Kress	there	boys	5:30
Feb. 1	Hart	here	girls	5:30
Feb. 4	Farwell	there	boys & girls	4:00
Feb. 10,11,12	District Tourn.			

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THURSDAY — Tacos, pinto beans, spoon tomatoe salad, peach cobbler, corn bread, butter and milk.
FRIDAY — Hamburgers, french fries, ketchup, sliced peaches, rice crispie bars and milk.

Mickey Mouse, who has been many things to many people since he eas first introduced in 1928 by Walt Disney as Steamboat Willie, has assumed still another role: He is a telephone!

The famous Mouse is now available throughout GTCSW as a fully functional, high quality telephone instrument. It was introduced several months ago through GTE Phone Marts.

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Galluccio describes the new Mickey Mouse phone as "tangible evidence of our desire to satisfy our customers' communications needs and some of their human needs as well."

"Changes in the telephone industry have reached almost future-shock proportions as the industry strives to meet rapidly changing customer desires for telephones which are extensions of individual personalities and decorating schemes," Galluccio stated.

Visual Marketing, Inc., a creative design consulting firm assisted GTE in its search for a

Mickey Is A Phone

Pork Good Choice

Pork fits all needs now—it's plentiful, nutritious and moderately priced in most markets, Mrs. Gwendolyne Clyatt, a consumer marketing information specialist says.

"Pork supplies are considerably larger than last year's 40-year low and are expected to increase throughout the first half of 1977," she added.

Mrs. Clyatt is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"Since most pork comes from young animals, tenderness and flavor are fairly consistent. Be sure to read the label on prepackaged cuts. Labels show the name of the cut and its price per pound, weight and total price," she noted.

The specialist advised consumers to look for these high-quality characteristics:—Lean meat, delicate rose or grayish pink in color, smooth, fine-grained and velvety, marbled with fat.

—Fat, firm and white.

—Bone, pink in center.

"In some markets they are trimming off part of the outside fat before packaging pork cuts. Producers are trying to grow pigs that have less fat, too. These practices are making pork better values," she said.

The specialist noted that consumers may be wondering how much to buy to provide the number of servings needed and how to compare the cost of various cuts of pork and different forms.

For a three-ounce serving of cooked edli le meat without bone from one pound of the specified pork cuts, plan on the following number of servings:

Fresh pork chops: two and one-fourth to two and one-half.

Fresh pork roasts: ham with bone two and one-half; without bone three; loin with bone two and one-fourth; without bone three and one-fourth; shoulder butt with bone three; without bone three and one-half; picnic with bone two and one-half; picnic with bone two; without bone three.

Spareribs: one and three-fourths; sausage two and one-half; variety meats two to three.

Cured pork ham: canned boneless four; fully ooked with bone three and one-half; without bone four; shoulder butt with bone three; without bone three and one-half; picnic with bone two and one-half; without bone three and one-fourths.

"Consumers can save money by buying cuts less in demand and serving them in various ways. Even the small family can purchase larger cuts when they are available at favorable prices.

"The larger cuts may be cut into smaller pieces and cooked separately and on different days.

"One of the most important points to remember is that it is false economy to buy a len roast—and it is not necessary norwise to buy meat so fat it is wasteful. uniform covering is all that is necessary. When pork is too lean, moisture evaporates in cooking, leaving dry meat which crumbles on carving," she explained.

When bringing pork home from the market, store it immediately in the coldest part of the refrigerator. Cook within one to two days. Cool unserved cooked pork promptly, in refrigerator, uncovered.

Once chilled, protect with transparent film. For longer storage, freezer wrap prok immediately, freeze and store at 0 degrees F or lower, she advised.

This specialist noted that recommended freezer storage for fresh pork is three to six months—for ground fresh pork, not more than 60 days.

"Whether you select a loin roast, a fresh ham or meaty chops, your purchase represents an investment in flavor and tenderness. And to make the most of that purchase, be sure to treat the meat fairly in the kitchen.

"Slow and easy" is the secret of successful pork cookery. You want to retain the most tenderness, so cook the meat thoroughly to develop the delicate flavor. Roasting is ideal for the large cuts; pork steaks and chops take well to gentle braising.

"Cost per serving can be reduced considerably by cooking at low temperatures, regardless of the cooking method used. Low temperatures mean less shrinkage and assure more servings per pound of meat purchased, especially with roasts," Mrs. Clyatt said.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chancelor of Brownwood were weekend visitors in the home of the Ken Angeleys and the R. D. Angeleys of Pleasant Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Goodwin of Plainview visited in the home of Mrs. Bonnie Haberer Sunday evening.



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By MRS. TOM STANSELL

SPRINGLAKE—George H. Wood, 88, of the Springlake area was honored with a birthday party Sunday afternoon in the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. V.G. Wood of Olton.

The Bicentennial theme was featured in the decorations. On the refreshment table which was covered with a red, white and blue oil cloth were two kerosene lamps, a tiny hand plow, and in miniature, a team in harness hitched to a wagon with spring seat. Kerosene lamps were on the registrar and the kitchen table. A kerosene lantern hung over the kitchen sink.

Miss Karin Kennedy, great-granddaughter of the honoree, poured coffee from an old pot and served in heavy plain white cups. Sugar was added from a China bowl which had belonged to the mother of Mrs. Bonnie Brown, resident of Olton.

Mrs. Gary Wood of Olton, granddaughter-in-law, used an old fashioned dipper and snuff glasses in serving banana punch from a zinc water bucket. Cookies were served from a white enamel dish pan.

Relatives present were granddaughters and families Mr. and Mrs. Larry Adrian, Clay and Aaron of Petersburg and Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Kennedy, Karin, Chuck and Connie of Olton.

A grandson and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wood of Olton, a great niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Elridge Latimer of Littlefield, and the host couple.

Friends from Springlake were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Perkins, Miss Donna Fulenwider, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Conner and Gaylon, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Conner, Terry and Chuck.

The guest list included Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Drexel Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hair and Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Crawford. Mrs. Elmer Crabtree, Mrs. Elmo Bryant, Mrs. Callie Warren and Mrs. Lonnie Smith and Miss Ann Warren, Miss Sherri Hutson and Miss Angela Smith, all of Olton.

Mr. Wood was born November 16 in Comanche County. He and his family lived at Pacucah before moving in 1936 to his present home site some six miles southeast of Springlake. Mr. Wood is a retired farmer.

His daughter, Mrs. Jack Morris lives at Temple. Sons are Clyde and Arthur, both of Greenwood, Ark., Raymond of Cotton Center and Vernor of Olton. One son, C.T. (Doc) is deceased.

Glen Gambrel of Amarillo had back surgery Tuesday in an Oklahoma City hospital. Gambrel, son of Mrs. Ola Gambrel of Springlake, has had surgery on his back six times since he was injured January 6, 1974 at an Amarillo Glass Company where he was employed.

Connie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Cain, Jr., has viral pneumonia. She was admitted Friday, November 12, to St. Mary's Hospital, Lubbock.

Mrs. Otho Dent of Austin was a recent guest of her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Crawford.

Ernest Baker, lay minister and member of Springlake First Baptist Church, is an active participant of the Gideon Service. Sunday night, November 14, he was speaker at Farwell First Baptist Church. Saturday evening, November 20, Baker attended the Gideon Rally and Pasors Appreciation Banquet held in the KoKo Inn, Lubbock. The following morning he discussed the Gideon program to the congregation of County Line First Baptist Church.

On each occasion Baker was accompanied by his wife Velma.

- Olton

OLTON—First Lieutenant Randy Reynolds made a recent brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reynolds and their son Lonnie of Olton, formerly of Earth.

Lieutenant Reynolds had completed a special instruction course at Ft. Eunice, Va. and is now at Ft. Greely, Alaska. A helicopter pilot, he is with transportation maintenance and participation in search and rescue assignments.

L. Reynolds is a graduate of Olton High School and West

Let's Hear It For The Farmer

The following editorial appeared in the Plainview Daily Herald, Sunday, Nov. 14, '76.

More and more signs point to a growing realization of the importance of the farmer in today's society. This is not only because of increasing demand on farm production but on the knowledge that the armer has played a significant role in improved economic conditions.

Without him the nation certainly would be far worse off than it is. But production on America's farms has contributed in a major way to helping balance foreign trade and bring dollars into the United States instead of sending them out.

Columnist-newscaster Paul Harvey recently devoted space to the family farm and the people who operate it. In an article entitled "Farmer Saves Us," he says: "Like Britain, the United States would right now be drowning in red ink except that we have the farmers and the farm land they don't have. Per-man productivity in the United States is going down; the output of work per hour per man in our country is going down—except for our farmers still willing to produce more in order to earn more.

Look at the label on your sweater. What does it say? Made in Taiwan? Made in Hong Kong?

American industry is having to pay such high wages for so little effort that our merchandise is being priced out of the market. So more and more Americans are buying "foreign-made" merchandise. And more and more American industries are being driven overseas to produce there, or to purchase there-what they sell here.

It is American agriculture, almost alone, which continues to prosper our home-folks. And with enough left over to help keep our foreign trade in balance. As we are shopping elsewhere for manufactured merchandise, "elsewhere" is shopping here for food. In the United States a per-man hour productivity in nonfarming industries declined the last quarter. Farm output per farmer per manhour continued to increase. The United States, 6 percent of the world's people on 7 percent of the world's land, produces 66 percent of the world's soybeans, and now a new method of fertilizing soybeans has increased yields another 20 percent in just this past year. We are producing 46 percent of the world's corn; we have an all

time record wheat crop in the bins. And yet our most discriminated - against minority, our farmers, continue to get the short end of the stick. Because of the lower prices for cattle and hogs, farmers in 1976 will harvest a net income unimproved from a year ago. With prices of most everything else continuing to soar—shrinking our dollars-retail food prices this year are within 3 percent of a year ago. How come our nation's farmers—4 percent of our total population—are able to put the rest of us to shame in output per man? Is there no way the rest of us can learn from them, imitate them?

We could but we won't. We wouldn't work dark-to-dark anymore for any wage. Two-thirds of all American agricultural production continues to come from the family farm. The family farmer, self-employed, often pays himself less than the national minimum wage-but his selflessness is all that's keeping the rest of us from drowning in red ink."

All of this is something people on the High Plains of Texas, one of the world's richest farming areas, already know, as do farmers across the country. But people in other walks of life seem to be realizing it more and more and that is the important thing.

Nalco Chemical Company has officially opened its new Permian Basin facility in Odessa, Texas.

The 21,000 sq. ft. complex was constructed by ABCO Development Co., Texas. The new facility includes dikes and bulk storage tanks with pollution control systems.

The 18.6 acre-site is located between Interstate 20 and U.S. 80, approximately four miles west of the Midland Regional Air Terminal. Initially, 8.2 acres are occupied by office-warehouse, the remaining acreage is for anticipated expansion.

This facility will mainly handle Nalco oil-field specialty products that are used for crude oil and natural gas production and transmission. Some industrial and refinery process chemicals will also be handled.

Nalco Chemical Company (Visco Group) is headquartered in Sugar Land, Texas with the corporation's main offices in Oak Brook, Illinois. Nalco is an international producer of specialty chemicals and services for petroleum production and refining as well as water and waste treatment, pollution control, papermaking, mining, steelmaking, automotive and other industrial processes.

Littlefield Farmer Harvests

Roy Thompson of Littlefield was recently named a member of the DeKalb Yieldmasters for producing 7894.04 lbs. of sorghum per acre in 1976.

His yield, based on 14 percent moisture, was mechanically harvested from a solid black measuring 65.352 acres. An impartial third party verified the high yield which was recorded from a field of DeKalb F-67.

Thompson planted the field on May 11 in 40-inch rows at 7 lbs. per acre and harvested the crop on October 13.

His fertilizer program included 182 lbs. of nitrogen, 50 lbs. of phosphate, and 18 lbs. of potash. Thompson controlled weeds with Propazine at one third lb. banded per acre. Sevin-Mol was used at 1 pint per acre for Armyworm control. An estimated 25 inches of rain fell on the crop from planting to

harvest. Another 6 inches of water was applied through irrigation.

Concerning the hybrid's performance, Thompson says, "I liked the greenbug resistance, the yield, and generally everything about F-67. I will plant every acre I have in F-67 next year."

The purpose of the DeKalb Yieldmasters Club is to promote an exchange of ideas and information among the nation's leading grain producers and to recognize them for their outstanding accomplishments as well as their important role in helping feed the world. Through the sharing of such information, the program also encourages farmers to adopt management and cultural practices that will aid them in obtaining maximum profit from each acre.

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The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Vehicle theft has recently emerged as a commercialized venture for growing and major problem for law enforcement officials in Texas and across the nation, and as a staggering financial loss to our citizens. Today, vehicle theft accounts for one of the highest dollar loss figures in the category of crimes against property, and the motor vehicle has become a major accessory in both local and interstate crimes.

Texas has approximately 12 and one-quarter million registered vehicles. And, when 1976 tabulations are closed, it's expected that 60,000 of those vehicles will have been stolen. While this is well below the national average of one vehicle stolen out of each 130 registered, it is still a great number of thefts.

Passenger cars lead the list of those vehicles stolen. In July 1976, the stolen vehicles listed in the Texas Crime Information Center included 34,926 passenger cars; motorcycles accounted for 13,020; pickup trucks, 6,627; truck tractors, heavy equipment, motor homes and campers, 5,147; and tractors—front-end loaders, 937.

The total dollar loss to Texas citizens from vehicle thefts will be more than \$75 million in 1976, when we consider those recovered but damaged, other costs to owners and insurers, and criminal justice system costs directly related to such thefts.

We know many things about these thefts, including the facts that almost two-thirds of those occurring take place at night, and about 59 percent in residential areas. Half of the stolen vehicles are recovered within 48 hours, but an estimated 25 percent are



Barring unexpected complications the Cotton Research and Promotion referendum is still on for mid-December, according to Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock, "despite a USDA announcement November 11 that was disappointing to all concerned."

Cotton producers across the nation will indicate in the referendum whether they favor an increase in their present \$1-a-bale contribution to the research and market development work of Cotton Incorporated. Legislation authorizing the referendum on an increase not to exceed one percent of the value of cotton was signed into law earlier this year. The amount of the increase and the procedure to be followed in its collection was left to the Cotton Board, which administers CI funds, and the Secretary of Agriculture.

Hearings were held by both USDA and the Cotton Board, and on August 20 the Cotton Board recommended that the vote be on an increased assessment equal to four-tenths of one percent of the current gross value of each bale of cotton. This recommendation followed the wishes expressed by an overwhelming majority of testimony.

The American Cotton Shippers Association and a few cotton producer organizations and individual producers expressed a preference for a flat-rate per-bale assessment increase, regardless of bale size or selling price.

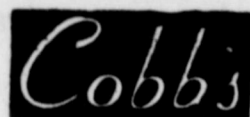
The Secretary's decision in the matter was a decision not to decide until after the referendum. Thus both factions were displeased.

As announced in a USDA press release November 11, the "recommended decision" reads "If the amendment to the order is approved in a grower referendum, the Secretary of Agriculture will prescribe by regulation whether the assessment rate shall be applied against (1) the current value per bale, or (2) an average value determined from current and/or historical cotton prices and converted to a fixed amount per bale." The filing of exceptions to the decision are allowed through November 24, but no change in the order is expected.

"Asking that the order be changed at this point would risk delay in holding the referendum and jeopardize its passage."



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OF MULESHOE

Johnson said, "and passage of the referendum must take precedence over all other considerations." With this in mind, PCG filed the following comment with USDA's hearing clerk:

"Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., representing around 20 percent of U.S. cotton production and 20,000 cotton producers in 25 counties on the Texas High Plains, cannot fully concur with your recommended decision of November 11 concerning amendment of the Cotton Research and Promotion Act.

"For reasons fully documented in our own and other testimony in hearings, we continue to fully support the Cotton Board's recommendation adopted August 20, 1976, for a supplemental cotton research and promotion assessment at the rate of four-tenths of one percent of the current gross sales price per bale of cotton.

"However, in the interest of preventing delay in the grower referendum for mid-December, we urge that the referendum be held on schedule, that the final decision on how the four-tenths of one percent is applied be made subsequent to the referendum, and that the final decision be made in agreement with the Cotton Board's recommendation."

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NOTICE

Friends and neighbors of the Sanders McClure families are invited to a "Do You Remember When" get-together on November 27 and 28 at the Shelter Hut in the South Park at Plainview, Texas.

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For agricultural producers having their soil tested, each soil sample should represent up to 40 acres of cropland, says a soil chemist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. However, a recent survey by the U.S. Department of Agriculture showed that the national average was 144 acres for each sample tested in 1975 and the Texas average was almost 630 acres per sample. "This low rate of sampling in Texas points up the need for more soil testing," says Dr. Charles Welch.

Two to four years is generally often enough to sample for routine soil tests except under high annual fertilization and intensive production, notes Welch.

"Fall is a good time to take soil samples. Sampling early allows adequate time to get results and enables producers to make plans for obtaining fertilizers needed for next year's crop," says the Texas A&M University System specialist.

Many farmers take their own samples. However, in some areas, power sampling equipment is available and reduces the time and effort required to collect samples. Power sampling equipment is especially useful in collecting subsoil samples for nitrate tests.

"For those taking their own samples, a spade or sampling tube, a clean plastic bucket, soil sample boxes and information sheets are all that are needed," Welch says. "Instructions for sampling as well as additional information on soil testing are available from any county Extension office."

Representative sample should be taken from each field on which information is needed. Problem areas in the field should be sampled separately, Welch adds.

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Local Petition Apparently Achieves Goal **Gray County Swine Shortcourse Set**

The petition circulated in Earth during the first week of November has from all outward indications accomplished its purpose.

A total of 442 people signed a petition in regard to the need of a four-way stop at the intersection of Highway 70 and FM 1055.

A letter was received from the office of B.L. DeBurry, engineer-director of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation in Austin this past week. The letter indicated that Mr. George Wall of the district office in Lubbock "has recommended a four-way stop and his recommendation has been approved." The letter further stated, "This intersection will be modified to a four-way stop as soon as the work can be scheduled."

PAMPA—A swine shortcourse featuring topics on everything from herd health and management to production costs has been set for area swine producer in Pampa, Wednesday, December 1.

Sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, in cooperation with Top-O-Texas Pork Producers Association and Gray County Program Building Committee, the one-day event begins at 9:30 AM at the Pampa Courthouse Annex Meeting Room, and is expected to last until about 4:00 PM.

According to Dr. Gilbert Hollis, Extension swine specialist from Lubbock, and Gray County Extension Agent Curtis Van Zandt, the event features presentations on subjects related to parasite control, pseudorabies, herd management, rat and bird control, futures market, environmental protection requirements, market outlook and breeding.

Speakers include, besides Hollis, Dr. Gene Cope, veterinarian, Dr. Carl Patrick, entomologist, and Dr. Ray Sammons, farm-management economist, all three of whom are area specialists for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Also, Dr. John Sweeten, Extension Service agricultural engineer, College Station; and Mr. Lloyd K. Cheatham, district field supervisor for the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Rodent and Predatory Control Service, Amarillo.

Van Zandt says the program is designed to meet current needs of swine producers. Registration is free.

High School Seniors Vie For Scholarships

The 23rd Annual General Mills Search for Leadership in Family Living, a \$110,000 college scholarship program sponsored by General Mills, gets underway Tuesday, December 7. High school seniors here and throughout the country will join in a written knowledge and attitude examination which will determine individual college scholarship awards of \$500 to \$5,000.

Participating seniors will compete in a 50-minute examination prepared and graded by Science Research Associates, Chicago, who are also responsible for all judging and selection of winners. Each local winner will receive a certificate from General Mills and will, together with other school winners, remain in the running for state and national honors.

State winners—one from every state and the District of Columbia—will each be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship. Chosen in judging that centers on performance in the written examination, state Family Leaders of Tomorrow will also earn for their schools a 20-volume reference work, "The Annals of America," from Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corporation. Second-ranking participants in each state will receive \$500 college grants.

On April 17-22 of next year, the 51 State Family Leaders of Tomorrow will gather in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, for an expense-paid educational tour there and in Washington, D.C. Personal observation and interviews of the state winners during the tour will be added factors in the selection of the 1977 General Mills All-American Family Leader of Tomorrow and three runners-up. Scholarships awarded to the four national winners will be for \$5,000, \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000.

The 1976 winner of the top \$5,000 scholarship is a Boy, the first in the history of the Search. He is Dan McVicar, Broomfield, Colorado.

More than eleven million students have been enrolled in the General Mills Search since its beginning in the 1954-55 school year. With this year's grants, total scholarships awarded will exceed \$2.4 million. For its first 22 years, the program was known as the Betty Crocker Search.

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Arthritis Drugs Need Doctor's Supervision

Rheumatoid arthritis affects more than five million people in the U.S. It is one of the most serious of the 10 varieties of arthritis because it can affect the lungs, skin, blood vessels, heart, muscles, spleen and eyes as well as bone joints, the Texas Medical Association has said.

The symptoms include morning stiffness, painful movement and more than one tender, swollen joint, said the November issue of Texas Medicine, the TMA journal. The Arthritis Foundation said a tingling sensation in the fingers, hands and feet and unexplained weight loss, fever or tiredness also can be symptoms. A doctor should diagnose any complaint to determine the cause and prescribe treatment.

One of the most popular treatments is aspirin. However, even this simple drug should be given under a doctor's guidance because aspirin side effects can be very serious in some people. People who are "free bleeders" generally should avoid aspirin because it can increase bleeding in these people, the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) reported. Too much aspirin causes upset stomach in about 5 percent of the people on aspirin therapy, said Don Smiley, M.D., of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas. He also quoted a study which said aspirin in not a significant cause of peptic ulcers but may make them worse.

Other side effects can include ringing or other noises in the ears; inflamed, scaly skin or other problems. Often careful regulation of aspirin dosage by a doctor can control bad reactions. It is impossible for a patient alone to tell how aspirin dosage should be handled because of possible hidden internal problems.

The TMA journal said a doctor may prescribe rest, heat, certain exercises or other drugs

to help control rheumatoid arthritis. If a patient attempts self-treatment, valuable therapy may be overlooked that could prevent crippling and deformity.

Patients unable to take aspirin may be able to take certain prescription drugs although they may not be as effective as aspirin in some cases, the November issue of Texas Pharmacy, the Texas Pharmacy Association journal said.

One of those drugs, Naprosyn, currently is involved in a controversy over its safety. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has threatened to order the drug off the market because of faulty test data. Syntex, the company that makes the drug, has said Naprosyn is safe and effective. A FDA hearing will be held probably by mid-November.

Outdoor Lighting Can Highlight Garden Areas

Lighting can be an enhancing feature to a garden or outdoor area during the evening hours, notes Buddy C. Logsdon, county agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Landscape design can be created or emphasized with the use of night lighting. The proper use of colored lights can change a garden into a jungle or a fantasyland.

Lighting is also useful in lengthening the recreation time on an outdoor playground, in the family pool or just relaxing on the patio, points out Logsdon.

Outdoor lighting must be carefully planned for energy savings and the best possible light intensity. Some of the more common mistakes include using too much light or too high an intensity, poor lighting

angle, bad location of light fixtures and inadequate shielding, notes Logsdon.

Play areas and patios should have light fixtures located as high as possible but 20 to 25 feet is the average. Several lights are best, with the intensity not to exceed 150 watts.

Gardens require a more subdued light; this can be accomplished by providing a floodlamp for each 750 square feet of space. The lighting gives a better effect if the source is slightly covered by a shrub or foliage.

Garden lighting should be carefully planned to enhance the garden and outdoor living area and should be flexible enough to allow the homeowner to highlight certain plants and features with the different seasons, advises Logsdon.

Fire Report Procedure

Earth Fire Department officials released a statement last week that offers a specific plan that residents should follow in contacting fire or police officers, in the case of an emergency. Priority on the list was the fact that calmness was imperative. Officials said that the following steps should be taken:

1. Identify yourself
2. Identify the nature of the emergency
3. If it is an injury or illness—specify
4. Give EXACT location and directions
5. If it is a fire, specify—house, grass or vehicle

By following this simple procedure, fire authorities indicate that aid can be dispatched quicker and the proper equipment can be brought.

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR SET—An Estate Planning Seminar at Texas A&M University Dec. 9-10 will key in on the recently passed tax legislation as it affects estate planning for farm and ranch families, points out an economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. In addition, the seminar will deal with such areas as preparing estate tax returns, community property, farm ownership, transfers of property, estate liquidity problems, and estate administration. In-depth workshops will deal with legal matters, trust aspects, tax

considerations, Internal Revenue Service procedures, and insurance.

Dark green color sometimes present on the outside of the yolk and white of hardcooked eggs is harmless. It is caused by heating too long or at too high a temperature, Mrs. Sally Coble, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, explains.

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CHECK THOSE 1977 SEED TAGS—Farmers buying certified seed to plant their 1977 crop should pay particular attention to the labels on the seed bag—there's been a change. Certified seed sold after January 1 must bear two labels—one certifying the variety and the other indicating a number of seed quality factors, points out a cotton specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Farmers must check both labels to get the complete story on the seed. In the past seed was certified for both variety and quality factors.

December

The following events, selected by the Texas Tourist Development Agency, are but a few of the many excellent recreational opportunities offered by communities across the state. A more complete listing of Texas events may be obtained free of charge by writing TTDA, Box 12098, Dept. C, Austin 78711.

Dec. 1-Jan. 2 Southwestern Sun Carnival, El Paso. A month-long fiesta encompassing a diversity of sports tournaments, pageantry and parades. Events include dog and cat shows, art exhibit, rifle match, golf, tennis, swimming, horse and dog races, square basketball, polo, sky diving, dancing, balloon rally and a series of social activities. For a brochure write Sun Carnival, Box 95T, El Paso, Tex. 79941

Dec. 3-27 "Fantasy of Lights" Christmas Display, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls. This elaborate spectacle features hundreds of colored lights outlining campus buildings, and a number of lawn scenes. Free.

Dec. 3-5 Arts and Crafts Show and Sale, Denison. Sponsored by the Old Settlers Village, the show at West Park Shopping Center hours are 12-5 Friday, 9-5 Saturday and 10-5 Sunday.

Dec. 11 "Dickens Evening on The Strand," Galveston. Sponsored by the Galveston Historical Foundation, this event turns the city's historic gaslit Strand into a bustling London street of the 1840-1870 period. One hundred specialty shops will offer fine wares, there will be costumed characters from Dickens' works, musical and choral groups, an overland express, children's games, Dickens' readings, culinary treats and period beverages for the entire family to enjoy. For additional information, write Galveston Historical Foundation, Box 302T, Galveston, Tex. 77553.

Dec. 17-19 Fiesta de las Luminarias, San Antonio. Sponsored by the Paseo del Rio Association, this is the River Walk's seventh annual candlelight celebration. Entertainment includes afternoon and evening performances of the medieval "Second Shepherd's Play." On Dec. 19 a Spanish heritage pageant, The Las Posadas Pageant, will be presented along the river. For details contact the San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau, Box 2277T, San Antonio, Tex. 78298.

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Litter Enforcement To Be Stepped Up

AUSTIN—Every year, nearly \$4 million is spent to clean up litter on the Texas highway system. Countless more dollars are spent by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to clean parks and wildlife management areas.

Now, a statewide effort by Texas Parks and Wildlife

Department game wardens is underway to intensify enforcement of the state's litter laws, according to Henry Burkett, P&WD law enforcement division director.

"We have been issuing numerous citations lately for all types of littering, not just for

flagrant cases," said Burkett. Stepped up enforcement will apply not only to Texas highways, but in and around public-use lakes and reservoirs and other recreational sites.

"Although the litter laws are not easy to enforce as people think, our wardens have been

instructed to ticket anyone spotted littering," Burkett said.

A similar step-up in enforcement has begun in the state's more than 90 parks, historic sites, historical structures and wildlife management areas.

Astroworld Achieves Second Record Year Under Six Flags

Houston, Texas — "Record-breaking" is the word that describes Astroworld's second successful year under the Six Flags' management, with a twelve per cent attendance increase over last year's record figures.

"Understanding what your guests want and insuring their

satisfaction and well-being is the number one priority at Astroworld," says Bill Crandall, Vice President and

General Manager of the Houston-based theme park. This feeling of "guest contentment" has penetrated

areas of Astroworld operations this year, from food and beverage to new rides, shows, and special events.

Per Capita Income Up In The Southwest

Per capita personal income increased 10.3 percent in Texas last year. Only five states made faster gains.

One of those was New Mexico, where the increase was 11.1 percent. Close behind was Louisiana, with an increase of 10.1 percent.

Oklahoma, too, had an increase in per capita income well above the nation's 7.6 percent gain. The increase there was 8.9 percent.

Of the five states in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District, only Arizona saw an increase in per capita income less than the nation's. There, the increase was 3.9 percent.

While per capita income in Texas was still 5 percent less than for the nation, the increase to \$5,631 was more than enough to offset the rise in prices.

Nationwide, consumer prices increased an average of more than 9 percent last year. That was better than in 1974, when the average rise was 11 percent. But with prices still rising faster than incomes, most Americans slipped behind.

Prices were up an average of 8.7 percent in Dallas and 12 percent in Houston. But indications are that over the state as a whole, prices did not rise any more in Texas than in the rest of the country.

The same is probably true for most areas in states of the Southwest. And with incomes rising faster than prices everywhere except in Arizona, progress continued to be made over most of the Eleventh District.

There was also less catching

up to be done in Arizona than in most district states. Although at \$5,355, per capita income there was off 9 percent from the nation's \$5,902, the difference was considerably less than in any other district state except Texas.

Even with the big increases in Louisiana and New Mexico, on a per capita basis, personal incomes in those states were still only \$4,904 and \$4,775, respectively. In Louisiana, that was 17 percent less than the comparable figure for the nation. In New Mexico, it was 19 percent less.

Similarly, in Oklahoma, where the increase last year was less than in Louisiana or New Mexico, per capita income was still higher than in either of those states. But at \$5,250, it was 11 percent less than the national figure.

Differences from state to state depended mainly on incomes in only a few industries.

The strongest gains of all were made in mining, where payrolls increased a fifth. Most of this was due to renewed activity in oilfields. And that alone accounted for most of the increase in income in the Southwest. Of the five district states, only Arizona is not an important petroleum producer.

Texas produces close to 40 percent of the nation's domestic crude and nearly that much of its natural gas. Louisiana produces nearly a fourth of the crude and more than a third of the gas.

Oklahoma and New Mexico, while not in a class with Texas and Louisiana, are both big producer states. Outside the district, only California outranks Oklahoma as a producer of crude oil and only California and Wyoming outrank New Mexico. Together, Oklahoma and New Mexico produce nearly 9 percent of the domestic crude and close to 14 percent of the natural gas.

The smallest gains in income were in manufacturing. Payrolls at manufacturing plants increased an average of only a little over 1 percent last year. And with the recovery still just taking hold at year-end, the increase at plants making durable goods averaged even less.

Compared with the nation, however, the Southwest depends on manufacturing for little of its income. And most of what manufacturing it has is in nondurables.

Manufacturing in Texas and Louisiana, in fact, is heavily weighted to petroleum refining and petrochemicals, both of which held up very well, as did much of the manufacturing of durable goods in these states.

Much of the durable manufacturing in these two big oil states goes to the production of oilfield supplies and equipment. If plants supporting the oil industry did not increase their payrolls much in 1975, it was mainly because they had not been set back by the recession as much as other plants.

Nationwide, construction payrolls were off about 3 percent in 1975. But construction was generally strong in the Southwest. Only in Arizona and Oklahoma was it off much.

Farm income was also off 3 percent. But Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma saw improvements in farm receipts over 1974 that may have kept incomes from slipping as much as in other states.

Crop receipts were up in all three states. And livestock receipts were up in Texas and New Mexico, indicating that incomes, at least in these two states, may have been better than in 1974. In Texas, farm receipts were up 10 percent in 1975. That is how much they were down nationwide.

Although livestock receipts were down in Oklahoma, only in Louisiana and Arizona were both livestock and crop receipts less than the year before.

Payment of unemployment benefits did not increase as much in Louisiana and New Mexico as in the nation as a whole, partly because unemployment was already high in these states. Nationwide, payments were up 2.6 times over 1974.

Despite strength of their state economies, Texas and Oklahoma saw payments increase a little more than the national average. Some of that, however, was due to the very strength of employment in these states, which attracted workers from out of state.

Four Groups Headline Six Flags Thanksgiving Weekend Special

Six Flags Over Texas will end its 1976 season on a note of nostalgia by scheduling Thanksgiving weekend concerts with The Association, The Angels, Danny and the Juniors and Bobby Lewis.

The Association will perform at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Friday and

at 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. Saturday. The Angels will perform at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday and Bobby Lewis will appear at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday. Danny and the Juniors will sing at 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

All concerts will be at the Music Mill Theater. Six Flags Over Texas will reduce tickets to half price of \$3.75 during all three days of the Thanksgiving weekend special.

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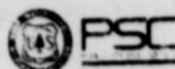
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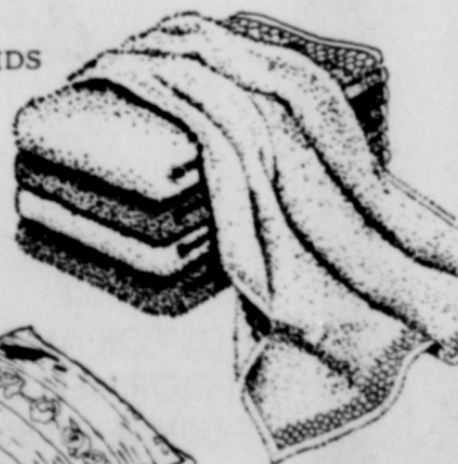
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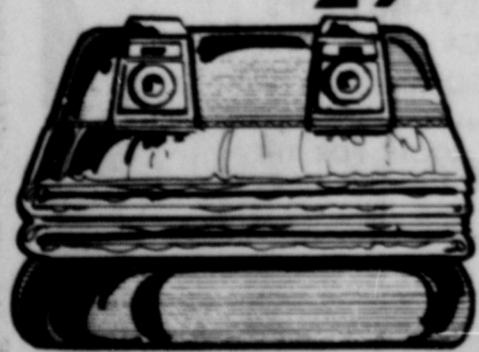


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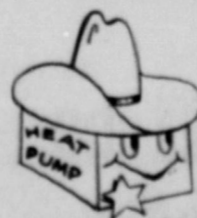
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Six Fish Records Set In '76

With little more than a month left in the year, officials at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department have compiled changes to the Texas State Fish Records.

Only six new records have been set so far in 1976, one for a freshwater fish, with the remainder coming from the Gulf of Mexico or coast bays. A four-pound seven-ounce pickerel was taken from Caddo Lake in Northeast Texas, a 57-pound dorado or dolphin landed near Freeport, 13-pound flounder from Sabine Lake, 50 1/4-pound jack crevalle from off Port Aransas, 520-pound sand shark from southeast of Port Aransas and a 156 1/4-pound yellowfin tuna also taken from out of Port Aransas.

Many records have been on the books for years, the most notable of which is the 13-pound largemouth bass which was taken in 1943 from Lake Medina.

Texas Parks and Wildlife fisheries officials expect new records for many of the non-native predator species recently stocked in some Texas lakes. New records for walleye, striped bass and hybrid white-striped bass should be set as the fish continue to grow. And with many introductions of Florida bass there are hopes of a new state record largemouth bass.

Categories which remain open in the Texas State Fish Records include: blue catfish, minimum 50 pounds; black crappie, minimum four pounds; saltwater striped bass, minimum 10 pounds; cero macabrel, minimum 10 pounds; blue runner, at least five pounds, and broadbilled swordfish with no minimum poundage.

Forms for submitting state records are available from waterfront businesses and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

High School Seniors Vie For \$110,000 In Annual General Mills Search College Scholarships

The 23rd Annual General Mills Search for Leadership in Family Living, a \$110,000 college scholarship program sponsored by General Mills, gets underway Tuesday, December 7. High school seniors here and throughout the country will join in a written knowledge and attitude examination which will determine individual college scholarship awards of \$500 to \$5,000.

Participating seniors will compete in a 50-minute examination prepared and graded by Science Research Associates, Chicago, who are also responsible for all judging and selection of winners. Each local winner will receive a certificate from General Mills and will, together with other school winners, remain in the running for state and national honors.

State winners — one from every state and the District of Columbia — will each be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship. Chosen in judging that centers on performance in the written examination, state Family Leaders of Tomorrow will also earn for their schools a 20-volume reference work, "The Annals of America," from Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corporation. Second-ranking participants in each state will receive \$500 college grants.

On April 17-22 of next year, the 51 State Family Leaders of Tomorrow will gather in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, for an expense-paid educational tour there and in Washington, D.C. Personal observation and interviews of the state winners during the tour will be added factors in the selection of the 1977 General Mills All-American Family Leader of Tomorrow and three runners-up. Scholarships awarded to the four national winners will be for \$5,000, \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000.

The 1976 winner of the top \$5,000 scholarship is a boy, the first in the history of the Search. He is Dan McVicar, Broomfield, Colorado.

Schools here where the test will be given are: Connally High

School, Jefferson Moore High School and Robinson High School.

Good Marriage Requires Work

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This is the dream—and goal—of all married couples.

But it doesn't happen automatically. Good marriages require work on both partners' parts to achieve happiness, Dorothy Taylor, a family life education specialist, says.

"It is true that in the past, and even today in many parts of the world, not much notice had been taken of the private dreams of the bride and bridegroom. Often the family has arranged the marriage for its own convenience.

"But even when young people were used as pawns in a game, or when marriage was judged only by the number of sons born, men and women still dreamed their own dreams about happiness in marriage. These dreams have been handed down from generation to generation in love songs and love stories," she said.

Miss Taylor is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"People wonder whether dreaming for happiness leads to a happy marriage on the whole—or even to a great increase in happy marriages.

"Nobody knows, or will ever know. The fact that there are more broken marriages today does not necessarily mean there is more unhappiness. It only means that some of the unhappiness comes to the surface. We have no way of judging how many couples would have separated in former times if it had been possible for them to do so.

"We do know that, whatever may have been true in the past, many men and women are

Sharp price drops make frozen chicken livers a "star attraction" at Texas grocery stores currently.

"Excessive supplies" of frozen chicken livers stem from several factors. Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt, a consumer marketing information specialist, says.

Less demand for them by fast-food outlets, which buy more and more chicken without giblets—and the fact that the U.S. Department of Agriculture provides poultry without giblets for school lunches—are two reasons for the abundance, she said.

Mrs. Clyatt is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

At other meat sections, beef and pork prices are lower than at this time last year.

"Many cuts are featured at special prices, so it's a good time to buy for the freezer," Mrs. Clyatt advises.

Bacon's lower prices are an added highlight on the pork-buying scene.

At vegetable counters, most economical choices—at top quality—are collards, mustard, turnips and greens, dry yellow onions, cabbage and carrots, the specialist reported.

Other top choices include white potatoes, cauliflower,

broccoli and Brussels sprouts, she said.

"Also, two hard-shell squash varieties, acorn and butternut, are lower in price, making them a good choice."

Tangelos and apples top the quality-economy fruit supply list, while bananas, pears and grapes are other economical choices.

Forecasters predict a near record crop for Navel oranges and grapefruit—which should

mean reasonable prices and a real taste treat for those items, the specialist said.

Dairy features are more numerous—with special emphasis on milk, half and half, sour cream, whipping cream and a variety of cheeses.

CONSUMER WATCH-WORDS: In buying pears, remember that after they're bought, usually they need a few days' ripening at room temperature.

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 1 can (4-1/2 oz.) shrimp, drained
 1/4 cup grated Cheddar cheese
 2 tablespoons brandy
 Drain mushrooms, reserving liquid. Heat butter in a saucepan and cook mushrooms and onion until lightly browned. Add soup, milk and mushroom liquid and heat slowly. Stir in seafood, cheese and brandy and heat through, stirring often. Makes 4 main-dish servings.

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The following procedure has been used for many years by hunters in field-dressing a deer:

Prop the deer on its back using two large rocks or logs under the shoulders and two under the hips.

If your deer is a buck, remove the sex organs with a sharp knife.

Starting between the hind legs, cut all the way down to the pelvic bone. Then turn your knife blade up, and using your other hand to hold the skin and meat away from the entrails, cut up through the breastbone (brisket), and on up the neck as far as possible. Be sure you use a strong large-handled knife to cut through the breastbone because a small knife will hit the rib cage and turn sideways in your hand.

Cut the windpipe in two as far up the neck as possible. Lay your knife down. Grasp the windpipe with

both hands and pull hard, downward. The insides will come out all the way down to the mid-section.

Now remove the stones from under the deer and roll the carcass on the side. Cut the thin layer of meat that is holding the entrails to the ribs, all the way down to the backbone. Then turn the deer over and do the same on the other side.

Lay your knife down again, and, using both hands, get a firm grip on the entrails and pull down, hard. All the entrails will come out of the deer.

Lift the deer up by the hind legs and lay a large rock under the rump. Place your knife against the middle of the pelvis to locate the seam where the bones grow together, and press down, hard. You may need to hit your knife with a rock, to cut through the bone. Then you can finish cleaning out the deer.

If a tree is handy and you have a rope, hang the deer up by the head or antlers for about 20 minutes. This will allow the loose blood to drain out of the body cavity. If no tree is handy, turn the deer upside down in a clean place and let it drain.

You can begin skinning while the

deer is draining. (If specimen is to be mounted hang deer by hind legs for skinning.) The skin comes off

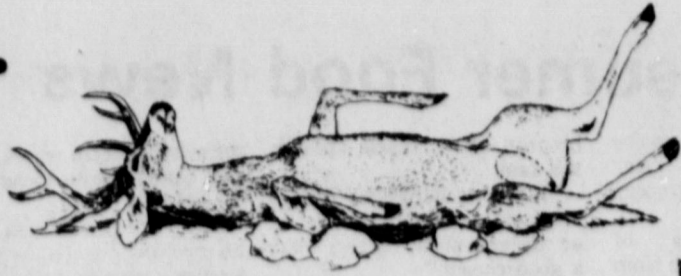
most easily while the deer is still warm, so it should be skinned within two hours. To remove the skin, cut it down the inside of each leg to the middle of the deer. Now cut the skin all the way around the neck, as close

to the head as possible. Grasp the skin with both hands at the back of the head and pull down hard. Usually the skin will come off down to the front legs. Use your knife to work the skin off the legs and where the

skin sticks tightly to the meat. Then pull down on the skin and it will come free.

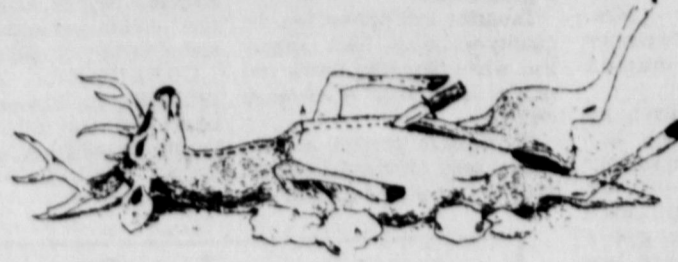
Take your deer back to camp. Hang it in a tree by the hind legs for four to five hours. This will allow

all the tiny blood vessels to drain back and out toward the heart. Wrap the deer in a sheet or cheese cloth. Let your deer hang by the hind legs until it cools off. Then cut it up as you wish.

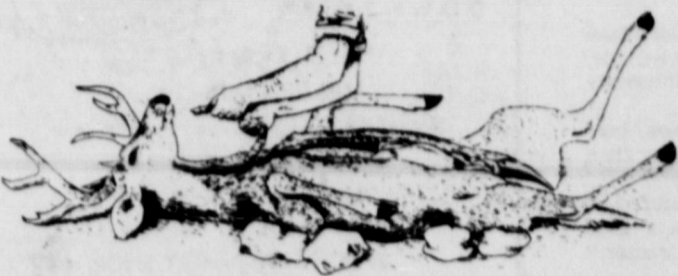


by GROVER SIMPSON
Game Warden

1
For safety, use knife with at least a four-inch blade, guard and large handle. Prop deer on rocks, head up hill, if possible. If animal is a buck, remove the sex organs. If it is a doe, remove the bag.



2
Begin cutting between legs; do not cut deep enough to reach intestines. Cut up middle, through breast bone and all the way to jaw, unless head is to be mounted. If it is to be mounted, cut only to a point (A in illustration) just below top of animal's brisket.



3
Remove windpipe quickly because it will tear meat. Reach into throat cut (point depending on whether specimen to be mounted) and pull out windpipe, by jerking toward tail. Intestines will come free to the middle section.



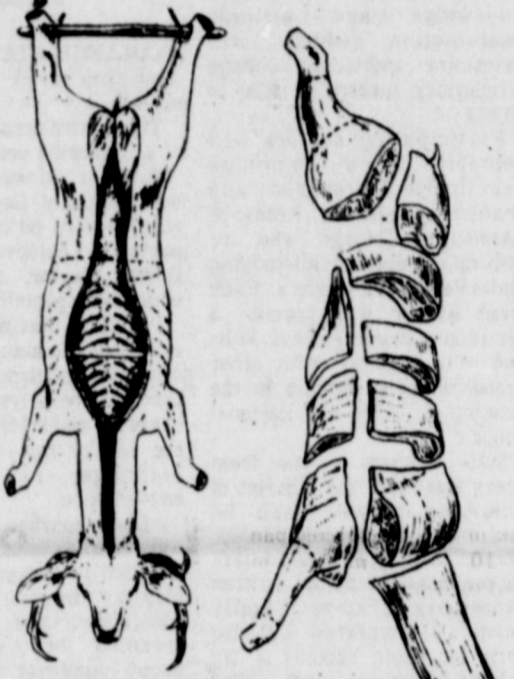
4
Move rocks and turn deer on its side. Slide knife into midsection (see dotted line) and slice through, freeing intestines held by membranes of that point. Roll deer on other side and repeat. Then grip intestines and pull out.



5
Now prop deer as before, putting large rock or log under its rump. Feel for seam of pelvis and cut through. Hammer knife with rock, if necessary. Now clean out the cavity.



6
Hang deer by head for about 20 minutes to drain blood. Or, turn upside down in a clean place. Now begin skinning. If specimen is to be mounted, hang deer by hind legs to skin. Cut skin in middle of legs to middle (see illustration). Cut skin around the throat. If it is to be mounted, cut around shoulders. Pull down and use knife to free tight places, skinning the deer from the neck down to tail.



7
Always keep carcass in shade. Hang by hind legs for cool. If hung by antlers, the blood still in veins would collect in hams and spoil meat. Cover carcass with a sheet or cheesecloth and hang for five or six hours.

8
When it is cool, it can be cut in half or quarters, wrapped and taken home. Keep hide, head, antlers, legs and tag until the meat is placed in your freezer or commercial locker.

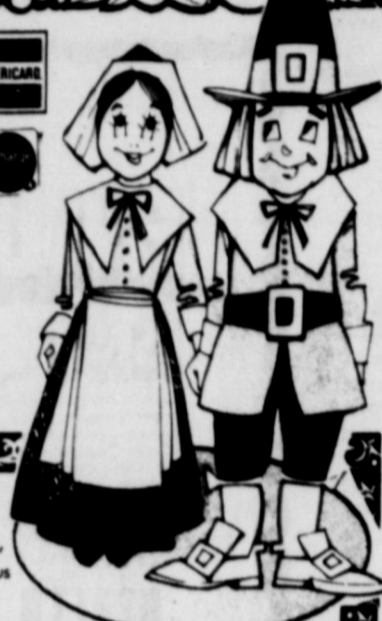
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Saturday night a live concert will be held in the Speedway infield featuring top talent entertainers including: Tracy Nelson and Mother Earth, Augie Meyers, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Balcones Fault and the Silver City Saddle Tramps. The concert will start at 6:30 p.m. amidst several bonfires surrounding the entertainment area.

On Sunday, there will be a short practice session in the morning followed by Final events for all classes. Featured at all races are the Street (Production) class where Box Stock Street machines are raced without any modifications allowed. The middle range is the Cafe class which allows the creative biker to put together a custom make creation for street use.

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tor is in reducing the need for labor. "Farm labor is getting scarce and expensive," points out Vedder. "Ground equipment is also costly, so many farmers and ranchers have found that it pays to have their work done by air," he concludes.

In a little over two years American farmers put an additional 60 million acres into production. Ag aviators have been relied on often to help with these added acres. And, energy conservation is still another advantage of agricultural aviation. Studies show aerial application can cut fuel costs by as much as 50% over ground systems. Altogether there are more than 3,000 companies providing agricultural aviation services with more than 8,000 aircraft, in all 50 states. It's all part of lifting farming in America to the heights of technology.

TAX LEGISLATION AFFECTS ESTATE PLANNING -- The new tax legislation that has just become law will have a big effect on farm and ranch families, contends an economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Cottonseed has a high feeding value—23 per cent protein and 90 per cent total digestible nutrients—and cows require less of the material than they do range cubes. Cottonseed is also economical—about \$100 per ton compared to \$150 to \$165 per ton for range cubes. Disadvantages of feeding cottonseed to cows include the need for storage facilities and the ability to handle the material in bulk.

COTTONSEED AS A COW FEED—Cow-calf producers should consider feeding cottonseed as a winter supplement, say two specialists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Cottonseed has a high feeding value—23 per cent protein and 90 per cent total digestible nutrients—and cows require less of the material than they do range cubes. Cottonseed is also economical—about \$100 per ton compared to \$150 to \$165 per ton for range cubes. Disadvantages of feeding cottonseed to cows include the need for storage facilities and the ability to handle the material in bulk.

'Lucky' Blackeyed Peas A Year 'Round Favorite

AUSTIN--Blackeyed peas are a big favorite with Texans. Although traditionally served on New Year's Day for good luck, they are delicious the year 'round.

Harvest in the state lasts from May through October; in addition, they are available dried throughout the year.

One cup of cooked peas contains approximately 175 calories, 13 grams of protein, and vitamin A, the B vitamins, folic acid and calcium, phosphorus, iron, sodium and potassium.

When buying fresh peas, remember that one pound shelled or three pounds unshelled equal approximately four or five servings.

Fresh blackeyed peas are easy to prepare—simply cook in a tightly covered pan for 10 to 15 minutes in about one inch of water.

The Texas Department of Agriculture home economist offers two recipes that star blackeyed peas.

Hopping John

- 1-1/4 cups dry blackeyed peas
- 4 cups water
- 1-1/2 cups chopped onions
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 1/4 tsp. red pepper
- 8 oz. coarsely chopped salt pork

Combine blackeyed peas and water in large covered saucepan. After boiling for two minutes, remove pan from heat and let stand one hour. Add onions, black pepper, red pepper and garlic. After bringing to boil, cover and simmer one hour, stirring occasionally. Stir in salt pork; simmer one more hour, uncovered, stirring frequently. Just before serving, season to taste. Serve with boiled rice. Yield: approximately 6-8 servings.

Texas Caviar

- 5 cups water
- 2 cups dried blackeyed peas
- 3 tsp. salt
- 3/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 2 cups vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion
- 2 large garlic cloves
- 1 Tbsp. fresh parsley

Bring water to boil over high heat. Add peas and cook briskly for two minutes. Turn off heat and let peas soak for one hour. Add 1 teaspoon of the salt and bring mixture to a boil again. Simmer for 40-50 minutes, or until peas are tender but still firm to the bite. Drain peas. Combine vinegar, 2 teaspoons of salt, and pepper in a bowl. Pour oil into mixture, beating constantly with fork or wire whisk. Beat until mixture is thick and smooth. Peel the onion; slice thinly and separate into rings. Peel garlic and bruise with the side of a knife. Add onion rings, garlic and peas to marinade mixture. Cover bowl and refrigerate for 2 or 3 days, stirring from time to time. To serve, discard garlic

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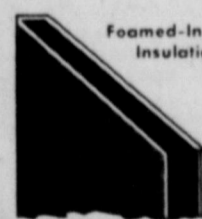
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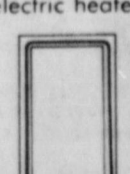
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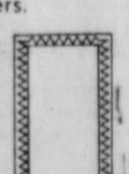
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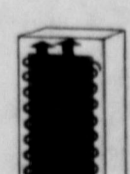
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2. Practice your home escape plan often, especially if you have children.
3. Install a smoke detector. It can give you vital extra minutes in case of fire. For printed information about smoke detectors, write to the Public Information Office, National Fire Prevention and Control Administration, Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.
4. If clothing catches fire, stop, drop to the floor or ground and DON'T RUN.
5. If a room is filled with smoke, crawl along the floor with a wet cloth over nose and mouth if possible.



THE TIME to fight a fire in your home is before it starts—with smart fire safety practices.

High World Rice Stocks Hurt State's Farmers

AUSTIN—The Texas rice crop is an excellent one this year, but with world stocks at record highs, there is little for the farmers to celebrate.

Agriculture Commissioner John C. White announced that Texas rough rice stocks on August 1 totaled 12.7 million hundredweight. Forty percent of the U.S. stocks of rough rice are stored in Texas. Some 11.4 million hundredweight were stored in warehouses not attached to mills, while on-farm storage accounted for 8,000 hundredweight.

Milled rice stocks are up 146 percent over last year's.

The 1975-76 world rice crop was the third record crop in succession, adding to the build-up in

other countries that are normally customers for U.S. exports of rice.

Texas production for 1976 has been estimated at 24.3 million hundredweight.

With the nation's total supply from the past season rising to an unparalleled 135 million hundredweight, U.S. rough rice stocks have increased eight times last year's stocks to a record 31.4 million hundredweight.

Because of the large stocks on hand, 1976 prices paid to farmers were consistently lower during the first part of the year. Prices were averaging from \$4 to \$5 below 1975 prices, which as White noted, could give farmers some indication of how prices should fare for the 1976 crop being harvested now.

Inflation-Fighting Food Ideas

THERE'S A REAL JAM SESSION GOING ON!

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Paul H. Smucker, chairman of the board and president of The J.M. Smucker Company, headquartered on Strawberry Lane in Orrville, Ohio, is one of the nation's authorities on jams and jellies. He is the third generation of Smuckers to head the company, founded by his grandfather in 1897.

He points out that strawberry preserves and grape jelly make up 63% of all the jams and jellies consumed in this country. On breakfast toast and with peanut butter are probably the most popular uses of jams and jellies, but over the years, Smucker reports, his company has come across a host of tasty ideas... ideas that help stretch the food dollar by enhancing traditional foods in new ways.

Such as:

- Topping cereal with your favorite flavor of jam or jelly instead of using sugar.
- Blending two parts sour cream and one part jelly for a rich salad dressing.
- Mixing grape jelly with orange marmalade and chopped walnuts to go with chicken or turkey.
- Mixing milk, ice cream and jelly in a blender, for a frothy milkshake.
- Sweetening grapefruit or cup of tea with jam or jelly.
- Making your own fruit

yogurt by stirring two or three tablespoons of your favorite jam or jelly flavor into a cup of plain yogurt.



Smucker recalls a unique recipe submitted by the winner in a sandwich contest at the "Jelly Jamboree", an annual event held in Orrville, to support the city's billing as "Sweetest Town in Ohio". It called for bread, peanut butter, grape jelly, butter, lettuce, mayonnaise and bananas.

The list of such uses goes on and on, Smucker says, and is limited only by the imagination. Comments Smucker, "We are constantly impressed by the ingenuity of the American homemaker, who must develop and prepare hundreds of meals for her family every year. Jams and jellies are practically staples in our diet—and we're always interested in new ways that consumers find to use them in preparing their meals."

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Thankful that God answers prayers and takes care of our needs from His riches in Glory.

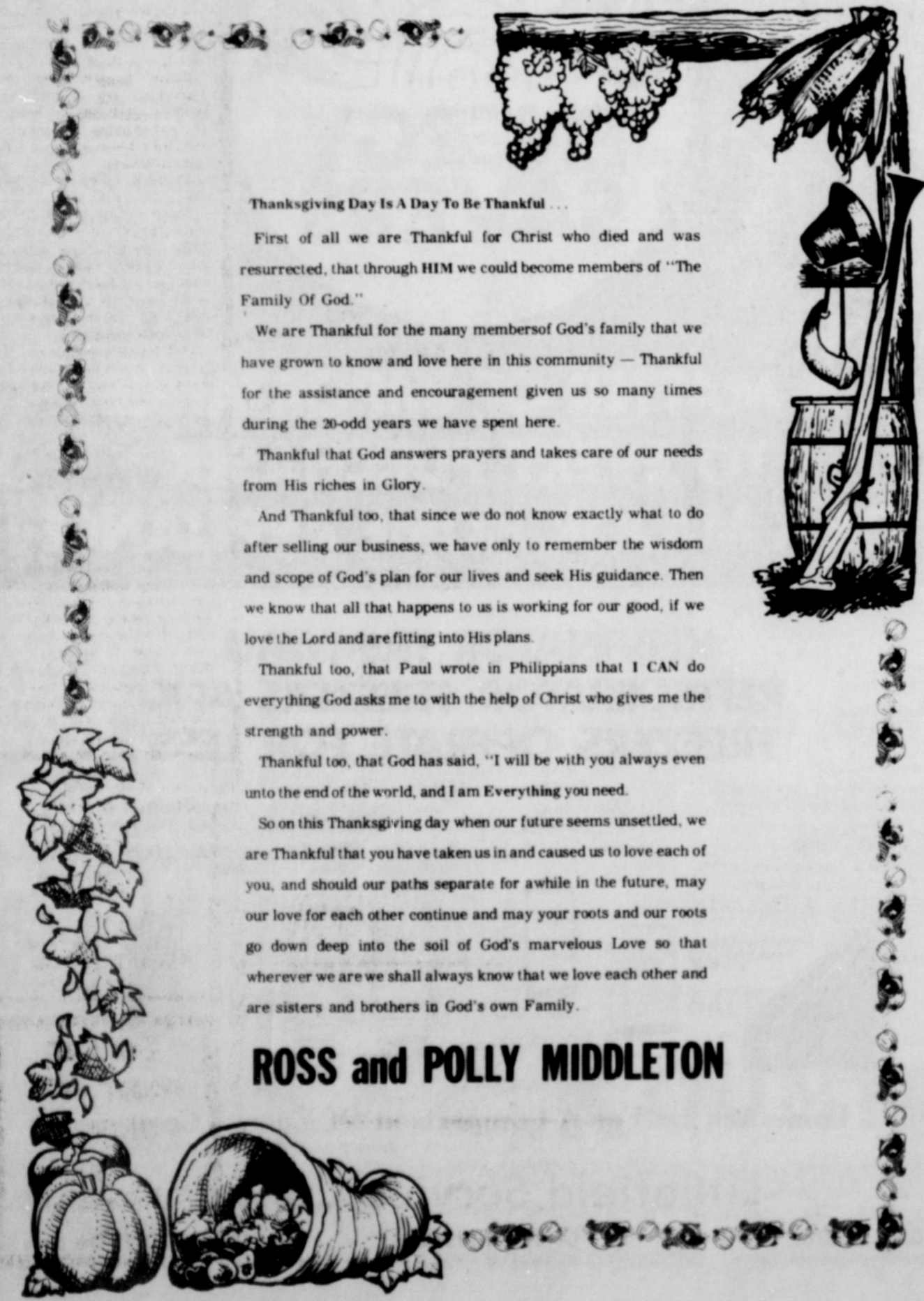
And Thankful too, that since we do not know exactly what to do after selling our business, we have only to remember the wisdom and scope of God's plan for our lives and seek His guidance. Then we know that all that happens to us is working for our good, if we love the Lord and are fitting into His plans.

Thankful too, that Paul wrote in Philippians that I CAN do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and power.

Thankful too, that God has said, "I will be with you always even unto the end of the world, and I am Everything you need."

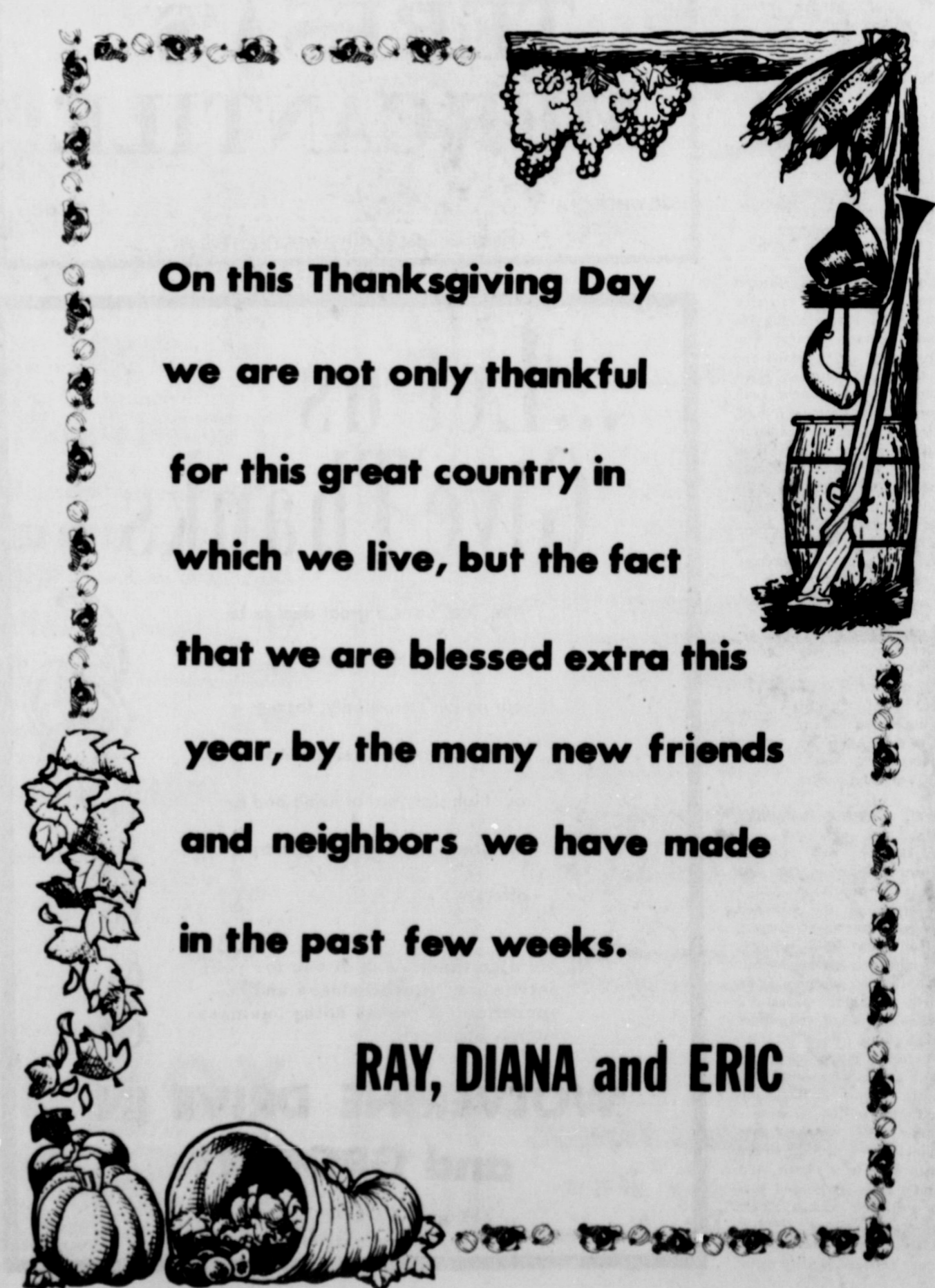
So on this Thanksgiving day when our future seems unsettled, we are Thankful that you have taken us in and caused us to love each other, and should our paths separate for awhile in the future, may our love for each other continue and may your roots and our roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous Love so that wherever we are we shall always know that we love each other and are sisters and brothers in God's own Family.

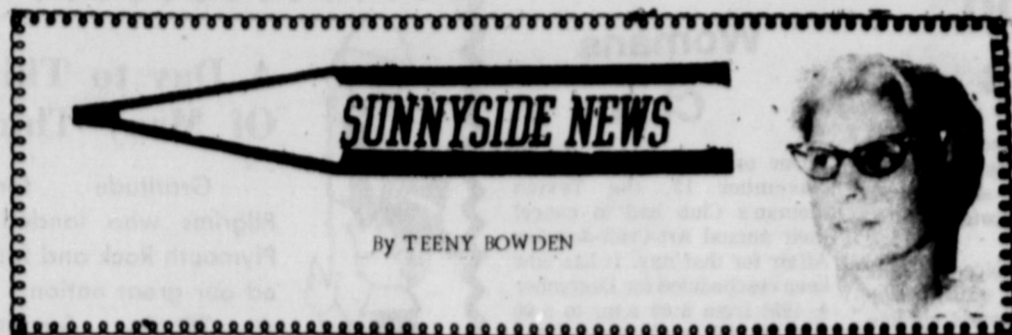
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On this Thanksgiving Day we are not only thankful for this great country in which we live, but the fact that we are blessed extra this year, by the many new friends and neighbors we have made in the past few weeks.

RAY, DIANA and ERIC





By TEENY BOWDEN

Community meeting was called off Monday night because of heavy fog. It has been rescheduled for Monday night the 29th at 7 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phelan received word of the death of her nephew Darrell Moore of Azle Saturday afternoon. They left Saturday afternoon for Weatherford to be with the family and for the funeral services Monday. His mother died when he was small and he lived with the Phelans for five years.

Reverend and Mrs. Raymond Jones and Hershel Wilson returned home Wednesday from a successful deer hunt at San Angelo. Mr. Wilson got two the first day and brother Jones got two the second day of their hunt. Ray Jones came home with his grandparents and stayed until Monday when they returned home to San Angelo to spend Thanksgiving Holidays with their family.

Larry Sadler, C. B. Lunsford of Dimmitt and Travis Kowell of Amarillo hunted in the Lincoln New Mexico area Thursday thru Sunday. Mrs. Sadler and the girls spent the weekend in Dimmitt with Mrs. Lunsford and children. Larry didn't get his deer but the others did.

Mr. and Mrs. Embree Roy Sadler fished this week at Rockport. Their trip was cut short because her father, M. H. Fowlkes was admitted to University Hospital in Lubbock Saturday night. They drove home Sunday to be with him, Tommy Fawkes of Ft. Worth came to spend the day Sunday with him. Mr. and Mrs. Gale Sadler and Susan visited with Mr. and Mrs. Fawkes Monday afternoon and he was feeling bad enough then to cancel their flight to join the Sadlers at Rockport.

The Young Couple Sunday School class sponsored an all-church fellowship after church Sunday night and the youth were special guests. Games were played and refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Spencer were in Amarillo Tuesday with her son, Jerry Shive who underwent major surgery on his knee in St. Anthony Hospital, his son Jayson came home with them and stayed until Friday. Mrs. Ralph Hill of Hereford visited with the Spencers Friday and Jason went home with her.

Hershel Wilson and the singing deciples presented a gospel concert at the annual Harvest Festival of the First United Methodist Church in Hart Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wagner returned home from Denver Monday night after a few days visit there with her sister Mr. and Mrs. Delbert McMillen.

Gale Sadler and Martin Lefevere attended an Agri-Business Seminar in Amarillo Thursday.

Mrs. L. B. Bowden attended the Castro County Geological Society Supper at Kabob and meeting at the Library Thursday night.

Mr. and Cliff Brown had lunch in Lubbock Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Brown and Lee and Mrs. Bud Woodward, Mrs. Nancy Copland and Jennifer. Mr. and Mrs. Neal Carson, Laura and Irvin of Muleshoe visited Friday night with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parson.

The BYW met Tuesday afternoon with the president, Mrs. Martin Lefevere in

charge. Mission Friends met also with Mrs. Thomas Parsons in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Evell Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. David Sadler and Mrs. Pearl Sadler of Dimmitt had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Powell, Randy Teresa and Cheryl of Dimmitt Sunday and spent the afternoon with them.

Rhonda Ross and the Dimmitt seventh grade basketball team lost their first game of the season to Springlake Earth Monday Nite.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sadler and girls visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jake King and Karl in Hereford last Sunday. Karl came home with them and spent Sunday nite and went to Lubbock with them Monday.

Lynn Brown and the Springlake Earth Varsity lost their first game of the season to Amherst Tuesday nite and lost to Rosevelt Friday nite. Clint Dawson and the Varsity team won over Amherst and lost to Rosevelt Friday night. Kim Haydon and the Jr. Varsity girls also won Tuesday and lost Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Paton spent Friday nite with her aunt Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer. They were moving from Phoenix to Duncan Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Noah Spencer visited with them Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Spencer had dinner Sunday with her mother Mrs. V. E. Bearcen in Hart. They all visited in Dimmitt Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Allan Shive. Mrs. Jerald Graham was in Plainview Saturday afternoon to help judge the Hale County Food Show.

Susan Sadler, David Montiel

and Mat Gilbreath rode the band bus to Hereford Friday night for the final Dimmitt game. Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbreath and Colby and Hal attended the game. Others from the community probably did also.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbreath and boys attended the band supper in Dimmitt Saturday Night. Mrs. Gilbreath helped with the food preparation Friday. Mrs. Gale Sadler helped with supper Saturday night.

A. E. Davis, father of Mrs. E. R. Little underwent emergency appendectomy in Lubbock Wednesday. He is 90 and is doing fine. Mrs. Little has been with him much of the time.

Historian Commission

Glenda Morgan, director of the Presidential Museum in Odessa from 1970 to 1974, has been employed as THC Museum field consultant for West Texas. She replaces John Wilson, who resigned.

She will be working out of offices at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB) in Odessa and will be available on request to museums in the West Texas region to give advice on small museum operation.

During her four years with the Presidential Museum she was responsible for all aspects of the museum's operation.

Improper Handling Can Spoil Food And Holiday

Food poisoning danger increases during Thanksgiving because even usually careful cooks have to deal with unique problems of amounts and timing. Even the traditional turkey poses a problem, the Texas Medical Association says.

A stuffed turkey is a tempting treat for both people and germs. Germs thrive on the ingredients in stuffing and the warm, moist inside of a turkey is a perfect breeding ground. The thick turkey meat protects germs from heat or cold that usually would kill them.

The best way to avoid

potential problems is to cook turkey and stuffing separately. If you do decide to stuff the turkey, store stuffing in the refrigerator separate from the bird. Stuff the turkey just before cooking. Use a meat thermometer to make sure the interior of the stuffing reaches 165 degrees Fahrenheit. Take out all leftover stuffing and refrigerate bird and stuffing separately.

Even food kept at proper temperatures can pick up dangerous germs if it comes in contact with dirty hands, contaminated raw food or dirty utensils.

Thawing the turkey also can be tricky. Doing it wrong can let germs grow on the outer meat surface while the inside is still frozen. If it is necessary to thaw a turkey out of the refrigerator, it can be unfrozen in a water-tight package under cold running water. Or the bird can be put in two brown paper bags to insulate it against overly warm temperature and prevent uneven thawing. Even these methods are not as good as thawing the bird in the refrigerator.

Thawing foods in the refrigerator takes longer and

requires more pre-planning. Fresh meat and poultry should be frozen immediately after purchase. If they are not, they should be refrigerated and used within three to five days after purchase.

Another major food poisoning danger comes from food which sits out too long. Germs can grow to a dangerous level on food left out two or more hours. Many dangerous germs do not change the taste, color or odor of food. To be sure food is safe, keep everything either below 40 degrees Fahrenheit or above 140 degrees Fahrenheit until it is served.

Inheritance Tax Relief

Comptroller Bob Bullock announced Thursday that he will ask the Legislature in January to grant Texas some state inheritance tax relief by increasing exemptions for surviving spouses to \$100,000 and for surviving children, grandchildren or parents to \$50,000 each.

Bullock estimated the proposal would exempt an additional 18,000 beneficiaries per year from the basic state inheritance tax. If enacted into law, it would mean 77.7 percent of all beneficiaries would be totally exempt from state inheritance tax, he said.

The Comptroller said current law provides an exemption of only \$25,000 for all Class A beneficiaries—surviving spouses, children, grandchildren and parents.

"That law was written in 1923 and hasn't been changed since," said Bullock. "A \$25,000 estate back then would have been sizable. Today it would be considered modest."

Because the dollar is worth so much less today, Bullock explained, "the state inheritance tax has become particularly burdensome to farmers and ranchers."

Bullock said his proposal was selected after extensive research by his Inheritance Tax Division of actual 1974 inheritance tax returns. He added that his office has worked closely with various farm and ranch groups and the House Ways and Means Committee in developing the proposal.

Independent Cattlemen's Association

Austin: The President of the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas, T.A. Cunningham, called for William E. Simon, Chairman of the Economic Policy Board, to consider the policy concerning the negotiations of the 1977 meat quotas. If the United States continues formal country-by-country import quotas to restrict 1977 meat imports, the USDA is authorized by law to implement formal quotas. However, if it's agreed that voluntary restraint agreements should be again negotiated between the U.S. and foreign exporting countries, the question that is of utmost importance is whether the USDA or State Department should be the chief U.S. representative in these negotiations. Cunningham urged Simon to allow officials of the United States Department of Agriculture rather than the State Department, to negotiate these voluntary restraint agreements with the countries exporting meat into this country.

allowable amounts of meat imports as specified in the 1964 Meat Importation Act is readily accessible to the officials within the USDA. If these negotiations are spearheaded by the USDA, agreements could be made to eliminate any attempts of circumvention of meat import quotas from the beginning of 1977. "The cattle industry of this nation can not withstand another situation such as we have experienced in the free trade zone at Mayaguez, Puerto Rico," Cunningham concluded.

The ICA represents a membership in the excess of 100,000. As members are directly affected by decisions concerning the cattle industry, the Association believes that it is time that agricultural decisions be made by the Department of government that is directly concerned with the importation of foreign meats.

Income Questionnaires Mailed

Annual income questionnaires were included with Veterans Administration pension checks mailed to 1.2 million veterans and survivors on November 1, Jack Coker, Waco VA Regional Director, reported today.

Questionnaires also went to 28,000 parents receiving dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) checks.

Completed questionnaires must be returned to the VA by January 1, to insure continued receipt of benefits.



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In Italy, basil symbolizes love. Many Italian tomato and basil-based dishes contain this most agreeable and adaptable herb. It enhances the flavor of most foods it touches. Mrs. Mary Sweeten, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, notes.

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Annual Meeting Grand Cross of Color

The annual meeting of the Grand Cross of Color was held Saturday morning, November 20 at 9:30 in the Earth Masonic Hall. This marked the 28th year of Grand Cross in Earth with 15 members present. Grand Cross is an honorary degree given to Rainbow Girls, Masons and Eastern Stars for outstanding service rendered in the girl's organization.

Banquet tables, in the form of a huge cross covered in white were decorated with a small Cross of Color Emblem with the seven colors of the rainbow in candles down the center of the table. Across the table were red and blue streamers, with patriotic napkins completing the decorations.

Programs were decorated with a gold Liberty Bell and were placed on a small table which was decorated with a larger Liberty Bell and a Grand Cross of Color Emblem. Also in the room was a large lighted Grand Cross of Color Emblem.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. C.C. Goodwin, Mistress of Ceremonies. Invocation was given by Mr. Ruel Fanning, Mrs. Goodwin, chairman, then gave the greeting.

Pledge to the flag was given, followed by the singing of

America.

Mrs. Bessie Cearley gave "The Charge" to the members. Next several members gave the meaning of the 7 colors.

Coffee and donuts were served.

During the business session, Mrs. C.C. Goodwin was re-elected as chairman for the 1977 meeting.

Mrs. Donald Kelley, Grand Visitor, gave the Rainbow report for the year.

Mrs. Pete O'Hair read a poem and dedicated it to Mrs. Kelley the Grand Visitor.

Four new members were recognized. They are Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Fanning, Fonda Goodwin and Kleta Haberer.

Assisting Mrs. Goodwin in the closing ceremony as attendants and dressed in white formals were Fonda Goodwin and Kleta Haberer. The meeting was closed with the song "Blest Be The Tie."

Attending were: Mrs. C.C. Goodwin, Fonda Goodwin, Kleta Haberer, Mrs. Lucille Campbell, Mrs. Forrest Simmons, Mrs. Bessie Cearley, Mrs. Myrtle Clayton, Mrs. J.A. Littleton, Jr., Mrs. Donald Kelley, Mrs. Marvin Sanders, Mrs. Pete O'Hair, Mrs. Belvin Bock, Mrs. Phillip Haberer and Mr. and Mrs. Fanning.

Modification Applications

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) will hold adjudicative hearings on two applications for permits to engage in weather modification and control operations Monday, December 6, at 9:30 AM in Morton (Cochran County), Texas.

Both hearings may be held simultaneously in the courtroom of the 121st District Court, Cochran County Courthouse, providing no protest against a consolidated hearing is filed with the hearing examiner prior to November 30, 1976.

The presiding examiner will be Gordon W. Houser, attorney of the Texas Water Development Board. Protests, pleadings or motions relating to the hearings shall be filed with the presiding examiner on or before November 30, 1976, at the following address: Texas Water Development Board, Post Office Box 13087, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

The applicants seek permits to conduct weather modification and control operations to increase precipitation and decrease hailfall within two target areas, within the below-described areas of operation.

Docket Number WM-008 concerns the application of Plains Weather Improvement Association, Inc. If the permit as applied for is granted, aircraft flights will be authorized over portions of Hale, Lamb, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, and Floyd Counties for the period beginning January 1, 1977, and ending December 31, 1980.

The other application, styled Docket Number WM-009, is by Atmospherics, Inc., for operations over portions of Deaf Smith, Randall, Parmer, Castro, Swisher, Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Cochran, Hockley, and Lubbock Counties. This permit, as applied for, if granted, covers the period beginning November 1, 1976 and ending October 30, 1980.

If the operations are authorized and conducted, equipment, materials and methods used will be a weather radar system, cloud seeding aircraft, and aerial dispersion of silver iodide in an appropriate manner for the artificial nucleation of clouds and weather systems.

"Star Attraction" Chicken Livers

Sharp price drops make frozen chicken livers a "star attraction" at Texas grocery stores currently.

"Excessive supplies" of frozen chicken livers stem from several factors, Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt, a consumer marketing information specialist, says.

Less demand for them by fast-food outlets, which buy more and more chicken without giblets—and the fact that the U.S. Department of Agriculture provides poultry without giblets for school lunches—are two reasons for the abundance, she said.

Mrs. Clyatt is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

At other meat sections, beef and pork prices are lower than at this time last year.

"Many cuts are featured at special prices, so it's a good time to buy for the freezer," Mrs. Clyatt advises.

Bacon's lower prices are an added highlight on the pork-buying scene.

At vegetable counters, most economical choices—at top

quality—are collards, mustard, turnips and greens, dry yellow onions, cabbage and carrots, the specialist reported.

Other top choices include white potatoes, cauliflower, broccoli and Brussels sprouts, she said.

"Also, two hard-shell squash varieties, acorn and butternut, are lower in price, making them a good choice."

Tangelos and apples top the quality-economy fruit supply list, while bananas, pears and grapes are other economical choices.

Forecasters predict a near record crop for Navel oranges and grapefruit—which should mean reasonable prices and a real taste treat for those items, the specialist said.

Dairy features are more numerous—with special emphasis on milk, half and half, sour cream, whipping cream and a variety of cheeses.

CONSUMER WATCH-WORDS: In buying pears, remember that after they're bought, usually they need a few days' ripening at room temperature.

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Answer: Feet.

Marlene Odle, a clothing specialist, points out that daily foot care should include bathing for cleanliness, creaming for softness, hot and cold baths or alcohol for stimulation, exercise for relaxation and powder for protection.

"Wash the feet thoroughly with soap and a washcloth. Use pumice or an emery board on callouses to remove dry skin while the feet are soft from water."

"Use a lotion to soothe and soften tired feet. Massage the entire foot with the fingers while applying creams or lotions."

"By alternating hot and cold water, foot baths will stimulate circulation and relax tense

muscles. You can also use it to warm feet in cold weather."

This specialist is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

She noted that periodically exercising the feet relieves tension and reduces tiredness.

"With shoes off, try to curl toes under, attempting to pick up an imaginary pencil."

"Another exercise is to stand with feet side by side, about six inches apart and hands on hips, rock from the heels forward on the outside of the foot toward the little toe and then up on the ball of the foot with most of the weight on the big toe. Rock back. Repeat."

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Thanksgiving

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We are looking forward to many years of continued service to you.

Wishing you and yours a very happy
Thanksgiving Day in every way!

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