

Three Local Residents Taking Rabies Shots

by Jim McWilliams

Three Eldorado residents are presently undergoing treatment for the prevention of rabies. They were exposed to a potentially rabid dog, and County Health Officer Dr. J. B. Brame began the treatment last Tuesday morning.

According to Brame, the dog's head was sent to Austin, but no diagnosis was reported as of noon yesterday. If the dog was not rabid, then the treatment may be discontinued. But if the test is positive, then the Pasteur Treatment series of either 21 daily doses or 14 doses in the first 7 days and 7 doses for 7 days thereafter will have to be continued.

The three individuals came into contact with a pet dog that was suspected of being rabid. Further tests will either prove positive or negative.

The treatment is necessary even if a person is not bitten by an animal. Coming into contact with a rabid animal may infect a person with rabies if the animal's saliva gets into an open wound or is on a child's hand that is put into the child's mouth.

For all practical purposes Rabies is 100% fatal if not treated. Therefore, only human exposure to a possibly rabid animal must be treated as though the animal had the disease unless a negative diagnosis can be ascertained.

According to the World

Health Organization, the "disease in wildlife - especially skunks, foxes, raccoons, and bats - has become increasingly prominent in recent years, accounting for more than 70 percent of all reported cases of animal rabies every year since 1968. Wild animals constitute the most important source of infection for humans and domestic animals in the United States today."

Only Idaho, Vermont, Hawaii and the District of Columbia reported no rabies in Wildlife.

Texas, and especially Southwestern Texas, is considered a heavily infested area of rabid wildlife. According to the County Health Officer and the State Department of Health Resources, Eldorado is surrounded by a large reservoir of rabid animal populations, consisting mainly of skunks, foxes, and raccoons. This population poses a threat to the health and safety of Eldorado residents.

County Sheriff Orval Edmiston said "There is a large number of varmints living inside the Eldorado city limits." The Sheriff said that the animals are seen at night eating from open trash barrels. And if these animals are rabid, they may transmit the disease to unvaccinated cats or dogs.

Both Sheriff Edmiston and Dr. Brame say the possibility of a rabies epidemic in Eldorado is high due to the large number of stray dogs and pets running loose on the city streets.

The problem is made greater by the large percentage of rabid wildlife around Eldorado. The local dog population is exposed to the wildlife, and the dogs

may infect adults and children within the city limits.

Dr. Brame said Eldorado's situation is similar to Laredo's. There have been forty-seven confirmed cases of rabies in dogs in Laredo since November 26 of last year. And 38 persons have had to undergo treatment due to exposure to the dogs.

According to the Texas Department of Health Resources the only effective way of reducing the exposure of rabies to humans is through the effective removal of the strays and unvaccinated dog population. And there is NO CITYWIDE MEANS OF REMOVAL IN ELDORADO.

Eldorado has a city ordinance that "prohibits any dog running loose within the city that has not been vaccinated against Rabies, and any person or

persons found guilty of violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not less than five nor more than fifty dollars each and every day the offense occurs."

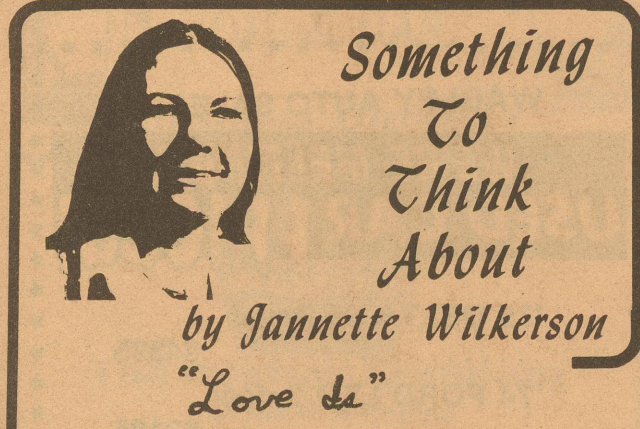
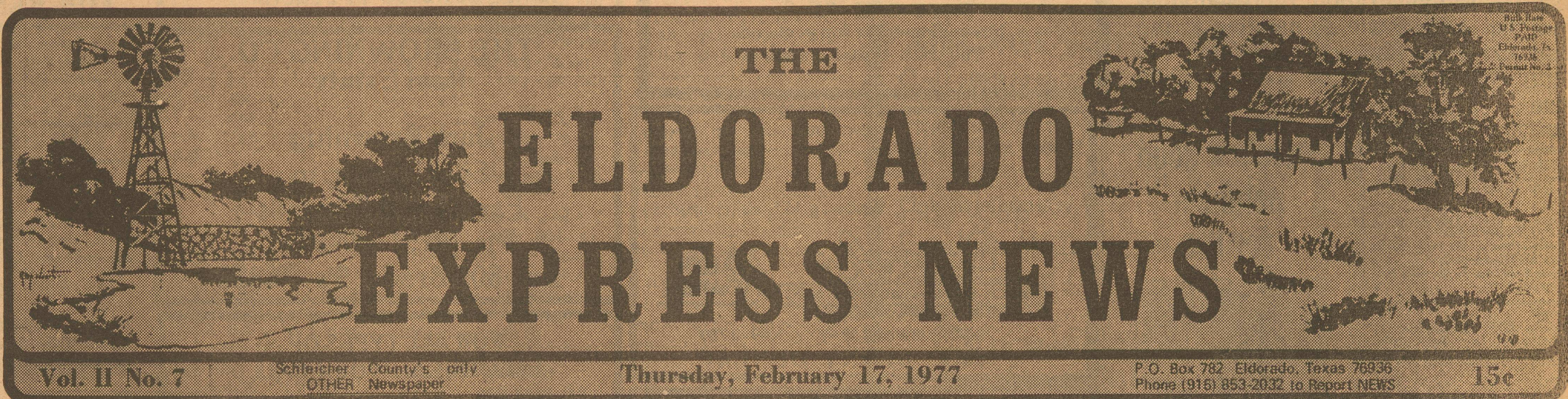
County Attorney Robinson told the Express News that if a dog should bite someone, the dog's owner would be held responsible for any damage the dog inflicts. The cost of the rabies treatment is \$170, but damage claims could be much higher than that.

The problem of the unvaccinated and stray dog population is a problem of enforcement. The city does not have an active municipal court or a police officer or constable to enforce the present ordinance. So the city council can pass any dog ordinance it wants, but lack the means of enforcing the law.

"The problem is not a dog problem, it's a people problem" according to city councilman Pat Ragsdale. "Dogs can't read a sign that says 'no dogs allowed' or 'Don't Bite'," he said. "It's the citizens who control the animal population, and they can reduce it if they really want to," Ragsdale said last Tuesday.

Eldorado must do something to control the population of unvaccinated pets and strays. The beginning point should be a vaccination clinic held in Eldorado in the near future. Efforts are underway to announce a date that local pets may be taken to the memorial building and have their vaccinations and tags given out.

(Next week we will explore the possibility of a city pound, and new city ordinance, and a means of enforcing it.)



Something
To
Think
About

by Jannette Wilkerson
"Love de"

The greatest appeal of this special day is usually for grade school children exchanging valentines and high school kids going steady. It's a day of roses, red hearts, and saying the nice things you should be saying every day. Valentine day is a day of love . . . but what is love? That's a tricky word and has as many meanings as there are opinions. Personally, I think you have to be married a while before you realize where Cupid 'really' got you with his arrow.

Love is: watching your husband change a diaper

Love is: trying to keep a straight face when he steps in a bucket of paint.

Love is: trying to keep from killing him when he tracks it through the kitchen.

Love is: keeping his 8 year old "Lucky Fishing" shirt from falling apart.

Love is: watching "another" football game instead of Sonny and Cher.

Love is: ironing a white western shirt.

Love is: knowing when he 'fixes' the clock it'll end up in the same stack with the waffle iron and hair dryer.

Love is: sleeping with sick kids.

Love is: getting a lump in your throat when you run across the 'first' Valentine he ever gave you.

Love is not a 'thing' - but a place - a special dimension where two people share the love for dreams and reality, and like everything 'real' and special.

Love is growing.

To me the most precious definition of love is what my Mother and Daddy said to each other every night before they went to sleep. "I love you, and if this day I have said or done anything to hurt you, I'm sorry" -- Maybe real love is "liking" someone enough to say you're sorry.

So the next time you see 'your' Valentine across a room of yelling kids and just before you trip over the tool box (he forgot to put away) - You're in that special dimension where every look or touch is a heart shaped box of candy - Think about it!

COMMISSIONERS GIVE YOUTH PROGRAM \$1,000

Schleicher County commissioners gave the local Little league program a helping hand during their meeting Monday, February 14. The decision came after an appeal was made by Odie McDonald, president of the summer recreation program, for funds to improve both the baseball field at the city park and at the roping arena.

McDonald asked the group for a total of \$1,452.56, saying, "If we can get something accomplished this year, our cost won't be as much next year." He added that the local recreation group is planning a tournament here this year and hoped the field would be in shape by that time.

He told the group the infield in the park needs to be scooped out and replaced with new soil, preferably clay. He also said the field needs new light bulbs and two new benches.

The field at the roping arena, he said needs a concession stand, a new fence and water piped to it.

However, the court, noting that the county's budget is strained and that the field at the arena belongs to the school, will present the Little League program with \$1,000 with the provision it be used on the city ball field first. Therefore, the recreation program will have the responsibility to redo the infield, replace the light bulbs and build the benches. Remaining funds may then be used for the other field.

"If we do anything, we should do it for our young people," commented Richard Jones, commissioner. County Judge Bob McWhorter agreed, but added, "But we have just so much money, just like everyone else."

Also appearing before the court during the day-long meeting, was Jim Perkins, repre-

sentative of the Texas State Parks and Wildlife Department and Schleicher County game warden Mike Porter. Perkins presented the court with a list of proposed amendments for state game and fish laws.

The amendments will be presented to county residents during a public hearing in the Corral Room of the Memorial Building at 7 p.m., March 22.

Perkins said comments on the proposals and any discussion will be reported to the office in Austin and then will be presented before the court again.

On the county level, Perkins asked the court if it wanted to accept a Javalino season which would be from October 1 to the first Sunday in January. The court turned down the proposal, so that the county would have an open season.

Also on the county level, he said that there would be no changes in the fall deer and turkey seasons. However, there will be a spring turkey season

from April 16 - 24.

On the state level, several amendments in hunting laws have been proposed. The first amendment states that fishermen may have only two trot lines in the water with a total of 100 hooks and that hooks must be three feet apart.

The second amendment would make it unlawful for anyone to falsify ownership of land or the amount of acreage owned or leased when applying for antlerless deer permits.

The third amendment would make it unlawful to use antlerless deer permits on more than one antlerless deer.

The fourth amendment would allow long bow deer hunters to possess a shotgun in their camp or automobile as long as they do not possess a shot bigger than a number six shot.

During other business, the court reviewed minutes from the meeting January 24. Commissioners discussed wording in the minutes about a claim brought before the court by county clerk Jim Thornton for back pay of \$200 a month since

January.

Thornton's claim arose from the fact that a former county clerk received a sum of \$200 a month as being Veterans Service Officer while also being county clerk. State law prohibits a public official from receiving wages from two offices at one time the \$200 was listed as clerk expenses according to Thornton.

Thornton pointed out that when he took office, he was not asked if he wanted the veterans job, and Enochs was allowed to remain in that position. This meant that the present clerk is receiving \$200 a month less than the former clerk.

During the meeting Thornton asked Judge McWhorter if the court could reduce the salary of an incoming county clerk. McWhorter replied that the court could reduce his salary at any time.

After a long discussion, commissioners agreed that the problem should be referred to the county attorney "to pursue to the fullest extent in the event that a law suit is brought against the court."

County Judge Bob McWhorter then made a motion that the court turn down the claim and

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School Board Election Ordered

Schleicher County school trustees ordered the school board election to be held Saturday, April 2, in their meeting Monday night.

The terms of school trustees Billy Williams and Lynn Meador will expire, and although neither have filed, both are expected to seek re-election. Filing deadline is March 2. The board appointed Margaret Frost to serve as election judge while Sharon Mittel will serve as judge of the absentee votes.

A number of old business items were discussed by the board. Supt. Whitaker informed the board that reworking and reseeding the football field was becoming necessary. The ground has become tightly packed over the past several years to the point where the growth of grass is minimal during the growing season. Earl Lloyd, Kenith Homer and Billy Williams were appointed to oversee the project that will begin after track season is completed.

The board discussed a major repair item for a portion of the elementary school building. Mr Whitaker was authorized to contact an architect for consultation on the problem.

The board was given a brief summary on the foundation funds applied for and allocated to the Schleicher County School District. The amounts applied for to Texas Education Agency were: Salaries - \$404,027.00, Vocational Educa-

tion - \$800.00, Compensatory Education - \$8173.00, Drivers Education - \$550.00, Transportation - \$30,578.00, State Available - \$115,162.00, County Available - \$23,016.00 Salaries and Operations - \$94,054.00.

Under new business items, Mr Whitaker was authorized to request for state assistance in purchasing new cafeteria equipment. A meat slicer and a 30 quart mixer are two items needed and will cost in the neighborhood of \$2,235. The state can pay up to 74 % of this cost.

The 1978-79 school calendar was approved. The holidays will fall about the same time during the months as they have this current year but on different dates.

Bids for old school busses were opened. The bid submitted by Walter Powell on bus #8 was approved at a price of \$551.00 while Walter Ford's bid of \$230 on a 1969 Ford station wagon was accepted.

The board accepted the resignation of Mrs Joy Block who has held the commercial teaching position in the high school for the past three or four years.

In final action the board extended the contracts of Superintendent Guy Whitaker, High School Principal Robert Jay and Elementary Principal Walter Wallis.

Attending the Monday night meeting were Trustees Mort Mertz, Dr J. B. Brame, Bill Ray and Lynn Meador and Superintendent Guy Whitaker.

No School Next Monday

Schleicher County mothers will be hoping for warm and clear weather Monday when all students in the Eldorado school system will be out for a teachers work day.

Teachers, on the other hand, won't really care what kind of weather nature dishes out because they will be trying to grade papers and average grades to catch up from second quarter exams held this week.

Exam schedule for today and tomorrow is as follows:
Thursday, February 17 Friday, February 18

1st period - 8:15 - 9:45 2nd period - 8:15 - 9:45
6th period - 10:15 - 11:45 5th period - 10:15 - 11:45
4th period - 1:00 - 2:30 7th period - 1:00 - 2:30



Home Front News

Castleman of Canyon visited their sister and family, the Clay Porters last week. Other visitors in the Porter home were Carl Porter and Tammy Johnson of Rankin.

Visiting Mrs Delbert Edmiston and the Jerry Edmiston family Saturday was Jill Edmiston Crawford of Ozona.

Mrs Byran Smith has returned from a week's visit with family and friends in West Texas.

Mr and Mrs R.E. Griffith, Rick, Mike, and John spent the weekend in Monahans with Mrs Griffith's mother, Mrs B.L. Simmers, and her sister and family, Mr and Mrs James Porter. They also visited with the boys' other grandparents, Mr and Mrs C.L. Williams.

Patti Lou Olson visited in the home of her parents this past weekend. Patti is a senior at Texas Tech this semester.

Visiting in the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs Jerroll Sanders, this past weekend was Lynn Sanders. Lynn is presently student teaching at Muleshoe, Texas.

Mr and Mrs Jerry Jones will attend a Sylvania meeting in Lubbock Thursday and Friday.

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Letters to the Editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dogs in our neighborhood have been coming in my yard and have been taking shoes. They went into our barn and got a pair of loafers and took a total of almost \$40 worth of new shoes.

I would appreciate it if people who own dogs would keep them in their own yard or if people who own dogs and come up with an extra pair of shoes would try to find out who they belong to.

They also take paper from my yard and are a mess, period.

We have a fenced-in yard and cannot remember to close the gates at all times, so they come through the gates, but if people who own dogs would keep them in their own yard, we wouldn't have this problem.

I wish whoever owns these dogs would either bring the shoes home or throw them over the fence.

I live on the corner of Brooks and Cottonwood and would appreciate the return of my new loafers.

Yours truly,
Mrs R. E. Griffith

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Beginning February 17, 1977 the Social Security Administration representative from San Angelo will be meeting at the Eldorado Fire Station instead of the Court House from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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UMW

United Methodist Women met yesterday at the Educational Building at the First Methodist Church. The group is working on an Easter Project for the Nursing Home.

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commissioner Richard Jones seconded it. It passed.

Judge McWhorter then showed the group a letter from state representative Jim Nugent who asked for opinions regarding a proposed bill by which two counties can share in the cost of building a jail.

The court unanimously opposed the idea. Eugene McCalla commented, "As soon as you give up your jail system, you lose part of your county."

Commissioners also discussed water problems at the cemetery. Juan Espinosa, caretaker, explained that a rancher had been using water from the cemetery water tanks without draining the lines, causing the pipes to burst. The court decided to give the rancher a six month notice to find another source of water before the water would be cut off.

The court also gave approval to Sheriff Orval Edmiston to hire a dispatcher for weekends.

The court closed session at 5 p.m.

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Engagement Announcements

Miss Kathy Hicks, daughter of Mrs Erlene Hicks and Ed Hicks of San Angelo, and Billy Dean Donaldson, son of Mrs E.G. Donaldson and the late Mr Donaldson, are engaged to be married March 18 in the home of the prospective bridegroom's mother. The bride elect is a 1975 graduate from San Angelo Lake View school. The prospective bridegroom is a 1975 graduate of Eldorado High School and attended Angelo State University.

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Mrs Helen Blakeway visited her sister and brother-in-law, Mr and Mrs Don Weatherly in Dallas last weekend and attended a bridge tournament.

Granvil and Mary Hext returned home Sunday from San Antonio, Texas. Mary was a patient in Methodist Hospital. She

The hostess served Valentine cake, sandwiches and coffee. Everyone enjoyed the party. Allie Cheatham will be hostess when the Club meets again February 24th. Rep.

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was there for cardiac catheterization and tests. She is recuperating slowly, but happy to be home again.

Mabel Blaylock has returned home from St John's Hospital in San Angelo where she was a patient for several days.

Mr and Mrs Jerry Jones and Chuck and Mr and Mrs Houston Thigpen

spent Sunday visiting Mrs Thigpen's sister and family, Mr and Mrs B. Arthur in Abilene.

Mr and Mrs Houston Thigpen attended the funeral services for Mr Thigpen's brother in San Angelo Wednesday.

Bruce Lambert and Dick Ganshow of the Western Company were in Midland on business Tuesday.

Lorraine Scott returned home Feb 8 after a ten day stay in the hospital in San Angelo. She is to return in three weeks for more tests.

Visiting Mrs E. G. Donaldson Saturday were her son Gary Donaldson and grandsons Reed and Colby of San Angelo.

Jim McWilliams visited his mother and step-father, Mr and Mrs Jack Moore, over the weekend.

several 4-H and FFA students were in San Antonio last week showing livestock. Among those attending were Mr and Mrs Jimmy Powell, Victoria and Lori; Mr and Mrs Lynn Griffin, Kirk and Lori; Mr and Mrs Dan Griffin, Curtis, Greg and Kelly; Mr and Mrs Billy Williams, Tanya and Kelly; Mr and Mrs Earl Lloyd and Leonard; Mr and Mrs Jim Cawley, John Ben, Sally and Bill; Mr and Mrs Jim O'Harrow, Mary Lisa and Jay; Mr and Mrs Danny Dunagan, Danette and Wendy; Mr and Mrs Jerry Swift Todd and Shanna. Still in San Antonio this week are Mr and Mrs Kenith Homer, Kara and Kurtis, Jed Edmiston, Sammie Whitten, Jay Barrow, Jerry Jackson and Steve Kuykendall. Fred Igo agricultural teacher at Eldorado High School also went.

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Bradley, who was appointed by the commissioners court to the office in November, attended the training school from Jan 30 to Feb 4. He replaced the late B. L. Blakeway.
He reported that the training session included a series of speakers including justices of the peace from all over the state, and representatives from the Dallas and Houston district attorneys offices. It also included mock trials and discussions on bond setting and administrative and magistrate duties.
All newly elected or appointed justices of the peace in the state must complete the forty hour course during their first year in office and a 20 hour course each year thereafter. This includes all of those who took office since January 30, 1963 and are not a licensed attorney.

OBITUARIES

Roy Thigpen
Funeral services for Roy Thigpen 66, of San Angelo were held yesterday at the Johnson's Funeral Home.
Mr Thigpen died Sunday in his home after an illness. He was born March 10, 1910 in Menard and was married to Adeline Parker, Feb 14, 1930 in Menard. He was a forty year resident of San Angelo where he was a masonry contractor for 30 years prior to his retirement.
Survivors include his wife, five sons, Bill Thigpen, Bud Thigpen, Alvin Thigpen, Jimmie Thigpen and Tommy Thigpen all of San Angelo; two brothers, Jimmy Thigpen of Menard and Houston Thigpen of Eldorado; three sisters, Mrs Mertie Haught and Mrs Ray Martin both of Menard, and Mrs Velma Haynes of San Angelo; 14 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Sure, people are interested that your son or daughter is home for a visit, even for a few days. Tell the Express News.



Danny Dunagan shows a first place on the hoof Limousine crossbred steer calf in the carcass class. The calf was fed by Tanya Leggett and shown at the San Antonio Livestock Show this we past week.

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SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Eldorado now has certain services available for cancer patients under the Service Rehabilitation Committee of the American Cancer Society. With a written request from the attending physician, any of these services may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Domingo Pina at the following phone number: 853-2873.

The services available include transportation by volunteers for local patients to treatment centers, post laryngectomy speech lessons and Reach to Recovery for mastectomy patients.

Equipment available for loan to cancer patients are hospital beds, hospital beds hospital beds, hospital bed side rails, wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and bedside commodes.

Expendable items include adhesive and micropore tapes, alcohol, baby powder, baby lotion, petroleum jelly, A & D ointment, lubricating jelly, room deodorant, bed pans, urinals and emesis basins.

Other comfort items available are dressings, rolled bandages, V-pads, bed pads, short hospital gowns, nylon comfort pillows and laryngectomy stomach bibs.

The American Cancer Society needs volunteers. Anyone interested in working with the ACS, contact Mrs. Pina at the same number.

Short Notes

The Tomerlins skipped off to Austin last weekend for the Motorcross races. Cary and Tommy both brought home trophies. Cary placed 2nd in his 125 Int. Class, and Tommy got a fourth over-all in the Mini-Sr. Class. They are trying to get in some practice before they race in the Grand National races held in the Astrodome in March. Cary has already qualified and Tommy has to qualify March 18.

Next weekend they will be off to Mosier Valley, near Ft. Worth.

Christoval School was closed Friday because of numerous cases of "flu" or a viral infection. Several of our citizens are in the hospital with it. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to all.

Wilson, son of Mr and Mrs Gene Jones, visited his parents last weekend. Wilson is attending the university in Austin. While home, Wilson coached his mother in the use of her new CB mobile radio. So, if any of you CBers hear the "Hum-dinger" tell her she's doing a good job, 10-4??

"power" and will not burn or melt away in the soil like commercial fertilizers will. Compost also adds organic matter which is vitally needed by most soils.

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The Christoval Chapter 761 Order of the Eastern Star, will meet for its regular slated meeting Feb. 21st at 7 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

Ms Beth Crowder of Anchorage, Alaska, sister of Dobbs Bradford, is visiting relatives in Texas this month.

Mr and Mrs Eddie Hale and children of Killeen, visited over night Monday in the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs Marcus Hale.

Dan and Kathy Hale and children spent Sunday in the home of his parents Mr and Mrs Marcus Hale.

Nell and Cliff Haynes of Webb Lake, Wisconsin, cousins of Mrs June Pettitt, are visiting with June and Harold for a few days, after having spent a month in Florida. Mrs Haynes reports that the snow drifts back home are so high on each side of the street that the cars put orange balls on their radio antennas so people will know a car is coming. The winter temp stays around 34° below zero. The people who don't own garages start their cars each morning with battery cables that are connected in the houses.

The people in Christoval will be having cablevision soon. The microwave towers are almost finished. We will get the same cable shows as San Angelo.

Recipe Corner

CHEESE PIE

1/2 tsp. butter
3 tbsp. graham cracker crumbs
1 3/4 cups cream style cottage cheese
4 tsp. cornstarch
5 tbsp. sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
Grated rind, 1/2 lemon
2 eggs, separated
Butter a 9" pie plate with 1/2 tsp. butter and sprinkle with graham cracker crumbs. Place remaining ingredients, except egg whites, in mixer, beat till smooth. Beat the egg whites until stiff, but not dry and fold into batter. Pour into the pie plate and bake in 350° oven for 25 min. Cool the pie, but do not chill. Serves 4-6.

MOLASSES BARBECUED SPARERIBS

1 cup molasses
1 cup prepared mustard
1 cup cider vinegar
1/4 tsp. ground cloves
1/4 tsp. allspice
1 lb. spareribs per serving
Mix first five ingredients together, set aside. Cut spareribs in serving pieces. Sprinkle lightly with salt and put in shallow baking pan. Bake at 350° for 1 1/4 hrs. or until tender. Pour off all fat. Brush with sauce and bake about 30 min. more, basting and turning several times.

COUNTRY WISDOM

When the nearest doctor lived many miles away, folks were forced to rely on their own knowledge to treat a wide variety of ailments. The treatments and med-

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ications were handed down from family to family. We would advise caution in applying these, though some of you may have used some of them at one time or another.

-Colds and Flu: Drink hot ginger tea freely. Drink fruit juices often.

-Cough: Mix honey and apple cider. Take a spoonful as needed.

-Chills: Mix ginger and pepper in very hot water and drink

-Earache: A piece of cotton sprinkled with pepper and moistened with olive oil, mineral oil or fat is almost instant relief.

-Frozen ears, nose, fingers, Etc. should never be rubbed with ice or snow. Use the warmth of your hands to rub, thaw and restore circulation. Dip affected areas in cool water, then gradually add warm water until water reaches blood heat and massage area.

-Enflamed eyes: Caused by wind, sun and other elements, also welding torch burns. Grate an Irish potato, make a poultice for each eye, lying down place them on the eyes, in a few hours, you find a pleasing relief, with all the redness having disappeared from your eyes.

-Sore throat: Gargle with apple cider vinegar, repeat often.

Elizabeth Clark

4-H Youths

Place In Show

Christoval 4-Hers traveled to San Antonio as entries in the Stock Show. Shane Wells won Reserve Champion of the Brahma Cross Class.

4-Hers who participated were Todd and Toni Arthur, Shane and Marty Wells, Christi Barton, Mark Hayes, Leslie Drennan, Lefly Vance and Stacy Lee.

Todd Arthur placed two lambs at 32nd and 33rd. Toni Arthur placed two lambs at 30th and 39th.

Congratulations to Shane for his Champ and to all the others for a job well done.



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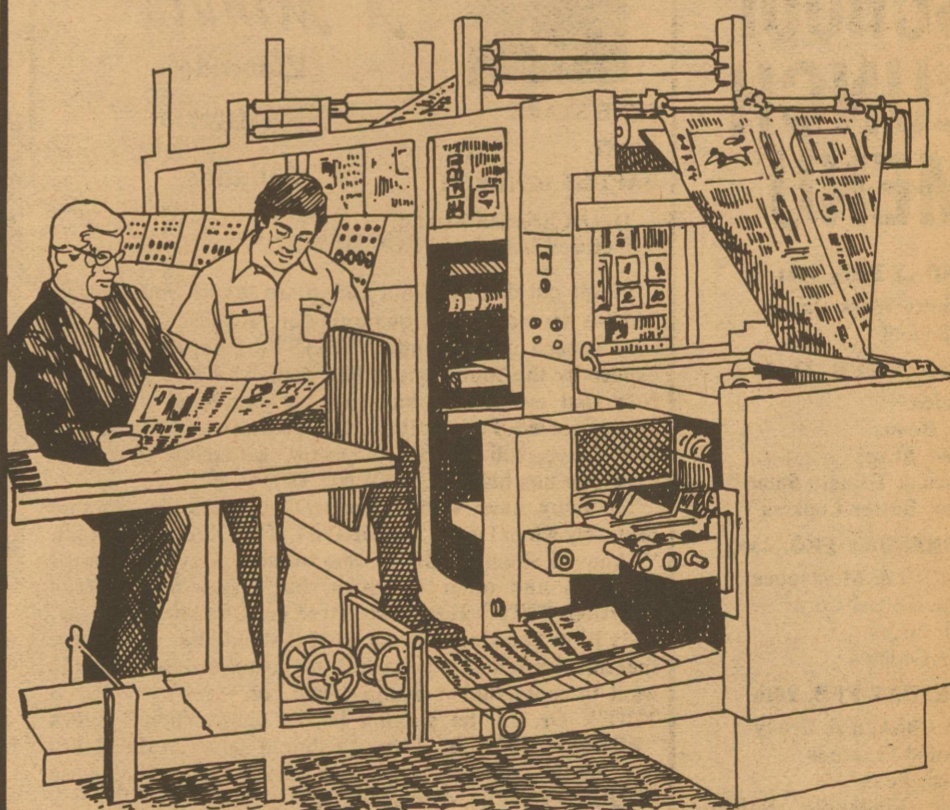
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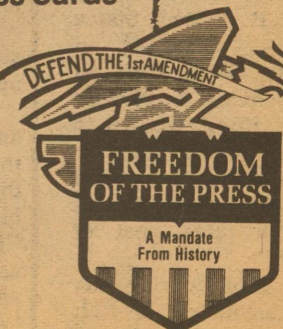
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AROUND The HOUSE and OTHER PLACES

by Nancy Lester
County Extension Agent - Home Economics

The District Seven 4-H Food and Project Show will be held this coming Saturday in Fredericksburg. 4-H members from seventeen counties will be competing in the show. Those representing Schleicher County in the Food Division will be: Sandra Miner, Lou Ann Turner, Lori Patton, Jill Pitts, Patti Hausenfluck, Judy Pitts and Cynthia Schooley. Project show participants from Eldorado will be Kara Homer, Margaret Turner, and Duanna Yocham. The Morrison Milling Company of Denton is the sponsor for the Food Show. West Texas Utilities provides the ribbons for the participants.

Mrs. Geneva Wade was appointed "Messenger Chairman" for all the Home Demonstration Clubs in this district at the recent home demonstration meeting which was held in Sweetwater. The "Messenger" is the official home demonstration magazine for the state of Texas. Mrs. Patsy Kellogg is currently serving as a member of the State Family Life Committee.

Judy Pitts, Lou Ann Turner, and Kara Homer presented a program on Method Demonstrations for the Sutton County 4-H Club in Sonora on Monday night.

The Good Neighbor Home Demonstration Club will meet today at 2 p.m. in the home of Ruth Baker. The program will be on the use of slow cookers.

I do have a few catalogs for the Womens' Department at the San Angelo Stock Show available for your use. Entry cards must be postmarked by February 18.

Joyce Drake, home economist with West Texas Utilities, will be presenting a program in Eldorado on March 2 on Laundry Problems. This program will be held at the Memorial Building and will begin at 10:00 a.m. Joyce will be discussing detergents, laundry additives, water temperature and stain removal. She said that she will also be able to test your water for hardness if you bring a sample. You might want to circle March 2 on your calendar -- this program should be interesting!

I do have some fairly new microwave publications in my office. I have mailed these to some of you already -- but if I missed you -- I do have more available.

Now from fast cooking to slow cooking! I thought this week you might enjoy having a new recipe for your slow cookers. This one is really delicious.

TEXAS BEEF AND BEANS

- 1 lb. dried pinto beans
- 6 cups cold water
- 1/2 lb. salt pork, cut up
- 1 lb. lean chuck steak, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 red chili pepper
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 6-oz. can tomato paste
- 2 1/2 tsp. chili powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cumin seed
- 1/2 tsp. marjoram leaves
- 1 whole chili pepper (optional)

Soak beans in water overnight. Brown salt pork in skillet or slow cooker with browning unit. In slow cooker, combine soaked beans (with water), browned salt pork and remaining ingredients. Cover and cook on low for 9-10 hours. Makes 8 servings.

To change a regular recipe to a "slow cooker" recipe you need to:

1. Increase cooking time 6-8 hours.
2. Decrease liquids by one-half.
3. Brown and drain meat first.
4. Decrease the size of vegetable pieces and place them in the bottom of the cooker.
5. Add spices during the last hour.

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Treasury News

November sales of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds in Schleicher County were reported January 26, 1977 by County Bond Chairman Leslie L. Baker. Sales for the eleven-month period totaled \$26,415 for 106% of the 1976 sales goal of \$25,000.

Texas sales during the month amounted to \$22,560,585, while sales for the first eleven months of 1976 totaled \$254,887,405.

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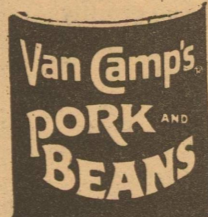


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Vivian Miears & Marilyn
Adkins - 4th
Bobby Sanders & Billie
Andrews - 5th
Penfield Barkers - 6th

Wednesday

The Wednesday Bridge Club met Feb 9th at 12:30 at the El Dorado Restaurant for a luncheon. Mrs. Mary Helen Stockton was hostess.

There were three tables of players present and Mrs. Jerrol Sanders was a guest. High prize was won by Mary Davis Coupe and Frances Thompson won Bingo.

New Tuesday

Fayla Cheatham was high point player during the New Tuesday Bridge Club competition this week. Getting low was Tooter Dunham. Four guests Sheila McClure, Judy Griffin, Sylvia Griffin and Elizabeth Bradley, were present. A new member is Karen Boatwright. Hostess was Betty Kay Lacy.

Tuesday

High scorer during the Tuesday Bridge Club play this week was Dale Preston with Bobbie Sanders winning high guest honors. Other guests were Frankie Williams and Rita McWhorter. Mary Jo Hill won Bingo. Hostess was Mrs. Richard Jones.

Vandals Declare War

(San Angelo) While San Angeloans slept or watched late night Television recently, a shooting war was declared by vandals that reached into the pocketbook of every Texas citizen. A rain of bullets on highways in the San Angelo District destroyed seven luminaires -- the huge 1000 watt lights like those on U.S. 87 south of San Angelo -- to the tune of an estimated \$2,870.00 in damages. The destructive artillery ranged from shot-guns to .22 caliber rifles, to heavy rifles that tore through cast aluminum housings as if they were cardboard. This night of violence climaxed an increasingly frequent destruction of every type of traffic control and safety device in the San Angelo area of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation (DHT).

Maintenance Foreman Gene Heise, who oversees such damage repairs, quotes some replacement costs that may be startling to most of us. For example, the 1,000 watt mercury vapor replacement bulb--cost \$60.00; the heavy glass lens that covers the reflector--\$60.00; the luminaire head and reflector in which the mercury vapor bulb is mounted--\$72.14 to \$150.00 each; the luminaire head which operates the newer sodium vapor (dusty colored) bulbs--cost \$250.00 each; the 4-way flashing beacon (bouncing ball) familiar at rural intersections--cost \$356.70; one 12" shatterproof plastic flashing beacon lens--cost \$12.00. All of these costs are replacement figures and to them must be added the cost of operation of specialized repair trucks, labor and lost time. These factors are readily accountable in dollars and cents, but a hidden factor remains that may in one blinding moment of catastrophe far outweigh this evident damage. What value shall we give to a life or lives snuffed out, because the intersection signal had been destroyed? How shall we calculate the distress and inconvenience to every motorist who must pass through a suddenly darkened area, where safety lighting is required, but which is now inoperative because of vandals?

Even the control panels at traffic signals, or on groups of luminaires have been destroyed by rifle fire, at a cost of \$300.00 each. Once Foreman Heise approached a damaged panel to unlock

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NURSING HOME NEWS

This column had to be completely neglected last week and it may not be very interesting this week.

One of our reporters, Beulah Harris, lost her oldest son, Melvin Harris, last week and the other reporter yours truly, was too sick to get the news together. For years I have heard occasionally of some one having shingles, but I had never had "it". Now, this week, I am right in the big middle of a "genuine" case of it and IT HURTS! I do hope the hospital here doesn't run low in their supply of pain killing medicine during the next month or six weeks.

The nursing home gained a new resident last week. He is A. W. Keys, of our county, and we are glad to have him with us, and we hope he is going to enjoy living here.

On the other hand, the it, and found the entire metal post electrified with 440 volts because of the vandalism. Fortunately a momentary contact warned him, and prevented serious injury or death. What would have happened to a pedestrian, bicyclist or disabled motorist, had he touched this pole before its repair?

Another time Foreman Heise repaired a damaged intersection beacon, and drove down the highway a short distance in order to drive back through the signal and observe its operation. Upon his return it was not working, but had been shot out almost in his presence.

Highway signs of every type are constant targets of vandalism throughout the 13 county district. The ordinary metal stop sign costs about \$40.00 to replace, including labor, others may be more or less expensive, depending upon size and type.

"Gun vandals currently do more than one-half million dollars worth of damage to Texas highway facilities each year," according to San Angelo District Engineer D.R. Watson.

"Such actions are a disgrace to decent sportsmen and responsible gun owners," said Watson. "Concerned citizens should report any such acts of vandalism, and parents might help to prevent these occurrences among juveniles by showing increased interest in where, when and at what, their children are firing guns."

Texas law provides that such vandals should pay replacement costs for the property destroyed plus court costs, plus criminal penalties to be imposed by the judge. One recent district court example totaled \$344.00. The man involved paid \$150.00 in property damage, court costs of \$44.00, plus a \$150.00 fine. Add to this the hidden costs to the culprit of embarrassment, legal fees and lost time, and any "fun" involved in shooting at highway facilities quickly fades away.

Stevens from San Angelo, Bill Crawford from Mertzson visited his mother, Flossie Crawford. A. W. Keys nephew and wife visited him from Del Rio. Mrs. Willie Walker from Eden, Texas, visited with Pearl Edmiston. Ann, Sherwood and John Ray Barker visited with Beulah Harris and Charles Young on Sunday.

Speech Results

Three Eldorado High School students placed in the semifinals during the Sonora High School speech meet Saturday. Donna Casbeer placed in the semifinals in poetry and Jolyn Jay and Jimmie Bosman placed in the semifinals in novice debate competition. Fourteen speech students and sponsor Ken Wilson will travel to Rankin Saturday to compete in speech competition.



GENE STARK
FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH

Dear Christian Friend:
Pictured here is a "ROUND TUIT"

Please cut this TUIT out and guard it with your life. At last we have sufficient quantities of "ROUND TUIT" to send to each of our friends. "TUIT" is hard to come by, especially the round ones. The demand has been great. Now that each of us has one, our problems should be largely solved. For one thing it is reasonable to expect that attendance will double at every gathering now that everyone has his own "ROUND TUIT".

So many have said, "Pastor, I'm going to worship regularly when I get a "ROUND TUIT". Others have said, "I know I should come to the worship services, prayer meetings and other activities, but I just never get a "ROUND TUIT". How many there are who know and say, "My Bible knowledge is not what it should be, and I know that Sunday School is just what the doctor ordered. I really want to come, but it seems I just can't get a "ROUND TUIT". Or, I'll be singing in the choir when I get a "ROUND TUIT". Or, I know I should serve on the Board or serve the Lord in some way, or teach a class when I get a "ROUND TUIT". Some say, if I get a "ROUND TUIT" I'll do some visitation. If I ever get a "ROUND TUIT", I will join the church and get involved."

So here it is . . . your own "ROUND TUIT". In Ephesians 5:16 Paul writes, "Redeeming the times, because the days are evil." Paul did not believe any Christian should ever use the excuses above or wait for his own "ROUND TUIT". When he said "redeem", he used an old Greek market form meaning to buy out, or purchase completely. Too many of us are waiting to do something when we can get a "ROUND TUIT".

The Greeks represented the concept of opportunity in sculpture by a youth with wings on his feet and back, having long hair in front and bald in back. The suggestion was that if he is grasped at all, he must be grasped by the forelock.

Let's not wait until we get a "ROUND TUIT" before we serve the Lord, let's "buy up completely" every opportunity that comes our way to serve Him.

It was recorded of Beau Brummell, the famous "dandy" and authority on dress in the England of the 18th century, that it took him four hours to get dressed and he dressed three times a day! He had time for nothing but attention to his personal appearance. I'm sure he waited until he got a "ROUND TUIT" before he did many things. As ridiculous as that sounds, how ludicrous are some of the things you spent time doing that cause you to wait until you get a "ROUND TUIT" to do some other things? God bless each of you as you and I ponder this question as we live another hectic day.

Let's Pause A Minute

Eldorado's
Ministerial
Alliance

Mrs. Harris
Crowned
Queen



Glenda Harris

Glenda Harris was crowned Valentine Queen of the Xi Xi Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority Monday night. A four-year member of the group, Mrs. Harris was selected by popular vote of members. Sorority members celebrated Valentine's Day with a salad supper before the meeting. During the meeting, a program featuring local girl scouts was discussed.

After the short business session, Sheila McClure and Tommie Boswell were presented pledge pins. They will recite the pledge ritual during the next meeting. The next meeting is set for Feb 28.



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By Ronnie Mittel
County Executive Director
Schleicher County ASCS

COUNTY WOOL AVERAGE

The average price received last year for wool in our county was 83 cents per pound. This compares to 72 cents which was the county average in 1975. If the national selling price averages less than 72 cents, incentive payments will be made in April to those who have filed applications.

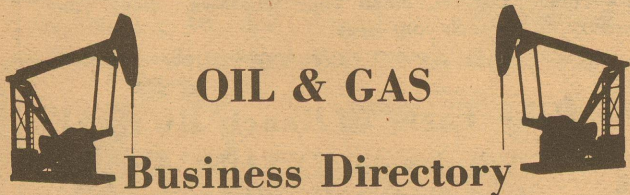
This program began back in 1954 when wool was recognized by Congress to be an essential and strategic commodity that was not produced in sufficient quantity in the United States. In other words it was a program designed to encourage wool producers to grow more wool. The Secretary of Agriculture is directed to establish an incentive price for shorn wool which will encourage the larger production. This price has been 72 cents since 1971.

COTTON TRANSFERS

1977 cotton allotment notices have been mailed to all cotton growers. Now is the time to file applications to transfer cotton by lease or sale. You may leave your name and register at the county office if you are interested in leasing or selling cotton acreage.

WHEAT AND BARLEY GRAZING DATE

March 1 is the final grazing date for wheat and barley. If you intend to graze out wheat and barley rather than harvest it for grain, you should certify it "for grazing" by March 1. Acreage not certified for grazing by the deadline is considered to be used for grain and will count as field grain in the disaster program.



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Readers are interested in what you think. Letters to the Editor are always read. Tell the Express News.

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ELDORADO SHAMROCK

Texas On Way To Number 1 In Agriculture

(College Station)--Texas agriculture continues to show its muscle, and Texas is making steady progress toward becoming the leading state in agricultural income.

With the conviction that "we can do it," Texas agricultural leaders in 1974 set their sights on becoming the No. 1 state in agricultural income by 1980. And a current look at the situation indicates that progress is steady toward that goal.

The goal of reaching for the top spot in agricultural income, with the slogan "On Our Way to No. 1," was projected by Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe. Because of the success of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in mapping out an earlier campaign which achieved the projected goal of increasing the state's agricultural income by \$1 billion four years ahead of schedule, Gov. Briscoe requested that the Extension Service assume leadership for this second thrust.

"Looking at current figures, we are making excellent progress toward reaching the potential goal of Texas being the No. 1 state in agricultural income by 1980," says Dr. Daniel C. Pfannstiel, who took over the reins of the Extension Service last June following the retirement of Dr. John E. Hutchison. "This progress is based on income projections through 1980 made by our economists."

Pfannstiel emphasizes that while the effort is pointed to increasing gross

income, the truly important thing is increasing the net income of Texas farmers and ranchers. Of course, this hinges on more efficient use of all resources.

"Agricultural income in Texas for 1976 is expected to total \$6.618 billion when the final figures are in," notes Pfannstiel. "This is second only to 1973 and almost \$600 million above 1975 figures. Looking ahead, our goal for 1980 is \$8.436 billion. Assuming the normal rate of growth for the states currently leading Texas, we feel that reaching our 1980 goal should put us in the No. 1 position."

Actually, the base period for gauging the rate of progress toward the Extension Service goal goes back to 1968 when an initial program was launched called "3.76 in '76." However, that goal of \$3.76 billion was surpassed in 1972, thus causing need for a new goal to be set.

A breakdown of Texas agricultural income as estimated for 1976 looks like this (compared with 1975 figures):

--Meat animals, \$2.492 billion (\$2.466 billion); Texas is now the leading state in the total number of cattle and calves, beef cows, cattle feeding and cattle slaughter.

--Dairy products, \$326 million (\$299 million).

--Poultry and eggs, \$367 million (\$354 million).

--Other livestock products, \$48 million (\$37 million); major commodities in this category include wool and mohair.

--Food grains, \$530 million (\$714 million); the big decrease was due to poor markets for wheat and rice.

--Feed crops, \$992 million (\$998 million); income was down slightly due to somewhat softer prices.

--Cotton, \$1.087 billion (\$516 million); this gigantic jump came on the heels of a strong market.

--Oil crops, \$164 million (\$160 million); peanuts are the leading cash crop in this group, which also includes soybeans, sunflowers and flax.

--Vegetables, \$203 million (\$257 million); most crops suffered from lower prices, especially onions, cabbage, cantaloupes, potatoes and carrots.

--Fruits and nuts, \$42 million (\$46 million); a poor pecan crop was a big factor in this drop in income.

--All other crops, \$107 million (\$79 million); this includes such crops as sugar beets and sugar cane, nursery plants and legumes.

--Related income, \$261 million (\$217 million); income from farm-based timber, fish farming, horses and recreation continues to show a marked increase.

What does this \$6.618 billion agricultural income mean to the Texas economy?

"The effects of the agricultural industry on the Texas economy is tremendous," notes Pfannstiel. "We call it 'agribusiness', and it added more than \$23 billion to the Texas economy in 1976."

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Campaign Aimed At Screw worms

A special campaign to deal a final death blow to the tenacious screwworm is being launched. Called "Mission '77; Stamp Out Screwworms," the campaign will be kicked off at a conference called by Gov. Dolph Briscoe in Austin on Feb. 24 at 9:30 a.m. at the Municipal Auditorium. The campaign is designed to create a new vigilance on the part of livestock producers in handling and treating livestock to eliminate the screwworm completely from Texas this year. Factors such as the cold winter, the new screwworm plant in Mexico, and a new strain of sterile flies, should help accomplish the goal, contends the director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Sure, people are interested that your son or daughter is home for a visit, even for a few days. Tell the Express News.

From The Horses Mouth
by Jerry Swift
Schleicher County Agriculture Agent

Local Youths Compete In San Antonio Livestock Show

Twenty five local 4-H and FFA boys and girls recently attended the San Antonio Livestock Show which will be completed tomorrow with the Lamb, Steer, Heifer and Premium Sale. Shanna Swift, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jerry Swift, brought home top honors in the light weight steer class as she won 1st with her Shorthorn Steer. Also winning a first place was Tanya Leggett with her Limousine Cross Steer on the hoof. Tanya is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Billy Williams. Bill Cawley, son of Mr and Mrs Jim Cawley, also placed first in the Junior Brangus heifer show. The group of Eldorado youth were under the supervision of County Extension Agent Jerry Swift and several parents.

Lambs: Lori Griffin - 10th place, Light Cross class and 23rd place medium Cross class; Todd Swift - 10th place Heavy Cross Class; Carl Igo 32nd place, Light Cross Class.

Cattle:
Steer Show: Shanna Swift, 1st place Light Weight Shorthorn Steer; Victoria Powell 2nd place, Light weight Hereford steer; Kelly Leggett 2nd place Light Weight Santa Gertrudis; Tanya Leggett 2nd place, Light Weight Brangus; Danette Dunagan 3rd place, Light Weight Brangus; Todd Swift 5th Light Weight British Cross; Tanya Leggett 1st place Limousine Cross on hoof, shown by Dan Dunagan.

Heifer show: Bill Cawley, 1st place Junior Brangus; Sally Cawley 2nd Junior Brangus.

Open Show: John Ben Cawley 8th place Brangus; Bill Cawley 11th place Brangus; Jay O'Harrow 8th place Santa Gertrudis.

Showman Class: Bill Cawley participated but did not place.

Home Garden Potential Is Great In 1977

Determining this information early will be a big help at planting time, notes Cotner. The Extension Service has numerous publications available on various phases of gardening that will provide answers to many questions. Copies can be obtained from any county Extension office. County agents can also advise gardeners on the proper varieties of crops for that particular area; proper varieties are a critical factor for a successful garden.

As far as proper fertilization is concerned, it's wise to have the soil tested to determine exactly the amount and type of fertilizer needed, notes the horticulturist. Information on soil testing is also available from any county Extension office.

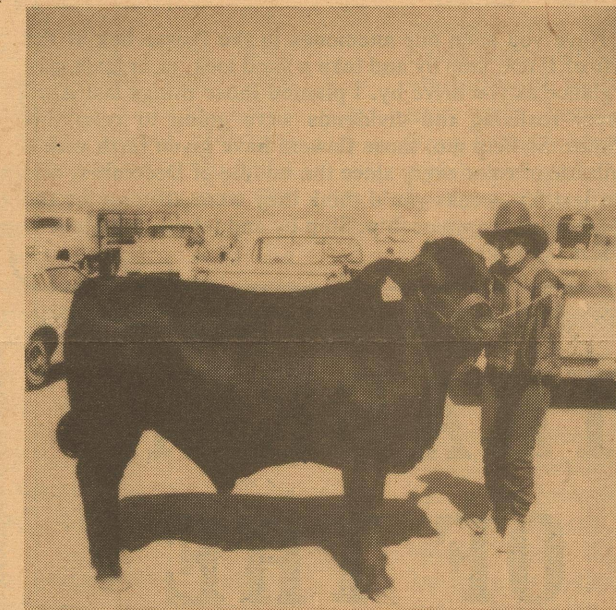
"Arm yourself with information and do some reading so that you'll be all geared up when planting time rolls around," emphasizes Cotner. "It can get you on the path to a successful and profitable garden in 1977."

Home vegetable gardens could pay off handsomely in 1977 due to current vegetable market conditions, says a horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

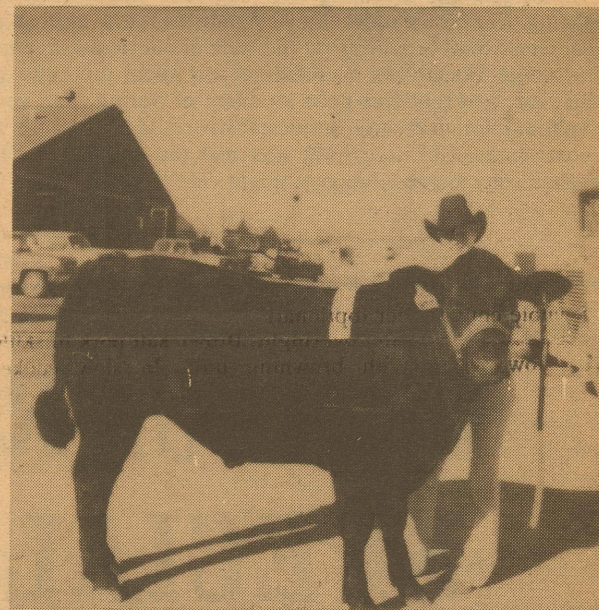
"Weather calamities in Florida and California and less than ideal conditions in South Texas will cause a sharp increase in the price of both fresh and processed fruits and vegetables this spring," points out Sam Cotner. "This means that home gardeners may be able to realize a substantial savings this year by growing many of their own groceries."

So Cotner encourages homeowners and others interested in starting a vegetable garden to start planning now.

"The key to a productive garden is to start planning early," he emphasizes. "This means deciding on what to plant, getting the proper variety of seeds or plants, and preparing the soil. Determining what type of fertilizer to use and how much is also important."



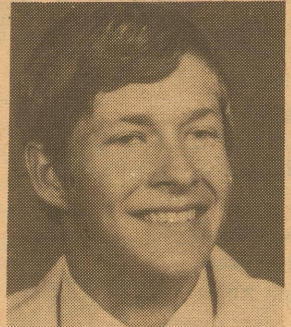
Tanya Leggett, 2nd place winner with her Brangus steer in the lightweight class.



Danette Dunagan, 3rd place winner with her Brangus steer in the lightweight class.



Todd Swift, 5th place winner with his British Crossbred steer in the lightweight class.



Matt Bumguardner, son of Mr and Mrs J. C. Bumguardner, has been named the General Mills Family Leader of Tomorrow for Eldorado High School.

He won the honor by competing with other seniors in a written examination in December. He received a certificate from General Mills, sponsor of the annual educational

scholarship program and is now eligible for state and national honors.

The state Family Leader of Tomorrow, who will be chosen through judging of the examination, will receive a \$1,500 college scholarship, with the second-ranking student receiving a \$500 grant.

The top winners from each state and the District of Columbia will be given an expense-paid educational tour of Colonial Williamsburg, Va., and Washington, D. C.

National winners will receive a \$5,000 scholarship, with the second, third and fourth place winners receiving scholarships of \$4,000, \$3,000, and \$2,000 respectively.

Your Social Security

About 286,000 needy aged, blind, and disabled people in Texas received \$286 million in supplemental security income payments in 1976, according to Franklin Upp, social security district manager. This means each person received an average payment of \$100.00 per year (\$83.00 per month). Of that amount \$166 million was paid to aged recipients, \$6 million to the blind, and \$114 million to the disabled, Upp said.

Supplemental security income is a Federally-administered program that pays monthly checks to people in financial need who are 65 or older and to people in need at any age who are blind or disabled.

The aim of SSI is to provide monthly checks so

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that needy people 65 or older, or blind or disabled, can have a basic cash income -- \$167.80 a month for one person, and \$251.80 for a married couple.

"Not every person gets that much in his supplemental security income check every month," Upp said. "Some people may get less because they have other income."

Supplemental security income is not the same as social security, even though the program is run by the Social Security Administration. The money for SSI checks comes from general funds of the U.S. Treasury. Social security benefits are paid from contributions of workers, employers, and self-employed people. Social security funds are not

used for SSI checks. People who get social security checks can get SSI checks, too, if they are eligible for both. But a person does not have to be eligible for social security to get SSI. If you think you may be eligible for SSI, or if you want more information, call your social security office at 949-4608.

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**ELDORADO BASKETBALL RESULTS
1976-77 SEASON**

ELDORADO BOYS VARSITY
Won 23 Lost 6

ELDORADO VARSITY GIRLS
Won 19 Lost 10

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| Eldorado | 72 | Kermit | 59 |
| Eldorado | 44 | Big Lake | 57 |
| Eldorado | 94 | Junction | 59 |
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| Eldorado | 86 | Mason | 64 |
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**JUST
JOGGIN'
ALONG!**
By Express News
Publisher, ED MEADOR

Jogging through the pasture Tuesday late afternoon I couldn't help but get the feeling that there was a lot going on that I wasn't seeing. Nature has a way of doing things like that, so taking a little time off from the routine, I went exploring. Sure enough, down in among all that tall grass new life was bursting out. Slender green shoots of grass, tallow weeds, and a host of others I didn't recognize, were pushing their way towards sunlight. Seems like it has been a little cold for all that activity, but I guess you just aren't going to hold the seasons back. Surely Spring is on its way.

Some days things just don't seem to work out at all. I hate to admit it, but as I write these lines the SMU Mustangs are taking a terrific shellacking at the hands of the Baylor Bears to the tune of 73 to 103. The Mustangs just couldn't get it together. That's a 1-1 split and neither team is in contention. Oh well, win some - lose some, as they say.



The old weatherman really goofed on the first part of the day today. Here we were all set for one of those nice, warm February days and lo and behold about 9:30 someone say "It's snowing!" Sure enough. Great big flakes carrying a load of water. It was all short-lived though, and by noon Mr Sun was poking his warm fingers through the clouds. It turned in to a pretty nice day after all.

If anyone has a feeling that someone might just be looking over his shoulder, they shouldn't get too upset. It's just Uncle Sam breathing on the back of our necks. Seems the old gentleman has his hand out just about this time of the year, and that's as good an omen of Spring than you could ask for. It'd sure be nice if we could all ask for a rebate instead of . . . What was that old saw about "If wishes were horses, beggars might ride"?

Basketball seems to be a thing of the past and all the high school athletes will be devoting themselves to the track and field events in the next few weeks. Seems every season has its own special things and the exuberance of Spring is certainly a time for running. It will be interesting to see. And I always get a little nostalgic when I remember that 1964 Champion track team Eldorado fielded at the finals in Austin . . . Ronnie Griffin, Gary Turner, Ronnie Williams, Pat Childers, Lynn Meador, Sambo Henderson and Coach Earl Barnett. We were a proud bunch of fans. I'll bet there will be others.

Have you seen our anemones in the flower box at the office? If not, stop by and take a good look, or at least give a glance as you drive by. I planted those things last April never realizing the dividends were going to reap this winter. So help me, those flowers have given forth with a fulisade of color every since the middle of December, and the last few weeks you'd think they were striving for the conference championship. Stop by and take a good look -- it'll make your day!

**Par-Tee
Notes**

We finally had a nice Sunday afternoon and 25 players enjoyed the regular Sunday Mixed Foursome. I believe this is the first play we've had since early November. Taking first place was the team of Tom Miner, Weatherly Kinser, Ted Short and Earl Smidt. Second place went to the team of John Pitts, Jerry Cantwell, Gladys Mittel and Ronnie Short. Coming in third was the team of John Nikolauk, Ralph Waldron, Juanita Taylor and Charlie Bradley. The regular monthly Bingo Party will be Wednesday, March 2, at 7 p.m. Bring the family and friends for a night of fun. **ELDORADO GOLF CLUB SPECIAL PLAY DAY EVERY 2nd & 4th SUNDAY at 1:30 P.M. EVERYONE INVITED TO PLAY IN THIS MIXED FOURSOME.**

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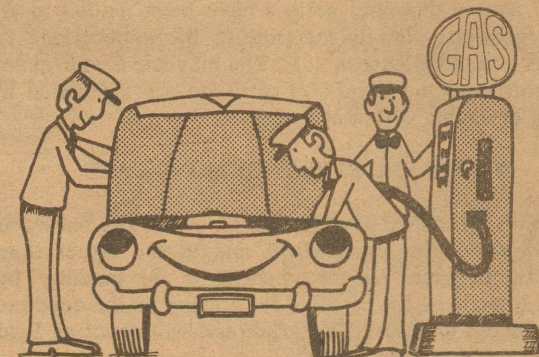
A complete list of ratings from the University Interscholastic League band competition in Brownwood last week has been released.

Receiving a superior rating were Jim Bob Byrd, Cleva Clark, and Teresa Logan, clarinet solo; Sammie Jay, Mary Byrd, Rhonda Kerr, and Debbie Patton, French horn quartet and Willie Day, trombone solo.

An excellent rating went to Byrd and Joy Corbell,

clarinet solo; Gynna Jay and Rene Rodriguez, trumpet solo; Gynna Jay, Donna Casbeer, Charlie Bradley and Rick Griffith, trumpet quartet and Lisa Smith, flute and piccolo solos. Wayne "Mr Mac" McDonald accompanied the group to Brownwood.

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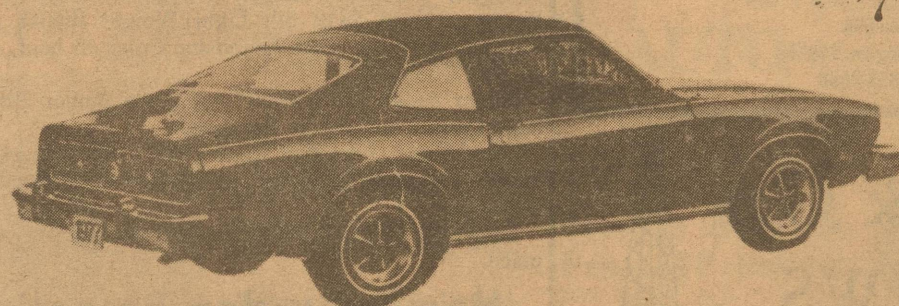
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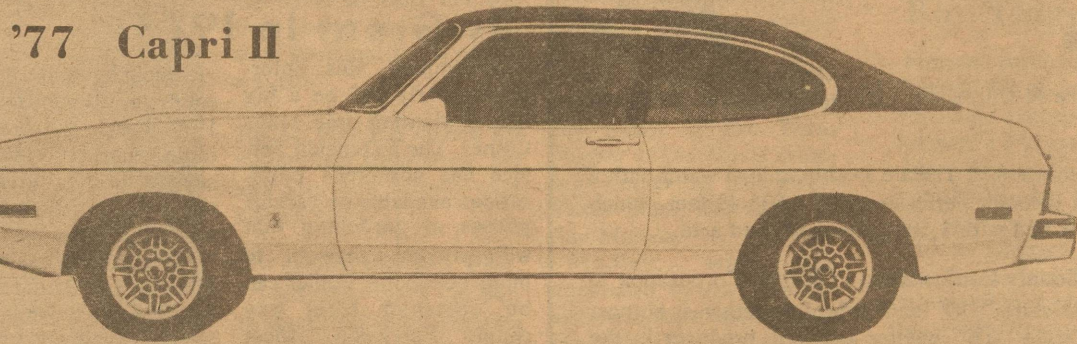
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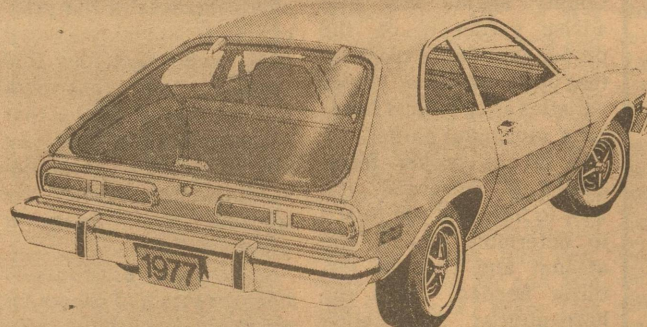
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