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CONGRATULATING ORVAL Edmiston during Monday's dedication of a stained glass window in his honor were [l-r] Martin County Sheriff Dan Saunders, former president of the Sheriffs Association of Texas; Gordon Johnson, Executive Secretary of the Sheriffs Association of Texas; Edmiston, retiring sheriff of Schleicher County; Tommy Williams, President of the Sheriffs Association; and Bill Webster, Sutton County Sheriff and first vice-president of the Sheriffs Association. [Staff Photo]

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BY T.B. NEILL

Every metropolitan newspaper office contains one or a dozen people who dream of the quiet life of a weekly newspaper editor. They would like to swap their daily struggles and deadlines for the life of contemplation, the pleasure of thinking great thoughts and ennobling the citizenry with them.

I know of no inoculation that would prevent the spread of this kind of thinking, but I have been around enough weekly newspaper people to know that a year on a weekly will cure the disease permanently. I still think editorship of a weekly ranks among the highest callings a man or woman can answer. But passage of time has changed the overall perspective.

Oh, we have the odd community newspaper editor who spends his time at the country club in golf togs or in a smoking jacket in his vast library. But those people bear little similarity to the sort of people who put out most of this country's weeklies.

Still, 99.999 percent of the nation's citizens are positive they can put out a first class newspaper in four days—and spend the rest fishing. The few who think otherwise are the editors of weeklies.

Most non-weekly people think the county seat town is just a miniature of the world. They believe the country editor spends his or her time wielding great power for the benefit of mankind within the county's boundaries.

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FIRST LAND-GRAB HELD IN 1903

Ranchers got land via 'rushes'

BY RENE CALCOTE

In 1903 a writer, signing himself as "Actual Settler" in the Eldorado paper, stated:

"God created these beautiful sloping hills of the west that we might have homes, and to tell me that we do not have law to protect us is a slam on the intelligence of civilization--Be it ever so humble there is no place like home."

The land law of 1901 was designated to change the open range of the cattlemen. It intended to enable the actual settler to acquire a home in this vast rangeland. Even numbered sections of school land, located in specified counties including Schleicher, were placed on the market at an average price of one dollar per acre with 40 years to

pay for it at three percent interest.

The maximum amount that one man could buy was four sections. Instead of filing an application for purchase of the land with the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Austin, as under former laws, the application was to be filed with the county clerk of the county where the land was located.

The clerk was to advertise that the land would come on the market at a certain date and the man who first filed an application for a tract of land, together with one-fortieth of the purchase price of the land and the interest for one year was awarded the land. This law instituted "land

rushes" in West Texas.

Oldtimers, in referring to the "land rushes", always imply that these efforts to satisfy land hunger caused the greatest excitement of any happening in Schleicher County. This period, when Schleicher County was young, was a tough and turbulent time.

The first "land rush" in Schleicher County took place August 26, 1901. The county clerk's office was open at 12 o'clock at night, but long before that time a crowd was lined up divided into two distinct factions.

Three men were inside the clerk's office to take care of the records. One of the men was to note and record the exact time when an application was made.

Another was to count and guard the money, and the third was to record the application.

At 12 the rush began. The two teams worked against each other trying to get in first. Men rolled, ran, crawled, walked on the shoulders of other contestants, or made their way toward the slot in the door of the office any way possible.

When one was jerked down or pulled out of line he passed or threw his application and money to a man on his side.

The rush continued for several hours until all the land was

filed upon and the crowd left.

Many "land rushes" were held in Schleicher County, but luckily no one was ever seriously hurt. A few torn clothes, bruises, and lots of foul language were seen, but no serious injuries resulted.

The law changed in 1905. School land was sold to the highest bidder and all sales were made directly by the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Austin.

Thus ended the era of "land rushes"

THIEVES GET \$1,300

Break-ins plague SC

Schleicher County Sheriffs Department officials continue to investigate a rash of break-ins, reported in and around Eldorado this month.

Over \$1,300 was taken from the Schleicher County Appraisal District office last Friday morning. The thieves entered the building by knocking out a glass at the front door.

The cash was taken from a money bag in a desk and included tax collections from various governmental entities.

Rio Grande Texaco was broken into the same morning. The thieves busted the lock on the front door of the building and gained entry, taking only a small amount of cash, about \$10.

Rural residences have not been safe either, with Henry Mittel reporting the theft of a television and VCR from his ranch, 12 miles north of Eldorado in one of the more remote sections of Schleicher County. The thieves broke out a

window to enter the Mittel house.

Curtis Stockton's ranch house was also entered and guns stolen, according to the sheriffs department, and several of the guns were recovered this week in Austin.

Deputy Ronnie Norris was in Austin Wednesday morning working on the investigation and retrieving the guns. Serial numbers from the weapons were entered in the statewide computer.

"We've had other break-ins we felt like were the work of wetbacks (illegal aliens), but these were not. The wetbacks usually just take things they can carry--food, binoculars, etc.," Sheriff Orval Edmiston said Wednesday.

Locals are warned to lock their homes when leaving for any time period at all and to be especially watchful concerning their neighbors and neighborhoods.



LAND RUSHES were instrumental in the settlement of Schleicher County. Claims were filed at this early-day Schleicher Courthouse. [Contributed Photo]

May 7 ballot final

Ballots for the City of Eldorado, Schleicher County Hospital District, and Schleicher County Independent School District races were finalized last week with the passing of the filing deadline.

Jimmy Martin was the last person to file for the school board, joining six others on the ballot for two positions. Others running for the board are George Gower, Tip Finley, Buff Whitten, Joe Max Edmiston, Dobbs Lively and Steve Sykes.

Incumbent Ronnie Mittel is not seeking re-election to the board, while Chris McCravy resigned several months ago and no one was ever appointed to fill his seat.

All four incumbents have filed for re-election to the hospital board--Hyman Sauer, Bill Dakan, Jerry Jones and Floyd Butler.

On the city ballot will be six candidates for three seats. Incumbents Rooster Jackson, Richard Preston and Terry B. Neill are running for re-election and are being challenged by John Callison, Dora Bosmans, and Carlos Estrada.

Absentee voting will begin April 18, with polling scheduled at the Memorial Building for all three races on May 7 from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Absentee voting for the hospital district and city will be conducted at city hall, with school board voters casting their ballots at the county clerk's office.

Fem netters lead way at JHS meet

The girls led the way recently when the Eldorado Junior High School Tennis Tournament was held on the local courts.

In seventh grade girls singles Lindy Hardy took first, with Cori Barton second and Deanda of Menard third. In seventh grade girls doubles, Tara Holley and Sonja Richards took first, with Leann Lamb and Holly Whitten second and Lauder milk and Kalig of Mertzon consolation winners.

In seventh grade boys singles, Leija of Big Lake was first,

followed by Eldorado's T.C. Willis and Irion County's Harvey, consolation winner. In seventh grade doubles, Wescott and Dawson of Irion County took first, followed by Matt Williams and Chris Meador, second and Chuck Fitts and Trey Morrison, consolation winners.

Sheffey of Irion County took first in eighth grade competition, followed by Reagan County's Shannon. Adkins of Sonora won consolation honors.

The Hooper-Chalk tandem from Sonora won eighth grade boys doubles, with Sanchez and Kemp, also of Sonora, second. Consolation winners were Bruce Copeland and Josie Balderas from Eldorado.

Low of Menard won first in girls singles, with Lisa Romero of Eldorado second and Prince of Big Lake consolation champ. Claudia Martinez and Roxana Martinez of Eldorado took first in eighth grade girls doubles, while Crissi McCormick and Lolily Barrera were second. Chalk and McCleary of Sonora won consolation honors.

- proud papa - reports

Mr. and Mrs. Don Garlitz of San Angelo announce the birth of their daughter, Allison Brooke, born March 25, 1988 at 4:31 p.m.

Allison was born at Angelo Community Hospital weighing seven pounds, two and one-half ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Johnston of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Garlitz of Eldorado.

Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lebbin of Ellinwood, Kansas and Mrs. George G. Page of Gustine.

April 22-24 -- East Texas Folk Festival, Huntsville. Sample the historic and ethnic customs, music, art, crafts, foods and folk life demonstrations of East Texas at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum and Park. Tour Houston's Woodland Home on its original site, kitchen, law office, blacksmith shop, and the Steamboat House where he died. An opportunity for individuals to join the "New Army of the Republic of Texas" will be offered. Admission: \$5; children under 8 free. More information from East Texas Folk Festival, Box 628, Huntsville 77342 (409-294-1832).

FROM LOCAL TAX OFFICE

Tax relief available

Taxpayers can learn how to get property tax relief from their local appraisal district offices, according to Ron Patterson, executive director of the State Property Tax Board (SPTB).

Patterson said the SPTB staff is working with appraisal districts and local news media to help make taxpayers aware of filing deadlines for property tax exemptions and other forms of property tax relief.

"Property owners must file rendition forms by March 31 and apply for exemptions and special productive valuation by May 2 this year," Patterson said. Taxpayers should file all exemption and productive value applications, as well as rendition forms, with the local appraisal district.

A rendition is a report a property owner makes listing taxable property owned or managed on January 1, 1988. On it, a taxpayer can record an opinion of the property's value. "If the owner renders a property's value, the appraisal district must notify the owner if it places a higher value on the property," Patterson explained.

Some property owners are required by law to render their

property. "Anyone who owns or manages income-producing personal property on January 1 must file a rendition statement with the appraisal district," Patterson said.

The chief appraiser may also require other property owners or managers to render property; if so, the chief appraiser will send a notice and the appropriate rendition form. Property owners must file renditions by March 31.

Homeowners can usually get tax relief through residence homestead exemptions. "Homestead exemptions help homeowners because they allow a part of a home's value to be exempt from property taxes. This in turn reduces the amount of property taxes assessed on the house," Patterson explained.

Homestead exemptions are available for all qualified homeowners and additional tax relief is available for persons who are disabled and those who are 65 and older. Elderly homeowners who receive the over-65 homestead exemption also get a "freeze" or ceiling on school taxes.

Disables veterans, survivors of deceased disabled veterans and survivors of those who died on active duty also receive tax exemptions from all taxing units.

"Farmers and ranchers can also lower their tax bills," Patterson said. "If their land qualifies for productivity valuation, the land will be taxed on its ability to produce, instead of its market value." Productivity valuation comes in two forms, often referred to by the section of the Texas Constitution that provides them: open-space or "1-d-1" valuation and agricultural or "1-d" valuation.

Property owners who last year received homestead exemptions, disabled veterans' exemptions and open-space land valuation do not need to reapply in 1988, unless the chief appraiser requests a new application to confirm the owner's current qualification. "However, that property owners who have not previously received tax relief on their present homesteads or land must apply in 1988. Farmers and ranchers who receive agricultural-use valuation must apply for it annually.

People whose property is in more than one county appraisal

district have an additional responsibility. They may have to file for exemptions and productivity valuation in each appraisal district in which the property is located. If they do not, taxing units may tax the property on its full market value.

Applications for exemptions and special valuation must be submitted to the appraisal office by May 2.

Complete information on tax exemptions and rendition requirements is in a pamphlet SPTB produces, "Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities." The pamphlet also explains how taxpayers can challenge the values placed on their property by protesting to the appraisal review board. The free pamphlet is available from appraisal district offices or from SPTB in Austin.

"Local governments will generate nearly \$9 billion in taxes this year," Patterson said. "It will help fund necessary services such as public schools, hospitals, fire and police protection, water, utilities and local colleges."

"I urge all property owners to learn about the property tax process, to file renditions and to take advantage of all forms of tax relief available to them," Patterson said.

Harlin, Hargraves say vows

Julie Lee Harlin of Knickerbocker and Perry Wayne Hargraves were married Saturday in the bridegroom's home. The Rev. Neal Brillhart officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Rathbone of Eldorado are the parents of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Rob Hargraves of Grape Creek are the bridegroom's parents.

Mrs. Hargraves is a 1983 graduate of Eldorado High School. She is attending Angelo State University and is employed by Texas Commerce Bank.

The bridegroom is a 1979 Water Valley High School graduate. He is a farmer-rancher.

Upon returning from a wedding trip to Red River, New Mexico, the couple will reside in San Angelo.

Predator Program set

The Texas Department of Agriculture announced it expects to begin training for its predator management program in April.

Training is to include proper identification of causes of predation, proper use of the livestock protection collar, safe handling techniques, emergency first aid treatment, recordkeeping and reporting requirements, and approved methods of predator control including non-lethal means. M-44 sodium cyanide applicator training will also be included in the 6-hour training sessions.

The collars, used to control coyotes, which prey on sheep and goats, contain a restricted-use pesticide, sodium fluoroacetate (compound 1080), which requires special certification and training for use. The U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency published a notice for public comment on the Texas Certification and Training Program in the February 19, 1988, Federal Register.

With the comment period due to end on March 21, 1988, TDA hopes to have final approval in time to provide some measure of assistance this lambing and kidding season. Cities tentatively selected for training sessions are: San Angelo, Fort Stockton, Sonora, Uvalde, Sanderson, Del Rio, Rocksprings, Fredericksburg, Brady, Goldthwaite and Lubbock.

An announcement of specific sites, dates and times will be circulated upon final EPA approval.

"In order to obtain a non-commercial applicator license to use the collar, a person must

complete the training, score 70 or above on the prescribed test and obtain a license. A \$20 testing fee must be collected before a person may take the test (two opportunities to pass the test are allowed without retraining). The annual license fee is \$50 for a non-commercial applicator's license.

For a commercial applicator license, a person must complete the training, pass the test, provide proof of financial responsibility and pay an annual license fee of \$150," said Murray Walton, TDA's Predator Management Specialist.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service will be assisting TDA in making arrangements for training sessions. To help livestock producers prepare for the test, the Extension Service has a limited number of copies of the publications Applicator Manual for Compound 1080 in Livestock Protection Collars and Using the M-44 in Coyote Control. To obtain one free copy of these publications along with use restrictions and TDA rules, write to: Extension Wildlife and Fisheries, Room 111, Nagle Hall, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.

Please specify that you want the Livestock Protection Collar training materials. TDA asks that only those planning to seek certification ask for these materials so that those with an actual need can be supplied these materials in a timely manner.

The Extension Service also has for sale at \$5.00 per copy an excellent publication entitled Procedures for Evaluating Predation on Livestock and Wildlife. TDA recommends that all livestock producers concerned with predation problems also acquire a copy of this publication.

For additional information on Livestock Protection Collar applicator certification, contact Murray Walton, Predator Management Specialist, Texas Department of Agriculture, Austin, Texas (512) 463-0013.

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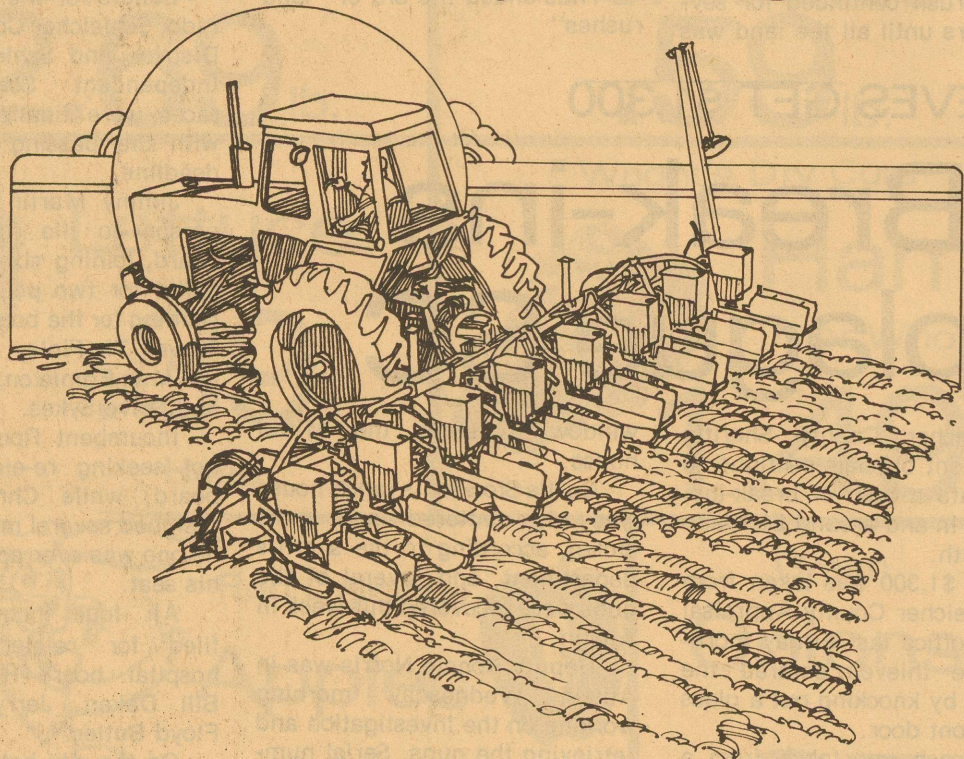
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Schleicher County Gin

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They do not accept, or at least they sweep under the mental rug, the idea that most country editors do the work of two people for less pay than a good carpenter takes home.

Myths continue, though. Journalism schools are full of people who want to reform part of the world. More power to them, and to the big city chaps who want to try their luck in the small town. But they should be forewarned that some of their myths are going to evaporate as the years go by.

Let me offer 10 that are sure to vanish. I compiled the list for the TPA Messenger eight years ago. Its accuracy has not changed.

1. If a newspaper editor turns the full fury of the editorial page loose on a community problem, it will be solved in a hurry, even if everyone else in town is opposed to the editor's view.

2. If an editor makes one mistake in giving 1,000 items of information, people will remember the 999 correct items and forget the minor lapse.

3. If the editor sits down and explains things patiently, the president of the club that got only six inches of space will understand that no favoritism was intended when the town's other club got seven and three-eighths inches.

4. That although a businessman might quarrel with the editor, he wouldn't let his spite get the best of him and kill next week's full page ad.

5. That people will happily pay for advertising and subscriptions promptly, if asked politely.

6. That creditors will gladly wait for their money, if asked politely.

7. That all city and county officials believe one of the editor's first duties is to analyze the work of elected officials and show them their mistakes.

8. That friends will get a chuckle out of a dropped line or type that causes the newspaper to say the friend has a social disease or is facing bankruptcy.

9. That country editors live a slow-paced life of bliss, with plenty of time to rewrite every story and polish it to excellence.

10. That a country editor, harassed by creditors, libel suits, irate business people, club presidents and assorted other characters, could find no other job that would provide as much pleasure of gratification.

It is possible, barely possible, that no matter how advanced the world gets and how rampant cynicism becomes, newspaper people will keep myth No. 10 alive. I hope to.

Reprinted from Texas Press Messenger, written by Martin L. 'Red' Gibson.



Still the maximum legal speed permitted in most highway zones.

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Provision affects most U.S. ag men

On December 23, 1985, Congress passed the Food Security Act of 1985, including landmark conservation provisions of a scale not seen since the late 1930's. These provisions will eventually affect about 24 percent of all the land in farms and 80 percent of all farmers in the United States.

These provisions impact the major ongoing farm programs of USDA by imposing new requirements for persons to maintain eligibility for USDA farm benefits. The provisions most affecting Schleicher County are Sodbuster, Conservation Compliance and Conservation Reserve.

Sodbuster applies if you plant annually tilled crops on a highly erodible field that was not used for crop production during the period 1981-85. If you plow out such a highly erodible field, you must do so under a conservation system approved by the local conservation district in order to remain eligible for USDA program benefits.

Conservation compliance applies if you continue planting

annually tilled crops on highly erodible fields. To remain eligible for certain USDA programs benefits, you must develop and be actively applying a locally approved conservation plan for those highly erodible fields by January 1, 1990. You must have the plan fully implemented by January 1, 1995.

The Conservation Reserve offers producers help in retiring highly erodible cropland. The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) will share up to half of the cost of establishing permanent grasses, legumes, trees, windbreaks, or wildlife plantings on your highly erodible cropland. Under 10-year contracts, ASCS will make annual rental payments to you as long as the terms and conditions of the contract are met.

For more information about the conservation provisions or for conservation planning assistance, contact the local SCS field office. SCS Conservations can tell you if you have highly erodible fields and they will help you prepare a conservation plan.

AN EDITORIAL

Hats off to a good 'un

BY TERRY B. NEILL
Success Editor

The first time we ever heard his name mentioned it went something like this: "Eldorado is Orval Edmiston's town. He runs a pretty tight ship. Not much crime in Eldorado."

This week Orval Edmiston retires after 31 years as sheriff of Schleicher County. What better tribute to the lawman and the man than those words first muttered to this newsman over 10 years ago.

Orval Edmiston has been one constant in Schleicher County. The oil business has come and gone, boomed and busted, and agri-business is tied to rainfall and prices. But Orval has been the same sheriff for 31 long years.

Such tenure has been matched seldom in the annals of Texas law enforcement and we doubt that the retirement of any sheriff in Texas has caused a bigger commotion state-wide than Edmiston's did Monday.

Law enforcement officials from all levels of state govern-

ment drove and even flew into Eldorado Monday morning for the dedication of a new stained glass window in the district courtroom—dedicated to Edmiston's 31 years of service.

During the activities that morning the dedication and contributions of Edmiston's wife, Charlene, and his family were also mentioned. It does not take much imagination to picture the understanding and support Charlene must have extended her husband during his tenure behind the badge.

Some have disagreed with the way Orval Edmiston has run the sheriff's office, but most folks would have loved to have been there in that crowded courtroom Monday morning and to have joined the others in a standing ovation for a job well done.

Luckily for this community, Orval Edmiston is not retiring and leaving, instead planning to put more time into his growing ranch operation. We will miss you Orval, for you are one of those whom we save a special description—you're a good 'un.

Camporee attended by SC Boy Scouts

Five Scouters from Eldorado's Troop 18 traveled to Fort Stockton this past weekend to participate in the Permian Basin District Spring Camporee.

It was the first time in recent years that the Troop has traveled out of its district to attend such an event.

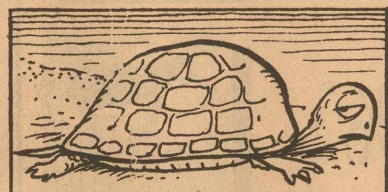
Scouts Tim O'Connor, Ernesto Ruiz, and Mike O'Daniel competed against others in scouting oriented games, while assistant scoutmasters Mike

O'Connor and Randy Van Horn provided assistance and judging in events.

The boys showed their skill at camping by winning a blue ribbon award for patrol campsite inspection and a blue ribbon award of merit and honor for best overall campsite at the camporee. Troop 18 is very proud of them for carrying on a winning tradition.

In April the Troop will travel to Camp Sol Meyer for its District Spring Camporee.

Boys 11 years of age and older can join by calling Weldon Jenkins at 853-2181, Mike O'Connor at 853-3309 or Randy Van Horn at 853-2008 for more information.



Turtles give their young no care at all. The mother sea turtle digs a hole on a beach and lays her eggs, covers them with sand and then returns to the sea. The sun hatches the eggs.

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RETIREMENT TRIBUTE--A stained glass window for the district courtroom, honoring retiring Sheriff Orval Edmiston's 31 years of service to the county.

Cantata conducted

"Then Came the Morning", an Easter Cantata was presented Sunday evening at First Baptist Church by a Community Choir, directed by Stan Wilkins, Music Director of First Baptist Church.

It was a beautiful rendition of events leading to the Crucifixion, Burial and Resurrection and the unbelief until the disciples realized that it was really Jesus

who had risen from the grave.

Accompanist was Maxine Page, narrators were Glen Nix and Chris Graham. They represented two Disciples. Soloists were Tom Peaslee, Anne Darnell, Becky Moore and Dale Lipsett.

Before the performance the Prelude was played by Francis Goodman, violinist, accompanied

by Maxine Page.

Choir members were: Anne Darnell, Teresa Wilkins, Helen Pfluger, Wanda Edmiston, Anthenette Mankin, Amy Robinson, Kari Bilbre, Vidette Saltee, Becky Moore, Dana Owens, Lucille McWhorter, Mabel Blaylock, Mary Nolan, Deann Walker, Mary Robinson, Bud Arendt, Dale Lipsett, Tom Peaslee and Ken Thomas.



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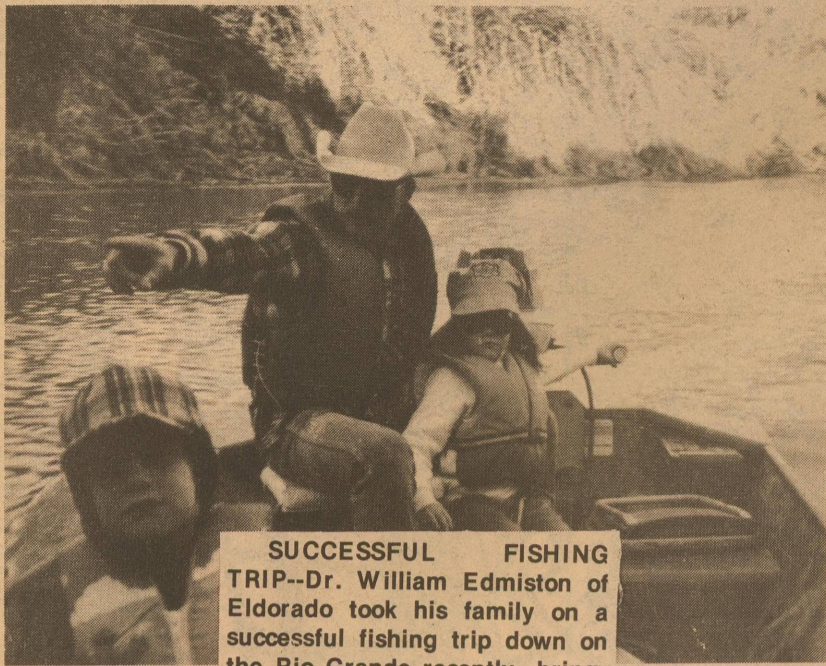
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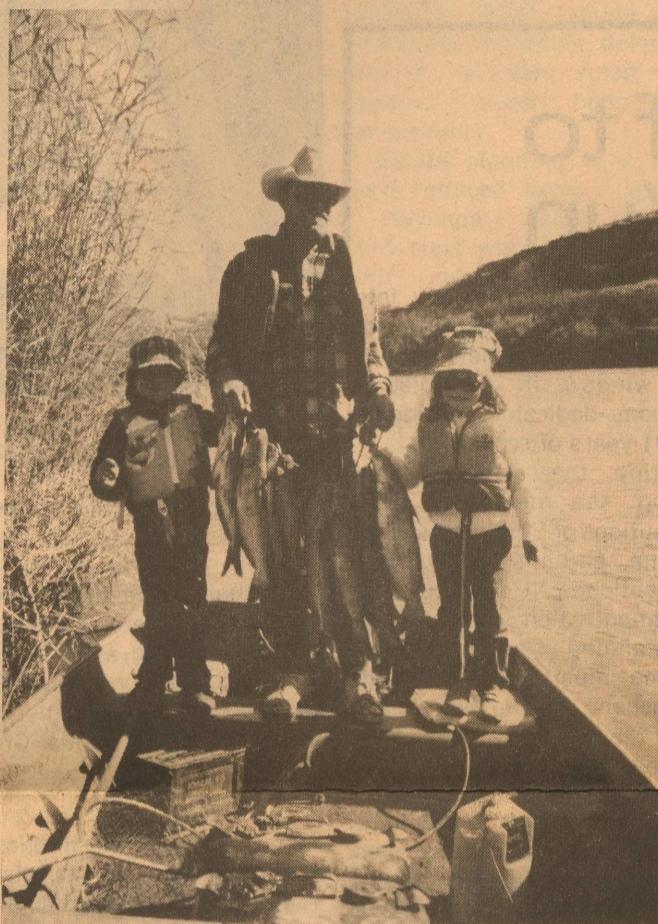
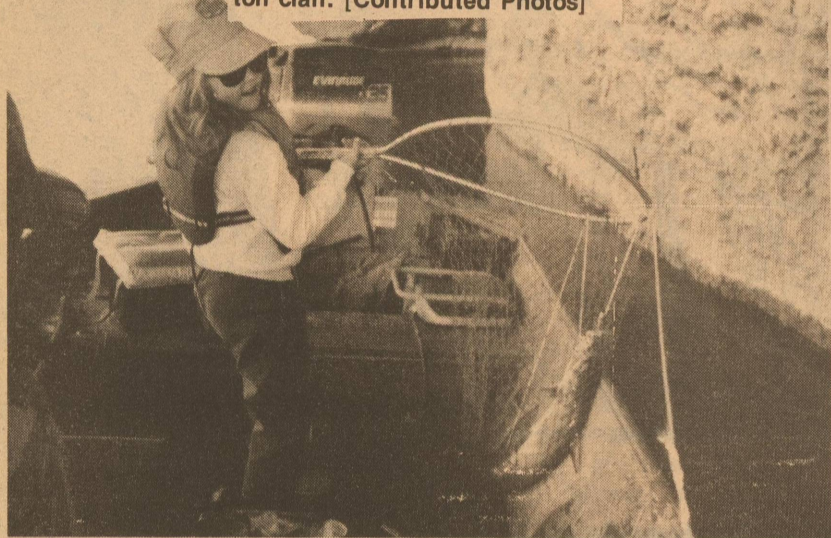
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SUCCESSFUL FISHING TRIP--Dr. William Edmiston of Eldorado took his family on a successful fishing trip down on the Rio Grande recently, bringing home a stringer or more of catfish and giving the kids a chance to learn how to pilot the boat, use a dip net, etc. The rugged river country proved a challenging host for the Edmiston clan. [Contributed Photos]



-top of the divide-

BY THOMAS GIOVANNITI

I don't know about you, but I always get a little anxious as this weekend approaches. I do not mean because it is Easter. Easter is a great and fine holiday, probably the most important holiday for Christians. The reason I get anxious is because this also is the weekend that we have to change our clocks.

Up until a few years ago I had to find out whether this was the weekend that I would lose an hour of sleep or gain an hour of sleep. Someone told me the slogan, "Spring forward and Fall back", which has, at least solved the problem of which way I needed to set my clock when I go to bed on Saturday. The other problem, though, is all the digital electric clocks and watches.

In the "good old days" I could just pull up the stem, turn it, and soon I would have my watch reset. The wall clock was changed by moving the minute and hour hands with my finger, closing the glass face and everything was back on time.

But enter the digital clock and watch, with pages of instruction that I usually have lost by the time the change to or from standard time arrives, and now I have to guess how I can get the little digits to go forward or back to reset the time. I end up with watches and clocks blinking micro-seconds at me or giving me the day and date and not time

at all. Sometimes I end up timing myself as I try to change the time. At other times (pardon the pun) I find myself setting the military time. If I just can figure out how to change the digits, I take the battery out in the fall for one hour and in the spring for twenty-three hours. I am sure there is an easier way, but I don't want to learn how it is done.

There are some things that ought to be left alone and the clock is one of them. The thing about a clock is those slow moving hands give time a more subtle feel as it glides around the face of a grandfather clock or a bell shaped mantle clock.

I always liked the mantle clock with the key hole in the front in which a key, sort of like a skate key, was inserted to, guess what, change the time. So far, at least, they have not, to my knowledge, made a digital grandfather clock.

Congress has also seen to it that these changes to our time are done at Two O'clock in the morning on a Sunday morning. Who the heck is up at Two O'clock in the morning except young singles and they don't care what time it is?

It also might say something for the priorities of congressmen and those who influence them, that they are more willing that we might miss church on Sunday if we failed to change our clocks, but don't want to risk us being late for work on Monday.

-letters to the editor-

Dear Editor:

What are we going to do about the truth that Mr. La Rouche puts out that if we don't have a \$26.00 a barrel trigger price on oil, we will face bankruptcies worse than 1929? I think we had better pay more attention to what Mr. La Rouche says or we all will be in the poor house. Mr. Baker dead against oil imported tariff of \$26.00 per barrel has done more to rip the system apart, starting with first the Republic Bank of Dallas. It was a sure fire signal that the whole southwest banking system has gone.

The only federal action that could alleviate anything is the kind of financial and economic reorganization policy that La Rouche has put forward. Declare a state economic emergency to activate the powers of the presidency to reorder the bank-

ing and credit system. Provide about \$2 trillion per annum of credit, in the form of gold-backed treasury notes, for investment in basic infrastructure of industry, agriculture and forefront areas of scientific research and technological development.

So watch Lyndon La Rouche on C.B.S. April 12, 1988 at 7 p.m. on the banking crash in 1988.

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Phone 915-853-2308

To our Editor:

I think the stained glass window in honor of our good sheriff, Orval is well earned, but the old saying behind a good man stands a good woman is so true in Orval's case.

Charlene, who lived in the jail house so many years and raised her family there, fed the prisoners. I bet she washed a shirt or two.

So hats off to Charlene for a job well done.

Lois Pinkston

Davis rites held here Wednesday

Goldie Geneve Davis, 71, died Monday, March 28, 1988 in Schleicher Medical Center.

Graveside services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Eldorado Cemetery directed by Kerbow Funeral Home.

She was born December 20, 1916 in Ashland, Ohio. She was a housewife and a member of First Christian Church. She resided here for five years.

Survivors include one daughter, Janet Felver of Eldorado; one sister, Eunice Bradin of Ashland; one brother, Floyd Hesson of Mansfield, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

-V.F.W. memorials

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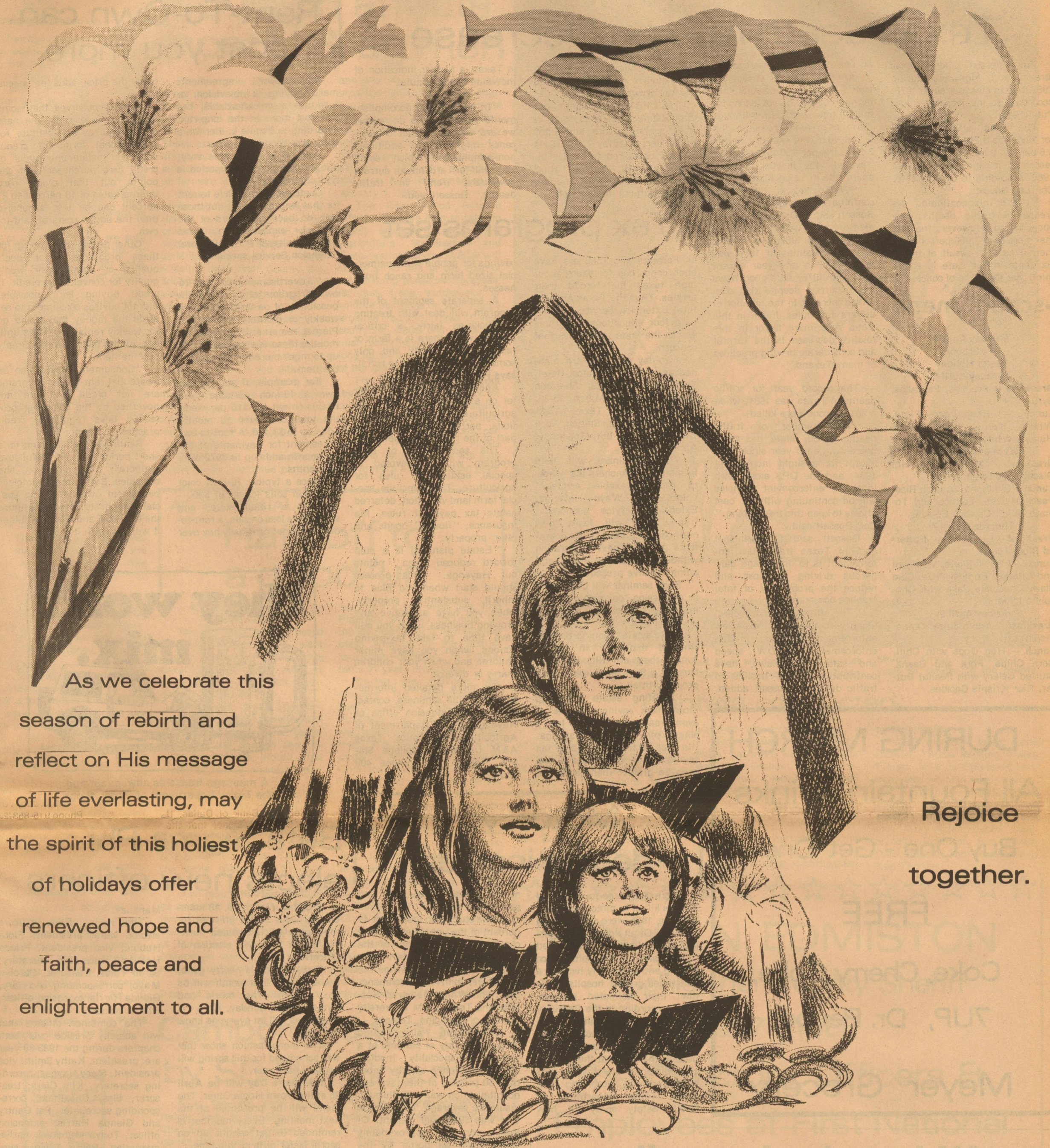
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ACCORDING TO DPS REPORT

Texas death rate on Decrease

Fewer persons died on Texas streets and highways during 1987 than in any year since 1976, according to the Department of Public Safety.

The Texas traffic death total for 1987 was 3,261, a decrease of 8.6 percent from the 3,568 deaths recorded in the state during 1986, according to DPS Director Col. Leo Gossett.

"I find this continuing decrease in traffic deaths very encouraging. However, the fact that more than 3,000 persons lost their lives as a result of traffic accidents in our state is something that should be of concern to

all Texans," Col. Gossett said.

Another way of measuring traffic safety is to calculate the number of deaths for each 100 million miles traveled. Although the miles driven increased slightly last year, the rate dropped to 2.2 deaths per 100 million miles traveled, the lowest mileage death rate in Texas history.

"We're hoping that will continue in coming years," Col. Gossett said. "On the other key measurement, we noticed that 20 years back to 1967, the number of traffic fatalities in 1987 was lower than in any year except 1974 and 1976. This good news has occurred despite the continued increase in the number of drivers and miles driven in this state. A primary factor in this fatality decrease is the careful and considerate driving practices of many Texans."

The record year for traffic deaths in Texas was 1981, when 4,701 persons were killed.

"The number of traffic deaths in our state has been decreasing each year since 1981 except for a slight increase in 1984, and the DPS along with local law enforcement agencies will be continuing with our best efforts to keep this trend going," Col. Gossett said.

Gossett said the principal goal of Texas traffic law enforcement is to discourage dangerous driving practices and reduce the probability of fatal crashes occurring.

"The efforts of our troopers, along with the other Texas law enforcement agencies, in the enforcement of the DWI, speed and safety belt laws, have contributed to this decline in traffic deaths," Gossett added.

"Our challenge is to maintain a high level of seat belt usage as the law grows older."

The DPS director pointed out that fatalities of persons riding in front seats of cars and light trucks decreased by 7.5 percent in 1987 compared to 1986. The decrease is 18.1 percent when comparing 1987 to 1984, the last full year without the seat belt law

in Texas, a further indication of the value of the statute.

"In spite of the accomplishments shown by the decreases, we are concerned that complacency might create additional non-compliance, which could very well turn around our current downward trend in traffic deaths," Gossett said.

Tax programs set

Farmers and ranchers have been concerned for years about high taxes that erode their estates. Thus the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is planning four educational programs across the state to address that concern.

Two-day seminars are planned as follows: Sheraton Hotel, Tyler, March 21-22; Sheraton Hotel, Amarillo, March 28-29; Rudder Center, Texas A&M University, College Station, April 7-8; and Holiday Inn, McKinney, April 11-12.

"The seminars will help farmers and ranchers learn how to reduce taxable estates," points out Dr. Wayne Hayenga, Extension Service economist. "They also will learn new methods for passing their operations to the next generation without burdens on taxes and administrative procedures."

Each seminar will begin with a discussion on estate taxes, including deductions, expenses and tax rates.

Basic estate planning devices will be explained in depth. Among these are wills, buy-pass trusts, gifts, disclaimers and property titles.

"Relating estate plans to income tax savings can be of even greater benefit than just a single plan," notes Hayenga. "In fact, sometimes income tax savings over many years can even be greater than estate tax

savings for people with commercial sized farm and ranch businesses."

A separate segment of the program will deal with treating beneficiaries fairly, a critical concern when there is a farm or ranch in the family and only some of the heirs want to run it, says Hayenga.

Another discussion will center on estate planning tools for agriculture, including corporations, partnerships and selling part of the business to heirs.

The second day of each program will be devoted to special estate tax rules for agriculture. These include special farm land valuation, deferred estate tax payment rules, life insurance, "flower" bonds and other property.

"Estate planning is a step toward reduced taxes," points out Hayenga. "This process should start when you plan to inherit substantial property, when you have an active and growing business, when you still have time to take tax-saving actions, when you have minor children and when your children marry or divorce."

For more detailed information about the seminars, contact any county Extension office or Hayenga, of the Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843; phone 409 845-2226.

Rent-To-Own can cost you more

Rent-to-own agreements make buying a television or furniture seem affordable, but can cost more in the long-run, according to Bonnie L. Piernot, a consumer economics expert.

Rent-to-own programs vary, but an 18-month rental period is typical, she says.

Customers don't have to rent for that length of time, but those who do become owners of the product, explains the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service specialist.

"Advertisements for rent-to-own programs often stress the possibility of ownership and low weekly or monthly payments," Piernot remarks. "But over the months these low payments add up to much more than the cost of the item."

For example, if you rent-to-own a 19-inch portable color television set for \$15 per week, the total cost over 18 months adds up to \$1,170. A rent-to-own agreement for payments of \$54 per month adds up to \$972 after 18 months.

Since a typical 19-inch color television sells for about \$300 - \$400 in a retail store, and sometimes less on sale, a rent-to-own customer can easily pay over

twice the price, adds the specialist.

Piernot observes that some consumers use rental-purchase agreements as a substitute for conventional forms of credit, such as installment plans or credit card purchases. But she points out that credit card interest rates of 18 percent to 21 percent can be less expensive than the added costs of rent-to-own.

Other people who sign up for these programs either don't qualify or think they won't qualify for conventional credit. If credit buying isn't possible, Piernot advises consumers to set aside the money that would go for weekly rental payments until enough has been saved to simply buy the item.

"Consumers should also be aware that rent-to-own programs are not credit and are not governed by the consumer protection laws regulating credit practices," Piernot says.

Renting household items for a short period may be useful in a temporary living situation, she concedes. But before renting for permanent ownership, the specialist suggests consumers figure the total cost and decide whether it will be worth it.

-school menu

Monday April 4

No School

Easter Holiday

Tuesday April 5

Breakfast -- Peaches, Pancakes, Syrup.

Lunch -- Hamburger Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Pear Halves, White Cake with Icing.

Wednesday April 6

Breakfast -- Orange Juice, Hot Biscuits, Sausage, Jelly.

Lunch -- Chalupas, Spanish Rice, Peach Halves, Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Cowboy Cookies.

Thursday April 7

Breakfast -- Grape Juice, Buttered Rice, Toast.

Lunch -- Fish Nuggets, Macaroni and Cheese, English Peas, Cole Slaw, Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Icing.

Friday April 8

Breakfast -- Apple Juice, Cinnamon Toast.

Lunch -- Hog Dogs with Chili, Corn Chips, Pork and Beans, Stuffed Celery with Peanut Butter, Rice Krispie Cookies.

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Motorcycle deaths increase

More than three-fourths of all Texans killed in motorcycle accidents in 1985 were not wearing helmets. Of all accidents requiring hospitalization, unhelmeted riders were in the hospital twice as long and had nearly two and a half times greater hospital costs than their helmeted counterparts, according to the February issue of Texas Medicine.

More than 400 motorcyclists were killed in Texas in 1986, despite the fact that the number of registered motorcycles has been declining, according to a recent Texas Department of Public Safety study on how

helmet usage affects cost and severity of injury.

"The study also found that 41 percent of the unhelmeted riders compared to 27 percent of the helmeted riders had not hospitalization insurance," writes the author Dr. John A. Schuchmann, Scott and White Memorial Hospital and Texas A&M University College of Medicine, Temple.

Schuchmann also found through a study of patients at a large multispecialty medical center that only slightly more than 60 percent of their average hospitalization was paid through insurance coverage. The average cost was \$9467 per patient. Of that amount, approximately \$3662 must be borne by the hospital, paying patients, or by taxpayers.

Injuries from motorcycle accidents can lead to acute and chronic medical costs, time lost from work, and in more severe cases, inability to return to work or to make a living, according to the official journal of the Texas Medical Association. The author adds that motorcycle accidents cost society an estimated \$180 million.

"Accidents burden society with acute and chronic health care costs and long-term rehabilitation and retraining costs resulting in increased overall health care costs, increased insurance premiums, and increased expense to society," write Schuchmann. To save lives and costs, Schuchmann concludes the mandatory helmet law should be reinstated in Texas.

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Beta Sigma Phi elects new officers

Monday, March 28, 18 members of Beta Sigma Phi met for their regularly scheduled meeting which was also election of officers.

Since March is nearly gone, the social for this month will be next month. The movie and dinner will be Sunday, April 17. Hostesses will let everyone know the time.

The mens fashion show that was scheduled for this spring will be held next year.

Founder's Day will be April 25 at the Down Home Diner. The menu will be presented at the next meeting. Every member is reminded to get caught up on secret sister gifts at this time.

The next item on the agenda was the election of officers for 1988-89. For Xi Xi Chi chapter these ladies were elected as follows: president, Kathy Smith; vice president, Stacy Haynes; recording secretary, Kim Clark; treasurer, Sissy Cheatham; corresponding secretary, Pat Gentry; extension officer, Tonya Mahanay.

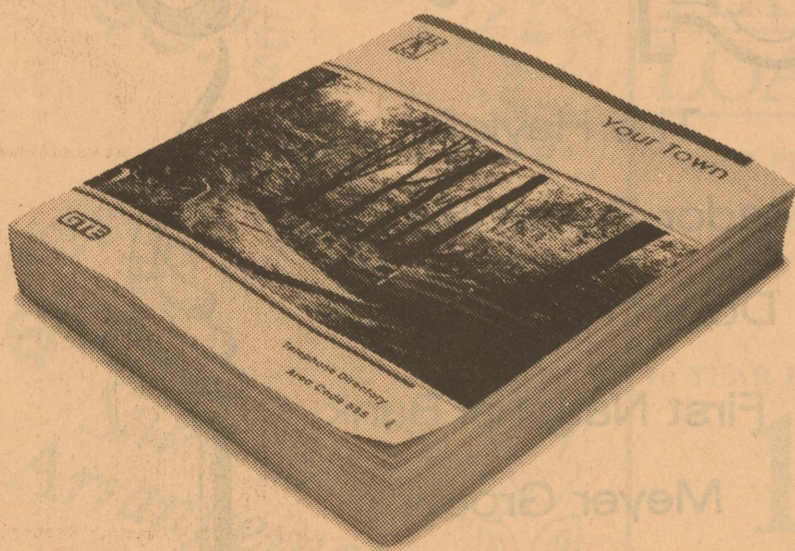
Mahanay.

The Kappa Delta officers elected were: president, Flora Hubbe; vice president, Frieda Hanusch; recording secretary, Sarah Yates; treasurer, Carolyn Mayo; corresponding secretary, Glenda Harris; extension officer, Kim-et Nelson.

The combined officers that will actually preside over both chapters during the 1988-89 year are: president, Kathy Smith; vice president, Stacy Haynes; recording secretary, Kim Clark; treasurer, Sissy Cheatham; corresponding secretaries, Pat Gentry and Glenda Harris; extension officer, Tonya Mahanay; parliamentarian, Becky Taylor; sunshine girls, Barbara Jackson and Brenda Norris; telephone girls, Sue Neill and Mary Jenkins. These ladies will take office at the Founder's Day Banquet April 25.

The meeting was adjourned with the closing ritual. Refreshments were served by Glenda Harris and Tonya Mahanay.

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BY EARLY EXPLORERS Sinkhole called "national phenomenon"

EDITOR'S NOTE--The following article written by Grady Hill in September 1934 appeared in The San Angelo Standard Times.

The biggest cave of its kind in the world, rivaled only by the Padriac Cave in Southern France, a hole only about half as big--

A limestone-walled hourglass space containing probably the biggest natural mountain within a mountain on the face of the globe--

A subterranean world criss-crossed by crystal clear streams of pure, icy waters which originated perhaps half a continent away--

The haunt of millions of bats which have deposited perhaps 150,000 tons of guano worth \$4,500,000 at current low prices for the fertilizer--

A great concave room, containing more space than any single room in Carlsbad Cavern, from which 40 to 50 passages, some of them never entered, lead off into a blackness unpenetrated

through millions of years-- Picturesque formations and a stratum of the earth in which are embedded fossils of bug-like and shell-like denizens of the Comanchean Sea which covered West Texas 6,000,000 years ago--

These things represent in part the known parts of the Devil's Sinkhole, recently partially explored natural wonder 12 miles east of Rocksprings, county seat of Edwards County.

The attraction which the Sinkhole is expected to hold for sightseers was boosted Friday night by the discovery of a "jungle room" of stalagmites and stalactites which, according to Dr. Frank E. Nicholson, range in size from that of a darning needle to a width equal to that of a man and 20 feet in height. The "growth" of stalagmites, the formations seemingly sprouting from the floor of the big room, is so thick that many will have to be cut down so a human can get through to the other end.

Frank Nichols, engineer for Dr. Nicholson in the present

project, stumbled over the "jungle room" Thursday night while the two were in the cave, seeking to trace the bats back into their main chamber. They failed to find the latter.

Exploration of the cavern was to be started in earnest this weekend by Dr. Nicholson, who gained an honorary doctor of science degree from Columbia University for his discovery and charting of five new miles of the Carlsbad Cavern. Dr. Nicholson, age 33, is enthusiastic about the sinkhole. He sees it as more awe-inspiring initially and greater potentially than Carlsbad Caverns.

The most immediate profitable feature of the cavern thus far is undiscovered. That is the main bat chamber.

The promoters of the Devil's Sinkhole, among them Senator John W. Hornsby of Austin, plan to expend from \$35 to \$40 thousand in development of the cave, including a \$7,500 expenditure for an elevator which will

be paid for on a percentage basis. Dr. Nicholson expects to get power to operate the elevator and light the cave from the underground streams or from Hackberry Creek headwings, which gush out of the canyon wall about four miles from the cavern entrance. He thinks the cavern streams run to the springs.

NOTE--A picture included with this news release was of Dr. Nicholson and Rocksprings rancher, Barton Dismukes, enjoying a swim in what is termed as the world's lowest swimming hole.



EIGHT MILLION bats at Devil's Sinkhole? That's what both the experts and amateurs proclaim!

Run-off slated in county

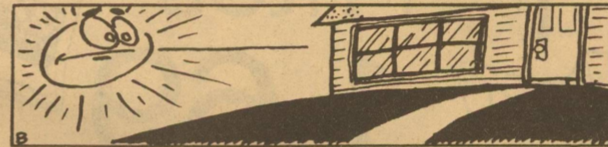
There will be a runoff in the Democratic Party Primary, Tuesday, April 12.

The race for District One member of State Board of Education is between Rene

Nunez of El Paso and James Jordan of Ft. Stockton.

Due to this being a district race and an expected small voter turnout, our four precincts will consolidate to one central polling place--the Memorial Building on Cottonwood.

Both candidates were contacted by phone and both agreed that this consolidation was warranted in that it will cut costs for the taxpayer.



That "old wives' tale" about not washing windows when the sun is shining on them is worth listening to! The windows will dry too fast and will show streaks.

Backaches can be preventable now

Backaches are as ordinary as the common cold. But unlike a cold, back pain is often preventable.

If you suffer from backaches, you have a lot of company. According to the American Medical Association and Insurance company data, eight out of 10 Americans will experience back problems during the course of their lifetime and some 22 million are affected by back discomfort during the course of a year. "Although the statistics are staggering, the problem of back pain is certainly not unbeat-able," maintains Dr. Mary Ann Neussner, a health educator. "Fewer than 20 percent of back problems are caused by diseases of the bones and joints of the back; the remaining 80 percent are due to poor daily lifestyle habits."

"What most people don't realize is that it doesn't take some drastic event, like lifting a heavy object, to produce back problems. They often occur after years of sitting, standing, lifting or doing common chores improperly," she adds.

Huessner, who is a specialist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service, offers the following suggestions for avoiding back injury:

Lifting. Hold the item close to you so it doesn't pitch your spine forward. Bend your knees so your legs do most of the work and hold your back straight as you lift.

Sitting. Sit to the back of chairs and keep your back well-supported and your spine straight. If you sit for long periods of time, put your feet on a footstool, phone book or some other object to take the pressure off the lower back. Try to change position or redistribute your weight at least every 45 minutes.

Standing. When you must stand for long periods, put one foot on a small stool or box to

release the stress on your spine.

Lying down. Recline on your side with knees and hips flexed so your body is partially curled. Or sleep on the back with one or two pillows under the knees. Avoid sleeping on your stomach or in any position which twists the spine.

The specialist observes that a lack of fitness also contributes to back problems.

"One of the major causes of back pain is a combination of poor muscle tone, weak muscles and lack of flexibility. Excess weight also shifts the body's center to gravity and puts an added strain on the back, especially if the extra pounds are carried around the midsection," she explains.

Having a healthier back is another good reason to become involved in a general fitness and weight control program.

Merry 42 Club meets

The Merry Makers 42 Club met last Thursday in Virginia Griffin's home.

Members present were Zelma Henderson, Opal Parks, Maudie Bassinger, Bessie Clifton and the hostess Virginia Griffin.

Guests were Florence Hinton, Estell Baker, Faye Mace, Ada Bell Taylor, Gladys Gunn, Edith Shaw and Jake Spencer.

The hostess served refreshments of snack food, coffee and soft drinks.

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- Friday & Saturday, March 25 & March 26th - San Angelo Relays & Iraan
- Thursday, March 31 - Llano
- Saturday, April 9 - Brady
- Friday, April 15 - District Meet at Big Lake

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- Fri. March 18, 1988 Wall
- Fri. March 25, 1988 Sonora
- April TBA TBA
- Sat. April 23, 1988 Iraan District

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- Fri., Sat., Mar. 18 & 19 Sonora Tourney
- Fri., Sat., Mar. 25 & 26 Mason Tourney
- Tues., Mar. 29 Sonora Dual - Here - 3:30
- Sat., Mon., Apr. 9 & 11 District Meet - Big Lake
- Fri., Sat., Apr. 29 & 30 Regional - Big Spring
- Fri., Sat., May 13 & 14 State - AUSTIN

JR. HIGH TENNIS SCHEDULE

- Sat., Mar. 19 Eldorado Jr. High Tourney
- Sat., Mar. 26 Sonora Jr. High Tourney
- Tues., Mar. 29 Sonora Dual - There - 4:30
- Tues., Apr. 5 Sonora Dual - Here - 4:30
- Sat., Apr. 16 Jr. High District - Big Lake

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NOTICE

NOTICE--Mary Kay Cosmetics. Graduation, birthday, anniversary gifts. Martha Spinks. Old Mertzson Road. 853-3415 after 4 p.m. (tfn-3/3/88-cg)

NOTICE--To give away, black Labrador, six months old. Has shots. Call 853-2242 or 853-2772. (1X-3/31/88-pd)

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 The Eldorado City Council invites bids for the following real property situated in Schleicher County:

3.5 acres out of Abstract 1056, Block LL, Survey 46, G.C. & S.F.
 Said property is located adjacent to the City on East Rudd Road. Sealed written bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. May 10, 1988. Bid opening will be held May 10, 1988, at 8:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Carolyn Mayo
 City Secretary
 (2X-3/31/88-cg)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Schleicher County Hospital Board of Director's Election will be held on the 7th day of May, 1988 for the purpose of electing 4 directors for a 2 year term.

The terms of Bill Dakan, Jerry Jones, Floyd Butler and Hyman Sauer will be expiring. It is the determination of the Board that the four persons receiving the most votes in the election will serve the full term.

The election shall be held and managed in accordance with the constitution and the general laws of the State of Texas and the polls shall be opened from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Memorial Building with Election Judge Ina Lambert presiding.

Absentee votes may be cast in the office of the county clerk from April 18, 1988 till May 3, 1988 with Carolyn Mayo at City Hall as Absentee Judge.

Noticia se es dada que la eleccion anual de directoes para Schleicher County Hospital District. Se llevara acabo el Sabado, 7 de Mayo 1988 con el proposito de elegir 4 directores por un termino.

Se venceran los terminos de Bill Dakan, Jerry Jones, Floyd Butler and Hyman Sauer La mesa directiva decide que las 4 personas que recivou la mayor a de votos en la eleccion tendran el puesto por un termino.

La eleccion sera manejada enacuerdo con las leyes generales y las constitucion del Estado de Tejas. Las urnas electorales estaran abiertas de las 7 a.m. hast 7 p.m. en el Memorial Building Ina Lambert sera el juez electoral.

Votos ausentes serau archivados en la oficina de el Condado comen ano Abril 18, 1988 hasta Mayo 3, 1988 con Carolyn Mayo como Juez elecocal aususte at City Hall.
 (2X-3/31/88-cg)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Robert Carlton Bruton, deceased, were issued on March 16, 1988 in Case #1332, pending in Schleicher County to JoAnn Owen.

The residence of the administrator is in Harris County, Texas, JoAnn Owen, Richard Shumon, Attorney at Law, 1025 S. Wafer, Pasadena, Texas 77506.

All persons having claims against this estate while is currently being administered are required to present them within the tme and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated March 18, 1988, JoAnn Owen by Richard Shumon.
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