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## Noble "Tobe" Ramey Buried Saturday

Funeral services for Noble Benjamin "Tobe" Ramey, 72, were held at 2 p. m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Herman W. Bell officiating.

Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery by Lamb Funeral Home.

Mr. Ramey, a zinc contractor, died Wednesday at his home.

Born in Quitaque, Mr. Ramey had been a resident of McLean since 1923.

He married Beatrice Hattie Angle in 1929 in McLean.

He is survived by his wife; and two sisters, Mrs. Mae Taylor of Dallas and Mrs. Clifflie Darcey of Houston.

## F. P. College To Start Spring Registration

Registration for the Spring Semester at Frank Phillips College, Borger, Texas, has been set for Thursday, Jan. 9, and Friday Jan. 10, according to Dan Minor, registrar. Classes will begin Monday, Jan. 13.

Having experienced an all time record enrollment for the fall semester, college officials invite all interested persons to "Attend The Fastest Growing College in West Texas". Both day and evening courses are available with over 200 courses being offered.

Frank Phillips College offers both career counseling and financial aids programs, Scholarships, national grants, college work study program, and loans are available.

All first time college applicants who are interested in financial aid should contact the Office of Admissions as early the week of registration as possible, not only to receive information concerning financial aids, but to begin processing late needed for the student registration.

## Christmas Visitors

Visitors in the Clyde Willis home over the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Holman and Johnny from Spearman, Lee Gene and Martha Holman and Carmon and Jr. from Borger, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Conaster and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Russell of Canyon, Roy and Jane Lowe and family from Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Conaster from Hedley, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Willis of Borger, Mr. and Mrs. James Janett and family from Dumas, Mrs. J. Willis and Gregg from Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hinchman from Hopkinville, Ky., and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Conaster, Barbara and Robert from Delta, Colo.

## S. W. C. D. Approve Conservation Plans

The Gray County Soil and Water Conservation Board met for their regular monthly meeting December 18, at the Gray County Courthouse.

Approved Conservation plans on Louise Johnson, Thacker Haynes and Johnny Haynes.

Read an essay from Lefors High School as an entry in Conservation Awards program.

Reviewed Annual plan of work of Gray County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Discussed status of Mc Clellan Creek and Red Deer Creek Watersheds. Mc Clellan Creek Watershed will be submitted to the Congress after the first of the year.

Reviewed and discussed Memorandum of understanding between the SCS and the Soil & Water Conservation District.

Prepared RC&D letters to be sent to Congressmen and Government officials.

Discussed conservation priorities and problems in each zone of the District.

## Cotton Harvest In Area Slow Due To Weather

Cotton harvest over the Memphis area was slowed this week by light rain, according to W. E. Cain, In Charge of the USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service Office. "Most gin yards had a backlog of cotton to be ginned; however, so this phase of the harvest continued," said Cain.

The Memphis Office classified 12,250 samples this week to bring the season total to 59,550. This compares to 129,650 on the same date a year ago.

The predominant grade this week was grade 41 with 46 percent followed by grade 42 with 24 percent, and grade 51 with 12 percent.

The predominant length this week was staple 31 with 40 percent followed by staple 32 with 36 percent, and staple 30 with 13 percent.

Micronaire readings showed 26 percent in the desirable range of 3.5 to 4.9, 10 percent 3.3 to 3.4, 25 percent 3.0 to 3.2, and 39 percent 2.9 and below.

No Pressley information was available this week due to the holidays.

The Cotton market over the Memphis area continued dull with only limited activity the past week. Buyers reported a rather weak demand for area cotton. Growers offered cotton rather freely, but continued to hold their crop and accepted offers on only limited amounts. Prices quoted this week were about steady compared to last week. Prices for grades 41, 32 and 42; staples 30, 31



## Alice S. Wilson Funeral Services Held Tuesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice S. Wilson, 85, a McLean resident for 36 years, were held at 11 a. m. Tuesday in the United Methodist Church in McLean.

Rev. Leo Gee, minister of Saint Paul Methodist Church in Amarillo, officiated. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of an Amarillo Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wilson was born in Bosque County. She was a member of the McLean United Methodist Church and a life member of the Women's Society of Christian Service. She was a honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma. Her husband, Frank E. Wilson, preceded her in death.

She is survived by two daughters, two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

and 32; ranged from 27.00 to 32.00 cents per pound. This was for cotton in the 3.5 to 4.9 mike range.

The average price paid farmers for cottonseed at the gin was \$125.00 per ton.

## New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Allen Windom of 1319 Belaire in Richardson, proudly announce the birth of a daughter, born December 28 at 2:20 p. m. She weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce and was named Misty Ann. She has one brother, Wade Allen.

Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Windom, Jr., of McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Al Hamilton of Dallas. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Windom, Sr., of McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wilson of Amarillo.

Visiting over the holidays in the Corinne Trimble home were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Trimble from Ashland, Kentucky, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hamer and son, Jason, from Fort Worth and Gary Trimble from Houston.

## Pampa Woman Buried At McLean

Funeral services for Mrs. Mavie Lee Derrick, 92, a resident of Pampa since 1939, were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the Harvester and Mary Ellen Church of Christ in Pampa.

Glen Walton, minister, officiated. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery by Duengel Funeral Home.

Mrs. Derrick died early Saturday in Highland General Hospital in Pampa.

She is survived by seven sisters; Birdie Derrick of the home, Mrs. Les Porche of Pampa, Mrs. Ona Bidwell of Albuquerque, N. M., Mrs. Ray Gossett of Kellerville, Mrs. Oland Alyckherr of Wichita, Kan., Mrs. Lorena Taylor of Lone Star, Mrs. Myrtle Black of Mangum, Okla., and Mrs. Lily Pickett of Amarillo; 12 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Mertel during the Christmas holidays were their daughters, Mrs. Toni Patton and Wendy of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Phillips of Houston.

## Tigerettes Get 2nd At Amarillo Tournament

By Betty Holmes

Joel Nelson's McLean Tigerettes got back into the swing of things the day after Christmas when they traveled to Amarillo to compete in Division I of the Amarillo Invitational Holiday Basketball Tournament. The second annual such tournament, sponsored by Amarillo American Legion Hanson Post 54, got under way Thursday morning, Dec. 26, at three different locations: the Amarillo Civic Center Colliseum, Amarillo College Men's Gym, and Amarillo College Women's Gym. Team participation in Division I of the three day series of games other than the Tigerettes were Friona, Vega, Nazareth, Dumas, Dimmitt, Follett, and Tullia.

In their opening game, staged at Amarillo College Men's gym, the Tigerettes defeated the Mazareth Swifts, who boast an impressive 14-2 record for the season, 58-55.

McLean girls scored on 13 of 26 field goal attempts and Sheri Haynes took advantage of the only two free throw attempts in the first half. Nazareth girls shot 17 times for 13 goals carrying an outstanding 76%. Half-time scores, found McLean trailing 28-31.

Tigerette defense got tough in the third quarter as Cindy Sherrod, Halcyon Back, and Gail Terry held the Nazareth offense to a weak 8 points. Sheri Haynes burned the hoops for 12 points while Rose Dwyer added 2 points for a 14 point third quarter total.

Miss Haynes collected 12 points again in the final period, 4 which she claimed for the Black and Gold from the free throw line. Delinda Howard rounded out 4th quarter scoring as she tossed in a set shot from the free throw area and a jumper inside the lane.

Senior, Mary Jo Shacher headed the Nazareth struggle to regain the lead as she hit four outside attempts and sank 4 out of 5 free throws.

Sounding of the buzzer saw the Tigerettes capture the 11th victory in a 16 game season.

Sheri Haynes stole high scoring honors acquiring 46 points, 8 of which she popped in from the free throw line. Rose Dwyer and Delinda Howard followed each with 6 points.

Cindy Sherrod showed outstanding ability as she cleared defensive back boards for 14 rebounds. Sherrod was followed by Gail Terry with 6 and Halcyon Back with 4.

From the free throw line both teams shot with 61% accuracy; McLean 13 times for 8 points and Nazareth making 9 of 15 attempts.

Score by Quarters:  
M 14 28 42 58  
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**BUDGET-PRICED  
TOP QUALITY**

# MEATS

FACIAL TISSUE

**KLEENEX**

200 COUNT

**39¢**

**TIDE**

GIANT SIZE

**\$1.09**

KING SIZE

**\$1.79**

**COFFEE**

SHURFINE

LB. CAN

**89¢**

BORDENS ORCHARD ORANGE

**BREAKFAST DRINK** 64 OZ.

**69¢**

SHURFINE MANDARIN 11 OZ. CAN

**ORANGES** 3 FOR **\$1**

SHURFINE 10 1/2 OZ.

**TOMATO SOUP** 3 FOR **49¢**

SHURFINE

**PEPPER** 4 OZ. CAN

**55¢**

HI VI BEEF FLAVOR

**DOG FOOD** KING SIZE CAN

**4 FOR \$1**

SHURFINE

**VIENNA SAUSAGE**

4 OZ. CAN

**3 FOR \$1**

**TUNA**

SHURFINE

FLAT CANS

**49¢**

SOFLIN DISPOSABLE

**DIAPERS**

DAYTIME

**30** COUNT

**\$1.69**

**NESTEA**

INSTANT

3 OZ.

**\$1.29**

WILSONS ALL MEAT

**BOLOGNA** LB.

**89¢**

AMERICAN

**CHEESE** 12 OZ. PKG.

**95¢**

U.S. NO. 2 RUSSETS

**POTATOES** 10 LB. BAG

**65¢**

CELLO

**CARROTS** BAG

**19¢**

CALIFORNIA

**LETTUCE** HEAD

**25¢**



## News From ALAN REED

Visiting the P.M. Gibson's during Christmas was four of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Vineyard and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Woods and family, Mr. and Mrs. D.D. Patton and family, and Diane Gibson. Diane is staying on for a longer visit.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crisp returned their children home after their stay at Christmas.

On Monday Mr. and Mrs. P.M. Gibson and Diane made a business trip to Pampa.

Mrs. Nellie Mendenhall returned to her home in Wichita Falls, on Friday after visiting her sister's family, Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Moreman.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Moreman Sunday was her niece and family from Hart, and her niece's father and brother from Lubbock.

Mrs. J.C. Gilbrith visited in Pampa Christmas day with her daughter's family, the Travis Balchs in Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce and Bob spent Christmas in Jacksboro with the Jimmie Dewebbers.

Mrs. Cecil Carter accompanied by the Jerry Carters of Pampa spent Christmas day in Amarillo with the Jim Bruces and Dan Bruce and Tom McKay.

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Hill spent Christmas day in Amarillo with the Harold Dean

Crows.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Stapp spent Christmas with the Paul Averitts in Amarillo.

The Carl Coxes and David Haynes were here at Mrs. Brooks Magee during Christmas.

The Bill Tidwells were home over Christmas.

The Bert McKees had their children and Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Moreman and Nellie Mendenhall in for Christmas dinner.

Judy Averitt is visiting her grandparents, the O.W. Stapp this week.

John Fulton of Lefors visited with J.A. Hill on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S.C. Carpenter journeyed to Indiana to be with their daughter and family for Christmas. Word has come that Mrs. Carpenter is seriously ill and possibly facing surgery.

The Joe Leonards had about 17 of their relatives over Christmas holidays.

Holiday visitors in the Forest Hupp home were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hupp, Kevin and Scott of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Reynolds, Eddy and Jonetta of Borger, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hupp, R.F. Eric, and Mitzi of Pampa.



The Chippawa Indians used fir bark to cure headaches.



MR. AND MRS. J. I. MARTINDALE

### Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Martindale Celebrate Their 50th Wedding Anniversary Dec. 22

A family reunion was held honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Martindale of McLean, December 22nd, in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Bill Moore, 1951 S. Woodland, Amarillo.

Hosts for the occasion were the couple's children, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Martindale and family of Pampa, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Skinner and daughter of Gainville, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Moore and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mason and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore and family all of Amarillo. Also attending were Wyatt Carpenter of McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Moore, Denise Youree and Margaret Ware all of Amarillo.

The former Virgie Harkins and Mr. Martindale were united in marriage Dec. 24th, 1924 at Aberdeen, Tex in the general store. They have lived in McLean for the past 24 years.

They are the parents of

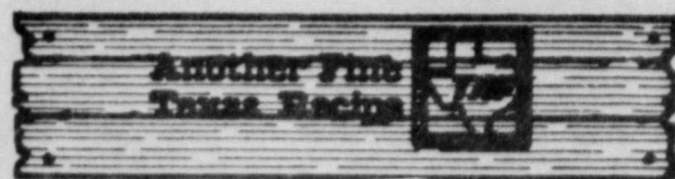
Visiting in the Josh Chilton's home during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Chilton and family of Hale Center, and Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Blacksheare of Albuquerque, N.M. and Mr. and Mrs. Porter Chilton of Altamont, Kansas and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bailey of McLean.

six children, eighteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren. All were in attendance except one granddaughter and family Mrs. Linda Taylor and one grandson Mr. Bill Skinner and family all of Joshua, Texas.

The John V. Bible family had their daughter Jean and friend Allan Ray from Dallas visiting the weekend before Christmas. Their daughter Janet, with the U.S. Army will leave for Germany on January 11, and her friend Lynn Taylor of Canyon. Also visiting was Mrs. Verna Bible and son Dale from Charlotteville, Ark. on Christmas morning, Jane Mae Bible from Amarillo, Jeri Bible and Debbie Brinkley from Wellington on Christmas Eve. Their son John and wife Janice and little daughter Karie from Ft. Worth were Christmas Day guests.



"Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die!"



### LIZZIES

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 cup raisins                         | 1/4 tsp. ground cloves   |
| 2 cups dates                          | 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon |
| 1 cup diced candied pineapple         | 1/2 tsp. allspice        |
| 1 cup candied cherries, halved        | 1 tsp. salt              |
| 2/3 cup bourbon                       | 3 tsp. soda              |
| 2 cups sugar                          | 2 tsp. hot water         |
| 1/2 lb. butter or margarine, softened | 4 cups flour             |
| 4 eggs                                | 4 cups chopped pecans    |

Heat oven to 350. Toss fruits with bourbon; reserve. Measure butter, sugar and eggs into large mixing bowl. Beat 1-2 minutes on low speed, scraping bowl constantly. Beat 2 minutes on medium speed. Beat spices, salt and flour into butter mixture, scraping bowl occasionally. Mix soda and hot water, then add to mixture. Stir in reserved fruits and nuts. Drop dough by teaspoonsful onto greased baking sheet. Bake until light brown, 12-15 minutes. Cool completely on waxed paper on wire racks. Yield: 6-7 dozen cookies.

### HOT BUTTERED ORANGE PUNCH

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 1/2 c. sugar                     | 1 quart orange juice, strained     |
| 2 c. water                         | 1/2 c. fresh lemon juice, strained |
| 10 whole cloves                    | 2 c. apple cider                   |
| 1 Tbsp. cinnamon                   | 1/4 c. butter                      |
| 3 Tbsp. cut up crystallized ginger | Orange and lemon slices            |

In large saucepan combine sugar, water and spices. Cook over medium-low heat about 10 minutes. Strain. Add juices and cider. Simmer gently. Add butter and stir until dissolved. Pour into punch bowl. Float orange and lemon slices on top. Yield: 16 servings.

For additional recipes write Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Tex. 78711.

### Mary Martha Class Have Christmas Party

By Lucille Cullison, reporter

The Mary Martha Sunday School class of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. Margaret Chapman for a Christmas party and monthly meeting on Saturday, Dec. 14th.

Loree Barker, president presided over the meeting. Margaret Chapman, class teacher offered the opening prayer.

The inspiring Devotional was brought by Lilly Mae Williams. She told the "Christmas Story", from Luke 2. She also read the Christmas Prayer by Helen Steiner Rice.

Mrs. Bonnie Bidwell directed the two Christmas games which were enjoyed by all present.

There was an exchanging of Christmas gifts with all members drawing a number that matched the number on a present under the Christmas tree.

Refreshments of cake, spiced tea, coffee and Christmas candy was served to members present. They were mesdames, Loree Barber, Bonnie Bidwell, Bea Lester, Lilly Mae Williams, Gladys Smith, Clara Maude Hupp, Juanita Smith, Verna Huggins, Velma Willis, Jessie Watson, Lucille Cullison, Mildred Mantooth, Nora Moore and the hostess, Margaret Chapman.

A good time was had by all.

Visitors in the J. L. Parr home over the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lacy, Laurie and Kimberly and Vicki Parr of Dallas.

Arthritis Sufferers:

### WAKE UP WITHOUT ALL THAT STIFFNESS!

New formula for arthritis minor pain is so strong you can take it less often and still wake up in the morning without all the pain's stiffness. Yet so gentle you can take this tablet on an empty stomach. It's called *Arthritis Pain Formula*. Get hours of relief. Ask for *Arthritis Pain Formula*, by the makers of *Anacin* analgesic tablets.

### HEALD NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Norman, Elizabeth, Rebecca and William of Fort Worth spent Christmas week in the home of Mrs. Arlie Grigsby.

Jack Grigsby and son of Fort Worth visited during the week also.

Mr. and Mrs. Ott Davis and Jana spent Christmas day in the home of their daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Bush in Amarillo.

Visitors during Christmas week in the A.E. Carpenter home were Mr. and Mrs. Jess Altman, Marita and Allen of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Carpenter, Russell and Brad of Borger.

Christmas day visitors in the home of Mrs. K.S. Rippey were Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Rippey of Shamrock, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lankford, Kevin and Lauren remained for a longer visit with A.W. Lankford.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips and children of Keyes, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Durward Herndon of Dumas visited in the Carl Phillips home during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. O.O. Tate spent Saturday in the Wesley Masters home in Amarillo. The Orphus Tate Jr. family of Cotton Center visited during the week-end in the O.O. Tate home.

Wes Masters Jr. of Amarillo spent several days visiting his grandparents, the O.O. Tates.

Mrs. Arlie Grigsby, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Norman and children and Mr. and Mrs. David Grigsby and children spent Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Morris in Amarillo.



In Morocco, the pounded and roasted liver of the hedgehog is given to school boys to make them remember their lessons.

## The Lure of the Multitude

To say "no" to the crowd, and mean it, is often difficult. Especially is this true if you are a young person. Truly, the multitude has a constraining call. And the call of a crowd is constantly sounding, "Come with us..." (Prov. 1:11)

What is the Christian young person to do? In each direction the Christian young person sees the crowd, and hears their imploring cry, "Come with us." Many voices make up the crowd. There are the voices of the advocates of Marijuana, LSD, beef, liquor, sexual immorality, atheism, indecency, and other forms of worldliness! No one wants to be a "square", "chicken", a "drag", or part of the "establishment." Just what is the Christian young person to do as he or she faces the lure of the multitude?

For starters, he can recall that the multitude has ALWAYS BEEN GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION! The "wide gate" and the "broad way" lead to eternal destruction (Matt. 7:13-14). God warns, "Thou shalt not follow the multitude to do evil" (Ex. 23:2). Also remember, "...evil companions (companionships) corrupt good manners (morals)." (1 Cor. 15:33)

There is a certain kind of alligator which seldom hunts his food; rather, he sits back and waits for the multitude of victims to gather in his mouth. Being a lazy beast, this particular alligator just lies near the bank with an open mouth, apparently dead. Soon, bugs light on his moist tongue, then flies, and several other insects gather. By and by the "crowd" attracts bigger game. A lizard crawls up to the alligator to feed on the bugs, only to be joined by a frog. Soon a whole menagerie is there, and then it happens!!! Like a sudden earthquake, the giant jaws come together and the party is over! Young people, the Devil's traps are laid in the same manner--namely, to attract the multitude (who see no harm in it, or who are blinded to the danger.)

"Don't listen to Satan or trust his false smile, Nor think for a moment that sin is worthwhile. Resist the 'old serpent' before it's too late, the 'broadway' is easy, but leads to Hell's gate! YOUNG PEOPLE, BEWARE OF THE DESTINATION OF THE MULTITUDE. "Be NOT thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them. For their heart STUDIETH destruction, and their lips talk of mischief" (Prov. 24:1-2.) "Every child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right" (Prov. 20:11). "He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour" (Prov. 21:21).

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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McLEAN, TEXAS

## January Clearance SALE

- |                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| 1 GROUP ALL WEATHER COATS | 1/2 PRICE        |
| 1 GROUP DRESSES           | 1/2 PRICE        |
| ALL FALL AND WINTER COATS | 20% OFF          |
| ALL FALL DRESSES          | 20% OFF          |
| NEW SWEATERS              | 10% OFF          |
| NYLON FLEECE PAJAMAS      | WERE \$9.98 5.98 |
| 1 GROUP KNIT PANTS        | 10.98            |
| 1 GROUP LONG SKIRTS       | 1/2 PRICE        |
| 1 GROUP BOOTS AND SHOES   | 1/2 PRICE        |
| 1 GROUP JUNIOR BLOUSES    | WERE \$9.98 3.99 |

## Jewel Box Fashions

McLEAN, TEXAS

**STATE CAPITAL**  
*Highlights*  
 AND *Sidelights*  
 by Lyndell Williams  
 TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN, Tex.—The men who will preside over the 1975 legislative session are busy preparing for action-packed days ahead.

Rep. Bill Clayton of Springlake, expected to be elected Speaker of the House of Representatives when the session convenes January 14, has more advance work to do than his Senate counterpart, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby.

Clayton is just beginning the job of lining up the standing committees which process legislation. Obviously, the House will be operating under largely new leadership on the major committees.

The opposite will be the case in the Senate. Hobby has indicated he plans no shakeups in committee chairmanships there. Sen. Don Adams of Jasper will become chairman of the Senate administration panel, succeeding Sen. Jack Hightower of Vernon who was elected to Congress.

Resignation of Sen. Jim Wallace as intergovernmental relations chairman to accept a judgeship appointment created another vacancy. Sen. John Traeger is vice chairman of the committee.

Both Hobby and Clayton rate these measures high on the priority agenda:

School finance reform, constitutional revision and proposals to create a state utilities regulatory commission.

Their ideas on the latter two vary widely, however.

Hobby has advocated naming an elected citizens convention to draft a proposed new constitution, in the wake of the legislature's failure to agree on a revision plan during a 1974 convention.

Clayton would like to see the legislature make another try during 1975 at rewriting the constitution before handing over the job to others.

While Hobby has endorsed creation of an elected commission to regulate telephone and electrical services and rates, Clayton displays little enthusiasm for the proposal. As Speaker, however, Clayton says he would not try to dictate House policy on the issue.

**HOME INSURANCE UP** — Homeowners insurance rates are going up too—an average of 19.3 per cent statewide.

The State Board of Insurance, which already had ordered an average 8.8 per cent auto coverage rate boost, followed up with the finding that homeowners policies must cost more effective January 20.

Insurance firms are expected to receive \$25 million in additional revenues from the building policies at new prices.

Actually, rates vary by territories on extended coverage and homeowners policies. State wide fire insurance rates will go up 3.8 per cent for private homes and decrease 24.4 per cent for other types of buildings.

Board Chairman Joe Christie noted that policy holders can "shop for bargains" with companies offering discounted rates of from 10 to 30 per cent below the uniform state level.

**RECESSION COULD COME** —Some indicators point to a critical period ahead for the Texas economy, the Texas Industrial Commission director's year-end report warns.

Unemployment in Texas remains under five per cent

—well below the rate in states experiencing a major industrial shutdown—but new business activity has begun to slow down, according to TIC executive Jim Harwell's report.

While new plant locations coordinated by TIC fell from 38 in 1973 to 30 this year and prospective industries seeking new locations dropped from 286 to 215, inquiries from businesses considering expansion or relocation increased 12 per cent to 2,440.

Harwell said businesses are becoming "extremely cautious" and wary of risk. **AG OPINIONS**—The Board of Examiners in Basic Sciences may close part of a meeting while discussing confidential information about an applicant, Atty. Gen. John Hill said.

In a related opinion, Hill said the same agency can withhold from public disclosure records concerning a matter in litigation.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:

•Jefferson County commissioners cannot ratify a contract for \$900 worth of building supplies and labor made improperly by an individual member.

•Alcoholic Beverage Commission should limit information it makes public about private club licensing to the name of the applicant, location of the club and type license sought or held.

•Houston Independent School District may appoint a tax assessor-collector other than the City of Houston assessor-collector.

•A member of an architectural firm employed by a university may serve as a teacher there.

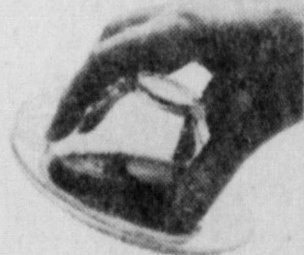
•School athletic trainers must be certified by the state board governing their activities. Coaches and athletic trainers are authorized to use diathermy and ultrasound in rehabilitation and treatment of athletes.

•Information including reports, audits, evaluations and investigations of nursing and convalescent homes by the State Department of Health is public to the extent it can

**DR. JACK L. ROSE**  
 OPTOMETRIST

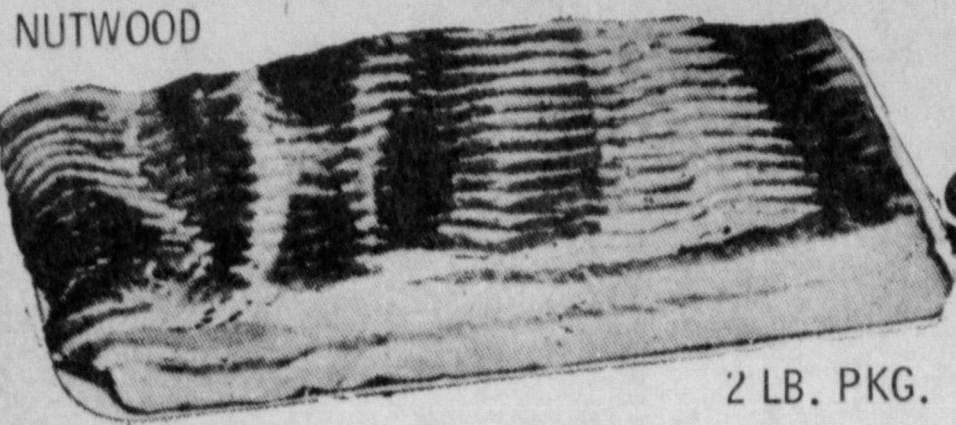
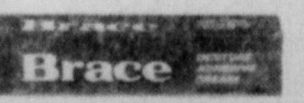
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# Who Else Wants LOWER FOOD BILLS?

**EXTENDER** 1 LB. **89<sup>c</sup>**

**MEAT** 28 OZ. **\$1<sup>39</sup>**

**WALA WAFFERS** 12 OZ. PKG. **65<sup>c</sup>**

**BREAD** 1 1/2 LB. LOAF **47<sup>c</sup>**

**JAM** 15 OZ. JAR **89<sup>c</sup>**

**SYRUP** QUART **\$1<sup>19</sup>**

**ROCCOLI SPEARS** 10 OZ. PKG. **3 FOR \$1**

**CAULIFLOWER** 10 OZ. PKG. **3 FOR \$1**

**ORANGE JUICE** 12 OZ. **49<sup>c</sup>**

**GRAPEFRUIT** 8 FOR **\$1**

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**AIR SERVICE APPROVED** — A Texas Aeronautics Commission examiner has recommended that Southwest Airlines be allowed to serve the Rio Grande Valley with reduced-fare jet flights daily to and from Harlingen, originating in Dallas through Houston, with a connection in San Antonio.

Texas International Airlines, contesting the application, has stated it will move to discontinue its service to Harlingen if the Commission approves the examiner's report.

A court fight is anticipated if the Southwest application is approved by the agency. Southwest proposes night and weekend fares of \$15 and \$25 and regular daily fares of \$25 between Houston and Harlingen and \$40 between Dallas and Harlingen.

**APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED** — Gov. Dolph Briscoe appointed State Sen. James P. "Jim" Wallace of Houston district judge of the new 215th district court effective January 20.

A special election is scheduled January 11 to pick Wallace's successor and to fill a House vacancy in Harris County District 96, due to resignation of Rep. Lindon Williams to run for the Senate. Five candidates are running for the Wallace seat and nine for Williams' House place.

Briscoe also appointed George E. Dowlen of Canyon as 181st district judge, succeeding Judge Don M. Dean of Amarillo who resigned.

The governor will be making about 600 new appointments within the next two months.

**SHORT SNORTS**  
Bailey, El Paso, Haskell, Hill, Hood, Howard, Hudspeth, Parmer, Pecos Presidio, Reeves, Scurry and Terry counties have been declared disaster areas due to drought and other adverse weather conditions.

Gov. Briscoe said Texas homebuilders will have more mortgage money available due to a Housing and Urban Development administrative act.

Agriculture Commissioner John C. White said legislative action is necessary to continue availability of restricted-use pesticides.

Two reports by the Governor's Special Advisory Council on Houston call for creation of state programs to finance low-income housing.

Texas received a \$291,201 grant for personnel management and training program for Webb County, Clifton, Corpus Christi, Baytown, La-Marque, Deer Park, Greenville, Stephenville, Grand Prairie, Brownsville, Houston, Dallas, El Paso, Orange, Groves, San Marcos and

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And the court ruled that the motorist had indeed overreacted. The court said that while he may have been justified in taking the boy directly to his parents, carrying him off to the police station was uncalled for.

It is human nature, when a person is provoked, to retaliate. Generally speaking, the law has no objection.

But the retaliation must be in reasonable proportion to the original provocation. Otherwise, says the law, a minor incident may escalate swiftly into a major conflict.

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In another case, a man responded to a push by knocking the pusher down and then—when he was lying helpless—kicking him in the face. Again, a court ruled that the man must pay for "the sheer vindictiveness which led him to take the law into his own hands."

On the other hand, the victim of the original offense does not have to calculate his retaliation to a fine point. In judging his response, the law will make fair allowance for the tensions of the moment and a normal degree of error.

As Oliver Wendell Holmes once put it: "Detached reflection cannot be expected in the presence of an uplifted knife."

Mrs. Maggie Kennedy returned home from the hospital in Pampa last Sunday after a 7 weeks stay and is resting as well as can be expected. She will be glad to see her friends and pastors.

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# Accent on Health

The beginning of any new year is a time for looking ahead--as well as reflecting on the many blessings and accomplishments the past 12 months.

The Texas State Department of Health is happy to have been a part of many good things received by Texans during the past year. Your tax dollars provided these services in many areas.

During 1974 the incidence of immunizable diseases reached an all-time low. Taking the lead in lowering these so-called childhood diseases was the Immunization Division of the State Health Department. Public health facilities throughout the state provided more than three million immunizations and private physicians added a great contribution in this effort.

Texas schools continued to report 95 per cent or more immunizations amount pupils for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles and rubella. A sizable increase in pre-school immunizations also was reported.

For those who were in need of hospitalization, the Health facilities Construction Section channeled loans and grants into local facilities. These funds went to 35 additional hospitals and other health care facilities. In addition, assistance was given approximately 50 others with construction already underway.

To ensure compliance with regulations, the Hospital Licensing Program made 601 hospital surveys and reviewed plans for more than 14,000 new hospital beds and 54 new hospitals.

Personal services were extended by the State Health Department to residents throughout Texas. More than 186,000 children benefitted from medical and dental screenings and treatment. Some 12,857 children were aided through hospitalization, medical or surgical care, artificial appliances and other services through the Crippled Children Services.

Maternal and Child Health services went to more than 65,000 children and an additional 31,000 maternity and 86,000 family planning patients.

Through the Chronic Disease Division screening programs, diabetes tests were provided for more than 22,000 potential diabetics. Control tests were made for 3,474 known diabetics. Your health budget funded three chest hospitals, a network of chest clinics and numerous services contracts for the hospital contracts for the diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis and other lung diseases.

The Kidney Health Care Division is overseeing payments of overwhelming medical expenses for more than a thousand Texans. Public health nurses took their care to more than 700,000 persons and thousands of mothers and children are benefitting from better nutrition through the WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program.

Educational efforts were carried to every section of the state through the Public Health Education Division's film and literature section and through mass media. And, almost a million persons viewed films and exhibits dealing with smoking and health and the rheumatic heart disease. The prophylactic program continued to provide special care.

Confidential venereal disease treatment was provided for 115,272 Texans during 1974. Preventive measures provided by the State Health Department have reduced infectious syphilis approximately six percent in 1974 and screened one of every five women of child-bearing age for gonorrhea. This screening program found and treated 28,000 women for gonorrhea who had no symptoms of the disease. Cooperation by the State's new media and school districts enabled TSDH to inform at least five million Texans--including our high-risk youth--about incidence, prevention, symptoms and treatment facilities.

The state's working people benefitted by more than 6,000 safety inspections conducted by Occupational Safety representatives. Better emergency medical care was assured through training of 1,999 ambulance attendants by the Emergency Medical Services Division. In addition, 801 ambulances were inspected and licensed. Dental education workshops were conducted for 901 teachers and other school personnel serving 19,698 children, and awareness programs will be carried to 2 1/2 million children in the next biennium. In the field of environmental health, water supply and wastewater programs were extended. For safe drinking water you paid for laboratory analyses of 257,000 water samples, plus reviews of plans for construction and additions to water and sewage plants. More than 1,400 inspections were made of existing plants, and examinations were given operators of these plants to assure pro-

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In China, a key is given to an only son to lock him into life!

## Home Butchering Coming Back

Folks yearning for the return of the "good Ole days" may be seeing their wishes come true. Home butchering of livestock, once popular in many areas, is making a comeback.

"We've had numerous requests to demonstrate the proper slaughtering of cattle for home consumptions," points out Woodrow Bailey, livestock and meat specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "These requests have come from county Extension agents whose clientele are interested in home slaughtering and processing.

In the demonstrations Bailey shows the entire operation, from slaughtering to wrapping the meat for the home freezer. "Crowds at several demonstrations have reached past the 100 mark. Due to the current cattle market situation, interest in selling and butchering beef for the home freezer has really mushroomed. Slaughtering plants are booked for several months ahead, and people are concerned about waiting that long to process their animals.

According to the Texas A&M University System specialist, a family can slaughter and process an animal on the farm in four to six hours. Home slaughtering and processing can save 30 to 50 percent on the price of retail beef. Also, locker plant charges for slaughtering and processing a 600-pound calf normally run about \$50.

What about the legality of home slaughtering as far as meat inspection laws are concerned?

"As long as the individual is butchering the animal for his own use, he is free to do so. However, it is illegal to custom slaughter or cut beef for other people unless the operation is properly inspected and meets all legal requirements.



## JANUARY

Jan. 4-11 Sandhills Hereford & Quarter Horse Show & Rodeo, Odessa. Rodeo performances (indoor in the city coliseum) are scheduled for 8 p.m. Jan. 4, 7-11. For ticket information, write Sandhills Hereford & Quarter Horse Show, Box 6387, Odessa 79762.

Boat, Sports & Travel Shows: Jan. 15-19 San Antonio; Jan. 15-19 Corpus Christi; and Jan. 23-26 Austin. On display at these shows will be the latest in boats, recreational vehicles, and sports equipment. Also in the shows are travel destination exhibits where one may gather first-hand information for planning future vacations. Many Texas destinations will be represented, and the State of Texas exhibit will be in the San Antonio show.

Jan. 24-Feb. 2 Southwestern Exposition & Fat Stock Show, Fort Worth. The world's first indoor rodeo started here in 1917. The event has grown steadily to rank as one of the largest rodeos in the nation. For ticket information, write Southwestern Exposition & Fat Stock Show, P. O. Box 150, Fort Worth 76101.

Jan. 25-Feb. 2 Texas Citrus Fiesta, Mission. Parade of Oranges, Jan. 25 at 2:30 p.m.; Citrus Fiesta Golf Tournament Jan. 24-26; Fiesta Costume Show Jan. 30-31 at 7:30 p.m.; Coronation of King Citrus and Queen Citriana Jan. 29, 8 p.m. For more information, write Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 431, Mission 78572.

Jan. 26 State Championship Domino Tournament, Hallettsville. Domino "buffs" from all over Texas converge on Hallettsville vying for state honors. For more information, write G. H. Gerdes, P. O. Box 283, Hallettsville 77964.

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## TIPS FOR OUTDOORSMEN

by Vern Sanford

**Throw Rugs For Campers**  
Most of today's tents have built-in floors, which probably accounts for the increased interest in camping on the part of so many women.

That also means better housekeeping on the part of campers.

One noticeable habit of today's campers is the use of throw rugs inside the tent... as well as a foot-wiping rug outside, in front of the tent entrance.

Floors of canvas are real dirt-catchers and should be swept clean and kept clean at all times. Those throw rugs help a lot, as does a good whiskbroom.

If the tent is erected over a huge plastic tarp, thus providing a double-floor, the life of the tent floor will be lengthened considerably.

### Tents Are Touchy

Unless you have spent some time in a tent during a rainstorm you may not know that no matter how well the canvas roof is water-proofed it will

leak wherever you touch it from the inside.

Furthermore it will continue to leak at that same spot until the tent dries out completely.

So, let "hands off" be your policy.

**Removes Mildew Quickly**  
Has mildew formed on your tent or boat cover?

This will happen any time canvas stays wet for too long or is stored while damp, or in a damp place.

Remove the mildew as quickly as possible by first drying out the canvas in the sun to kill the organisms; then scrubbing it with a bleach and water; and finally drying it thoroughly before erecting the tent or storing it.

If storing the tent, don't put anything in the pack with it. Use a separate duffle bag exclusively for the tent poles, stakes, rope and other rigging--or strap them to the outside of the tent.

Anything that goes inside the pack with the tent will cause rot if it's wet or even damp.

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**TIGERETTES WIN**  
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Nerves ran thin Friday evening at 4:00 p.m. in the jam-packed Amarillo College Women's gym when the Tigerettes were victorious over Friona's squaws in a thrilling 72-71 overtime in their 2nd tournament game.

Referees distributed 64 fouls in the closely called game which benched four McLean regular starters and three Squaws before the final buzzer. The highly emotional game took its toll as both coaches received at least 1 technical.

The teams ran neck and neck throughout the first half as Sheri Haynes burned the nets in 10 out of 12 free throws plus 16 jump shots points while Delinda Howard shot 100% from the line for 8 out of 8. The Squaws, too, took advantage of the foul situation by making 9 out of 16 attempts count. The second period ran out with McLean edging the Squaws in a narrow 4 point margin 36-32.

Third quarter play found leading Tigerette scorer Sheri Haynes and Friona's Terri Patterson benched with 4 fouls each while Gail Terry, Rose Dwyer, and Cindy Sherrod had each accumulated three.

The lead see-sawed precariously back and forth as Tigerettes were able to add only 8 points to Friona's 14 in third quarter action

which gave Friona a 2 point advantage.

Sheri Haynes returned to the game in the 4th quarter with 16 points and Friona's Amanda Mason followed closely capturing 10. Terri Henley replaced Rose Dwyer who left the game with 5 fouls in the last period, hustling for 4. The Tigerettes faced agonizing trouble as the second of McLean's 4 forwards, Delinda Howard, junior forward, Gail Terry, senior guard, and sophomore guard Cindy Sherrod were benched by 5 fouls each. Sophomore guard, Lela Skipper moved to the forward position and junior guard, Betty Holmes replaced Terry as time ran out. Terry Henley hooked a last second shot which swished through the nets just as the buzzer sounded, bringing McLean into a 66-66 overtime.

With 4 Tigerette starters out, overtime saw Sheri Haynes, Terri Henley and Betty Holmes at forward while Halcyon Back, Cheri Adams, and Lela Skipper composed defense. Excitement mounted in the decisive three minutes as leads changed with every score. Sheri Haynes popped in the winning 2 points as the buzzer sounded giving McLean a 1 point victory.

Sheri Haynes claimed an outstanding 48 points followed by Delinda Howard with 14 and Terri Henley with 7. Halcyon Back was recognized defensively with 9 rebound. Score by Quarters: OT

M	13	36	44	66	72
F	12	32	46	66	71

The Tigerette victory over Friona placed them in Saturday night's Division I finals at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Coliseum against Vega's Longhornettes who defeated Dimmitt and Dumas in pre-final games.

Tigerettes suffered from the first as they shot only 11 times in the first half, 4 of which were good for 2 points. Vega also only hit 36%, but got 25 tries for 18 field goal points. Tigerette guards had particular trouble in breaking Vega's forward press in the opening two quarters which accounted in part for the small number of McLean shots.

Sheri Haynes tallied 12 points in the third quarter while Vega forwards moved the ball for 18.

Momentum changed in the final period of play as the Tigerettes tightened up forcing Longhorn turnovers, but McLean was unable to shake the powerful 21 point lead Vega acquired during third quarter to threaten the game. McLean forwards shot 68% from the free throw line when they hit 15 out of 22 while Vega shot 60% with 23 good out of 37 attempts.

Sheri Haynes was high scorer again as she collected 37 points. Vega scoring honors were captured by 6 ft. senior, Donna Axe with 32 points.

Score by Quarters:

M	7	14	26	42
V	15	29	47	61

Tiges and Tigerettes travel to Memphis to face the Cyclones Friday evening Jan. 31 on their next game.

Visitors in the E.M. Bailey home over Christmas was Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hill and Valerie of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Bailey and Allen of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Southerland and Bradley of Wellington and Tony Treadwell of Groom.

**Kwahadi Dancers To Give Show**

The 1975 Winter night ceremonials of the Kwahadi Dancers, Explorer Post 80 of Boy Scouts of America, will be January 17, 18, 24, 25, 31, and February 1, at 8:00 p.m. at the Kwahadi Kiva at Plains and Bellaire in Amarillo.

This year's show will be almost an entirely new show. New dances, costumes, back drops, stage arrangements, and of course, a new bunch of boys. This ceremonial is inspired by our 1976 Bicentennial pageant project and will be very different from past winter shows. Winter ceremonials are always what we feel are our greatest efforts in capturing the beauty of native American Folk-art and this year is no exception. In fact, we believe this year's show and the following bicentennial pageant mark the beginning of a new era of Kwahadi performances.

The show this year will be amphitheater style as in the Pioneer Amphitheater in Palo Duro canyon. The inside of our theatre will be built into a Pueblo village plaza with three stages. The audience will be seated in and among the show just as if visiting an actual Pueblo village.

The Kiowa Clan is preparing the Deer-Katchina dance, the Butterfly dance of the Hopi, and their new Kiowa attack dance.

The Sioux clan will present the new home dance of the Katchina's, and the old-time Crow War dance.

The Chippewas, newer members of the club, will present the rainbow dance, deer-buffalo dance, and the horsetail dance of Taos.

Old-time favorites of our audiences such as the Eagle dance, Hoop dance, and Pueblo Comanche war dance will be part of the show.

In 1968 the Kwahadi dancers began the winter show as an attempt to build a show around only the beautiful folkart of the Pueblos of New Mexico and Arizona. The Pueblos have retained much of their old way of life and a visit to their village is like a trip back in time. The Kwahadis have often sat in the ancient village plazas and watched the people dance. The smell of Pinon fires and baking bread fill the air while dancers move as one to the majestic sound of the drums and singing. In the winter show we try to capture this atmosphere of beauty and sincerity to share with our audience.

In all, fourteen dances, 50 performers, and a new theatre set will make up the 1975 Winter night ceremonials.



The Welsh believed that anyone who cuts down a juniper bush will die within the year.

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A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News  
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John C. White, Commissioner

Cattle On Feed at 1970 Low... Sheep and Feeding Also Declines... Wheat Pasture Progress Good... Dairy Incomes Down.

**TEXAS CONTINUES** as the number one cattle feeding state in the nation, but feeders have the lowest number of feedlots in the state in the past four years. Cattle on feed in Texas as of Dec. 1 totaled 1,428,000. This is 10 per cent below a year ago and eight per cent under the number in the same month. It is also the lowest since October, 1970.

During November, cattle feeders placed 51 per cent fewer cattle in their lots than a year ago. This is also 47 per cent below the previous month.

Nationwide, the same trend continues. In these states preparing monthly estimates of cattle on feed, Dec. 1 inventory was three per cent below a year ago.

Cattle placed in the feedlots were down 33 per cent from a month earlier and are down almost 30 per cent from a year ago.

Reason for the continued decline in cattle feeding is to continued high costs of production. Cattle market prices are also down considerably from month ago and year levels.

**WHILE** cattle feeding declines, there is also a downward trend in the number of sheep and lambs on feed in Texas.

Drylot sheep feeders with a lot capacity of 2,000 or more had 72,000 sheep and lambs on feed for slaughter as of Dec. 1. This is 16 per cent below the number on feed a month ago and 21 per cent below a year ago.

Current intentions to market include 31,000 in December, 32,000 in January and 9,000 in February.

Continued downturns in number of cattle and sheep on feed will in the long run be reflected to the consumer in fewer supplies of beef and lamb.

**MEANWHILE, WHEAT PASTURE** prospects in Texas continued to be bright. The Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service notes that winter wheat pastures in the Panhandle and Low Plains of the state are providing excellent grazing for livestock. Early stands continue to make good growth generally, and stocking rates have surpassed last year's level as farmers continue to move livestock onto fields.

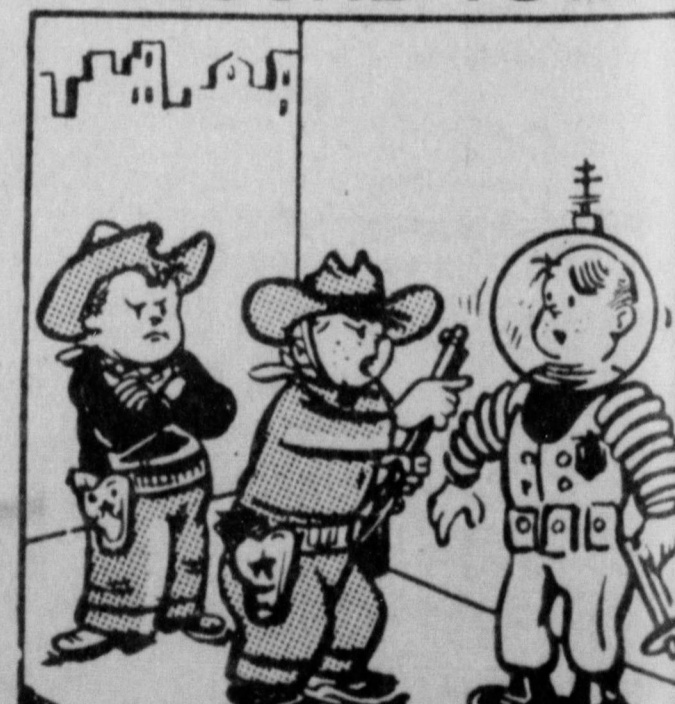
In the three-state region--Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma--only about half of the fall seeded wheat has sufficient forage to support grazing. Forage supply is rated as fair.

**MILK PRODUCTION** in Texas is up but it's also down. While milk production in the state during November was two per cent from a year ago, it is down four per cent from the previous month.

Nationwide, the same trend is occurring. Milk production is down three percent from two years ago and up only slightly from a year ago. Economists now project that milk production in 1975 may be the lowest since 1947 or 1948.

The reasons for continued declines are due to increased costs of production. A report recently noted that in Texas dairymen are losing an average of 18 cents per hundredweight during the last quarter of this year. Dairymen incomes fell seven per cent from the second quarter earnings. Production costs on the other hand are up 12 per cent.

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