

The Hansford County Activity Center is currently holding a sustaining membership drive. A progress thermometer is placed on the Courthouse lawn. Anyone interested may contact the Activities Center for more information. Their goal is \$40,000. Presently they have reached around \$12,000.

These kids are at the Hansford County Library participating in the Summer Reading Program. The kids have been going to the library for about the past six weeks. Next Wednesday will be the last session.

Then on Thursday, July 14, the library will sponsor a swim party for the children who have been in the program.

The children were challenged to read more books in the library with small rewards such as ribbons, stickers, and stars for the more books they read. These could be displayed on the libraries bulletin board. Those kids who have read at least 10 books during the Summer Reading Program will receive a certificate from the Texas State Library.

The kids have also participated in a book marker contest in which they design their own book markers. The book markers will be judged this Friday.



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SSN useful for all

Social Security numbers for work purposes can only be issued to U.S. citizens, permanent resident immigrants, and temporary aliens who have been granted permission to work by the IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICES.

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More information about Social Security numbers can be obtained at the Pampa Social Security Office, located at 125 S. Gillespie. The telephone number is (806) 669-1018.

Girl Scouts visit White Sands range

By Myrna Biggers

On June 20 members of Girl Scout Troop 127 went to White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. Those going on the tour were Regina Biggers, Alisha LaRochelle, Vanessa Biggs, Sonya Tindell, Telie O'Quin, Lori Wattier, Mendy Hetzler, and leaders Kathy Biggs, Myrna Biggers, and Gloria Carlson.

The first stop was at Sunspot N.M. for a guided tour of the National Solar Observatory. Sunspot activity was prominent on live pictures of the sun. Then we went to White Sands for a guided tour of the Missile Range. At the Missile Range an informative program was given over missile testing. Then we went to see Missile Park at WSMR.

We also visited the International Space Hall of Fame. There we had a guided tour of the museum. We also saw an Omnimax Theater presentation over the legend of Niagara.

We played on the dunes for two nights. The first night, besides rolling on the dunes, we saw a slide show on the history of the dunes. The second night we cooked out and again played on the dunes. Sadly, we had to leave to get home June 23. But, on our way home we visited Indian petroglyphs, which are pictures carved in rock, we stopped at the Valley of Fires lava flow, the Smokey the Bear Museum, historic Lincoln, and the Goddard Space Museum in Roswell, N.M.

large crowds all weekend

Celebration deemed success

The Fourth of July celebration held last weekend in Gruver was very successful according to Janie Jefferies, president of the Gruver Retail Merchants Association. "There was a big crowd both days at all the events and everyone seemed to be having a good time," said Jefferies.

The Retail Merchants sponsored a Crazy Days Sale that the downtown businesses all participated in. Later Saturday they also had a Cow Patty Bingo game for the adults, which was won by O.V. Walker. Walker won a \$300 cash prize. He also purchased the last ticket sold for the Cow Patty Contest.

The Retail Merchants received approximately \$3,000 from the Cow

Patty Patch Bingo. They will use the money for Christmas decorations for downtown Gruver.

They also had a dog show on Saturday. The show had 33 entries and 10 different categories.

In the Best Dressed category Cori Lowe's entry took first, Bryn Lowe's entry took second and Kyle Karthel's entry took third.

For Cutest Dog the entries by Amanda Burress, Kyler Barkley and Debbie Burke took first, second and third.

Kathy Burke's dog took the Friendliest prize followed by Amy Gillispie's and Dawn McCullough's entry.

The Longest Ears category was won by Kiki Karthel's entry second went to Shea Lowe's entry and third to Tara Shapley's dog.

heat index

Index used to prevent heat stroke

Listening to the "heat stress" or "heat index" readings meteorologists often give in their summer weathercasts could help prevent situations leading to dehydration and sun stroke.

In recent years, meteorologists have begun using the terms, "heat stress" or "heat index" to describe the relationship between temperatures and humidity, according to Dr. Clift Price, Associate Commissioner for Personal Health Services at the Texas Department of Health.

"The television and radio reports are helpful in planning outside activities," he said. "Humid heat can especially be deadly for the very young, the elderly, persons with heart or

respiratory problems, and those taking medications."

Dr. Price explained that the heat stress index is a numerical table by which the National Weather Service rates the degree of discomfort a person may feel at a given temperature and humidity. Although the table does not allow for the variables of wind and shade, which Dr. Price said, can greatly influence an individual's tolerance of heat and humidity, the index reading is useful in helping persons take needed precautions against dehydration and sun stroke.

A heat stress index reading of 105 is considered very dangerous, Dr. Price warned. High temperature alone is physically tolerable to

most people, but in combination with humidity, it can cause an individual's cooling mechanism, perspiration, to work overtime. "If one fails to replace the fluids and salts lost through perspiration, dehydration can occur," he said.

Symptoms of dehydration are muscle cramps, nausea, dizziness, headache, and low blood pressure. If fluids are not replaced, heat stroke can ensue, causing sudden weakness, severe headache, loss of consciousness, brain damage, even death, if the victim is not quickly treated.

"To avoid danger of overheating, people should dress in light-colored, loose-fitting clothing. They should drink more than their normal intake of water, and

be sure to have water available if they need it. They should seek good ventilation. And as important as anything else, they should remain aware of their own physical conditions and the weather conditions," Dr. Price explained.

He said some 200 people in the U.S. die as the result of hot weather during an average year. "Since severe drought conditions already have developed nationwide this year, it is possible that heat waves will take a heavier-than-normal toll of lives--if people fail to be cautious," Dr. Price said.

Jarvis named to A & M honor roll

Anne M. Jarvis, a sophomore agricultural economics major from Spearman, has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Texas A & M University for the 1988 spring semester.

In order to be named to the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must be registered for 15 or more semester hours and earn at least a 3.75 grade point ratio, out of a possible 4.0, during the most recent grading point.

Hansford Golf Club

Night-Light Tournament July 23

The second annual Night-Light Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, July 23 at the Hansford Golf Club. The four person scramble has a \$15 per person entry fee which includes the ball and fluorescent stick. Tee time for the tournament is at dark on the 13. For more information, or to enter call Ned's Pro Shop at 659-2233.

The night golf game uses a clear ball in which a fluorescent stick is inserted that makes the ball glow.

Last year's winners of the Night Light Tournament were Ned Kygar Jr., Greg Meek, Trudy Goodhart and Dell Cluck.

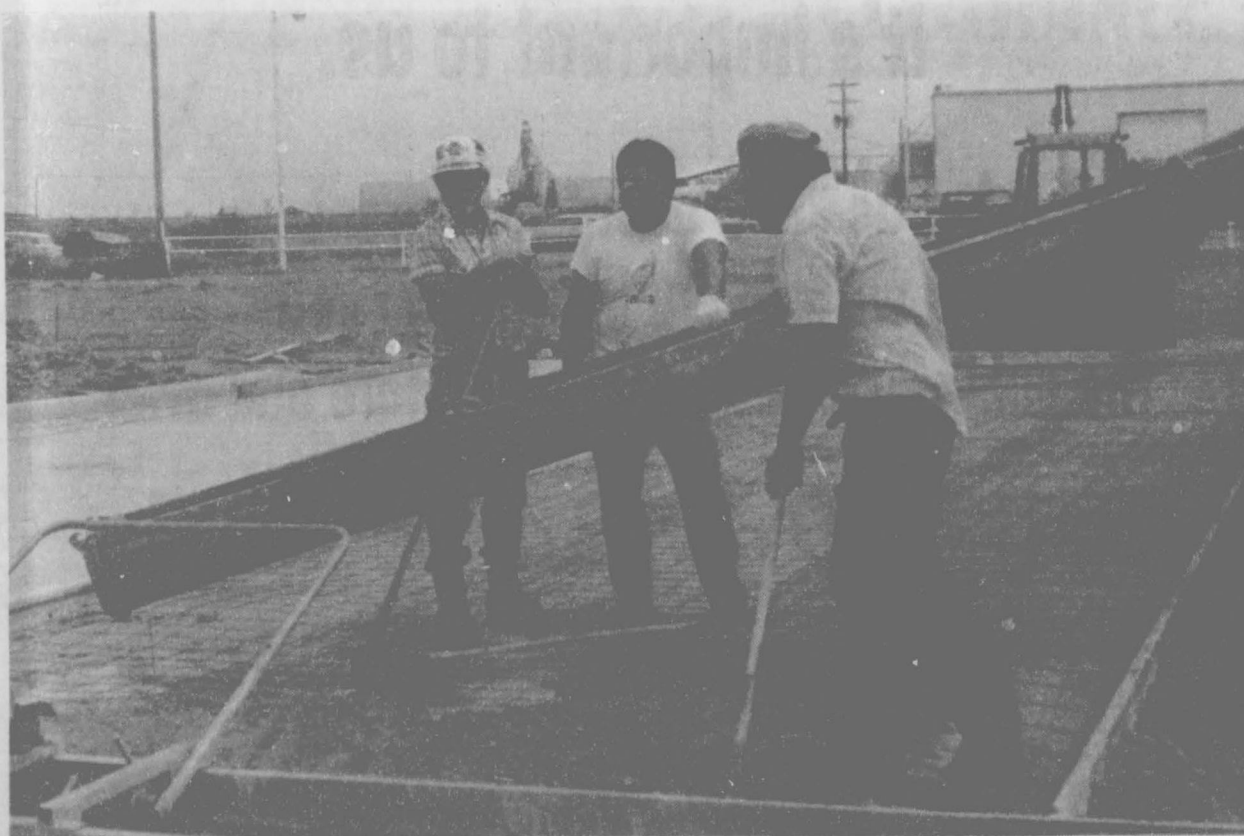
On July 4 there was a four person scramble which was won by Dale Hendricks, Don Smith, Vaden Aldridge and Tom Collier. They came in with a 57.

Second went to Butch Baker, Jake Jacobs, Lisa Lamb and Rebel Astrip. They came in with a 59.

Third went to Bob Hohortz, Irvin Davis, Glenda Guthrie and Chuck

Eaton. They came in with a 61.

Each Tuesday night Hansford Golf Club has a Scramble starting at 6 p.m. The last two weeks there has been a carryover. For next Tuesday night's scramble the purse is up to \$64. All are welcomed to play in the Tuesday scrambles.

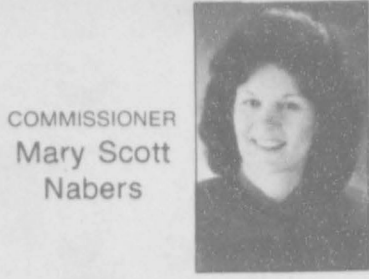


These men are laying cement for the parking lot enlargement at the Spearman Pizza Hut. The men work for Grant Construction. They expect their part of the job to be done by the first part of next week. The Pizza Hut is also making some changes inside to provide for the customers.

Project Rio: It's Salvaging Lives, Saving Tax Dollars

Dear Commissioner Nabers: I recently heard that the Texas Employment Commission has a special employment program for parolees getting out of prison. In my opinion, tax dollars should not be spent to give offenders special treatment when there are plenty of law abiding people who have been laid off and need help finding jobs.

— N.C.
Waco, Texas



COMMISSIONER
Mary Scott
Nabers

TEXAS BUSINESS TODAY

Dear N.C.: The program to which you refer is called Project Rio, which stands for

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program is providing a critical outreach which is truly making a difference. We are not taking away assistance from other unemployed people; we are simply taking available federal funding and targeting a special risk group. I believe it is money well spent and an effort well made.

Ms. Nabers represents 336,000 employers throughout Texas. If you have any questions you want answered, please write Commissioner Nabers at: TEXAS BUSINESS TODAY, 614 Texas Employment Commission Building, 15th and Congress, Austin, Texas 78778.

UP WITH AGRICULTURE

By David Garst



Doug Drudik of Grand Island, Nebraska, our national winner in the fourth annual Up With Agriculture Writing Contest, believes that the key to a bright future is a positive attitude.

Difficult times can test a person's outlook, according to Doug, but this also is when it's most important to be positive.

Here's Doug's winning entry:

The Sun Still Smiles

The sun always smiled on the farm.
I'd wake up to the smiling sun,
work under it all day,
and say good-bye to it in the evening.
I knew the smiling sun very well
before I learned a "crisis"
was at hand.
Some people talked of it as such,
others just didn't talk about it.
Today, the crisis is either over, or
still among us in our attitudes.
Of either I'm not sure.
What I'm sure of, though, is:
the sun I saw this morning
is the same one I saw as a child,
and it is definitely still smiling.

At the time Doug wrote this poem, he and his family had to confront a "crisis" of their own. "Two days before Christmas this year, my family and I found out that my mother has cancer," he explained.

"As I write this poem, she is packing for the hospital. My mother is determined to overcome cancer."

Still an optimist, Doug noted that "If agriculturalists would have her attitude, their futures would be bright."

Doug's advice rings true for people everywhere — but is especially appropriate for the American farmer of today.

He's right. With the constantly changing conditions in agriculture — export markets, farmland prices and interest rates, to name but a few — farmers need to realize that behind the clouds of uncertainty is a smiling sun.

The sun is a daily reminder for Doug, something he "wakes up to every morning, works under throughout the day, and says good-bye to in the evening with confidence the cycle will repeat the next day."

And he explains that the "smile" can take many different forms. "It can be a good crop yield, a lower interest rate, or an increase in farm exports," writes our winner. "On other days, it's watching the birth of a calf, tilling the land, or smelling the clean air of the country."

The sun is one of the world's most powerful natural resources. And Doug has tapped into this power. For him, the sun is a symbol for all that is good in his life. And it's a source of strength in difficult times.

Agriculture needs more bright, positive thinkers like him.

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to Trevor Ferguson's entry. And third went to Kiki Karthel's dog.

And last but not least the Shortest Tail prize was Jake McCullough's entry. Second went to Amanda Burke's dog and third went to Beth Yoake's dog.

Nell Thoresen won \$300 worth of Gruver bucks. Nathan Hanson and Dean Lee both won \$100 worth of Gruver bucks.

At the Lion's BBQ approximately 750 people were served. The Lion's received approximately \$4,000 from the BBQ. They will use the proceeds for charitable needs in the Gruver community. According to Lion J.C. Harris, "It is a worth while event and everyone who attended had a good time. It takes alot of labor and work to organize and put on the celebration. I'd also like to thank everyone who helped to make it a success."

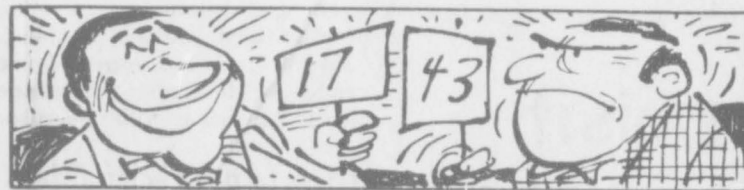
Alpha Mu Psi a local Gruver sorority held a bicycle and tricycle race. The winner of the tricycle race was Ross Mills.

Brook Solomon won the first bike race. Jeanie Swink won the second bike race. The third bike race was won by Jason Ward. Jace Dawson won the fourth race. Seth Solomon won the fifth race and Jimmy Potts won the sixth race.

The best decorated bike was won

by Annie Mayhew.

According to Jefferies and Harris all the events were well attended and the fireworks display was exceptionally outstanding.



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The proposed changes in rates will affect approximately 970,500 of the Company's Texas customers who represent all classes of customers subscribing to the Company's local exchange and foreign exchange services within the State of Texas, as well as all entities subscribing to the Company's billing and collection services within the state. The proposed changes in rates are designed to increase the Company's intrastate revenues by \$81,407,000, or approximately 11.8 percent annually.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223, (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

A complete set of revised rate schedules has been filed with the Public Utility Commission at Austin, Texas, and is available for public inspection in each of the Company's Business Offices in the State of Texas. A summary of the Company's rate filing has also been sent to the Mayor's office of each affected Municipality.

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Hansford Activity Center Baseball



This boys T-ball team is sponsored by the Hansford County Activities Center summer programs for kids. Back row [l to r] Josh Schuman, Brandon Hataway, Aaron Winegardner, Earl Wattier and Micah Edwards. Front row [l to r] Bruce Scroggs, Richard Varnon and Andrew Cummings. Not pictured are: Doran Schoenhals, Jonathan Bentley, Ryan Gibbs, T.J. Vasquez and Mickey Schoenhals.



One of the Hansford Activity Center programs during the summer is Boys Baseball and T-ball. Pictured here is boys T-ball. Back row [l to r] Craig Kuehl, Michael Lusby and Eric Varnon. Front row [l to r] Chris Cummings, Beau Bensinger, Lance McMahan, and Nicholas Vinson. Vinson, coach; Jason Taylor, Joey Salgado, Derek

51 percent of moms in work force

Last week's release of Census Bureau figures showing that 51 percent of mothers with children under a year old are now in the labor force came as no surprise in Texas.

"In 1986, the demand for infant care was cited as part of a crisis in Texas child care by the United Way of Texas Child Care Working Group," said Diane T. Welch, a home economist with the Texas A & M University Agricultural Extension Service.

"In the past two years the needs have only increased, due to several factors which are sending or keeping the mothers of very young children in the labor force," she said.

"Given the economic conditions in Texas, many new mothers simply can't afford to leave their jobs."

"A significant percentage of the births are also occurring among women in their thirties who have invested heavily in a career and are reluctant to take too much time away from it," Welch said.

"After years of having two incomes, other families don't want to reduce their standard of living or may find it difficult to support their financial obligations on one income," said Welch, an Extension family life specialist at Texas A & M University.

Whatever the reasons for returning to work, new parents often face

a difficult task in locating infant care. She said once they find it, quality should be a major concern.

"Minimum standards call for a loving caregiver and a clean, healthy, stimulating environment in which there are no more than five infants to one caregiver," said Welch.

"Parents should also be aware that consistency in caregiving is extremely important for infants, since it helps develop feelings of security," she said. "Research in child development indicates that infants should have no more than one primary caregiver other than the parents."

Welch said that since 35 percent of the labor force in Texas are parents with children under six, employers are becoming more involved in providing child care or child care information, referral and counseling services.

"While the number of employers providing such services is fairly small, parents should inquire so they can explore all available options," she said.

Alzheimer's no joke

When you're 14 and you forget something, we say you're irresponsible. When you're 40 and forget, well, you just got too busy with other things. But when you're 80 and forget, we're sure you have Alzheimer's.

But even at 80, the chances are that it's NOT Alzheimer's, the degenerative brain disease that robs its victims of not only memory but also life itself eventually.

Dr. Ed Luke, psychiatrist at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine who specializes in work with the elderly, says that only 5 percent of people over 65 have Alzheimer's. So when someone over 65 forgets where he laid the keys, there's a 95 percent chance the problem is not Alzheimer's.

Dr. Luke explains Alzheimer's symptoms: it's long standing, it's slow and progressive, and it runs in families. Even with these symptoms, though, he warns that many other diseases or problems can mimic Alzheimer's. Have the symptoms checked out by a doctor trained to evaluate older patients.

Dry spring makes Texas flamable

An unusually dry spring has left much of Texas like a tinderbox ready to go up in flames.

"Most of our pastures and ranges as well as our forested areas in East Texas are extremely dry, so everyone, including travelers, needs to be particularly careful with all types of fires," said Dr. B.J. Ragsdale, a range specialist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service.

"It's best to avoid any type of fire, such as burning trash, campfires and the like," Ragsdale said. "But if it's necessary to start a fire, be sure to use a designated area or container, such as an incinerator or other appropriate receptacle. Campgrounds normally have appropriate places for fires, but even with these, use care to keep sparks from igniting nearby areas."

"Travelers as well as others driving through the parched Texas

countryside should be extremely cautious with cigarettes and matches," said the specialist. "One errant cigarette tossed out of a car window could set thousands of acres aflame."

Texas has already witnessed one of the worst years on record for range fires. Some 300,000 acres of rangeland in the Rolling Plains was swept by wildfires early this spring, and other wildfires have taken their toll as well. In addition, forest fires have been numerous.

According to the Texas Forest Service, 1,344 forest fires covering more than 25,000 acres have been reported so far this year, well above average. And the Forest Service only handles about 25 percent of such fires, with rural fire departments involved in the majority of cases.



Some say dreaming of eggs means riches.



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Obituary

Nell Wall

Nell Wall, 71, died July 4. Memorial services were held July 6 in First Christian Church with the Rev. David Harker, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Stratford Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Wall, born in Dalhart, was a self-employed bookkeeper. She was a member of First Christian Church and Eastern Star. She had been a Stratford resident since 1948. She was the first and only woman mayor of Stratford and the first woman on the Stratford city council. She married Pete Wall in 1947 at Pratt, Kan.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Robert Ragsdale of Stratford and Peter Jam Wall of Spearman; a daughter, Sheryl Hayworth of Texhoma, Okla.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Raymond C. Sparks

Raymond C. Sparks, 77, died July 3.

Services were held July 5 at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor officiating. Burial was in Holt Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Sparks, a native of Hansford County, married Virginia Patterson in 1931 at Spearman. She died in 1986. He was a member of First United Methodist Church. He owned - operated Sparks Landry from 1946 until April 1988.

Survivors include two daughters Nadine Milam of Sunray and Joyce Ray Hanes of Carrollton; two sisters, Ailene White and Fannie Venneman, both of Spearman; one brother Willoughby Sparks of Midland; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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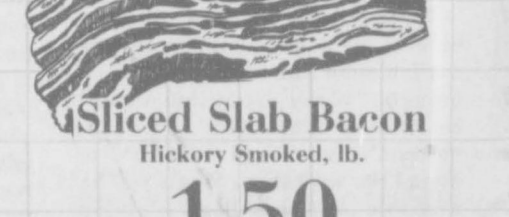
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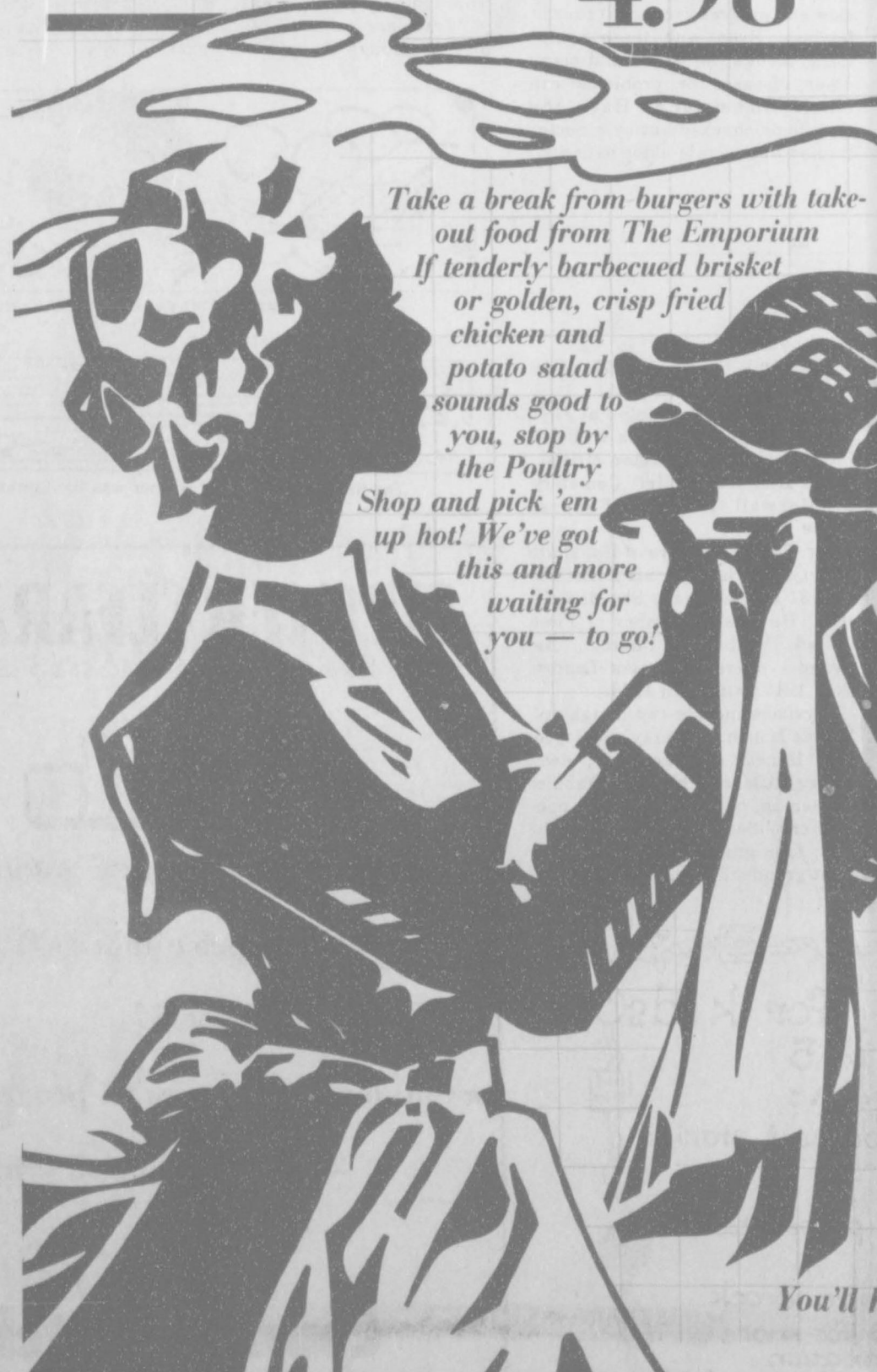
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Deceptive direct market tactics deluge top business executives

If you are being bombarded at the office by mail and phone solicitations promising expensive awards upon agreeing to buy some products, you are not alone.

According to a new survey, deceptive direct marketing practices, long a plague for consumers at home, are now rampant in the executive office suite.

A whopping 85 percent of business managers polled reported they have been solicited by phone or mail by someone who informed them they won a valuable prize provided they also agreed to purchase other products.

The ploys work. The survey, sponsored by Specialty Advertising Association International, found that nearly one-quarter — 22 percent — of those contacted said they purchased products to receive the expensive gift offered.

However, respondents found the free prize usually wasn't worth the trouble:

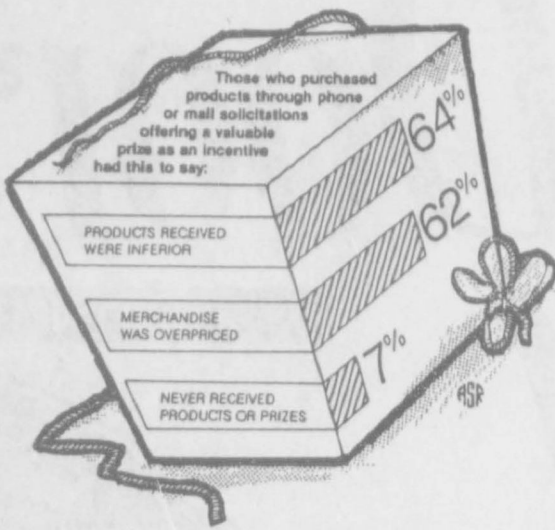
- * 64 percent reported the purchased products received were of inferior quality.

- * 62 percent considered the merchandise overpriced.

- * 7 percent said they never received the goods — prize or products — at all.

SAAInternational, the trade organization that represents 4,000 distributors and manufacturers of imprinted promotional products, conducted the poll to confirm widespread reports from members across the United States of such deceptive direct marketing tactics.

"The objective of what we refer to as 'boiler-room' operations is to



quickly turn over shoddy inventory, often purchased offshore at bargain basement prices. The gift is just a come-on," says Joe Stratton, SAAInternational board chairman. "The products being sold often include imprinted items, especially pens. In our industry, pens represent the second largest product category behind wearables, such as caps, T-shirts and jackets.

"Mail and phone marketing is a legitimate sales method often used by many of our members. But its use by boiler-room operators to sell inferior products will tarnish our industry and deceive executives unless the business community is informed," he says.

The boiler-room operators rely on a variety of gifts to lure the executives. Promises of vacations, boats, real estate and appliances were reported by the respondents. The products used in the ruses covered a wide array. Examples the survey uncovered included pens, jewelry and office supplies.

How to react to the offers? The best defense is to ignore them. If executives do receive this type of solicitation, they can:

- * Send copies of promotions received through the mail to the Attorney General's office and to the local Postmaster or Postal Inspection Service.

- * If the pitch comes in over the phone lines, try to gain the caller's phone number. Then report the number to the local phone company, Attorney General and the FBI.

- * If the business has already been victimized by these near-scam artists, the incident should be brought to the attention of the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission.

How does one identify a boiler-room operator? Here are some indicators:

- * The salesperson will not provide a company name, address or phone number. Boiler-room operators will not allow themselves to be easily identified or reached and often hide behind 800-numbers and an ever-changing cast of individuals who solicit by phone.

- * The location of the business changes repeatedly.

- * There is insistence on use of c.o.d. or credit card. Mastercard and Visa report that their number one headache is the abuse of credit card numbers by boiler-rooms.

SAAInternational has prepared an informative pamphlet on these deceptive marketing practices. To receive the free publication, contact Boiler-rooms, SAAInternational, 1404 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75038.



Walking around shopping for bargains at the local sidewalk sales, one could find a whole lot more than bargains. Shown here are Krista Stedje with her arm around Amy Gillispie as they pose in front of the Main Street store window Saturday during the Crazy Day celebration. Krista was dressed as a 1920's flapper as she greeted customers.



Historians believe that the folding fan was invented in Japan about A.D. 700. The inventor may have made the fan after noticing the way a bat folds its wings.

Veteran Q's and A's

Q—I am a Vietnam era veteran and used my VA education benefits to attend college. While attending school, I was injured in an automobile accident and under a doctor's care for almost 2 years, unable to continue my education. I am now able and ready to go back to school, but I can't without financial assistance. Am I still eligible for VA education benefits?

A—Normally a veteran must use education benefits within 10 years from the date of discharge. However, the delimiting date for educational benefits may be extended if it is determined that the veteran was prevented from initiating or completing a chosen program of education because of a physical or mental disability. Physical or mental disabilities which result from the applicant's own misconduct do not qualify the person for an extension of the delimiting date. Any extension granted will be equal to the length of time that the eligible person was prevented from initiating or completing a program of education within the basic 10-year period of eligibility.

Home Management TECHNIQUES

Laundry

Why are my shirts wrinkled? ... my pillowcases blotchy? ... my dress slacks full of lint?

Whether you're a beginner or an expert at laundry chores, an awareness of fabric types and proper sorting are key factors in good washing results.

Problems of dye transfer and color loss are increasing, mainly because manufacturers use unstable dyes in their fabrics. Colored stains found on fabrics after laundering are often the result of dye or pigment transfer from a non-colorfast item washed in the load. To avoid problems caused by unstable dyes, Whirlpool Corporation home economists suggest these tips:

- * Check care label instructions before buying. If the label suggests that the item be washed separately, the dyes used are probably not colorfast.

- * Try not to purchase items that state they are not colorfast.

- * Follow care labels. Manufacturers are required by law to provide care instructions. If these instructions are followed and unsatisfactory results are obtained, return the item to the manufacturer.

- * Do not overload the washer; contact dye transfer is more likely to occur if the washer is overloaded.

- * Do not allow wet items to sit either in the washer or clothes basket for long periods of time.

- * Do not allow damp items to remain in contact with powdered detergents or bleaches.

- * Sort carefully! Launder white, colorfast and non-colorfast items separately. Improper sorting may also cause problems such as wrinkling, lint and fabric damage.

Proper sorting is easier said than done. That's why home economists point out helpful ways to prevent sorting problems:

- * Do not wash non-colorfast items with lighter color items. This may cause discoloration, dingy appearance or streaky/blotchy stains.

- * Use proper wash cycle according to each fabric type and construction. Also, do not wash full loads of items with straps, ties, or long gowns. This creates twisting and tangling of items causing excessive wrinkling.



- * Be careful not to wash items with heavy buckles, zippers or sharp objects with delicate or knit items. Pills, snags, pulls and tearing may result.

These tips may not make laundry day any more appealing, but with a little extra attention given to proper sorting and fabric identification, you can feel better about the results. Your clothes will not only look their best, but their brightest ... and that makes you look good, too.

Pointers For Parents

Asthma Alert

At least ten million Americans, including three million children, have asthma. There is no cure but effective treatment can control the disease. To DETECT asthma, see your doctor promptly if your child shows any of these symptoms:

- * A wheezing or whistling sound from the chest when inhaling and even greater wheezing when exhaling.

- * Gasps for air or a feeling of tightness in the chest during an attack.

- * A hacking cough or shortness of breath that becomes more intense as the attack goes on.

To TREAT asthma, it's time for a trip back to the doctor if the child is taking a medication containing theophylline. New studies have shown that this substance can cause many serious side effects, including learning disabilities in children.

Theophylline has been an important agent in the treatment of both chronic and acute asthma in chil-



If your child is taking theophylline as an asthma medication, you should visit your doctor to discuss the new findings on the drug.

dren. However, there is great variability in children's response to the drug. Doctors and parents must be alert to the variables and monitor the child's actions and progress in school the entire time the child is taking the drug.

Be sure to discuss the best way to prevent attacks with your doctor and ask about the potential side effects of theophylline.

South Plains College Musical Program set

"Pickin' On The Plains," a special music program for persons who want to learn to play a musical instrument, is scheduled Aug. 1-5 at South Plains College, developer of the world's largest program in country and bluegrass music. Deadline to register is July 15.

Instructors for the workshop will be members of SPC's country/bluegrass music faculty as well as guest clinicians. "Many are recognized experts in their particular specialty. Throughout the week, they will emphasize hands-on learning experiences one-to-one as well as in ensembles and classroom situations," said Don Yarbrough, dean of SPC's Continuing Education Division.

Beginning and intermediate instruction will be given on guitar, banjo, mandolin, Dobro, fiddle, autoharp, string bass, electric bass and harmonica, along with courses in songwriting and publishing.

The basic skills courses for beginners will include two hours of classroom instruction from 9:30-11:30 a.m. daily and scheduled private lessons.

Intermediate courses will include private lessons in addition to ensemble and lecture time, from 1-3 p.m. daily.

A class on songwriting and publishing is scheduled from 3-5 p.m.

Evening concerts and jam sessions also will be scheduled.

Recreational facilities available for participants will be SPC's

indoor swimming pool, indoor racquetball courts, tennis courts, jogging track and library.

Cost of enrolling in one course is \$105; cost for two or more courses is \$210 per person, which does not include meals or lodging. Tuition prices cover the cost of all instruction, private lessons and use of SPC's facilities.

Workshop participants will have several meal and lodging options available for the week, said Yarbrough. "If you live within a short commuting distance of Levelland, you can drive to and from SPC to attend the workshop. Meals will be available in the college's dining hall at a reasonable cost."

Meals and lodging also will be available in SPC's residence halls for the week. Each room is air-conditioned, carpeted and draped and contains two twin beds. Participants will need to bring bed linens, pillows and towels. Cost for meals and lodging in residence halls is \$100, based on double occupancy. Single occupancy rooms will be available on request.

Water and electricity hookups for recreational vehicles are available on lighted, level sites that are within walking distance of the workshop classes. Cost for an RV Hookup is \$10 per day of stay. Meals may be purchased in the college's dining hall at an additional package price of \$55.

For more information, contact the SPC Continuing Education Office at (806) 894-9611, ext. 391.

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Morse Utility, Inc., has filed an application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity with the Texas Water Commission to provide water utility service in Hansford County. The proposed service area is approximately 15 miles south of Gruver Texas and generally bounded by Hutchinson County line on south and Texas Highway FAS 136 on the east.

The total area being requested includes approximately one square mile.

Persons who wish to intervene or comment should write the:

Rates Section
Water Utilities Division
Texas Water Commission
P.O. Box 13087

Austin, Texas 78711-3087 within 30 days from the date of this publication or notice. No public hearing will be held unless a request for hearing is received. Only those individuals who submit a written request to be notified of hearing schedules will receive notice if a hearing is scheduled. S36-2t

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Tri State Fair presents Ray Stevens concert

The 1988 Amarillo Tri State Fair, scheduled for September 19 through 24, will again offer quality musical entertainment each night during the event. Fair officials are announcing the appearance of Ray Stevens on Tuesday, September 20 at 8 p.m.

Who is Ray Stevens? Is he a comedian or is he a singer/songwriter to be taken seriously? He is both. His thought-provoking "Mr. Businessman" which reflects his sincere concern about the world and his Grammy Award-winning "Everything is Beautiful" portray Ray's feelings. On the comedy side, his tremendous wit, musical ability and lyrical diversity has exposed the world to such highly successful recordings as "Ahab The Arab" and "Harry The Hairly Ape". Those songs in the early sixties fixed Ray's image in people's minds as that of the class clown.

Then he wrote and recorded "Unwind" and "Mr. Businessman" and people asked "Is this the same guy?" It was indeed the same Ray Stevens because in the late sixties, he suffered a relapse with the classic "Gitarzan" followed by "Along Came Jones".

The pendulum swung to the other extreme and Ray's "Everything is Beautiful" became a modern day classic and a standard in every sense of the word. After that followed such a diversity of style that most people were convinced the only thing you could expect from Ray Stevens was the unexpected.

Also along come recordings such as "The Streak" (Don't Look Ethel!), "The Shriners Convention", "The Mississippi Squirrel Revival" and "The Haircut Song". So the answer to who is Ray Stevens is that he is an artist who performs songs that touch the human emotions -- particularly the human emotion of laughter.

Tickets for the Ray Stevens Show are \$12 each, which includes free gate admission to the fair on the day of the show. Mail orders are being accepted now and will be filled after July 1. Mail orders should be addressed to Tri State Fair, P.O. Box 31087, Amarillo, TX 79120-1087. Add \$1 per order for mailing and handling.

Lower phone rates set for elderly disabled Texans who are poor

AUSTIN—Reduced telephone rates go into effect July 1 for older disabled Texans who live in poverty, according to state officials who worked out the plan with telephone company representatives in response to recent legislation.

Under Tel-assistance Service, phone companies offer a 65 percent reduction in the basic monthly local charge. The reduced rate does not apply to installation, touch-tone, custom calling, long-distance or similar charges.

"The program was established by the Legislature, which required all 66 telephone companies that serve Texas consumers to participate," said Marlin W. Johnston, commissioner of the Texas Department of Human Services.

The Texas Public Utility Commission is responsible for rules governing participation by telephone companies. The human services department will take applications for the service and determine eligibility. The department will furnish telephone companies with a monthly list of eligible Texans.

To be eligible, a person must live in Texas, be the head of a household, be at least 65 years old, be disabled and have income at or below the federal poverty level. The 1988 poverty level for a one-person household is \$480.83 per month. The income limit for a two-person household is \$644.16; a three-person household, \$807.50; and a four-person household, \$970.83. For each additional person, add \$163.33 per month.

A person may have only one telephone line and may not have optional extended area service. People without telephone service must pay installation charges.

Johnston said application forms will be mailed to potentially eligible Texans in the department's files. Telephone companies will mail information about Tel-assistance service to all customers starting in September.

Application forms and information are available by calling a toll-free number, 1-800-343-8353.

Symptoms of heart attack and indigestion similar

You wake up with a pressure in the middle of your chest. Could be those enchiladas you ate at midnight. But if it doesn't go away with a little antacid, it could be something more serious.

Heart attacks sometimes feel like indigestion, warns Dr. Russell Fisher, cardiologist at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. They can occur at any time.

With pressure in mid-chest can come pain to the arms, neck, back, jaw or teeth. But not necessarily. You also can have sweats, short-

ness of breath or weakness. But not necessarily.

Dr. Fisher suggest that, if you think it's indigestion and you don't have any of the other symptoms, take a dose of antacid. Wait a few minutes. If that doesn't solve the problem, consider calling your doctor. Don't even bother with the antacid, though, if you have other symptoms along with chest pressure.

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Among the Neighbors

By Helen Fisher

Many, many of Spearman's talented pianists owe their expertise to Mrs. Hazel Loftin, as for nearly 50 years she taught piano to young and old alike. All her ex-students and friends wish her "many Happy Returns" on her 97th birthday on June 28, although they find it hard to believe she has reached that date.

She observed her birthday in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Wren and Fred Holt. Other family members sharing the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Holt and Michael, Susan and Bryan Kidder.

Mrs. Loftin came to Spearman in 1933 as the wife of Pastor A.F. Loftin of the First Baptist Church and has lived here since. She is now making her home at the Hansford Manor.

A family whose name has been synonymous with Hansford County since the early 1900's was that of Sparks. A member of that family, Raymond, 77, passed away Sunday evening in Hansford Hospital. He will be sorely missed as he was always gracious and cheerful and his ready wit enlivened all his associations.

Sympathy is extended to the entire family. His obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.

Messages of sympathy are coming in for Lucile and John Allen in the loss of their daughter, Linda Finchum, 46. She passed away early Sunday July 3 as a result of a heart attack in their home in Meade, Kan.

In addition to her parents she is survived by her husband, Dick Finchum, three daughters, three grandchildren and three sisters, one of whom is Marilyn Wilson of Waka, and a number of other relatives here, including cousins Newell Allen, Helen Gibson, Burl Buchanan and Tom Jarvis.

She attended the Buchanan family reunion here June 12. Gravesite services were held at the

Hansford Cemetery on Tuesday evening following funeral rites in Meade.

A family member of Mrs. Viola Hutton reports that her prognosis is unclear at this time. She was rushed to St. Anthony's Hospital last Saturday after her daughter, Norma Jean Mackie, discovered her in her home, the victim of a stroke.

Family members are at her bedside in Amarillo.

Josephine Bird, sister of Louise Holt, is visiting in the home of the O.C. Holts for several days. Mrs. Bird lives at Sanko, Tx.

Connie and Dr. Doug Stegar are renewing old friendships while staying in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Trindles and her sister, the Larry Holts. They report that they are well settled now in their new country home near Grandbury, but enjoy their returns to the Panhandle.

Feeling that their advice and assistance will be needed by their grandparents this summer, Abbe and Nathan Stegar will stay with Virginia and John for an indefinite time.

Joe and Enzie Copeland are trying to stay busy to fill the void left by the departure of their daughter, Joe Lynn and granddaughter, Lori Leland, who had been visiting here more than a week. While here they joined the Copelands for a visit to relatives in Muskogee, and then to the Copeland family reunion at Oklahoma City. The Lelands live in Broomfield, Colo.

On July 4, the Copelands were delighted to have two childhood friends come by for a short visit. Mrs. Hoyt Smith, now of Friona, and Janet Schadchek of Pittsburg, Pa., all formerly lived at Farnsworth.

Millard Tucker is back at home

recuperating from a stay in St. Anthony's Hospital with what was first thought to be a heat stroke. However it was not so serious and he says he is feeling fine and sorry he caused such a scare among his lawn patrons.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kingsley and son, Bryan, have been visiting his parents, Evelyn and Richard Kingsley the past weekend. They live in Newton, Kan. and Gary is still with the Heston Farm Implement Company.

Evelyn retired from her beauty salon last month, intending to live a life of retirement and ease, but declares she has more chores and duties than ever; she may be forced to go back to the shop for some rest!

Jo Ann and Jeff Hawkins returned from visiting a number of his relatives in Graham and vicinity. They reached home just in time to lay in a supply of firecrackers for the enjoyment of her sisters over the 4th. Joyce Shockley and Loretta Boyd of Amarillo spent the weekend with them. Melba Del and Jack Oakes joined them in the events and hosted all for dinner.

Betty and Johnny P. Vernon returned late Sunday evening from a lengthy stay in California. They went out to Springfield to attend the funeral of his uncle, Cecil Vernon. Mr. Vernon had lived in Hansford and adjoining counties many years ago, and came back occasionally for a visit.

A sister, Mrs. Beuna Hays, as well as other relatives were unable to make the trip.

Exhibiting that old-fashioned Methodist flair for the culinary arts were Ed Garner and Eschol Blankenship on July 4th. They cooked the hamburgers for the noon meal at the Methodist family picnic.

This is an annual affair for the families of the First Methodist Church and all were pleased with

Birth announced Careful irrigation yields more bumper corn crops

Dale and Debra Gable of Spearman are announcing the arrival of their new daughter, Tiffany. Tiffany was born in Ochiltree General Hospital in Perryton on Tuesday, July 5.

She weighed in at 6-pounds, 11-one-half ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Blanche Watson of Spearman and the late Loren and Gertrude F. Gable of Wray, Colo.

the attendance of the families.

In addition to the good lunch, there were games, visiting and swimming and even the weather cooperated with a pleasant temperature.

An excellent book review was that given by Helen Etter at the monthly Book Review Club on Tuesday evening.

Freda Sheets was the hostess for a dinner in her home which preceded the review.

The review was "The President's Wives" which was well received and left the listeners hungry for more.

Other than the hostess and Helen Etter, members present were: Carrie Marie Berry, Joe Copeland, Athalie Trayler, Altha Kirk, Nina Heffner, Sada Hoskins, Louise Holt, Jane Meek and two guests, Mrs. Josephine Bird and Joe Lynn Leland.

Betty and Chalmers Porter enjoyed one of many weekends at their lodge near Colorado Springs and were pleased with the fine weather.

They are relieved now that two of their sons have completed their moves and are well settled in their new home. William and Laura and two little girls are at Fargo, S.D. where both parents will practice medicine.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymie Porter and two little boys are at St. Paul, Minn. He will be associated with the University of Minnesota and engaged in research for the production of wild rice.

Water is one of the key ingredients to a bumper corn crop.

Unless sufficient water is available and managed properly, corn yields will suffer, according to a report from the Texas Water Resources Institute at Texas A & M University.

The report, "Irrigation Water Management for the Texas High Plains: A Research Summary," was prepared by Dr. John M. Sweeten, agricultural engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Dr. Wayne R. Jordan, TWRI director and professor with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

The report showed that corn is highly sensitive to water stress. Results of a four-year irrigation water management study at Bushland with corn and sorghum showed that with sufficient irrigation, corn required 16 percent more water than sorghum but produced 23 percent higher grain yields. Without sufficient irrigation, sorghum out-yielded corn by 50 percent.

Where water supply is limited, Sweeten and Jordan said that it may be advantageous to meet full water requirements on a limited acreage to obtain high corn yields rather than spreading limited water over a large area.

According to the report, early planting of corn allows the crop to receive the greatest amount of rainfall possible during the typical wet season in late May through June. However, earlier planting increases the need for preplant irrigation for stand establishment.

Once the crop is planted, water management strategies can be beneficial in making the best use of available water.

The need for irrigation is most crucial during the flowering stage, especially during pollination. Sweeten and Jordan reported. Decreased grain yield results mainly from reduced grain count per ear. This is caused by water

deficits during the flowering period, resulting in silk drying. Water deficit during the grain filling stage results in reduced kernel size.

Other problems resulting from water stress include pollen shedding before silks emerge, continuation of stress past pollination and into grain development, and reduced leaf area during major vegetative growth.

If water deficits occur, they should be limited to the early vegetative stage well ahead of flowering. Sweeten and Jordan did not recommend limited irrigation practices for corn crops.

About half the corn in the Texas High Plains is irrigated with center pivots, which may minimize runoff under careful management.

Watts and Short attend conference in Corpus Christi

Carole Watts and Carol Short, secretaries at Hansford County Farm Bureau, recently attended the Secretary Conference of Texas Farm Bureau. The Conference was held in Corpus Christi June 26 through 29.

A banquet on June 26 opened the conference. Group sessions were held the next day with various speakers concerning new programs and separate workshops were held throughout the day with discussions about the Rural Health Association, Legal Responsibilities, membership, and other areas concerning the county offices.

During free time they were given the opportunity to tour Port Aransas and Padre Island with Charlie Manley of Texas Farm Bureau in his Chevy Contempo Van.

While in Port Aransas they tasted various types of seafood at the advice of the competent and enthusiastic tour guide.

Watts and Short reported the trip to be educational, fun and tiring.

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