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Pictured above are the 4-H'ers and leaders that attended the two day camp.

4-H Camp Successful

Twenty-four Borden County 4-H'ers and five adult leaders left the Courthouse Friday morning for a two-day camp. They traveled to Colorado City and were joined by Mitchell County 4-H'ers and departed for Camp Butman at Merkel by way of Sweetwater.

The group ate lunch in the park at Sweetwater and went skating before continuing on to Camp Butman.

Activities at the camp included swimming, games, folk dancing, flag ceremonies and vespers.

They arrived back in Gail Sa-

turday afternoon.

Those attending the camp from Borden County were: Samantha Porter, Brice Key, Ralynn Key, Mickey Burkett, Kristi Stone, Gerry Smith, Cody Stone, Dawn Ann Holmes, Sammy Williams, Scott Jones, Tami Whitmire, Benny Taylor, Blane Dyess, Carl Daugherty, Wayne Daugherty, Roxie Wolf, Chip Smith, Cisco Arredondo, Gary Jones, Sherry Vaughn, Shawna Vaughn, Shana Bradshaw, Julie Ridenour, Becky Massingill, Carolyn Stone, Jerri Daugherty, Jim Burkett, Vickie Kiker, and Earnest Kiker.

Volunteers Fight

Grass Fire

A grass fire broke out Saturday evening at the McClurg Ranch. With the help of several neighbors, volunteer firemen, water tanks, fire trucks, and 5 spray planes, the fire was supposedly extinguished late Saturday night; but, on Sunday at 11:00 a.m., the fire was re-

kindled by several whirlwinds and the gusty wind.

After much fire fighting by numerous people, once again the fire was extinguished. The fire covered a large area of the McClurg Ranch as well as land owned by McDowell, Simer, and the old Clark Section.

Water Quality Management Plan

Citizens of this area will have an opportunity to offer suggestions about the 208 Water Quality Management Plan if they will fill out a form in a public service announcement appearing in this issue.

The Plan is being developed through a planning grant from the Texas Water Quality Board and the Environmental Protection Agency. The Colorado River Municipal Water District of Big Spring is the planning agency for the upper portion of the Colorado River Basin. This includes all of the drainage area of the Colorado River from the Texas-New Mexico border to just above the confluence of the Colorado and Concho Rivers.

The initial phase of the management plan has been completed. This includes information on projected water use, projected population trends and projected land use patterns. The report is currently being reviewed by the Texas Water Quality Board and will soon be ready for distribution to municipalities and counties in the study area.

FFA Members Attend Convention

On Tuesday July 12, Mr. Bob Bagley, Eurdist Rinehart, Patrick Toombs, Ty Zant, Johnny Jackson, Marlon Vaughn, and Tim Taylor attended the State Future Farmers of America Convention in Fort Worth, Texas.

Patrick Toombs, Matt Farmer, and Johnny Jackson each received the Lone Star Farmer Award.

Marlon Vaughn and Tim Taylor served as voting delegates for the Gail FFA Chapter.

The group enjoyed the meetings, a day at Six Flags, and other activities, which included swimming and bowling, before returning home on Friday, July 15.

Thompson-Belew Win Jackpot Roping

Hank Thompson and Joe Thell Belew won the Jackpot Roping Saturday night, July 16th, at the Gail arena. With an average on four head of 55.6, both won beautiful belt buckles. Other winners were:

Second Place Team: Terry Voss and Bill Carlisle--60.6 on four head

Tom Thompson and Doug Tate--70.5 on four head

David Pool and Doyle Newton--60.8 on three head.

With thirty-three teams entered, we had a good crowd with a lot of good fried chicken and homemade ice cream enjoyed by all before the men started roping at 7:00 p.m.

Winners of Go were:

1st Go--Hank Thompson and Joe Thell Belew, 10.1

Elmer McClurg and Doug Nehring, 11.0

2nd Go--Hank Thompson and Joe Thell Belew, 11.3

David Pool and Doyle Newton, 12.0

3rd Go--Roy Beaver and Cody Newton, 11.0

Johnny Montgomery and Arlan Youngblood, 12.7

4th Go--Terry Voss and Bill Carlisle, 9.3

Bill Carlisle and Joe Canon, 14.7

5th Go--Burl Belew and David Pool 11.5

Johnny Montgomery and Arlan Youngblood, 11.7

Winners of a 2.00 per head were Tom Thompson and Doug Tate.

We had a match roping with Joe Canon and David Pool matching Johnny Montgomery and Arlan Youngblood, with the Youngblood team winning.

A special thank you and job "well done" to Dorothy Browne and Don Cox, who kept books and did an excellent job. Also, Pat Murphy, thank you for keeping time. Donna Nehring, flag judge and all the ladies for the delicious spread of food. Even though it was hot, we put our tables in the shade and I don't think anyone even noticed the heat when we started eating all that good food. So a big thank you to one and all for a good roping and very nice family night. Let's do it again!!!

(Article by Dotty Wills)



Enjoying a warm day and her cuddly puppy is Grasshopper (Patsy) Underwood.

Scurry County Rodeo Slated

The annual Scurry County Rodeo is scheduled for this week beginning Wednesday, July 20, and continuing through Saturday, July 24, with performances nightly at 8:00 p.m. in the Scurry County Coliseum. Rodeo activities will begin on Wednesday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. with a parade through the downtown area. The annual stockholder's roping will be held again in the Scurry County Coliseum on Saturday morning.

Jim Miller of Rapid City, South Dakota, will again be on hand to announce. Stock producer will be Smokey Davis from Hungerford, Texas. The rodeo will include team roping, and a special attraction for the kids will be the Junior Goat Sack-

ing event.

Rodeo dances will be held nightly with music provided by Hoyle Nix and his West Texas Cowboys.

Fire Danger!

AUSTIN—Because of the very dry condition of rangeland in several parts of the state, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown warns summer travelers and campers that carelessness could easily trigger costly and dangerous range fires.

Brown said that vast areas of valuable rangeland could be turned into wasteland "in a matter of minutes" by cigarettes or matches thoughtlessly thrown from vehicles or by unattended campfires.

Fluvanna School Property Sold

Disposal of the Fluvanna School property and a compromise decision to get a proposed tennis facility off high center highlighted a regular meeting last Tuesday night of the Snyder school board of trustees.

High bidder on the Fluvanna School land and buildings was Fluvanna Coop Gin which submitted a proposal of 26,050. A total of six bids were received.

Following the opening of bids, the board then voted to advertise for sale a residence at the school property site in Fluvanna. The residence was not included in the original bid offering.

The Fluvanna school property became part of the Snyder Independent School District when Fluvanna was consolidated with the Snyder system.



JACKSON - HOCKER

Engagement

Mrs. B. W. Jackson, Gail Route, Box 225, announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Tricia Gale, to Wynfred Hocker, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Hock-

er, Sterling City Route, Big Spring. The couple will be married August 20 in the Ackerly Baptist Church with the Reverend Don Long officiating.

Bridal Shower

A shower honoring Miss Diane Titus, bride-elect of Clifton Smith, was held Saturday afternoon, July 16, at the Plains Community Center.

Refreshments of punch and assorted cookies and mints were served from a table laid with a blue and white cloth, the bride's chosen colors. The centerpiece was a potted plant made by Mrs. Ralph Martin and Mrs. Dee Burrus for the honoree.

Special guests included the couples mothers, Mrs. Robert

L. Titus from Commerce, Texas, and Mrs. Jerry Smith. Also present were the groom-to-be's grandmothers.

Hostesses were Mrs. Garland Doyle, Mrs. Alvin Bradshaw, Mrs. Charles Vaughn, Mrs. Ralph Martin, Mrs. James McLeroy, Mrs. Dee Burrus, Mrs. Adolph Telchik, Mrs. James Williams, Mrs. Johnny Dempsey, Mrs. Herman Ledbetter, and Mrs. Oscar Telchik. The hostesses gift was a slow cooker and grill combination.

Maid of Cotton Contest Begins

Mr. Robert McKinsey, Chairman of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce Maid of Cotton Committee, announced today the dates for this years selection. The Maid of Cotton application should be filled out and returned to the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce no later than 5:00 p.m., September 13, with the actual selection of the Maid being held October 7th and 8th.

McKinsey stated any interested girl between the ages of 19 and 23 that has never been married, born in a cotton producing area, and is 5 feet 5 inches tall or taller may contact the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce for an application.

Farm Safety Week

INVEST IN ACCIDENT PREVENTION---With National Farm Safety Week set for July 25-31, it's especially a good time to give more consideration to accident prevention, says an agricultural safety engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The theme of

the week is "Safety Is a Good Investment" and emphasizes that accidents result not only in personal injury but in costly equipment damage, medical expense, loss of valued talent and skill of agricultural producers and workers, and production loss.

Griffin Retires

TAHOKA -- William B. Griffin, Lynn County Extension agent for 30 years, will retire August 31, 1977, ending a 33-year career with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Griffin's career in Lynn Co. spans an era of agricultural development on the Texas High Plains that included technological advances in farming practices, major shifts to irrigation, and changes in the character of farm homes from isolated areas with few modern conveniences to highly advanced technological centers requiring huge outlays of capital.

The Lynn County Commissioners Court voted unanimously on July 11 to commend Mr. W. B. Griffin for his exemplary Extension program in commercial agriculture in the field of dry-land cotton production and his 4-H Club program the past 30 1/2 years.

THINK CLEAN WATER

Who Decides How Clean Your Water Should Be?

Right now a planning agency is studying the water in your area to determine where it comes from, how it can be used, what happens to it after it is used, and how it is cleaned up to use again. Who will decide how clean your water should be? This decision will affect you. Do you want to help make it? Fill out and return the form below, and we will send you information on the planning program currently underway.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Return to: Colorado River Municipal Water District
P. O. Box 869
Big Spring, TX 79720

The Speaker Reports



by **Bill Clayton**

AUSTIN--The 65th Session of the Texas Legislature acted on two issues that are very near and dear to all our hearts--life and death.

Senate Bill 416, permitting medical personnel and private hospitals the right not to participate in abortions, and Senate Bill 148, permitting persons to execute a living will in which a person can elect not to be connected to life support machines if he has a terminal illness, were enacted by the legislature.

The bill to prohibit forcing medical personnel to perform abortions was seen as a milestone by right-to-life advocates. Although several bills were introduced in both houses of the legislature to restrict the performance of abortions, this was the only anti-abortion bill enacted.

One basic premise of this bill is that medical personnel should be allowed to exercise their freedom of conscience in choosing whether or not to participate in the performance of abortions. If they believe abortion is morally wrong, they should not be forced to participate.

Private hospitals were deemed to be able to exercise a right of conscience as a unit, and if policy of the hospital states that abortion is morally wrong, the hospital would not have to provide abortions except when the life of the mother is at stake.

The "Natural Death Act" cleared both houses of the legislature in response to the concern many people have expressed regarding medical advancements in the development of life support systems which have caused a growing concern about the patient's choice to terminate life supports.

Under the bill is a procedure whereby an adult can execute in advance an instrument which provides for the withdrawal or withholding of medical care when the person has a terminal condition in which there is no chance of recovery.

This bill has safeguards--it makes willful destruction of a person's directive to remove support systems a Class A misdemeanor, and

makes forgery of such a directive with the intent to cause death (contrary to the wishes of the patient and causing death to be hastened) subject to prosecution for criminal homicide.

Nothing in the act enacted by the legislature is intended to permit any action other than to permit natural death.

Snake Research

More than 90 percent of snakes in Texas are non-poisonous and quite useful to man.

"And even the poisonous ones help keep down the population of rodents and other pests," says Dr. Dixon who is engaged in research on snakes for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

There are ever so many misconceptions about snakes, Dr. James R. Dixon says. In addition to the now well-known ones about a milk snake can't milk cows, a hoop snake can't take tail in mouth and roll down hill, a "glass snake" (lizard) can't break in pieces and then reassemble, other misconceptions are:

- 1) A rattlesnake always rattles before it strikes. Not so, if he's asleep and you step on him or otherwise startle him, he'll strike and then rattle.
- 2) A poisonous snake strikes at a warm body because of a heat sensor. Actually, it's a temperature sensor and snakes use it to detect a difference in temperature. A snake may strike a cold-blooded reptile such as a frog, lizard or another snake.

3) A small poisonous snake is not dangerous. Definitely not so! Dixon says a small rattler is poisonous at birth and only the quantity of poison increases as it gets larger.

Treatment for snakebite can be both painful and dangerous and should not be administered unless the snakebite is poisonous.

Symptoms of poisonous snakebites Dixon mentions are immediate pain followed by swelling and cold sweat.

Amateur field treatment of snakebite injures many people each year according to Dixon. Chemical freeze material often damages flesh with frostbite. And amateur surgery often damages blood vessels, nerves or tendons without doing good.

The most effective field treatment Dixon has observed is to pack the bite in ice and get it to a doctor as soon as feasible. But a patient who runs only speeds spread of the poison, he cautions.

And Dixon reiterates, the snake should be killed and brought in with the victim if possible. Otherwise, the doctor has to try and treat a snakebite of unknown origin.

Dixon mentions several precautions to prevent snakebite. One of these is his habit of carrying a stout staff when in snake country and using it to make noise in front of him to scare away snakes. He doesn't put too much reliance in boots or canvas leggings for protection.

Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 18, 1977. After routine business of minutes and bills, a financial report was given by James McLeroy. The building program was reported to be running ahead of schedule.

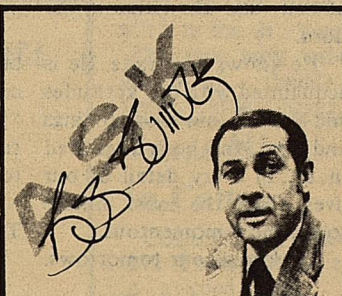
Other business in the Superintendent's report was the resignation of Jack Hataway, math teacher in the Borden School District. The resignation was accepted.

Sealed bids on furniture for the new classrooms and cafeteria were opened. American Desk was the successful bidder on all tables, student desks, and teacher desks. Indeco Sales Company was the successful bidder on all chairs for classrooms and cafeteria.

The proposed budget for the school year 1977-1978 was reviewed. The Board will not adopt a budget until a budget hearing is held on July 26, 1977 at 8:00 p.m.

Consideration was given the school calendar again since the new school finance bill cut the number of teaching days from 180 to 175. It was the opinion that the school calendar would remain as it is for the beginning of school and if no days were lost due to bad weather, the five days would be taken off the end of the school year. The plan would allow school to dismiss students on May 18, 1978.

Following a discussion on school personnel, President Anderson declared the meeting adjourned.



BOB BULLOCK
Comptroller of Public Accounts

DEAR MR. COMPTROLLER:

I plan to purchase a phonograph to install in my dairy barn to help soothe my cattle during milking. Are the phonograph and records exempt from the sales tax since they are used in connection with production of food for human consumption?

I'm afraid not. While the music may be useful in keeping your cows content, it is only incidental in the actual production of milk and, therefore, subject to the tax.

Dear Sir:
Is the money from life insurance policies exempt from the state Inheritance Tax?

The first \$40,000 received from life insurance policies are exempted from the tax if the policies are made payable to a named beneficiary. If the insurance is payable to the estate, the total amount received is taxable.

Hints For Buying School Clothes

COLLEGE STATION --- In school clothes, it's the Who, Why, What, When and Where that counts--and it can be a meaningful occasion when children are part of the planning and shopping, says Mrs. Marlene Odle-Kemp, clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"Style is important. Young people want to wear what their friends wear," she emphasizes.

Other major factors are the child's growth rate and activities--along with fabric types and garment care, she says.

In planning, make a list of specific items needed. Decide on quantity with growth patterns in mind. Consider buying only two or three outfits to mix and match, if the child will outgrow them in about three months, the specialist advises.

Choose styles and fabrics that will "grow along"--raglan sleeves, cuffed pants, wide hems in dresses and tops can add to the life span of a garment.

Stretchy knits are popular, comfortable and "easy care," especially cotton or cotton/polyester. Durable fabrics like denim and corduroy withstand rough play and many washings.

"If a child needs costumes, uniforms or any special clothing for activities, budget for them, too--they can be important to children. They can wreck budgets if unplanned, though. Decide if perhaps mix-and-match will serve here, also, if parts of these special buys could be everyday wardrobe-extenders," Mrs. Odle-Kemp suggests.

Be especially careful of shoes, she cautions. No hand-me-downs; this forces a child's foot to conform to the footprint in the shoe. Have a reputable shoe salesman determine the child's size.

Legal Notice

To Whom It May Concern:

This notice of the Borden County Independent School District Budget Hearing is hereby given that a public hearing of the proposed school budget for the next fiscal year will be held in the Borden County School, Gail, Texas on Tuesday, July 26, 1977 at 8:00 p.m. in accordance with Article 659A-15 of the revised Civil statute of the State of Texas.

At the conclusion of such hearing, the budget as prepared will be acted upon by the Borden County School Board. All interested citizens are invited to attend such hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Borden County Independent School District

Doyle Newton, Secretary

Legal Notice

In obedience to an order of the Board of Equalization, regularly convened and sitting, notice is hereby given that said Board of Equalization will be in session at the Borden County School in Gail, Texas at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 27, 1977, for the purpose of determining, fixing, and equalizing the value of properties situated in Borden County Independent School District, Gail, Borden County, Texas, for taxable purposes for the year 1977 and all persons interested or having business with said Board are hereby notified to be present.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

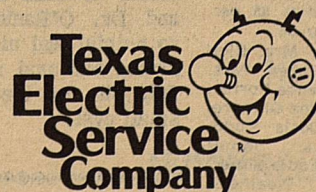
Doyle Newton, Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

Texas Electric Service Company, in accordance with the rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, hereby gives notice of its intent to implement new rate schedules for electric service in areas served by the company, effective August 3, 1977, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law.

The new schedules will result in a 23.63 percent increase in the adjusted gross revenue of the company.

A complete copy of the new rate schedules is on file with the Public Utility Commission at Austin, Texas, and with each affected municipality. Copies are also available for inspection in each of the company's public business offices.



What's Hap-Nin

Around Town

It was overheard in Gail this week that Mrs. Royale (Carole) Lewis has been on crutches for at least two weeks. Seems she broke a foot. It has not kept her at home, as I hear she has been to see her parents, the O. D. Jackson's.

We do not have an official greeting service in Gail, so one of our "friendly" rattlesnakes showed up at the door to greet the Creighton Taylors as "new" residents. It was the largest rattlesnake that Susan had ever seen, and I hear it scared her. (Snakes scare me, too.) Creighton grew up here, and is working for the school. Susan met him last summer in Fun Valley Colorado, and they recently moved here from Amarillo. Hope that Susan finds the people of Gail much nicer than that rattlesnake!

I hear that it did not make Susan Taylor feel any better when she learned that Terry Voss had killed a snake at his house. Terry is one of their closest neighbors.

Some people thought recently that Rex Cox and his family were moving. They were loading clothes, dishes, baby furniture, etc. It turned out that they were just loading their camper and horse trailer for a trip to the north to rodeo. They will spend about six weeks in South Dakota and surrounding states. Good luck on the roping!

I have heard it said that if you want to see someone from this area, just go to the O'Donnell rodeo. There was a big crowd this year and many people from Borden County there. They were rewarded when Randy Ogden won the calf roping and Mayme McLaury won the barrel race on Saturday night. No one will talk about the Junior Ribbon Roping!

Jym's Cafe has been closed

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this week. Seems the cook has pneumonia, the same thing that kept Norval Cunningham out of commission for the last two weeks.

There was a terrible odor in Gail on Thursday of this past week. It was only the County doing some much needed paving on the Courthouse square.

Watch it, your name could be in this column next week!!!

Can You Top This?

Vivian and Pauline Clark, who live three miles south of Gail, have killed six rattlesnakes in their yard this year. Everyone has been full of VIM, VIGOR and GERITOL!

Ira News

Mrs. J.D. Blankenship and her mother, Mrs. Trisch, of Fort Worth, were weekend visitors of relatives in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ellis of Snyder returned Tuesday from visiting in the Elmer Gray home near Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Graham near Padre Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Murphy were visiting Friday with relatives at Lamesa.

Thirty-two descendants of the E. L. Skeltons, originally of Albany, attended a kinsmen reunion over the weekend in the J. C. Skelton home at Lake Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gordon returned Thursday after a ten-day vacation picking and canning Bing cherries near Cloudcroft, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Murphy and sons of Ira, were weekend visitors at Ruidosa, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Rod Anderson of Snyder have completed a ten-day vacation with Oklahoma relatives and attended a kinsmen reunion July 4th, at Altus, Oklahoma.

Mmes. Rosa Hodnett and Mrs. J. M. Sterling of near Vincent, spent Saturday in the J. E. Sorrells home.

The Knapp-Murphy Home Demonstration Club met Thursday with Mrs. Cecil Huddleston, with eleven members and two visitors answering roll call. Delicious Lemon Pound Cake, Monkey Bread Coffee Cake, coffee and tea were served as refreshments.

Mmes. J. E. Sorrells and W. Ed Murphy visited the Cary-Key reunion at the Knapp Community Center Sunday afternoon.

Ruth Weathers sends special thanks to each and all friends and Dr. O'Banion, who were so helpful and nice to her after having had oral mouth surgery July 5th for the removal of a small cyst.

Constant talkers are not communicating; they are being rude.

Tech Receives Beef Research Appropriations

Two state legislative appropriations, including a two-year budget for \$300,000, will increase beef cattle research at Texas Tech University.

"A two-year budget of \$150,000 each year has been allocated for Texas Tech research concerning efficient beef cattle production," announced Dr. Anson R. Bertrand, dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at Tech.

"The significance of this action is that it marks the first time ever that the Texas Legislature has provided funds specifically for beef cattle research at Texas Tech. And we are extremely grateful to the legislature."

Bertrand said the agricultural sciences faculty already has begun to prepare the best research projects possible to make use

of the money. He said the legislative action reveals the confidence placed in past and on-going beef cattle research at the university.

The second appropriation for Tech beef cattle research has come in a one-year budget of \$240,000 for renovation and improvement of the feedmill, laboratory and office space at the Killgore Beef Cattle Center at Pantex, the dean reported.

The improvements will allow Texas Tech to enhance its beef cattle research at the center and to perform new types of research.

"We will be able to perform research being sought by the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, research we have not been able to do before," Bertrand said.

Cattlemen Alarmed

KANSAS CITY, MO.--"Cattlemen would have received \$53 more per head for each animal slaughtered in recent months, had we maintained our traditional share of consumer net disposable income," says O.J. Barron, a Spur, Texas, rancher who serves as national chairman of the Beef Development Taskforce (BDT).

"Consumers spent only 2.20% of net income for beef during the first quarter of 1977--the lowest in 29 years," he says, upon analyzing figures just released by the USDA. "This is cause for alarm!"

The 29-year average is 2.52% spent for beef. "When it dropped to 2.27% during the last quarter of 1976--a record low up until then--we thought it might be a quirk," Barron adds. "But the downward trend seems to be continuing."

A drop of 0.32% sounds rather small, he explains. But when applied to \$311 billion of net disposable income during the first quarter, it boils down to a drop of \$558 million at the farm level or \$53 less for each animal slaughtered.

Several factors account for the percentage drop, according to Barron: food fads, the vegetarian movement, charges that beef is bad for your health, inflation and an over supply of beef.

"If we are going to regain our share of the consumer dollar--and hopefully increase it--we must have an aggressive program of research, consumer education, promotion and market development," says the BDT chairman. "That's what the Beef Research and Information Program is all about--a self-help program to increase markets and increase profits for cattlemen."

Cattle producers voted on this program July 5-15. At the time this newspaper went to press, the results were not yet in.

SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
By Michael A. Guido, Metter, Georgia

Yesterday I saw a sign on a car that read, "Don't follow me, I'm lost." When it came to a stop, another pulled alongside and the driver shouted, "So am I, and I don't know what to do."

If there is one thing more than another which we need, it is a Counselor more than human; and His name is the Lord.

He knows our traits. He is acquainted with our aptitudes and abilities, our shortcomings and sins. And he is interested in us, in every detail of our lives, from the most minute to the most momentous.

He knows our tomorrows.

He is perfectly familiar with every event, from the least to the greatest, that will ever happen in the days ahead. He can give guidance today that will safeguard tomorrow.

One of the most wonderful truths of the Bible is, that for every person the Lord has a plan, and He has never planned a failure.

One who accepted His plan became a great king. He recorded in Living Psalms 16:7, "I will bless the Lord who counsels me. He tells me what to do."

Do you want His counsel? Then accept His control.

Plant your future now.

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Take stock in America. Buy U.S. Savings Bonds.

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Agents Meet Set

CORPUS CHRISTI --- This year's meeting of the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association will be by the sea and will provide a variety of business and recognition activities.

The annual meeting is set for July 31-Aug. 3 at the LaQuinta Royale Motor Inn here, announces McLennan County Extension Agent Billy M. Collier, president of the state association.

Registration, an officers and directors meeting, a reception for retired agents, a memorial service and a seafood barbecue will highlight the first day.

The meeting will officially get underway with a general assembly at 9:15 Monday morning, Aug. 1, with Dr. H.O. Kunkel, dean of agriculture at Texas A&M University, as the keynote speaker. There will also be comments from Dr. Dwayne Suter and Dr. T.R. Greathouse, A&M associate deans of agriculture.

A noon luncheon will be highlighted by the presentation of eight outstanding county agents as winners of the Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor bestowed by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. The award winners for 1977 are Don Kachtik, Orange County; Hayden Haby, Edwards; Greg Gerngross, Callahan; Albert Ware, Lamar; Elwin Havard, Newton; Henry Smith, Wharton; Juston McBride, Deaf Smith; and Lucian

McCarroll, Cottle-King. Actual presentation of the awards will be at the national association meeting at Hartford, Conn., Oct. 2-6. Keynote speaker at the luncheon will be Dr. Daniel C. Pfannstiel, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

A tour of the King Ranch and a barbecue will conclude the day.

A general assembly and committee meetings Tuesday morning will be followed by a special awards and recognition luncheon. Chester Fehlis, Victoria County Extension agent, will be recognized as the winner of the National Achievement Award. This award will also be presented at the national meeting. Keynote speaker at the luncheon will be Dick Conolly, vice president of Stewart and Stevenson Services, Corpus Christi, who will discuss energy conservation.

A highlight of the annual meeting will be a banquet Tuesday evening honoring seven outstanding agricultural leaders who will each be named a "Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture." The award recipients are Ray Joe Riley, Plainview; Don C. King, Fort Worth; Ray Sawyer, Hillsboro; D.V. Guerra, Jr., San Manuel; Sy Seybert, Tornillo; Dick Hartman, Victoria; and Verlin Callahan, Austin. Featured speaker at the banquet will be Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Reagan Brown.

The meeting will conclude the next morning following committee reports, an association business session, and a talk by Dick

Weekley with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

A special program is planned for women attending the meeting, and will include a tour of the port of Corpus Christi, shopping at the Padre-Staples Mall, a tour of the Corpus Christi Museum, a style show and a seafood preparation demonstration.

4-H News

4-H record books were judged in Borden County last week.

4-H'ers compile a years work together in the green 4-H record book folder to compete for county, district, and state awards.

Blue ribbon records turned in for Borden County this year were: Kim Wills, Achievement; Stephanie Stephens, Foods and Nutrition; Keith Williams, Beef; Kirby Williams, Beef; and Ty Wills, Sheep.

According to Earnest Kiker, County Agent, Bob Benson, County Agent from Mitchell Co. judged the records.

Nine Borden County 4-H'ers participated in the District 2 4-H Trap and Skeet Shooting Contest in Lubbock.

4-H'ers from all over the District gathered at the South Plains Gun Club to match their skills. Borden County's Senior team, composed of Blaine Dyess, Mark Walker, Ray Don Underwood, Perry Smith, and Travis Rinehart, placed second in the Senior Trap. Blaine Dyess was 4th high individual.

The Junior Team, composed of Ty Wills, Cole Herring, Van York, and Jym Rinehart, placed third in the Jr. Trap Division.

The nine boys were accompanied by County Extension Agent, Earnest Kiker.

Texas High In Cotton

COLLEGE STATION --- The 1977 Texas cotton crop is off to a good start. With good market conditions, farmers have planted fence row to fence row, and this year's crop could yield well over four million bales.

Barring weather and insect problems, the Texas cotton crop has the potential of surpassing the 1973 crop of 4.6 million bales. World stocks at the beginning of the August 1 crop year have averaged 40 per cent of world consumption the past 10 years. Beginning stocks on August 1, 1977 will be a low 30 per cent of projected consumption. Low world stock levels in 1972 and 1973 preceded the sharp price rise of 1973. Low stock levels in 1976 were accompanied by price increases for the 1976 crop. Yet, those levels for 1972, '73, and '76 were not nearly as low as current levels.

"Prices have been down for the last month because of the expected big crop for 1977," notes Baker. "This big crop is needed badly, but it cannot be big enough to restore stocks to normal. Therefore, prices for this year's crop are expected to average near those received for the 1976 Texas crop."

Western Encephalitis In Area

Reports from the Texas Health Department Laboratory in Austin confirm presence of the Western Encephalitis virus in Hale County (Hale Center & Plainview). This week a confirmed Western horse case was reported in Lubbock County.

The Western encephalitis virus is contagious to humans, and can be transmitted by mosquitoes.

So far, no St. Louis encephalitis virus has been found this year in West Texas. In Dal-

las the second human case was reported this week.

A continuing surveillance program is being regularly conducted in most major population areas by the Texas Health Department (Zoonosis Control Division) and has provided an early warning to the area.

Horse vaccination, mosquito control, and personal protection is advisable now. The encephalitis season will persist until late fall.

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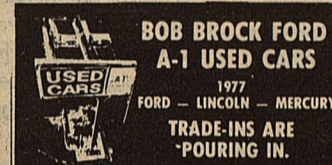
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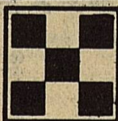
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The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill
Attorney General

AUSTIN—It's hard to resist a smiling youngster who rings your doorbell and asks you to subscribe to a magazine to help him earn a college scholarship.

It's especially difficult when he adds that part of the purchase price of the subscription will be donated to charity—and even more enticing when the price you are quoted seems so reasonable.

But watch out! That's the word from our Consumer Protection Division attorneys about such situations. There are numerous instances of travelling magazine "crews" working one part of the State and moving on to another, selling magazine subscription contracts on the basis of fraud and deception. Our lawyers recently obtained a permanent injunction against one such operation, which was representing itself to be a "community service" and "youth education service."

And while consumers are being defrauded in such operations, in many cases the youngsters who are working on the crew have also been the victims of misrepresentation. Many have responded to classified newspaper advertisements which indicate glamorous jobs involving travel, resort hotel stays, and the opportunity to meet interesting people are "available to the right applicants."

What they frequently find is a job selling magazine subscriptions as part of such travelling crews—most often at below average wages.

In our recent court case, sales persons on the crew were telling potential subscribers that they were working toward a college scholarship which they would get if they sold a certain amount of magazine subscriptions. Sometimes they varied the story by saying they were working for a savings bond bonus. In reality, they were paid a straight sales commission on the subscriptions they sold.

In addition, in this case, subscribers were given the impression that the price they agreed to orally was the total price, when in reality they learned later that their agreement required that they

pay an additional amount to a third party before their subscription would begin.

The defendants also told consumers that part of the purchase price would be donated to charity, although none was. Also, they failed to tell purchasers of their right to cancel a home solicitation contract within three business days and to supply a "notice of cancellation" to mail if cancellation was desired, as required by Texas law.

Our lawyers note that many times, in such operations, the purchaser ends up paying more than he would if he ordered the magazine from the publisher directly. The typical sales pitch in such magazine sales operations is that you'll only pay "pennies per week." Remember, though, that 48 pennies per week equals \$24.96 per year, so it's important to consider the total price you are agreeing to pay.

You should also be aware that some magazine sales operations have failed to provide the subscriptions even though they were paid in advance for them.

If you have a consumer complaint involving door-to-door sales of magazines or other items, get in touch with the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division in Austin, Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, El Paso, Lubbock, or McAllen. Outside those areas, call this toll-free number: 1-800-252-9236.

Cutworm Defoliates Mesquite

Mesquite over widespread parts of the Rolling Plains have been defoliated by the mesquite cutworm. The mesquite cutworms feed at night on the mesquite leaflets leaving only the leaf stems. Defoliation occurs on the ends of limbs first. During the day the larvae can be found under the bark or at the base of the tree under litter. Heaviest defoliation occurs in late May or June in years when mesquite cutworms are abundant. Mesquite were defoliated in parts of the area during 1971 and 1974.

The cutworms can be a problem when they attack mesquite in the home landscape. Carbaryl, Seven R, will effectively control these cutworms when ap-

plied to the foliage. But considerable damage has usually been done before the cutworm infestation is noticed. The mesquite cutworm are near the end of the larval development period. They will soon pupate in the soil and emerge as moths thus eliminating the need for control measures in the home landscape.

Defoliation of mesquite by the cutworm is also a cause for concern on rangeland. But unlike the concern in the home landscape the concern on range land is for mesquite to be in the best condition for maximum control. The period of defoliation apparently results in little permanent damage to mesquite trees. Maximum defoliation by the cutworm usually occurs during the time mesquite is most susceptible to herbicides. To obtain the best kill of mesquite with herbicide, the trees need to have as much foliage present as possible to provide entry of herbicide into the plant. Spraying herbicide on defoliated mesquite will result in disappointing kill of mesquite. Herbicide should not be applied to an area when mesquite is defoliated.

Because cutworm activity will soon decline, mesquite will produce new leaves. If these leaves develop rapidly and mature (become dark green in color) within two to three weeks, mesquite can then be sprayed with herbicide. Postpone spraying until another year if new foliage is not produced soon.

Slow Paced Children Need More Time

COLLEGE STATION -- Slow-paced children can succeed--if parents and teachers adapt time schedules and attitudes, says a family life education specialist. "Many school-home related problems between parents, teachers and students are basically "no fault," explains Dorothy Taylor, with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. "They stem from avoidably tight schedules that make for classroom frustrations. Neither parent, teacher, nor child has created these conditions.

"There is no place to lay the blame, yet child-centered problems arise and must be dealt with by both school and parents," the specialist says. "One victim of this issue is the child who is not lazy, but who works slowly or methodically.

"We are not discussing the 'slow learner' here," she cautions, "rather the child who is slower paced.

"Distress surrounds the child who does not keep up with classmates."

Yet to keep to a schedule, classroom activity is timed to the speed of most pupils in a given classroom.

Clocked work overpowers the slow-paced child, as usual, and leaves him only half through when most others have finished. With a rigid schedule, the teacher is pressed to keep up, yet the slower-paced child cannot, Miss Taylor says.

"The child who is not attuned, who is not a clock-watch-

er, begins to see himself as 'different,' and he is disappointed that his pattern doesn't fit 'the system.'"

It is vital that the slower child not be criticized or berated by parent or teacher for his "pokeness," she adds.

"He knows already that he falls below the standard, yet he knows he is capable of doing a task if given time. His homework usually proves this--it is usually complete and accurate because he has done it on his own time.

"But he has already marked himself as a failure. To have this belief confirmed by the adults around him is devastating," the specialist warns.

The solution might lie in allotting this child extra time for completing projects. This time might come from a "free time" slot, or recess, Miss Taylor suggests.

Answering the needs of a slower-paced student will help bypass behavior problems that could start with that child's resentment and poor self-image. "One obvious first step in

ironing out the problem is that parents and teachers be available to the child who has problems with completing school work during the school day.

"Open communication and understanding between parents, teachers, and children is the first step in better school relationships."

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Obituary



MRS. ORSON

Funeral services for Mrs. Beulah Orson were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, July 1, in the First United Methodist Church of Lamesa with the Rev. Newton Starnes of Tahoka officiating. Burial followed in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Mrs. Orson, a pioneer resident of Dawson and Borden County, died about 4:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 29th at Medical Arts Hospital. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Candy Orson in 1966. They had married in Lamesa in 1919 and held extensive ranching and farming interests in Borden and Dawson County.

Survivors include a son, Raymond of Lamesa; one daughter, Mrs. James E. (Bess) Smith of Borden County; three sisters, Mrs. Jesse Tisdale of Fort Worth, Mrs. Winnie O'Connor of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mrs. Fred Utecht of Brownwood; three brothers, Jesse and Jim Gillespie of Las Cruces, and Lewis Gillespie of Artesia, N.M.; five grandchildren, Jay Smith of Corpus Christi, Lin Smith of Borden County, Mrs. Phil McClendon of Brownfield, Mrs. Rick Smith of Lamesa and Rick Orson of Midland; and nine great grandchildren.

Card Of Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation to our friends for the many nice things you did for us during the illness and death of our loved one. Your kind words, hospital visits, flowers, food, memorial contributions, and friendship will never be forgotten. May God bless each of you.

/s/ The Family of Beulah Orson
Mrs. Bess Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Smith and Lois, Mr. and Mrs. Lin Smith



The Board of Directors of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. July 13 adopted a \$207,500 budget for the organization's 1977-78 fiscal year.

In other action the Board elected one new member to its Executive Committee and re-elected five others, voted to cease participation in the making and publication of monthly crop estimates during the 1977 growing season, and agreed to sponsor a textile mill tour early this fall.

The Board also resolved to express its "unanimous regret at the announced retirement of Congressman George Mahon at the end of the current term" and to "convey its great appreciation for the innumerable times he has befriended the High Plains cotton industry and made possible its continued growth and prosperity . . ."

The budget covers the cost of such items as agricultural research, advertising and promotion, fiber research and services, market development and legislative activities, all aimed at providing benefits to approximately 20,000 High Plains cotton producers. The 1976-77 budget came to \$196,900, but Board members were told that prudent use of funds during the year had saved about \$20,000 of that amount.

PCG has one elected member on its Executive Committee from each of six districts. The new member, Jimmie Holder of Lubbock, was elected to represent Lubbock, Crosby and Dickens Counties, District 4. He replaces Gary Ivey of Ralls who was elected PCG Secretary-Treasurer last April.

Re-elected from District 1 (Deaf Smith, Parmer, Castro, Swisher and Briscoe Counties) was W.L. Edelson of Friona. Returned to the committee from District 2 (Bailey, Cochran and Hockley) was Lloyd Miller of Morton. District 3 (Lamb, Hale, Floyd and Motley) will continue to have Paul Bennett of Littlefield on the committee.

District 5 (Yoakum, Terry, Lynn and Garza) will again be served by Truett Jones of Brownfield, and Marion Bowers of Seminole was re-elected to the committee from District 6 (Gaines, Dawson, Borden, Martin, Howard and Midland).

Serving on the Executive Committee with these elected members will be current PCG officers and past presidents.

Since the 1970 crop PCG has had a four-man producer committee which worked with a four-man merchant committee of the Lubbock Cotton Exchange to compile and publish monthly crop projections from July through December each year. But the PCG Board on a split vote decided not to continue in this role for the remainder of the current year. Lubbock Cotton Exchange officials have not yet made known whether that organization alone will continue the estimates.

Details of the planned textile tour have not been worked out, but tentative plans call for a three-day trip to the Greensboro area of North Carolina the latter part of September.

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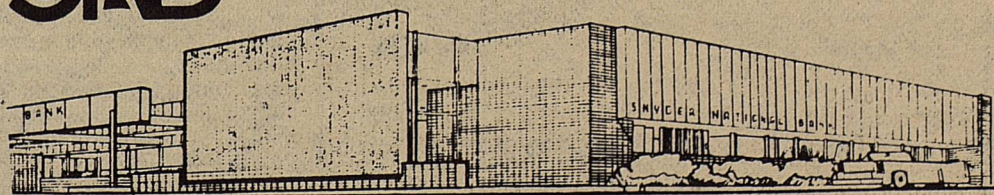
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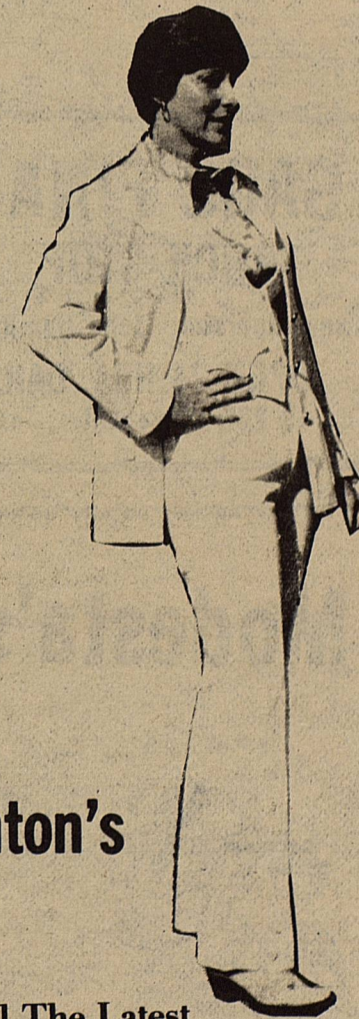
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