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Teacher Restores Old House

By MIKE BIZZELL

Miss Lois Dolan, Phase IV English teacher, recently acquired a very unique house, or one might rather say mansion, which sits on a half-acre lot.

The house was built in 1922 and was one of the first of three large houses in Lamesa. Miss Dolan bought the home from Mrs. John L. Smith, daughter of the original owner, Mr. Meyers, who was the first pharmacist in Lamesa.

Miss Dolan bought the house in April and started working on it as soon as school was out for the summer. Both the inside and outside were painted. Four of her students, George Rodriguez, George Dominguez, Clay Wright and Jim Caskey helped put up canvas on the walls before they were papered.

The house is two stories and consists of twelve rooms and one bath, although another bathroom is planned for the second story.

"The construction of my house is very unique,"

remarked Miss Dolan.

"The walls are made of wood instead of sheet rock, and the boards are 2 x 6 instead of 2 x 4, which run from the floor up through the attic. The wood was hauled by horse and wagon from Big Spring. There are 56 windows, all of which are antique and were hand poured and smoothed out with a trowel."

The major change made in remodeling was in the porch. The roof was flattened out and a balcony built. The old brick pillars were removed and white colonial columns were put in, which were built by Drafting instructor Mr. Tom Oliver.

In the backyard is a water well, and the windmill was taken down when the 2-car garage and stables were built. Miss Dolan had the "swimming pool," a 20 x 20 watertank filled in and plans on adding a dining room, kitchen and den in its place.

The inside has new wallpaper and chandel-

iers. In the kitchen is a water cistern, and throughout the house the light switches are old fashioned push buttons inlaid with mother of pearl. The 6 doors are all double French doors.

UPDATE by Dottie Wills

Since this ad appeared in the Lamesa paper several months ago, much has happened to this lovely old house. Miss Lois Dolan has turned it into the most unique little dress shop.

Upon entering the spacious old living room with the original old stone fireplace, you have the feeling you are stepping into an old plantation mansion, when in fact you are only entering one of three rooms that she has used to display her lovely selections of many name brand favorites. I saw "Gay Gibson" and "Young Society"

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Borden County 4-H Horse Show

It is time for the Borden County 4-H Horse Show. The date and time for this event is Tuesday, August 16.

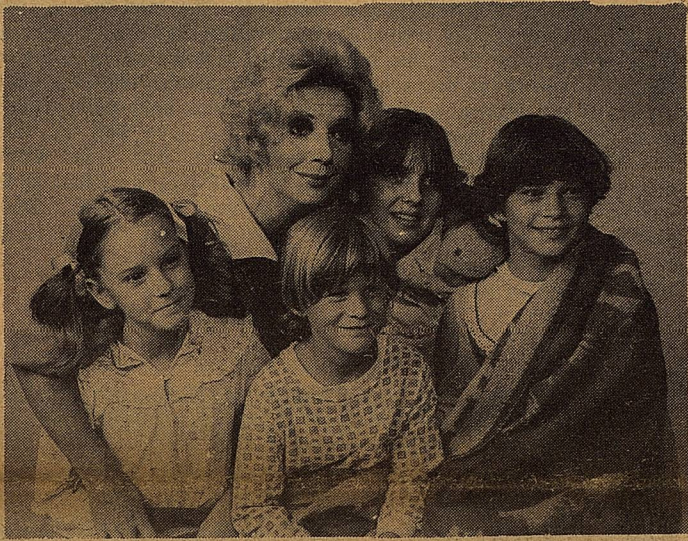
Each family is asked to bring a freezer of ice cream and a jug of tea, cool aid or punch for a fun filled activity.

Entry fee for the horse show is \$1 for all events. State 4-H Horse Show Rules will be followed. Each contestant may enter only one horse.

Registration begins at 7:30 p.m. and the show starts at 3:00 p.m.

Only 18 More Days

'Till School Starts



Ruta Lee with her "family" in "Annie, Get Your Gun". Little Jake, her younger brother (Phil Pattinson), and sisters, Missy Johnson (great niece to Vivian and Pauline Clark), Darla Robertson, and Roseanne Gann are pictured left to right.



"Annie, Get Your Gun" cast in action.

Missy Johnson — Ruta Lee's "Sister"

Vivian and Pauline Clark have just returned from Fort Worth, Texas, where they visited their nephew, Jerry Johnson, his wife, Linda, and their daughters, Angela and "Missy." While in "Cowtown," the Clarks attended the "Casa Manana Theater," where they saw Irving Berlin's story of "Annie, Get Your Gun," with Ruta Lee as Annie, and Scot Stewart as Frank Butler. Some others were Alan Klem, Gene

Ross, Kenny Adams, George Stephens, and many more. "Missy" Johnson, their niece, played Annie's little sister, Nellie. Other sisters were Roseanne Gann as Jessie, and Darla Robertson as Minnie. Annie also had one brother, Little Jake, played by Phil Pattinson.

It seems Annie was the greatest shot with a rifle in the West.

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A FORMER MAYOR'S HOME — This abandoned house was purchased and restored this past summer by English Teacher Lois Dolan.



Borden County AJRA members are eagerly awaiting the AJRA finals.

Borden County AJRA Members

All of the Borden County members of AJRA are looking forward to the AJRA National Finals to be held in Snyder, August 9-13. Members are: Glen Gray, Perry Smith, Shelly White, Gayla Newton, Keil Williams, Kelly Williams, Becky Miller, Tammy Miller, Debra Kountz, Sandra Kountz, and Talley Griffin.

Debra and Sandra Kountz are new members of AJRA this year. They entered their first AJRA rodeo in Van Horn, and Sandra

placed in Pole Bending, qualifying her for the Finals.

Talley Griffin and Shelly White are both qualified for the Finals in the top ten of two events each. We are very proud of these girls, and wish them all the luck in their Finals competition. The top ten ride during each performance night, and all other qualified contestants ride during slack at the Finals.

Gayla Newton has had a good year in AJRA, qualifying for the

Finals in three events--Barrels, Poles, and Goat Tying. Congratulations to you, Gayla, and the best of luck at the Finals.

Perry Smith moved into the 16-19 age group this year, which really makes the competition terrific. So far Perry has not qualified, but there is one more show in Odessa, and we are hoping Perry can make it. Perry is a good roper, and with a break or two, he could easily make the Finals yet.

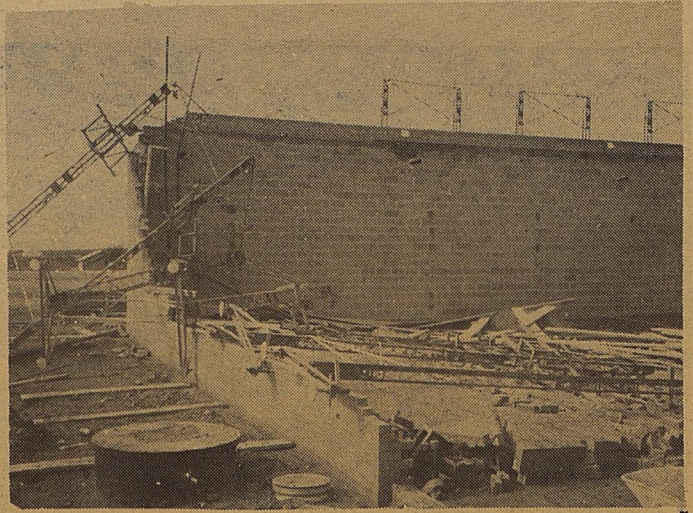
Keil and Kelly Williams haven't traveled as much this year as in the past, but both are qualified for the Finals. Keil is qualified in the 13-15 Bull Riding, and Kelly is qualified in the 12 and Under Barrels.

Becky Miller hasn't traveled any since early June due to having to turn her horse out, but she qualified in the 13-15 Barrels and Poles earlier this season. Becky is a queen candidate for the AJRA Finals Queen representing Borden County.

Glen Gray has qualified for the Finals in Optional Roping. Glen has also moved into a new age group this year (13-15) and this step up really makes it hard to compete against the older contestants. He has done very well though, and maybe the Odessa show will qualify him for Tiedown Roping. Good luck, Glen!

Tammy Miller is a member of AJRA, but has not competed this year.

Congratulations to all of our Borden County members. These kids travel long and hard to make it to the Finals, and we are proud of our representation of Borden County as they travel across the country competing.



Pictured is the east wall of the new cafeteria after high winds and rain passed through last Thursday afternoon.

Construction Mishap

"And it huffed, and it puffed, and it blew the wall in." The legend of the Three Little Pigs and the imperishable brickhouse doesn't always hold true--at least it was not the case for the brick wall of the new school cafeteria last Thursday afternoon. A strong blast of winds and rain took down about 50 foot of freshly laid brick on the vulnerable east wall. Approximately 5,000 brick will have to be hauled off and new brick brought in to build a new

wall. Other than this and a few plumbing lines to be replaced, there was no serious damage. The men that worked fine grading the floor earlier that afternoon may not be able to make the same statement after all the brick have been cleaned up and they see the fine impression that 5,000 brick make when they go crashing to the ground. Oh well, guys, it shouldn't take you too long to get it all back to the way it was!



Peach tree planted by Robert Killough.

Memorial To Robert Killough

This peach tree still stands as a memorial to Robert Killough, who drowned while swimming with his sister, Maggie, and cousin, Judy Winninagar, nine years ago.

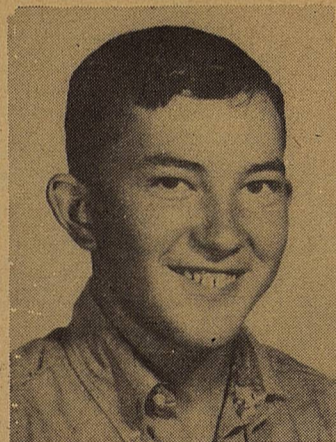
Jym Hendricks reminisces of the 4 years Robert worked in his cafe, standing on Coke boxes to wash dishes and help Jym with the cooking.

They peeled peaches one day, and that evening Robert took a seed home to plant. Several months later, Jym recalls, Robert ran excitedly into the cafe with the news that the seed had grown into a small tree a few

inches tall. Robert transplanted the tree from his home to the back of Jym's Cafe.

The tree, now 12 to 15 ft. high, has just begun to bear fruit. Previously, Jym reports, he has gotten only 8 or so peaches off the tree, but this year already, he has gotten four bushels from the 13 year old tree.

Robert's sister, Maggie, also worked at Jym's Cafe. She helped in the front for almost eleven years. Maggie now resides in Snyder with her husband, Marvin and their 2 1/2 year old son, Chip. Maggie works for General Aviation News in



ROBERT KILLOUGH

Snyder.

Robert is survived by two brothers, 2 sisters, and his mother.

His brother, Wayne, lives in Salinas, California with his wife, Mary Ann and their son, Steven.

His other brother, Dean resides in Rhome, Texas, with his wife, Barbara and their children, Clifford, Mark, and Jay Lynn.

His sister, Daisy and her husband, Ray Tieman, have 2 children, Freddy and Michael.

Their mother and her husband, Dee Roten, live in Crescent, Oklahoma.

While talking with Maggie, she makes an interesting comment. The family had not seen their oldest brother Wayne since their father's death seven years ago, but they had talked with him this



Talley Griffin - first place winner at Big Spring

Talley Still On Winning Streak

Talley Griffin won herself another beautiful belt buckle at the Big Spring AJRA Rodeo this past week by winning first place in the 13-15 Barrel Race. This will probably move Talley into second place of the AJRA standings.

Gayla Newton won second

place in Poles at Big Spring, and Shelly White won fourth place in Poles.

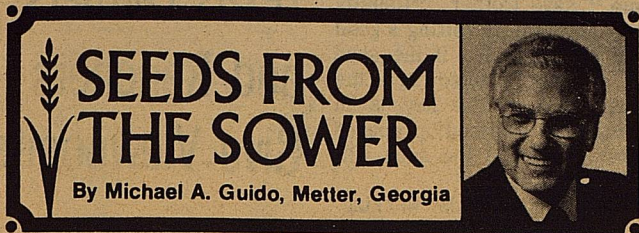
Congratulations to these girls and we hope they keep up their winning ways. Just one more rodeo before the Finals. It will be in Odessa this week.

Roping Club Picnic

The Gail Roping Club will have jackpot roping and family picnic, Saturday night, August 6th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Gail arena. This roping is for members only. Names will be drawn for partners, and books will close at 6:00 p.m. The entry fee is

\$10.00 per team. Spurs will be awarded to the winning team, and prize money will be paid.

Ladies, start "rattling" those pots and pans and let's have some more fried chicken and homemade ice cream. See you all Saturday night, August 6th!



Among all the birds of the Bible, the raven is one of the lowest. It is a large black bird which belongs to the crow family. It is noisy, and it has a loud, rough emphatic cry.

The young ravens have a coarse call and they are especially clamorous at feeding time. But when they call for food the Lord hears them and feeds them.

Psalm 147:9 says, "He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry."

If the Lord hears the cry of the young birds for food, how much more will He hear

the cry of His believers!

He said when He was here on earth, "Look at the ravens - they don't plant or harvest or have barns to store away their food, and yet they get along all right - for God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to Him than birds!"

The Bible does not suggest that you should live in a reckless, shiftless, thriftless way. For the one who leans on the shovel cannot expect to lean on the Saviour. But it does teach you to do your best and then leave the rest to the Lord.

So cast all your cares on Him, for you are His charge.

What's Hap-Nin

Around Town

Lorene Jones has been in San Antonio for several days with her brother, Melvin Dunbar, of Lamesa, who had heart surgery. He is reported improving.

Jay and Katheryn Smith and daughter, Lois, will be moving the first part of August from Corpus Christi to Temple, Texas, where Jay will be employed by the bank.

Lin Smith had surgery on his hand in Lubbock recently and is improving.

Fran Bennett and Christine Cunningham are in Fort Worth this weekend. Christine will be visiting her relatives, and Fran will be with her granddaughter who is in the hospital there.

The Johnsons and the Clarks took a short trip south where they visited the "log cabin house," put together with wooden pegs that Vivian's grandfather, W. K. Clark, had built in 1880. Pictures were taken of the house and also of the big oak tree where Grandpa Clark kept a bear chained while he lived there. They also visited the "Honey Man" (found out that he was kin to the Clark's). They brought back several buckets of "Victor's Uvalde Honey." Yes, they paid for it!

The group also had a short visit with Miss Josie Dillahunt, an early day school teacher at Fairview, whose parents, the Glasscocks, lived on "The Bush and Teller Ranch" in the early 1900's. Now, they are back home to the same old grind!

What Happened?

Where's our "original 'What's Hapnin' reporter"? We missed you this week.

Ira News

Brother and Mrs. C. D. Jones have returned after spending the week with relatives at Cross Plains, where Brother Jones held a revival.

Bob Cary of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Mr. and Mrs. McMinn and baby boy, previously of Alaska, now of Fort Worth, were here over the weekend, visiting with relatives and to attend the Cary reunion at the Knapp Community Center this past Sunday.

Vivian and Pauline Clark of Gail, having reported killing six rattlesnakes in their yard this summer, have lost the race to Ruth Weathers, who has killed eleven rattlesnakes in her yard, plus three other rattlesnakes in the adjoining pasture. The previous past three years no rattlers have been killed on the Weathers place.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crow and family are visiting at Bonham with his mother and sister. His sister is seriously ill with a malignancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Tucker and family visited over the weekend in the Jim Sorrells home.

Ruth Weathers attended the Huddleston and Cary reunions the past weekend.

The J. H. Myers', Jesse Martins' and son, Mary, Robbie, Scott, and Ruth Weathers, enjoyed a fish fry in the Cecil Huddleston home last Thursday night.

Mrs. Paul Gordon spent Tuesday and Wednesday with her parents, the Erda Lewis' at Big Spring.

Mrs. Nannie Lee Crutcher of Lamesa spent the weekend with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Murphy.

Mrs. Hervert von Roeder of Abilene has been a recent visitor of Scurry and Borden County relatives.

Mmes. J. D. Blankenship and mother, Mrs. Tritch, have been recent visitors in the Olen Horn home.

Andersons Visit Mexico

Rich and Barbara Anderson, accompanied by two of their children, Sally and John, spent a long week-end in Guadalajara, Mexico in July.

The Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Board of Directors and Committeemen, in celebration of their 100th Anniversary, held their quarterly meeting this summer in Guadalajara. Some 400 members and their families joined the tour.

After arriving in the city on Thursday evening, Friday was a day of leisure - touring the city, shopping, or just visiting around the pool.

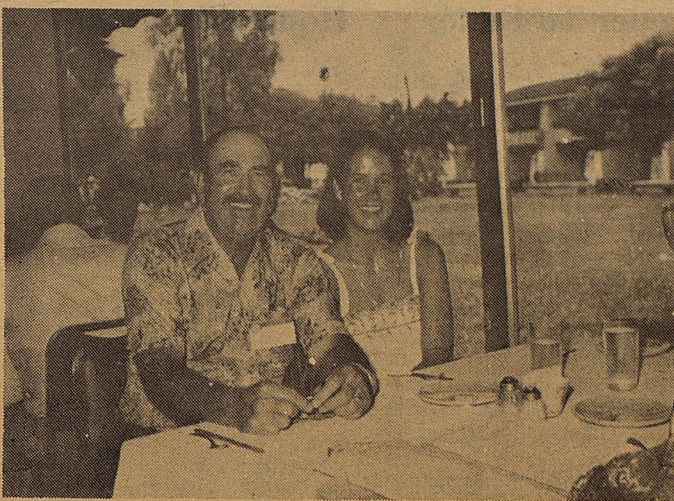
Committee meetings, a Board of Directors meeting and a general business session was held on Saturday. State Secretary of Agriculture, Reagan Brown was the guest speaker.

The Andersons reported seeing many old friends as well as acquiring many more new friends. Sally had her tennis racket, of course, and got in two full days of playing in gorgeous weather.

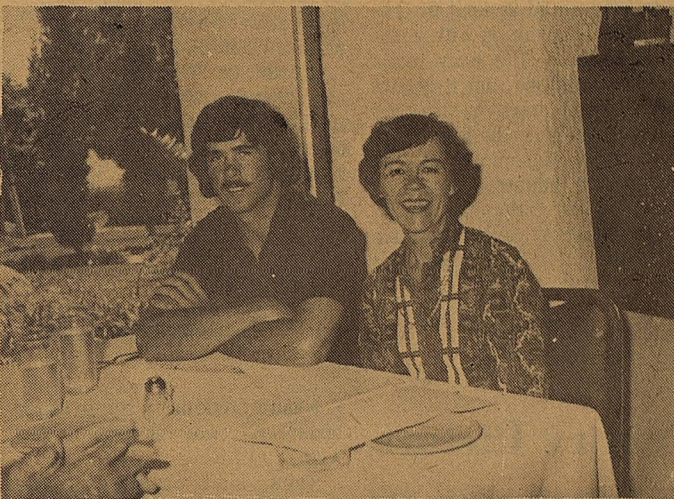
Friday night, the group were entertained at the Museum of Arts and Crafts by a short review of the childrens Folk Ballet.

Saturday evening found a number of "Texas cowpokes" and families wandering around the Mariachi Plaza enjoying the native music of a dozen or more Mariachi bands.

"Known as 'The City of Roses' Guadalajara is just that - 'Gorgeous', according to Barbara.



Rich Anderson, and daughter, Sally enjoyed their stay in Guadalajara.



John is shown here with his mother, Barbara Anderson, during their stay in Mexico.

Utility Bill Assistance

The Special Crisis Intervention Program is designed to provide emergency financial assistance to those heads of households 65 years of age or older living within the poverty guideline income levels and who can prove eligibility. Eligibility includes proving that large unpaid energy/fuel bills caused utilities to be shut off, and/or that the person is threatened with inability to obtain delivery of fuel; and/or being in dire financial need at time of application as a result of having paid large energy/fuel bills in whole or in part.

No household will receive over \$250 and most will receive less under other limitations of the program, but all households must be certified through one of the local administering organizations by August 31, 1977, to receive any assistance.

Killough

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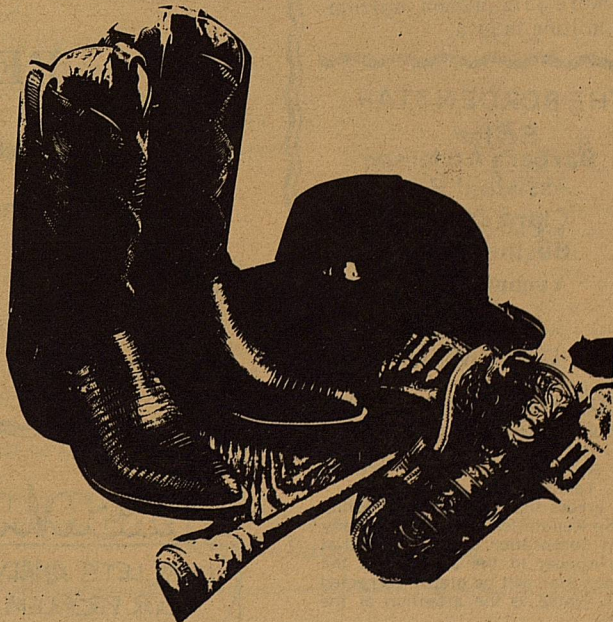
past week.

The Killough home, which stood near the school and in front of the rodeo arena, was recently torn down to make way for a new road and new school construction.

Robert was born April 29, 1953. He attended Borden County School until he died during the summer of 1968.

Lookin Good At

Fenton's Dad & Lad



LAMESA, TEXAS

Letter To Editor

I would like to thank all the people who worked for and supported the Beef Referendum. Although we did not succeed, I think that we helped make people aware of our problems. Apathy, false charges, and misinformation, plus a concerted effort by the Farmer's Union and Farm Bureau, helped defeat the Referendum. A lot of the people that I talked to that were against the effort had not even read the act and were just going on information from someone else.

It's a great disappointment to lose an opportunity to do something about the disastrous conditions in the cattle business. I would challenge all those who voted against the referendum to come up with an alternate plan. It's easy to be against something, but it is sure going to be hard to replace a good plan plus the hard work done by the foremost leaders in the cattle industry.

Well, anyway, thanks a lot for the support and I'm sure something good will come out of it.

Sincerely,
Rich Anderson

Poultry Picture

There were a few changes in the top poultry producing counties in Texas during 1976, but 16 counties still accounted for a majority of the state's production, points out a poultry marketing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The top three broiler counties were Gonzales, Nacogdoches and Shelby. Top counties in egg production and numbers of hens and pullets of laying age were Gonzales, Shelby and Caldwell. McLennan, Bell and Mason counties led in turkey production. Total cash receipts from Texas poultry and poultry products last year were \$375 million, up from \$343 million in 1975.

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House Restored

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and numerous other name brands.

On the right of the living room is a lovely sun porch where she has displayed her dresses, pants, and coats.

On the left of the dining room is the beautiful tall ceiling dining room. This, she has turned into the "stork shoppe" and carries the best in maternity wear.

I visited with Mrs. Dolan and was surprised to find she was a teacher at Radford School for Girls in El Paso before coming to Lamesa. In fact, Mrs. Dolan taught Sally Anderson and Nora Ann Clayton when they attended Radford.

Please go by and visit this new dress shop when you are in Lamesa. I think you will be pleasantly pleased. On the front lawn is a sign, "Colonial House." You can't miss it!

"Missy"

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It wasn't something she bragged about--it was something she was.

Then, along came Frank Butler (the most beautiful thing that Annie had ever seen) and he claims that he is the best shot, so naturally Annie has to show him that he is wrong. She thinks it will make him proud of her, but not so. It gets her a job in his carnival show, but not Frank. So Annie gloomily concludes that "you can't get a man with a gun."

Eventually, Frank quits the show in protest and Annie goes to Europe with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show and languishes for love, while Frank stays at

home with Pawnee Bill's Show and does the same thing.

Eventually, they get together again in another shooting match and Annie's friend, Sitting Bull, "fixes" her gun and promises "you get a man with this gun."

Annie catches on just in time and mis-shoots her way into Frank's arms and true happiness.

In between, there is the happiest collection of tunes ever caught in one show, "There's the Rousing," "There's No Business Like Show Business," "Doin' What Comes Naturally," "Moonshine Lullaby," "They Say It's Wonderful," "My Defenses Are Down," "I'm An Indian, Too," "The Girl That I Marry," and "Lost In His Arms," among others.

It's a happy, tuneful, laughing, shoot-em-up musical--the one that has everything!

Ten-year-old "Missy" Johnson will be featured with Linda Michele in "Showboat" at Casa Manana Theater, starting August 8th through August 20th.

Time To Plant

COLLEGE STATION --- In the heat of the summer when most spring gardens have wilted from hot, dry weather, the thoughts of homeowners should turn to fall gardening.

"Fall vegetable gardens really produce the best tasting vegetables," contends Sam Cotner, horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Growing conditions are usually better in the fall when the weather begins to cool, and the quality of vegetables is better as they mature in a cooler climate than in the hot late spring and early summer. Disease and insect problems are also less in cooler weather."

All these advantages of fall gardening in no way imply that the practice is fool-proof.

"There are definite problems or hurdles, but with the right

preparations, these can be overcome," says Cotner. "Usually a big problem is getting a good stand of vegetables if the seed are directly planted into the garden plot. The key is in getting the seedbed prepared properly so that the seed will germinate quickly."

Cotner recommends working the soil well and then shaping it into raised beds. Raised beds are important in providing drainage from fall rains that are often heavy. Make about a one-inch furrow in the weed-bed and then water the furrow to moisten soil to a depth of two to three inches. This makes the soil ready for planting. One other step that can be a big help in improving germination is to soak the seed overnight before planting.

"After planting, cover the seed with a light layer of compost, potting soil or vermiculite," suggests the horticulturist. "Any of these materials will provide a much better environment for the seed than regular garden soil. As seedlings appear, you may want to protect them from the sun on the west side with boards, cardboard or a draped cloth. When seedlings are one to two inches high, thin excess plants to allow those remaining to reach full production."

As far as which vegetables to plant, most vegetables generally planted in the spring also do well in the fall, notes Cotner. Then there are those that do especially well in the fall--lettuce, collard greens, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, carrots and brussels sprouts.

Thank You

Bert Dennis would like to express his thanks to all the volunteers that helped put out the fire on his ranch Thursday afternoon.

Texas Farmers and Ranchers Give Viewpoints

AUSTIN--Rural farm and ranch owners were well-represented at the public hearings held July 7-8 by the House Public Education Committee at the state Capitol. The hearings immediately preceded the special session of the Texas Legislature which convened July 11, and were held to gain citizen input on the pending education bills.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown termed the turnout "very encouraging" and said he is pleased rural farmers and ranchers are making their voices heard in state government.

"These people came down here with the express purpose of letting their legislators know how they feel on the rising cost of taxes on their farmland," Brown said, "and the testimony given should certainly make some people listen."

"It's very valuable to hear how the individual just trying to make a living off his land feels about the decision-making that will have such an impact on him," Brown stated.

The main topic on the agribusinessmen's minds was property taxes. Several spoke out on the rising tax valuations placed on farmland, and many testified that taxes often exceed the total value of products grown on the land.

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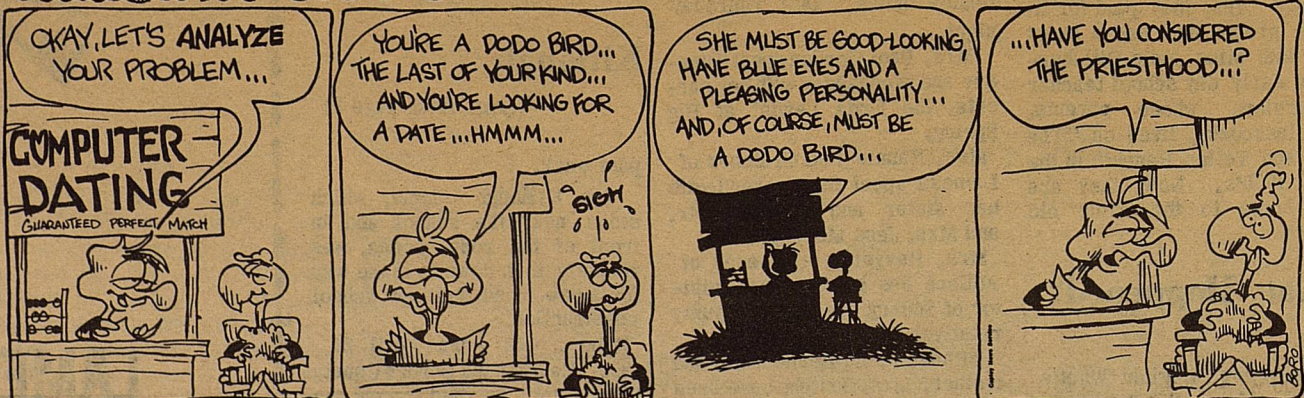
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Family Immunization

COLLEGE STATION—Immunization for the whole family is the goal of "August--Immunization action Month"--as Public and volunteer groups promote that campaign across Texas, says Carla Shearer, health education specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

The danger is that immunizations are often delayed or forgotten. Childhood diseases don't seem threatening now. However, it is only by immunizing that we prevent epidemics, she says. Here's what "immunity" is about: The body's immune mechanism--once activated--is a defense system of antibodies that fight infection.

When the body first meets a certain type of infection, it may be slow to respond in developing antibodies. But at the second meeting, the body has learned and is able to respond to the invasion more efficiently.

"Immunization, then, is artificial activation of this defense mechanism.

"Once the body has produced the antibodies, it is ready for an invasion of the real thing," the specialist explains.

Check with the doctor, she suggests. Bring family immunization records up to date and keep them that way.

Don't Desert Kids In Pool

The weather is hot, and many home pools are in use. Even temporary absence of adult supervision can result in tragedy when children are in the pool, warns the Texas Safety Association.

A Public Health Service study cited by TSA shows that often parents, guardians, young adults or babysitters had left a child unattended for only a few minutes when drowning occurred.

Supervision is equally important even when youngsters are not actually swimming in the pool. In this case also, a momentary absence can be tragic.

Home pool rules suggested by TSA include: no swimming or playing near the pool unless a good adult swimmer is present; no roughhousing or running near the pool; no alcoholic beverages, glass or electrical appliances near the pool.

To get maximum attention, it's hard to beat a good, big mistake.

Kiker's Kolumn

County Agents Attend State Meeting

County Extension Agent Earnest Kiker and Vickie have been participating in the annual meeting of the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association this week in Corpus Christi.

The annual meeting began July 31 and concludes at noon August 3. Headquarters are at the LaQuinta Royale Motor Inn.

A number of keynote speakers will address the meeting, including Dr. H. O. Kunkel, Texas A&M University dean of agriculture; Dr. Daniel C. Pfannstiel, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; R.N. "Dick" Conolly, vice president of Stewart and Stevenson Services, Corpus Christi; Reagan Brown, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture; and Dick Weekly, general manager of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Several awards programs will highlight the meeting. At a special luncheon on Monday, eight county agents will be recognized as recipients of the Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor bestowed by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. At a Tuesday luncheon, a number of special awards will be presented, including the National Achievement Award to the top county agent in the state with less than 10 years of service.

A banquet Tuesday evening will honor seven outstanding agricultural leaders, each who will be recognized as a "Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture."

Business sessions will include state, regional and national reports, reports by state officers and committees, and the installation of new officers and directors.

On the entertainment side, the meeting will feature a golf tournament, a seafood barbecue, tours of the King Ranch and the port of Corpus Christi, and several Western dances.

4-H News

Ben Murphy attended the State 4-H Horse Show in Houston last week. He had some hard luck and did not bring home the win that he is capable of.

4-H Record Book Winners

LUBBOCK -- Thirty-four 4-H record books were named the best in their division in district level competition as a result of record book judging Monday (July 25) in Lubbock. The winning books now will be forwarded to Texas A&M University for state judging.

In District 2 record book judging, South Plains 4-H'ers place their records of achievement on the line. Records include project summaries, information detailing their activities, experiences and leadership development, a narrative about their 4-H experience, photos and other pertinent information.

The books now will be forwarded to Texas A&M University to compete at the state level against the best books from 13 other districts of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Senior 4-H'ers are competing for scholarships, plaques, government bonds, a trip to the national 4-H congress in November and other awards.

Also judged during the event were junior record books. Blue, red and white ribbons were awarded for these entries.

The Junior record books from Borden County and their placing were Kim Wills, blue ribbon; Ty Wills and Stephanie Stephens, red ribbon; and Keith Williams, white ribbon.

In addition, the record book for Kenneth Broseh, 4-H adult leader from Floyd County, received honors in Alumni Recognition. Mr. Broseh, current president of the District 2 4-H Adult Leaders' Association, is a previous state winner in this category, and his records will be forwarded for national consideration.

The 4-H program in Texas is administered by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. According to Billy C. Gunter and Catherine B. Crawford, district agents for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, record book competition is the critical measurement of achievements of these youth over the years. Records reveal their consistency in achieving goals, their experience in 4-H projects and activities, their experiences in leadership development, and their growth and development in personal, community and civic responsibilities.

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Agricultural Weather For Farmers And Ranchers

COLLEGE STATION -- Farmers and ranchers in Texas and throughout the nation will have access to more and better weather information on which to make management decisions once a national agricultural weather network is instigated.

Dr. Karl Johannessen, associate director for meteorology and oceanography with the National Weather Service (NWS), Washington, D.C., told a meeting of agricultural meteorologists here at Texas A&M University that the NWS has made a pact with the Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, to put into action a system for more effectively gathering and disseminating weather information to benefit farmers and ranchers.

The meteorologists were attending a two-week symposium to learn more about agricultural production and the effects of weather.

"The Extension Service will provide the personnel to take weather information directly to farmers and ranchers. This will assure that the information gets to the grassroots level. Plans call for one meteorologist to be added to each state Extension staff to work closely with NWS personnel in making the best possible use of agricultural weather information.

"These state Extension personnel will be our 'apostles' in the field and will play a key role in our total agricultural weather network," emphasized Johannessen. "They will be especially valuable in

providing two-way communications between our service and the producers themselves."

Johannessen noted that "we have a long way to go in forming a complete national agricultural weather network, but our chances of establishing such a network are improving as weather problems continue to plague our producers."

He said that plans are under way to establish seven additional Environmental Studies Service Centers such as the one at Texas A&M. This would require \$4 to \$5 million and a staff of about 60 new people. There are currently four such centers in operation.

"We also plan to establish some 330 weather radio stations (special limited range FM stations with continuous weather information) across the nation that will broadcast both regular weather information as well as special agricultural weather advisories," pointed out Johannessen. "Our total weather radio network should be in full operation in three or four years."

The NWS official also noted that 28 new staff members will be added nationally to give more emphasis to agricultural weather information. These will be added at various weather forecasting offices.

Another speaker, Harold Scott, leader for the NWS agricultural meteorology program, Washington, D.C., also added emphasis to the proposed program involving the cooperative effort between the NWS and the Extension Service.

"This plan will allow us to go in tandem with the Extension Service which has personnel in each county of each state. The state Extension meteorologist would work closely with each county Extension agent as well as with as many farmers and ranchers as possible to establish working relationships. This is the real key to both effective dissemination of weather information as well as to obtaining feedback from the grassroots level on specific weather information needs," said Scott.

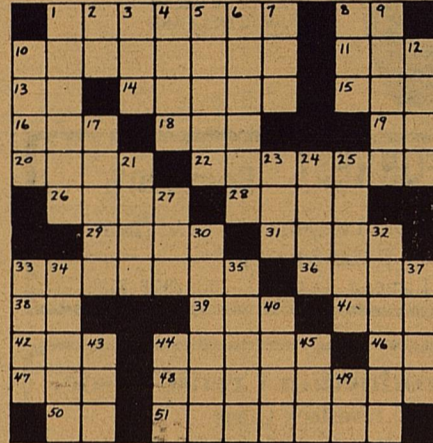
"The Extension person will also be responsible for training programs to help county agents and producers better use weather information and to assist them in getting the right information," noted Scott. "He will be the real key to setting up and implementing our national agricultural weather program."

Agricultural meteorologists from 18 states, the District of Columbia and France participated in the symposium sponsored by the National Weather Service Agricultural Forecasting Program and hosted by the agency's Environmental Studies Service Center at Texas A&M. Instruction was provided by specialists of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station scientists and industry leaders.

Crossword

- ACROSS
1. Bring back
 8. Belonging to me
 10. Likens
 11. Roman money
 13. Musical note
 14. Gather
 15. Companion
 16. Wine cup
 18. Greek letter
 19. In like manner
 20. Persian fairy
 22. Raise
 26. Cut into cubes
 28. Wicked
 29. Dispatch
 31. Consumes
 33. Ironed
 36. Allows
- DOWN
1. Wandered
 2. Printing
 3. Mineral spring
 4. Domesticated
 5. Speak formally

6. Sell again
7. Worm
8. Chart
9. Bread ingredient
10. Applaud
12. Blackthorn fruit
17. Get up
21. Frosts
23. Night before
24. Small bottle
25. Change
27. Abstract being
30. More profound
32. Threw rocks
33. Beseech
34. Wild west show
35. Hang in folds
37. Plant
40. Region
43. Finish
44. Craft
45. An explosive
49. Note of scale



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Genealogy Workshop

The summer Family History Workshop presented annually by the South Plains Genealogical Society will be held 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday August 13 at the Garden and Arts Center, 4215 University Ave., Lubbock, Texas.

Books, magazines, maps and other resource materials will be supplied by Society members for research use.

Classes for persons wishing to begin genealogical research are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. Each of these sessions will be approximately one and one-half hour in length and will cover much of the same instruction on how to begin genealogical research.

The Workshop and the classes are presented as a public service by the South Plains Genealogical Society so no admission fee is charged. Everyone interested is invited to attend.

Lunch will be available at the Workshop.

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Texas Cattlemen Meet In Mexico

TSCRA directors and committee members received a firsthand report on livestock programs and problems of mutual interest from Mexican cattlemen and government officials of both countries during the quarterly directors' meeting of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association July 21-24 in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. The session was attended by more than 400 board members and their families, says TSCRA President J. A. Whittenburg III of Amarillo, Texas.

"The purpose of the meeting was to bring our cattlemen up-to-date on the Mexican livestock industry situation, to establish a better understanding and appreciation of each other's problems and to renew any communication ties that might have been overlooked," Whittenburg says.

The cattlemen met with Flavio Romero de Velasco, governor of the state of Jalisco; Mathias Joseph Ortwein, U.S. consul general for the six northern states of Mexico; Hugo Barragan, president of the Jalisco state cattlemen's association; Juan Manuel Hernandez de Castro, state tourism official; Rodolfo Andres Jarero, prominent Guadalajara businessman and rancher; and Juan Jose Perez Malagamba, chief of the Jalisco Department of Agriculture.

Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Reagan Brown, representing Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe, addressed the combined delegations. Accompanying him from the Texas Department of Agriculture were Ben Baisson, Ernesto DeLeon and Yolanda Villareal all of whom are involved in the development of foreign markets for Texas beef and live cattle.

U.S. Agricultural Attache for Livestock Don Nelson of Mexico City and his assistant Henry Wagley gave the Texans an economic overview of the Mexican cattle industry and its projected needs for the coming year. They also described the permits and procedures necessary to export live breeding cattle into Mexico.

Animal health reports updating the status of disease control work in Mexico were given by Dr. Willie Turner and Dr. Alfonso Herrera of Mexico City, co-directors of the Mexico-U.S. hoof and mouth disease control program; Dr. Donald Williams and Dr. Jaime Velasquez of Mexico City, co-directors of the Mexico-U.S. commission for the eradication of the screwworm; and Dr. Oscar Pompa, head of the Mexican tick fever program in Mexico City. Dr. M. E. (Cotton) Meadows of the screwworm eradication project at Mission, Texas, was also present and reported only 31 cases for Texas up to that date for 1977.

"Animal health research, control and eradication programs conducted in Mexico do have a definite effect on Texas cattle," Whittenburg says.

Ed Small, TSCRA attorney and lobbyist from Austin, Texas, briefed the directors on the results of the last session and

special session of the Texas legislature. He gave an analysis of each bill important to the livestock industry.

J. D. Sartwelle, TSCRA director and state chairman of the Beef Development Taskforce from Houston, reported the failure of the Beef Research and Information Referendum and speculated on the long-term effect of its rejection by its voters.

The cattlemen also visited a local ranching operation during their stay.

Whittenburg says he felt the overall meeting was highly beneficial and enabled our people to have a firsthand view of the Mexican animal health program and of livestock markets affecting our industry in Texas.

Water Ownership

LUBBOCK---Solution of the High Plains water problem, declining underground water supplies, lies in state regulation, and already the legal groundwork has been laid in Rio Grande Valley water litigation.

Writing in the spring edition of the "Texas Tech Law Review," a lawyer of 40 years experience called for court action to end dominance of the "absolute ownership" principle concerning underground water.

The lawyer, city attorney for Weslaco since 1949, is Garland F. Smith. As attorney for the Hidalgo and Cameron Counties Water Control and Improvement District #9, he was involved in 14 years of Valley water litigation. He also is a trustee of the Texas Tech University Law School Foundation.

Smith believes litigation could "put our own house in order" before the state seeks to transfer water across state lines to replenish the declining water table.

Smith made his comments in "The Valley Water Suit and Its Impact on Texas Water Policy: Some Practical Advice for the Future," the lead law review article.

"On the High Plains, the availability of a dependable water supply" determines the value of the land, Smith wrote.

"Yet water rights are still ascertained under the concept of absolute ownership--a concept rooted in the English Common Law but the very antithesis of present-day needs.

"The absolute ownership doctrine... gives the person owning the surface (the) ownership of all percolating water underlying his land.

"The landowner has the right to use as much of the water as he desires, and any drainage of water from underneath his neighbor's land is not action-

able (in court)."

Smith said advocates of absolute ownership "may be able to drain all underground reservoirs before the law is settled, and their real solution is in finding a way to replenish the reservoirs."

Why would any state want to supply a valuable resource like water to Texas if Texans cannot or will not regulate their own surface and subsurface water supplies, he asks.

The result of the Rio Grande Valley water litigation bears directly on the High Plains situation, Smith said.

This marks the end of "stale riparian dogma" dictating "that those whose lands front on a stream have a right that the stream 'flow undiminished in quantity and undiluted in quality.'"

Some Valley landowners also claimed the right to divert water from the stream for irrigation and other uses. This diversion was in such quantities as "to use up the stream--and even overcommit its entire flow," Smith maintains.

"In its wisdom, the Legislature adopted the Common Law of England, and the courts (with the aid of the Bar) for over a century tried to adapt the non-consumptive riparian doctrine to the consumptive use of irrigation. The garment never fit."

The Valley legal battle resulted in state regulation of Rio Grande water usage based not only on legal claims, but also on water availability and on need from Amistad Reservoir to the Gulf of Mexico.

Every landowner along the river is now allocated his pro rata share of the U.S. share of the water. Smith said that in this fashion, both upstream and downstream landowners' rights are protected.

Because absolute ownership proponents stand in the way, determination of water rights in the High Plains is delayed, and carefully regulated use of this diminishing water source is prevented, he said.

Poka-Lambro Receives Loan

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman Omar Burlison announces the approval of a \$3,300,000 Rural Electrification Administration Loan to the Poka-Lambro Rural Telephone Cooperative, Incorporated, with headquarters in Tahoka. The Counties served are Lynn, Borden, Garza, Dawson, Gaines, Hockley, Martin, Terry and Yoakum.

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