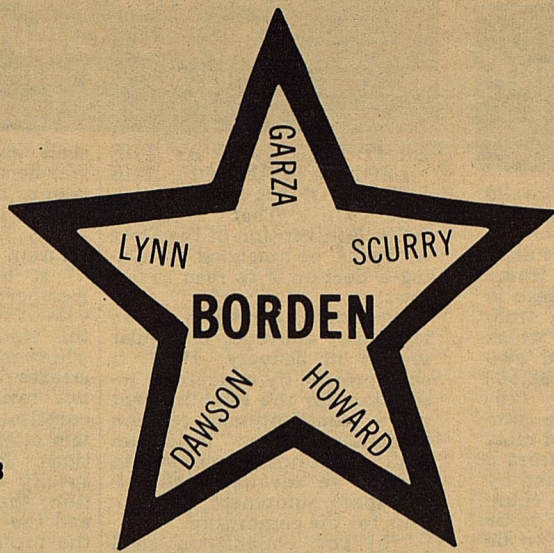


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To Wed Vows Exchanged



Miss Marilyn Pigman became the bride of C. Michael Stephens Tuesday, July 11 in the First Christian Church parlor, with the Rev. Clark Ford, pastor, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Joanne Pigman of Dallas and Bill Pigman of Pecos. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Stephens of Gail.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white chiffon gown, designed with an empire waistline accented by satin ribbon encased in lace in lace. The short sleeves tapered from a simple scoop neckline to matching trim, then billowed into a soft puff.

Her headdress framed her face with an Alencon lace picture-hat brim. The fingertip veil was of traditional nylon illusion. She carried a lace covered Bible belonging to her oldest sister. It was topped with a large Catalaye orchid.

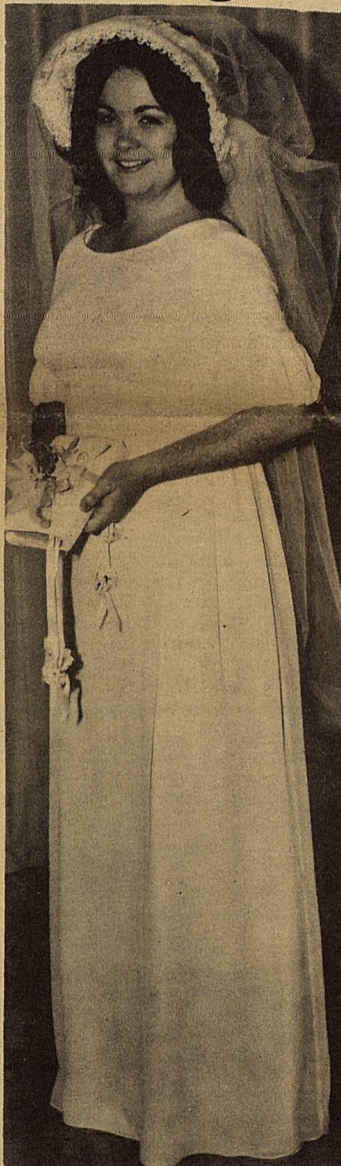
Mrs. Donna Yadon of Alpine was matron of honor and Dennis Yadon was best man.

A small group of family members attended the reception in the Pigman home 1915 Washington.

An all white two-tiered cake, topped with satin wedding bells and decorated with roses, seed pearls and angels, was served with champagne and salted nuts.

Mrs. Stephens is a 1971 graduate of San Angelo Lake View High School and attended Sul Ross University in Alpine this last year.

Her husband attended Gail High School and graduated from Sul Ross with a B.S. degree in Agriculture-Business in 1968.



The couple will live on the Kokernot ranch in Alpine following a wedding trip to Cloudfroft, N.M.

Believing God has ordained the state of matrimony to be a sacred union of two people Mr. & Mrs. Harold C. Hohn invite you to the ceremony uniting their daughter Deborah Ann to Mr. Benny Marshall Barton on Saturday the nineteenth of August nineteen hundred and seventy-two at eight o'clock in the evening First Baptist Church O'Donnell, Texas Reception immediately following Fellowship Hall

It's A Boy

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Huddleston on the birth of a son August 3, 1972. Brian Justin, weighing 8 lbs. 1½ oz., made his appearance at 10:27 a.m. in Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa. Both parents are teachers at Borden High School. Maternal grandparents are Reverend and Mrs. Monroe Teeters of Amarillo. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Huddleston of Brownwood.

Taylor Leaves



Darrel Taylor left Monday morning for Fort Polk, Louisiana. Darrell said he had a choice of several hair styles. We suspect that they will all be burr's.

A "going away party" was held Saturday night for Darrell Taylor who left Monday for two years with "Uncle Sam." The party was held in the home of his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Creighton. Those attending were Darrell, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Taylor, Melisa Creighton, Benny and Tim, Mr. and Mrs. Bo Creighton, Quint, and Christy, June Sterling, Sherry, Joe, and Bill of Lubbock, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Corky Ogden.

Former Teacher Visits

Judge and Mrs. Paul G. Peurifoy of Dallas visited in Gail and toured the Borden County Schools Monday, August 14. Mrs. Peurifoy is the former Mrs. Aubrey Broadhead, teacher at Borden County Schools 1960-62. From here she moved to Grand Prairie for six years and then to Fairville for two years. From there she moved to Dallas where she and her husband now reside.

Judge Peurifoy is District Judge of 96th District Court. Mrs. Peurifoy said tell everyone "hello" and she thought the school system was wonderful.

Woman Injured

Mrs. Bertha Maxwell, age 73, mother of Joyce Cantrell, was injured while riding a three wheel bicycle last week. Mrs. Maxwell was visiting her daughter in Gail when the accident occurred. According to reports, the bicycle overturned with the woman on a wet incline inflicting numerous bruises and a broken arm. An ambulance was summoned from Lamesa where Mrs. Maxwell was rushed but immediately transferred to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock where she remains hospitalized.

High Water

A number of Borden County people were stopped by high water in the Snyder area Sunday. Larry and Wanda Smith were returning from a visit with Ricky and Sandra in Burkburnette while they were contemplating what to do Buddy Telchick and family arrived. Margaret Sharp and Renee were returning from a visit in Houston and I'm sure all were happy to see a familiar face they all finally managed to get home by way of Fluvanna.

Area Rainfall

Borden County was certainly blessed this week with general rains.

Don Cox reported 2½ inches Sunday morning and a total of 6½ all week.

Bob Beal had 7.4 since Wednesday.

Ricky Evans reported 5.6 inches Sunday morning a total of 7.1 all week.

Martis Clayton had 3 inches.

Carl McKee had 3 inches also. Dewey Everett reports 11.1 inches at Dermott.

Rains in Downtown Gail were rather general with Buster Taylor and Sheriff Sneed both reporting 4 inches.

Corky Ogden said he had to dive down to grease his wind mill but Snooks wouldn't back him up.

Obituary

Minnie (Dorward) Sontellan passed away Friday in Fort Worth. She was the daughter of Robert Dorward, a former Borden County rancher and lived near the Howard County line.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Proposed **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**
NUMBER 1 ON THE BALLOT (HJR 58)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article III, Section 24, of the Texas Constitution, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 24. Representatives shall receive from the Public Treasury an annual salary of not exceeding Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$8,400). Senators shall receive from the Public Treasury an annual salary of not exceeding Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$8,400). All Members of the Legislature, including the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, also shall receive from the Public Treasury a per diem of not exceeding Twelve Dollars (\$12) per day for the first one hundred and twenty (120) days only of each Regular Session and for thirty (30) days of each Special Session of the Legislature. No Regular Session shall be of longer duration than one hundred and forty (140) days. This amendment shall be self-enacting and appropriations heretofore made in the general appropriations bill for the biennium ending August 31, 1973, for the salaries of the Members of the Senate and House of Rep-

resentatives shall not be invalid because of the anticipatory nature of the legislation.

"In addition to the per diem the Members of each House shall be entitled to mileage in going to and returning from the seat of government, which mileage shall not exceed Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) for every twenty-five (25) miles, the distance to be computed by the nearest and most direct route of travel, from a table of distances prepared by the Comptroller to each county seat now or hereafter to be established; no Member to be entitled to mileage for any extra Session that may be called within one (1) day after the adjournment of the Regular or Called Session."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to provide annual salaries of \$8,400 for members of the Senate and House of Representatives."

PUBLIC NOTICE
Proposed **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**
NUMBER 2 ON THE BALLOT (HJR 31)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 6 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 6. On the effective date of this Amendment, the Lamar County Hospital District is abolished. The Commissioners Court of Lamar County may provide for the transfer or for the disposition of the assets of the Lamar County Hospital

District."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at the general election to be held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the provision for voting for or against the proposition:

"The Constitutional Amendment abolishing the Lamar County Hospital District."

PUBLIC NOTICE
Proposed **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**
NUMBER 6 ON THE BALLOT (SJR 7)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article VIII, Section 1-b, of the Texas Constitution, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 1-b. (a) Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) of the assessed taxable value of all residence homesteads as now defined by law shall be exempt from all taxation for all State purposes.

"(b) From and after January 1, 1973, the governing body of any county, city, town, school district, or other political subdivision of the State may exempt by its own action not less than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) of the assessed value of residence homesteads of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older from all ad valorem taxes thereafter levied by the political subdivision. As an alternative, upon receipt of a petition signed by twenty percent (20%) of the voters who voted in the last preceding election held by the political subdivision, the governing body of the subdivision shall call an election to determine by majority vote whether an amount not less than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) as provided in the petition, of the assessed value of residence

homesteads of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or over shall be exempt from ad valorem taxes thereafter levied by the political subdivision. Where any ad valorem tax has theretofore been pledged for the payment of any debt, the taxing officers of the political subdivision shall have authority to continue to levy and collect the tax against the homestead property at the same rate as the tax so pledged until the debt is discharged, if the cessation of the levy would impair the obligation of the contract by which the debt was created."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing that the various political subdivisions of the State may exempt not less than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) of the value of residence homesteads of all persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older from ad valorem taxes under certain conditions."

PUBLIC NOTICE
Proposed **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**
NUMBER 4 ON THE BALLOT (HJR 61)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article XVII, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding a Section 2 to read as follows:

"Section 2. (a) When the legislature convenes in regular session in January, 1973, it shall provide by concurrent resolution for the establishment of a constitutional revision commission. The legislature shall appropriate money to provide an adequate staff, office space, equipment, and supplies for the commission.

"(b) The commission shall study the need for constitutional change and shall report its recommendations to the members of the legislature not later than November 1, 1973.

"(c) The members of the 63rd Legislature shall be convened as a constitutional convention at noon on the second Tuesday in January, 1974. The lieutenant governor shall preside until a chairman of the convention is elected. The convention shall elect other officers it deems necessary, adopt temporary and permanent rules, and publish a journal of its proceedings. A person elected to fill a vacancy in the 63rd Legislature before dissolution of the convention becomes a member of the convention on taking office as a member of the legislature.

"(d) Members of the convention shall receive compensation, mileage, per diem as determined by a five member committee, to be composed of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and Chief Justice of the Court of Criminal Appeals. This shall not be held in conflict with Article XVI, Section 33 of the Texas Constitution. The convention may provide for the expenses of its members and for the employment of a staff for the convention, and for these purposes may by resolution appropriate money from the general revenue fund of the state treasury. Warrants

shall be drawn pursuant to vouchers signed by the chairman or by a person authorized by him in writing to sign them.

"(e) The convention, by resolution adopted on the vote of at least two-thirds of its members, may submit for a vote of the qualified electors of this state a new constitution which may contain alternative articles or sections, or may submit revisions of the existing constitution which may contain alternative articles or sections. Each resolution shall specify the date of the election, the form of the ballots, and the method of publicizing the proposals to be voted on. To be adopted, each proposal must receive the favorable vote of the majority of those voting on the proposal. The conduct of the election, the canvassing of the votes, and the reporting of the returns shall be as provided for elections under Section 1 of this article.

"(f) The convention may be dissolved by resolution adopted on the vote of at least two-thirds of its members; but it is automatically dissolved at 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 1974, unless its duration is extended for a period not to exceed 60 days by resolution adopted on the vote of at least two-thirds of its members.

"(g) The Bill of Rights of the present Texas Constitution shall be retained in full."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment providing for a constitutional revision commission which precedes the convening of the members of the 63rd Legislature as a constitutional convention in January, 1974, for the purpose of submitting to the voters a new constitution or revisions of the existing state constitution."

PUBLIC NOTICE
Proposed **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**
NUMBER 3 ON THE BALLOT (HJR 41)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article XVI, Section 61, of the Texas Constitution, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 61. All district officers in the State of Texas and all county officers in counties having a population of twenty thousand (20,000) or more, according to the then last preceding Federal Census, shall be compensated on a salary basis. In all counties in this State, the Commissioners Courts shall be authorized to determine whether precinct officers shall be compensated on a fee basis or on a salary basis, with the exception that it shall be mandatory upon the Commissioners Courts, to compensate all justices of the peace, constables, deputy constables and precinct law enforcement officers on a salary basis beginning January 1, 1973; and in counties having a population of less than twenty thousand (20,000), according to the then last preceding Federal Census, the Commissioners Courts shall also have the authority to determine whether county officers shall be compensated on a fee basis or on a salary basis, with the exception that it shall be mandatory upon the Commissioners Courts to compensate all sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, county law enforcement officers in-

cluding sheriffs who also perform the duties of assessor and collector of taxes, and their deputies, on a salary basis beginning January 1, 1949.

"All fees earned by district, county and precinct officers shall be paid into the county treasury where earned for the account of the proper fund, provided that fees incurred by the State, county and any municipality, or in case where a pauper's oath is filed, shall be paid into the county treasury when collected and provided that where any officer is compensated wholly on a fee basis such fees may be retained by such officer or paid into the treasury of the county as the Commissioners Court may direct. All Notaries Public, county surveyors and public weighers shall continue to be compensated on a fee basis."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to require the commissioners court in all counties of the state to compensate all justices of the peace on a salary basis."

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I still believe in the old nursery rhyme What are little boys made of? Snips and Snails and Puppy dog tails and that they can also at times be sugary and spicy as little girls. But when they get old enough to have their own car and girl friends—that's when mother gets gray.—You can completely trust 'em and never sleep a wink when they are out at night. My son had just gotten his first car, when he invited a group of boys to go to town to get feed for their 4-H projects (now that was always a real good excuse—when he wanted to go to town the poor sheep was out of feed and the 'poor' sheep sometimes ate the whole sack in one day). After walking the floor for hours, he drove up a few minutes before his curfew was up, and I let out a sigh of relief, and told myself that I knew he was alright all the time. After he had gotten to sleep, it began to rain—knowing the car windows were down, I rushed out to roll them up—when I opened his car door, the light came on and there was a foot stone from a grave with a name carved in the top. I didn't bother to roll up the glasses, I slammed the door, flew back into the house and jerked that kid out of bed and marched him (in his underwear) in the blinding rain to the car, saying things like—"What have you been up to, what are you doing with a tomb stone in your car." All the time he was dripping wet and humbly saying "Mother, I didn't do it" but thinking I had the goods on him, I jerked open the car door and said, "Well-if you didn't do it—what do you call that?" and he answered, "A block of Carys' mineral salt."

Political Candidates

The Borden Star is authorized to announce the following candidates for political office weekly, subject to action of the General Election.

- Congress, 17th District
- Omar Bureson
- State Representative (63rd District)
- John R. Anderson - R
- Renal B. Rosson - D
- District Attorney (132nd Judicial District)
- Leland W. Green
- District Judge (132 Judicial District)
- Wayland Holt
- County Sheriff
- Tax Assessor-Collector
- Norman Sneed
- County Commissioner (Pct 1)
- Herman Ledbetter (Pct 3)
- Vernon Wolfe

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Proposed

NUMBER 8 ON THE BALLOT (SJR 1)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article IV, Section 4, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 4. The Governor elected at the general election in 1974, and thereafter, shall be installed on the first Tuesday after the organization of the Legislature, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and shall hold his office for the term of four years, or until his successor shall be duly installed. He shall be at least thirty years of age, a citizen of the United States, and shall have resided in this State at least five years immediately preceding his election."

Sec. 2. That Article IV, Section 22, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 22. The Attorney General elected at the general election in 1974, and thereafter, shall hold office for four years and until his successor is duly qualified. He shall represent the State in all suits and pleas in the Supreme Court of the State in which the State may be a party, and shall especially inquire into the charter rights of all private corporations, and from time to time, in the name of the State, take such action in the courts as may be proper and necessary to prevent any private corporation from exercising any power or demanding or collecting any species of taxes, tolls, freight or wharfage not authorized by law. He shall, whenever sufficient cause exists, seek a judicial forfeiture of such charters, unless otherwise expressly directed by law, and give legal advice in writing to the Governor and other executive officers, when requested by them, and perform such other duties as may be required by law. He shall reside at the seat of government during his continuance in of-

office. He shall receive for his services an annual salary in an amount to be fixed by the Legislature."

Sec. 3. That Article IV, Section 23, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 23. The Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Treasurer, the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and any statutory state officer who is elected by the electorate of Texas at large, unless a term of office is otherwise specifically provided in this Constitution, shall each hold office for the term of four years and until his successor is qualified. The four-year term applies to these officers who are elected at the general election in 1974 or thereafter. Each shall receive an annual salary in an amount to be fixed by the Legislature; reside at the Capital of the State during his continuance in office, and perform such duties as are or may be required by law. They and the Secretary of State shall not receive to their own use any fees, costs or perquisites of office. All fees that may be payable by law for any service performed by any officer specified in this section or in his office, shall be paid, when received, into the State Treasury."

Sec. 4. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to provide a four-year term of office for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Treasurer, Commissioner of the General Land Office, Secretary of State, and certain statutory State officers."

PUBLIC NOTICE
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Proposed

NUMBER 10 ON THE BALLOT (HJR 68)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article XVII, Section 1, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. The Legislature, at any regular session, or at any special session when the matter is included within the purposes for which the session is convened, may propose amendments revising the Constitution, to be voted upon by the qualified electors for statewide offices and propositions, as defined in the Constitution and statutes of this State. The date of the elections shall be specified by the Legislature. The proposal for submission must be approved by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each House, entered by yeas and nays on the journals.

"A brief explanatory statement of the nature of a proposed amendment, together with the date of the election and the wording of the proposition as it is to appear on the ballot, shall be published twice in each newspaper in the State which meets requirements set by the Legislature for the publication of official notices of officers and departments of the state government. The explanatory statement shall be prepared by the Secretary of State and shall be approved by the Attorney General. The Secretary of State shall send a full and complete copy of the proposed amendment or amendments to each county clerk who shall post the same in a public place in the

courthouse at least 30 days prior to the election on said amendment. The first notice shall be published not more than 60 days nor less than 50 days before the date of the election, and the second notice shall be published on the same day in the succeeding week. The Legislature shall fix the standards for the rate of charge for the publication, which may not be higher than the newspaper's published national rate for advertising per column inch.

"The election shall be held in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Legislature, and the returning officer in each county shall make returns to the Secretary of State of the number of legal votes cast at the election for and against each amendment. If it appears from the returns that a majority of the votes cast have been cast in favor of an amendment, it shall become a part of this Constitution, and proclamation thereof shall be made by the Governor."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment revising provisions on the time and method of proposing amendments to the state constitution and the time and method of publishing notice of proposed amendments."

PUBLIC NOTICE
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Proposed

NUMBER 9 ON THE BALLOT (SJR 20)
General Election, November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 33, Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 33. The Accounting Officers of this State shall neither draw nor pay a warrant upon the Treasury in favor of any person for salary or compensation as agent, officer or appointee, who holds at the same time any other office or position of honor, trust, or profit, under this State, except as prescribed in this Constitution. Provided, that this restriction as to the drawing and paying of warrants upon the Treasury shall not apply to officers of the National Guard or Air National Guard of Texas, the National Guard Reserve, the Air National Guard Reserve, the Air Force Reserve, the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, nor to enlisted men of the National Guard, the Air National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, the Air National Guard Reserve, the Air Force Reserve, and the Organized Reserve of the United States, nor to retired officers of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps, and retired warrant officers and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps, nor to Directors of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. A member of the Legislature shall not be eligible to serve as a Director of a Soil and Water Conservation District. It is further provided, until September 1, 1969, and thereafter only if authorized by the Legislature by general law under such restrictions and limitations as the Legislature may prescribe, that a nonelective State officer or employee may hold other nonelective offices or positions of honor, trust, or profit under this State or the United States, if the other offices or positions are of benefit to the State of Texas or are required by State or federal law, and there is no conflict with the original office or position for which he receives salary or compensation. No member of the Legislature of this State may hold any other office or position of profit under this State, or the United States."

Sec. 2. That Section 40, Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 40. No person shall hold or exercise, at the same time, more than one Civil Office of emolument, except that of Director of a Soil and Water Conservation District, Justice of Peace, County Commissioner, Notary Public and Postmaster, Officer of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States and enlisted men of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Organized Reserves of the United States, and retired officers of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, and retired warrant officers, and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, unless otherwise specially provided herein. Provided, that nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit a Director of a Soil and Water Conservation District, an officer or enlisted man of the National Guard, and the National Guard Reserve, or an officer in the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, or an enlisted man in the Organized Reserves of the United States, or retired officers of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, from holding in conjunction with such office any other office or position of honor, trust or profit, under this State or the United States, or from voting at any Election, General, Special or Primary, in this State when otherwise qualified."

Sec. 3. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to provide that directors of soil and water conservation districts are not disqualified from holding or being compensated for more than one office."

PUBLIC NOTICE
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Proposed

NUMBER 14 ON THE BALLOT (HJR 57)
General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article VII, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding a Section 6b, to read as follows:

"Section 6b. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6, Article VII, Constitution of the State of Texas, any county, acting through the commissioners court, may reduce the county permanent school fund of that county and may distribute the amount of the reduction to the independent and common school districts of the county on a per scholastic basis to be used solely for the purpose of reducing bonded indebtedness of those districts or for making permanent improvements. The commissioners court shall, however, retain a sufficient amount of the cor-

pus of the county permanent school fund to pay ad valorem taxes on school lands or royalty interests owned at the time of the distribution. Nothing in this Section affects financial aid to any school district by the state."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to allow a county to reduce its county permanent school fund and distribute the money to independent and common school districts on a per scholastic basis."

Irrigation

Proper management of irrigation water now will certainly mean extra cotton profits this fall. Cotton has made good progress during recent hot weather. We must make every effort not to hamper this progress by improper timing of irrigations. The lateness and varying stages of growth due to earlier adverse weather and subsequent disease attack requires that special attention be given to irrigation, says Leon New, Area Irrigation Specialist and Bob Metzger, Cotton Agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Early planted cotton which as made good growth and is fruiting heavily is now being benefited by irrigation, says the specialists. Irrigation should be timed to the fruiting stage. Remember a good rule of thumb is to wait until the first white blooms appear before applying that first irrigation. Water requirements by the plant are relatively low until the bloom stage is reached and then continues to be high during the critical boll development period. Additional moisture will especially be needed on light soils that store limited water or in areas which did not receive ample rainfall.

Some early planted cotton was delayed as much as two to three weeks by adverse weather and wet-weather blight. This cotton will have only a short time to produce a crop and can be further delayed by irrigation if stimulated to grow vegetatively. This cotton has used little moisture until recent growth; therefore, soil moisture conditions should be good, adds the specialists. Only in situations where cotton is fruiting rapidly and not growing vegetatively is an irrigation profitable.

June planted cotton will require almost ideal growing conditions to reach maturity by frost and in most cases will not require irrigation--this is especially true of cotton planted the middle of June or later. Yield potential for this cotton is less and, therefore, water requirements will not be as great as early cotton. Since late cotton is more easily shifted into vegetative growth, irrigation is more likely to delay fiber maturity rather than increase yields.

Verticillium Wilt has appeared early on the South Plains this year. Excessive amounts or poor timing of irrigation water can increase the wilt disease problem and reduce yields. The presence of wilt does not necessarily mean not watering as irrigation will likely be required to maintain normal fruiting and growth and produce an acceptable yield. He may need to apply lighter irrigations or use alternate row irrigation to avoid excessive cooling of soil to reduce wilt and maintain this fruiting-vegetative balance.

When discussing cotton irrigation, proper cut-off time is most critical to profitable cotton production. In all cases irrigation should cut-off by August 15 to 20 north of Lubbock and August 20 to 25 south of Lubbock, cautions New and Metzger.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
 Proposed **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**
 NUMBER 5 ON THE BALLOT (HJR 35)
 General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 2, Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. (a) All occupation taxes shall be equal and uniform upon the same class of subjects within the limits of the authority levying the tax; but the legislature may, by general laws, exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes; actual places of religious worship, also any property owned by a church or by a strictly religious society for the exclusive use as a dwelling place for the ministry of such church or religious society, and which yields no revenue whatever to such church or religious society; provided that such exemption shall not extend to more property than is reasonably necessary for a dwelling place and in no event more than one acre of land; places of burial not held for private or corporate profit; all buildings used exclusively and owned by persons or associations of persons for school purposes and the necessary furniture of all schools and property used exclusively and reasonably necessary in conducting any association engaged in promoting the religious, educational and physical development of boys, girls, young men or young women operating under a State or National organization of like character; also the endowment funds of such institutions of learning and religion not used with a view to profit; and when the same are invested in bonds or mortgages, or in land or other property which has been and shall hereafter be bought in by such institutions under foreclosure sales made to satisfy or protect such bonds or mortgages, that such exemption of such land and property shall continue only for two years after the purchase of the same at such sale by such institutions and no longer, and institutions of purely public charity; and all laws exempting property from taxation other than the property mentioned in this Section shall be null and void.

"(b) The Legislature may, by general law, exempt property owned by a disabled veteran or by the surviving spouse and surviving minor children of a disabled veteran. A disabled veteran is a veteran of the

armed services of the United States who is classified as disabled by the Veterans' Administration or by a successor to that agency; or the military service in which he served. A veteran who is certified as having a disability of less than 10 percent is not entitled to an exemption. A veteran having a disability rating of not less than 10 percent nor more than 30 percent may be granted an exemption from taxation for property valued at up to \$1,500. A veteran having a disability rating of more than 30 percent but not more than 50 percent may be granted an exemption from taxation for property valued at up to \$2,000. A veteran having a disability rating of more than 50 percent but not more than 70 percent may be granted an exemption from taxation for property valued at up to \$2,500. A veteran who has a disability rating of more than 70 percent, or a veteran who has a disability rating of not less than 10 percent and has attained the age of 65, or a disabled veteran whose disability consists of the loss or loss of use of one or more limbs, total blindness in one or both eyes, or paraplegia, may be granted an exemption from taxation for property valued at up to \$3,000. The spouse and children of any member of the United States Armed Forces who loses his life while on active duty will be granted an exemption from taxation for property valued at up to \$2,500. A deceased disabled veteran's surviving spouse and children may be granted an exemption which in the aggregate is equal to the exemption to which the decedent was entitled at the time he died."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment allowing certain tax exemptions to disabled veterans, their surviving spouses and surviving minor children, and the surviving spouses and surviving minor children of members of the armed forces who lose their life while on active duty."

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Proposed **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**
 NUMBER 11 ON THE BALLOT (HJR 95)
 General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article IV, Section 17 of the Texas Constitution, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 17. If, during the vacancy in the office of Governor, the Lieutenant Governor should die, resign, refuse to serve, or be removed from office, or be unable to serve; or if he shall be impeached or absent from the State, the President of the Senate, for the time being, shall, in like manner, administer the Government until he shall be superseded by a Governor or Lieutenant Governor. During the time the Lieutenant Governor administers the Government, as Governor, he shall receive in like manner the same compensation which the Governor would have received had he been employed in the duties of his office, and no more. The President, for the time being, of the Senate, shall, during the

time he administers the Government, receive in like manner the same compensation, which the Governor would have received had he been employed in the duties of his office."

Sec. 2. That Article III of the Texas Constitution, be amended to add a new Section 24a to read as follows:

"Section 24a. The Lieutenant Governor, while he acts as President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each receive from the public treasury an annual salary of \$22,500."

Sec. 3. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on November 7, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to provide a salary of \$22,500 for the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives."

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Proposed **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**
 NUMBER 12 ON THE BALLOT (SJR 29)
 General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article XVI, Section 33, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 33. The accounting officers in this State shall neither draw nor pay a warrant or check on funds of the State of Texas, whether in the treasury or otherwise, to any person for salary or compensation who holds at the same time more than one civil office of emolument, in violation of Section 40."

Sec. 2. That Article XVI, Section 40, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 40. No person shall hold or exercise at the same time, more than one civil office of emolument, except that of Justice of the Peace, County Commissioner, Notary Public and Postmaster, Officer of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States and enlisted men of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Organized Reserves of the United States, and retired officers of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and retired warrant officers, and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and the officers and directors of soil and water conservation districts, unless otherwise specially provided herein. Provided, that nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit an officer or enlisted man of the National Guard, and the National Guard Reserve, or an officer in the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, or an enlisted man in the Organized Reserves of the United States, or retired officers of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and retired warrant officers, and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and officers of the

State soil and water conservation districts, from holding at the same time any other office or position of honor, trust or profit, under this State or the United States, or from voting at any election, general, special or primary in this State when otherwise qualified. State employees or other individuals who receive all or part of their compensation either directly or indirectly from funds of the State of Texas and who are not State officers, shall not be barred from serving as members of the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns, or other local governmental districts; provided, however, that such State employees or other individuals shall receive no salary for serving as members of such governing bodies. It is further provided that a nonelective State officer may hold other nonelective offices under the State or the United States, if the other office is of benefit to the State of Texas or is required by the State or Federal law, and there is no conflict with the original office for which he receives salary or compensation. No member of the Legislature of this State may hold any other office or position of profit under this State, or the United States, except as a notary public if qualified by law."

Sec. 3. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment permitting State employees, who are not State officers, to serve as members of the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns, or other local governmental districts, without forfeiting their State salary, and specifying exceptions to the constitutional prohibition against payment of State funds for compensation to any person who holds more than one civil office of emolument."

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Proposed **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**
 NUMBER 7 ON THE BALLOT (SJR 16)
 General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article I of the Texas Constitution be amended by adding a new section to be known as Section 3a, to read as follows:

"Section 3a. Equality under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of sex, race, color, creed, or national origin. This amendment is self-operative."

Sec. 2. The foregoing

amendment to the constitution shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to provide that equality under the law shall not be denied or abridged because of sex, race, color, creed, or national origin."

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Proposed **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**
 NUMBER 13 ON THE BALLOT (HJR 82)
 General Election November 7, 1972

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding a new Section 65 to read as follows:

"Section 65. Wherever the Constitution authorizes an agency, instrumentality, or subdivision of the State to issue bonds and specifies the maximum rate of interest which may be paid on such bonds issued pursuant to such constitutional authority, such bonds may bear interest at rates not to exceed a weighted average annual interest rate of 6%. All Constitutional provi-

sions specifically setting rates in conflict with this provision are hereby repealed." This amendment shall become effective upon its adoption.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to vote of the qualified electors of this State at the general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1972, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "To set a six percent (6%) weighted average annual interest rate for bonds issued pursuant to constitutional authority presently having a specified interest ceiling."

Teacher Of The Month



August Teacher of the Month is Mrs. Ross Westbrook, junior high teacher at Borden Elementary School. The past year she taught fifth and seventh grade Reading, and sixth, seventh, and eighth grade English.

Mrs. Westbrook is already well known to many Borden County residents as she was born and raised in and around the county. Her birthdate is October 13, 1936. The first six years of her schooling was spent at the Mesquite School on the Plains. The remainder of her public schooling was in Lamesa where she graduated from Lamesa High school in 1954. That same year, her family moved back to Borden County and she worked through the summer at the ASC office for Mr. Dick Cantrell. Also in 1954, she and her husband, Ross, were married.

In 1966, Mrs. Westbrook entered Howard County Junior College, taking out one semester when her husband required surgery. She graduated from Abilene Christian College in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education. She plans to further her education along with special interests including geology.

Mrs. Rossbrook and her husband have two children. Dana, age thirteen, will be an eighth grade student this coming fall. Eleven year old Sid, will be a sixth grade student. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Creighton of Borden County. She has three sisters: Mrs. V.W. (Snook) Ogden, Mrs. Buster (Jean) Taylor, and Mrs. June Sterling, all of Borden Co. Her brother, Bo, also lives in Borden County.

Mrs. Westbrook enjoys sewing, fishing, and especially horseback riding for relaxation. She says she is sort of a rock hound and enjoys traveling to the mountains.

In previous years, she sang at friends weddings, and for Borden High School baccalaureate in 1971. She was a member of the Howard County Junior College Choir in 1970-71.

Vows Read



MR. AND MRS. JAMES D. CADDEL

The garden at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Birdwell was the setting for the marriage of their daughter, Jane Ann, to James D. Caddel, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Caddel, Monday morning at half after nine.

The Bride is the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jym Hendricks of Gail.

Rev. Marvin Nelson, pastor of Mayfair Methodist Church in Oklahoma City, performed the ceremony before a white wrought-iron archway, entwined with smilax and flanked by topiary trees and pedestal baskets of lavender galdioli.

For her wedding the bride chose a gown in Empire design of dotted organdy and Italian needlepoint lace. The lace edged the square neckline and sleeves and formed a deep ruffle on the skirt. She wore a wide-brimmed lace hat and carried a basket filled with mixed flowers and gypsophilla.

Miss Fran Nelson, maid of honor, wore a sheer dress of orchid, also made in Empire style, with a matching hat and she, too, carried a basket of spring flowers.

The wedding party and guests moved inside for the breakfast-reception which followed.

The bride's table in the livingroom held the three-tiered white wedding cake with touches of orchid in the decoration. The tiers were separated by colonnades and a miniature bride and groom was on top. The round table was covered

with white satin and an overlay of daisy lace and lighted by a four-branched epergne-candelabra filled with burning tapers and mixed flowers. Mrs. Patsy Avery, Dallas, sister of the groom, served the cake and Mrs. William Birdwell the fruit punch.

In the den the groom's table, covered with a cutwork cloth, held a decorative bowl of melon and fruit, coffee cake, sandwiches and a silver coffee service where Amy Birdwell, cousin of the bride from Silverton, Texas presided, assisted by Mrs. Gary Nippert. Cathy Birdwell sister of the bride was at the registration table.

Following a trip to Las Vegas and California, the couple will be at home in Mangum.

Other out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Birdwell, Silverton, Mrs. Marvin Nelson and two children, Oklahoma City.

The Informed

Consumer

"We can't live on a budget!" Or is it that you don't want to? How else can you find out where your money goes - or where it's taking you? A smart consumer not only spends his money wisely, but plans his spending as well.

Good money management considers the past, present, and future. Look at the past to see where your money goes as well as where it comes from. Keep an extra close check on spending for a month or more to determine your spending patterns.

Then figure how much money is coming in. Your spendable income basically is your pay check. If you have cash income from other sources, such as dividends, interest, or rent, be sure to include it.

Look at the present to check family needs and wants for which you can spend current income. First, list the things you need - your fixed expenses. This includes food, shelter (house payments, repairs, furniture, appliances, utilities), clothing (new, repairs), taxes, transportation (bus fare, auto payments and repairs, gas, oil), insurance, health (doctor and dentist, drugs, eye glasses), and savings (including emergencies).

Second, list the things you want - flexible expenses. These include education (books, tuition, newspapers, magazines), recreation (sports, movies, records, pets, vacations), gifts, personal grooming, contributions and dues, etc.

Third, add up these items to see if they fit the family's total expected income. If you're like most people starting a budget, you've probably overspent. You'll have to alter your plan. Remember your important needs - food, a place to live, and clothing. Can these costs be cut? What about other expenses? What could left out or put off until later?

Make your plan, but keep it simple. If it's easy to use, you'll be more likely to stick to it. Then try your plan for a month or two. Perhaps you've overestimated spendings in some areas and underestimated in others. Try to leave a "cushion" of a few dollars.

Looks to the future and adjust to change. Spending and savings plans seldom remain the same for long periods of time. Major changes may have to be made as financial problems are solved, as goals are reached or reevaluated, as you move from one stage to another in the family life cycle, if you have a change in income.

As It Looks From Here

Omar Burlison, M.C.
17th District, Texas

WASHINGTON, D.C. — THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES had a fierce attack of reality last week and defeated by a narrow margin an ill-conceived public works measure which would have duplicated several programs already on the books and two others now pending in the U.S. Senate.

ONE DAY OF HEARING WAS HELD in the Banking and Currency Committee to produce a \$5 billion bill to be spent within 18 months on public projects. Ordinarily, this type of legislation is handled by the Public Works Committee, but since the Banking and Currency Committee has jurisdiction over Housing and Urban Development, it decided to outdo and pile on yet another big spending program to those already in existence.

IN A YEAR WHEN POLITICS IS SO ABSORBING, the idea of worrying about budget responsibility has about as much appeal as smallpox, but the action last week offers some encouragement.

IN THE FISCAL YEAR JUST ENDED the Federal Government spent more than \$25 billion

more than it took in from taxes. The estimated deficit for the coming 1973 fiscal year is about the same but the guesses are usually on the low side of both how much will be spent and how much revenue will come in. A guess of a \$40 billion deficit for the fiscal year just beginning is probably more near to truth.

IN AN ELECTION THE WISHLIST gets longer and longer until it seems to obscure responsibility. As an example is the appropriation bill for Health, Education and Welfare recently passed by the Congress. The Administration's request for \$27 billion is a full \$7 billion above last year. Not content with that, the House of Representatives added another billion. The Senate then called and raised to \$2 billion over the budget. It is a dizzying whirl but amid warnings the situation continues to worsen.

THE CONGRESS WANTS TO SHOW ITS concern for the Country by pouring out Federal funds for every conceivable purpose. The President threatens a veto over some of these actions but not too loudly. It's an election year everywhere.

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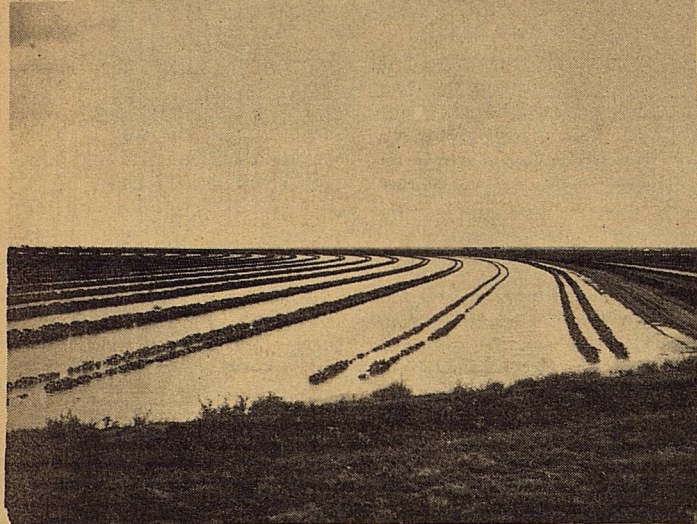


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Parallel Terraces



Many farmers and ranchers in the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District this fall and winter are planning on building parallel terraces. They have already made plans to construct over one million feet in 1973. Only 200,000 feet of parallel terrace were constructed in 1972 due to the late harvesting of cotton. This compared to over 900,000 feet constructed in 1971. Also farmers with weak or small irrigation wells are constructing parallel terraces.

Parallel terraces help by distributing the water that falls on the land more evenly.

How much is the rainfall worth? By doing a little calculating we can readily see that it is very important to conserve every drop of water possible. One acre foot of water is equal to 328,828 gallons, and one acre inch of water is equal to 27, 152 gallons of water. A two inch rain on 160 acres would be 8.7 million gallons of water. It would take a 200 GPM irrigation well 30 days to pump this much water, and it would be very costly. Many farmers are finding out that a good wystem of parallel terraces is worth more than their weak or small irrigation wells.

Soil Conservation Service

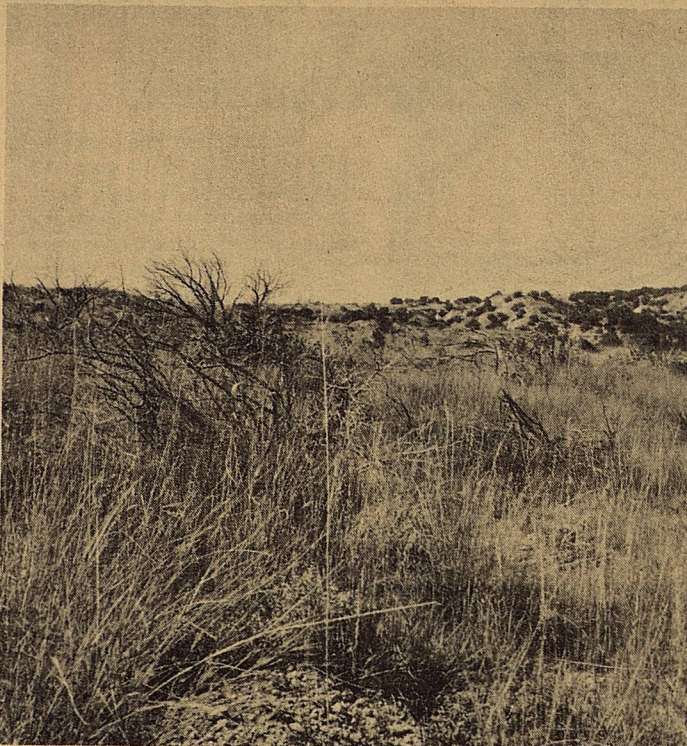
An irrigation farmer should spend several hours each year evaluating his irrigation system, according to B.J. Jones, Conservation Technician with the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) at Lamesa. Jones said that applying water uniformly is important because "that's what irrigation is all about." Money, time, and effort spent for irrigation won't give the maximum returns unless the water is applied evenly and at the right time," Jones said.

Jones said that many area farmers are changing sprinkler systems in order to use a collector system, often called a "gathering system." The collector tank is most often a used oil field tank, but concrete or even dirt tanks that are sealed to prevent seepage can be used. Reinforced concrete storage tanks can be cost-shared through the Great Plains Conservation Program or the Rural Environmental Assistance Program.

Jones explained that gathering systems permit several wells to be used with only one booster pump to provide pressure to the sprinkler system. Users often report that mrew water is available through this method, and it is much easier to develop efficient pressure for the sprinkler lines.

Through the Dawson Conservation District, SCS personnel have helped many local farmers improve their irrigation systems. SCS men are available to survey the land, evaluate the water supply, help choose the right irrigation system, and plan management of the system to get the most out of the water.

Brush Control



BRUSH CONTROL AND RANGE SEEDING— Cedar and mesquite were grubbed off of this pasture of Bufford Browning's in 1969. Sideoats grama, Caucasian bluestem, green sprangletop and blue panic were seeded in grubbed areas. 600 pound calves were weaned off of this pasture in 1971. Stockfarm is located northeast of Fluvanna. (Soil Conservation Service Photo)

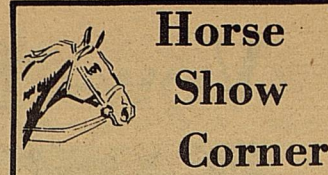
fifty by fifty foot lawn releases enough oxygen to meet the needs of four people. While artificial shrubs, lawns, football fields are attractive, they do little for improving the environment.

Kleibrink also stated that plants were invaluable in removing particles of grit, cinders, dust, and other similiar pollutants out of the air. You can observe this by noticing how fresh and green all plants look after a rain washes them clean.

Kleibrink further remarked that proper landscaping with plants such as trees, shrubs and grass reduces the deposit of sediment on lake and stream beds.

Plants can reduce noise pollution by 50 percent according to Kleibrink. Thick hedges are great sound absorbers.

Plants can also be hurt by pollution. Smog has killed or damaged millions of trees in the United States.



Horse Show Corner

At the Southern Regional Championship Horse Show held in connection with the National Youth Horse Congress in Dallas on August 4-5 Bobbie won second in Working Hunter, third in Jumping, third in Hunters in hand-14.2 and over, and fifth in Hunt Seat Equitation. Billie received a second in Hunters in hand-14.2 and over and fourth in Jumping.

The girls attended the Santa Fe Horse Show on August 11-13. Bobbie won a second in Hunt Seat Equitation 15-17, second in Junior Hunter under Saddle 15-17, third in Horsemanship over Fences 15-17, fourth in Junior Pleasure 15-17, and fourth in Junior Hunter 15-17. Billie got a first in Open Hunter under Saddle, second in Pairs of Hunters Tandem, second in Open English Pleasure, second in \$200 English Pleasure Stake, and fourth in Adult English Pleasure.

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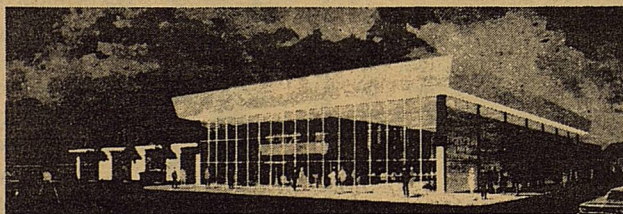
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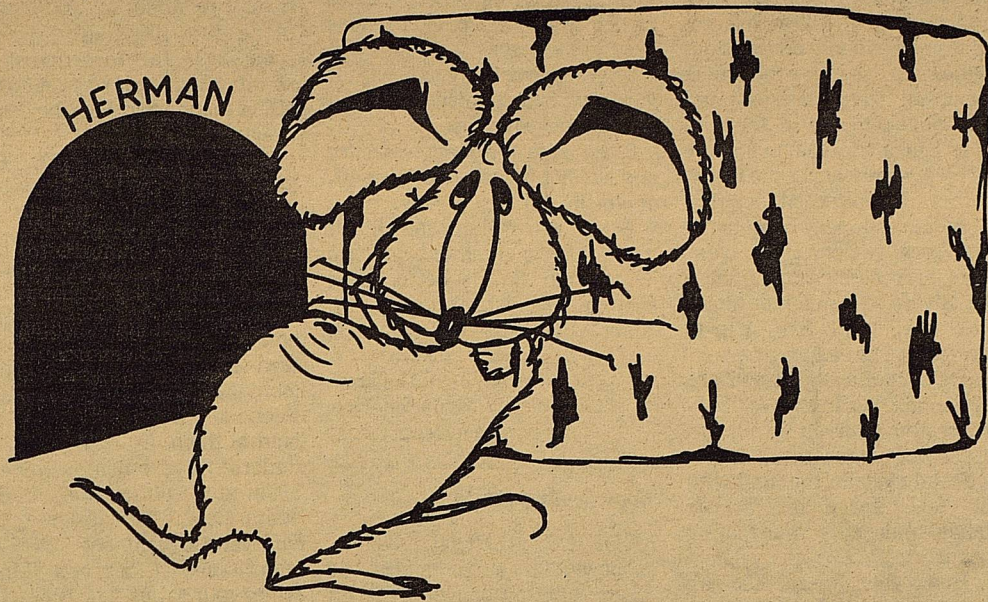
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IT MAY BE THEIR YEAR *Mice Taking Over*

BY MIKE SIMPSON

Shades of Rod Serling and Alfred Hitchcock! Could those movies of "Nature's Revenge" such as "The Birds," "Willard," and "Ben" be more reality than fantasy? If the sudden infestation of mice throughout Snyder is any indication of things to come, the world may be facing a rodent revolution.

Poison Sales Increase

Local stores have reported a rapid increase in sales of mouse traps and poisons. Carl Byrd, assistant manager of Furr's said of a popular brand of poison, "We can't keep the stuff of the shelf," and Ezell-Key reports that they have sold more poison in the last three months than they have in years.

"Most years we're overstocked and it (the poison) just sits on the shelves," said an Ezell Key salesman, "but now we sell it faster than we can get it." A farmer responded with a not too cheerful reminder that for "every mouse you see, there's about eight you don't know about."

The invasion doesn't seem to be concentrated in any particular part of the city, nor when questioned about the pests Snyderites from virtually all of Snyder's residential sections had almost identical reactions of alarm. One resident replied that he tried to use his cat to exterminate a mouse that had been discovered in a pantry, but the mouse turned lion and the cat turned coward, sending the frightened feline fleeing.

Two exterminating companies also report an unusual amount of calls to rid homes of mice. Sharp's Pest Control reported that the complaints have multiplied in the last two months, and Bill Deavers of The Deavers Co. said he has had more calls in the last 60 to 90 days than in the last 15 years. Deavers attended a meeting of the State Pest Control Board in Austin two weeks ago and found that the same problem seems to exist in other areas of the state.

Conspiracy vs. Science

When something like this happens there is generally a logical explanation, true? If you don't consider the conspiracy theory as valid, then you will more than likely turn to science for the answers. Yet

apparently a suitable and concrete explanation for the sudden skyrocketing rodent population cannot be found.

"A few years ago we had the same thing with rats," commented Deavers, carefully pointing out that this year's plague is mice rather than the feared rat, "but we never found the cause of that increase either."

Apparently the reproductive cycle of the animal reaches a peak every so many years. Dr. Robert Pierce, Scurry County health officer, and Louis Vaughn, also of the health department, offered the cyclic pattern of reproduction as a possible clue.

"Another reason may be the increased mowing of the fields that the city is doing," stated Vaughn. "Once their home is disturbed the mice flee to a safer place and usually find shelter in the houses." Dr. Pierce added that the plowing of farm fields and the rains might have destroyed their burrows, causing the mice to find another home. Both Vaughn and Pierce stated that the type of critter causing the problem was the common field or house mouse.

Nuisance and Disease

Actually the little rodents create no great danger unless you try to handle them, and then like any animal they might bite you in defense. For the most part they just steal bits of food and create a nuisance, but indirectly they may cause a problem because they do carry diseases. Some of the diseases are rat-bite fever, Weils disease, and Murine typhus, and they may be transmitted to humans by bite, contamination of food, through pets, or by mice dying in a water supply.

Now that the problem has been identified, the next step is to try to solve it. The most common methods of control are repellants, traps, poisons, and domestic pets. For the most successful use of these control measures one should know something about the habits of the creature. Once mice find a home they like to keep it. The average range for mice is about 12 feet. Therefore traps should not be placed more than ten to 20

feet apart. Mice eat the same things that humans eat, and like many humans, mice may eat 15 to 20 times a day. Because of the frequency of diet and small

range, a dozen baited traps in a small area about the size of a utility room is not considered an excessive number.

Best Baits

Although cheese is popular it is not the best bait. Mice prefer something fresh rather than something stale. Freshly fried bacon is effective, but mice really consider peanut butter as a delicacy. Oats are excellent bait, and it is suggested that the best bait is a paste of peanut butter and oats rolled together.

Poisons should be placed along baseboards, in corners and closets, and under refrigerators and similar

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Machines

An irresistible force met an immovable object in Edina, Minn., recently. The contest ended in a tie.

A computer, programmed to report its own malfunctions, automatically dialed the serviceman's home number in the middle of the night only to reach a telephone company computerized recording saying that the phone had been disconnected (the serviceman had moved.)

The first computer hung up and dialed the serviceman's old number again. Again the computer recording announced that the number was not in service.

The next day, when computer attendants and phone company people showed up for work, they found the two computers still exchanging their machine chatter.

places. Bill Deavers suggested that poisons and traps be used cautiously reminding that children and pets may also be affected by the control devices.

If by now you think the mice are moving into the cities with some consciousness or motive, then you may want to be hospitable to them rather than try to exterminate them. They may remember what a nice guy you were after they take over.

If the problem increases citizens might possibly ask City Hall or the Chamber of Commerce to search for a Pied Piper to come to the city's aid. The C of C might be willing to lure such a musician to the city, or Mickey Nunley, for the good of the city, state, and nation, might volunteer to put on a pair of leotards, a funny hat, and march around the square playing a flute.

Personally speaking, I'm going to see if my Mickey Mouse Club membership card is still valid.

Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Monk enjoyed their family at home recently. Visiting with their parents were Mr. and Mrs. Ty Koch and family from Uvalde, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Monk of Denton. On Saturday night, the group gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Monk in Tahoka for a real family get-together and supper.

Mrs. I.T. Huckabee of the Union community is visiting with friends and relatives in Calif.

Bo and Bell Barrett of Jean, Texas spent Saturday night in the Ben Weathers' home and visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harley Smith at Snyder.

Judy Huddleston and Mary Jo Harrell were visiting south of San Antonio over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe James and daughters visited in San Angelo Saturday.

Mrs. D.C. Jones was a visitor in Corss Plains, Wednesday.

The Rube Smiths returned the Monday the 7th from a 10 day vacation. They enjoyed one weekend with the Hollis Swinney's in Perryton, Tex. A tour through Western Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, and a weekend in Alpine with Mike and Marilyn Stephens before returning home.

Bruce Murphy of Melrose N. Mex. has recently been visiting with his mother Mrs. W. Ed Murphy. They and the J.E. Sorrells attended the Ohlen-dorph kinsmen reunion at San Marcos over the weekend.

How To Lift

During the course of a working day, you may be called on to move one or more objects to a different location. Sprains, strains, hernias and fractures could result from moving stock, materials, and other items unless you take care to prevent such accidents.

Whether you decide to pull it, push it, or carry it, the safe way is the only way to choose. Most problems can be prevented if you observe the following safety tips:

Planning ahead makes any job easier and safer to do, so determine the route you're going

to take. Make sure it's free of objects, a conveyor or lift truck is recommended. Otherwise get help if you have any doubt about whether you can move the object by yourself. Plan rest stops and check ahead to see if there is ample space for you to handle the object safely along the route.

If there is any possibility that the object is slippery from being wet or greasy, clean it up. Wear gloves to protect your fingers from slivers and rough or sharp edges. Then get a firm grip to make carrying easier.

Make sure the object you are to lift is not too heavy for you. Then protect yourself by doing it correctly. Observe these steps:

1. Stand close to the load with your feet apart for proper balance. Make sure your footing is secure.
2. Bend your knees, keeping your back as straight as you can.
3. Get a good grip. (Many lifting accidents occur because the object slips from the hands.)
4. Lift smoothly and not too quickly, straightening your

knees until you're standing erect. Use your leg muscles rather than your back because they're stronger.

5. Avoid twisting your body. If you must change direction, do it by moving your feet.

6. Be sure the load is secure and will not fall, tip over, roll off, or get in someone's way.

When you "plan ahead," it may take a moment or two longer, but this is better than running the risk of injury. No doubt your boss will approve, too!

(s) Jack Hoffman
Manager, Loss
Prevention Department

prices but, of course, some of this may be offset by stimulating more tax payments. Credit spending by the Government has no offset and can have no other effect than to increase the cost of everything.

WHO WANTS ALL THIS SPENDING? The question is often asked. It has got to be those who benefit from a particular program and who fail to see all the hundreds of others for a multitude of purposes. Right now a number of Governors and Mayors are in Washington lobbying for the \$30 billion Revenue Sharing Bill. Can't blame them in a way if the Federal Government is going to assume obligations for everything. The money the Federal Government can't get from taxes it borrows. Many states and Cities are broke but can not issue more money like the Federal Government—so please refer to the last sentence of paragraph 7 above.

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