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CONGRESSMAN GEORGE MAHON addresses 300 Panhandle-Plains farmers in a meeting called by Plains Irrigation Gas Users Association Friday afternoon in Dimmitt High School auditorium. On the stage with the congressman are [from left] Lamar Ramsey of the Soybean Producers Association; Glenn Odum of Dimmitt, vice-president of the Texas Corn

Growers Association; Pat Sheppard of Hale Center, official of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association; K. B. Parrish of Springlake, official of the Grain Sorghum Producers Association; Bruce Rigler of Plainview, vice-president of the Plains Irrigation Gas Users Association; and Ray Joe Riley of Sunnyside, representing both cotton and feed-grain producers.

Gas farmers voice gloom

Some 300 Panhandle-Plains farm leaders, feeling that they're being robbed at the gas line and short-changed at the marketplace, huddled here Friday afternoon with Congressman George Mahon to seek a way out of the cost-price squeeze.

THEY WEREN'T given much reason for hope. Called together by the Plains Irrigation Gas Users Association, the crowd in Dimmitt High School auditorium included spokesmen for nearly all major commodity groups in the region.

Bruce Rigler of Plainview, PIGUA vice-president who served as master of ceremonies, called for unity in the fight against higher production costs and unsympathetic markets. Representatives of the commodity groups agreed that higher prices are needed for products, but they differed on what avenues to take to attain these higher prices.

THE FARMERS' main frustration was the spiraling cost of natural gas for irrigation. Mahon said the solution lies in more production of natural gas, but that oil and gas companies—"which are doing very well in the present situation"—

will need some kind of incentive to explore for more fields and produce more fuel.

Mahon added that the problem for the Texas farmer is aggravated by the fact that interstate gas rates are regulated, but intrastate rates aren't. (Intrastate gas is that which is sold in the same state in which it is produced.) As a result, he said, residents of northern states "are getting gas at one-half the price you pay for it here."

THE HIGHER cost of natural gas here shows up not only on the farmer's fuel bill but on his fertilizer invoice.

The alternatives to the gas-price discrimination caused by federal regulations and short supply, Mahon explained, would be to either impose federal regulations on intrastate gas or to deregulate rates altogether.

Congress is considering both alternatives, he said, but nei-

ther would solve the main problem of short supply.

HE SAID deregulation is getting more support in Congress as more people from different areas of the country demand it.

But Congress so far is on record as favoring further regulation instead, and Mahon said this course would be bad for the Texas farmer in the long run.

"The House of Representatives has voted to provide federal regulation of certain segments of intrastate gas," Mahon said. "But if you have federal regulation of gas that stays within a state, then when the gas shortage gets worse, what will you have? I'll tell you—you'll have allocation of gas. And in that case, the argument that we'd have a shortage of food if gas were taken away from agricultural areas would not prevail."

NOTING THAT "The days of [See GAS USERS, Page 12]

Praises housing plan, but . . .

Council nixes rezoning idea

After a 90-minute hearing Monday night, Dimmitt's city commission turned down a proposal to rezone part of the Miller Addition for multiple-family dwellings.

THE PUBLIC hearing drew a crowd of 40, most of whom were Northwest Dimmitt residents solidly opposed to the rezoning plan.

In turning down the zoning proposal, the city commission upheld an earlier recommendation by the city zoning commission—that the proposed rezoning be disallowed "due to intense opposition" by residents of the affected area.

However, commissioners urged the Chamber of Commerce and the County Housing Authority—which had request-

ed the rezoning—to continue working with the Farmers Home Administration to build new duplex, triplex and quadplex homes here.

AFTER HEARING more than an hour of presentations and sometimes-heated discussions opposing the rezoning—Mayor Elmer Youts said, "I stand squarely behind the zoning commission and these people who have been paying their taxes and utility rates and maintaining their homes through the years under the present zoning code, and I will entertain a motion to accept the zoning commission's recommendation and disallow this proposed rezoning."

Speaking in favor of the re-

zoning was Bill Behrends, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Housing Committee, who said he felt that "most of the opposition was based on misinformation and rumors about the proposed project."

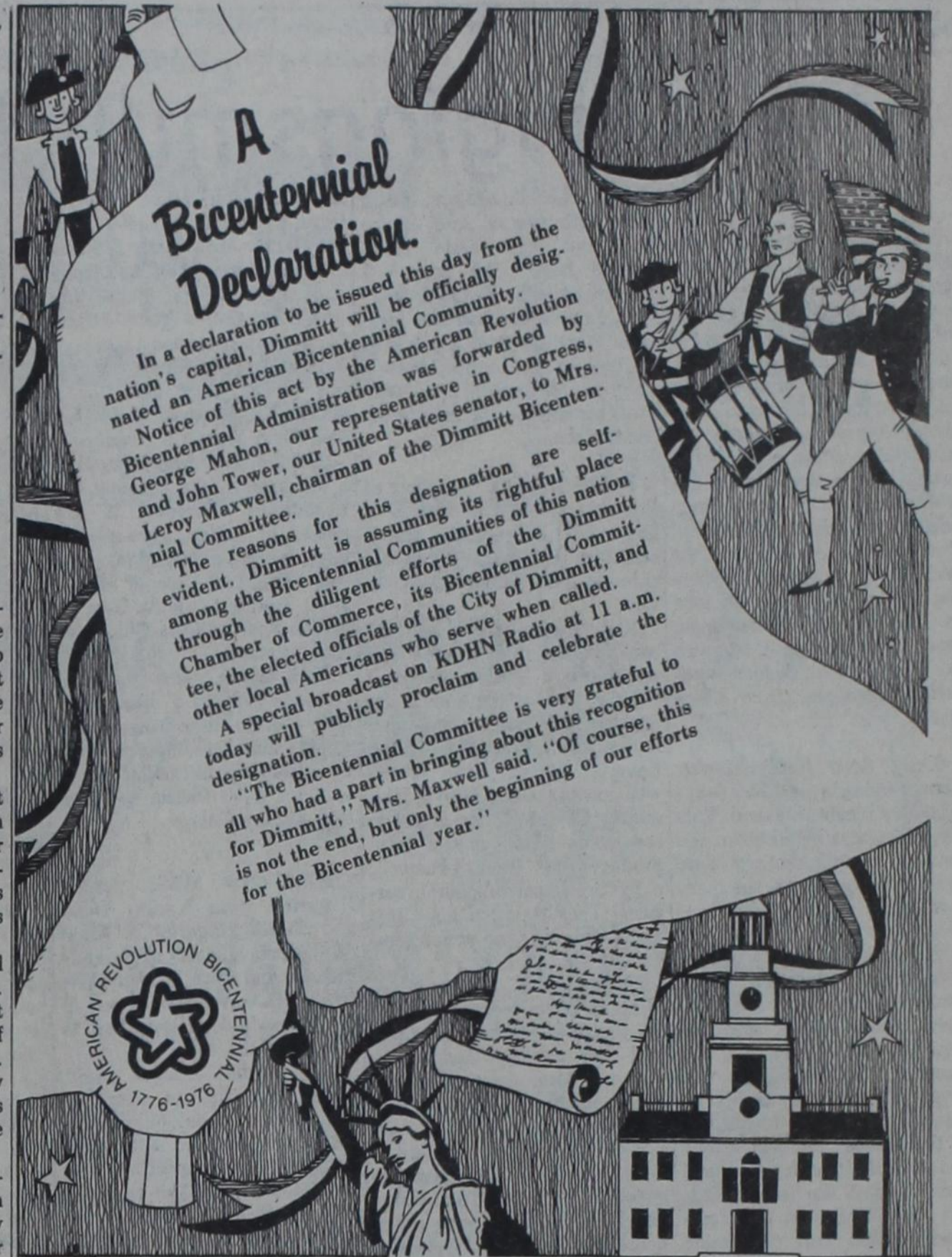
He said that at the earlier zoning commission hearing, "Most people thought we were considering a low-income housing project, or another migrant housing project," and added, "Our need in this area has been met with the project east of town."

ARCHITECT Earl Wassum of Amarillo showed slides and pictures of duplexes and triplexes in Miami and Quitaque, similar to the ones proposed here, and explained the design [See CITY NIXES, Page 12]



BILL BEHRENDS [right], chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Housing Committee, outlines the plan for new duplex houses here during Monday night's city commission hearing on the proposed rezoning of the Miller Addition in Northwest Dimmitt. In background, almost 40 residents of the neighborhood wait to protest the proposed rezoning. At front table are

Joe Gilbreath [left], local director of the Farmers Home Administration, and Earl Wassum of Amarillo, architect of the housing plan. City commissioners, following the recommendation of the zoning commission, turned down the rezoning proposal but urged the chamber and the County Housing Authority to continue their efforts for new housing here.



A Bicentennial Declaration

In a declaration to be issued this day from the nation's capital, Dimmitt will be officially designated an American Bicentennial Community. Notice of this act by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration was forwarded by George Mahon, our representative in Congress, and John Tower, our United States senator, to Mrs. Leroy Maxwell, chairman of the Dimmitt Bicentennial Committee.

The reasons for this designation are self-evident. Dimmitt is assuming its rightful place among the Bicentennial Communities of this nation through the diligent efforts of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, its Bicentennial Committee, the elected officials of the City of Dimmitt, and other local Americans who serve when called. A special broadcast on KDHN Radio at 11 a.m. today will publicly proclaim and celebrate the designation.

"The Bicentennial Committee is very grateful to all who had a part in bringing about this recognition for Dimmitt," Mrs. Maxwell said. "Of course, this is not the end, but only the beginning of our efforts for the Bicentennial year."

Nazareth zaps Three Way; to play Garden City next

By MARTY CATOE

The Nazareth Swiftettes will head for the Class B girls' regional tournament in the Texas Dome at Levelland Friday, after romping to a 74-41 bi-district victory over Three Way Tuesday night.

OPENING THE regional tourney, the Swiftettes will play their first game at 2:30 p.m. Friday against Garden City. If they get past the girls from far West Texas, they will meet the winner of a 4 p.m. Lorraine-

Anthony contest in the semifinals at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. The championship game is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Other first-round games Friday will match Groom and Fort Davis at 7 p.m. and Klondike and Follet at 8:30. Nazareth's girls lost to Klondike last year in the Region 1-B finals, and Klondike went on to the state semifinals.

THE SWIFTETTES walked away with a bi-district victory Tuesday night in Levelland by defeating a stunned Three Way Eagle team 74-41.

Controlling the opening tip-off, the Swiftettes scored eight points before letting the ball cross the center line. Three Way scored five, bringing the score to the narrowest margin of the night. Nazareth built a 22-9 first-quarter lead.

The Swiftettes came back to score 19 points the second

quarter while holding the Eagles to one field goal but allowing them 10 points at the charity line. The Eagles connected on nine of the free throws but had a 21-point deficit at the half as Nazareth led 41-20.

THE SECOND half saw continued domination by the Swiftettes as they outscored the Eagles 18-10 to reach a commanding 59-30 third-quarter lead.

The entire Nazareth team saw action in the final period as the Swiftettes outscored the Eagles 15-11.

Elaine Schulte and Cheryl Hartman led the scoring with 26 points each. Rachelle Pohl [See NAZARETH, Page 12]

76'ers to sing Saturday night

A Washington's Birthday observance is planned by the Dimmitt Masonic Lodge Saturday evening, with the public invited for a program featuring The 76'ers, the county Bicentennial chorus.

THE HOUR-long program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Hall. Luke McGuire is worshipful master of the Dimmitt Lodge and Bill Dannevik is chairman of arrangements for this traditional Masonic observance of George Washington's birthday.

The program will include taped addresses by Theo Yantis of Brownwood, grand master of Texas Masons, and other Masonic officials of national prominence, Dannevik said.

Windy

[Readings recorded at 7 a.m. daily for the preceding 24 hours.]

	Hi	Lo
Thursday	63	51
Friday	76	35
Saturday	73	46
Sunday	71	32
Monday	73	33
Tuesday	67	36
Wednesday	63	20
1976 Moisture		.04

KDHN RADIO
US Weather Observer



BETH CLEVELAND [10] sinks two points for Dimmitt with a jumper in the third quarter of the Bobbies' bi-district championship game against Abernathy Monday night at Plainview. In background, teammate Kathy Wales moves into position for a rebound. This basket brought the Bobbies to within four points at 45-49, and they continued to cut the Antelopes' lead during the rest of the game, but had to settle for a 67-66 loss in the battle of district champions. [Photo by Donnie Davis]

4-H Council will sell food at show

A concession stand featuring barbecue sandwiches will be operated during the Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale this weekend in the County Expo Building, County Agent Charles Hottel has announced.

THE 4-H Council will be in charge of the stand, and invites visitors and exhibitors to lunch there.

Beef and lamb barbecue is being prepared Wednesday night by 4-H Horse Club members under the direction of Jack Howell and Edd McLeroy, Hottel said.



MID-AIR CHARADES—Dimmitt's Keith Crum [32] and Danny Vaughan [44] collide in mid-air in their zeal to grab a rebound in the third quarter of Friday night's game between the Bobcats and Friona's Chieftains. The Bobcats won the game handily, 72-52.

Improved ag credit indicated in Texas

Texas farmers and ranchers may find money more available and cheaper this year, believes Dr. Wayne Hayenga, an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. In a recent survey of bankers, Hayenga found that interest rates have gone down in the past six months and that many lenders are actively soliciting new farm and ranch loan accounts.

"The survey shows that Texas agricultural finance conditions are good," says Hayenga. "Lending institutions are lending more money to more farmers and ranchers."

In the past six months the interest rate on feeder cattle loans was down from 9.32 percent to 9.17 percent, while interest on real estate loans dropped from 8.63 percent to 8.58 percent and interest on operating loans decreased from 9.13 percent to 9.01 percent.

ALMOST 70 percent of the lenders surveyed expect interest on long-term real estate loans to stay the same over the next six months and 62 percent expect short-term interest rates to remain stable also.

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<p>TUNA</p> <p>Carnation 6 1/2 oz. can</p> <p>59¢</p>	<p>SYRUP</p> <p>Morton's Pancake & Waffle quart</p> <p>79¢</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROUNDUP THESE LOW FOOD VALUES!</p>	

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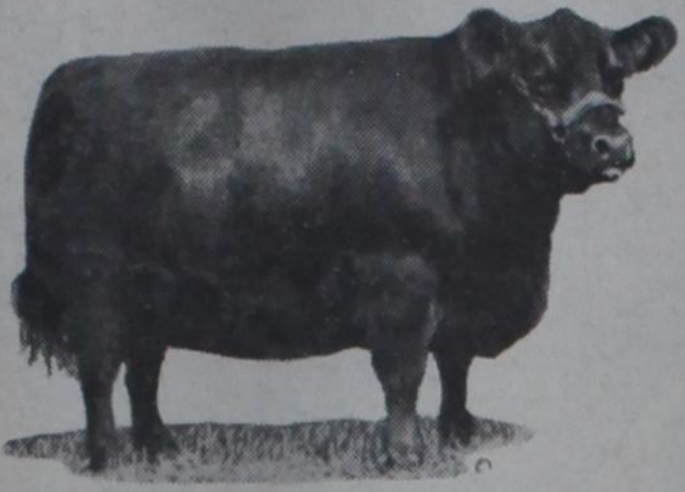
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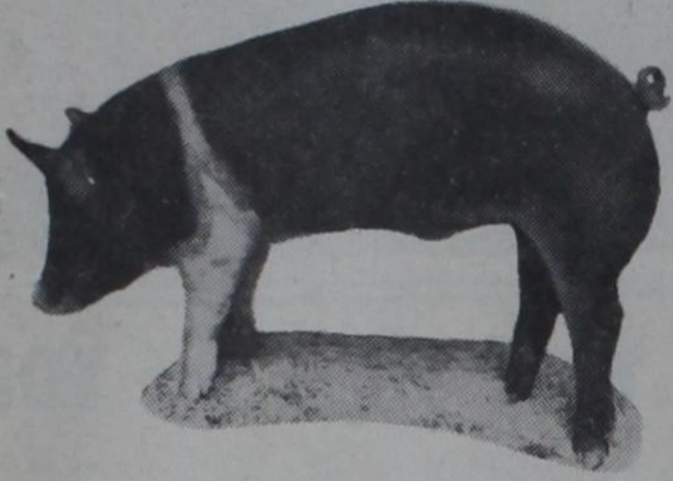
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Nazareth

Cubs, Boy Scouts hold annual banquet

By MRS. AGNES BROCKMAN
Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts at Nazareth, with their leaders and parents, enjoyed their annual Blue and Gold Banquet last week. Their program honored Rev. Stanley Crocchiola on the 38th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Boy

Scouts presented him a book on Panhandle history and the Cubs gave him a lifesized replica of Uncle Sam. Awards at the banquet went to Douglas Huseman, Bobcat; Kenneth Kleman, Billy Huseman, Lonnie Huseman and Gary Verkamp, Wolf badges; Val Hatla, Wade Durbin and

Francis Kern, Bear. Last weekend Georgeanne Kleman and Joan Durbin took Kenneth, Wade, Gary and Francis to the South Plains Council Pinewood Derby at Lubbock. Kenneth received a plaque for winning three heats in the races, and Francis was given a plaque for having the "Cubbiest car" of the 154 entries.

this last week. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brockman of Friona visited with Agnes Brockman and other relatives Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Herbie Wethington and the Clyde Venhaus visited the Albert Venhaus family over the weekend. The FHA members had their annual chicken dinner Sunday and a very nice crowd attended.

He is doing better and hopefully can have a kidney transplant this spring.

Outlook muddled on cattle profit

The cattle industry is out of trouble. Cattlemen can start increasing their herd size and sell at a profit. Right? Wrong! "THE CATTLE industry still has a way to go before the picture brightens," believes Dr. Ed Uvacek, livestock marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Uvacek attributes the false optimism of many cattlemen to misinformation and misinterpretation of some of the facts. He cites a few examples of this.

"In 1975, about 11.4 million cows were slaughtered and a lot of people thought the over-supply problem was over. What they didn't realize was that almost 11 million head of replacement heifers were added to the breeding herd."

Another mistaken belief, says Uvacek, is that the feedlot business has completely recovered and feedlots are using all the calves that are produced. "IT'S TRUE that feedlot placements have increased substantially, but the number available for feeding is still much higher than the feedlots can handle. In 1975, only 23 million head of cattle out of a total supply of 103 million available head were placed on feed.

"The idea that both beef consumption and retail beef prices were at record highs in 1975 is not completely true either," says the specialist. "Retail prices for Choice beef were at record highs in 1975, but because there was so much non-fed cattle slaughtered, the consumption of Choice beef was down," he explains. Calf prices will probably go

up in 1976 and 1977, says Uvacek, but the cost of inflation will take away any potential profits. "It costs about \$200 a year to keep a cow in Texas," says Uvacek. "A typical Texas producer has about an 80 percent calf crop and sells his calves at about 400 pounds. That calls for a breakeven price of \$62.50 per hundred-weight—a price level that doesn't seem too likely for the next two or three years."

Here's Hart's school menu

HERE ARE the school lunch menus for Hart Schools for Feb. 23-27.

MONDAY — Oven fried steak, June peas, buttered corn, hot rolls, spiced apples, milk, butter.

TUESDAY — Pinto beans with ham, French fries, catsup, coleslaw, pineapple cobbler, milk, butter.

WEDNESDAY — Cheeseburger on homemade bun, ranch style beans, peaches, milk.

THURSDAY — Barbecued weiners, northern beans, pickled beets, cornbread, peanut butter cake, milk, butter.

FRIDAY — Fried fish with tartar sauce, green beans, creamed potatoes, mixed fruit, milk, butter.

ALTHOUGH Rhoads Memorial Library is closed during the day on Mondays, you can now use the library from 6 to 9 each Monday evening.

NOT MUCH news about the weather. It's about the same—no moisture to speak of and not so very cold even at night for this time of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Huseman flew to Seattle, Wash. last week to visit their daughter and family.

Mrs. Marvin Hoelting, Linda Smith, Rose Hindman and Marnie Lueb came to Nazareth from Denver to visit relatives for several days.

Our pastor Rev. Father Stanley left for Lubbock Monday to have some tests made and probably surgery. We all hope and pray for the best for him. Am sure everyone will miss him very much while he is gone.

MR. AND MRS. Paul Venhaus spent the weekend in Guyman, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Barker of Pampa and Vickie and Mary of West Texas State University visited with their folks the James Wilhelms over the weekend. Peggy Book and Janie Steffens also visited their folks

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Anthony's



'HEART FUND CAMPAIGN SUNDAY' was officially proclaimed this week by Mayor Elmer Youts (left) and County Judge Weldon Bradley. Witnessing the proclamation signing is Susie Bradford, secretary of the Castro County Division of the American Heart Association. The special campaign this Sunday is a nationwide feature of American Heart

Heart Fund drive slated

Volunteer workers will call at Castro County homes Sunday afternoon in the annual Heart Fund Campaign.

THEY WILL give information on reducing the risk of heart disease, the nation's No. 1 killer, and how to recognize early warning signs of heart attack and stroke, according to Susie Bradford, secretary of the Castro County Unit of the American Heart Association. Contributions will also be collected by the volunteer workers to be used in the Heart Association's programs of research, education and community projects to fight the disease.

The month of February has been proclaimed American Heart Month in the county, over the signatures of County Judge Weldon Bradley and Dimmitt Mayor Elmer Youts.

The proclamation calls attention to the million-plus deaths in the United States each year from heart and blood vessel diseases, the \$22 billion cost to the nation a year in lost wages and medical expense due to these diseases, and the Am-

SOME individual who performed a life-saving act in a farm or ranch environment during the 1975 calendar year will receive the 1976 Rural Heroism Award sponsored by the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council. All nominations must be submitted by Feb. 21 to the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council, Box 489, Waco, 76703. Detailed information on the incident, along with news stories and pictures if available, should be provided.

erican Heart Association's continued battle which has resulted in a reduced death rate.

HOSPITAL NEWS

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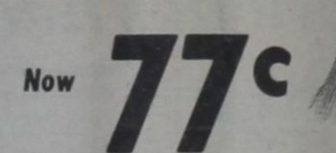
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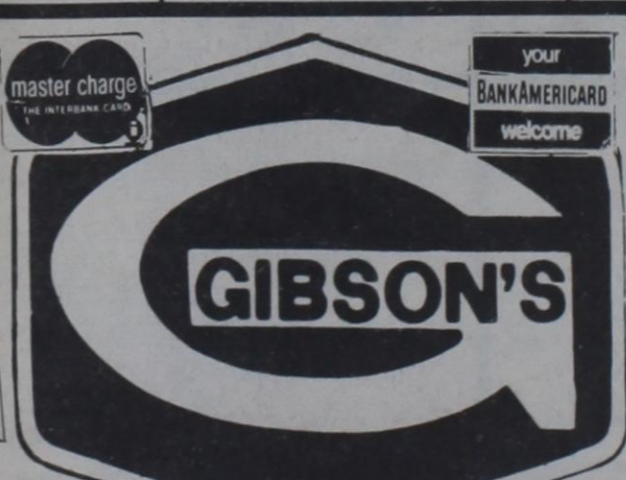
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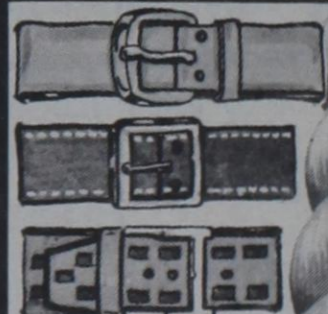
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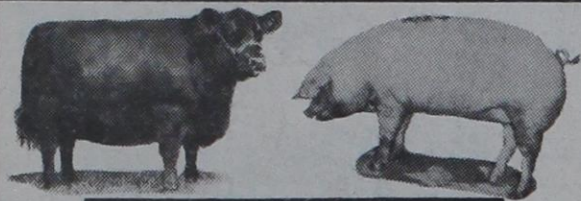
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OFFICERS of the Castro County CowBelles include [from left] Martha Smith of Flagg, president; Lucille Drerup of Nazareth, third vice-president; Dottie Lewis of Dimmitt, fourth vice-president; Rosemary Wilhelm of Nazareth, first vice-president; and Valda Wood of Dimmitt, second

vice-president. Officers not pictured are Frances King of Dimmitt, secretary, and Mary Bonsel of Hart, treasurer. The CowBelles are looking for new members to help promote beef.

The CowBelles need YOU!

What are the CowBelles? They are women who have one common denominator—their affiliation with the BEEF INDUSTRY. Some call it a shirrtail affiliation, but to all of us, it's a very important affiliation to our common product—BEEF. The Castro County CowBelles and Texas CowBelles are affiliated with the American National CowBelles, Inc., and are the auxiliary of the American Cattlemen's Association.

In the past years, we have all become very aware of the attacks on "our product." The CowBelles work toward promoting beef, educating the public, and serving any way we can to make America more aware of our great product, and of the fact that no substitute can supply the nutrition and goodness that beef provides.

The consumer needs to know what the cattle industry contributes to the economy of our nation—about the expense, long hours of hard work, and the risk that the rancher must tolerate in his business.

This seems like a tremendous task, but women are in a unique position to accomplish it. They are part producers and part consumers. They understand both points of view and can understand where lack of communication exists.

Both the Texas CowBelles and the Castro County CowBelles work in many ways to promote the beef industry. They distribute printed material, present teaching aids about beef to home economics depart-

ments, promote 4-H projects, assemble bride's kits, distribute beef certificates and promote their use, and set up demonstrations on how to buy beef, cook it and utilize it.

The nation-wide promotion that the CowBelles are completely responsible for is the "BEEF FOR FATHER'S DAY" campaign.

In several instances the CowBelles have been instrumental in promoting better legislation of our beef industry. Our legislative chairmen keep informed and are very active. Numbers count when we want to support or oppose legislation. Our beef industry has a very proud heritage. There is no industry in the US with less federal government involvement.

If you would care to join the women who promote our beef industry, the Castro County CowBelles will be glad to have you. You don't have to be a cattle owner or a cattleman's wife to belong—you only have to be interested. Contact Martha Smith at Flagg, Rosemary Wilhelm or Lucille Drerup in Nazareth, Dottie Lewis, Valda Wood or Frances King in Dimmitt, or Mary Bonsel in Hart.

Texas is the No. 1 beef producing state, and Castro County is one of the top counties in Texas in the production of finished beef. ALL of us have good reasons to encourage America to eat more beef—the best meat in the world!

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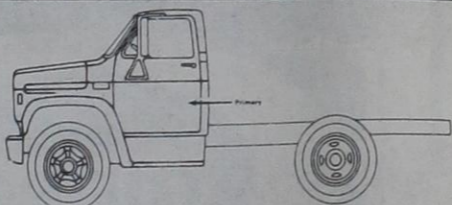
Milfred has been with Western Ammonia three years as a mechanic. He also does concrete work, lays plastic line, and other jobs in the plant.

Raised in Hall County, he served two years with the Air Force in Korea and Japan from 1946 to 1949. He moved to Dimmitt in 1951. He was familiar with the city, having visited here often with his sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Ernest Mayhew.

Milfred and his wife, Flora, live at 208 NW Fifth St. They have three daughters, all married, and five grandchildren.

Milfred is a member of the Castro County Memorial Post, VFW, and enjoys fishing and hunting in his spare time.

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Ladies Aid to WMU history related

In keeping with the US Bicentennial theme, Mrs. W. E. Kirkpatrick gave the history of the Women's Missionary Union of Dimmitt's First Baptist Church at a meeting recently of the Night WMS in the home of Mrs. Bill Bunch.

THE FIRST Ladies Aid was formed in Dimmitt in 1909. Names mentioned in the history of this group through the years included Nellie Turner, Mmes. J. E. Turner, T. H. Beach, J. W. Slover, B. J. Ramey, B. D. Woodlee, W. A. Tate, T. A. Turnbow and G. J. Stapleton.

In 1921 the Ladies Aid became the WMU of the First Baptist Church. Mrs. R. C. Shuford, the mother of Mrs. Leola Haberer, became the first president.

Others who followed as presiding officer through the years were Mmes. J. E. Turner, Edwin Ramey, O. B. Trimble, W. E. Kirkpatrick, E. F. Harmon, E. H. Youts, Ruby Maples, Deroy Cates, T. S. Buckmaster, Jim Hays, Lester Dowell, Lee Norman, M. A. Tidwell, Gaines Neill, V. C. Hopson, Rex Wooten, Gorden Stan-

ford, A. T. Morgan.

A QUILT was displayed by Mrs. Kirkpatrick which was pieced by members during the "Dust Bowl" years. It is a Dutch girl design and each woman made a block using material from a dress she had worn to WMU, and embroidered her name on it.

In the 1940s and 1950s there were few women members of the church who did not attend WMU each Monday. There were as many as five and six circles meeting in Dimmitt and the surrounding area.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick was state periodical chairman at one time. In November, 1940 she made front page headlines in the Houston Post with a speech she gave at the State WMU Convention on the influence of good reading material in the home.

Mrs. Bunch served a buffet to 11 members. The Week of Prayer will be observed at the church in March.

THERE are few people who are more often in the wrong than those who cannot endure to be so. —Rochefoucauld.

Hobbies yield funds for DKG

The hobbies of members in Iota Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma were turned into money to make their annual fund-raising project a success at a recent meeting.

MACRAME, baked goods, canned goods, pictures, pillows, plants and other articles made by members were auctioned by Bea Hawkins for a sum totaling more than \$300. The money will go toward a scholarship fund and donations.

"New Trends in Education" was the subject of a program presented by Evie Froehner, Elsie Smith, Jean Morris and Jackie McLeroy.

They explained new techniques to motivate old ideas in education and how Dimmitt schools are using them. Paul Frye with his rocket show was an example given.

BILINGUAL education was illustrated as June Parker, Betty Parish, Helen Richardson, Lora Harkins, Sister Homer Immaculata and Sister Benedict Marie sang.

Those wearing red, white and blue were asked to stand, and were presented small American flags by Monte White.

Mrs. Richardson invited members to join the Castro

Park on island holds promise

Whether you are a fisherman or an outdoor theater-goer or both, there will be a treat in store for you in Galveston.

FEBRUARY 14 was the date of dedication ceremonies for one of the newest Texas state parks, Galveston Island State Park.

Located near the center of Galveston Island, the 1,935-acre park will include fresh and saltwater fishing facilities, and nearly 1,000 acres of marshland.

Of special interest to bird watchers will be the extensive facilities and special opportunities to view a large variety of birds in their native habitat.

The nature-fancier will have the opportunity to view such species as egrets, spoonbills and sandhill cranes, along with migrating songbirds.

The park site will be a unique recreational area not just for bird enthusiasts but for historical and theater fans as well, since it will also be the site of the Lone Star Drama Theater.

County Historical Society, which is enrolling charter members. It is engaged now in sponsoring the establishment of a county historical museum.



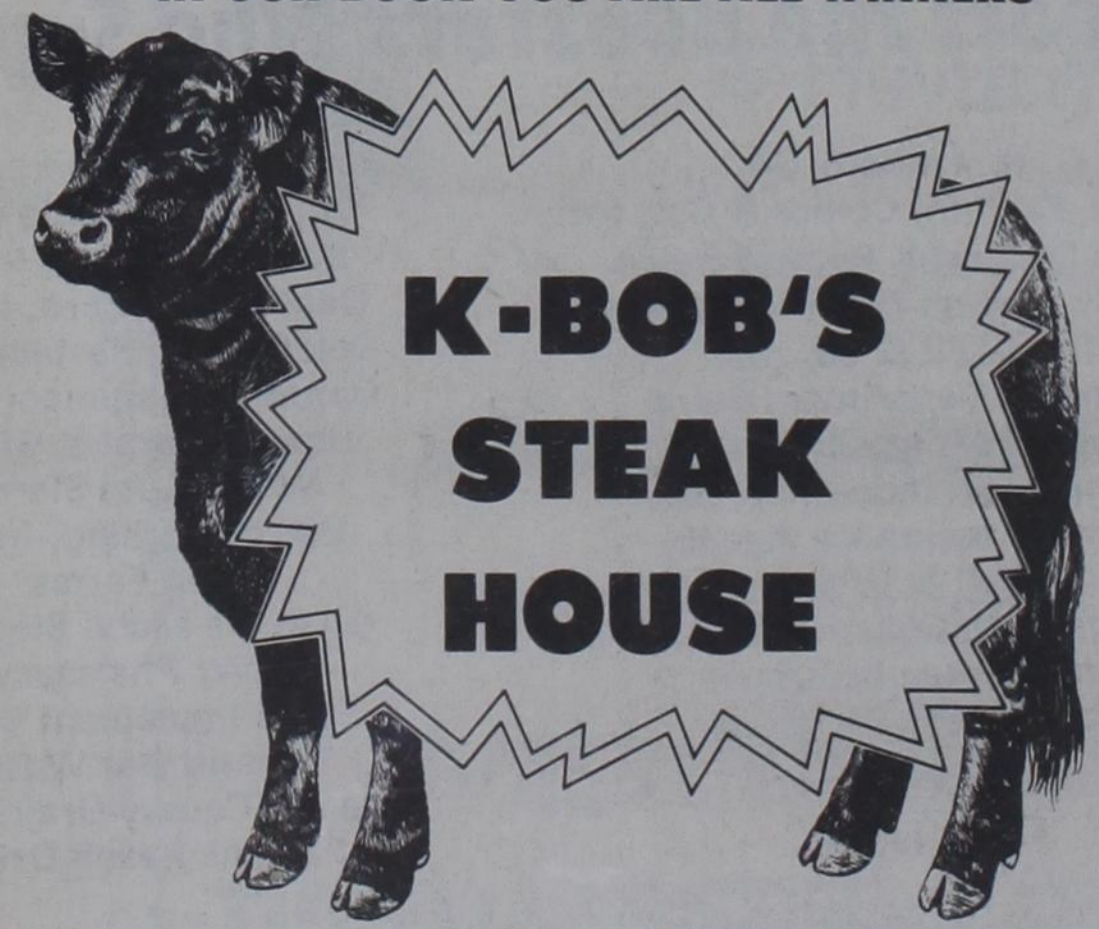
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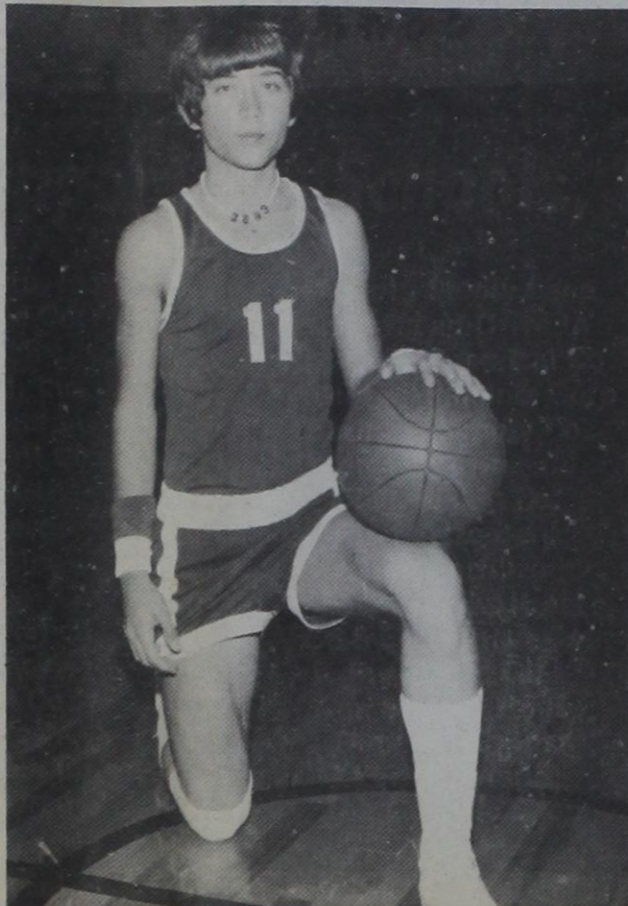


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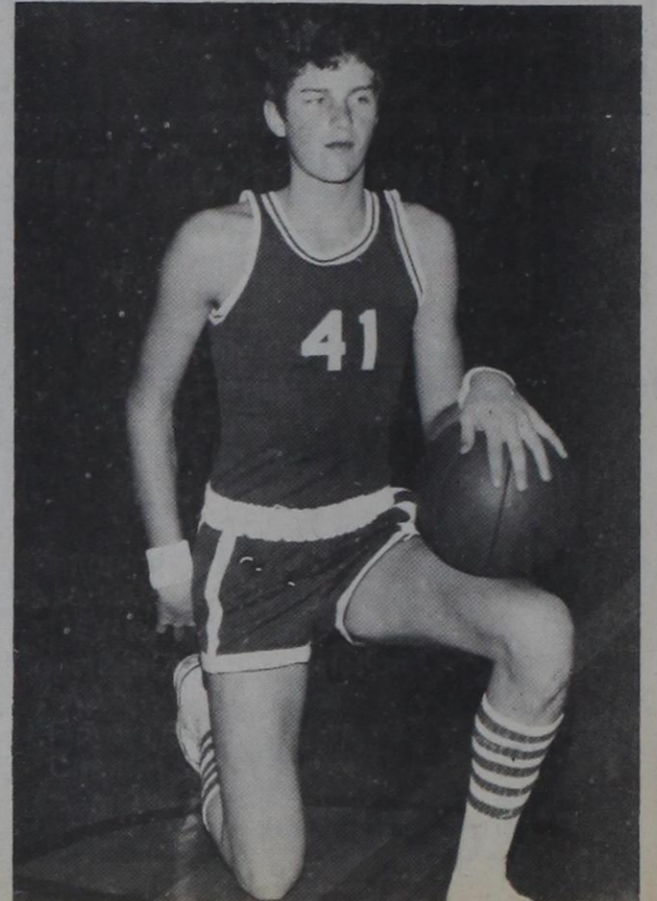
Congratulations, Bobcats and Bobbies, on an excellent season!



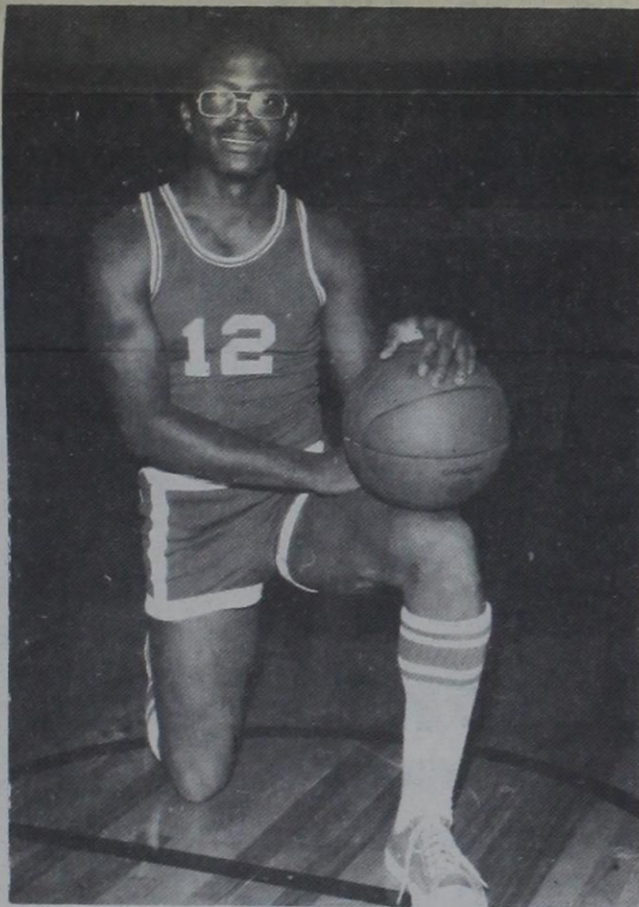
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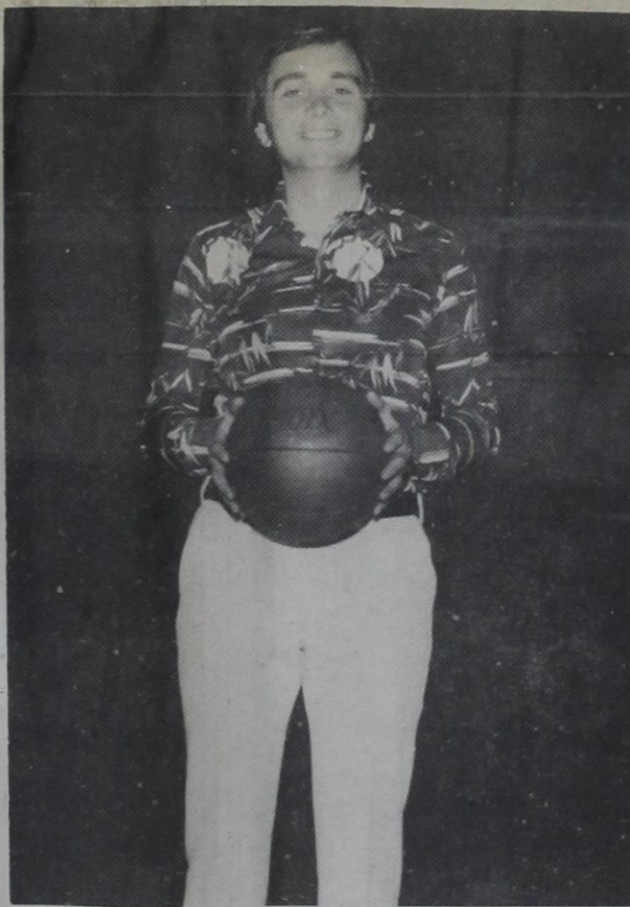
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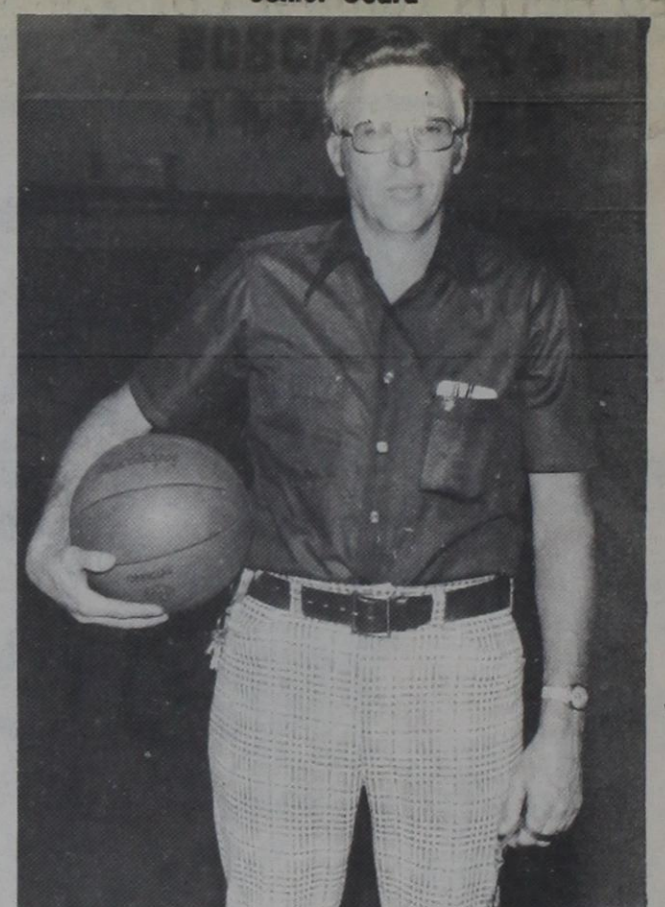
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THOMPSON MAYBERRY
Sophomore Guard



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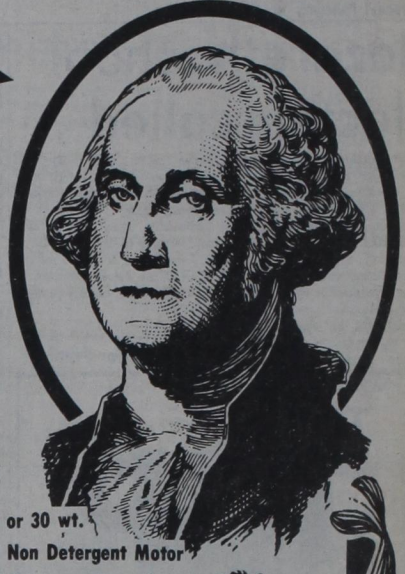
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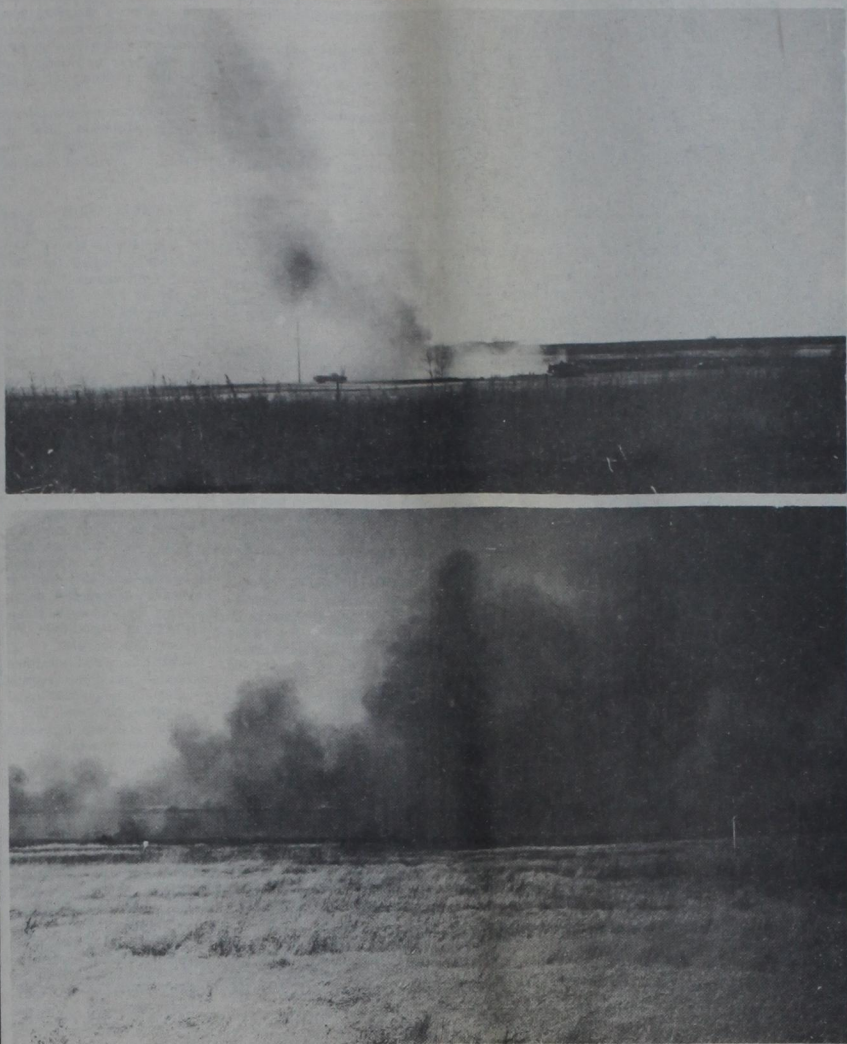
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Plains Memorial Hospital for treatment of arm and leg injuries. Firemen finally quit spraying the fire and back-burned it. The large fire, which burned most of the afternoon, destroyed the cover for many pheasants and small animals that lived in the brushy lake bottom. Paradoxically, as the fire raged, golfers on the nearby fairways played through. The fire was believed to have been started accidentally by small boys.



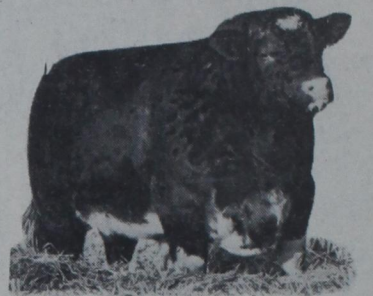
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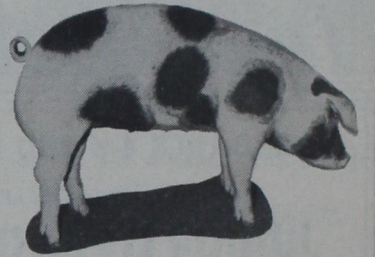
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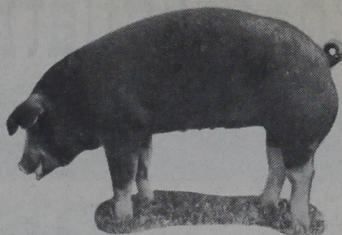
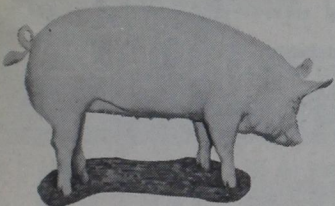
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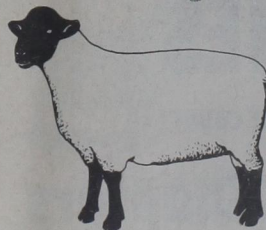
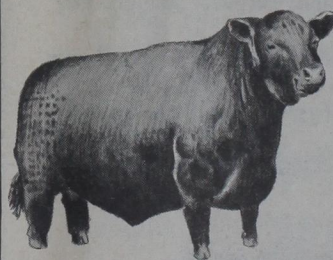
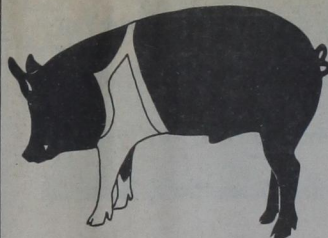
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VETERANS' SERVICES

By BEDFORD W. SMITH
County Service Officer

The following news release from the Waco VA Regional Office which has jurisdiction over the Lubbock VA region (including all of the Panhandle) as well as the Dallas and Central Texas Regions should be of interest to all veterans in Castro County.

While the Veterans Administration is the primary Federal agency serving former members of the nation's armed forces, a number of veterans' benefits and services are available from other government sources, the VA reminded today.

Benefits available to qualified veterans and their families are:

FHA Home Mortgage Insurance up to a maximum of \$45,000. A minimum cash investment is required: 10 percent of the dwelling's value between \$25,000 and \$35,000, and 15 percent of the value above \$35,000. The maximum interest rate is 9 percent plus a mortgage insurance premium of 1/2 of one percent.

A GOVERNMENT guarantee of the premiums and interest due on eligible commercial life insurance policies not exceeding \$10,000 in any individual case for two years after discharge.

Unlimited commissary and post exchange privileges for honorably discharged veterans with 100 percent service-connected disability, their dependents and unmarried widows.

Supervised credit and management advice and loans for housing in rural areas or in towns of up to 10,000 population may be obtained from the Agriculture Department's Farmers Home Administration.

PREFERENCE in Federal Civil Service employment, including points added to passing scores in competitive examinations, waivers of physical requirements, restriction of certain jobs to veterans, preference for retention in case of reductions in force, and similar advantageous procedures for veterans, their unmarried widows and mothers of deceased veterans.

Preference in referral to training programs in private or public schools and for on-the-job training.

Small Business Administration assistance, including loan guarantees and management assistance designed to encourage veterans in owning and operating a variety of small businesses.

Social Security credits toward monthly retirement, disability and survivors benefits are available to qualified veterans and their families.

DEATHS of 358,000 veterans during fiscal year 1975-209,000 with World War II Service—has prompted the Veterans Administration to encourage 29 million living veterans and their families to become familiar with survivor benefits to which they may be entitled.

The FY 1975 death total was 61,000 higher than the total of veterans' deaths recorded in FY 1970. The World War I veteran population fell below the million figure to 963,000 in FY 1975 with the deaths of 108,000 veterans of that era.

Veterans should make dependents aware of survivors' benefits, such as dependency and indemnity compensation for service-connected death or nonservice-connected death pensions for widows and certain children, Jack Coker, VA Regional Director, said.

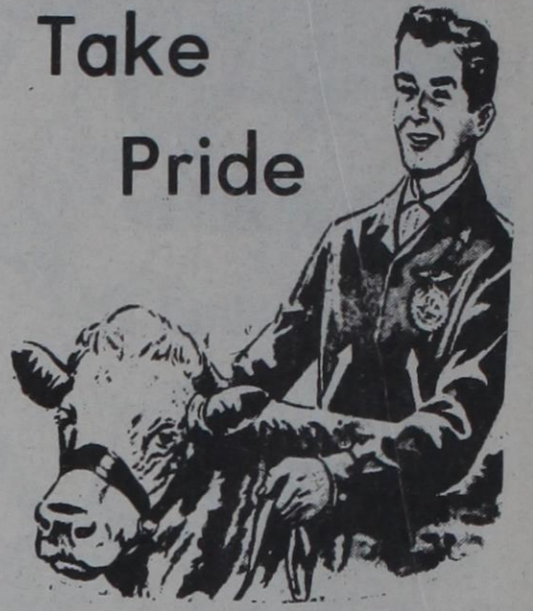
BURIAL benefits for wartime and certain peacetime veterans include a maximum \$250 burial or cremation allowance, plus a plot allowance not exceeding \$150 for veterans buried outside national cemeteries.

Burial flags and headstones or grave markers also are available for many deceased veterans.

Veterans service organizations, veterans county service officers, and local VA offices should be contacted for complete information and assistance in applying for burial benefits. Such documents as military separation papers, divorce decrees, guardianship or child custody evidence, birth, marriage and death certificates should be accessible to validate claims.

THE AUSTRALIAN government has invited applications from its citizens for US Bicentennial fellowships, valid during 1976 for six to 10 weeks of travel in the US for cultural and social interchange.

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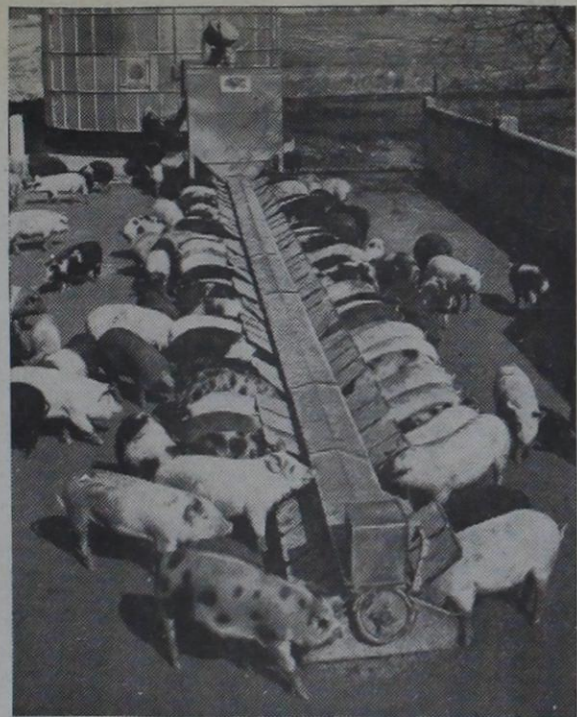
DANNY VAUGHAN fires a two-pointer for Dimmitt in the third quarter of Friday night's District 3-AA game against Friona. At right, Keith Crum [32] gets set for a rebound. The Bobcats won the bout by a 72-52 score, hiking their season mark to 30-2.

Sister of Dimmitt man dies recently

Funeral services for Mrs. Virginia O. Maxey, 62, of Clarendon, sister of Alvis McGowan of Dimmitt, were conducted in a funeral chapel Thursday afternoon and burial was in Citizens Cemetery at Clarendon.

A LIFELONG resident of that city, Mrs. Maxey died Wednesday. She was a member of First Christian Church at Clarendon.

She is survived by her husband, Virgil T. Maxey; two daughters, Penny Mooney of Childress and Brenda Holt of Cody, Wyo.; a son, J. L. Paulk of Amarillo; a sister, Pearl Sargent of Canyon and the brother here.



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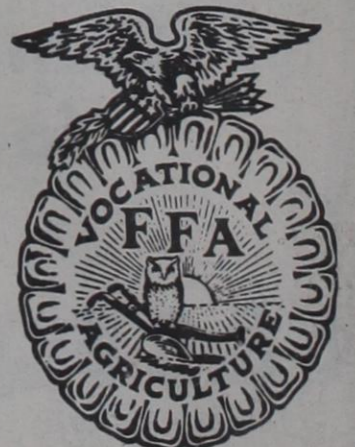
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Amstar appoints v-p for corn operations

Fred F. Coons has been appointed vice-president of Spreckels Sugar Division, Amstar Corp., with the responsibility for operating functions of Amstar's Dimmitt plant.

Guy D. Manuel of San Francisco, president of the division, announced Coons's appointment.

FOR THE past two years Coons has been in charge of engineering and development of Amstar's corn products operation.

He will now direct operating functions as well as engineering, research and development of the corn facility in Dimmitt, which operates as a unit of the Spreckels Sugar Division.

In addition, Coons will be responsible for the construction of a new corn plant in a location yet to be announced.

COONS joined the Spreckels Sugar Division after graduating from the University of California at Berkeley in 1944. He has held a number of positions

in the operating department, including chief engineer from 1953 to 1974.

He was appointed director of development and engineering for Amstar's corn products in 1974.

With his wife and three sons, Coons lives in Greenbrae, Marin County, Calif.



SQUARE DANCE TIPS

By LINDA RICHARDSON

The Heart Fund square and round dance brought many visitors to Dimmitt and several clubs took their banners back home with them.

GARY COLE, president, thanked all members for their participation in the dance. Johnny Gillenwater called the tips Tuesday night and it was unanimously voted to keep him as club caller.

Officers elected were: Ann and Andy Alexander, president; Billy and Carolyn Harman, vice president; Bill and Paula Harman, secretary-treasurer; Gary and Kathy Cole, representative; Claude and Ida Moore, host and hostess; Tommy Crawford and Linda Richardson, reporter; Tommy Crawford, ticket chairman.

Ann Alexander was named the Dimmitt Promenaders sweetheart for 1976.

THE PROMENADERS are having a good old-fashioned ice cream supper Feb. 24, at 8:30 p.m. at the Castro County Country Club. The meeting will be to show how much fun square dancing can be and to start a series of lessons.

The lessons will be taught by Gillenwater and will consist of 16 weekly lessons. Everyone interested in taking square dance lessons will be welcome.

Plans will be made at the meeting as to where and when the lessons will start. If you have any questions contact the Billy Harmans at 647-2421.

THP logs four January wrecks

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated four accidents on rural highways in Castro County during January, according to Sgt. J. R. Smith, Highway Patrol supervisor of this area.

THESE CRASHES resulted in three persons injured, but none killed.

The rural traffic accident summary for the 60 counties of the Lubbock Department of Public Safety Region for January shows a total of 373 accidents resulting in 11 persons killed and 175 persons injured, as compared to January, 1975, with 451 accidents resulting in 16 persons killed and 241 persons injured. This was 78 less accidents, five less deaths, and 66 less injured than in 1975 at the same period of time.

The 11 traffic deaths for the month of January occurred in the following counties: Two in Garza and one each in Archer, Clay, Dickens, Terry, Wichita, Armstrong, Childress, Donley and Potter.



GROUND-BOUND AVIATORS—The problem for youngsters this week hasn't been in getting 'em up, but in keeping 'em from ripping apart once they're airborne. Kite flying has been about the only benefit of the week's hard, dry winds. Some of the non-benefits have included the leveling of a new steel barn under construction near Nazareth, a lakebed fire near the Country Club that whipped out of control, and loss of moisture from the drought-plagued wheat fields. Such adult-type worries are 'way off in the future, though, for these youngsters, whose main worry here is whether they're using the right body language to keep their kites aloft.



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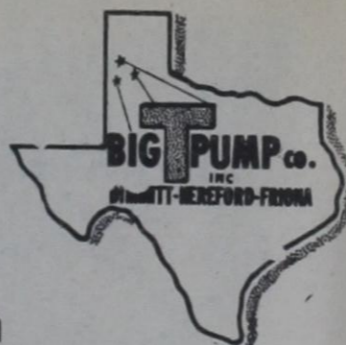
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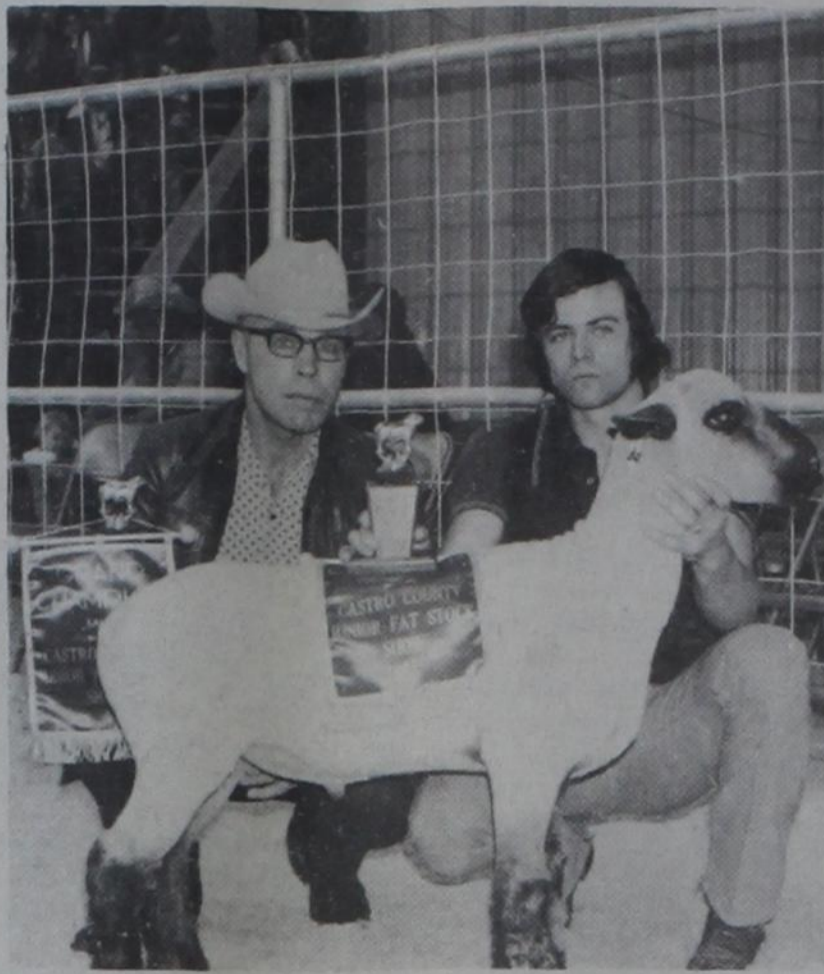
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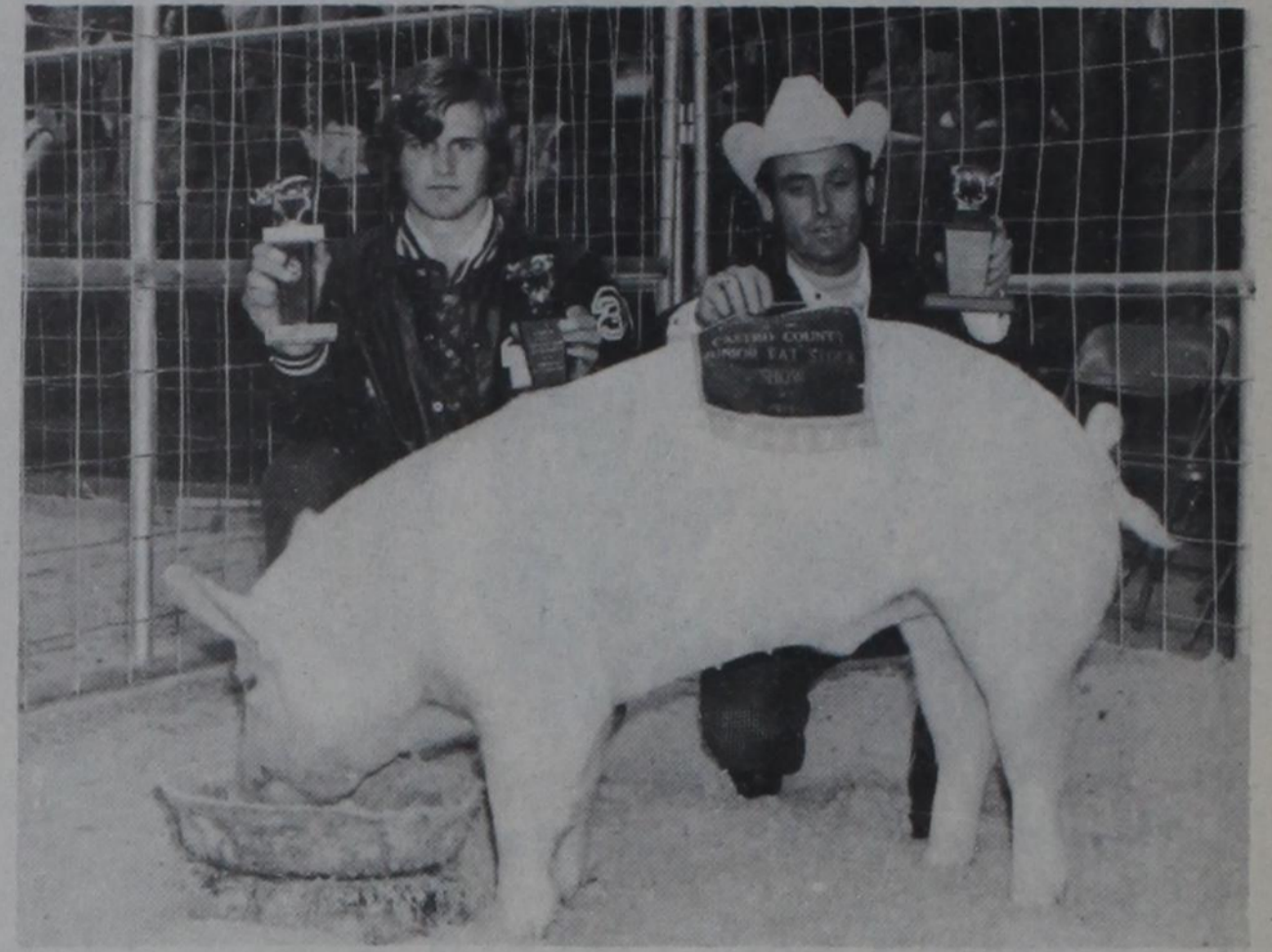
Last year's champions



GRAND CHAMPION STEER in last year's Castro County Junior Fat Stock Show was this lightweight cross exhibited by Susie Cluck of Dimmitt. The champion steer sold for 80 cents a pound.



DANNY CARSON of Hart exhibited the grand champion lamb in last year's show, and received \$4 per pound for it.



TERRY HILL of Hart exhibited the Grand Champion barrow, a heavy cross, in last year's Castro County Junior Fat Stock Show. The barrow brought \$2.75 per pound in the sale.

Texas hunter's picture emerges from survey

Controversy swirls around the American hunter more each year as factions of society debate his merit to wildlife. But who is the hunter, what makes him pursue this oldest of sports, what does he spend on hunting and what does he hunt?

DEFINITIVE studies on hunters, their preferences, habits and backgrounds are hard to come by; however, a dissertation published in 1974 by Michael E. Berger at Texas A&M University sheds some light on the complex subject. In researching his disserta-

tion, Berger mailed some 4,000 questionnaires to persons who purchased resident Texas hunting licenses in 1971-72 to study the characteristics, opinions and facility preferences of Texas hunters. He also sought to compare the Texas data with similar information from other

states. A profile of Texas hunters based on Berger's findings shows the hunter to be a male who started hunting before the age of 15 and has hunted for some 26 years. "HIS FATHER introduced him to hunting and he hunted frequently in his youth," according to Berger's dissertation. Hunting free on lands owned by a friend or relative was the most likely, but if he had to lease lands it was usually on a seasonal basis. "The Texas hunter sought deer and dove in preference to other game animals. He hunted small game animals close to home, but overall utilized the South Texas Plains and the Edwards Plateau as hunting areas."

Based on Berger's study, Texas hunters are a gregarious lot; most preferred to hunt with one to three companions, but were seldom members of a sportsman's club. Most of their hunting trips were within the state. "The Texas hunter sought deer and dove in preference to other game animals. He hunted small game animals close to home, but overall utilized the South Texas Plains and the Edwards Plateau as hunting areas."

According to Berger, the five most frequently given reasons against hunting were: sport hunting endangers some species, objection to trophy hunting, objection to killing for sport, hunting wastes too much game meat, and too many hunters are game hogs.

In his opinion, "... the mass media, primarily movies and TV, were extremely influential in causing negative attitudes toward hunting."

Berger went on to note that philosophical opposition to hunting posed little threat to hunting at present but that from his study the mass media should be used "... to educate the people to the facts that hunting is not destroying wildlife populations, that little game meat is wasted, that hunters are mostly reputable citizens like themselves, and that it is largely due to financial contributions and excise taxes of interested hunters and sportsmen that many forms of wildlife were saved from extinction ... modern sport hunting does not destroy wildlife populations since the availability of hunting is heavily dependent upon continued productivity of wildlife species.

"These measures would go a long way to resolve the differences between anti-hunting advocates and sport hunters. And until these differences are resolved there can be no united front of hunters, wildlife professionals and paraprofessionals to combat the real enemy of wildlife and hunting: habitat destruction and alteration."

ACP cost-share applications being accepted

Applications for cost-share practices in the 1976 Agricultural Conservation Program will be accepted between Feb. 23 and March 5 in the Castro County ASC office in Dimmitt.

THE SPECIFIED practices, to be carried out within the next five months, are listed as RE-1, Establishment of permanent vegetative cover; RE-7, Terraces — standard and par-

allel; RE-8, Diversion terraces; RE-12, Establishment of sediment, chemical or water runoff control measures; RE-14, Reorganizing irrigation systems, land levelling and installation

of tailwater recovery pits. Farmers who need cost-share assistance to carry out any of these practices are advised to get approval before the work is done.

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Winners in an American History Essay Contest conducted by Los Ciboleros Chapters, Daughters of the American Revolution, have been announced for the Dimmitt and Springlake-Earth school systems.

LAURA DOWNING, a Dimmitt sixth-grader, placed first and will receive a bronze medal. **Cindy Mixon** is a Certificate of Award winner denoting second place.

Kara Sue Jones took first place, while **Tonda Warren** and **Gaylon Conner** tied for second at Springlake-Earth. All are in the eighth grade.

The contest was for students in the fifth through eighth grades, and winners were selected in each grade of the Hereford schools. Medals will go to **Carla Baxter**, **Delynn Dickerson**, **Kenneth Waters** and **Gina Inman**, and certificates to **Dale Rahls**, **Cynthia Streun** and **Carmen Aguirre**.

AWARDS will be presented at a special program to be held at Hereford.

Mrs. Arthur B. Clark, a chapter member who lives north of Dimmitt, served as chairman and **Mrs. Clifford Brown** of Sunnyside as co-chairman for the contest, which had 199 entries.

The annual competition observes American History Month. This year's subject was "The Declaration of Independence" in keeping with the US Bicentennial. Essays concerned various aspects of the historic document and its signers.

Here are the essays which won first place at Dimmitt and at Springlake-Earth:

JOHN ADAMS

By **Laura Downing**

John Adams, to me, was one of the most important men to sign the Declaration of Independence. I think he had a lot to do with the writing of the document and with gaining independence. He did not ever forget his country.

John Adams was one of the first men to ever want to separate from England when most of the leaders still wanted to settle their differences.

He was a man I would like to have met because sometimes he was blunt and impatient, but most of the time he was kind and considerate.

He was on the committee to

write the Declaration of Independence and helped decide that **Thomas Jefferson** was to write it.

He did not cease his efforts after independence was won but went on to help get peace treaties with foreign countries.

He even spent nearly 10 years in Great Britain after the war as the first United States minister to America's former ruling country.

Americans, of course, were not popular in England, but **Adams** stayed, hoping to get better trade agreements with England.

In 1779 he became president. He was the first person ever to live in the White House. He had a difficult time because of a split in his party, the Federalist Party, caused by feelings over the French Revolution. **John Adams** wanted the United States to be neutral, but others did not.

During the time of the first and second Continental Congresses, **Adams** worked constantly. He was the cause of the organization of the minute-men of the Continental Army, and he helped get **Washington** to be the leader of the army.

Adams lost the race for President for a second term to **Thomas Jefferson**. They did not get along very well for awhile, and **Adams** was very hurt that he lost; but after they retired from politics, they were big enough men to forget their quarrel. When he became president he kept the United States at peace, but his party never could repair its own damage.

All of these things that he did for his country both in the war and for independence and after the war prove that he did not just sign the Declaration of Independence but truly believed in it and in his beloved country.

"FREEDOM! FREEDOM!" WAS THEIR CRY!

By **Kara Sue Jones**

The colonists had many reasons for declaring their independence. The basic reason was all the unnecessary laws being passed by the King and Parliament.

The Proclamation of 1763 was the beginning of all the controversy between England and the colonies. The Proclamation stated that all land west of the Appalachian Mountains

belonged to the Indians. Furthermore, the colonies could not purchase or claim any settlements in that region.

Britain, apparently, was frightened that the colonies would become too large and powerful. She had hoped the Proclamation would quiet the frontier and keep the colonies from spreading.

However, the colonies considered it a very unjust law. Despite the King's orders, small groups of settlers still continued to travel into the closed area.

Another act passed by Parliament was the Sugar Act. This law was meant to stop illegal trade of molasses with the French West Indies. It would do this by lowering import duties on molasses and raising import duties on coffee, wine, silk, and linen. This law was regarded by colonists as a revenue tax, and was ignored by most colonists.

After the Sugar Act failed, Parliament decided to pass a direct revenue tax, called the Stamp Act. This act required a stamp to be bought and placed on all legal documents, business papers and newspapers.

Placing a stamp on various printed material was a common practice in England. However, the colonies heavily resented being taxed by Parliament, who did not even let them have a say in government. The colonists protested fiercely, and finally, after a year, the Stamp Act had to be repealed.

Parliament had to have some way of taxation, so they passed the Townshend Acts. These acts placed duties on tea, paper, glass, paint and lead. The money collected would be used to pay the costs of the British army and officials in America.

The colonists were furious, no doubt, at the passing of the Townshend Acts. Parliament sympathizing with the colonists, removed all of these taxes except the one on tea. This tax was kept so the colonists would realize that Parliament did have the right to tax.

Because of this act, the colonists refused to buy British tea. This meant that the British East India Company would soon fall apart unless something was done. They had a huge surplus and no one to sell to.

To aid the British East India Company, Parliament passed the Tea Act. Under this act, the colonies would buy tea only from Britain. The price on this tea was reduced, but the tax still remained. Colonists showed Britain how they felt about the Tea Act the night of the Boston Tea Party.

In order to punish the colonies for the Boston Tea Party, Parliament passed the Intolerable Acts. These were designed to close down the Boston port, the busiest port in the colonies, until all of the tea was paid for. However, Bostonians proved to be very stubborn and refused to pay a cent.

Instead, they held the meeting of the Second Continental Congress. On July 4, 1776, it adopted the Declaration of Independence.

The Declaration gave reasons for the colonies' actions, listed the wrongs the King had done against them, and above all, proclaimed that "all men are created equal . . ."

After the Declaration of Independence was adopted the colonies gained a surge of strength. They were aware that if they did not win the war, they would all be killed because of the Declaration. With the help of some foreign nations, such as France, Spain and Holland, the colonies were able to defeat Britain in the American Revolution.

As a result of the Revolution, the colonies were able to set up their own government, and make their own laws. These laws gave them more freedom and justice, because the new laws dealt with the problems at hand. Also, under the American laws, they had the freedom to trade with any foreign countries.

After 1776, things were not smooth sailing by any means, but at least the colonies had gained the chance to govern themselves, and to grow and become stronger. At the time, no one probably expected those thirteen colonies to develop into one of the strongest nations in the world.

RHOADS Memorial Library is now open from 6 to 9 p.m. each Monday, although it isn't open during the day on Mondays.

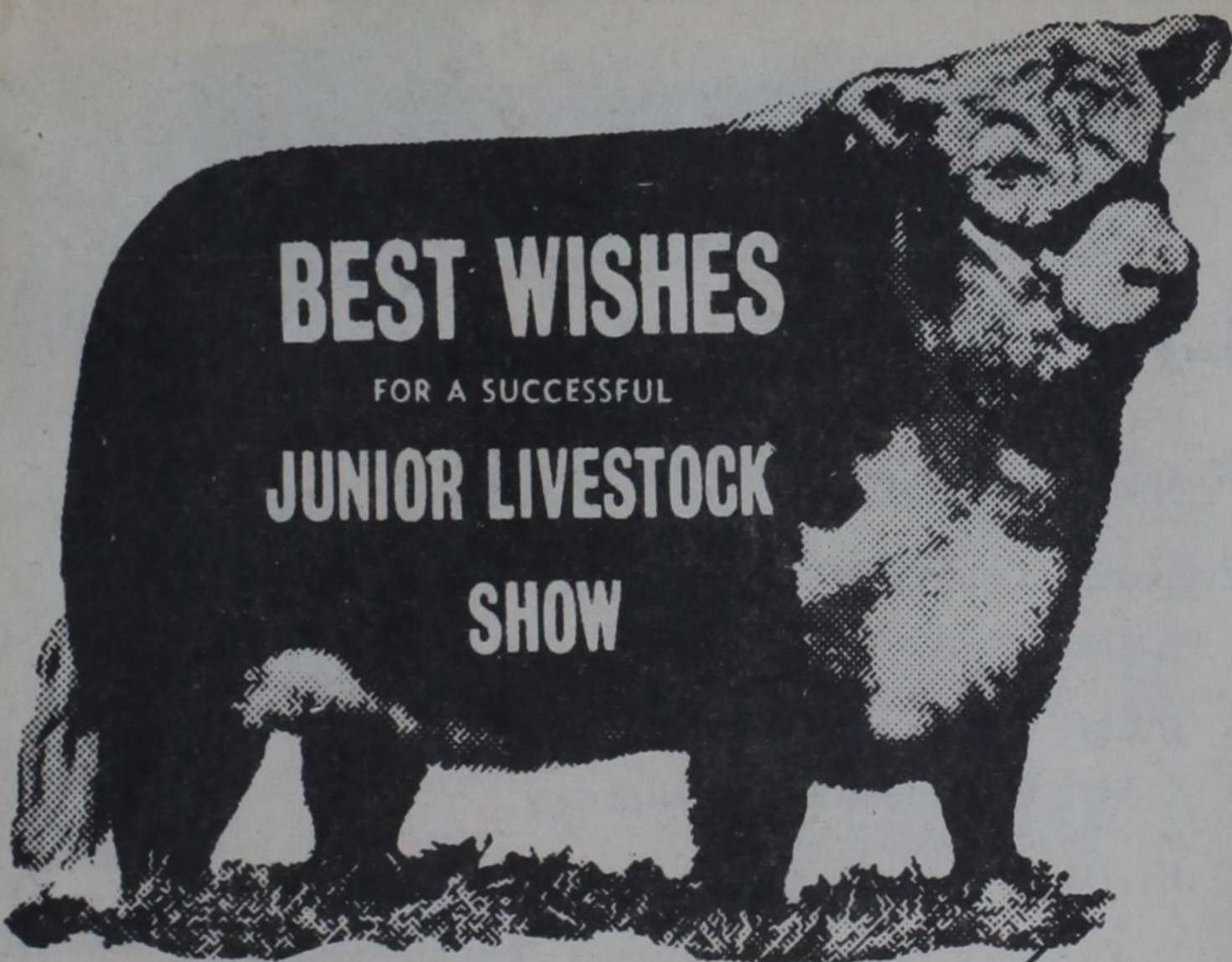


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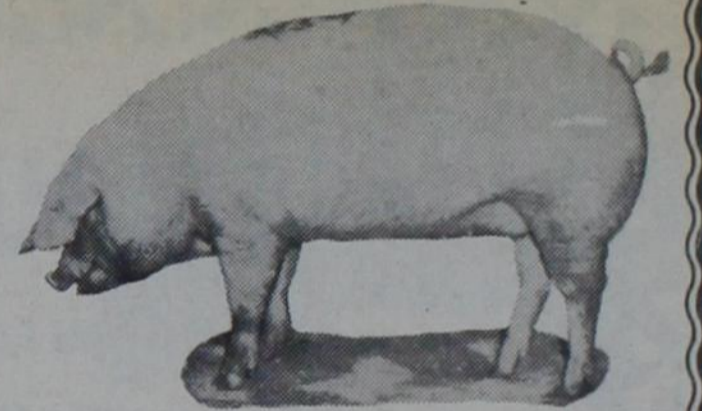


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Essay winners to be honored

The Castro County Genealogical Society will have as guests at its meeting tonight (Thursday) winners of the American History Essay Contest sponsored by the Hereford Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution.

ESSAY contest winners included Laura Downing and Cindy Mixon, sixth grade pupils in Dimmitt, and Kara Sue Jones, Tonda Warren and Gaylon Conner from the eighth grade at Springlake-Earth.

The public is invited to attend the meeting of the Genealogical Society in Rhoads Memorial Library. It is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

Frio

Homemakers hold Valentine supper

By MRS. OWEN ANDREWS

Frio Homemakers Club had its Valentine party supper in the Electric Co. building last Tuesday evening. Mrs. Eugene Baldwin and Mrs. Jerry Richardson were hostesses. Tables were appropriately decorated and table games furnished entertainment after the supper. Those attending besides the host couples included Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Yandell, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Urbanczyk, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Fortenberry, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Warrick, Mr.

and Mrs. E. F. Vogler, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Sparkman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Sparkman Jr., Mrs. Annie Springer and Mrs. Annie Lee Dobbins.

FRIENDS in this area will be interested to know that Mrs. Sam Ogan underwent surgery in Fort Worth on Friday. The operation was for correction of injuries on her shoulder and arm caused by the severe burn injury which she sustained in 1972 when the parsonage at Frio burned. She expected to be hospitalized a week or more. Recently visiting the Jack

Andrews and other relatives in the area was an aunt Mrs. Ann Lee Hatchett of Stephenville.

Saturday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Sparkman Sr. were honored on their 63rd wedding anniversary. The actual date of the wedding was Feb. 9. The home of the Owen Andrews was the place where members of the family, the Andrews children and their families and the families of the T. L. Sparkmans Jr. gathered for informal visiting. A few other relatives also came by to wish them well. Also honored were the Andrews, whose anniversary is early next month, and the Herbert Bruns who are moving to Corsicana the latter part of this month. A decorative three tiered wedding cake was baked by Mrs. George Zetsche honoring the two anniversaries and she also baked a cake especially for the Bruns, appropriately picturing the "moving away."

MR. AND MRS. Glenn Andrews of Carthage, Mo. arrived Saturday night and visited the parents and others of the relatives, returning Sunday afternoon.

To be here this weekend with the Mobley family are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mobley, Farmington, N.M. and the Earl Renos of Midland. The Cole children, the Herman Vinsons of Childress, the Sal D'Amatoes of Oklahoma City and Beverly of Lubbock will be here with the Floyd Coles, and Bill to also be with the Mobleys. They plan to have Saturday night supper with Nell Miller in Hereford and Sunday dinner with the Coles. The occasion is the celebration of Mrs. H. M. Mobley's and Beverly Cole's birthdays this weekend.

A large group of folk gathered at Easter Community Center Saturday night for a going away party for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Axe. They have sold their farm and plan to be leaving next month to live on property they have bought in the area of Vinita, Okla. Friends gave the Axes a money tree as a going away present.

A large group of people from Frio are to be on a ski trip to Red River, N.M. this weekend. Recent visitors of Mrs. B. H. Baldwin were her daughter and

son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dean of Wichita, Kan. He went on to a business meeting and she stayed and visited her mother for several days. They were sewing and getting ready for the wedding of the Dean's daughter Debbie in the spring. Miss Dean and her fiance are graduating from Baylor University in the spring.

CHILDREN of the Billy Warricks, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Warrick and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Warrick, all of Amarillo, were visiting the parents Sunday to celebrate their anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ed Andrews and family visited her grandmother Mrs. Hattie Hasehoff at Vernon on Sunday.

Mrs. Herbert Bruns and children went to Stratford Sunday to visit the J. C. Hendersons. Mrs. Bruns and Mrs. Henderson are friends since college days and while both were employed and shared an apartment in Hereford before they were married.

Rev. Merle Weathers of Canyon was guest preacher at Frio Sunday. His wife came with him and on Sunday evening they were accompanied by the Cunninghams, friends from Canyon also.

Mrs. Allen's father dies

Funeral services for Emmitt W. Johnson, 55, of Hereford, father of Mrs. John Allen of Dimmitt, were conducted Wednesday afternoon in Gilliland-Watson Funeral Chapel, Hereford. Burial was in West Park Cemetery there.

A FARMER and rancher, Mr. Johnson had lived at Hereford 24 years. He was born at Wellington and married Edna Mitchell in 1942 at Clovis, N.M. He was a World War II veteran.

In addition to his daughter here, survivors are his wife; another daughter, Mrs. Mike Solomon; two sons, Jerry and Bill, and his mother, Mrs. W. A. Johnson, all of Hereford. Two sisters and six brothers also survive.

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HERE, YOU'RE CLOSER—Dimmitt's Jim Birdwell fakes a shot and feeds the ball to teammate Danny Vaughan (left) for two points with five seconds remaining in the first half of Friday night's game against Friona here. This

scoring play gave the Bobcats a 35-22 halftime lead, and they went on to win by a convincing 72-52 margin for their 30th victory of the year.

Heart Association urges giving of 'living memorials'

News of the sudden death of a loved one or friend can bring complex and painful feelings. A terrible sense of personal loss accompanies the sorrow.

THE LOSS of someone close is difficult to accept—especially when the death occurs without warning. We offer words of consolation to the bereaved family, but this thought persists: Why did he have to die? Why so soon?

A major cause of premature death in this country is heart disease. In 1976, it will claim the lives of more than one million Americans. Chief among these are heart attack, stroke and hypertensive disease. High blood pressure—a major contributor to these killer diseases—afflicts 23 million Am-

ericans. It is difficult to relate to statistics that escalate into the millions. Likewise, on a personal level, the words of sympathy in a letter of condolence seem inadequate at best.

THROUGH a memorial gift to your Heart Association, you can establish a living tribute to the one who had died, and at the same time assist the effort to reduce the frightening toll from heart and blood vessel diseases.

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enough to create a living memorial in honor of their loved one.

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ALTHOUGH Rhoads Memorial Library is closed during the day on Mondays, you can now use the library from 6 to 8 each Monday evening.

Ag policy control loss faces farmers

Farmers are finding it increasingly difficult to be heard in Washington.

"PRODUCER interests in agricultural policy are taking a secondary position to interests of foreign policy, consumerism and labor. Secretary Butz is no longer calling the shots on farm policy. Unless farmers are able to take charge, farm programs may actually be a noose around the producer's neck."

That's the contention of Dr. Roland Knutson, economist in marketing and policy for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Producers must consolidate if they are to regain a position of control over agricultural policy," emphasized the Texas A&M University System economist.

KNUTSON listed two critical policy questions on which producers must evaluate their position: (1) In whose interest is

agricultural policy going to be made? (2) How much government involvement should there be?

The economist noted that the overriding concern of producers is the question of the conditions under which they will have access to international markets.

"Food has become an integral part of the policy of detente. As such, it may be used either as a carrot or a stick in diplomacy. The carrot policy involves freely exporting to make foreign governments more dependent on the United States as a source of supply. The theory behind this is that a foreign power will not bite the hand that feeds it.

"ON THE other hand, the stick policy makes access to US grain dependent on support of US policy by the recipient government. If food is used as a stick, the producer is in danger of being denied free market

access from time to time."

While food diplomacy receives a lot of attention, organized labor and consumerism stand as even greater threats to producer access to foreign markets, argued Knutson.

In both 1973 and 1975 the impact of exports on domestic food prices was the primary reason for export controls. This reflects the fact that President Ford listened to George Meany more than to producers or Secretary Butz.

"TARGET prices, food reserves and the future of commodity programs stand as the major domestic farm policy issues," noted Knutson.

"Farmers feel that in return for full production there must be reasonable assurance that prices will not fall below production costs. They are opposed to reserves because they lower prices. Commodity programs such as those on rice and peanuts

appear to be on the way out.

"For agricultural producers to get a fair shake in future farm policies, they must make their voices heard—as one strong body rather than as individual commodity groups. Farmers need a strong right hand in Washington or else they will have to continue catering to the whims of those who desire to use agriculture as a pawn," emphasized the economist.

IF THE National Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has its way, Old Glory will be flying from coast to coast in the Bicentennial year. The group has given an American flag to each of the 6,907 local auxiliaries in the nation and encourages the local units to buy and give flags in their communities.



OUT OF TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Dee Heimann of Bueyeros, N.M. are the parents of a son, Cody Jay, who was born Feb. 12. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces. Mrs. Heimann is the former Kimberly Sims of Dimmitt. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Sims of Dumas, formerly of the Arney community, Jay Heimann of Bueyeros and Roberta Heimann of Dalhart. Great grandmothers are Dorothy Magness of Dimmitt and Mrs. John Sims of Happy.

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You can control clothing costs with these tips

"Clever consumerism" in clothing shopping is one way to beat inflation and stay in style, says Beverly Rhoades, a clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

SHE SUGGESTED these consumer tips to meet the family's clothing needs and fashion desires:

- Carefully plan all purchases based on each family member's individual needs.
- Choose fashionable colors for new purchases that will coordinate with present wardrobe colors.
- SELECT separates rather than one piece garments. Sep-

arates can be coordinated with other items to expand and update the present wardrobe.

- Choose multi-purpose and non-seasonal garments rather than limited use or single purpose garments appropriate for only one or two activities.
- Use homesewing skills to make rather than buy clothes. Remake or recycle clothes no longer worn but still in good condition.
- Use fashionable accessories, less expensive than new clothes, to update items in the present wardrobe.
- BE AWARE of fashion trends and select "classic"

trend-setters for the particular season (especially for adult clothing).

- To avoid replacement purchases, choose quality fabric and construction for garments that are intended to be worn for several seasons.
- Choose less expensive, lower quality for garments that may be short-lived or outgrown before they can be worn out.
- Shop for bargains at sales, discount stores, factory outlets or garage sales.
- Obtain clothing through exchange programs in schools, neighborhoods and between friends and relatives.



THE CAISON KIDS of Hereford, a family combo that's been performing throughout the region for six years, provided live music Friday night for the annual Sweetheart Ball of the Alpha Epsilon Tau chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. Sandy, 20, the vocalist, was a

finalist in the Miss Texas Pageant in 1973. Rodney, 15, plays drums and Dee Anne, 17, accompanies on the organ. They're the children of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Caison of Hereford; their father was raised in Dimmitt.



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Vegetable gardens require good plans

The success of a vegetable garden depends largely on the amount of planning that goes into it, says Sam Cotner, a horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. And the time to start planning is now.

"THE FIRST step in planning a garden," says Cotner, "is selecting a site. Locate the garden in an area that gets plenty of sun and has loose, fertile and well-drained soil. Try to avoid poorly drained areas, rocky ledges or soil infested with Johnsongrass and other weeds."

The closer the garden is to the house, the easier it will be to check regularly and to bring

should tell such things as the kinds of vegetables to be planted, the distance between rows and plants, the amount of fertilizer to be used, the time of planting and any other information that might be helpful.

"Set up goals and deadlines and stick to them," advises Cotner.

Detailed gardening information is available at any county Extension office to help you "grow your own groceries."

THE YEAR 1976 is shaping up as a better year for travel than 1975 but there is little evidence of a tremendous surge of Bicentennial vacation trips, a new survey of travel prospects indicates. Visits to regional Bicentennial activities rather than long trips is encouraged by national leaders of the celebration.

in vegetables," points out Cotner. "Regular checking is important to detect insect and disease problems and to determine the need for watering. It's also handy to have the garden located near a water outlet."

The horticulturist recommends a garden size of about 20 feet by 20 feet for an average size family.

"AFTER deciding on the garden's location, select the vegetables you want to plant. The only things limiting the type of vegetables you plant are space and soil conditions," notes Cotner.

The next step in garden planning is to make a diagram of the garden and prepare an information chart. The chart

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Home and hobby

Now is a good time to buy carpet, rugs

By IRENE KEATING

February is a good time to shop and save on carpets and rugs. Although often a major furnishings investment, carpets and rugs when chosen carefully are worth the initial expense. In a functional role, they deaden noise, give warmth, provide comfort and reduce floor care. And decoratively, they give individuality and richness to a room, alter the apparent dimensions and relate the floor to other furnishings.

Wall-to-wall carpeting can make a small room appear larger, unify adjoining areas, or conceal disfigured flooring. But there is extra cost for installation, it's impossible to shift carpet to distribute wear, professional on-location cleaning is necessary, and to use it in another room usually requires recutting.

Room-fit rugs permit visual effects of wall-to-wall because they are cut to the exact room dimensions. Usually they are more economical if the room is large or has architectural breaks and jogs.

ROOM-SIZE rugs permit a border of flooring around the room, but don't provide the spaciousness and unity of the two above types. They can help to define living areas in a large room. To prevent a skimpy appearance, plan so the rug reaches within one foot of the wall in a large room and six to eight inches in a smaller room.

Area rugs are used primarily to define or accent furniture groupings and to add color and design to a room. More than one can be used in a room, but take care to avoid a "patchwork" look.

For an area receiving much wear (entrance, stairs, hall, family room) it is most important to choose a good grade of carpet and backing. For areas of little use and traffic (bedrooms, dining rooms, or a living room that is only in use when company comes), a lesser quality of carpet will usually do the job.

CASUAL contemporary rooms are enhanced by tweeds, rough and nubby textures, stripes, solids and abstract designs. Multi-color shags are also good.

Country furnishings are pleasing against a background of Early American block designs, leaf patterns or small scale florals. Braided rugs and other area rugs can be used successfully because they are typical of that time period—there was no wall-to-wall carpeting then.

Period styles, more formal in tone, are complemented by using carpets and rugs in sculptured designs, tone-on-tone coloring, and adaptations of patterns from the past. Wall-to-wall carpeting is also good.

COLOR is usually a primary consideration. Select one that's good for all seasons. Light, cool neutrals (off-white, beige, tan, brown and gray) can visually enlarge space, calm a bright

busy room and provide a restful atmosphere. Furniture in darker wood tones and colors will stand out more. Deep warm colors in carpeting help unify. Dark colors and light colors more often show soil and stains. Medium color blends, tweeds and patterned styles simplify maintenance and preserve appearance.

Good carpets will feel substantial. Check density—closeness or compactness of the pile. If, when you bend the carpet, it "smiles" at you, the pile is sparse, allowing backing to show through. Short, dense piles wear best in heavy traffic areas.

PILE HEIGHT—high piles are luxurious but may mat down. Test for resilience by pressing your fingers firmly into the pile for a moment and observing how quickly the pile springs to its original position. Yarn Twist—loosely twisted carpet plys may soon look fuzzy and matted. High twists are more durable but will cost more.

Backing Construction—This holds surface yarns in place. It should be tightly woven for strength and free from excess sizing. Common backings are cotton, jute, polypropylene, rayon and paper yarns. Latex backing may be used to seal the tufts.

DIRTY rugs and carpets can look clean. But unseen imbedded dirt can cut the pile and increase wear and tear. Every time an adult walks on a carpet, a pressure of up to several hundred pounds per square inch is exerted on fibers which may be surrounded by sharp dirt. Daily cleaning helps keep dirt from working its way down into rugs and causing wear. Deep and close pile carpets require more strokes of the vacuum cleaner to remove dirt. Vacuuming the back of rugs helps to get deep dirt, but is impossible with wall-to-wall carpeting. Turn rugs so they will wear evenly.

SS representative to be here Monday

Area residents who have business with the Social Security Administration, or questions to ask, are invited to meet the SSA representative who will be in the Castro County courthouse Monday beginning at 9 a.m.

This will be the representative's last visit in February to Dimmitt. He is here on first, third and fourth Mondays each month.

At other times residents may obtain service by going to the Social Security office at 1401-B West 5th St. in Plainview or telephoning 293-4371.

THE MUSIC Educators National Conference will observe a national "Music in Our Schools" day March 4, the second observance of its kind in US schools since the beginning of the Bicentennial period.

ARLINGTON, Va. Home-makers Clubs have launched a program to entertain foreign visitors in their homes for a visit, a meal or an overnight stay during the Bicentennial year. They hope to provide an insight into the way the average American family lives.

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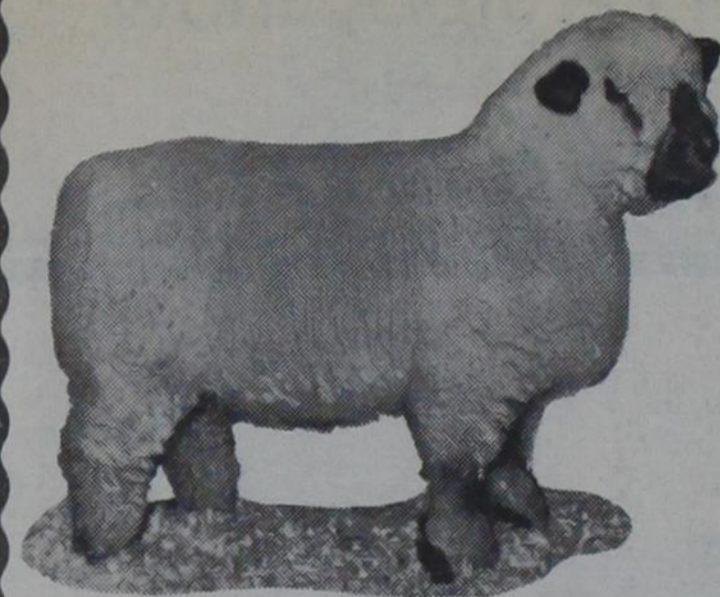


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THE BICENTENNIAL has made a dream come true for Camilla Blain of Odessa, who had been pushing for years for the creation of an Ector County Fair. As county Bicentennial

chairman she succeeded in planning a Summer of '76 Festival and now the county commissioners have agreed that the event should become annual.

Sunnyside

Riley brothers show lambs at El Paso

By TEENY BOWDEN

Kevin and Jodie Riley showed lambs in the El Paso Livestock Show last week. Mrs. Riley took them for the show. Their lambs were shipped. They won an 11th place and several lower places.

LLOYD BLANTON was in Gentry, Ark. this week on business.

Rev. Raymond Jones and Roy Phelan went to University Hospital in Lubbock Monday to see Mrs. M. D. Durham. The Phelans went back Thursday. Her condition remained unchanged as of Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phelan visited with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phelan Friday night and had a fish supper with them in Littlefield.

Rev. Raymond Jones spent Friday night in Abilene with his wife and son, Eddie Jones and family, and his new granddaughter. They went to Leuders Saturday morning where he performed the wedding ceremony for one of her nieces there.

In conclusion of WMU Focus Week Mrs. Thomas Parson led the responsive reading in the morning service and Mrs. Roy Phelan gave her testimony. In the evening services Mrs. Raymond Jones read the responsive reading and gave her tes-

timony of what WMU had meant to her, and the Mission Friends sang a song.

Mrs. Glen Wilson was at the Clovis Hospital with her mother much of the week. She underwent major surgery Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and girls visited with the family Sunday and with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Glaze of Lamesa.

MR. AND MRS. E. R. Little returned home from Phoenix Sunday after attending the wedding of Kathy Little and David Wayne Eis. The double wedding ceremony was performed in the Palo Verde Christian Church in Phoenix, and the reception followed in the poolside garden of the bride's home. Mr. and Mrs. Drexel Lawson and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lawson of Olton also attended the ceremony.

Ray Joe Riley was one of the guest speakers at the Plains Gas Users Association meeting in Dimmitt Friday. He was asked by the directors to speak on production costs on various crops in the area. Congressman George Mahon of Lubbock was the principal speaker. Riley also visited with the Mahons at the courthouse before the meeting. Tom and Mac McGill, Gale Sadler and L. B. Bowden attended the meeting.

Eddie Haydon testified for the hail suppression program in a hearing in Plainview Wednesday. Embree Roy and Gale Sadler, Tommy Alair and L. B. Bowden attended the meeting held in Littlefield last Thursday.

Mrs. Cliff Brown spoke to the Springlake-Earth eighth grade classes Tuesday morning on the Declaration of Independence and announced the winners of the American History Essay Contest conducted by the Los Ciboleros Chapter of the DAR. Mrs. Brown, a member of the Hereford chapter, was co-chairman of the contest for the Springlake-Earth and Dimmitt Schools. The winners for Springlake-Earth were Kara Sue Jones, first place, and Tonda Warren and Gaylon Conner, tie for second place. Awards will be presented to them in May at the annual awards banquet. The Dimmitt winners were Laura Downing, first place, and Cindy Mixon, second place.

THE WMU presented a "Vocal Focal" Wednesday night following a family supper at the church to emphasize WMU Focus Week. Mrs. Thomas Parson, director, introduced the program and Mrs. R. J. Lefever was master of ceremonies. Mrs. L. B. Bowden led the invocation. There was a parade of the insignias with Mrs. Thomas Parson identifying Mission Friends and stating their purpose. Mrs. Hershel Wilson, Melody and Stacy Sadler and Kay Owens, G.A.'s, Daneen Wilson, Acteens, Mrs. Jimmy Waggoner, BYW, and Mrs. Roy Phelan Baptist Women. This was followed by a parade of the magazines each use and something of how they are used. Music for the marches was recorded earlier on tape by Mrs. Gale Sadler. Stacy Sadler and Mrs. Wilson talked about what they have learned in G.A.'s and Baptist Women. Mrs. Parson and Mrs. David Sadler used puppets to tell about what preschoolers learn in Mission Friends. Mrs. Waggoner and Susan Sadler conversed about how an acteen can be assured she will continue to learn in BYW. Mrs. Wilson, Laura Sadler and the other G.A.'s sang "Girls in Action" accompanied by Mrs. Gale Sadler on the piano. Susan Sadler and Daneen Wilson sang "Here Is My Life" accompanied by Mrs. Sadler. Rev. Raymond Jones made some comments on the work of the WMU in the church, called attention to the library display of mission books in the library and led the benediction. Mrs. Cliff Brown and Mrs. Alton Loudder had charge of decorations. Mrs. E. R. Sadler and Mrs. Loudder had charge of the supper.

MR. AND MRS. Hershel Wilson became new grandparents, and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Jones became grandparents again Saturday morning when a 7 pound, 13 ounce girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Wilson in the Littlefield Hospital. She was named Samatha Renee and was a wonderful Valentine gift for these three families.

Mrs. Embree Roy Sadler presided at the executive and general meeting of Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

Wednesday morning. Mrs. L. B. Bowden also attended the general meeting.

Joel Bradley was dismissed from Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Tuesday. Rev. Raymond Jones and Roy Phelan visited with him and his mother Monday.

A trace of moisture was recorded for Friday and Saturday from light drizzle.

BAPTIST Women met Tuesday morning for the general meeting with Mrs. Roy Phelan in charge. The group decided to make a scrap book of the WMU work through the years.

Mrs. Hershel Wilson spent Monday night in Ropesville with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Epperson and took them to the funeral services for her aunt, Mrs. Zula Burns of Levelland Tuesday.

Lonnie Wilson attended the funeral services of Jimmy Coker in Earth Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duke and Mr. and Mrs. Euleus Waggoner attended the Castro County Historical Museum Association meeting in Dimmitt Thursday night. Mr. Waggoner was also in the group who met with the commissioners' court Monday.

Lee Brown, Jimmy Furr and the Springlake-Earth varsity team lost their last game of the season Thursday night to Vega in the tournament at Friona. The girls lost their game also.

THE Springlake-Earth Little Dribblers had their first games Tuesday afternoon. Jodie Riley and the Gold team won over the Red team 6-4. Lyle Loudder, Duke Hampton and the Purple team won over the Orange team 15-9. Joe Saucedo and Doug Freeman's Maroon team won over the Blue team 20-10. Thursday night the Purple team won over the Maroon team. The Dimmitt Little Dribblers had their first games last week. Brandon Cox and Greg George and the Aggies won over the Raiders, 6-5, in Minor League action. They won over Kent and Kelby Bradley and the Razorbacks 16-10 Saturday. Brad Holcomb and Hal Gilbreath play on the Mustang team, Tim Cockrum on the

Horned Frogs. Quint Waggoner plays on the Major League Aggies team which is coached by his dad, Winston Waggoner. Gabriel Montiel plays with the Raiders and Todd Hatla plays for the Bears.

Michael Graham was on the Springlake-Earth eighth grade honor roll for the last period.

Hershel Wilson came home from the revival at Hobbs Thursday. He and the Singing Disciples sang Saturday night at Meadow in the Gospel Singing Association program there.

THE ADULT I Sunday School class had a Valentine banquet and party in the fellowship hall of the church Saturday night sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Gale Sadler. Mr. Sadler is the teacher. Twelve attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duke attended the Methodist Men's Sweetheart Banquet in the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt Saturday night.

Sandra Duke was home from WTSU Saturday and Sunday. She also visited with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Duke.

Jimmy Furr was groomsmen for his brother John Gene Furr Jr. of Dimmitt who was married to Nacola Conner of Springlake Jan. 31 in Springlake. Jimmy is staying with the Lloyd Blantons while finishing school at Springlake-Earth.

PAINTING 900 feet of Kansas history on a fence at a new federal office construction site in Topeka, Kan., is a Bicentennial project of the Shawnee County Bicentennial Commission.



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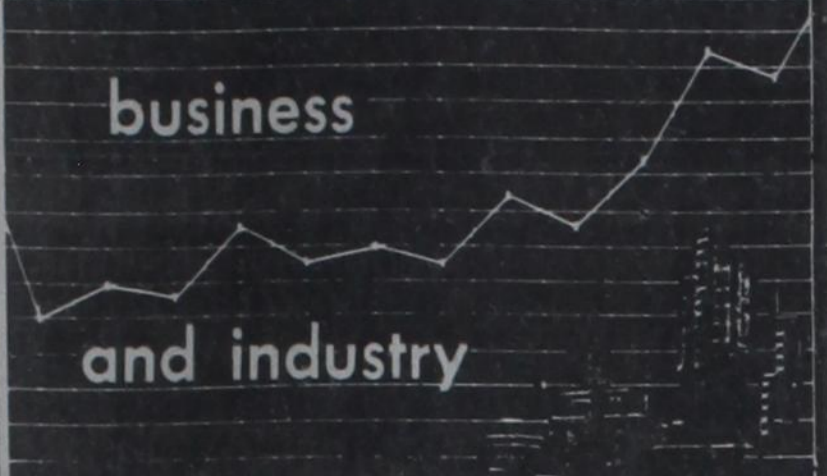
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PLANNING is vital to the success of a home vegetable garden, emphasizes a horticulturist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Select a site that gets plenty of sun and has loose, fertile and well-drained soil. Also locate the garden near a water source and near the home so that it can be checked regularly for disease and insect problems.



Hereford to host irrigation meet

A look at diminishing water supplies and well cave-ins is one of seven topics to be reviewed in a High Plains Irrigation Conference in the Bull Barn at Hereford March 9 beginning at 9:45 a.m.

PRODUCERS, agriculture specialists and industry representatives joining in the confab will also hear features of low cost pumping units, how to improve existing pumps, achieving efficient row and center pivot irrigation and relationship of soil water holding capacity to plant growth.

According to Leon New, Texas Agricultural Extension Service irrigation specialist and Juston McBride, Deaf Smith County Extension agent, the conference will feature as speakers experts in irrigation and water management.

Among these will be J. K. Childress, district manager, FMC Corporation, Plainview; Joe Harbin of Bailey County Electric Cooperative; Jack Muck, agricultural engineer, USDA Southwestern Great Plains Research Center, Bushland; and Charles Schlabs, grower and chairman of the Deaf Smith Water Association, Hereford.

ALSO IN the lineup of speakers



CONGRESSMAN GEORGE MAHON was presented with a Castro County Commemorative Coin set in a key-chain before his speech at the Plains Irrigation Gas Users Association meeting here Friday. At the same time, Chamber of Commerce President Jack Edwards (left) presented the congressman a

commemorative coin in a pendant setting for Mrs. Mahon. Here, Mahon points out his wife in the audience. Seated are Bruce Rigger of Plainview, vice-president of the Plains Irrigation Gas Users Association, and Ray Joe Riley (right) of Sunny-side, who spoke on crop production costs.

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By Bob Hill

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A year ago the "Gold Bug" was predicting world wide cataclysmic inflation, anarchy and a price of \$500 an ounce or higher for gold. Well, the biggest non-event of 1975 was the move to legalize gold ownership for American citizens.

THE BIG gold buying surge just never happened. In fact, gold hit almost \$200 an ounce a year ago in anticipation of heavy American buying and is now 30 percent below that figure with the probability of sliding lower in coming months.

Not only did the gold rush not materialize, US imports of gold bullion fell by nearly one third in 1975 and gold coins by one half. The "Gold Bug" now admits that gold is useful only as a disaster hedge, nothing more.

Gold itself may be the first disaster. If you invested \$19,520 in gold on the last day of 1974, your investment was worth \$17,580 just one month later. At the end of January, 1975 your investment was worth \$12,815 and the bottom is still not in sight.

Now, West Germany has decided that gold coins are subject to the value-added tax which it levies on commodities. SINCE GOLD coins are not used as legal tender in any

countries, they are classified as a commodity just like eggs or butter with a value-added tax ranging between 5.5 percent and 11 percent, depending on whether the coins are for collection or for investment. This has put a serious crimp in the gold coin market overseas.

Meanwhile, the International Monetary Fund, over the next two months, will begin auctioning off 25 million ounces of gold over the next four years. That amounts to 60 percent of the annual world production of gold.

reasons still not understood clearly, has auctioned off 1 1/4 million ounces, which leaves 274 million ounces still to auction off when and if it feels like it. As far as the US Treasury is concerned, gold is just another excess commodity.

The purpose of the auctions, especially by the US is to emphasize that, so far as this country is concerned, gold is no longer in use as a base for currency, nor will it be in the future. The "Gold Bugs" don't agree. They are still saying gold will hold in the \$120 to \$150 area over the next six months and then begin moving higher.

TOMAHAWK throwing and sharpshooting contests will be a part of a special Bicentennial salute of Utah's pioneer heritage at the Festival of the American West in Logan, Utah, July 30-Aug. 7.

What's cooking at the schools

HERE ARE the school lunch menus for Dimmitt Schools for Feb. 23-27.

MONDAY — Meat loaf, creamed potatoes, winter mix, fruit, rolls, butter, milk.

TUESDAY — Beef and gravy, rice, green beans, gelatin fruit salad, rolls, butter, milk.

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BOB CADDELL was named the "Husband of the Year" by the Alpha Epsilon Tau chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority at the chapter's annual Sweetheart Ball at the Country Club Friday night. Caddell was cited for the assistance he gave the chapter during the past year, and received a plaque denoting the honor.

Allotment notices are mailed

The 1976 allotment and yield notices for feed grain, wheat and cotton for Castro County were mailed from the ASCS office in Dimmitt last Thursday.

MOST GRAIN sorghum yields are down nearly nine percent from 1975, the ASCS notes. Allotments are established to determine disaster and deficiency payments and are not to restrict acreage which may be planted.

The Castro County Committee has again made the determination to permit transfer of cotton allotments in or out of the county by lease or sale, according to the Dimmitt office, and release and reapportionment provisions are applicable with May 1 as the closing date.

Farmers who wish to take control measures to stop further blowing of windblown wheat are advised to visit the ASCS office and certify the total crop acreage before they carry out such measures.

MARCH 20 has been set as the final grazing date for wheat and barley that is expected to produce a normal grain crop. Grazing wheat after that date could result in the acreage grazed being ineligible for disaster benefits.

Wheat and barley acreage that is to be used for grazing should be so designated before March 20.

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State ends '75 with bins full

Despite the fears that increased exports—particularly to Russia—would deplete grain reserves, Texas ended 1975 with total stocks in seven major grains of 352 million bushels, a 96 million bushel gain over the previous year, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White reported.

ON-FARM stocks of the seven grains—wheat, sorghum, corn, oats, barley, rye and soybeans—were 55 million bushels while off-farm stocks reached 297 million.

According to White, off-farm stocks of Texas grain account for 40 percent of the state's off-farm grain storage capacity

which has been estimated at 752 million bushels. This is a return to the 1974 level of storage after a drop in 1975 to 719 million bushels.

Off-farm storage includes mills, warehouses and elevators which are equipped for storing grain plus any additional facilities not currently in use if the equipment for handling grain is still intact.

IN ADDITION to the 297 million bushels of Texas grain in off-farm storage, Texas facilities are also used as storage units for out-of-state grain which is to be consumed in Texas or exported from Texas ports.

The state's storage capacity expanded rapidly during the late 1950's and early 1960's with the record capacity of 919 million bushels reported in 1963. However, new construction came to a standstill in 1962 and most of the decrease in amount of storage available in Texas has been attributed to obsolescence or the diversion of storage space to other uses besides grain.

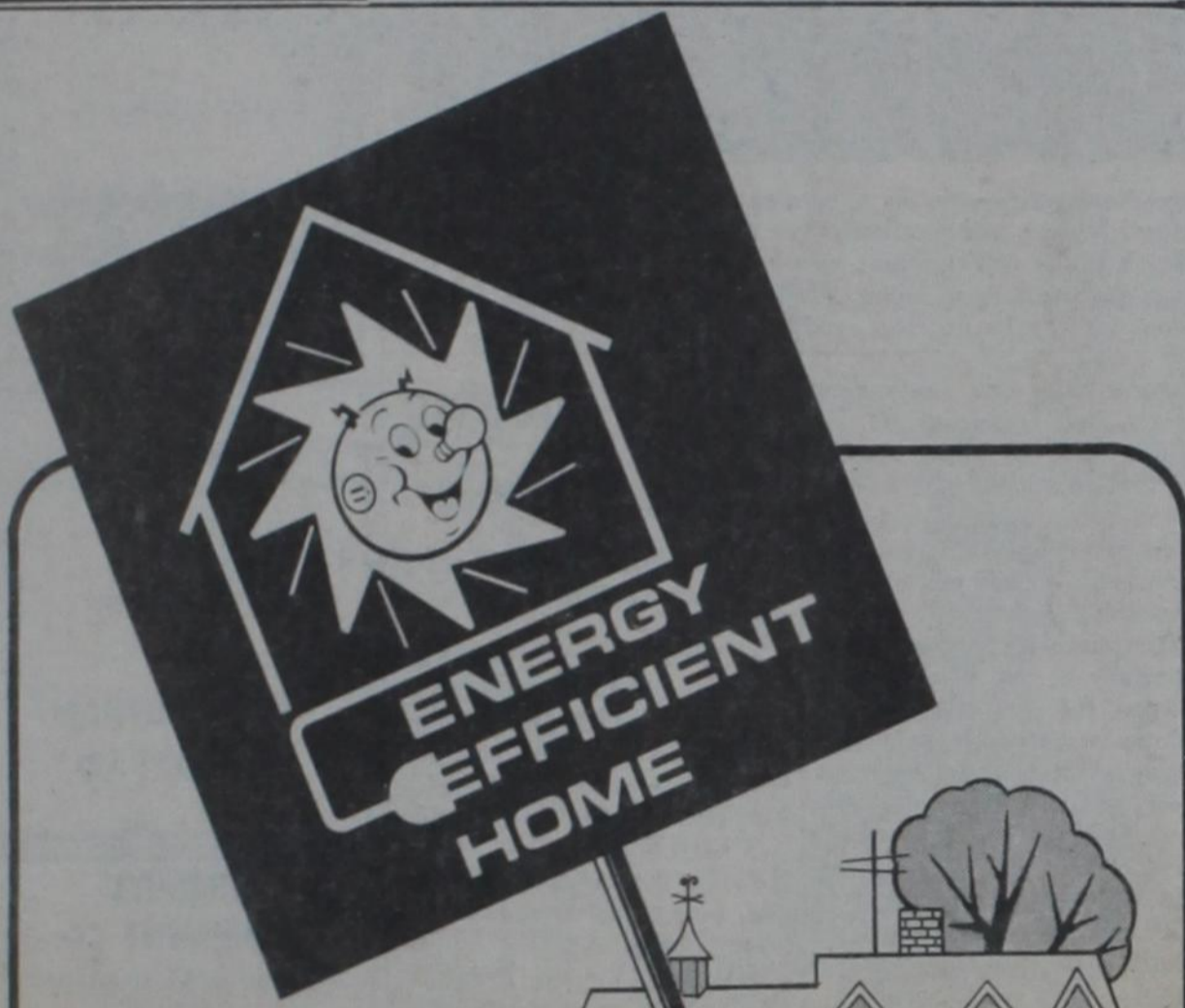
Off-farm stocks of wheat, corn and sorghum reached 66.8, 69.7 and 151.6 million bushels respectively as Texas farmers reported record or near-record production for these commodities.

THE TOP five counties in off-farm storage capacity in million bushels are Hale, 79.1; Tarrant, 59.4; Swisher, 49.1; Harris, 41.7; and Lubbock, 39.4 million bushels.

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Buoys are signposts boaters should heed

Buoys are a familiar sight to sailors and boatmen. They are placed as navigational aids yet, because of their variety, some boating enthusiasts may find them more confusing than informative.

AN ARTICLE in the January issue of Texas Parks & Wildlife Magazine highlights the different kinds of buoys and their usages.

Two common methods of marking buoys are the "Lateral System" and the "Uniform State Waterway Marking System."

The Lateral System, most used on the coast, indicates by the buoy's shape, color, painted number and light characteristics where boats should be piloted.

ON INLAND lakes and streams the Uniform State Waterway Marking System is used by most states. Shapes have no meaning and there are two categories of buoys—regulatory markers to indicate dangerous or controlled areas, and aids to navigation marking safe channels.

Regulatory buoys are white with one orange band at the top and a second orange band just above the waterline.

Among different international symbols to be found on the white portion, a diamond means "beware"; cross within diamond, "boats keep out"; an orange circle, for traffic con-

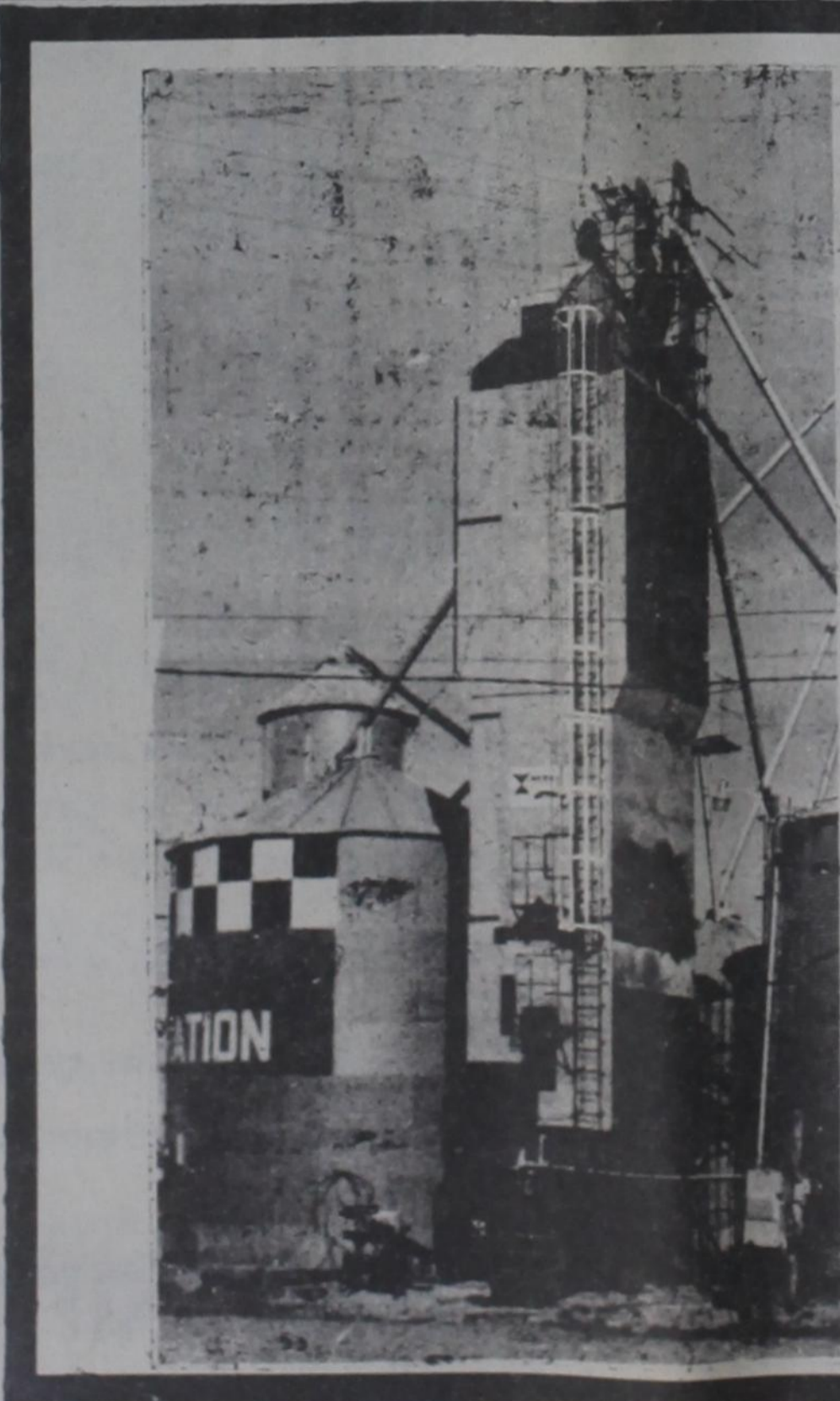
trol, gives speed limit; a bright orange square gives piloting instructions.

NAVIGATIONAL aid buoys, usually black or red, mark channel limits. Generally there is a pair, the safe path lying between them.

Where there is no marked channel, or if there are scattered underwater hazards, special colored buoys are used. A white buoy with a red top means that a boat must pass to the south or west of it. A white buoy with a black top indicates safe water to the north and east. If a buoy has vertical red and white stripes it warns of danger between it and the shore.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. points out that buoys never should be obstructed or used for anchoring. In cases of accidental damage to them, or collisions, boaters should report to the proper authorities.

AN ECONOMIST for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service notes that grades of fruits, vegetables, nuts and other special food products may soon become standardized to make them more consistent and less confusing to consumers. Under the new system, all premium grades of these products would be U.S. Fancy and the other three grades would be U.S. No. 1, U.S. No. 2 and U.S. No. 3.



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