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Weather

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December 12	71	28
December 11	61	16
December 10	49	15
December 9	63	24
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Grand Jury Delivers 18 Indictments

Cases Range From Theft To Murder

Among the more than 1,500 Farm Bureau members attending the Texas Farm Bureau convention Dec. 2-5 in Abilene, were Mrs. Louis Henderson, Phil Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stallings, L.P. (Pat) Vinson, Lester Howard, and Joe Sooter, delegates from Bailey County Farm Bureau.

A total of about 900 voting delegates, representing the majority of the 209 organized Farm Bureaus in Texas, were present at the 40th annual meeting held in the Abilene Civic Center. The convention adopted state policies for 1974 and recommendations on national issues.

Delegates registered Sunday, Dec. 2, before participating in the evening's activities which included a Vesper Service, Discussion Meet and Talent Find. On the agenda for Monday morning were the president's annual address, delivered by J.T. Woodson of Gober, and a special address on the energy crisis by guest speaker John C. Whitaker, under-secretary for the U.S. Department of Interior. A ladies' luncheon was held at noon.

Monday afternoon was devoted to special conferences on Community Services, Young Farmers and Ranchers, Livestock, Dairy, Rice, Natural Resources, and Wheat and Feed Grains. That evening 12 district nominees competed for the title of state Farm Bureau Queen. Selected queen was Miss Belinda Whittenberg of Levelland. Miss Whittenberg was the winner of the Farm Bureau District II Queen Contest held in Muleshoe last Aug. 18.

Tuesday's activities included a voting delegate breakfast, the administrative report delivered by TFB Executive Director Warren Newberry, and the financial report brought by TFB Secretary-Treasurer Bill Reid. Conferences on Field Crops, Research and Education, Services, Poultry, Farm Labor, and Cotton were held Tuesday afternoon.

In conjunction with the awards program on Tuesday evening, those attending the convention were entertained by Jeannie C. Riley of "Harper Valley PTA" fame, and a five-piece Country and Western band, the Homesteaders.

The convention business session began Tuesday afternoon and continued through Wednesday. The last order of business was the election of directors and the TFB president, the president for 1974 is J.T. "Red" Woodson of Gober, Texas.

Varsity Boys

Win Consolation

In Tournament

The Muleshoe High School boys varsity basketball team played in the Tullia Tournament last weekend winning two of three games and bringing home the consolation trophy. In the first game, the Mules were defeated by Dimmitt, 68-44.

Highpointer was Perry Stockard with 17 points. Others scoring were Don Long with 10, George Mitchell with eight, Fred Locker with six, Larry Richardson with two and Carey Sudduth with one point. In the second game of the tournament, Muleshoe beat Tullia, 76-29.

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SP Cotton Harvest

Passes Halfway Mark

The South Plains cotton harvest passed the half way mark during the first week in December, according to Paul R. Dickson in charge of the U.S.D.A. Cotton Clashing Office in Lubbock.

Samples from 1,218,000 bales had been classed at the Lubbock, Brownfield, Lamesa and Levelland offices through Friday, December 7th and the four offices had 97,000 unclassified samples on hand at that time.

Personnel at the four offices tested and classed samples from 353,000 bales during the week ending the 7th. Quality of cotton continued excellent and is considerably higher than last year.

Grades 31 and 41 continued



ATTEND STATE CONVENTION . . . Bailey County Farm Bureau was represented by seven delegates at the Texas Farm Bureau's 40th Annual Convention held December 2-5 in Abilene. Pictured at the registration table are first row, left to right, Phil Garrett, Mrs. Louis Stallings and Louis Stallings. On the second row left to right are Pat Vinson, Lester Howard and Joe Sooter. Not pictured is Mrs. Louis Henderson.

55 MPH Speed Limit Approved For Texas

The Texas Highway Commission today set a maximum 55 m.p.h. speed limit for all highway routes in Texas, both rural and urban.

The reduced speed limit will apply to all classes of traffic, buses, trucks and passenger cars. The action was taken after careful study by the Commission and Highway Department personnel.

Earlier, House Speaker Price Daniel, Jr., requested an attorney general's ruling on the speed limit reduction. Commission Member Charles E. Simons said that the Commission's action will define the limits of the problem so that the Attorney General will have something upon which to base his ruling.

Commission Chairman Reagan Houston noted that many Texas drivers have already voluntarily reduced speed. At the same time, however, others still are traveling at higher speeds.

Houston asked State Highway Engineer B.L. DeBerry if such a situation creates hazardous conditions. DeBerry said the differentials in speed create safety problems both on two-lane roads and on multi-lane divided highways.

Commission Member D.C. Greer said there is a state of indecision with regard to the speed limit not only in Texas but throughout the nation. He said he feels it is up to some agency of government to try to erase this indecision.

The action is in response to the request by the President to State Governors to reduce maximum speeds during the current fuel shortage. Governor Briscoe asked the Highway Commission to reduce

speed limits on all highways under its jurisdiction.

Today's action fixes the reasonable and safe maximum speed limits at 55 on all highway routes in the state, both inside and outside city limits.

The reduced limits would become effective with the posting of new 55 m.p.h. speed limit signs.

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Income Tax Planning Meeting Set

An Income tax planning meeting will be held in Muleshoe on Thursday, December 13, 1973 at 10 a.m. in the Community Room of the Muleshoe State Bank. This meeting is being sponsored by the Bailey County Program Building Committee which is part of the county extension program.

Marvin Sartin, the Area Economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Lubbock will be on hand to present the program. The following topic will be covered by Mr. Sartin: Income tax management, recent changes in the income tax laws, Selling of this year's crops and

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School Board Outlines Energy Crisis Program

The Muleshoe Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session Monday night, December 10. The board heard the current financial report including reviewing all bank balances; reviewing income from football and checked bank balances; reviewing bank balances of activity fund and lunchroom fund; approving payment of current bills and they heard the current tax collection report which showed 73.48 per cent of the current taxes have been collected.

The board agreed to meet with the city council of Muleshoe to discuss property tax evaluation and equalization Monday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m.

An estimate of cost of implementing Workman's Compensation for all school employees was studied. The estimated cost for a year is \$6,272. This is based on current year salaries. The last legislature passed this law and all costs must come from local tax funds.

The cost for the 1974-75 school year will be 10 to 15 per cent higher than the above estimate.

A report on maintenance projects was heard and it was found that the permanent stage in the high school cafeteria is completed at a cost of \$753,007; work will soon start on paneling the classrooms in Junior and Senior High Schools; Work will also start soon on completing the installation of fluorescent lighting in the Senior High School; approved the contract with Hammock Construction, Littlefield, to fill, level and pack the High School track at Benny Douglas field. Material will be hauled from Bull Lake and the Turn Key cost will be \$3,000.

The board approved the request by the Muleshoe State Bank to withdraw a pledged security bond of \$5,000. This will leave a balance of \$650,000 in bonds pledged to secure the funds deposited by the Muleshoe Schools.

The 1972-73 audit of the lunchroom fund, athletic fund and activity fund was reviewed and the board heard a report on the Average Daily Attendance for the first 12 weeks of school which showed a total ADA of 1777 as of November 16, 1973 as compared to the ADA of last year which was 1793.

Eighteen indictments were handed down from the Grand Jury which met in Muleshoe last week.

Indictments handed down Friday included George Lupe Bazan, intentionally delivering marijuana.

Jerry Wayne Bogel, theft, Julio Garcia, assault with the intent to murder, Serapio Gonzales, forgery and passing.

Starleen Johnson, two counts of forgery and passing.

Jimmy Lambert, Larry Edler and Harold Crable, theft from a coin operated vending machine.

Wayne McCauley, worthless check.

Clay Dean McCleny and Rick Warren, false prescription for narcotic drugs.

Terry Glen Mills, forgery and passing.

Enrique Toscano, Frank Toscano, Sr., Frank Toscano, Jr., Ernesto Toscano and Romolo Toscano, assault with the intent to kill.

Marc Emilio Wilson and Clara Ellis Gray, burglary.

Janie Perez, voluntarily killing Baby Girl Perez by asphyxiation by stuffing her mouth with a paper napkin.

These cases have been heard by the Grand Jury and they have decided that these people will stand trial at a later date.

Cub Scout Rally Set For Friday

There will be a Cub Scout Rally on Friday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary DeShazo cafeteria.

This will be a sign up for new cub scouts. Boys 8-10 years of age are eligible for Cub Scouts.

If anyone can not make the meeting, they may call John Harris at 272-4475.

Each boy must be accompanied by a parent.

Stock Market Column Begins In Journal

Bob Hill of Lentz, Newton and Company of Amarillo, members of the New York Stock Exchange, begins a new column in the Journal this week, entitled "On Wall Street".

His first column is entitled "Bear Traps". The Administration belatedly began to take positive steps to solve the fuel crisis after some political in-fighting between Treasury Secretary Schultz and Energy Advisor John Love. It really wasn't much of a struggle. As far as the President is concerned, Love is expendable. Schultz is not. So, now we have a man known for his hard working habits and political savvy running the Energy Program. His name is William Simon. Since there was some last minute confusion over whether Simon would actually head the Energy Task Force, investors were hesitant about reacting favorably until Simons' appointment was official and he had stood the test of his first news conference.

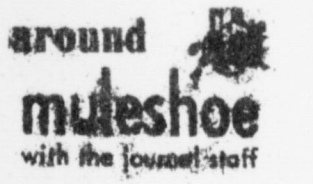
Remember, the stock market does not act. It reacts. At any given time it reflects

the opinion of investors, small and large, as to the future of the U.S. economy, various industries and individual company earnings as well as the meaning of national and international events. The significance of the 200 point selloff since October 26th is that, without assurance from the Administration that we can weather the fuel crisis, investors were

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BOB HILL



Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Leaders of Minden, Iowa left Tuesday morning for Phoenix, Arizona after visiting with their cousin, Mrs. Vera Engleking of Muleshoe. R.L. Matthiesen is also a cousin of Leaders.

Reliable sources indicate a well known district attorney early this week made an attempt to kick either his wife or his dog and was unsuccessful.

In turn, either the wife or the dog bit the district attorney on the toe. That is the reason for the limp and crutches.

Juan P. Anguilera, Muleshoe senior, is among thirty-seven West Texas State University students who were recently named as representatives of the University in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, 1973-74.

Aguilera is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pablo Aguilera, Rt. 2 Box 157. He is majoring in Elementary History Education.



CITY SENDS FLAG Pictured is a flag sent to Austin from Muleshoe for a parade held in Austin in support of efforts on behalf of the still unaccounted for POW's and MIA's. The flag was held last month. The City of Muleshoe received a letter from Ken Wallingford stating: "To the citizens of Muleshoe: We would like to express our deep appreciation to each one of you for sending your flag to Austin to be a part of the MIA parade."

Trap-Shoot To Be Held At Bovina

The Bovina-Friona Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Trap-Shoot on Saturday and Sunday, December 15 and 16. The shoot will be held from 2 p.m. until dark. It will be located three miles east of Bovina, south of U.S. 60 and signs will be posted. There will be a variety of shoots. There will be cash prizes given and ammunition will be available.



The Consumer Alert

By John L. Hill Attorney General

AUSTIN -- With the holiday season in full swing, many organizations take the opportunity to appeal to the public's good will and generosity of spirit to solicit contributions. Many times this is done by sending goods through the mail and requesting that the recipient make a donation to the organization.

Most often, these direct mail solicitations come from well-known, respected charitable organizations that perform a worthwhile service.

Sometimes, however, they come from businesses which specialize in preying on people's sympathy for a cause that may be of dubious value, one that produces little income for the charity it purports to represent.

Many recipients of unordered merchandise wonder, "Do I have to pay for this item if I use it, or am I required to return it if I don't want it?" The answer is no. There are both state and federal laws that now protect recipients of unordered merchandise.

According to a law passed in Texas in 1969, people who receive unsolicited merchandise have no obligation either to pay for it or to return it, unless the merchandise was sent accidentally. If that happens, the burden of proving a bona fide accidental error in delivery is upon the sender. In addition, the Federal Postal Reorganization Act, which became effective in July, 1971, provides virtually the same protection.

Most of us are familiar with the traditional Christmas seals sent out by the American Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association, and with other responsible charities that conduct direct mail programs. We are aware of the good work they do, the research and educational programs they sponsor.

Most of these reputable organizations are very careful to stress that the items they send are gifts and that the recipient is under no obligation whatsoever to send a donation.

But unfortunately, there are some organizations that trade upon the desire to help the needy or less fortunate.

These groups may imply that the merchandise they send has been produced by the handicapped, the aged, or by members of a certain minority group, or that sale of the item will benefit such people when in fact only a few such persons have been associated with the organization or will be helped by it.

These same groups may send merchandise along with a letter that implies the recipient should pay for the goods or return them. Or perhaps they simply fail to state that the recipient is under no obligation to pay for or return the item.

Either tactic may cause persons unsure of their legal obligations to pay for merchandise they don't want, don't need and haven't ordered.

Sometimes most of the money received by such organizations goes to the manufacturer

Dear Santa

Dear Santa Clause,
I love you and like you, Do you love me?

If you bring all the kids some toys, we will leave you some milk and cookies on the table.

Hope you wasn't looking when I wasn't nice a few times, but I've tried to be good all year. I want a bicycle when we get a sidewalk, but right now please bring me a Walt Disney movie viewer, a putt putt railroad, and some Silly Putty. Please come in the door cause we don't have a chimney.

Love
Brandy Bailey
4 years old

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie Beauty Center and a Shirley Temple Doll and a Ken. I have been a good girl this year.

Please bring my sister, Marcia, a farm set and an airplane.

I love you Santa Claus,
Love,
Melanie Dawn Blackwell
P.S. We will be in Amarillo for Christmas if we can get gas.

Dear Santa Claus
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Did you have a good year? This year please bring me a tape recorder and a mighty moolidoller and Big Josh with his eagle and Big Jim's Rescue Rig. I would also like a nerf football and the Green Ghost game and some boxing kangaroos. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Love,
John David Agee
P.S. I forgot something-please bring me Vertibird Set.

of the item or is spent on operational expenses, leaving only a very small percentage for the charity supposedly being helped.

Items that are often mailed out at this time of year include greeting cards, neckties, pins, various types of buttons, key rings, handkerchieves, name and address labels, and other similar small items.

If you have any questions about the organizations sending these or other items to you, check with the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's office, your county or district attorney, or local better business bureau.

Fertilizer Important Despite High Prices

COLLEGE STATION -- As sure as the sun comes up in the morning, fertilizer prices are on the way up. How should farmers react to this major addition to an already long list of price increases for agricultural inputs?

"We don't expect farmers to cut back much on fertilizer use," said John Box, agronomist for the Texas Agricultural

Extension Service. "It's simply a matter of economics."

With prices for farm products running well above the long-term average, Box believes that producers cannot afford to cut back on vital production inputs such as fertilizer. At least not if they expect to reach maximum economic yields.

Even though fertilizer prices

may increase as much as 25 per cent over last season, the Texas A&M University System specialist contends that it will still be profitable for farmers to use fertilizer.

"Let's look at it this way. Consider a grain sorghum farmer in the Blacklands who has consistently produced 80 bushels of grain per acre (A-

investment in fertilizer. That's a fertilizer cost of 15 cents per bushel. Figuring the same amount of fertilizer at \$16 per acre (a 33 and 1/3 per cent increase), the fertilizer cost per bushel at the same yield level would be 20 cents."

A nickel a bushel is a big increase for fertilizer costs, noted the agronomist, but consider that grain sorghum fu-

tures are now well above \$4 per hundredweight. "This makes the added cost look like a good investment."

"It all boils down to this," contends Box. "Producers cannot afford to risk anything that might reduce their 1974 yields below their long-term average."

The agronomist urges producers to use fertilizer at the recommended rate and to strive for maximum efficiency. And a good start is to follow a reliable soil test.

**It's Just About That Time...
Holiday Specials
At Piggly Wiggly**

NEW STORE HOURS
8AM-10PM DAILY
9AM-9PM SUNDAY

FARMER JONES

BACON \$1.19
1 LB. PKG.

Pot Roast 98¢
Superb Valu Trim Beef Chuck

Chuck Arm Roast \$1.19
Superb Valu Trim Beef

Boneless Roast \$1.39
Superb Valu Trim, Cut Beef Chuck

Beef Rib Steak \$1.79
Superb Valu Trim Boneless

All Meat Franks 79¢
Farmer Jones 12-oz. Pkg.

We Welcome Federal Food Stamp Customers in authorized counties!

FAMILY PAK 1/4 PORK LOIN SLICED

Pork Chops \$1.09
Lb.

Pork Roast \$1.38
Center Cut Ribs, Loin

Pork Roast \$1.15
Loin Half, Loin

Pork Liver 69¢
Sliced

Country Sausage \$1.29
Owen's 2-Lb. Pkg. \$2.56 1-Lb. Pkg.

Bacon Squares 69¢
Cudahy's Smoked Lb.

GLOVERS Sausage

Little Sizzlers \$1.19

Rib-Eye Steak \$2.89
Superb Valu Trim, Beef

Game Hens \$1.30
Checkerboard 20-oz. Size

Fryer Drumsticks 89¢
USDA Inspected Lb.

Fryer Thighs 89¢
USDA Inspected Lb.

Pork Chops 99¢
First Cut Lb.

Poinsettias \$2.98 EACH

Ruby Red Grapefruit 15¢
Delicious Lb.

Russet Potatoes 88¢
Delicious 10-Lb. Bag

RIPE BANANAS 2.29
Golden 2 LB.

NAVEL ORANGES 25¢
California Lb.

RIPE TOMATOES 49¢
Hot House Lb.

PEPSI COLA \$1.61
32-oz Size FOR

Mix or Match
Cut or French

Green Beans 79¢
8-oz Cans

Golden Corn 79¢
8-oz Cans

Green Peas 79¢
8-oz Cans

Peas & Carrots 79¢
Very Dry Anti-perspirant, Scented or Unscented

Dial Deodorant 79¢
8-oz Spray Can

Hunt's Pears \$1.31
Delicious 14 1/2-oz Cans

Gladiola Flour \$1.59
All Purpose 5 Lb Bag

Paper Towels 33¢
ROLL

Bell Egg Nog 79¢
Very Dry

Chicken Noodle Soup 69¢
Piggly Wiggly Cut 10 1/2-oz Cans

Green Beans \$1.31
Piggly Wiggly Cut 16-oz Cans

Golden Corn \$1.44
Green Giant Whole Kernel 17-oz Cans

Orange Juice 89¢
Kraft's Chilled, 100% Pure Florida 1/2-Gal Btl

Hunt's Ketchup 4.99
Delicious 14-oz Btls.

Oxydol Detergent 79¢
49-oz Box Without Fragrance

CORN ON COB \$1.79
12 EAR PAK.

Frozen Pineapple 59¢
Del Monte, In Juice 14-oz PKG.

Pineapple \$1.31
Chunk, Crushed, or Sliced 20-oz Cans

Carolyn
Last 2 Weeks for Clean Up! Make Ideal Christmas Gifts

Column...

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left to their own fears. Their conclusion up until now has been that our economy will suffer badly.

The facts don't bear out that conclusion, if the Administration deals effectively with the problem. In many respects we, as a nation, will benefit greatly in the long run from the oil embargo. Our consumption of oil was climbing at a 16% rate annually. In 36 months we would be using 50% more oil. A sudden oil embargo then would have thrown us into a major depression: If we move quickly and pay the cost, we can be self-sufficient in energy by 1980.

But, the next 24 months is critical. The stock market reflects this fact and a certain amount of doubt on just where the fuel shortage will lead. Last week, stock prices dropped Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with a decline of 34 points in the Dow Jones Industrial Average to put it at 788.31, the lowest point since November 27, 1970. But, look at the volume. It continues to run below the 20 million share mark on any selloff. That means that this has been a re-

luctant selloff; continuous selling pressure in the face of little buying interest. In only seven out of the twenty eight trading days involved in the 200 point drop has the volume exceeded 20 million shares and four of those seven days were up-markets. These up-markets are called Bear Traps because the over-anxious investor will assume that the market has turned. He commits his spare cash only to see the decline continue.

Thursday saw a healthy rebound in stock prices. The Industrial Average rose almost 26 points, moving back above the 800 mark. This rally could very well be another Bear Trap with the selloff continuing to about the 775 level on the Dow over the next several weeks. Fridays market action confirmed this possibility. The only favorable news development which caused the market to move higher was the pronouncement by the Arabs that they would partially lift the oil embargo in 1974. But when and how much is another story. The market forged ahead almost 24 points Friday, making a total recovery of almost 50 points in just two days. Thursday and Friday were good volume days, topping 23 million shares each day.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 838.05 Friday, a net gain for the week of 15.80 points. The average daily volume was better; 20.5 million shares.

B-Ball...

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Fred Locker was the high pointer with 20 points. Others scoring were George Mitchell with 13, Don Long and Dusty Davis with seven, Gary White with six, Mark Bruns, Perry Stockard and Jimmy Wisian with five, and Larry Richardson and Carey Sudduth with four points.

The Mules won their third game with McAdo by a score of 50-39. High pointer was Larry Richardson with 15 points.

Others scoring were Perry Stockard with 14 points, George Mitchell with eight, Don Long with six, Fred Locker with five, and Jimmy Wisian with two points.

Board...

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lighting. Close off and reduce heat to the minimum in all portions of buildings not necessary to the instructional programs.

Where possible, plan maintenance and custodial work to be done during the day rather than at night.

The local school policies are being drafted at this time and the over-all policies will be effective during January, February and March 1974. Several of the items listed have already been put into effect.

The next regular meeting of the board will be January 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting...

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transferring the income to next years, and changes in income tax law for transferring income.

This meeting is open to the general public, but should be especially beneficial to local farmers, accounts and bank personal.

Morality is eternal and immutable. -Richard Price.

Editorial

Wallace & 1976

Rules for the 1976 Democratic convention have been drawn and it seems Alabama Governor George Wallace will have a better chance of influencing the outcome in the nomination derby as a result.

Wallace is likely to have more delegates at the convention—if he runs—because the rules for 1976 provide state delegates be split among those competing in the state primaries. Whereas heretofore Wallace has run strongly in many non-southern states, often the winner-take-all system meant he had no delegates from them at the national convention.

Actually the division of delegates in proportion to the primary vote each received is a desirable reform, long needed.

Another reform effected was elimination of the "unit rule" at conventions by which entire state delegations vote as a unit for that candidate with majority support within them. This change is also a democratic reform.

Democrats have, in addition, also abandoned the racial quota rule of 1972, which attempted to force every state delegation's makeup to reflect racial percentages of the population; unwisely, they retained a rule requiring delegations be divided equally between males and females. (The principle is the same in both cases—delegates should be those who are fairly selected in their states because of their interest, qualifications and effort, without regard to sex or race rules, other than one assuring all races and sexes representation.)

The changes now being hailed by Wallace undoubtedly increase his potency; if he has four hundred, or five hundred delegates, rather than two or three hundred, he might well play the role of kingmaker. Conceivably, he could be nominated but that is considered unlikely by most political experts.

If Senator Ted Kennedy remains the favorite for the party's top nomination, the latest changes in convention rules increase Wallace's influence; they give him a much improved chance to be the number-two man on any ticket—if he would accept it.

TFU Calls For Action On Fuel Shortage

Bailey County Farmers Union was honored at the Texas Farmers Union state convention for qualifying as one of the ten leading Farmers Union county organizations during 1973. Nolan Harlan President of Bailey County Farmers Union was recognized at the Saturday night banquet.

The County Farmers Union organizations that were selected for recognition were chosen on the basis of membership growth and special activities sponsored during the year. Bailey County enrolled 23 new members during 1973 and accumulated additional points for regular meetings and special activities including legislative fly-ins, district meetings and various other activities.

The other counties which were in the top ten positions selected for special recognition included Swisher, Crosby, Taylor, Wharton, Lubbock, Haskell, Eastland, Randall, Fisher, Comanche, Travis and Fannin. Their presidents were introduced and honored during the Saturday night event.

Congressman Bob Bergland of Minnesota, a member of the House Agriculture Committee of the Congress was the principal speaker during the banquet prior to the recognition of the counties for awards. Congressman Bergland assisted with the presentation of the silver trophy to the top County Farmers Union organization which was Swisher County Farmers Union.

Other officers serving Bailey County Farmers Union in 1974 are: M.L. Fine, 1st Vice President, Delbert Watson, 2nd Vice President, and Sylvia Hubtard, Secretary-Treasurer.

Nolan Harlan President of the Bailey County Farmers Union was in Lubbock on December 6 to receive an award on behalf of his local organization. Harlan accepted a banner from TFU President Jay Naman of Waco at a Board of Directors meeting held at the Plains Cooperative Oil Mill in Lubbock, Texas during the 70th Annual Farmers Union state convention.

Bailey County Farmers Union has exceeded its membership goal for the fourth consecutive year and has received the coveted membership a-

chievement award presented by the Texas Farmers Union Executive Committee.

Halain is an active farmer in the Bailey community and has taken part in numerous activities on behalf of his local and state organization.

TFU President Jay Naman of Waco commended Harlan for his county's success during 1973.

Cotton Market News

Higher spot prices, stronger foreign demand, and short supplies resulted in increased activity in Western Region cotton markets this week, according to the Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

In general, spot prices strengthened throughout the week. Domestic mill demand was sporadic and mostly limited to small lots for prompt or nearby delivery. Foreign demand strengthened for cotton for nearby and forward delivery. Merchants were active bidders on most lots offered by growers. Growers offered available supplies of uncommitted cotton freely in most locations.

Demand was strongest for grades 41 and higher in areas where predominant staple was 34 or longer. In shorter staple areas, demand readily absorbed most offerings with staple 31 and longer. Supplies of these qualities were not adequate for the level of demand. According to some reports, a sizeable volume of 1974 crop, San Joaquin Valley cotton was contracted at 61.00 to 65.00 cents per pound, basis grade 31, staple 35 during the week.

A light volume of South Texas cotton was contracted at around 65.00 cents per pound. Rains delayed harvesting efforts in portions of Arizona, California, Texas, and Oklahoma during the week. The San Joaquin Valley, California harvest was nearing completion. The Arizona harvest was around three-fourths complete. Harvesting made good progress except in areas where light rain was received in Texas and Oklahoma.

NEWS REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

Another War? Washington's Move - A Costly Policy - Japan's Plight

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The resupply of Arab armies by the Soviet Union has posed serious questions concerning a renewed outbreak of fighting in the Middle East.

If the war is resumed, can President Nixon again give and loan billions to Israel, perhaps risk another confrontation with Russia—in view of the fact that Israel promises the U.S. nothing specific in return, such as compliance with U.N. resolutions that she withdraw from seized Arab territory?

Can the U.S. afford to send so much of its modern military equipment to Israel again without running unwise security risks? Can Washington further alienate many European nations, and Japan, by a dual policy of maintaining Israel's military supremacy while refusing to impose a settlement on Tel Aviv as a price for this immense, vital support?

World sentiment is overwhelmingly against Israel, and the U.N. has repeatedly voted resolutions calling for an Israeli withdrawal from captured Arab territory. Only a U.S. veto barred U.N. action in this direction earlier this year.

Tel Aviv's stubborn policy of holding on to Arab lands, especially its decision a few months ago to start settling Israeli citizens there helped precipitate the latest war.

Washington is now faced with the necessity of either

facing domestic political repercussions at home in calling Tel Aviv to bow to world pressure and overwhelming international sentiment, or facing more and more alienation all over the world.

The Japanese, for example, didn't appreciate a State Department objection to their emergency warning to Israel to evacuate captured Arab lands or risk a break in diplomatic relations. The Japanese see Israel's hard stand as a direct threat to their nation's economy and health, and reprimands from Washington are hardly likely to alter this stark fact of life. Rather, they aggravate friction between the two countries.

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's recent triangular attempt to intimidate the Arab countries, in hinting this country was not helpless in facing the Arab oil threat and could counter with economic retaliation, brought once-friendly King Faisal of Saudi Arabia solidly to the defense of the Arab cause, with a sharp warning that oil production might be cut eighty per cent in this key country.

Such a cut would produce chaos in countries depending on Saudi Arabian oil, and vastly increase disenchantment with the pro-Israeli policy of the United States. Since the Arabs have now been rearmed, Washington is facing this possibility plus the possibility of a new war.

NEWS NOTES

CYCLE DEATH RATE

CHICAGO—The National Safety Council reports that the chances of being killed on a motorcycle are almost four times as great as in an automobile.

IDEAL JOB

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Joe Elliot, 50, has finally landed an ideal job. Blind since birth, he is now working as a darkroom technician at the Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine. Mr. Elliot was graduated from an institution of radiology in 1960.

ASTRONAUTS IN RUSSIA

HOUSTON—Nine astronauts have gone to Moscow to begin training with Soviet space equipment for the joint American-Soviet flight in July, 1975. A group of Soviet astronauts began training here last July.

AID FOR LEPERS

WUERZBURG, GERMANY—West Germans have donated more than 14 million marks or \$4.8 million during 1972 to aid 345 leprosy stations throughout Africa, Asia and South America.

WASHINGTON NOTES

CONSERVING ENERGY

President Nixon announced the rationing of home heating oil starting Jan. 1 and asked for a voluntary halt to Sunday sales of gasoline beginning Dec. 1, pending authorization of a mandatory ban.

GOLD & MARKET

The United States and six European countries have ended the five-year-old agreement barring them from selling gold in the free market, according to Arthur F. Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

SUPPORT REFORM PLAN

The Democratic National Chairman, Robert S. Strauss, and Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), who heads a special party Vice-Presidential Commission, indicated support for a proposal to remove the selection of future Vice-Presidential nominees from the Presidential nominating conventions.

Cotton...

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and above.

The Agricultural Marketing Service of the U.S.D.A. reported cotton prices \$5.00 to \$12.50 higher per bale on the Lubbock market during the week. Demand was strongest for cotton with staple lengths of 31 and longer but was strong for cotton with staple lengths of 29 and 30. Prices ranged from 3100 points over the Government Loan for short staple cotton up to 4500 points over the loan for long staple cotton. Typical lots were bringing an average of 37 cents per pound over the loan and were selling in the price range of 50 to 60 cents per pound.

Average prices paid for the most predominant qualities in the 3.5 to 4.9 premium micronaire range were: Grade 31, Staple 30 - 52.15 cents per pound, Grade 31, Staple 31 - 58.40, Grade 31, Staple 32 - 62.40, Grade 41, Staple 30 - 51.20, Grade 41, Staple 31 - 57.25, and Grade 41, Staple 32 - 60.95.

Cottonseed prices were lower and farmers received \$95 to \$110 per ton. Average price was \$100.40 per ton.

SIGNS SCHOOL LUNCH AID

President Nixon has signed into law a bill authorizing about \$220 million in additional subsidies to help hold down the cost of school lunches.

WHITE HOUSE LIGHTS

As a result of President Nixon's call to the nation to save energy, the National Park Service announced that the lights that illuminate the exterior of the White House would from now on be turned off at 10 p.m.

POSTAL RISE ASKED

Postmaster General E.T. Klassen reports that postage rates must be increased 27 per cent in January to prevent a serious deterioration in service. Mr. Klassen appealed to the Cost of Living Council.

FREE FIREWOOD

U.S. Department of Agriculture announced it is expanding permission to cut free firewood in the national forests during the energy crisis.

ON POOR NATIONS

President Nixon has asked Congress for \$1.5-billion more as the United States contribution to the International Development Association, which funnels long-term, low-cost loans to the world's poor nations.

The Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics reports the nation's unemployment rate dropped to 4.5 per cent in October, the lowest level in three and a half years.

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1. Name the NL Rookie of the Year.
2. To which bowl is Notre Dame bound?
3. To which bowl is Ohio State bound?
4. Name the winner of the World Golf Cup.
5. Who does Bob Lee quarterback for?

Answers To Sports Quiz

1. Gary Matthews of the Giants.
2. Sugar Bowl.
3. Rose Bowl.
4. Johnny Miller.
5. Atlanta Falcons.

MONEY OR PANTS

MIAMI—When Charles Wrinkle refused to give up his money as he was accosted in a hamburger shop, it cost him his pants. The assailant fled with the pants, wallet inside, but Mr. Wrinkle caught and held the man, the police said.

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Miss McWilliams Bride of D. Terry

Miss Pattie Sue McWilliams became the bride of David Ray Terry Saturday, December 1, in a double ring ceremony in the home of Mrs. Maxine Kimbrough of Lubbock.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.C. McWilliams of Sudan and the groom is the son of Mrs. Ray Terry of Las Cruces, New Mexico. The couple exchanged vows before a burning fireplace.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, wore a formal length gown of white crepe with the bodice and cuffs overlaid in lace. The gown featured bishop sleeves, stand up collar, empire waist and large ruffled bottom trimmed in lace. Her shoulder length veil fell from a fitted seed pearl head piece. The bridal bouquet was miniature carnations accented by blue ribbons atop a white Bible.

To carry out tradition the bride wore a ring belonging to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mike McWilliams, as her something old; something new was her bridal ensemble; something borrowed was the white Bible which belonged to Miss Debbie Kimbrough and something blue was a garter which had been worn by both of the bride's sisters.

Serving the bride as matron

of honor was Mrs. Maxine Kimbrough. She wore a blue formal length gown styled like that of the bride.

Best man was Calvin Harvey.

A home reception followed the ceremony. The table was laid in blue with an overlay of white lace. Centering the table was a two tier wedding cake trimmed in royal blue ropes and topped with the traditional bride and groom. The bridal bouquet completed the table decor. Presiding at the table was Miss Debbie Kimbrough.

Rotary Club Group Attends Theater

The Muleshoe Rotary Club, as a group, attended the Hayloft Dinner Theater in Lubbock Monday evening to enjoy "Take My Wife" starring Marvin Kaplan.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Glass, Mr. and Mrs. John Blackwell, Mr. and Mrs. Jess P. Winn, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harris, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Hefner, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Kenedy, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Paine, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stallings, Mr. and Mrs. Gil Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Elliot, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Actkinson, Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. John Crow, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Nowlin, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Albertson, Mr. and Mrs. Olan Burrows, Miss Terri Crane and Don Long.

brough, Mrs. Tom Schlabach and Mrs. Weldon Eagle.

The bride is a 1971 graduate of Sudan High School and is presently employed at the Lubbock State School. The groom is a 1967 graduate of Monahan High School and is employed at Lubbock Electric.

W.S.G. Has Their Christmas Party

WSG of the First United Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. Eril Gross Monday, December 10 for their Christmas party. The meeting called to order by president, Elizabeth Harden. Following the business meeting Hazel Gilbreath recalled the "Old Fashion Christmas" for them. Followed by the reading of the Christmas Story by Ruth Calbert.

Christmas carols were sung accompanied by Ruth McCurdy at an antique pump organ.

Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Eril Gross to nine members and one guest, Beth Edwards, Alphas Laney, Ruth McCurdy, Elizabeth Harden, Ruth Calbert, Betty McNeil, Hazel Gilbreath, Evelyn Johnson and guest, Bee Melton.

Christmas gifts were exchanged and the meeting closed by singing Silent Night, Holy Night.



MRS. DAVID RAY TERRY
nee MISS PATTIE McWILLIAMS

Alpha Zeta Pi Has Transferee Ritual

Alpha Zeta Pi, chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, December 4, 1973 in the home of Mrs. Elizabeth King, with Mrs. Kearney Scoggins, Mrs. Ken Box and Mrs. Reagan Cox serving as hostesses.

A transferee ritual was held for Mrs. Hugh Collis, who has moved here from Houston.

Mrs. Charles Pummill was appointed to serve the chapter as the Extension Officer. Mrs. Eugene Howard, service chairman, reported on the Christmas float and announced the prize money will be donated to a worthy local need soon. Mrs. Howard also reported on the needy family we will sponsor for Christmas and plans were made to help the family. Mrs. Bill Russell, social chairman announced the chapter will have a Christmas social December 18, at the home of Mrs. Charles Pummill, with the social chairman serving as co-hostess.

Two programs were presented. "How is your conversation?" was given by Mrs. Glen Watkins and "Friendship" was presented by Mrs. Danny Noble, Mrs. Tim Campbell, Mrs. Jerry Gleason, Mrs. Mike Miller, Mrs. Ted Barnhill, and Mrs. Monty Dollar.

Members attending were: Mrs. Danny Noble, Mrs. Ted Barnhill, Mrs. Jerry Gleason, Mrs. Tim Campbell, Mrs. Monty Dollar, Mrs. Mike Miller, Mrs. Reagan Cox, Mrs. Glen Watkins, Mrs. Curtis Walker, Mrs. Charles Pummill, Mrs. Paul Poyner, Mrs. Eugene Howard, Mrs. Hugh Collis, Mrs. Bill Russell, Mrs. Don Cibak, Mrs. Spencer Tanksley, Mrs. Bob Finney, Mrs. Travis Besire, and Mrs. Kearney Scoggins.

Market Report

COLLEGE STATION -- What food comes pre-wrapped with lots of vitamins and minerals, abundant protein and costs less than one dollar for six servings?

"Sound like science fiction? It's not--that describes an egg," Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt, consumer marketing information specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System, said.

Egg prices remain about the same this week, she continued. "The pork market is fairly steady with supplies limited. Look for good values on Boston butt roasts, shoulder steaks, one-half- to one-quarter-lobes cut into chops, rib-end roasts, liver and some end-cut loin roasts.

"Hams, bacon and sausage remain on the high side. "Best beef values include chuck roasts and steaks, round steaks, stew meat, ground beef and beef liver."

With fryer chickens special features in many markets, this week is an excellent time to buy "extras for freezing," Mrs. Clyatt said. Turning to produce items, she noted that sweet potato prices are up a bit "since most of the supply now coming to market is kiln-dried--giving them longer storage life. "Other vegetables in good supply at the most economical prices include potatoes, carrots, cabbage, mustard, collards, turnips and greens, broccoli, head lettuce, bulk turnips, dry yellow onions and rutabagas."

Fruit buys, on the other hand, consist of apples by the bag, grapefruit, oranges, bananas, grapes, tangerines, tangelos, cranberries, pears and avocados.

Notice

Anyone wishing to have their name appear on the Hospital and Nursing Home Auxiliary sponsored Community Christmas Card can contact Mrs. J.E. McVickers, Mrs. Herb Ramage, Mrs. Haney Poyner or you can leave your donations at Poyner's White Store or the First National Bank. The deadline is December 19.

NEW ARRIVALS



Rodalpho Nunes

Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Costillo Nunes of Muleshoe are the proud parents of a new baby boy born December 4, at 3:00 p.m. in the West Plains Memorial Hospital of Muleshoe. The baby weighed six pounds and eleven ounces and was named Rodalpho. He is the couple's third child.

Miguel Mata

Mr. and Mrs. Luis Alfaro Mata of Muleshoe are the proud parents of a new baby boy born December 9, at 8:42 p.m. in the West Plains Memorial Hospital of Muleshoe. The baby weighed eight pounds and was named Miguel Ernesto. He is the couple's ninth child.

Dave Munoz

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Ismael Munoz of Muleshoe are the proud parents of a new baby boy born December 9, at 5:51 a.m. in the West Plains Memorial Hospital of Muleshoe. The baby weighed seven pounds and eleven ounces and was named Dave Ismael. He is the couple's fourth child.

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Miss Richardson Feted With Shower

Miss Margaret Richardson, bride-elect of Jerry Teaff, was honored with a wedding shower Friday evening December 7, from 7:30 till 9:00 p.m., in the Bala school lunchroom. 37 guests registered in the brides book.

The honoree, her mother Mrs. Ashel Richardson and Mrs. Royce Teaff, mother of the groom were presented with corsages of kitchen gadgets surrounded with net and white carnations.

The brides chosen colors of pink and purple were carried out in the table decorations. The serving table was laid in white lace over white centered with a nine point candelabra holding pink burning tapers entwined with pink rose buds and purple velvet ribbon bows. Janice Cannon and Karen Riley served the white sheet cake decorated in pink and purple flowers with pink punch. Pink mints crystal and silver completed the table setting.

Hostess gift of a set of stainless steel cooking ware and four place setting of ironstone ware was displayed along with the array of gifts.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Tommy Kirk, Mrs. Clyde Hogue, Mrs. Larry McCain, Mrs. Ed Crume, Mrs. C.L. Cannon, Mrs. J.C. Withrow, Mrs. Nolan Harlan, Mrs. Eddie Riley, Mrs. C.A. Williams, Mrs. J.L. Latham, Mrs. Fred Locker, Mrs. E.O. Battles, Mrs. F.L. Simmons, Mrs. Raymond Austin, Mrs. Jim Claunch, Mrs. Marvin Drake and Mrs. John Blackman.

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RECIPE

By Sarah Anne Sheridan
Shrimp Jambalaya

- 2 T fat
- 1 T flour
- 1/2 c chopped onions
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 c canned tomatoes
- 2 c water
- 1 green pepper, chopped fine
- 1/2 t salt
- 1/4 t red pepper
- 1/4 t thyme
- 1 T Worcestershire sauce
- 3 c cooked rice

2 c cooked shrimp, cut in pieces
1/2 c grated cheese
2 T parsley
1 c tomato juice

Melt fat in a skillet, stir in flour and blend thoroughly. Add onions and cook until they are tender. Add garlic, tomatoes, water, green pepper, salt, red pepper, thyme and Worcestershire sauce. Add rice, shrimp and tomato juice. Pour into a greased baking dish. Sprinkle cheese and parsley over the top. Place in 350 degree oven for 15 minutes.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa,
We had these good friends who lived next door to us ten years ago. We would all get together on Christmas Eve and exchange gifts. We would give them and their children presents and they would do the same for us.
We have been keeping this up since they moved to another state about five years ago and it has gotten to be an awful task. To begin with their four children have grown up and one of them is married. We don't know their sizes or what they like. And the things they send us are usually packed away.
How can we stop this exchange of gifts without hurting their feelings? We have fond memories of them and wouldn't like to do anything to offend them.

Answer:

You may be surprised to read this but I dare say your friends who live in another state feel exactly as you do.
A very simple plan is to send a very early Christmas card and say that you are not sending gifts this year and hope that they will send your family cards instead of gifts. Tell them that you would rather have a newsy letter once a year telling all about their family than gifts and then go into detail and tell them all the news about your family and the people of the town in whom they were once interested.
I do not think they will be offended but this is simply a suggestion.

Louisa.

Norma--Ind.

Address letters: Louisa, Box 532, Orangeburg, S.C. 29115

Three Way News

By Mrs. H.W. Garvin

Three Way basketball teams went to Cotton Center Tuesday night to play ball, losing all games to Cotton Center. Friday night Three Way played Elida, N.M. on their home court with Three Way boys losing their games and both A and B girls teams winning their games.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Wheeler spent the weekend in Comanche visiting their son the Joe Wheeler family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abbe spent the past week in Kansas City attending a co-op meeting.

Pattie Herd from Shallowater spent the weekend visiting Christine Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fagen from Mangum, Oklahoma visited the Fred Kelleys the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Monte Tombs of Shallowater spent the weekend with their parents the H.C. Tombs.

Sidney Key spent a few days the past week visiting his cousins the Carl Millars and Marvin Long in Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tyson spent the weekend in Lubbock visiting their daughter the Tommy Durhams.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Furgeson were shopping in Lubbock Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Garvin visited their daughter and family the James Gillentine family in Lubbock Sunday.

Mrs. D.S. Fowler and Mrs. Don Richardson were in Lubbock Wednesday shopping.

Several from the community were in the piano recital held in the Enochs Methodist Church Sunday afternoon. Mrs. John Gunter presented her pupils in the recital.

Mrs. T.D. Davis and Mrs. Tommy Terrell were in Clovis, N.M. shopping Thursday.

Good Question

Trying to rest after an exceedingly hard day, poor father was being bedeviled by an endless stream of unanswerable questions from little Willie.

"What do you do down at the office?" queried the youngster.

"Nothing," shouted the father. It looked as if the boy had been shut up for a while, but not for long. After a thoughtful pause, Willie asked, "Pop, how do you know when you're through?"

Jehovah's Witnesses Seminar

Local delegates of Jehovah's Witnesses have returned home from a two-day seminar in Lubbock this past week-end. Twenty-one congregations from West Texas attended the 15 hours of Bible lectures, demonstrations and discussions.

Boyd Lowery, local presiding elder commented, "This seminar was one of several hundred being held by Jehovah's Witnesses through-out the world for their 31,850 congregations in 208 lands. The peak attendance for the Sunday highlight was 1,858." He added, "There were 47 new baptized in the faith Sunday morning, this adding to the total membership of 1,758,000. Just last year the group baptized 193,000 in the faith."

WEST PLAINS HOSPITAL Hospital Briefs

ADMISSIONS:
Ricky White, Mrs. Edith Bruns, Mrs. Julian Lenau, Ernest Denny, Mrs. Homer Long, E.E. Mick, J.R. Carter, Mrs. John R. Harris, Baby Juan Perez, W.M. Pool, Jr., Mrs. Luis Mata, baby boy Mata, Mrs. Eva Roberts, Mrs. Hector Munoz, baby boy Munoz, and E.R. Wall.
DISMISSALS:
Bill Dale, Mrs. Melva Davis, Les Smith, Mrs. Julian Lenau, W.M. Pool Jr., Mrs. Hector Munoz and baby boy, Ricky White, Mrs. Edith Bruns, Mrs. Mabel C. Owen, and Sam Fox.

Colorful Flames In The Fireplace

COLLEGE STATION --- "Fireplaces are a source of pleasure year round, but at Christmas they seem to have a special glow," Patricia A. Bradshaw, housing and home furnishings specialist, observed.

A "different" glow can come from colored flames, according to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System, specialist. "To have beautifully colored flames in your fireplace there are a number of chemicals which may be used.

"First, select bits of wood, bark, driftwood, pine cones, sweetgum balls or similar materials. Then secure appropriate chemicals from a local hardware store or a manufacturing chemist.

"Colored flames can be produced by chemicals such as red with strontium nitrate or chloride, green with Borax, blue with calcium chloride, and yellow with common table salt. "Caution should be taken when using copper salts since they will stain brick, tile and concrete--so be careful in placing the colored objects to avoid permanent stains."

To treat the materials, either dissolve the chemicals in a wooden pail or earthen crock--the chemicals will destroy metal containers, she warned. "Use about one pound of chemicals to one gallon of water to treat 1/2 - 3/4 bushel of material.

"Dip the material, which has been placed in a basket or porous bag, in the solution. "Remove the container, let drip, and then spread materials on paper to dry.

"After drying overnight, dip again and dry. They are now ready to use." There are also several dry methods of treating the material, Miss Bradshaw noted. --Dissolve one tablespoon of glue in one gallon of boiling water. Dip the cones or other material in this solution. Remove with a metal skimmer. Sprinkle with the chemicals while the cones are hot. A salt shaker with large holes makes a satisfactory utensil for the chemicals.

--Pour melted wax over the material. Before the wax hardens, sift the chemical onto the cones. The chemical will adhere and will produce a very pleasant effect when burned. Remember to use wax sparingly with this method.

--Mix the chemicals and shellac with saw dust and sprinkle on the wood in the fireplace as desired.

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Keeps Busy

Mrs. Neal Eubanks of 206 West 11th in Muleshoe is 80 years old but still a busy person. She came to the Plains in 1919 and moved here in 1932.

Mrs. Eubanks raised nine children, eight of which are living now. She has been blessed with seventeen grandchildren and twenty-four great grandchildren.

Keeping busy isn't hard for Mrs. Eubanks. She has made quilts for her grandchildren, sewed for the public, crochets for the nursing home, and reads a lot.

Mrs. Eubanks is a member of the Assembly of God Church.

Delta Kappa Gamma Christmas Dinner

The Epsilon Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society opened the Christmas season with a Christmas dinner, Saturday, December 1. The dinner was held in the First Christian Church fellowship hall with the laides of the church preparing the turkey dinner. Mrs. John Miller was Chairman, and the Muleshoe members served as hostesses.

The room was decorated with a Christmas tree and individual Christmas arrangements on the quartet tables and on the buffet serving table.

Following the dinner, Mrs. Pete Parrish read the Christmas story from the 2nd Chapter of Luke.

Mrs. S.E. Ayres, Mrs. Marvin Tollett, Mrs. Willis Hedges, Mrs. E.C. Finley, and Mrs. Charles Galloway presented a panel on "New Viewpoints--Life Enriched." The Christmas story of the precious gems was told with each town representing a jewel. Each individual told of civic, community, and benevolent contributions of her home town. Mrs. Finley gave a resume of the contributions made in all fields in Muleshoe.

Christmas carols, led by Mrs. Harry Ford, were enjoyed; and a gift exchange was held by members from Amherst, Littlefield, Oilton, Sudan, and Muleshoe. Muleshoe members present were Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Finley, Mrs. Joe Costen, Mrs. Jay Harbin, Mrs. Jack Obenhaus, Mrs. Eric Smith, Mrs. John Watson, and Mrs. Wilson Witherspoon.



BUSY . . . BUSY . . . BUSY . . . Mrs. Neal Eubanks of Muleshoe is a very busy person even though she is 80 years old. She is making houseshoes for the folks in the Muleshoe Nursing Home now.

Enochs News

By Mrs. J.D. Bayless

Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Vanlandingham were patients in the Methodist Hospital last week. He was transferred to the Morton Hospital and was released on Wednesday. Mrs. Vanlandingham came home Monday. Mrs. Ann McDonald, a granddaughter from California, will be staying with them until after Christmas.

Charlie Byars has been a patient in a Littlefield hospital since last Monday.

Roy Bayless of Muleshoe visited in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Bayless, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Reasoner of Hobbs, N.M. visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Newman, Sunday. John Wishert of Levelland was also a guest.

Mrs. Sandra Austin has been a patient in a Littlefield hospital since Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Ted Hall is staying with her granddaughter in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Monroe at Anton while they went to Albuquerque for the surgery on their son's arm.

Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Shaw were in Plainview last week to attend the briefing preview of the Korean and Japan Crusade and slides were shown of their trip.

The week of Prayer for Foreign Missions was observed December 2-9 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. Mrs. J.W. Layton was in charge of the programs titled "God's Gift . . . Unspeakeable". There was a good attendance each day. Sandra Austin and Mrs. Olive Shaw brought the special music, The G.A.'s, their sponsor Mrs. Rose Nichols, two boys and Mrs. Welma Petree gave the program Wednesday night.

Mrs. Olive Cox underwent emergency surgery 7:30 Sunday night at a Littlefield hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Bryant left Friday to visit his brother, and other relatives at Quanah.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Riley from Tullia, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Gilliam Sunday. They are cousins of the Gilliams.

Mr. L.G. Fred, Mrs. A.P. Fred and Mrs. Linda Fred visited Mrs. Phillis Greer who was a patient in a Littlefield hospital Thursday.

Mrs. Lewis had her son Leon and family, and Mr. Robinson among several others who called Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Neville of Portales, N.M. and Mrs. Montgomery, her daughters, visited Mrs. Danforth Sunday.

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Nursing Home News
by Myrtle Guinn

Mrs. Inez Sanders of Morton and Mrs. Gladys Phillips of Needmore all visited Mrs. Hardin recently, they are her daughters.

Mrs. Edith Clarks two brothers the Silvertooths came to see her on Sunday, they are from Amarillo.

The Needmore singing group came again Sunday and sang for us. The come each first and third Sundays.

Mrs. Hall and friend, Mrs. Beach went to church at Texico, N.M. Sunday to the United Pentecostal Church of which they are members.

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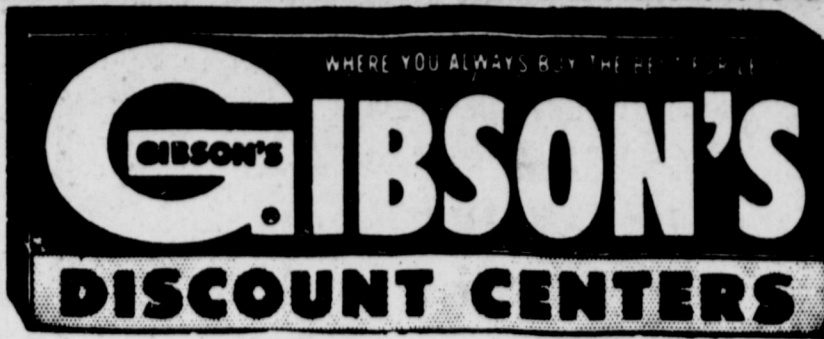
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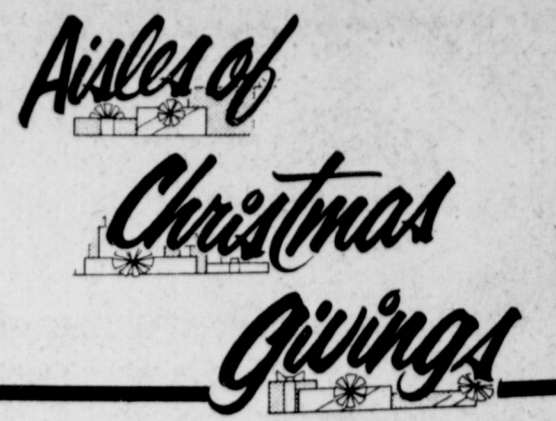


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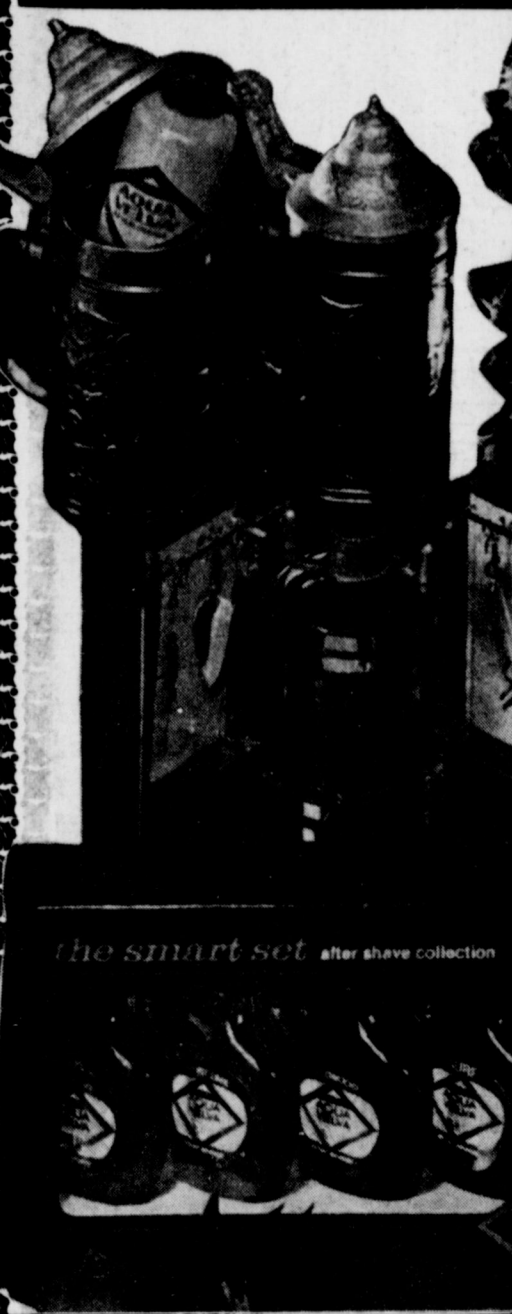
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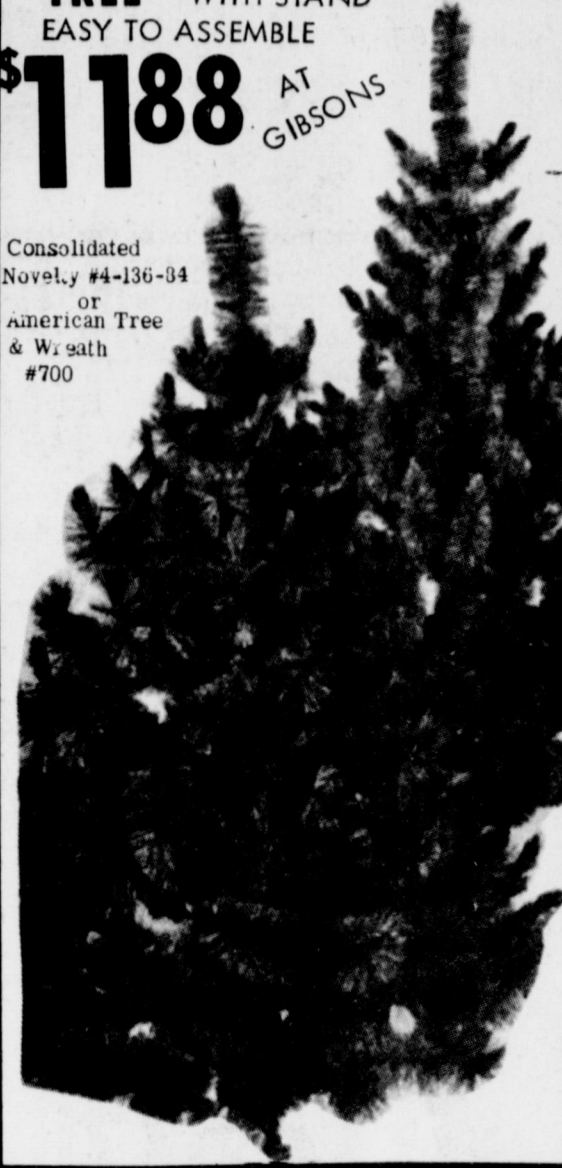
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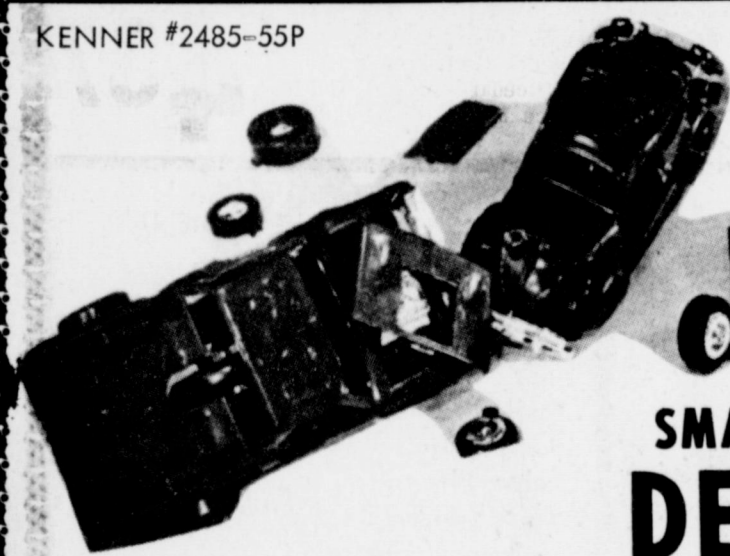
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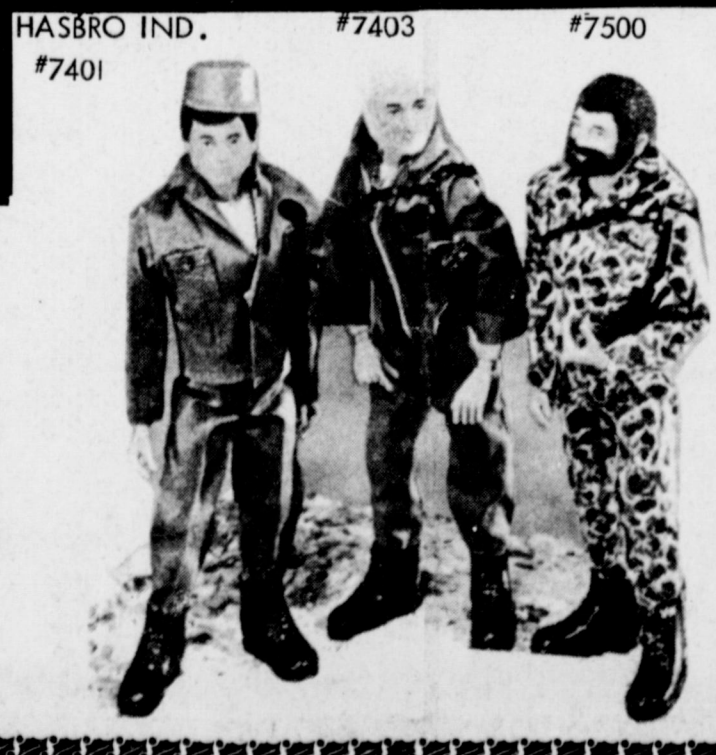
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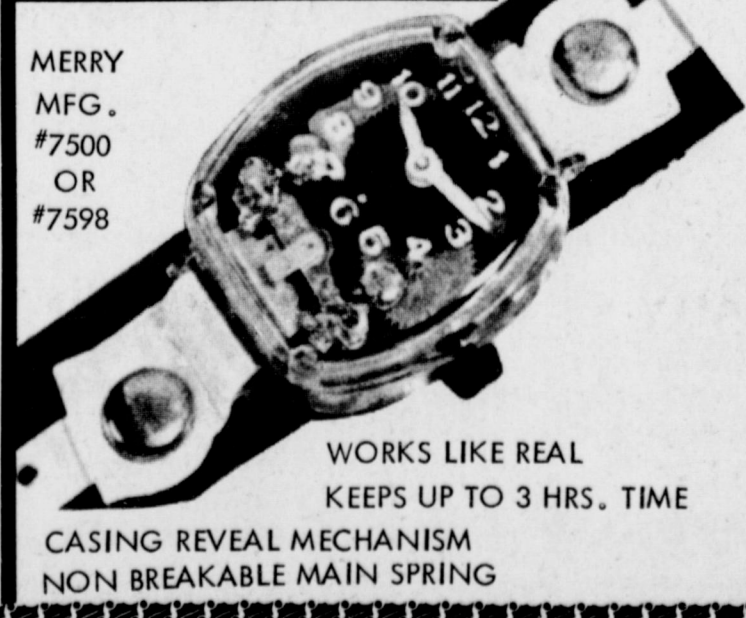
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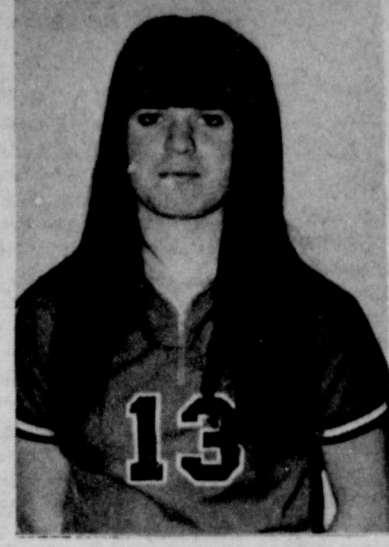
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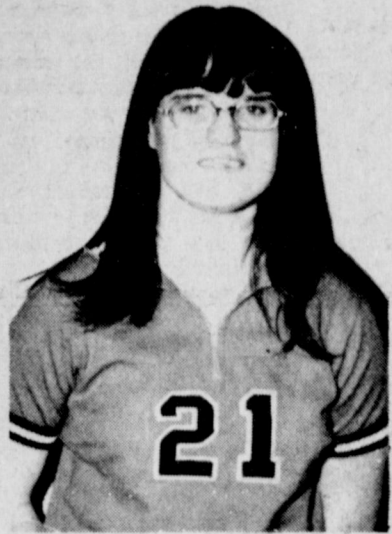
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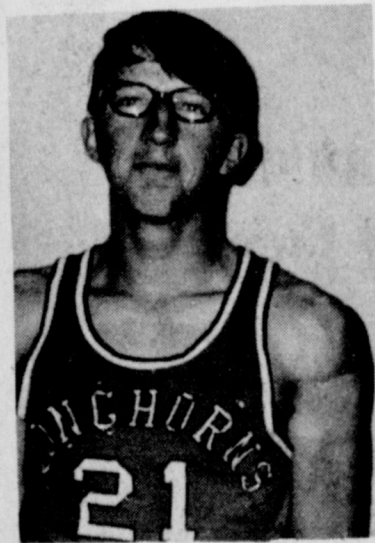
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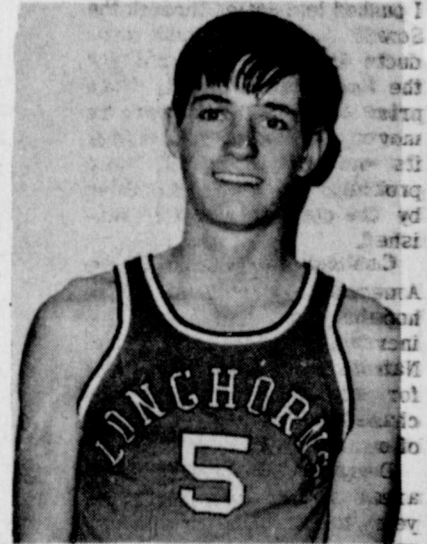
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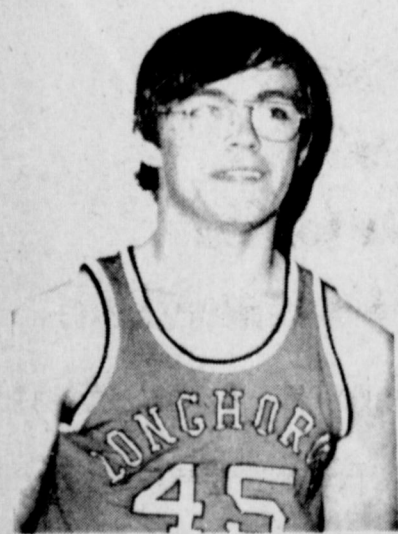
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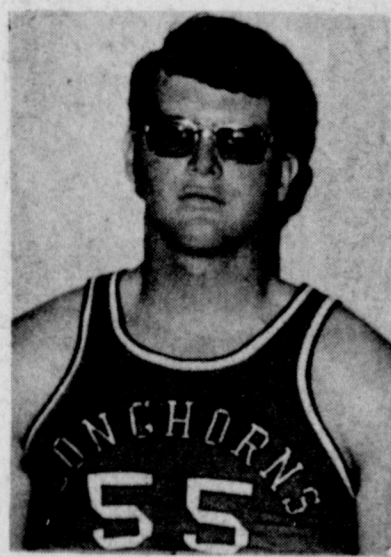
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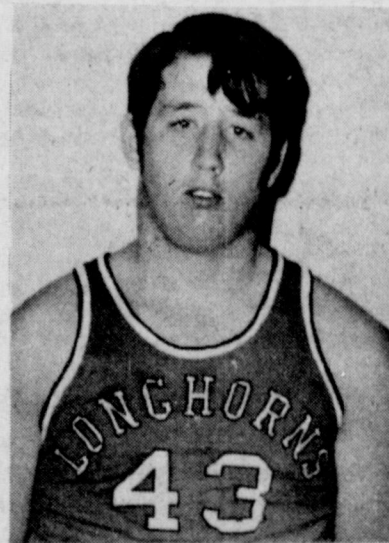
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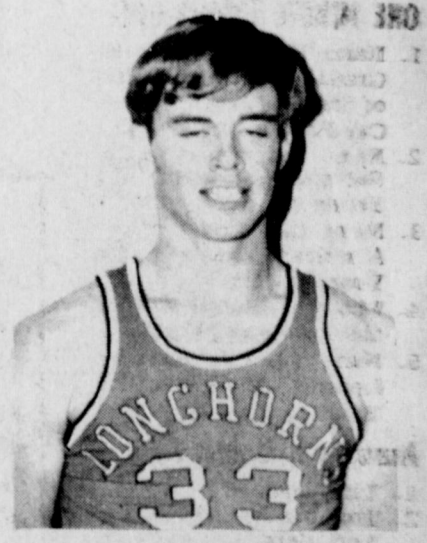
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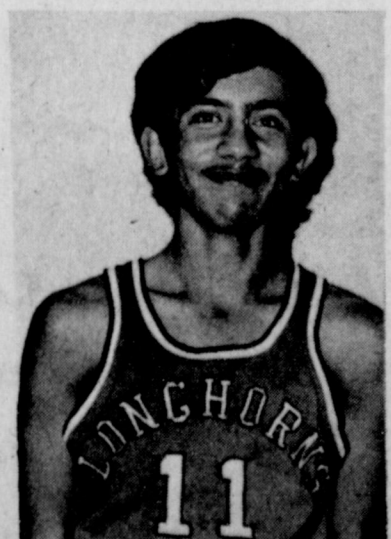
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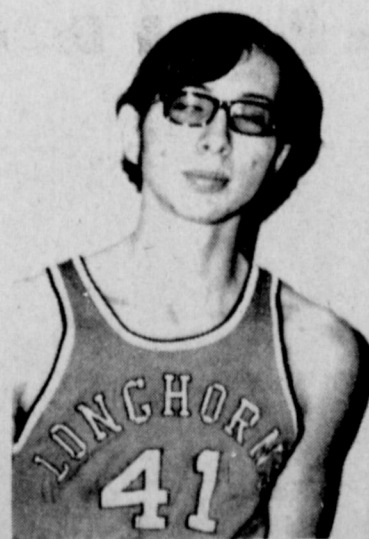
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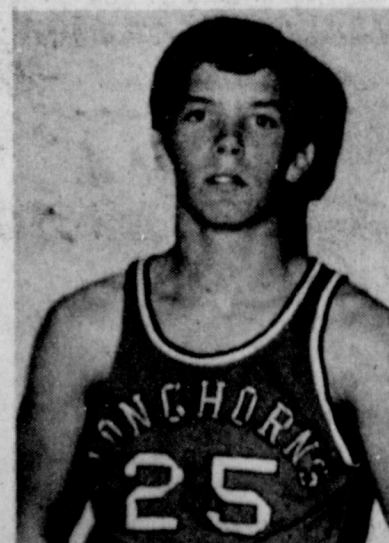
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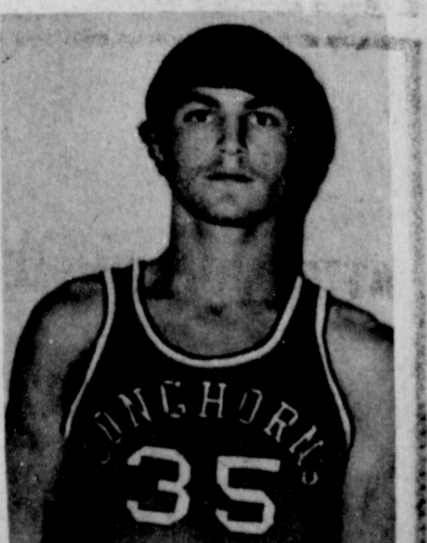
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The United States has undergone some profound changes in its agricultural industry during 1973—changes that affect each and every one of us. Almost overnight, we moved from the heavy government support concept that dates back to the depression days of the 1930's to the concept that allow the farmer and rancher to determine his own destiny in a much more open and competitive market.

The big change in this area was brought about by the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973. Many felt that the new era of agriculture could not be attained in such a short time. But our progress is emphasized by the fact that the new concept of little or no price supports instituted this year have been readily accepted by the producer. Farmers and ranchers are now in a position of being able to maximize production and still have adequate market prices for their products with little or no cost to the government and taxpayers. In addition to our own needs, we are now in a position of being able to supply much of the world food demands. This not only benefits the farmer here, but is most helpful in balancing our foreign payment deficits and is a great weapon for world peace.

Increased farm production incentives and the world demand for food have combined to give the United States farmer his brightest outlook in decades. Prices for farm products in this country have gone up somewhat this year because of the increasing world population and higher standards of living in many areas of the world. Under the new farm program of the Nixon Administration, prices are at the level now where there is no need for government supports. Left alone to his own ingenuity, the American farmer can compete in the world market and supply a great portion of that market.

The supply and demand situation this year did bring about some governmental actions which I opposed. Price controls on meat products created problems for both the producer and the consumer. During the height of the controls program, I pushed legislation through the Senate to remove meat products from this program, but the House failed to act. When price controls finally were removed, we saw the market seek its own level and all these problems which we had created by the controls virtually vanished.

Continued expansion of the American agricultural output hopefully can help solve the increasing energy shortage. Nations on which we depend for oil have in the past purchased millions of dollars worth of our agricultural goods.

Despite advances in many areas in farm legislation this year, there still are some very serious problems left. Recent announced changes in rice and peanut programs caused some justified concern among producers. While there was general agreement on needed changes, rice and peanut producers were caught short when the sudden and drastic changes

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1. Name the winner of the Grand National East title of the NASCAR for Stock Car Racing.
2. Name the winner of the National League's Cy Young Award.
3. Name the winner of the American League's Cy Young Award.
4. Who was named MVP in the American League?
5. Name the American League's Manager of the Year.

Answers To Sports Quiz

1. Tiny Lund.
2. Tom Seaver of the New York Mets.
3. Jim Palmer, Baltimore.
4. Reggie Jackson, Oakland A's.
5. Baltimore's Earl Weaver.

The American farmer realizes that when a housewife sees prices at the grocery store going higher and higher, she is not consoled by the fact that she still pays the smallest percentage of her household budget for food than any family in the world. And the American housewife realizes that the farmer must make an adequate living in order to continue to produce the massive supplies needed to feed a good part of the world.

Even though food prices have gone up higher than most other commodities this year, profits for the food processing and retailing industries failed to keep pace with other industries. Recent Agriculture Department statistics show that after-tax profits for corporations processing and manufacturing foods averaged 2.4 per cent this year, down slightly from the previous year. This contrasts with profits for all manufacturing industries in the same period at 5.1 per cent compared with 4.5 per cent a year earlier.

in government programs were announced this fall. Similar problems came up among cotton, wheat and feed grain producers when the 1973 act was being considered. A compromise was worked out in those areas, and I see no reason why a similar compromise cannot now be worked out for rice and peanut producers.

Rapid increases in costs of food products this year, brought on by a worldwide shortage and inflationary spiral, led some to conclude that the long running confrontation between the farmer and consumer could not be solved. I disagree with this feeling and believe the situation which we saw developing this year can now be viewed objectively.

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The Best and The Worst... Cotton Deadline Extended... Now Down To Two.

Texas agricultural producers are finding that 1973 has and is turning out to be a year of some of the best prices they have seen, but are also finding that this year has presented them with some of their worst times, too.

Farm prices were at record highs this past summer; now, farm prices have dropped as much as a third for beef cattle and broiler prices have been cut in half.

Making plans for 1974 is now uppermost in minds of Texas agricultural producers. And they look ahead and see complete confusion and uncertainty over availability of inputs for 1974.

No one knows yet how severe the energy crunch will be to farm production. But farmers also face severe shortages of fertilizer, some top quality planting seed, implement repair parts, labor, and new equipment.

Farmers are also finding that next year's crop production costs are going to continue to increase, and some economists are already talking about the price-cost squeeze hitting again at the farmer's pocketbook.

Farm income next year is already being forecast at levels below this year's record pace. Uncertainties over exports of U.S. farm production is also causing some farmers to wonder about 1974 production plans.

Agricultural producers are beginning now to put together plans that will determine the extent of food and fiber production next year.

COTTON stalk destruction deadlines have been extended in most areas of the state due to the weather conditions. Texas Department of Agriculture personnel will be checking those areas to make certain that all harvested fields have been cleared of stalks and debris which could provide hibernation headquarters for cotton insects.

Early cotton stalk destruction is perhaps the best weapon farmers have to control insects for the next year's crop.

Even though you may be in an area which has an extended cotton stalk destruction deadline, it is wise to destroy as soon as possible cotton stalks. Production of next year's cotton crop will be greatly enhanced by cotton stalk destruction now.

ONLY two counties in Texas are now under cattle scabies quarantine. They are Hansford and Bailey.

Recently, Castro and Deaf Smith counties were removed from the quarantine area.

Scabies is caused by tiny, parasitic mites that puncture the skin of cattle and feed on the body fluids released through the wounds. Heavy infestations result in the formation of large, crust "scabs" on the skin. Although the animal's meat is not affected, scabies can cause loss of weight and decreased feed efficiency.

BRUCellosis control regulations are expected to go into effect Jan. 15, 1974. The Texas Animal Health Commission has compiled a nine-page regulation dealing with this disease in Texas.

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Food prices are still high, and will not go down drastically overnight. But I am a firm believer in the free market method and believe that we finally are on the right track of balancing our supply and demand problems through the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973.

RIGGS SAYS OF Mrs. King, "she played too well."

Out of Orbit

IF WE CAN GO TO THE MOON, IT SEEMS TO ME WE COULD GO TO THE GARBAGE CAN TOO!

South Plains Cotton Harvest Passes One Million Bales

The South Plains cotton harvest passed the one million bale mark during the last week in November, according to Paul R. Dickson in charge of the U.S.D.A. Cotton Classing Office in Lubbock.

Samples from 865,000 bales had been classed at the Lubbock, Brownfield, Lamesa and Levelland offices through Friday, November 30th and the four offices had 178,000 unclassified samples on hand at that time.

Personnel at the four offices tested and classed samples from 292,000 bales during the week ending the 30th.

Estimates indicate that approximately one-half of this season's crop is now out of the fields.

Quality of cotton continued excellent and is considerably higher than last year.

Grades 31 and 41 continued to be the predominant grades at Lubbock, making up 76 percent of all classed. Grade 31

made up 28 percent, Grade 41, 48 percent and Grade 31, 11 percent.

Staples were predominantly 30 to 32. Fifty-two percent had staple lengths of 30 and shorter and the remaining 48 percent stapled 31 and longer. Average staple length was 30.7/32nds of an inch.

Microaire readings continued excellent. Eighty-four percent of all cotton tested at Lubbock had microaire readings in the premium range of 3.5 to 4.9, 7 percent was in the high microaire range of 5.0 to 5.2 and 2 percent was in the very high range of 5.3 and above.

The Agricultural Marketing Service of the U.S.D.A. reported that cotton prices advanced \$2.50 to \$15.00 per bale on the Lubbock market during the past week. Demand was strongest for cotton with staple lengths of 31 and longer but was strong for cotton with staple lengths of 29 and 30. Prices ranged

from 2800 points over the Government Loan for short staple cotton up to 4350 points over the loan for long staple cotton. Typical lots were bringing an average of 37 cents per pound over the loan and were selling in the price range of 45 to 55 cents per pound.

Average prices paid for the most predominant quantities in the 3.5 to 4.9 premium microaire range were: Grade 31, Staple 30 - 51.65 cents per pound, Grade 31, Staple 31 - 57.90, Grade 31, Staple 32 - 59.90, Grade 41, Staple 30 - 50.70, Grade 41, Staple 31 - 56.75, and Grade 41, Staple 32 - 58.45.

Cottonseed prices were lower and farmers received \$95 to \$110 per ton. Average price was \$100.40 per ton.

Disappointments are inevitable if you have ambition or hope.

RECIPE

By Sarah Anne Sheridan

These recipes make excellent small gifts for neighbors and friends as well as tasty tidbits for your entertaining.

Glazed Nuts and Fruits

- 1/2 c white corn syrup
- 1/2 c sugar
- 2 T hot water

Boil all ingredients until syrup brittles in cold water. Keep hot in double boiler. Dip nuts and fruits one at a time and lay on oiled paper.

Tutti Frutti Balls

Put through the food chopper 1/2 pound each of layers, seeded raisins, pitted dates and pecans or almonds, also 2 ounces of candied orange peel. Blend all together and put through chopper again, using the finest blades until the mixture is as smooth as possible. Form into balls the size of cherry, moistened with syrup from canned fruit if mixture is too stiff. Thicken with rolled and sifted macaroon if too soft. Dip in melted chocolate.

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STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Bill Boykin
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN, Tex. — Hearings will be held soon by the State Insurance Board to see if misleading or deceptive "sales pitches" are being used by the insurance industry in Texas. Joe Christie, Chairman of the Texas Insurance Board, says the goal of the board is to protect the consumer and build confidence in the insurance industry.

"People need insurance, The Board wants to make certain they are getting good information about the product," he told the Austin Ad Club last week.

"Some of the troubles of the insurance industry are caused by failure to communicate properly with the buyer. We are not getting life insurance rates, and we will hold hearings to compare rates. The Board will issue comparisons on life insurance policies and rates for the buying public."

Insurance is the largest industry in Texas, he added, and a difficult industry to regulate.

"The board started publishing names of agencies and agents who have been found guilty of abusing the public, and we have seen a decrease of complaints," Christie continued.

Another goal is to clean up deceptive advertising, he told the ad group.

Christie asked the ad leaders to help the Board make certain the buying public knows about deviating rates in fire and casualty insurance.

"Shop for your insurance as you would groceries or any other product. You can get a 10% reduction on your automobile insurance for example if you take the defensive driving courses. Watch for optional coverage on personal injury insurance. It will be on your bill if you do not specify that you "do not" want it.

"We are going to study "no-fault" insurance and health care in Texas too. We want to know if "no-fault" will lower our insurance rates, and what the buyer might have to give up in rights to get the lower rates.

"The Board plans to set up a Health Maintenance Organization to see how health care is delivered in Texas.

"We do not question the quality of health care in Texas, but we want to know the quantity of health care," he concluded.

DEMOCRATS CRANK UP — Texas Democrats are looking down the road to 1974 and 1976 national party conventions. They set for December 15

here a State Democratic Executive Committee rules panel hearing to consider delegate selection procedures for the December 1974 "mini-convention" or policy conference.

State party officials must, by resolution, provide for compliance with rules on delegate selection and "affirmative action" to assure wide open participation in lower-level conventions.

The party must take steps to encourage convention activities by youth, minorities, women and others traditionally under-represented in its conventions. The same requirement carries over to the 1976 national presidential nominating convention process.

Gordon Wynne Jr. of Wills Point described the "mini-convention" full-participation program to be agreed on by SDEC here next month as the "fore-runner" of the 1976 concept to be followed in presidential nominating procedures.

SDEC's resolution on delegate selection and affirmative action must be submitted to the Democratic National Committee prior to Feb. 1, 1974.

HOSPITAL PROGRAM CHANGED — The Governor declined to sign an agreement with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to implement state and local review of health care facility construction in Texas.

His action left hospitals and nursing homes eligible to participate in federal programs without getting a state certificate of need.

Aides to Briscoe said the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington has assured them there is no penalty to the health care industry if a state does not participate in the review program.

Briscoe advised new construction proceed cautiously so as not to build a facility where it is not needed.

COURTS SPEAK — A three-judge federal court here heard arguments over whether state House members should be elected from individual districts in nine metropolitan counties.

The court will rule in January whether Travis, Nueces, Tarrant, McLennan, Lubbock, Jefferson, Galveston, El Paso and Hidalgo counties should have single-member districts. Bexar, Dallas and Harris counties already have such districts.

A divided Court of Criminal Appeals, held marijuana offenders convicted before April 23 and appealing for lighter sentences cannot be resentenced under the new Texas drug act.

The State Supreme Court refused a motion for rehearing in Toyah school district's fight to avoid annexation by Pecos-Barstow Consolidated Independent School District.

A Deaf Smith County man lost an appeal from a 99-year sentence for rape — for holding his own wife while another man attacked her.

APPOINTMENTS — L. D. Whitehead of Del Rio was named by Gov. Briscoe to the Advisory Council on Community Affairs.

Briscoe appointed Robert R. Ashworth of Amarillo, Leon Stone of Austin and Dr. W. T. White of Dallas to the board of trustees of the teacher retirement system of Texas.

Named to the board of directors of Brazos River Authority were W. C. Wiese Jr. of Calvert, Clint M. Walker of Tahoka, Kermit Ashby of Plainview, Billy Joe Wilson of Hamlin, Harry H. Moore of Navasota, Lyndon Olson Sr. of Waco and Don Coppedge of Waxahachie. Moore, Olson and Coppedge are reappointees.

Briscoe placed on the Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council Raymond B. Bean of Dallas, Paul L. Bisenherz of Austin, Mrs. Garza A. Boggs of Austin, Miss Louise Fargher of Fort Worth, Hugh Hornsby of Austin, Rodney James Kidd of Austin, Armah F. Leuhrs of Dallas, Tom Manison of Friendswood, Miss Alice H. Mulkey of Dallas and Silas B. Ragsdale Jr. of Hunt.

SHORT SNORTS

Harrison Vickers of Houston resigned as executive director of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Lee Godfrey of Austin has been named state campaign manager for Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby.

Revenue from cigarette sales increased from \$19.8 million in November 1972 to \$20.1 million last month.

Estimated total value of construction authorized in October by Texas communities that issue building permits increased 17 per cent over September, according to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

Texas Rehabilitation Commission has been credited with leading the nation in successful rehabilitations in fiscal 1973.

The state has issued its last old age assistance check in a \$4 billion program. The federal government will take over the Supplemental Security Income program January 1. Hazel G. McKinney, 76, of Smithville got the last state check before the switchover.

Israel plans \$60-million in aid to immigrants.

TGSPB Recomends Fuel Crisis Program

Calls for definite action by the Nixon Administration to assure farmers a priority for fuel and for Congress to revise the Target prices and loan levels of the 1973 Farm Act

highlighted the 70th Annual Texas Farmers Union held Friday and Saturday here. Over three hundred delegates attended.

Virtually all of the list of speakers, including Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, Texas Agriculture Commissioner John White, TFU President Jay Naman and Farmers Union National President Tony Dechant, dwelt at length on the fuel crisis and all blamed the Nixon administration for failure to act decisively to help the farmer get the fuel he needs.

Speaking Friday morning, Sen. Bentsen called the Administration's handling of the fuel crisis "a prime example of bureaucratic bungling." He chided the Administration for not giving agriculture a voice in setting up guidelines.

Some of the toughest rhetoric came from NFU Pres Dechant who said, "The Administration which is asking energy consumers to cut back

is the same Administration which accepted thousands of dollars of illegal contributions from major oil companies."

Keynoting the convention Saturday night Dechant called for a Senate investigation "on the scale of the Watergate hearings," into the causes and solutions of the energy crisis. Noting that the major oil companies reporting earnings increases of over 50% over a year ago, he said, "I'd bet my last gallon of gasoline that one of the recommendations of such hearings would be an excess profits tax."

Dechant said such hearings would be in the farmers interest because "if we can get our story told in an open public hearing, I am confident we'll get the fuel we'll need."

Naman, speaking Friday afternoon, said farmers are being forced to rely upon black-markets for diesel fuel. "The problem has stricken not only farmers in the field, but their cooperatives. If the gins, the compress, and the oil mill are interrupted in their operations, it could domino into a massive shutdown of the entire harvest."

On the subject of the 1973 Farm Act, Naman said in the hands of the Nixon Administration it could be lethal and called upon Congress to revise the target price levels and the loan rates upwards as a first priority when it meets next year.

The delegates echoed Naman's feeling by adopting a policy calling for raising the target price levels to 100% of parity and the loan rates to 65% of parity on all applicable commodities.

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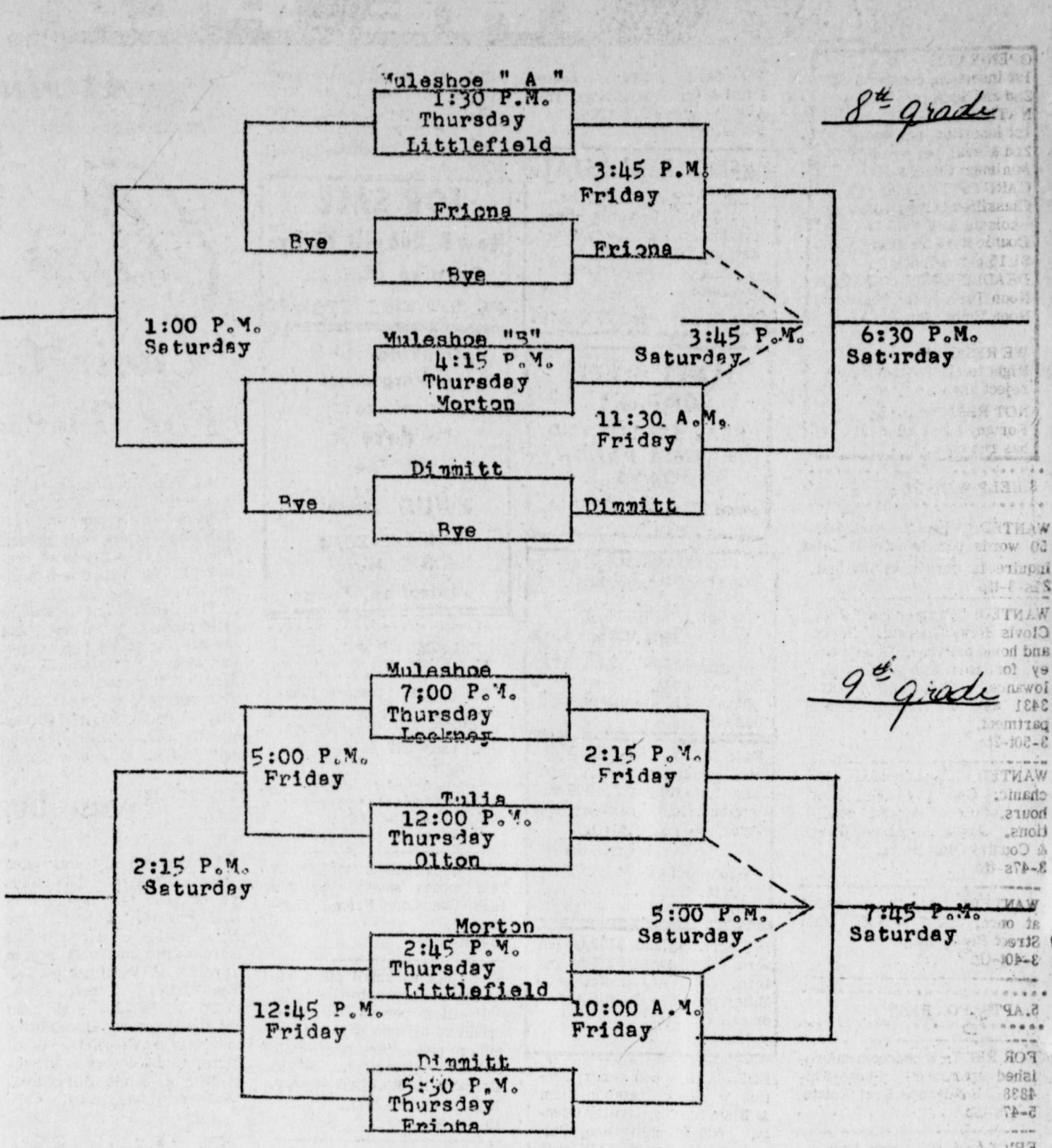
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Choir Concert Set For Tuesday Night

On Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m., the choirs of Muleshoe High School and Muleshoe Junior High School will present their annual Christmas concert in the high school auditorium.

The Junior High Choralairs will present "Twas the Night Before Christmas," by Clement Moore. This famous setting of the traditional poem was recorded by Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians on Decca Records. What child would not delight to seeing Santa,

himself, as he appears in the fireplace and leaves his presents?

The Sixth Grade Choir will present "Christmas In Holland," by Helen Kemp. This is a miniature chancel play in which the music consists of seven authentic Sinterklass and Christmas carols from the Netherlands. The Narrator reads the story while the costumed characters pantomime the action and join in the singing. The characters are St. Nicholas (Sam Whalin), his helper

"A" Team Loses To Littlefield

Monday the A team Mules played Littlefield. The Mules played good ball in the first half and led 15 to 8. The Mules failed to score in the third quarter and only scored 7 points in the final period. The Mules lost their second game 28 to 22. High point for the Mules was Dean Northcutt with seven points. Other Mules to score were Brad Baker with six points, Billy James with six points, Curtis Car-

enter with two points, and Danny Wilson with one point. Be sure to back the Mules in their next game against Olton.

"B" Team Loses To Littlefield

by Edwin Watson

Last Monday the B team Mules went to Littlefield to play. In the first half the Mules couldn't seem to get anything started. At the end of the half the Mules went to the locker room trailing 18 to 4. In the second half the Mules played better ball, but they couldn't catch up to Littlefield. Littlefield won the game 34 to 15. The high scorer was Edwin Watson with six points.

Next was Mike Lopez with four, Trey Stoneham with three, and Ricky Woodard with two.

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T.B. Tests Given

by Dickey Sudduth and Dave Poyner

Monday, December 3, Mrs. Tiller and Mrs. Davis were at the Junior High giving T.B. shots. Everyone in the seventh grade was required to take this shot due to the state law. The students had to take a note to their parents Friday and bring it back by Monday for the shots. Those who didn't bring the notes back Monday and those who were absent had to wait until Wednesday to take them. Those who had the shots Monday had their tests read Wednesday by Mrs. Tiller. It was a very painless test.

Bula News

By Mrs. John Blackman

Mrs. Rowena Richardson is having charge of the programs each afternoon at 2:30 for the week of prayer for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Morris moved this week to their new home in Littlefield. We are sorry to have these good people move from our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Delvin Walden and children and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Walden of Earth were visitors and supper guests with Mrs. Pearl Walden Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Hathcock and children Jeff and Lisa of Carlstad, N.M. were supper guests Friday night of the Nolan Harlans. He is Mrs. Harlan's nephew.

Visitors at the Church of Christ Sunday morning was Mr. and Mrs. Don Chaffin and son Ken from Lubbock. Don is a former member of the church, having lived here when he was a boy.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Simmons Monday and Monday night were friends Mr. and Mrs. Jay Leonard from Pottsville, Arkansas, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Manning from Anza, Calif. The Leonards having spent some time visiting in California were enroute home with their friends returning home with them.



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Use Christmas Tree Safely

COLLEGE STATION -- The live green tree is a symbol of the beauty and joy of Christmas. But a dry tree is a fire hazard that can endanger the holiday season.

Most commercial Christmas trees must be cut well in advance of use. However, prolonged storage in itself may not constitute a hazard. Trees dry much more slowly in outdoor unheated storage than in the dry, warm air in your home, points out Wayne Keese, agricultural engineer for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"A Christmas tree, installed reasonably fresh, with its base immersed in water will remain safe from ignition from a point source, such as a match, for at least three weeks," says Keese.

"On the other hand, trees with prior outdoor storage may become flammable to matches within three to eight days if brought indoors and left dry."

The Texas A&M University System specialist offers some pointers to help assure a fire-safe Christmas in your home:

Buy your tree early so that you can be selective and purchase a reasonably fresh one. Check the tree for signs of needle shedding and brittleness which are signs that the tree has become too dry.

Store the tree outdoors, in the shade, with the base immersed in water. When the tree is brought indoors, saw off the base with a diagonal cut at least one inch above the original cut. Put the tree in a stand with the base of the tree in water.

Locate the tree away from sources of heat, such as a fireplace or heating unit, and where it won't block exits.

Check the water level daily. The tree may use as much as a pint of water each day.

Keep your lighting system in good condition. Inspect lighting strings and discard those with frayed or cracked insulation, broken sockets and loose connections. Buy replacements carrying the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. (UL) label.

Use flame-retardant or non-combustible decorating materials, such as glass, metal or

astobos. Remove combustible Christmas wrappings as soon as possible and place them in covered trash cans.

Do not string lights on a metal tree. To avoid possible electric shock, use only indirect lighting. If the tree has a built-in lighting system, it should carry the UL label.

Do not use lighted candles on a tree or near natural evergreens and polystyrene from decorations.

"Home fires increase in December and many result from carelessness with Christmas trees and decorations," points out Keese.

"A few simple precautions to help make your home fire-safe are especially important at a time when your home contains more than the usual number of fire hazards."

Bullock Calls Tax "Highway Robbery"

Austin, Texas -- Bob Bullock, candidate for State Comptroller, said today that any attempt by the Nixon Administration to jack up the federal gasoline tax would be highway robbery.

"We may very well have shortages of various products and natural resources for the rest of our lives. Does the Administration intend to levy exorbitant taxes every time an item becomes scarce just to

reduce consumption? What has become of the principle of fair and equitable taxation?"

"I recognize, as everyone must, that governmental action is necessary to prevent the waste of our natural resources, but this is accomplished through regulation and not regressive taxation."

"This short sighted approach to solution of our energy crisis would only pick the pockets of the working men

and women of Texas. To them, an automobile is not a luxury. It is a necessity and they cannot afford \$1.00 a gallon for gas to go to and from their jobs, as some of the President's friends may.

"Although Texas now has one of the lowest state gasoline tax rates in the nation, the time may well come when our state tax must be increased to provide improvements in our highways and public education

system. An increase of 30 to 50 cents per gallon in federal taxes would virtually prohibit Texas from raising its five-cent state gasoline tax, the revenue from which is used for these essential services.

"As a candidate for State Comptroller, the office charged by law with the responsibility for collecting state motor fuels taxes, I deplore this contemplated act of piracy and type of woody thinking by officials



Ray Joe Riley of Hart, President of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., has advised the U.S. Administrator of Petroleum Allocation that the proposed allocation of middle distillate fuels to farmers on a "base period volume" system will not work.

The proposal was published in the Federal Register of November 27 and final regulations are to become effective December 27. If unchanged, the proposed rules would restrict farmers to the use of only as much fuel in each month of 1974 as was used in the corresponding month of 1973.

PCG comment on the proposal pointed out that "It is impossible to establish a direct relationship between the total fuel required for the production and harvest of crops in 1973 and the fuel that may be needed to produce and harvest the crops in 1974. And it is even more unrealistic to assume that fuel needs in a given month of one year will conform to the requirements during the corresponding month of any previous year."

The proposed "Mandatory Allocation Program for Middle Distillate Fuels" defined agriculture's "certified need" as "100% of base volume," to which Riley's letter stated "Only fuel to meet 100% of current requirements will produce the food and fiber necessary to prevent the visitation of severe hardship on the consumers of this nation; 100% of base period volume will not."

As an example of the variations in fuel requirements during the same month of different years, Riley cited the fact High Plains farmers in October, November and December of this year have needed five or six times as much fuel for harvesting and land

preparation as was needed in 1972. Of this year's estimated 2.7 million bale cotton crop over 1.5 million bales had been harvested by December 4, he noted, whereas weather prevented harvesting and land preparations last year until January, February and even March of 1973. Only about 200,000 bales of the 1972 crop had been harvested by early December of last year.

"Any number of examples can be cited to show that successful farming operations cannot possibly be carried out from year to year under a month-by-month fuel allocation system," Riley continued.

"For these reasons we urge you accept and make allowances for the fact that agricultural production cannot be maintained, much less increased, if provisions are not made (1) for farmers to obtain fuels when needed, not when they were used in some previous year, and (2) for farmers to obtain fuel over and above the total used in a previous year when the use of additional fuel becomes essential to the production and harvest of crops."

In conclusion the PCG letter said "We recognize there is a fuel shortage and that all segments of the economy, including agriculture, must conserve fuel whenever and wherever possible. And it is our intention to cooperate with your agency in every way to promote maximum production per unit of energy consumed by agriculture. However it is our sincere belief that when agriculture has done all it can to conserve fuel, it is vital to the well-being of this nation that 100% of its remaining needs be filled, and that they be filled at, and not after, the time of need."

TWQB Commission To Receive Testimony

A hearing commission of the Texas Water Quality Board, meeting in the John H. Reagan State Office Building in Austin on December 10th at 10:00 a.m., will receive testimony relative to revisions to the state's Continuing Planning Process which was approved by the Environmental Protection Agency on July 10th in accordance with Section 303(e) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (PL 92-500).

Revisions to the Continuing Planning Process to be considered at the public hearing pertain to changes in the classification of segments, and the inventory and ranking of dischargers.

Proposed water quality standards as forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency on April 18th divided the river and coastal basins within the state into 284 segments which exhibit characteristics significantly different from those of adjacent segments within the basin. In order to implement the classification system required by the Interim Federal Regulations for the formulation of the Continuing Planning Process, each segment within the state was classified as either a water quality segment or effluent limitation segment. This classification was based upon the measured instream water quality where known, as compared

to the proposed water quality standards adopted by the TWQB on April 18th.

When the Texas Water Quality Board's process was approved by the EPA there were 101 segments classified as water quality segments due to the lack of adequate monitoring information necessary to evaluate whether or not the stream standards for those segments were being violated. The reason that there were 101 water quality segments which did not have adequate monitoring data was the result of redefining and adding additional segments which did not have a monitoring station located in those areas.

Five new segments have been added to the water quality standards in addition to the segments added in April, and these water quality standards were approved by the Environmental Protection Agency on October 25th. The five new segments will be classified and included in the revisions to the Continuing Planning Process being considered at this public hearing.

Also to be considered at the hearing will be a revision of the ranking of individual municipal and industrial dischargers. The revision in the discharger ranking is due to the reclassification of the segments and other information developed pursuant to the Continuing Planning Process.

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