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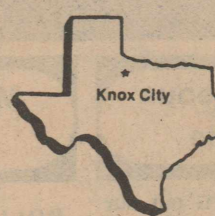


RECEIVING AWARDS at an ice cream supper last Thursday night in the City Park were these members of Boy Scout Troop 161, who are from left first row, Michael Albus, David Thompson, Ray Rios, Michael Rauch, and Mark Delgado. Back row, left to right, Scoutmaster David

Albus, Andy Correll, James Evatt, Mike Oliver, and Adam Garcia. Not present but receiving awards were Tracy Carter and Cliff Hacker. Dick Evatt is assistant scoutmaster. A list of the awards will appear in next week's News.

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Burkham To Be Honored By VATAT

AUSTIN - Leon Burkham, Vocational Agriculture Teacher at Knox City for eighteen years, will be honored by the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas in Houston, July 31, according to Ray Carson, Garland, president of the organization.

Burkham is being recognized for his 20 years of service to the Vocational Agriculture program of Texas.

The award will be presented at the Annual Awards Program of the Association.

The program is held during the State In-Service Education Workshop for Vocational Agriculture Teachers and the 1979 Workshop will emphasize staying up with the changes in today's modern agriculture. Leaders in agriculture and education from throughout the state and nation will participate in the four-day, in-service meeting. Education features of the meeting will be under the direction of J.A. Marshall, director of agriculture education, Texas Education Agency, Austin. Marshall will be assisted by G.G. Scroggins, assistant director, agriculture education, TEA.

Burkham graduated from Burk Burnett High School, received his B.S. degree from Abilene Christian University and M.E. degree from Sam Houston State University. He holds the Honorary State Farmer Degree in the Texas Future Farmers of America; and as a student of FFA he received the State Farmer Degree in 1954. Members of the Knox City FFA chapter have earned and received many honors and awards under Burkham's direction.

These many awards and banners are displayed in the classroom of the Knox City FFA chapter. Approximately 1600 Vocational Agriculture Teachers and friends are expected to attend the Houston meeting with headquarters in the Shamrock Hilton Hotel. Registration for the meeting begins at 3:00 p.m. Monday, July 30. General sessions will be held in the Grand Ballroom, Shamrock Hilton Hotel.

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Art Show Slated At Mini Mall

An art show featuring the works of Stuart Miller and his students will be held Sunday afternoon, July 29, from two until four o'clock at The Art Stall in the Mini Mall.

The show will include Miller's work and that of his seven students who were enrolled in his oil painting class.

A new oil painting class will begin Tuesday, July 31, and will be held every other Tuesday night from 7:00 until 10:00 o'clock. Realistic painting of landscapes, seascapes, mountains, and other subjects will be individually taught on the beginner through advanced levels.

Information as well as supplies may be obtained at The Art Stall.

Leah, Tammy Also Win

Kristi Boone Named Seymour Queen

Kristi Boone of Knox City was named the Queen of the 82nd Seymour Old Settlers Reunion Rodeo recently. Kristi, who was sponsored by Knox Feed Lot of Knox City, won the horsemanship division of the contest.

Fourteen-year-old Kristi will be a freshman at Knox City-O'Brien High School this fall and will be serving as one of the twirlers with the Greyhound Band. Kristi, an honor student, plays basketball and runs track and has been a district winner in UIL poetry reading. She is also active in 4-H, having had sewing, poultry, swine and horse projects and was a member of the Knox County Senior 4-H Horse Judging team which qualified for state competition this year.

Tammy Carver of Benjamin was named second runner-up in the Queen contest at Seymour, winning the appearance division of the contest. She was sponsored by Norma's Leather Express of Knox City. Tammy, an eighteen-year-old graduating senior from Benjamin High School, will be entering Ranger Junior College this fall on a basketball scholarship. She has been active in all phases of 4-H work, having had sewing, cooking and numerous livestock and horse projects. She was named Knox County Gold Star Girl. Tammy played basketball and served as cheerleader for Benjamin High School.

Leah Boone was named first runner-up in the junior Queen contest at Seymour. Leah won the personality division of the junior contest. She was sponsored by Boone-Ligon Ranch of Knox City. Eleven-year-old Leah, an honor student, will be in sixth grade at Knox City-O'Brien Mid-School this fall. She participates in band, UIL poetry reading and picture memory, and plays basketball. Leah is also active in 4-H, having sewing and horse projects and being a member of the Knox County Junior Horse Judging team which placed third at district this year.

This was the first time in the history of the Seymour rodeo that non-Baylor County residents have competed in the queen contest.

The girls were judged on personality, horsemanship, and appearance. They were interviewed by the three judge panel, which included a former Miss Rodeo Texas, Monica Nix of Wichita Falls, at a Coke party. They then competed in riding a horsemanship pattern and answered questions regarding general knowledge of horses and the sport of rodeo. The girls, their horses and tack were judged for appearance during the parade, grand entry, and introduction at the rodeo.

Kristi and Leah are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boone, and Tammy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carver.



KRISTI BOONE
...senior rodeo queen



TAMMY CARVER
...senior queen runner-up



LEAH BOONE
...junior queen runner-up

Cemetery Is In Need Of Funds

The Knox City Cemetery Fund is in dire need of funds to continue with maintenance of the cemetery.

According to city officials, rising costs of labor, fuel, and equipment have taken their toll. Last year it was necessary to purchase a large mower at a cost of approximately \$1,600.00.

In addition to this, due to numerous requests, a pump was installed and water lines were repaired.

These expenses combined with the usual maintenance have depleted the funds while at least three months of the growing season remain.

Officials urge all interested persons to make a contribution so efforts can be made to continue caring for the entire cemetery.

Foursquare Camp Set August 4-11

Foursquare Gospel pastor Stuart Miller reminds interested persons of the Foursquare Family Camp at Buffalo Gap to be held August 4 through 11.

Persons from all churches are welcome to participate in these Christian activities for the family, he said. The campgrounds are among the finest available providing air conditioned dorms, swimming pool, softball, volleyball, and individual sports.

In addition to the recreation, Bible study classes for all age groups are provided morning and evening.

For further information concerning registration and fee for the week-long camp, which is located west of Buffalo Gap next to the State Park, persons may contact the Foursquare parsonage.

Weather

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7-17	75	88	
7-18	72	83	
7-19	69	77	
7-20	69	87	
7-21	69	94	
7-22	77	99	
7-22	75	99	

Did You Know...

that Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Folds, 316 Stinson, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001 subscribe to The Knox County News?

All-Stars Fall In Second Round Of Play

Members of the Knox City All-Stars had their hopes of advancing to the district playoffs dwindle Tuesday night of last week when they were defeated by Munday 15-6 in the second round of Little League play.

Knox City had advanced to the Tuesday night game by beating Crowell 8-6 while Munday defeated Seymour 9-0.

Ricky Bishop, manager of the KC All-Stars, won the coin flip and chose to be the home team. Among the umpires was Hershel Tankersley of Knox City at second base.

Starting line-up for the KC squad was Jerry Gutierrez, pitcher; Tracy Carter, first; Oscar Gideon, right field; Andy Correll, catcher; Terry Lowrey, second; Joe Lomeli, third; Michael Albus, center field; Nathan Staggs, short stop; Mike Rauch, left field; and Ray Hernandez, Steve

Cartwright Selected Is Outstanding

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America Awards Program has announced that former Benjamin resident, Terry Joe Cartwright of Lubbock, has been selected for inclusion in the 1979 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America.

Cartwright, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Cartwright of Benjamin, was selected from nominations received from senators, congressmen, governors, mayors, state legislators, university and college presidents and deans as well as various civic groups - including the United States Jaycees which also endorsed the Outstanding Young Men of America program.

In every community there are young men working diligently to make their cities, as well as their country, better places in which to live. These men, having distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor, are outstanding and deserve to be recognized for their achievements. The criteria for selection include a man's voluntary service to community, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments and civic and political participation.

Cartwright, along with fellow Outstanding Young Men throughout North America will be featured in this prestigious annual awards publication.

Oudems, Ronnie Reece, and James Byrd, substitutes.

Munday's line-up included Mark Brown, second; Todd Thompson, center field; Frankie Stinnett, short stop; Dent Offutt, catcher; Greg Urbanczyk, third; Joe Castorena, pitcher; Ryan Offutt, left field; Russell Smith, first; and Randy Reagins, right field. Substitutes were Neil Waggoner, Melissa Fernandez, Don Dixon, Randy Kuehler, and Brad Angerer.

Munday scored three runs in the first and Knox City came back and scored two runs on one hit. In the second inning, a Munday player was safe on an error and nine men came to bat. Five runs were scored on two hits before KC got three outs.

The third inning saw Munday making six runs on four hits with two men left on base. KC had two errors.

KC sent eight men to the plate, scoring two runs on two hits and leaving three stranded in the bottom half of the third.

Munday pushed across one more run in the last three innings on one hit while KC scored three runs on three hits.

KC's pitchers had two strike outs and gave up nine walks.

In the game against Crowell, Correll pitched six innings for KC with Carter and Rauch being the leading hitters with two each. Knox City garnered seven hits with seven men left on base and one error.

Texas Gross Sales Show Increase

AUSTIN - State Comptroller Bob Bullock Thursday said gross sales in Texas for the first quarter of 1979 totaled \$48.5 billion, a \$6.1 billion increase over the same three-month period last year.

Bullock said a sales tax analysis for Texas during 1978 showed that gross sales in the state exceeded \$186 billion.

Bullock also released a computer analysis showing reported sales for each of the state's 254 counties and a sales tax analysis broken down by the state's Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

Knox County's gross sales were \$6,243,458 for the first quarter 1979 and gross taxable sales were \$5,738,523.

Slow Pitch Tourney Underway

The Slow Pitch Tournament, sponsored by the Knox City-O'Brien Greyhound Booster Club, got underway Tuesday night and will continue tonight (Thursday), Friday night, and all day Saturday. Game time is 7:00 p.m. except Saturday when the first game is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. The championship game is set for 10:00 p.m. Saturday.

Proceeds from the tournament will be used to purchase a much-needed camera to film Greyhound football games and other school sports activities.

Sixteen teams are entered in the tournament, including teams from Munday, Knox City, Haskell, Seymour, Rochester, and Stamford.

Bobby Vasquez is chairman of the tournament committee. Serving with Vasquez on the committee are Roland Marion and David Counts.

Barbecue hamburgers, snacks, and cold drinks are available at the concession stand during the games, officials said. Concession stand chairperson is Mrs. Sequoyah Reynolds.

Mrs. McCown Is Buried Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Nadine McCown were held Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. John Gillispie, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery in Stamford under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. McCown, 50, was dead on arrival at 8:20 p.m. Monday at Knox County Hospital. Born May 22, 1929, in Old Glory, Texas, she married John R. McCown on May 2, 1950, in Sagerton. The couple moved to Knox City from Lueders in 1957.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, John; two sons, Jerry and Johnny, both of Knox City; a daughter, Mrs. Mike (Judy) Wyatt of Bowie; her father, Albert Suter of Knox City; a brother, Nelson Suter of Old Glory; and a granddaughter, Jennifer Wyatt of Bowie.

Casket bearers were Henry L. White, Don Hawkins, Wayne Rowan, Thomas Wayne Williamson, Larry McCown, and Tommy Warren.

For 1980 Primary

Demos Vote To Keep Option Open

A state Democratic rules panel chaired by Mrs. Carrin Patman of Ganado voted Saturday "to keep fully open" the party's option to hold a presidential preference primary in connection with its regular 1980 May 3rd primary election. It also approved a plan based on the traditional Texas convention system for the actual election of Texas' 152 delegates and 77 alternates to the 1980 Democratic National Convention.

The committee's recommendations will now go to the full State Democratic Executive Committee for approval at a meeting to be held in Corpus Christi on July 28th. Said Mrs. Patman, SDEC member from the 18th senatorial district, "I am extremely pleased with the committee's recommendation. It is a middle-ground, common sense approach which allows us to judge the national presidential picture as it develops between now and next spring and to decide at that more appropriate

time whether it would be worthwhile to hold a presidential primary. "After all," she pointed out, "we don't yet know whether Jimmy Carter, as our incumbent President, will or won't have any opposition for the Democratic nomination. "If Carter turns out to be the only candidate, a presidential primary would only cost the taxpayers money and force local election officials to have to count the votes in an extra, meaningless race.

Baty, Pierce Play

East, West Split All-Star Games

STEPHENVILLE - The Texas Six-Man All-Star basketball and football games provided a thrilling climax here Saturday to a week of activities and coaching clinics sponsored by the Stephenville Chamber of Commerce.

Brian Deaver of Brock, an East player who shared scoring honors at 22 points with Arango, was awarded the Most Valuable Player trophy.

In the basketball game, the West squad was sparked by Frank Arango of Christoval to a comeback bid after being down by thirteen points early in the second half. The West squad steadily ate away at the East lead and tied the game for the first time at 83 all with five minutes to go. The lead then vollied back and forth until Randy Woodard of Hedley flicked in the game winner for the West, 99-98, with two seconds to go.

The East team, however, won the evening's Six-Man Football game handily by the score of 34-6. The East piled up 232 yards of rushing behind the 92 yards and two touchdown efforts of Milford's Regus Bell. The East scored in the first and third quarters to lead 12-0 before the West finally scored with little over a minute to play. The East then added one more touchdown with 44 seconds left to secure the game.

Bell was named the game's Most Valuable Player while Mike Buseno of Cherokee was named the Most Valuable Offensive Player with 68 rushing yards on ten carries and James Williamson of Hermleigh was named the Most Valuable Defensive Player with fifteen tackles and a fumble recovery.

Attendance at the two games was up 25% over last year and the entire week proved to be an outstanding success. Since the games moved to Stephenville last year the West has won both basketball games and the two units have split in the football games.

Participating in the games from Benjamin were Louis Baty and Joey Pierce.

Cotton Variety Demonstrations Set

Two cotton variety result demonstrations have been planted in Knox County this year. They are located on the Howard Myers farm, five miles west of Munday, and the Louis Baty farm, one-half mile west of Gilliland, according to Tommy Antilley, County Extension Agent.

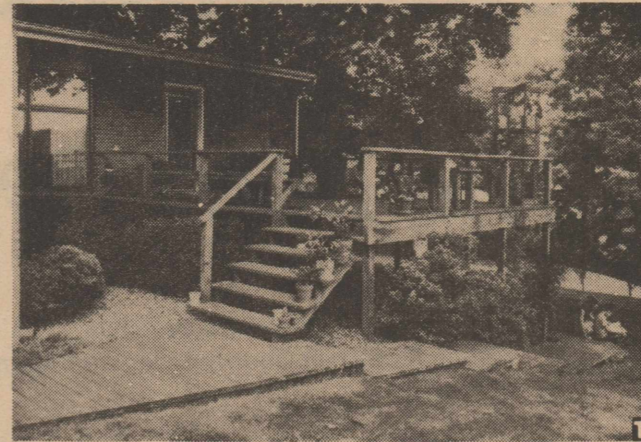
These tests include several of the new varieties that have recently been released or some that will be released in the near future. Some of these include TX-CAMD E, Cascot BR-1, TX-ORBO okra leaf and others. Producers are encouraged to visit these tests throughout the season and compare your favorite variety to others.

Gordon Melins Yard Of Month

The yard of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Melin at 211 South Second has been chosen by members of the Knox City Garden Club as Yard of the Month.

Making the selection were Mrs. M.L. Cowan and Mrs. Arthur Crownover who based the decision on the yard's beautiful flowers and overall neatness.

DECORATING YOUR DECK



Other attractive plants for your deck garden are ferns. They must be watered often and sheltered from the wind.

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A deck can be an ideal place to enjoy that first cup of coffee in the morning, especially if it's an attractive place to be—and you can make it so with the addition of appropriate plants and furniture.

To make sure both deck and railing remain unaffected by water draining off plants, you should construct them with a pressure-treated lumber like Wolmanized® wood. Containers for large plants, shrubs or trees can also be made of this durable material so that they too will withstand the weather.

To harmonize with the larger scale of the outdoors, plants should be larger than those for indoors, possibly displayed at several levels—ground, eye and deck railing.

Containers holding tall plants or trees should be weighted so they cannot be toppled over by the wind.

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Congressman

Charles W. Stenholm

Congressional Comment

Washington, D.C. — For most of this century agriculture has been a depressed or subsidized sector of our economy. This situation has not occurred because of obsolescence, or poor management, or low productivity as has happened in other ailing industries. The reason that agriculture has been experiencing difficulties is because the farmer has been encouraged to produce to the point where he more than satisfies the needs of the market. The problem we have been facing most of this century is not shortages — but surpluses. And with surpluses have come less expensive food and low farm income.

produce becomes property of the government. This policy, when administered properly, as is the case recently, can provide a good return to producers and insure an adequate supply to the consumer at a fair price. The cost to the taxpayer is relatively low. Over the 40 year history of the loan program, for every dollar paid out by the government, 90¢ has been recovered from the market.

Currently the 1980 wheat program is being developed. The Secretary of Agriculture is considering a program which will call for all out production. I have written the Secretary outlining my proposals on this issue. I feel strongly that we should not provide for a zero set aside without adequate compensation to the farmer. Experience has taught us that too great a level of output will depress prices below the cost of production. I can still recall the effects of the 1974-5 program which encouraged the farmer to produce fencerow-to-fencerow, and from which we are just now recovering. I fear that just as the American grain farmer is beginning to enjoy relative prosperity, we will produce a record domestic crop which could wreck our market if foreign output increases. In response to this situation, I am calling for minimum loan prices on wheat of \$2.43 per bushel, which will result in a trigger price of about \$4.80 and a \$6.00 call price. Also the target price should be set near the \$4.20 bushel mark, which will allow all Americans to share the risk if we once again over-produce. Farmers have suffered greatly from the high cost and unavailability of diesel and I feel these price levels are justified if we are to ask our farmers for all out production.

We are continually faced with the dual problem of providing for the world's nutritional needs and at the same time insuring an adequate return to our producers. One of the most successful programs that addresses both of these goals is the farm loan system and more recently the grain reserve. This program is administered by the Commodity Credit Corporation. Farmers can store their produce in government warehouses and receive a loan payment. If the market prices go above the loan rate, then the farmer can withdraw his crop in an orderly fashion and sell it in the marketplace. If the market price is below the loan rate for a sufficient period of time, then the loan expires and the

Distorting economy

AUSTIN, Texas (Sp.) — Some of the protective actions people take as a hedge against inflation can cause even more inflation, says the director of The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

Dr. Charles Holt says such actions usually are prompted when the price of an essential commodity increases and is expected to continue to increase.

"They buy diamonds, jewelry, gold, silver, and land and real estate to the extent that people distort their holding of economic assets," he says. "They're really distorting the economic activity."

Some voices will be raised to say that the prices I have outlined are excessive. But we must remember that in order for a person to stay in business he must receive a reasonable rate of compensation for the services he provides. Food is essential for our survival and the continued vitality of the agricultural industry is important to our economic and defense position in the world. If you eat you are involved in agriculture and agricultural policy.

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Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will begin at 9 a.m. on July 24, 1979, in the offices of the Texas Public Utility Commission in Austin, Texas, on a proposal by Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. to make certain changes in the format of selected Texas telephone directories.

The principal proposed changes are: (1) to separate business and residential listings in the white pages, with residential surnames listed once in boldface type followed by the alphabetical listing of the individuals' given names in regular type; and (2) to add, in addition to the "white pages" business and residential listings and the Yellow Pages business listings, a third set of "blue pages" listing the numbers of selected governmental and public service agencies.

Inquiries may be addressed to the Texas Public Utility Commission, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Austin, Texas 78757.

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Note: Recipe may be halved.



County Historical Commission Meets

The Knox County Historical Commission met at the County Courthouse in Benjamin on Saturday afternoon, July 21, for its regular monthly meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Virginia Casey, commission chairman. Minutes were read and approved. Mrs. Clara Brown was appointed first vice chairman.

Mrs. Virgil (Bonnie) Johnson, chairman of the Foard County Historical Commission will speak to the Knox County Historical Commission at the next meeting on August 18.

The State Highway Department has asked the Commission to check on Highways 82 and 114 to determine if there is any historical or archaeological sight within one hundred yards of the roadway that should not be disturbed in case the highway should be widened within the next five years.

Commission members continued the cleaning and indexing of cases in the main hall of the courthouse. The members also decided to ask the help of county schools in typing records and in cleaning and indexing trophy cases.

Members of the Commission who were present at this July meeting were Mrs. Casey, Marion Cunningham, Glenn Feemster, Frances Coffman, and Sudia Cash.

BOOSTER CLUB Slow Pitch Tourney

continues

July 26 - 27 - 28

Weeknights 7:00 to 11:00

Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

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KNOX CITY LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD

Check The Soil

How Costly Is Your Dream Home?

By JERRY D. DAIGLE
Vernon Soil Scientist

Almost everyone has thought about building their dream home at one time or another. Most people get that opportunity sometime during their lifetime. How successful this expensive venture is depends on many factors. Certainly cost, kinds of materials, and quality of workmanship are important considerations. Proper design is important, too. Blueprints and contracts are made to assure the construction is properly done and that the foundation is sound. You know the old adage ... "A

good building stands on a good foundation." Yet, how many people know what the real foundation of their home - the soil - is really like?

Acres and lots are usually selected from a variety of viewpoints including external appearance, availability, and cost. Many others exist but seldom is a site selected considering the real purpose for which it is intended - to provide a stable support and a pleasing, easily cared for, surrounding for that dream home.

Not all soils can fill this bill. Many have limitations which affect their performance as a foundation, some shrink when they are dry and swell when they are wet. They can easily crack an average foundation, causing damage to floors and walls. Many are very poorly suited to septic tank filter fields. Others are slow to drain and are limited in the number of well adapted trees and shrubs. Without special considerations, these soils can turn a dream home into a headache.

Anyone considering the purchase of a lot, the construction of a home or even the purchase of an existing home should take advantage of the recently completed soil survey of Knox County. It can

answer many questions about the location you are considering and point out problem areas which might exist with the soil there.

This information is available at your local Soil Conservation Service Office. In some cases, on-site investigation is also available. SCS services are free and are available without regard to race, color, creed, or religion.

In these days when the urge is to get away from it all, to move to the country or onto your own acreage, it pays to know what you're getting away from and especially what you're getting yourself into. So go ahead and check it out - consult a soil survey.

King Co. Rodeo Set August 2 - 4

The eighth annual King County Lions Club Junior Rodeo is set for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, August 2, 3, and 4, in Guthrie.

Events include steer, bull and bareback riding, ribbon and tie down roping, and pole, barrel and flag races.

Jackpots, trophies, and ribbons will be presented to all around winners in each age group including 1-13, 14-17, and 18-21.

Runt Sloan will be the stock producer for the rodeo, and a dance will be held on Friday and Saturday nights as noted by their ad elsewhere in this week's News.

OMISSION

Two players were not pictured in the photograph of the Pony League in last week's News.

Those not present when photo was made were Robert Sutton and David Flores.

Farm & Ranch News

By Tommy Antille
County Extension Agent

A bollworm moth egg-lay prediction has been developed for Knox County, according to Knox County Agent Tommy Antille.

Data from which the prediction was made was compiled daily by Dr. Jeffery Slosser, research entomologist, from two light traps which are located near Goree in Knox County. Increased bollworm moth egg-laying activity is expected starting July 23 and reaching its peak on August 6. Eggs should be easiest to find in the field from August 3 through August 8.

Producers should inspect their fields closely to determine if bollworm eggs are being deposited and if the eggs are hatching. The need for bollworm control should be based on the number of

small bollworms that can be found in the plant terminals and the level of damage that the bollworms are causing.

Prior to blooming, 15% to 25% green square damage is the economic threshold for bollworms. After cotton begins to set bolls, 8% to 10% green square damage is the economic threshold.

Beneficial insect and spider populations are moderate to heavy in most fields and will be a great help in reducing bollworm populations.

It has been shown that lush green cotton during peak egg lay will have heavy worm damage, usually more than fields that were stressed during this time. Producers should try to complete watering 5-10 days prior to peak egg-lay.

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Opry Goes On TV

By BETSY STITELER

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The old theater was a part of the Main Street downtown area. Like the buildings that bolstered its decaying sides, the theater was a reminder of a brief era of prosperity that had, in recent years, eluded the small town.

Only scattered brown threads remained of what used to be a thick carpet. Children passing time on hot summer days would peer through the dusty glass doors into the darkness and spin tales of the ghosts that had taken refuge in its musty corners.

No one seemed to believe in the town, at least not in its future. It was a slow-dry death that swirled up in the dust of the sand-covered streets of Grapevine in the late 60's.

By the mid-'70s, the sand was beginning to settle and the town, instead of quietly accepting its fate, was rapidly becoming a city.

Construction had just been completed on a futuristic international airport, much of it within the city limits. And for the first time in Grapevine's history, city coffers were beginning to bulge from property taxes.

Grapevine was alive, breathing in great gulps of the financial fuel that feeds cities. But something was missing. There was no artistic haven, no creative surge, no "culture."

What the city did have, though, was Chisai Childs.

Chisai Childs has the tall lanky look of a model. Her short-cropped brown hair caught the light as she moved among the crowd. "I want to thank y'all for coming. We're just so proud and excited," she bubbled as she glided about the room with the confident assurance of someone who was born to cocktail patter.

For Chisai, last Sunday evening was a long time coming. Her Grapevine Opry has not only caught the imagination and attention of the Dallas area and the Nashville music community, but the night marked the first taping of a television pilot by WFAA-TV.

It's a long shot. But there is a chance that the Grapevine Opry may become a television series.

Chisai has all ten fingers crossed.

"I have one change that I have to make in ten seconds. We've done it three times and I haven't made it yet. I guess tonight they'll just have to shoot me from the neck up." A thin-flat laugh, that embellished a West Texas drawl, escaped as Chisai's face broke into a smile. She looked like a 17-year-old girl going to her first prom. Filled with delicious tension.

When Chisai first saw the old theater on Main Street, she saw beyond the dust, the threadbare carpets and the ghosts. She saw a place filled with a quiet elegance of the old South, where musicians could practice their craft.

A contract was drawn in 1975 and within days the decaying theater belonged to Chisai.

There were months of scrubbing and cleaning, painting and planning. There was gum to be scraped from beneath the theater seats; floors, embedded with years of sticky soft-drinks, to be cleaned; a stage to be repaired and a sound system to be built. The theater was taking on a different look, not new, but different.

Chisai's Aunt Susie came to see the place. Susie Slaughter was more than just Chisai's great aunt, she was a multi-million dollar aunt. After hearing her great niece's plans and having one of the theater seats collapse under her, Aunt Susie wrote out a check for three quarters of a million dollars and essentially told Chisai to go out and buy her dream.

The exterior of the theater



ENTERTAINERS JOIN OPRY co-hosts Chisai Childs and Johnnie High in the finale of the first WFAA-TV taping of The Grapevine Opry Show.

The 30-minute segment was filmed before a packed house of spectators July 15.



WFAA-TV CAMERA CREWS are shown filming opening shots of the Grapevine Opry for its upcoming TV pilot. Once an old condemned theatre on Main Street in Grapevine, the now elegant structure has since become "the

fastest growing country music show in the United States". Chisai Childs, Opry owner, and her sidekick Johnnie High, shown in front of the Opry, emcee this weekly talent showcase.



WFAA CAMERAMAN captures the unique performance of the Grapevine Opry's Entertainer of the Year Shoji Tabuchi, who is accompanied by the Opry house band.

is a bright blue. White trims the doorway and lightbulbs outline the words, Grapevine Opry. A steady stream of people walks through the double glass doors. A thousand hands push the brass handles, slightly tarnished from over-use, as 500-plus people push toward their seats. It has become a weekly event.

But Sunday was special: the opry moved into the world of minicams, floor directors, takes and retakes. The Grapevine Opry took to the tube.

Instead of the normal two-hour Friday or Saturday night show, there were four 15-minute taping segments.

The stage, already ringed with lights, had the additional lighting necessary for television.

Everyone settled down into the plush blue chairs, focusing on the red velvet curtains and Andy Klarer, the WFAA floor director who

coordinated the taping session. The audience practiced clapping on cue.

Klarer said they're not doing as well as *Bowling For Dollars* audiences, and got what he wanted, more applause.

Within minutes the curtains parted and out came the stars of the Opry, Chisai Childs and Johnnie High. George Jones and Tammy Wynette Texas-style. The applause rose, without Klarer's cue. Chisai and Johnny were Grapevine's pride and joy.

The taping featured a country mix of cloggers, the Texas Travelers; an oriental fiddler, Shoji Tabuchi; vocalist and train whistle impressionist Box Car Willie; RCA recording artist Dotsy; and Joey and Jill Floyd, a brother-sister singing team.

In the background the Opry Band played. A huge white grand piano with red gingham on the side commanded about half of the

stage. Fiddle and steel guitar dominated the sound.

But with the Grapevine Opry, it was more than a sound you noticed. It was a mood. The audience seemed content to share its own cultural contribution with the area, the state or the country, depending on the result of the taping. But most looked as if they would be just as content to keep the Opry as their own.

Johnnie High thanked the standing-room-only crowd for being there. Chisai beamed. Everyone was back out on the stage when the band broke into *Orange Blossom Special*.

This time the cameras weren't rolling, but the performers were. Suddenly everyone was loose and the literal joy in the music flooded the auditorium. Hands clapping, feet stomping, shouts of "Well, alright," filled the room. Somehow you felt that this is the Grapevine Opry as it should be... raw, raucous and real.

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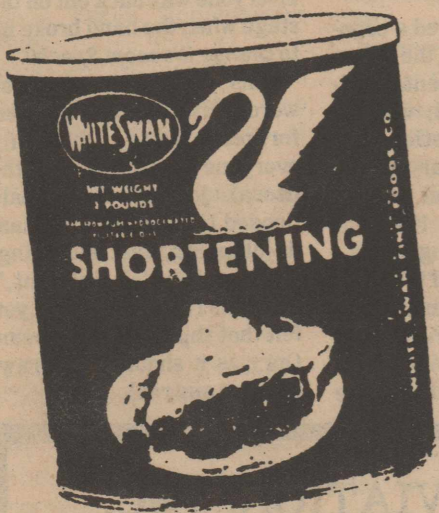
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