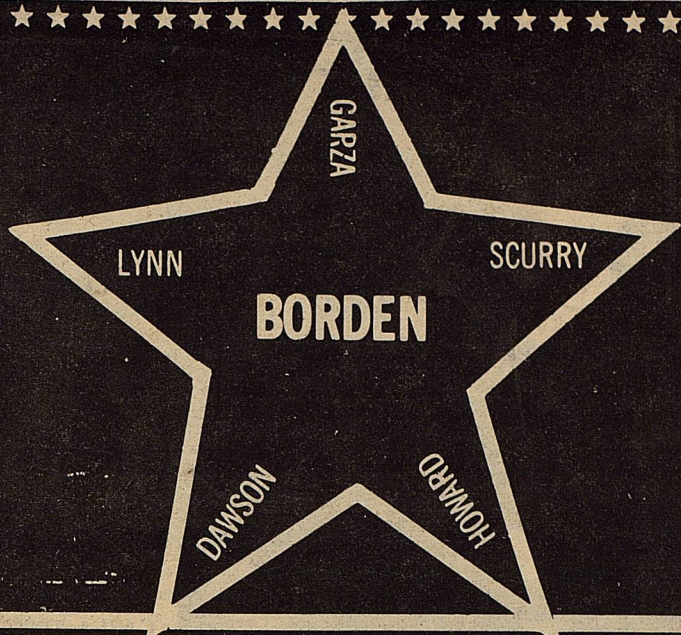


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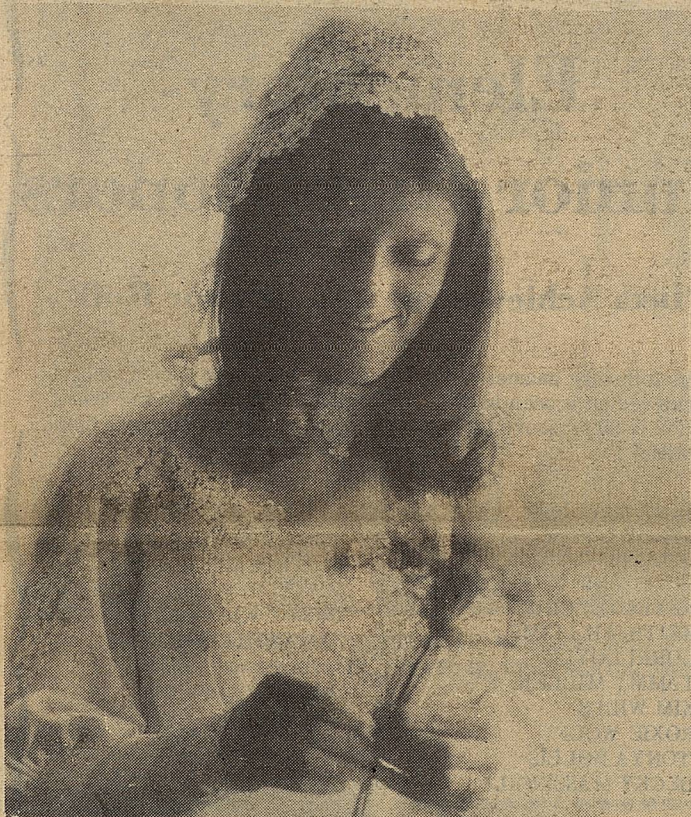


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MRS. JAMES MONTE SMITH ...nee Deidre Shon Tucker

Vows Repeated

Deidre Shon Tucker and James Monte Smith were united in marriage at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, October 8 in the Bethel Baptist Church, Luther, Texas. Pastor Harold D. Carroll officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Tucker, Jr. of Vealmoor and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith of Gail.

Pre-neptual musical selections were played by Martha Anderson, pianist.

Vows were exchanged before a large basket arrangement of white gladiolas and white mums placed in front of the altar.

White pew markers marked the aisles.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was attired in a formal gown of candlelight chiffon satin accented in silk Guipure lace. The Victorian gown was styled in a moulded bodice featuring a sheer yoke neckline with a picture frame of lace. The stained glass window skirt was framed in lace scallops with

cut-away under the lace. A deep circular flounce encircled the skirt sweeping to a chapel train. She wore a matching lace edged mantilla and carried a colonial type bouquet of white roses, daisies and baby's breath.

Miss Kevva Tucker served as her sister's only attendant and maid of honor. She wore a jersey gown of bittersweet color.

The semi-halter bodice was covered with a matching poncho cape, and the soft flowing skirt was gently draped. The maid of honor carried a nosegay Jack Straw Poms and peach colored Sonia Roses.

Mr. John Anderson of Borden County served as the groom's best man. Ringbearer was Eric Lusk, the bride's cousin and four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lusk of Vealmoor. Ushers were Mr. Darin Tucker, brother of the Bride, Vealmoor and Mr. Doug Tate, brother-in-law of the groom, Seminole. The groom's attendants wore dark brown frock coats and trousers compli-

mented with bittersweet shirts.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tucker in Vealmoor.

The bride's table was covered with white eyelet embroidery with a floor length gathered skirt of the same material. A silver candeladrum holding the bride's bouquet centered the table. The three tiered white wedding cake was accented with the bride's chosen color of bittersweet and topped with two white dove. Crystal appointments were used. Cake and punch were served to the guests by Miss Lisa Ludecke, O'Donnell, and Mrs. Paula Tate, sister of the groom from Seminole.

Following the reception, the bride and groom left on an extended wedding trip to Padre Island and surrounding area.

The couple will be at home after October 16 and will reside in the Vealmoor Community where the groom is employed by Sonny Tucker Transport.

Miss Tucker is a 1976 graduate of Borden High School and attended Howard County College in Big Spring.

Mr. Smith is a 1975 graduate of Borden High School and attended Western Texas College in Snyder.

Belew Re-elected To Board

Burl Belew of Fluvanna was re-elected to the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation Districts board of directors at an election held Tuesday evening, October 4, in the Borden County Courthouse in Gail. Belew represents Zone 4 of the district.

The purpose of the Upper Colorado SWCD, with headquarters in Snyder is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on farm and ranch lands within the district and to serve as a voice for farmers and ranchers on conservation matters and other issues affecting private property rights of landowners.

The board of directors coordinates the conservation efforts of various local, state and federal agencies and other organizations and has authority to enter into working agreements with these governmental agencies and private concerns to carry out its purposes.

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As one of five individuals serving on the district board of directors, Belew will be responsible for district policies and procedures for carrying out the district program within the framework of the Texas soil conservation law.

In Texas there are 198 soil and water conservation districts. Each is a legal subdivision of state government organized by local agricultural landowners with the assistance of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Unlike most other legal subdivisions of state government, SWCD's do not have the powers of taxation or eminent domain. All conservation programs managed by the districts are of a voluntary nature to the landowner or operator.

Organized in June 1941, the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District serves all of Borden and Scurry Counties.

Local 4-Her wins state

Dana Westbrook, a Howard County 4-H member who has gotten practical experience in home remodeling and decoration, has been named the state winner in the 4-H Home Environment Program.

Dana will receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond provided by The S&H Foundation, Inc., which also provides 24 trips to the National 4-H Congress and six scholarships of \$1,000 each at the national level. Dana's state-winning record book will be entered in the national competition, announce state 4-H officials at Texas A&M University.

The 4-H member is the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross W. Westbrook of Gail Rt., Big Spring. She is a member of the Gay Hill 4-H Club and is currently a freshman at Abilene Christian University



DANA WESTBROOK

majoring in home economics education.

Dana has been active the past

year helping her family remodel a ranch house. This has involved painting, paneling and putting in insulation. She also helped select house plants and furniture.

For the past three years, Dana's record book on her home environment project has been selected tops in district judging.

She has competed in 4-H dress revues and has exhibited numerous prize-winning livestock, including the reserve champion Poland China barrow at the 1972 State Fair of Texas.

Dana has held all offices in her local 4-H club and has also served on the county 4-H council. She is a junior leader for home environment, clothing and food project groups.

Dana is a 1976 graduate of Borden High School.

Borden County School News



ACHIEVING BETA ACHIEVEMENT IN HIGH SCHOOL were left to right back row- Glynda Burkett, Carla Jones, Mayme McClaury, Jana Edwards, Talley Griffin and Debra Kountz. Front Row: Martha Anderson, Lesa Barnes, Kevva Tucker and Lisa McLeroy. Unavailable for picture were Brent Rhoton and Denise Currey.



ACHIEVING THE HONOR ROLL IN HIGH SCHOOL were left to right-back row- Janna Love, Tammy Telchik, Becky Miller, Danny Holmes, and Heather McPhaul. Front row: Tim Smith, Lesa Hensley, Twila Telchik, Vickie Jones and Ben Murphy.



BETA CLUB OFFICERS are President, Kevva Tucker; Lesa Hensley, VicePresident; and Lisa McLeroy, Secretary. Unavailable for picture was Denise Currey, Reporter.

Beta Club Elects Officers

The Beta Club met on October 5, 1977. The club elected officers. They are as follows: President - Kevva Tucker Vice President - Lesa Hensley Secretary-Treasurer - Lisa McLeroy Reporter - Denise Currey

The club discussed the Homecoming Reception. Committees were set up for the reception. The club also discussed the cover for the Homecoming Program and projects the club will do.

Menu

October 17-31, 1977

MONDAY

Burritos
Tossed Salad
Buttered Corn
Apple Cobbler
Milk

TUESDAY

Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes
English Peas
Pineapple Slices
Hot Rolls and Butter
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Tamales with Chili & Cheese
Mexican Bean Salad
Pear Half
Brownies
Milk

THURSDAY

Tacos
Lettuce Wedge
Pinto Beans
Plain Cake with Chocolate
Icing
Milk

FRIDAY

Hamburgers
French Fries
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles
Peanut Butter Cake
Milk

High School Honors

Beta Achievement

The following named students achieved an academic evaluation of 90 or above in each subject.

MARTHA ANDERSON	12
LESA BARNES	12
DENISE CURREY	12
KEVVA TUCKER	12
LISA McLEROY	11
BRENT RHOTON	11
GLYNDA BURKETT	11
CARLA JONES	10
MAYME McLAURY	10
JANNA EDWARDS	9
TALLEY GRIFFIN	9
DEBRA KOUNTZ	9
HEATHER McPHAUL	9

Honor Roll

The following named students achieved an academic average of 90, with no evaluation less than 85 in a subject.

LESA HENSLEY	12
TIM SMITH	12
TWILA TELCHIK	12
VICKIE JONES	11
JANNA LOVE	10
BEN MURPHY	10
BECKY MILLER	9
TAMMY TELCHIK	9
DANNY HOLMES	9

Elementary-Junior High Honors

Beta Achievement

The following named students achieved an academic evaluation of 90 or above within each subject.

GENA McLEROY	8
LYNDY DOYLE	7
DOUG LOVE	7
STEPHANIE STEPHENS	7
KEVIN TELCHIK	7
KEITH WILLIAMS	8
LORRI DOYLE	6
TAMMY MILLER	6
KIM WILLS	6
ROXIE WOLF	6
TONYA HOLLIS	5
BECKY MASSINGILL	5

Honor Roll

The following named students achieved an academic average of 90 with no grade below 85 in a subject.

GLEN GRAY	8
TAMMY MERRITT	8
KEITH MARTIN	6
MISTY MERRITT	6
KELLY WILLIAMS	6
SAMANTHA PORTER	5

Homecoming

The Borden County Coyotes will meet Sands October 21 at 7:30 p.m. for their Homecoming game.

Plans are being made for other Homecoming activities, including a reception for all ex'es after the game. This year the class being honored is the class of 1967. Graduates of this class are Donna Cox, Diania Currey, Jacquie Dennis, Sharon Harrison, Kathy Holmes, Tony

Isaacs, Wayne Kelly, Dale Kite, Tommy Moreno, Don Nunnally, Linda Perry, Joe Poston, Don Smith, David Summers, Keith Swain, Barbara Swinney, David Walker, Brent Payne and Dennis Yadon.



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BETA ACHIEVEMENT IN ELEM. AND JUNIOR HIGH were right to left-back row- Tonya Hollis, Stephanie Stephens, Lorri Doyle, Gena McLeroy, Tammy Miller, Roxie Wolf, Lyndy Doyle, and Becky Massingill. Front row: Kim Wills, Doug Love, Keith Williams, and Kevin Telchik.



ACHIEVING THE HONOR ROLL IN ELEM. AND JUNIOR HIGH were left to right Tammy Merritt, Glen Gray, Keith Martin, Samantha Porter, Misty Merritt and Kelly Williams.

Borden High Wins Zone Game 40-6

The Borden County Coyotes opened zone competition with a big 40-6 win over the Dawson Dragons. The Coyotes began to roll early in the first quarter with a 70 yard drive that was capped by a 6 yard burst by Eurdist Rinehart for the score. Eurdist also carried on the P.A.T. Following a fumble recovery, Tim Smith kicked a 22 yard field goal. Two plays later, Blane Dyess intercepted a Dragon pass. Four plays and 28 yards later, Travis Rinehart turned it into six points, while Tim Smith kicked the P.A.T. Dawson quarterback, Kelly Carr, broke on an option play for 75 yards, and the only Dawson score.

First quarter score was 18-6. Late in the second quarter after another Dragon fumble, Eurdist Rinehart scored again from 2

yards out. Eurdist also furnished the P.A.T. Half time score was 26-6.

Early in the third quarter after another Dragon fumble Eurdist Rinehart scored his third touchdown for the night from 8 yards out. Pat Toombs ran the P.A.T. Two plays later, the Dragons fumbled again. The Coyotes put their final points on the board with a 23 yard pass play from Blane Dyess to Ty Zant. The P.A.T. failed.

Standouts in the game were Tim Smith, Craig Peterson, Ty Zant, Travis Rinehart, Blane Dyess, Perry Smith, John Redding, Danny Holmes, Pat Toombs, Tony Benavidez, Marlon Vaughn, Sid Westbrook, Eurdist Rinehart, and Johnny Jackson.

The Coyotes will play Wilson here Friday night.

Junior High Wins First Game 12-0

The Borden County Junior High won its first football game and also their first district game Thursday against Dawson. After scores by Darrell Green and Junior Benavidez, the Coyotes held a 12-0 half time lead. Late in the fourth quarter, Doug Love pushed the ball over for the final score. The game ended 18-0.

The Coyotes defense limited the Dragons to very little gain

on offense. Outstanding defensively for the Coyotes were: Mike Peterson, Glen Gray, Junior Benavidez, Mike Vaughn, Jim Rinehart, and Darrell Green.

Offensive standouts were: Jim Rinehart, Mike Peterson, Darrell Green, Junior Benavidez, Glen Gray, Mike Vaughn, Chip Smith, Tim Buchanan and Jibber Herridge.

The Junior High will play at Wilson Thursday, October 13.

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Bruce's Bull

In the perfectly civilized society the sick, aged, unemployed and unambitious are taken care of by their government--that is to say, by the charity of their fellow men by way of the taxes they pay. Being free of the fear of poverty and illness, everyone living in such a society must, by government decree, be happy and content. So what is it like to visit Sweden, where all citizens are living the good life, free from the common worries that distress less fortunate folks in other parts of the world? This lovely land must be twenty years ahead of the United States (except perhaps for New York City) in the benevolence of its government toward all its citizens.

The average clerk taxi-driver, waiter, or individual you meet on the street there is pleasant, polite, helpful and friendly. The people you get to know better are warm, hospitable, interesting and intelligent. The countryside is green and beautiful, and the historical buildings, monuments and antiquities are fascinating.

Prices for goods in stores, food in restaurants, and normal services are out-of-sight. The laundry bill for a week's dirty clothes (shirts, socks and underwear) from two men was Ninety Dollars, the explanation being that nobody wants to work in a hot, steamy laundry, and therefore the cost of employing laundry workers is prohibitive. The same applies to garbage collectors, who are highly paid, highly organized, and indifferent

to the quality of work they perform, as we had the occasion to see.

An airline pilot we got to know was on six-months leave-of-absence. He had calculated that we would earn about 90,000 kroner (roughly \$20,000) more if he worked the rest of the year and would get to keep about 10,000 kroner after taxes, or about one dollar out of every nine. This reasonable, sensible gentleman, who seemed to have an ordinary affection and concern for his fellow countrymen, was nevertheless not so indifferent to his own well-being that he was willing to risk flying in winter weather, icing conditions and all, in order to support his less productive compatriots, safe on the ground, with 90 percent of his income. The money that he might have put into the economy in purchase of goods and services thus goes unearned and unspent, and the standard of living of his family remains at the level of the garbage collector's. His wife, who would like to live a little better, makes do on half of what he is capable of earning, but is almost violently anti-socialist, and would like to raise her children in some other country.

In Stockholm there was a strikingly obvious hippy element of grubby-looking teen and twenty-year-olds, including lots of girls carrying equally grubby-looking babies. They didn't look like they were having all that much fun, even though some were playing frisbee on the street at one o'clock in the morning, there being plenty of light still at that time in June, and presumably they were not concerned about the time.

The cost of operation of the perfect society has driven prices through the roof, so that Swedish products are not competitive in world markets, even with heavy subsidies or actual ownership by the government of basic industries. The kroner has just been de-valued again. Ambition, as with the airline pilot, has been stifled. An apartment in the vicinity of Stockholm is available only after a two to three-year wait, there being little financial reward for the risk of investing capital in construction of apart-

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Emergency Ambulance News

I'm sure everyone in Borden County will be interested to know what our new ambulance and crew have done so far. As of this date, they have made 6 runs to Big Spring, Lubbock, Post and other Hospitals. I'm sure if you asked the patients they have carried, they would tell you what a great job they are doing.

On Sept. 30, 1977, a radio was installed, which was a great help when the boys were injured two weeks ago. Nurses and Doctors were on hand when they arrived at the hospital.

We would like for everyone to keep in mind that the supplies have to be replaced after each run which adds to the maintenance expense.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Emergency Ambulance Fund for this purpose may send it to:

Frances Burkett,
Borden County School Nurse
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If you wish to make a memorial donation or one in thanksgiving for services rendered, please mail to:

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The Borden Star will carry an Emergency Ambulance Fund Column each week to keep you abreast of the news as well as a current list of donors.

/s/ Fran Bennett

Shearing Club Lambs

Bring your 4-H and FF A lambs to the county barn on October 22, 1977. The shearing will cost the wool. They plan to start at 7:30 a.m.

This is not mandatory. (Please contact Bob Bagley or Earnest Kiker and let them know how many lambs you plan to bring.)

What's Hap-Nin Around Town

Zackery Wilcox spent the week end visiting Cody Newton.

Sidney and Mindy Wilcox were visiting their mother and grandmother over the weekend.

Overheard in Gail this week that it was nice to see Joe Zant at the football game after the accident the week before. He had a large cast on his arm but it was good to see him up and around.

The last report was that Brent Roten was still in the hospital. He will be in a cast and on crutches for some time. The Borden Band, that everyone is so proud of, gave a very good performance at the football game but Brent's drum beat was missed. Everyone will be glad to see him back.

Jessie B. Jackson is home from the Houston Hospital. Heard several people talking about how glad they were for her to be home so soon.

The talk of the town last week and this week was the Flea Market on the Courthouse Square last Saturday. Do not know how much money was made, but everyone enjoyed the visiting.

Ira News

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Drake were week-end visitors of their son, Kenneth and family at Arlington, Texas, and attended baseball games of their grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Erda Lewis and Mrs. Paul Gordon attended a family reunion of the Lewis kinsmen with approximately one-hundred in attendance.

Mrs. Jack Drake and Ruth Weathers were visiting with friends at Colorado City, Wednesday.

Mrs. A. Crutcher of Lamesa was visiting Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Jess Murphy and husband.

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Hospital Service Rationing

Hospital beds and services will be rationed if Department of Health, Education and Welfare (DHEW) proposed "standards" are adopted.

So said O. Ray Hurst, President, Texas Hospital Association (THA), Austin, as he described the DHEW proposals published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on September 23, 1977.

Hurst went on to point out that these proposed regulations mean that within five years Texas will be required to reduce the number of hospital beds by approximately 17,500.

Hurst stated that "such loss of beds coupled with previously announced ceilings on allowable patient days means that one in every four patients that need to be admitted to a hospital will be turned away."

He pointed out that this will be accomplished by forcing the closure of entire hospitals or portions of hospitals.

The proposed guidelines as published will require hospitals to have an occupancy rate of at least 80 percent over all. Also a hospital must have, in order to maintain obstetrics services, a minimum of 500 deliveries per year (2,000 in or near cities over 100,000). Hospitals will be required to comply with special restrictions on open heart surgery, cancer therapy, renal dialysis and cardiac diagnostic procedures. In addition, there are geographic restrictions on services that are available to a community within 45 minutes travel time.

Hurst pointed out that "a part of the stated purpose of these proposed guidelines is to reduce health care cost while improving the care of patients, yet no consideration is given to the medical needs of the community. The THA Statewide Hospital Productivity Center that has been in operation for two (2) years has saved Texas patients over \$100 million dollars. This type of voluntary system could be used as an example of efficiency by the private sector without Federal mandates for limiting and rationing of quality health care."

DHEW is giving the public, hospitals and physicians until November 22, 1977, to comment on these proposals. Comments will be received by Health

Resources Administration, Room 10-22, 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, Maryland

Hurst said "THA is encouraging all persons interested in the continued availability in Texas of quality health care to respond to these proposed limitations and the rationing of health care."

Ledbetter Begins Campaign

AUSTIN -- State Treasurer Harry Ledbetter formally began his statewide campaign on Friday, October 7th, with a rally for friends and supporters in his home town of Breckenridge.

The rally began at the Stephens County Courthouse at 3:30 p.m. Earlier in the day, Ledbetter held a press conference in the Speaker's Committee Room in the State Capitol at 10:00 a.m.

Ledbetter said the kickoff festivities would be followed by a campaign swing through his native West Texas.

The Austin business and financial consultant is running in the Democratic Primary.

He added that he has been pleased at the support he has found for his candidacy this early in the race.

Ledbetter, 33, has served for nine years in key state government jobs with the Legislative Budget Board, Lieutenant Governor's Office and Comptroller's Office.

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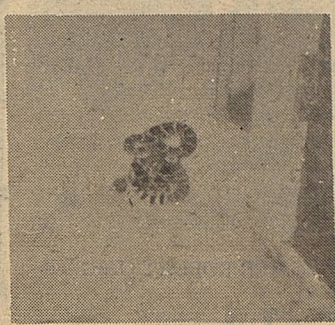


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RATTLESNAKES

Snakes Still Rampant

Although rattlesnakes are abundant during the summer months, it seems that they are more restless during a change of season. Because they are moving about during this period of warm days and cool nights, they are more likely to be found in surprising places.

The snake pictured above was noticed by Creighton Taylor last Thursday at about 11:00 a.m. It was located at the foot of the stairs leading up to the old science building on the Borden High school campus where it was taken into focus by Mr. James McLeroy's camera. It was later destroyed by Babe Underwood.

Take care this fall as you enter your garage or any out buildings. Also look carefully around the yard.

Garage Sale

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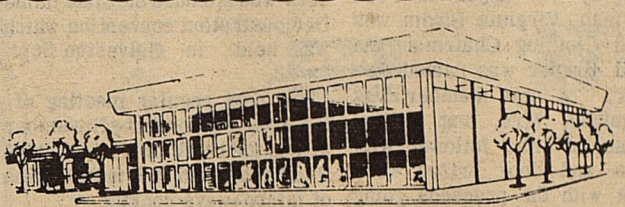
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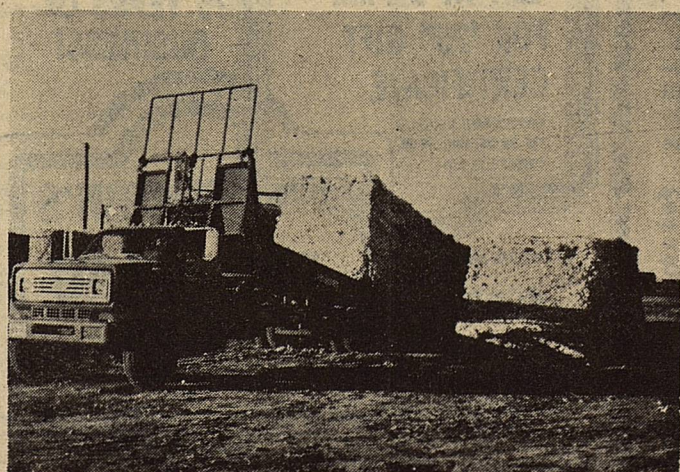
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Home Demonstration Club News — Knapp

Mrs. Jack Drake hosted the Knapp Home Demonstration Club at Knapp Community Center Thursday, October 6 at 9:00 a.m.

Mrs. J. D. Blankenship, president, presided at the business session at which time June Greenway was appointed Food Chairman, Virginia Bloom was named Clothing Chairman and Jewell Bruner was named Reporter. A new member was recognized, Mrs. Pat Miller.

A social time followed with games and door prizes were drawn with the proceeds going into the treasury. Hostess served refreshments of cheeses, crackers, doughnuts, punch and coffee to fourteen regular members, Mrs. Miller and three

visitors, Mrs. Lois VonRoeder, Mrs. Ruth Weathers and Mrs. Becky Sanders.

A special meeting of the Clubs is called for 10:30 a.m. October 25 at the Shack in Snyder for a luncheon and reports are to be given by the Club members who attended the State Home Demonstration convention which was held in Galveston Sept. 20-22.

The next regular meeting of the Knapp Club will be November 3rd in the home of Mrs. Gladdys Huddleston with a demonstration of micro-wave cooking.

(NOTE to the reporter: We would be most happy to receive these reports for our newspaper. /s/ Editor)



MR & MRS ROBERT GARNER

Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garner will note their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, October 30, 1977. The reception will be held in their home in the Vincent community. The time will be from 2:00 til 5:00 p.m.

The couple was married in Mitchell County on October 29, 1927 by Reverend McDermet. Mr. Garner is a native Texan, born and raised in Mitchell Co., Texas. Mrs. Garner is the former Nina Hubbard and daughter of the late W. H. Hubbard. She came to Texas in 1925 from Durant, Oklahoma.

The Garners retired to the Vincent community in 1965. He was a retired welder who owned his own shop in several states, such as New Mexico, California, Arizona, and Utah. Even though their work and travels were very interesting, he admits that it is great to just settle down now to one place.

During those years Mrs. Garner was active in several different fields of employment. She was associated with Gallup School System for several years. She states that it was very interesting working among the Navajo, Zuni, and Hopi Indians. Her favorite work was when she trained and worked as a floral designer.

The couple's children will host the affair. They are: Dale Garner and his wife Sammie Ann of Bellaire, Texas; Gene Garner and his wife Marilyn of Shreveport, La; Mrs. Jim Elkins and her husband of Macon, Mrs. Garner's two sisters, Ms. Coily Ballard of Stanton and Mrs. Mason Shelton of Baytown, will also assist.

Music will be furnished by the Gail Goof Offs. They are Mr. Joe Gilmore, Mr. & Mrs. Lillian Clarke and Floyd Buchanan. The children invite all their old and new friends to come and help them celebrate and request no gifts.

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1977 CROP ACREAGE REPORTS REQUIRED

In view of new farm legislation, it is necessary for farm operators to report all crops and land use acreages for the 1977 crop year. Some producers have reported acreages but total cropland use (such as sudan, permanent grass, etc.) has not been reported. These reports of how all acres of cropland was used is needed from every farm (both allotment and non allotment farms). These acreage reports will be used under the 1978 Farm Program provisions.

If a report is not filed, the farm will be considered to have zero planted acreage and may be ineligible for program benefits in 1978.

TARGET PRICE PAYMENT

It looks as though there will be a low price payment on wheat for the 1977 crop. All producers with wheat allotment are encouraged to make application for payment as soon as possible.

The rate of payment is determined by subtracting the higher of the loan rate (\$2.25) or the weighted average market price from the target price (\$2.47 per bu. for under planting within the allotment and \$2.90 per bu. for planting within the allotment). This would result in a payment of 22¢ per bu. times the farm yield for those acres within the allotment not planted to wheat and 65¢ per bu. times the farm yield for the acreage within the allotment planted to wheat.

TENTATIVE 1978 WHEAT PROGRAM PROVISIONS

Tentative provisions of the new program are a \$3.00 per bushel target price, a 1978 loan rate of \$2.25 per bushel, and a 20% setaside provision. To be eligible for loans, deficiency payments, or disaster coverage, producers must set aside an acreage equal to 20% of the wheat acreage planted for harvest in 1978.

A crop base will be established based on 1977 acreage of crops, as adjusted when abnormal.

DISASTER PROGRAM

Cotton or milo acreages affected by a natural disaster may be eligible for disaster payments. If all or part of a field is to be abandoned, be sure to request an appraisal on the affected acreages prior to making other use of it (plowing, grazing, etc.). If the crop is harvested and the yield is low, be sure to come by the county office to determine eligibility under disaster provisions.

Producers must make application for disaster credit within 15 days from the date the disaster occurred or the date harvest is complete while evidence of the crop is apparent. These provisions also apply to the 90% yield adjustment under the cotton program.

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ment houses. If you have any money left over to spend after income taxes, you pay 15% sales tax on top of the high cost of your purchase.

If you are sick the government will take care of you, and a lot of people like that, but most people apparently are not too happy with their socialist paradise otherwise. Alcohol and drugs are an increasing problem, and Asians and Africans who have moved to the country under a generous immigration policy, to do the work the natives disdain, now constitute a race problem.

Swedes have just voted out the Socialist government, for the first time in a couple of decades, but the change in government cannot take effect overnight. In the meantime, the productive people have been discouraged, the unproductive have become

dependent on the government instead of themselves, and the country is in trouble economically and socially.

The beautiful Swedes, highly civilized, highly motivated, and full of love for their fellow man, have set an example for the rest of the world (to be followed or not) and in doing so have become poor, frustrated, and dissatisfied. Love, freedom, security, charity, generosity, tolerance are all beautiful words. Not so pretty are words such as sweat, labor, struggle, study, ambition, competition, but can a nation survive in the world without these, or pay its bills?

In Sweden the dreary, dark, damp cold winters are eight months long, plenty of time to brood about things, if you are so inclined. No wonder this perfect society has nearly the world's highest suicide rate. They also have some of the world's tastiest pastries, if you can afford to buy them. When you go, be sure to remember not to send your laundry out.

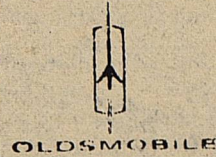
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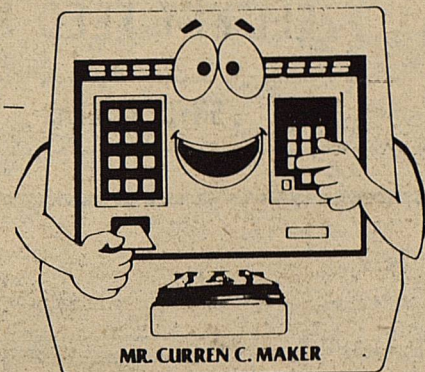
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-A gourmet is a fellow who can sip a glass of wine and tell you not only what year it was bottled, but who jumped on the grapes.-

-A lot of girls would have hourglass figures if time hadn't shifted the sands.-

-A tycoon freely admits that he owes a large part of his success to his wife. "I keep a big picture of her on my desk," he explains, "and every time I look at it, I work over-time."-

-Many captains of industry have their names printed on

company letterheads and that is a plus, because no one could read their signatures.

-Would you believe: - The scientist who crossed a carrier pigeon with a woodpecker so when he delivers the message he can knock on the door?-

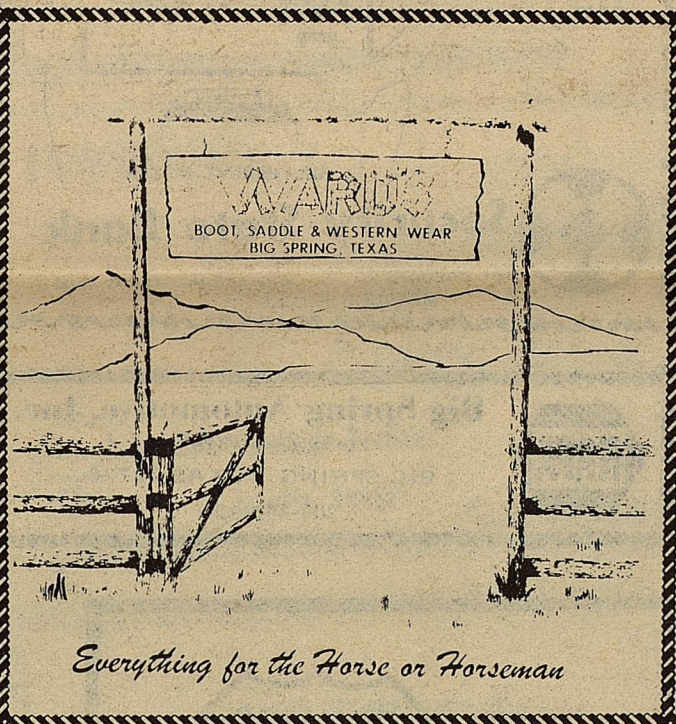
---just in case it ever comes up in a conversation-----The smallest cactus in Texas is the spherical button. It is often smaller than a dime in size. (Bet your life it will puncture a tire, Right Terry:)

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The Texas Bankers Association believes that consumers across the State of Texas will benefit greatly by the passage of Proposition Six, the electronic banking amendment, by the voters of Texas on November 8, 1977.

The amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to give the legislature the power to authorize state and national banks to exercise banking and discounting privileges by use of electronic devices or machines."

Specific rules for regulating electronic banking will be established by the 66th State Legislature meeting in 1979. Many laws, rules and regulations originate in Washington and do not always recognize or protect the best interests of Texans. Passage of the electronic banking amendment at the state level will allow our Legislature in Austin to establish the guidelines for off-premises electronic banking so that the best interests of Texans are protected.

Passage of the amendment will NOT bring an abrupt change in banking procedures. Passage WILL provide for the orderly evolution of electronic banking in Texas.

Electronic banking will NOT replace bank services now enjoyed by millions of Texans but WILL provide convenient banking options for those customers who choose to use them. Customers who prefer to use cash or checks may continue to do so or, at their option, they may use a combination of cash, checks and electronic transfers.

The purpose of the electronic banking amendment is to offer greater banking convenience to consumers across Texas. Electronic banking will allow, at the customer's option, an alternate method of paying bills, or purchasing goods and services, or making deposits. After passage of the enabling legislation in 1979, customers who so choose may do their banking at multiple locations - twenty-four hours a day - seven days a week.

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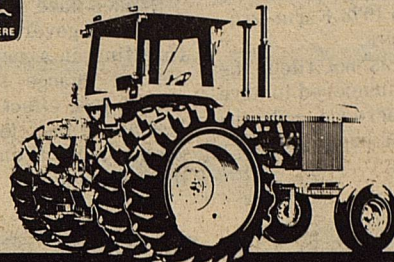
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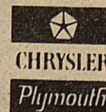
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