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# THE REPORTER

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## Bits and Pieces

By Judy Black

A special hello and get well to a dear friend of ours, Ronnie Vann, who is in the Wadley Blood Center in Dallas.

### AN EDITORIAL

In the name of slain Sheriff's Deputies Sam Infante, A. J. Robertson and Don Reese and eight other American lawmen slaughtered in one week, February 14-21, 1971.

Keep our death penalty and for a change USE IT. Our criminals and our lawmen agree that it works. Our weaklings, our textbooks and our enemies oppose it.

Kill the proposed Texas Penal Code designed to pamper and coddle perverts, dope dealers, murderers and bandits. Give us instead sharp teeth in the rubber-gummed 1966 revised Code of Criminal Procedure forced into our mouths.

Bridle the runaway parole system which trots back rank after rank of rogue convicts to prey upon our families and our properties..and upon the few true penitents who leave the penitentiary.

Now, now, now, let the guilty be punished as our forefathers wisely dictated, lest we who have earned order and who love law perish.

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## AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY

The community pot luck supper held Thursday, March 18, at the Legion Hall in Gordon in honor of the 52nd birthday of the American Legion was a most enjoyable occasion. The hall was attractively decorated in a patriotic theme with red, white and blue colors. After the delicious meal, Mr. Tom Pierson, Commander of Henegar-Boyd Post, Gordon, welcomed the guests and called for posting of

the colors by Boyd Haney and Tom Kelleher. The group then sang "America," followed by Mr. Travis Hilliard. The Commander then introduced the speaker for the evening, Mr. Carter Brunk, vice-commander of Post No. 670 at Mingus. Mr. Brunk gave a most interesting and informative talk on the objectives and purposes of the American Legion. The gathering was then treated to musical

entertainment by The Given Names singing "Proud Mary" and "A Time For Us." The members of this trio are Alta Lynn Turner, Debra Dillard and Cindy Stoner, and accompanist Mrs. Carter Brunk.

Mrs. Richard Strain and Mrs. Calvin Stoner sang as a duet, "God Hath Not Promised," accompanied by Mrs. Travis Hilliard. Then by candle light, the large cake, beautifully decorated with American

flags and the number "52" was brought forward. At this time Commander Pierson requested that Mr. Webb Spear and Mrs. Ella Barrett, the first commander and first auxiliary president who were elected when Henegar-Boyd Post was organized in 1946, come forward to blow out the candles. The program ended with the entire group joining in a ringing rendition of "God Bless America."



This picture shows brush control shown in strips on Waddell Ranch for wildlife five miles north-east of Gordon, Texas. Deer population have increased along with brush control and range seeding.

### GRASSLAND IMPROVEMENT

Conservation farmers and ranchers who do well planned grassland improvement work help wildlife, according to Blake Lovelace District Conservationist with the SCS.

For example, opening up dense stands of brush can be especially beneficial to deer, turkey, song birds, quail and other wildlife, he says. This allows nutritious food plants to grow which are critically needed by many birds and wild animals. This also improves hunting and makes it easier for sportsmen to harvest surplus game, a factor

which is often overlooked in wildlife management.

The Soil Conservation Service has published an important new leaflet which tells how grassland improvement work can be planned to benefit wildlife. The leaflet, "Grassland Restoration and Wildlife," stresses the need for the right combination of well planned grassland improvement measures.

To get your free copy, contact the Soil Conservation Service and ask for the leaflet "Grassland Restoration and Wildlife."

## RATTLESNAKE ROUND-UP

The seventh annual Rattlesnake Roundup and Armadillo show was a huge success when approximately 2,000 people attended.

J. D. Harrison of Strawn and Bill Nicks of Palo Pinto won first place overall in the roundup for the amount of snakes turned in. Second place winners overall were: K. C. Dixon, Joel Stephen, Gary Dixon and Jimmy Dixon, all of

Strawn; Third, Jim Chesnut and Cop Hodgkins of Strawn; and fourth was Eugene Kitchens from Eastland.

First and third place winners donated their money back to the American Legion.

K. C. Dixon had the shortest snake with a 14 inch rattler. Eugene Kitchens had the largest snake at 63 inches long.

Coppy Hodgkins, one of

the rattlesnake handlers for the roundup was treated and released Sunday at Ranger General Hospital after he was bitten above the boot, by a rattler.

It was reported that the hunt was very successful, however, the number of snakes was off from previous years.

The Armadillo show was equally successful when 45 armadillos were entered. The Grand Champion

armadillo was shown by Geno Nunez and the Reserve Champion belonged to Will Copeland. Vocational-agriculture teacher at Strawn High School, Keith McDonald, judged and served as auctioneer for the event. The Grand Champion went for \$10 and the Reserve for \$5. Both were sold to the American Legion who gave them back to the students who entered them.

The net profit from the Kitchen sales, serving rattlesnake steaks, hotdogs barbecued armadillo etc., was \$124.38.

# Gordon Personals

By Grace Roper

Birthday greetings go out this week to Madean Bogus, Al Weidner, John Ringo, Edgar Ringo, Rhea Barton, Dugan McFaddin, Pauline Reasoner, Bradley Ellison, Earline Crawford, Wilma Jean Bradley, Linda Croft, Barney Fulfer, Phil Logan, Weldon Wolfe and Steve Burgett.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Pitman and children of Kileen spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvel Pitman.

Colonel and Mrs. C. W. McQueary of Mineral Wells, Johnny Parker and Carla Brown of Fort Worth were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Cub McQueary.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. (Bud) Segars and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Segars of Graham visited Mrs. Flora Mitchell on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs.

A. O. Calhoun of Denton and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davis of Fort Worth visited Mrs. Mitchell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Paulson spent the week end in Belton making preparations for moving there about April 1.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Clark Stewart last weekend were her mother, Mrs. C. F. Holloway and brother, G. W. Holloway and wife of Dallas.

Avis Boyd caught a plane from Love Field Sunday morning for Fort Lewis, Washington. He will be there until Friday, then leave for Korea where he will serve for 13 months. Suzanne accompanied him to the airport, as did Donna and Ronnie Mayo of Minus.

J. W. Hicks of San Antonio visited last weekend with his brother, Pepper,

his mother, Mrs. Londie Hicks and his grandmother, Mrs. Daisy Keown. Mrs. Keown is improving after her illness.

Mrs. Hester Hawkins Auld of Hobart, Oklahoma is visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Webb Spear and other friends in the area.

Mrs. Winifred Knoop of Mineral Wells is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spear.

Mr. and Mrs. Polk Valiant of Breckenridge visited Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Webb Spear.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis "Slick" Segars and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Segars of Graham, Lazelle Hamilton and Mrs. Flora Mitchell visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Elkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rodgers of Palo Pinto are the proud parents of a new baby girl born March 22 at 7:55 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 4½ ozs. Mrs. Rodgers is the former Edith Maddox, granddaughter of Mrs. Frances Maddox of Gordon.

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By Debra Dillard

Last Thursday, the High School girls' track team went to Santo for a practice meet. Judy Woods won first in the high jump and first in the low hurdles. Darlene Cunningham came in second in the hurdles. Cindy Barker came in second in the 220 run. In the 440, Debbie Agnew came in first and Debbie Boyd came in second. In the 440 relay, the girls came in first. They also came in first in the 880 relay. Jan Kostih came in first in the 60 yard dash. Debra Dillard came in first in the 100 yard dash. Linda Croft won first in the shot put.

Saturday the boys' team went to Ranger Junior College for the Red Dog Relays. In the finals, Bob Stowe won third in the 330 intermediate hurdles. Thad Davis won third in the shot put. Johnnie Joe Jackson won first in the 880 run. All three boys received trophies.

The next tract meet will be at Strawn, this Saturday. The High School boys and girls will be running.

## Palo Pinto Population

Palo Pinto County's Official population in the 1970 census was 28,962, up 41.2 percent from the 1960 figure of 20,516. The Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce, reports.

The official population of the state was 11,196,730, up 16.9 percent from the 1960 population count, which was 9,579,677.

The 1970 census counted 24,479 white persons in Palo Pinto County, 94.9 percent of the total; 1,241 negroes, and 242 persons of other races. In 1960, 95.5 percent of the population was white.

The census showed 2,892 children under 5 years; 6,712 in ages 5 through 17; 16,518 people 18 through 64; and 2,840 who were 65 and older. The population 14 years and over included 15,177 married people,

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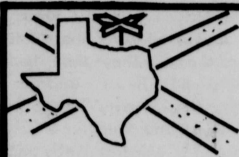


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# TEXAS AT THE CROSSROADS OF TAXES

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## POPULATION

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1,588 who were widowed, 718 divorced, and 3,744 never married.

Palo Pinto County's 1970 population was classified as 65.2 percent urban, and 34.8 percent rural.

There were 9,923 households, with 28,741 persons, including 1,740 one-person households. In addition 221 persons were living in group quarters.

The 1970 census counted 11,716 housing units in Palo Pinto County, 5,958 of them occupied by owners, 3,965 occupied by tenants, and 1,793 vacant. These included vacant units for seasonal use. The proportion occupied by owners in 1970 was 50.9 percent, compared with 50.2 percent in 1960.

The median value of owner-occupied houses in Palo Pinto County was \$9,500, compared with \$5,700 in 1960. The median rent paid by tenants in 1970 was \$92 per month, compared with \$58 in 1960. Half were over and half below the median figures.

### SPENDING WITHOUT A PLAN WEIGHS DOWN THE TAXPAYER

(sixth in a series of eleven)

It really wasn't an overnight decision when state agencies requested an additional \$2.703 billion for the budget above the original \$6.289 billion for 1972-73. The resulting \$8.992 billion whopper, highest by far in Texas history, passes original 1970-71 requests by more than 42 percent.

From a realistic point of view, it is highly unlikely that the legislature will honor the increase; perhaps 50 percent of the hiked up asking price would be too much. But like anything else in a political situation, someone must be denied something. One thing is certain. Senators, representatives, and others will stage a fiery fight for those appropriations that most affect their voters. And it's questionable whether those requests with the most benefit to the whole state will win.

The sad possibility that something worthwhile may lose in spite of the sky-high increase, points to one glaring flaw in spending: no long-range plan in the first place.

#### WORTHWHILE BUT LITTLE PLANNING

For example, very few would deny that a satisfactory pay raise for public school teachers ranks high in worthwhile spending. However, one thing happened when the legislature passed the teacher pay raise bill in 1969. Money was appropriated to provide each teacher with a \$600 per year raise in 1970, followed by an additional increase of \$970 per year in 1971 — a total pay boost of \$1570 per year between 1970 and 1971.

Taken with the business at hand, the legislature perhaps overlooked what was needed to continue the raise throughout

1972 and 73. Therefore, a budget increase of \$345 million was called for in 1970. How could this have been avoided? Hindsight is better than foresight, but perhaps one approach would have trimmed the budget elsewhere while spreading the raise through more time.

Another area reflecting a significant portion of the budget increase is also in education; the huge network of Texas' vocational schools, junior colleges, colleges, and universities. The total increase here is in the order of some \$969 million or nearly one billion dollars.

The largest percentage of this amount includes \$685 million, mainly for building programs at 23 existing colleges and universities, and 3 recently authorized as new schools. No one can validate such an ambitious program on the basis of increased enrollment in merely two years, nor would it be possible to complete the program during the two-year budget period.

these terms, and if we do, what appropriations could we cut equally to get it?

Without a more careful plan for spending, and with the "lock" on other priority funds, a complete financing and approval of program spending increases by agencies would boost state taxes during 1972-73 by some \$1.439 billion.

Again, it is unlikely that this could happen looking at 1972-73, but what about the years ahead? Planned spending, like that of corporations, a re-evaluation of "priorities", and a search for non-tax revenue, are apparently needed if Texas is to have needed industrial and economic growth in addition to good public works. These approaches will be presented in the next segment: Workable Remedies To Slowdown The Tax Bulge.

#### A 'VISION GAP' THEN TROUBLE

Two complex factors enter the picture when trying to explain the sudden tax mushroom. One factor is that putting off facilities programs for several years, or in fact having no step-by-step program, naturally ushers in a flood of requests in the future. The other factor is largely political. Each institution wants the "whole works" rather than settling for a compromise in which everyone gets a fair share through the years.

Another major increase is of course the state welfare boost of \$310 million in order to receive more federal money. Perhaps this is the most difficult to plan for considering sudden changes in the federal government's policy. Do we really want more federal money on



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## Strawn Personals

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Mr. and Mrs. Bud Riebe of Dodson Prairie visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Riebe and children and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Riebe Jr. and children in Weatherford last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nunez and children of Possum Kingdom Dam spent the weekend in Strawn with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emelio Nunez and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lingle of El Paso visited her mother, Mrs. Mildred Dorris and Don, her sister,

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Harrison, brother, Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Dorris and Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Talley.

Mitch and Mike Riffle of Ranger spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Talley and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Stephen II and children of Midland visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stephen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Elmore and other relatives and friends here this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Danner of Odessa are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Layne, Robert, Buddy and Dortha Talley. Sylvia checked in Ranger Hospital Monday afternoon and underwent surgery Tuesday morning. She is doing fine.

Jack and Jackie Hodgkins

of Hamilton visited Mr. and Mrs. Cop Hodgkins and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hodgkins and family this weekend.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cop Hodgkins and Copy over the weekend were their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sparks, Larry and Billy all of Stephenville, and Kay Corbett of Breckenridge.

Visitors in the home of Mable Stallings were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carter of Fort Worth Mrs. Mary Little of Dallas, Dale Harris, Hale Foster of Abilene. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. George Foster in the Stephenville Hospital.

Mr. J. I. Encke, formerly of Strawn, has been ill in the Eastland Hospital but returned to his home at Lake Leon, Sunday.

Mrs. Fannie Flynn has returned home from May-

ville, Oklahoma with Mr. and Mrs. Preston Witherpoon whom she has been visiting.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Layne and Robert this weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Danner of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Parsons and sons of Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Roberson of Dodson Prairie and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Warren of Fort Worth.

Mr. Ben Layne and Jackie Parsons visited Annie Mae Chamberlain in Abilene at Hendricks Hospital Saturday.

Mrs. M. P. Elder of Tye visited Thursday through Monday with Mrs. Katie Meredith and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wyatt and many other friends here. Mrs. Elder, the wife of a Presbyterian minister here for 13 years, had not been in Strawn since 1964. Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Meredith and

her son Alonzo Meredith, attended church Sunday and saw many more old friends. They then had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wyatt, Meredith Wyatt and daughter Shelly Ann of Mineral Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wyatt of San Antonio. They were visited later in the afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hitson of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Taylor and son Wayne of Graham.

Mrs. Ben Layne was taken by Mrs. Wes Roberson and Mrs. Gertie McCurley to see her eye doctor in Stephenville. He said she was doing as well as can be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walker of Dallas visited Mrs. Maurine Crawford and other friends here over the weekend.

Rosalie Galik of Mingus, Ester Parson, Nancy and Kevin and Mrs. Vada Dix-

### TEXAS WATER RIGHTS COMMISSION



NOTICE OF HEARING  
TO  
APPROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS  
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STATE OF TEXAS

No. 2900

Notice is given that R. J. CARAWAY  
Box 577  
Strawn, Texas 76475,

applicant, seeks a permit from the Texas Water Rights Commission to divert 71 acre-feet of water per annum from three existing reservoirs for the following purposes: 41 acre-feet of water per annum for industrial (catfish farming) purposes on applicant's property located near the east city limits of Strawn, Texas, being in the southeast one-fourth of the H. Bird League, Abstract No. 26, Palo Pinto County, Texas; 30 acre-feet of water per annum for irrigation purposes, said water to be used to irrigate 20 acres of land located in the aforementioned survey. Applicant proposes to divert said water from three existing reservoirs having a combined capacity of 164 acre-feet of water, said reservoirs being located just off-channel from Salty Creek, tributary of Palo Pinto Creek, tributary of Brazos River, Brazos River Basin. Applicant proposes to divert water from the reservoirs by means of two portable pumps having a maximum combined diversion capacity of 400 gpm (0.89 cfs), all being more fully set out in said application.

Application No. 2900 was accepted for filing pursuant to the provisions of Article 7500a, R.C.S., by the Texas Water Rights Commission on March 1, 1971, and the hearing thereon will be held in the offices of the Commission in the Sam Houston State Office Building, Austin, Texas, on April 15, 1971, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Those opposing the granting of said application should file written protests with the Commission and the applicant at least five days prior to hearing date, giving their reasons therefor and such other information as is required by Commission Rule 305.2.

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on visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Gotcher in Fort Worth and saw the new baby.

Weekend visitors in the home of K. C. Dixon were Ricky Morris of Stanford, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Morris and children of Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Neuhauser of Mineral Wells visited this weekend with Mr. and Mrs. George Guydis and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kostiha.

Riley Roberson was released from Ranger Hospital last week and is doing

fine. They were visited by their son, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Roberson of Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kit-chens were in Ranger on business Friday.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Poydock this weekend were

Joe L. Poydock Jr., J. R. and son Randy Poydock of Weatherford and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walton, Gary Kenny and Mark of Dallas.

Mrs. Joe Heath took Mrs. Roy Richardson and Mrs. Lloyd Christmas to see Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Steadman at the new Eastland Nursing Home. While there they also visited Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hafley and Marty were Don's uncle, Mr. Herbert Walker and cousins, Miss Dee Ann Walker, Herbert Walker III and Dennis Walker. They came for the snake hunt.

Mrs. J. B. Evans of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Gailey and Gia spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bordignon. Johnny, Christi and Gia also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gailey.

Mr. H. E. Williams is a patient in the Ranger General Hospital.

Visitors in the home of H. E. Williams this weekend were Rev. and Mrs. Harl Williams of Eastland, Mr. Frank Reed of Mineral Wells and Ronnie and Teresa Williams of Palo Pinto.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation to everyone for their kindness and thoughtfulness in the time of our sorrow.

May each and everyone receive his richest blessings.

The Family of Warren Polk

### PITMAN-ALLOGGIO UNITED

Miss Betsy Elaine Pitman and Martin M. Alloggio, Jr. were married Tuesday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cowden Street Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

The Rev. Charles F. Harris, pastor was the officiating minister for the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Pitman of Gordon and Mrs. Martin Alloggio of Wichita Falls and the late Mr. Alloggio.

Honor attendants were Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Richardson, Jr. of Fort Worth.

Only a few relatives and close friends attended the wedding.

The couple will make their home in Palo Pinto.

### 4-H FOOD SHOW

Palo Pinto County was well represented in Dallas Saturday. Eight very excited and happy girls left home all hoping to win. There was six blue ribbons, and two red ribbon winners.

Lisa Kay Dorris from Strawn won in the Junior Fruit and Vegetable group. Lisa has been in 4-H for four years. She has entered in other 4-H projects, but cooking is her favorite.

Brenda Browder, also from Strawn, won in the Senior milk group. Brenda will represent Palo Pinto County at the State Food Show to be held in June. Brenda has been in 4-H for eight years.

Alta Lynn Turner of Gordon tied for first in the Fruit and Vegetable but when the tie was broken she lost.

## Meet The Businessman



Gordon Hardware, formerly Tanner's Hardware, is owned and operated by Pat and Joann Sublett. Pat graduated from Santo High School, Joann graduated from Gordon. They lived in California five years, where both their children, Jill and Karen, were born in San Fernando. Having been "home" in Gordon five years now, they purchased the hardware store in January. Open hours are 8 to 12 and 1 to 5, Monday through Saturday.

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Call the city hall if you want the firemen to burn off the weeds on your lot or one near you. The city mower is available to mow cleaned lots for the reasonable charge of three dollars per hour.

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# Mingus Personals

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wee Davis were Mr. Herbert Gore of Shreveport, Louisiana, Mrs. Marilyn Nash of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Houston of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Akins of Graford visited Sunday with Mrs. Jessie Felts.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Bradley of Weatherford visited Sunday with Mrs. Hettie Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Hamilton, Lonna and Gala of Odessa visited over the weekend with her grandmother, Mrs. Lester Dyer. Visiting Mrs. Dyer on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Simmons and Elaine of Gordon.

Mrs. Nora Hall and Mrs. Billie Hall of Graham and her son Jimmy, who is stationed with the Army in Albuquerque, New Mexico, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parsons and Denise.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tiblets and girls of Fort Worth

spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Tiblets, Charles and Larry.

David Chamberlain, Buddy Talley and J. D. Harrison of Strawn attended the Golden Gloves final boxing matches in Fort Worth Monday night.

Mrs. Lucille Vaden attended the District Convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs in Weatherford Saturday.

Mrs. D. A. Heatherington and Mrs. Gene Morris and Leslie and Andria were shopping in Eastland Saturday.

Bestwishes to Shelia Gay who is recovering from measles.

Mrs. Alma Keown of Gordon visited Monday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Penuel.

Mrs. Audine Moore of Grand Prairie is spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. Jessie Felts.

Mrs. Mabel Heatherington and Mrs. Lucille Vaden attended the Home Demonstration Club Coun-

cil meeting in Palo Pinto Wednesday. After the meeting, they attended a coffee at the home of Mrs. John Smith, which was held in honor of the two new clubs formed recently in Strawn.

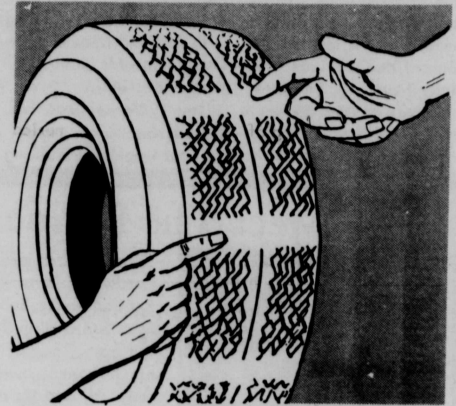
Mrs. Frank Kostiha, Jan and Paula were in Fort Worth Monday to obtain dental services.

Mr. Wallace Vean, a long time resident of Mingus, who has been living in California for a large number of years, has been visiting his old friends in the community.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mrs. Bertha Green and Ronnie were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Obel Mr. and Mrs. Gary Deaton and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Young and Rodney, all of Fort Worth. Mrs. Lois Butler visited Saturday in Ranger with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Couger and children.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lenzini were Gene Lenzini of Fort Worth, Mrs. Jimmy Andreatta and Jimmy of Santo and Mrs. Roy Stewart of Lewisville. Mrs. Stewart is visiting all this week with the Lenzin's.

The Mingus Home Demonstration Club met at the Community Center on March 17, for its regular business meeting. The program, entitled "Hobbies", proved to be very interesting. Each member brought an example of her hobby and explained it. Those who attended were Mmes: Lucille Vaden, Thelma Graham, Marion Brown, Nita Davis, Willie Treece, Mildred Boles, Lennie Jennings and Mable Heatherington. The next meeting will be held at 2 p.m. April 6.



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Gordon Chapter of Future Homemakers of America will observe National FHA week March 28-April 3 with many activities.

Prior to the beginning of FHA Week chapter members will attend the Area V Meeting at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth. Theme of the Sat-

urday, March 27 meeting is "Today's Challenge-Tomorrow's Victory." The keynote speaker will be Barham Fulmer, State Future Farmers of America President, from Nacogdoches.

On Monday evening, the chapter will have a Mother-Daughter Banquet with

Mrs. Mary E. Dark as speaker. Tuesday afternoon the girls will visit the Foster Home for Children in Stephenville. Color Day will be observed Wednesday with each girl wearing red and white to school. Red and white are FHA colors. Friday morning the officers will have a coffee for the teachers.



Soil tests are a requirement for cost sharing practices under the recently announced Rural Environmental Assistance Program, administered locally by the ASCS, recommends County Agent Ralph Lindsey.

The cost sharing involved cover fertilizer and limestone applications. Because many farmers are asking about procedures for soil sampling and testing these suggestions are made.

First obtain instructions for collecting samples and boxes from the County Agents office, The ASCS office, or from the SCS office.

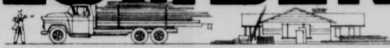
Study the sampling instructions or discuss them with members of the SCS, ASCS or County Extension Agent before going to the field. Samples should be taken from 10 to 15 different spots in each field. Established sod should be sampled to a depth of 3 to 4 inches, cultivated land to plow depth. Mix the

soil thoroughly and send about a pint to the testing laboratory in the boxes provided. Do not use a galvanized bucket or sampling tool since this will contaminate the soil with zinc.

The cropping history, fertilization or lining programs should be included on the information sheet sent along with the samples. Be as specific about crops to be grown, potential yields and how forage will be used as is possible. Recommendations vary according to soil nutrient levels and requirements for a given crop.

If the soil test result are to be used in connection with REAP practices, be sure to put the ASCS Farm Number in the upper hand corner of the information sheet. If this is done, suggested fertilization and or liming will be considered minimum for establishing or improving vegetative cover and the county ASCS office will be mailed a copy of the test results.

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