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Between you



and me

By SARAH ECKOLS

Merkel seems to be lax in its interest of the bicentennial that our nation is celebrating over the next several months. I have seen very little evidence of its existence in our fair little city.

There is however, one Merkel Citizen who wishes to make a rather unique contribution to the bicentennial.

As most of you are aware, John Hammond is building a new facility which will house the Ben Franklin store in the near future. In this building, Mr. Hammond proposes that Merkel place a time capsule in which citizens, business persons, organizations may place their offering to the posterity of Merkel. The time capsule will then be sealed to be opened in 2076, the year of the nation's tricentennial.

The time of the completion of the building that will hopefully house the Merkel Time Capsule is now approximated at mid-November. That time will be here before we know it and plans must be made to give this idea the attention and effort it deserves.

I urge you to let me or Mr. Hammond know your feelings on the time capsule and I implore you to let this be our opportunity to join in the celebration of our nation's bicentennial birthday year with an individual and impressive memento of Merkel 1976 to be enjoyed by the future generations of this area.

It's all in a days work for one who runs a newspaper and a job shop in the same operation. Recently a gentleman called to inquire about having some business cards printed. He needed the same format for cards for each of his several salesmen. The cards needed a two color logo with black lettering. Fine, I informed him that the cards would run a certain price per 500. The person on the other end of the line asked the smaller lots; say 100.

It was at this point in the conversation that I told the party that the expense is not so much greater for 500 cards than for 100. "It is the first card through the press that costs you," I said.

"Then I don't want that card," he answered. "But I'll take some of those that follow."

Mrs. Ford Smith, Jr. found the following poem on a bulletin board recently when she and other local ladies attended the Farmers Union Women's Food Policy Conference in Bailey, Colorado. It was originally from a Colorado newspaper printed some 30 years ago but seems to have an uncanny relevance today.

"The average life of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years. During this period each has progressed through the following sequence:

1. From bondage to spiritual faith.
2. From spiritual faith to great courage.
3. From courage to liberty.
4. From liberty to abundance.
5. From abundance to selfishness.
6. From selfishness to complacency.
7. From complacency to apathy.
8. From apathy to dependency.
9. From dependency back to bondage.

"Since the United States is celebrating its 200th anniversary, based on a purely mathematical scale it would appear that we might be approaching stage number 9. I hope not, but the signs are all around us, what do you think?"

Too little love, too much hate;
Hurry, hurry, but always late.
Spend ten dollars and save a penny,
What's enough, just how many?

Work so hard eight to five;
It's what we all call being alive.
Going home and into bed,
By this time we're half dead.

What's the point, what's the need,
Just where does it all lead?
What road do we thus pave?
Perhaps the one to an early grave.

Some of the readers of the Merkel Mail are unfamiliar with our prestime and our deadlines on advertising. I ask your cooperation in helping us produce the best newspaper possible for our subscribers. It is most important for us to have all news releases, classified advertising and display advertising in our office no later than 3 p.m. on Tuesdays. This enables our staff to give you article, advertisement or news item the best service. If you know in advance that you will have an item for us later than this deadline, please contact us and we will make every effort to accommodate your needs.

Mrs. Seymore Attended Houston Meet

Mrs. Mack Seymore was in Houston last week attending the state executive meeting of the Young Homemakers of Texas. Mrs. Seymore is the state vice president of

Area IV. The meetings were held at the Marriott Motor Hotel which is the same site for the fourteenth state convention in January.

Young Homemakers of Texas is a statewide organization of some 5,250 young women who are organized solely for the purpose of broadening their knowledge in the field of homemaking. Homemaking teachers serve as the chapter advisors.

Accompanying Mrs. Seymore to Houston were her mother and son, Mrs. Allen D. King and Ted Seymore. They visited with Dr. and Mrs. Tim Fagan and Jason. Mrs. Fagan is Mrs. Seymore's sister.

Gap Receives Honor

Congressman Omar Burleson announces that the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration in Washington is according official recognition to Buffalo Gap as a Bicentennial Community. Previous approval of Buffalo Gap has been given by the Texas Commission in Austin.

Girl Scouts Plan Family Weekend October 3-5

The third annual Family Weekend for Girl Scouting Families will be held October 3-5 at Camp Boothe Oaks, near Sweetwater.

Newt Newberry, Abilene, Chairman of the West Texas Girl Scout Council Camp Committee announces that all adult Girl Scouts and their families and any other Girl Scouting families are invited. A reservation fee (\$3.75 per person) may be made at the Girl Scout Service Center, P. O. Box 5586, Abilene. Registration forms may be obtained there or through any Service Unit.

The Family Weekend begins Friday, 5 p.m. A "Pot Luck" supper is at 7 p.m. Families will camp in tent and cabin units. A Fun and Fellowship Party is scheduled for Friday evening.

Choices of recreational events designed to satisfy each participants special interests are back-packing, archery, crafts, hiking, Scout olympics, progressive cook-outs, campfire, sing-songs, star gazing. There will be a canoe flotilla on Lake Trammel. Sunday morning a Scouts Own from the bluff overlooking camp and a "Trophy" presentation at breakfast for the Service Unit best represented will climax the Family Weekend.

The West Texas Girl Scout Council is a participating member of the United Way.

Local Pharmacist Attended Seminar

W. D. Gamble, R. Ph. attended a continuing education seminar concerning "Therapeutics in Dermatology." The seminar was held Sunday, September 14, 1975 in the Downtown Motor Inn in Abilene and was sponsored by the Texas Pharmaceutical Association. Pharmacists from throughout the Abilene area heard lectures concerning the latest prescription and over-the-counter drugs and cosmetic preparations used in the treatment of various skin disorders.

Pharmacist Gamble is affiliated with Merkel Drug Co. in Merkel. Five hours of continuing education credit were earned for participating in the seminar.

Thanks You!

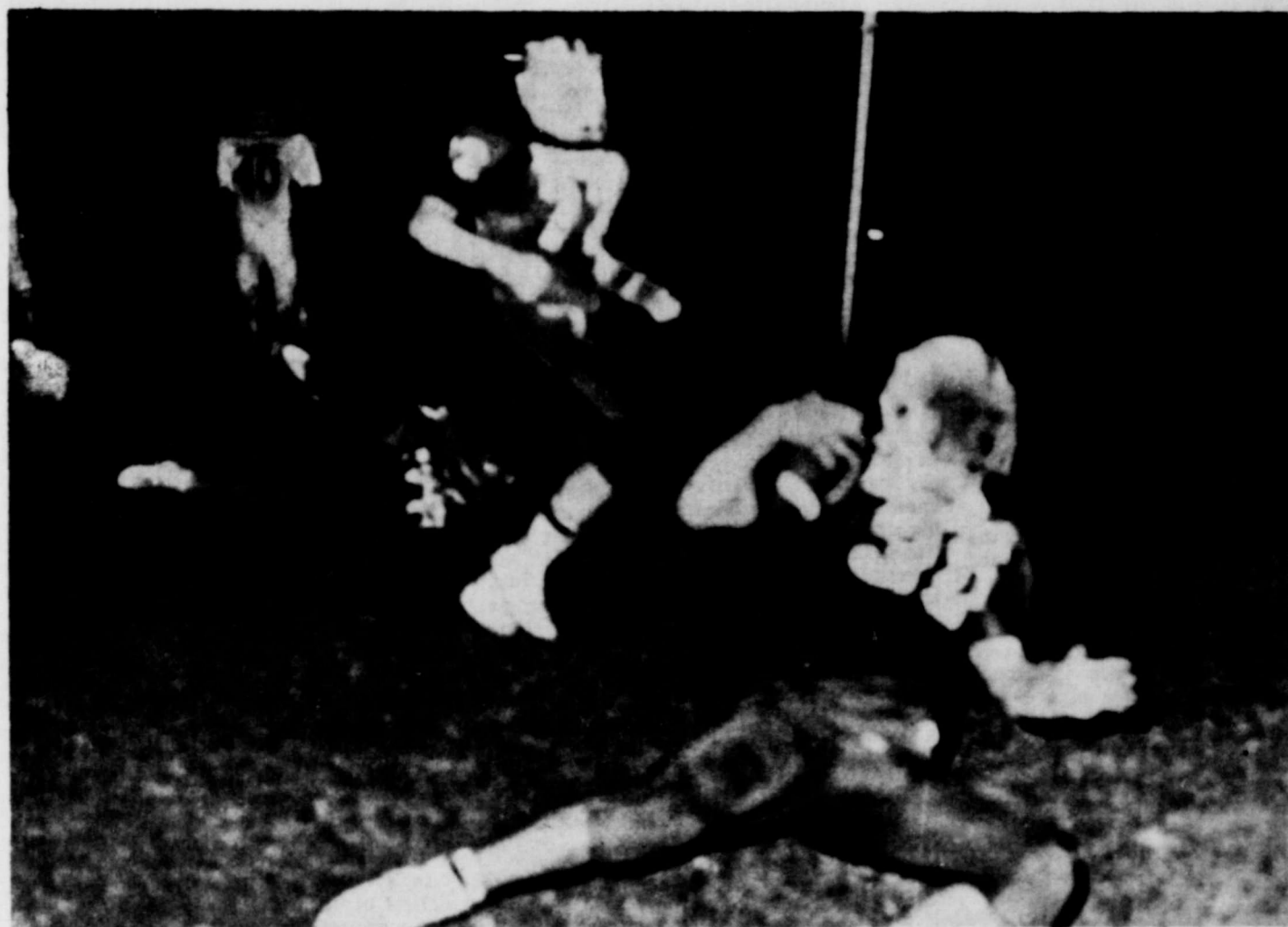
The following persons have made donations to the Merkel Youth Center.

Goldie Malone
Dr. and Mrs. Don Warren
Mrs. Bura Hendricks
Mrs. Ernest Pack
Claude Warren

The center appreciates the help that has been given and extends a special thanks to those who have attended the garage sales and an invitation to others to come.

The latest addition to the games at the youth center is football.

Fms is a worthwhile project and it warrants your support.



IN FOR TWO - Keith Austermann, #30, takes the pigskin into the end zone following his touchdown to put two extra points on the scoreboard for Merkel. The contest was won by Ranger 20-14.

Bulldogs Nip Badgers 20-14; Merkel Goes To Roby This Friday

Merkel dropped their second loss of the season 20-14 to Ranger Friday night in a game plagued with penalties and fumbles. The statistics show that the game was one between evenly matched teams, but the scoreboard told another story. The Bulldogs were put on the board repeatedly through the efforts of quarterback, Manuel Hernandez.

Early in the first quarter, the Bulldogs surprised the Badgers with a fake punt on a 4th down situation, but the Badgers dropped #40, Jimmy Blackwell just behind the line of scrimmage and the Bulldogs turned the ball over to the Badgers on the 26 yardline with less than six minutes left in the first period of play.

Quarterback, Paul Tucker hit his teammate, Keith Austermann with a 20 yard pass on a 4th down to begin the drive eventually leading to the first touchdown of the night putting Merkel on the scoreboard. With the ball on the nine yardline, Ricky Howes ran 8 and gave the Badgers a first and goal situation. Two plays later Austermann took the TD in from the 1 yardline with only 35 seconds remaining in the period, giving the Badgers a 6-0 advantage. A fumbled snap of the ball stopped any chance of the PAT and the quarter ended with the score unchanged. Penalty was the name of

the game as Merkel and Ranger each lost yardage via the flag in the second quarter. The highlight, however was an interception by Badgers #11, Brad Pursley on the Badgers 15 yardline. An off-sides penalty against the Bulldogs gave the Badgers another first down.

Keith Austermann in a most dramatic run took the pigskin into Bulldog territory just to fumble and lose the ball at the Bulldog 25.

Following suit to gain entry on the scoreboard, #10, Manuel Hernandez took the ball into the endzone from the 5 with 1:05 left on the clock to end the half. The PAT was low and to the left. With no further scoring in the first half, the teams went to the lockerroom at an even 6-6.

Early in the second half of the ballgame, the Badgers again did their fumble routine and the ball went over to the Bulldogs. A surge of Bulldog power set up the TD situation and #10, Manuel Hernandez went in from the 19 on a quarterback keep to add six to the Bulldog's score. The "Dogs then pulled a fake kick, Hernandez passed to Jimmy Blackwell who went in for 2 and the score jumped to 14-6 for the Bulldogs.

With one more fumble by the Badgers on the 38, the third quarter ended with the Bulldogs out front by 8.

Fourth period play began with a 40 yard run by Ranger's John Lebrede, just to have it called back due to a clipping penalty called against the Badgers. The next play brought Santos Hernandez down the field fifty yards for the final Bulldog score of the evening with only a minute gone out of the fourth quarter. The extra try for 2 failed and the Bulldogs retired with 20 on their side of the board.

Turn about came later as the Bulldogs got 15 yards walked off against them for the same clipping offense. A 35-yard pass from Tucker to DuBose put Merkel in good field position on the Bulldog's 30 with 8 minutes left in the contest.

The Badger drive was shortlived, however as Tucker threw once again to have Jim Roberts bring the ball down for the Bulldogs on the Bulldog 5.

Late in the final period the Badgers brought the ball into the Bulldog 35. The drive began and the Badgers came to the one yard line. With a fourth down and a minute thirty seconds on the clock, Austermann went over for the TD. Austermann again went into the end zone for 2 on the PAT making the score 20-14 with less than a minute and a half to play.

The Badgers attempted to regain possession of the ball with an onside kick, but the "Dogs covered and took over at their own 40. Mark Shaw sacked the Bulldog quarterback for a nine yard loss on the play with 1:06 to go, but the clock was against the Badgers as the Bulldogs watched it run out. Taking a five yard delay of game penalty, the Bulldogs toyed with the Badgers and let the clock run.

Merkel however, takes one more turn with the pigskin. Tucker took a 14 yard run to initiate a drive up field for the Badgers. The final unlucky break was yet to come for the Badgers though, for with five seconds left in the game, Jim Roberts intercepted a pass from pursley leaving Ranger in possession of the football and the game, 20-14 in favor of the Bulldog. Merkel will travel to Roby for their fourth contest this Friday night.

English Teachers To Attend Workshop Sept. 27

Burkburnett High School will be the scene of the annual District IX meeting of the Texas Joint English Committee for School and College on September 27.

Registration for the workshop will begin at 8:30 and will be followed by a short business meeting.

During the coffee break, nine area schools will be sharing teaching ideas with workshop participants in a mini-session.

Following the mini-session,

two panel discussions will be presented, one on poetry and one on composition. Luncheon speaker will be Dr. Jeff H. Campbell, Chairman of the English Department at Northwestern State University.

The Texas Joint English Committee for School and College is the professional English organization for college English teachers and English and Language Arts teachers in the public and private schools.



RECEIVE CAMPUS SCHOLARSHIPS - The above young people have been chosen to receive on a campus service scholarship at West Texas State University. Kneeling third from the left is James Wharton of Merkel.

Wharton Awarded Campus Services Scholarship At WTSU

Merkel High School graduate James Wharton has been awarded one of 10 Campus Services scholarships at West Texas State University for the academic year of 1975-76.

The students receive a \$400 scholarship each semester while serving as official hosts and hostesses for the University and working 10 hours assisting admissions advisors and directing campus tours. WTSU Director of Development Keith Winter is in charge of the Campus Services. Admissions advisors are Jan McKenzie and Charles Smallwood, both WT graduates.

A freshman pharmacy major, James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wharton of Rt. 1, Merkel. Student recipients of Campus Services scholarships are chosen on the merits of scholastic achievements and participation in extracurricular activities. In high school, Wharton was active in Future Teachers of America, Future Farmers of America, band and participated in athletics.

Mr. Winter expressed his pleasure at having such talented, intelligent people as a part of the Campus Services organization. In his words, "It gives them the opportunity for leadership."

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Garage Sale

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For further information call Russell McAnally, Mrs. Leon Harris or Mrs. Larry Justice. Youth Activity Telephone No. 928-5859. ttc

Miscellaneous

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NEED HELP? Call the Merkel OUTREACH PROGRAM. 928-5859 or 928-5017. ttc

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Lost & Found

STRAYED AUG. 20th. 500-550 pound red white-faced heifer; 11 months old; 5 miles south of Merkel. Pat Arnold place. 928-5454. 31-ltc

FOUND - Gold framed glasses with bi-focals in Carson's parking lot. Inquire at the Merkel Mail. ttc

MASONIC MEETING

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.
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BADGER TRACKS

By SUSIE TOOMBS

Badgers play Roby The Badgers will travel to Roby to battle with the Lions this week. Although they had a little bit of bad luck last week, they will surely come in on top. Everyone travel to Roby this Friday and watch the Mighty Badgers CAGE the VICA.

The VICA Club provides opportunities for members to participate in educational, social, recreational and vocational activities such as learning to use tools, learning a trade helping others build things for themselves, and helping the schools.

1975-76 VICA officers are president, Steve Peachy; vice president, Chuck Knight; secretary, Jody Carter; reporter, Mike Speckers; treasurer, Bart Wisenhunt; parliamentarian, Mike Frazier; and shop sweetheart, Susie Toombs.

FFA 1975-76 officers of the FFA are president, John Bierra; vice president, Larry Smith; secretary, Mark Shaw; treasurer, Tommy Sloan; reporter, Glen Braune and sentinel, Steve Tarpley.

Jesse Sparks and Richard Schultz entered the calf scramble during the rodeo at the fair. Jesse caught a calf and will receive \$200 toward the purchase of a registered beef breed heifer to be used as a project. Richard was not as fortunate.

Lambda Beta News

A kick-off tea for the Beta Sigma Phi City Council was held September 20 at the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest in Abilene.

The new 75-76 Beta Sigma Phi City Council officers are president, Sheri de Cordova; 1st vice president, Carolyn Northcutt; 2nd vice president, Gayle Anderson; recording secretary, Jane Fisher; corresponding secretary, Carol Moore; treasurer, Betty Carter; public relations officer, Pat Neff, exemplar coordinator, Barbara Huff; and advisor, Marge Childress.

A number of chapters had a display of program books, scrap books, trophies and other things of interest from their chapters.

Punch and cake were served. The cake was decorated with the Beta Sigma Phi 75-76 theme "Let Our Heritage Ring."

Present from Lambda Beta were Pat Neff, Jo Moore and Ginny Yaddow.

Public Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: E. O. McCormick, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd, District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 6th day of October A.D. 1975, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 6th day of March A.D. 1975, in this cause, numbered 34,775-A on the docket of said court and styled The First State Bank, Abilene, Texas, Plaintiff, vs. E. O. McCormick, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

On May 31, 1972, Defendant executed and delivered to Plaintiff, his promissory note payable to Plaintiff or order, for said sum of \$17,000.00. Defendant was and is indebted to Plaintiff in the sum of \$17,000.00, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas this 21st day of August A.D. 1975.

(SEAL)

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk, 42nd, District Court Taylor County, Texas.
By Diana Howard, Deputy. 27-4tc

Goodman HD News

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club opened their meeting with the roll call and a program by County Extension Agent, Nacy Wilburn from Anson. The program consisted of how to convert to the metric system.

Each member was given a weight and temperature to convert.

Being the first meeting of the season, a number of items warranted discussion. The state meeting in Abilene was discussed and plans were made to attend a work shop on yeast and quick breads.

The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Alan Agnew. Members attending were: Mesdames Carl Carey, Dennis Butler, Frank Carter, Alan Agnew, David Garte, Dan Butler, Jennings, Win-ers, H. H. Windham and Stella Carter.

Everyone is invited to the meetings.

While waiting to turn keep your tires straight until you actually make your move, says the Tire Industry Safety Council. If you should happen to be hit from behind, at least you can't be knocked into on-coming traffic.

Crossword Puzzle

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
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49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
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ACROSS

- Hanging ornament
- Gas globe
- Disregard
- Imaginary
- Graze
- Poles
- Ever: poet
- Attempt
- Esperanto
- Abound
- Made
- unhappy
- French coin
- Hawaiian dish
- Prefix: earth
- Be
- Insect
- Jelly: chem.
- French "the"
- Clear
- Age
- Crimson
- Cluquish
- Gull
- Sign of assent
- Mortar
- Scotch "no"
- Ear
- Inflammation
- Complain
- Dormant
- Appeared
- Remove silt
- Rubs out
- Building wings
- Yelp: slang
- Extinct bird
- Canine
- Lamprey
- Female deer
- Without a stop
- Bow
- Length unit
- Prefix: three
- Permit
- Descendant
- Dan
- Tree
- Cotton fabrics
- Famous
- Stallion
- Indian queen
- Requires
- Horned animal
- Aged
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The Lieutenant Governor's Report By Bill Hobby

AUSTIN -- On of its initial two-year September 8, the responsibility. Governor's Energy Created by executive Advisory Council order by Governor Dolph graduated to a new level Briscoe on May 10, 1973, of responsibility and the Governor's Energy brought the State of Advisory Council Texas closer to a completed this year an comprehensive state assessment program that energy policy. On that is acclaimed throughout date the first meeting of the nation as the best the new Governor's documented and most Energy Advisory Council thought out program anywhere in the country. with new legislation The council, consisting passed last spring. of representatives of

The passage of the bill introduced by Senator Max Sherman of Amarillo was the Legislature's diploma to the Council for successful completion

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The bill also calls for the creation of an advisory committee to the Council comprised of the heads of other state agencies and citizens representing a balanced cross section of socio-economic, geographic, and economic segments of the state.

The Council is charged with the broad responsibility of developing a coordinated, comprehensive state energy policy to be implemented by all agencies of state government.

More specifically, the Council is to develop and maintain an energy data base system, to provide and improve the econometric modeling of the state's economy, to analyze manpower needs for anticipated and desired developments in the economy in light of expected energy situations, to assess technological developments in the field of energy.

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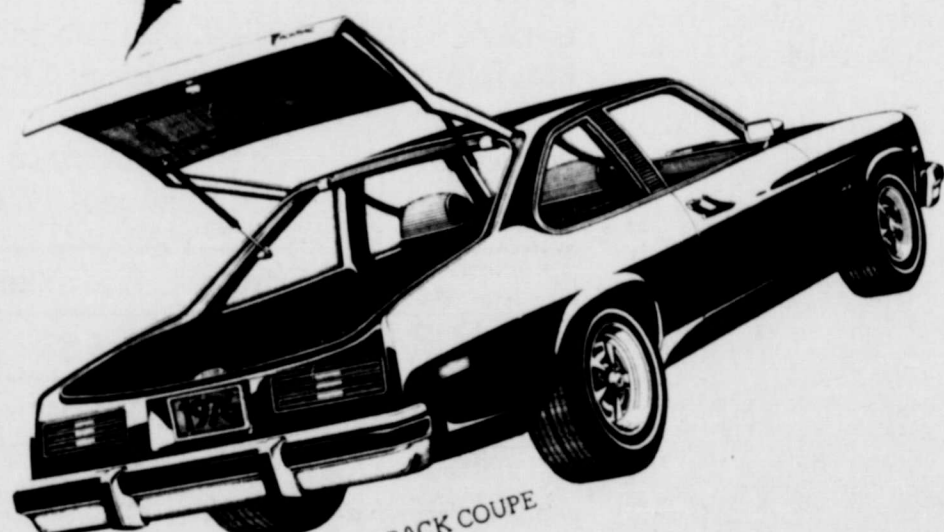
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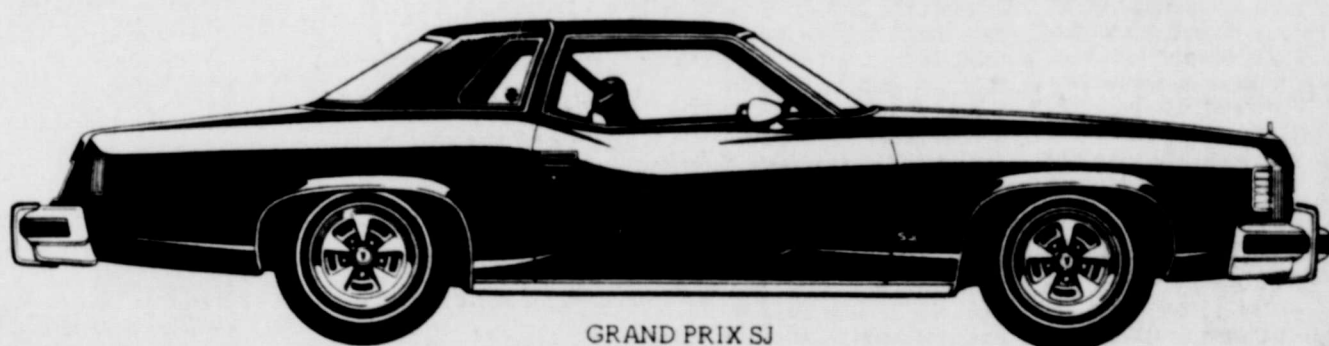
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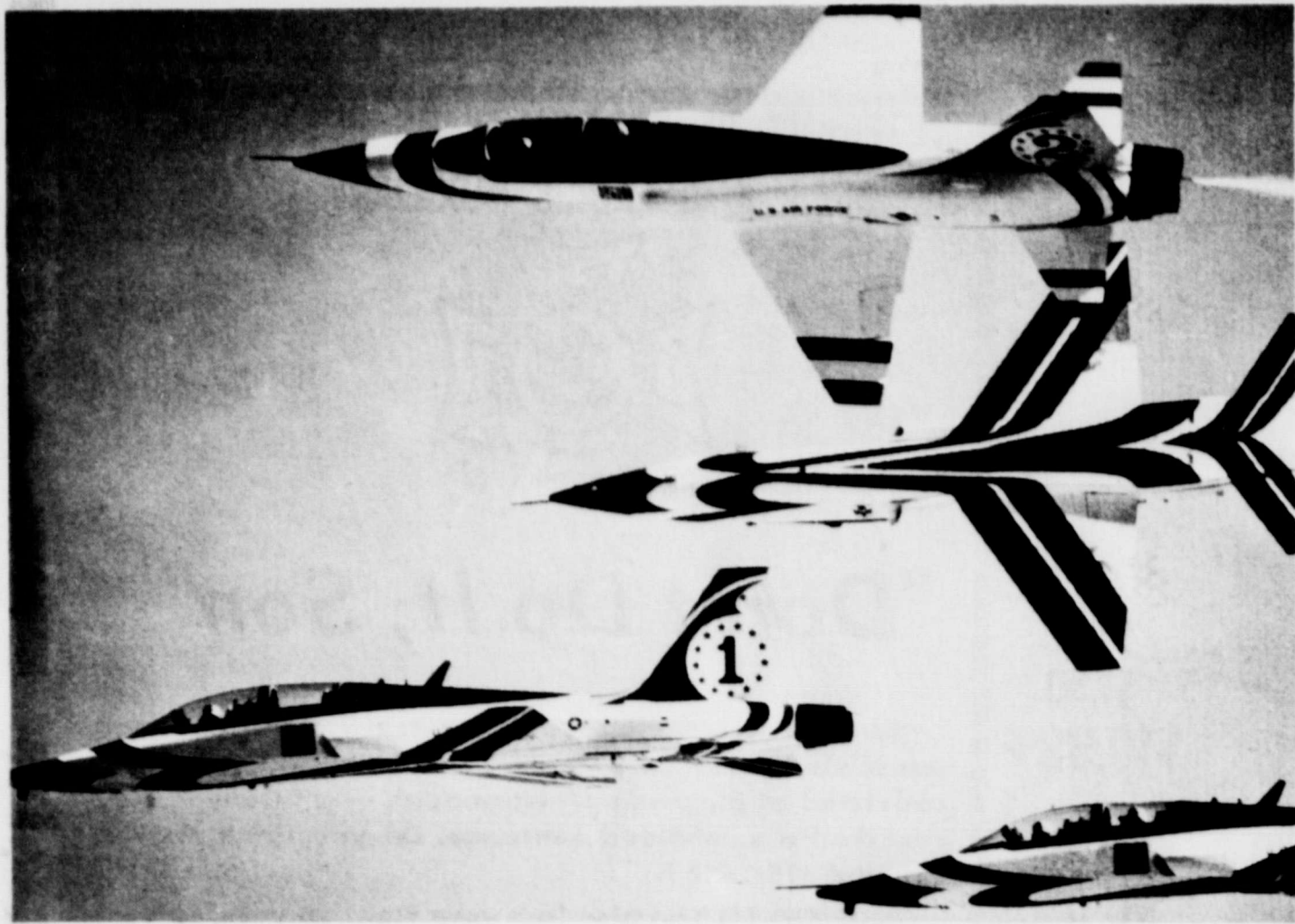
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Cattlemen Once Again Rounding Up For Crippled Children

Back around the turn of the century, rounding up cattle and driving them to Abilene was routine to the Southwest cattlemen. In the fall of 1960, cattlemen banded together for a most unusual Round-Up that expressed their continuing concern for neighbors in need. Each fall for the past fifteen years, ranchers and stockmen have been cutting out of a calf, a pen of calves or livestock of any kind and earmarking them for the Annual Cattlemen's Round-Up for Crippled Children. Hundreds of cattle are rounded up from a pasture the size of Texas, and even larger, and hauled by volunteers

working around the clock into Abilene to be sold at a very special auction to raise funds to enable the West Texas Rehabilitation Center to extend a helping hand to handicapped children and adults from throughout the Southwest. Last year almost 4,000 individuals were served by this private, non-profit treatment and diagnostic facility which is largely dependent upon the contributions of friends. To date about 100 head of cattle have been pledged for the September 29 Cattle Sale in Abilene. It is hoped that this number will quadruple by

sale time. At the present time trailers are picking up donated cattle in deep south Texas. Between now and sale time trucks and trailers will be in almost every section of the state. Anyone wishing to donate livestock should contact the West Texas Rehabilitation Center as quickly as possible and arrangements will be made for pick up of animals. The center's number is 915/692-1633. Charlie Morris of Abilene, longtime chairman of the Cattlemen's Round-Up for Crippled Children, expressed guarded optimism about the prospects for the 16th annual

round-up. Morris said, "For fifteen years cattlemen have stood shoulder to shoulder with the Rehab Center, through good times and bad." "As the sale approaches we are of course expectant and just a little nervous, but the cattlemen have never let us down," Morris added. Last year's sale raised \$150,000.

Scout News

The cub scouts are in need of den mothers to serve for the current school year. Anyone who loves boys and can work with children as a den mother is asked to call 928-5156.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the many friends for the many expressions of sympathy and acts of kindness at the time of our loss. A special thanks to Rev. Ken Jones and the many who brought food and flowers. The family of W. R. (Bilby) Dunning.

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Gas Priced Like Apples*

"How much are your apples?" only 29 cents, too." Which is a long way, perhaps, of getting around to the point. Natural gas in Texas sells for up to \$1.90 per 1,000 cubic feet. And Texans have gas. But in non-producing states, where the price of imported gas is controlled at 51 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, there is no new gas to be bought. If we didn't have gas, our price would be 51 cents, too. But we couldn't buy gas either.

"Forty-nine cents a pound," the grocer replies. The housewife registers surprise and exclaims: "Henry's apples are only 29-cents." "Why don't you buy your apples from Henry?" responds the merchant. "He doesn't have any apples," she says. "If I didn't have any apples," the grocer explodes, "mine would be

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Ladies Auxilliary

The ladies Auxilliary to the Merkel Fire Department will be earning money to help finance the racing team uniforms and to help finance the expenses of going to the State Fair in October. The group will be having money making projects for Trades Day, October 4. The ladies will also be selling chances on a deer rifle. Anyone wishing to help support the racing team to the state fair may contact the fire department.

MISSIONETTE NEWS

The Missionettes will be starting a new season Friday of each week at 3:45 p.m. Meetings are held at the Assembly of God Church.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Divorce: Married: November 7, 1968 Separated: July 5, 1975 Child: Darrell James Starks, Jr. Certain community property accumulated as is more fully shown by

Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 11th day of September A. D. 1975.

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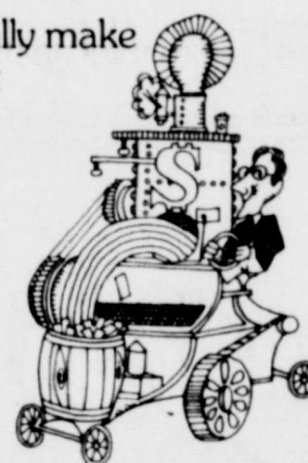
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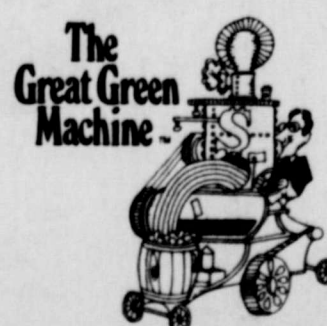
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A Weekly Report Of Agri Business News

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John C. White, Commissioner

About The Same... But Not For Pecans...
Soybeans, Peanuts, Sorghum, Cotton Have It In Common... Family Land Heritage Oct. 14.
 Texas cattle on feed as of Sept. 1 shows just about the same numbers as a month ago, the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service at Austin notes.
 Cattle on feed as of Sept. 1 in Texas totaled 1,337,000 head; this is one per cent above a month ago. But it is 24 per cent below a year ago.
 In the seven major cattle feeding states, the number on feed as of Sept. 1 is estimated at 5,944,000 head. This is 13 per cent below a year ago, but is virtually the same as a month ago.

WHILE MOST COMMODITY reports for Texas are unchanged from a month ago, the Texas pecan prospects are bright, especially compared to a year ago. Texas pecan production for 1975 is estimated at 58 million pounds. That's 53 per cent more than a year ago.
 In spite of problems of powdery mildew, shuckworms, walnut caterpillars and webworms as well as scab, most areas of the state still report the best crop set for several years. Harvest will begin soon on early-maturing varieties.

WHAT DO COTTON, sorghum, peanuts, and soybeans have in common this year? The latest crop report shows that projected yields are about the same as a month ago.
 But for corn, the story is different. Corn production in the state this year will be the second best on record. Only 1920 will top the 1975 corn production for Texas. Per acre yield for the state will be similar to midwest corn production states. An average of 105 bushels per acre is now indicated for Texas.
 Cotton production for the state this year is now set at 3,025,000 bales. This is up considerably from the 2,462,000 bales of a year ago. The average per acre yield this season is now set at 363 pounds; a year ago it was a puny 269 pounds per acre.
 Sorghum production for this year in Texas is 394,400,000 bushels, virtually unchanged from a month ago. Last year, however, the production of sorghum in Texas was only 312,000,000 bushels. Average per acre is 58 bushels this year compared to 52 bushels per acre in 1974.
 Peanut production is estimated at 474,300,000 pounds, about the same as a month ago. Last year, production of peanuts in the state totaled only 73,500,000 bushels.
 Soybean production for the state is set at 9,100,000 bushels, the same as a year ago.
 The next general crop report will note any changes in these and other crops; that report is due Oct. 10.

FAMILY LAND HERITAGE recognition program will be held Oct. 14 at the State Fair of Texas. The Family Land Heritage Program honors those families in Texas which have owned and farmed through their descendants the same farm continuously for 100 years or more.
 A special program honoring recipients for this year is now being planned.
 The program is sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Last year, more than 500 Texas families were honored.

Fire Ant Controls Extended

AUSTIN--Fire ant quarantine restrictions are being placed on the movement of certain agricultural items in all or parts of fifteen Texas counties for the first time.
 "This action has been taken by the U.S. Department of Agriculture because the imported fire ant has spread into areas that formerly had been free of the pest," Agriculture Commissioner John C. White explained.
 The counties are: Anderson, Bandera, Caldwell, Calhoun, Frio, Gonzales, Grayson, Guadalupe, Kerr, Leon, Limestone, Navarro, Robertson, Upshur and Wood.
 In addition, movement restrictions are being extended to more parts of these previously infested counties: Collin, Comal, Fayette, Matagorda, Rusk and Tarrant.
 "Texas already is under the federal imported fire ant quarantine. However, movement of items such as soil and earth-moving equipment is restricted only out of those areas that are actually infested," Commissioner White said.

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 Daring aerial artists on the high wire will give free performances each afternoon on Big Tex Stage, and the Trinidad and Tobago Carnival Band on Stage 7 will thump out the Calypso beat on steel

Delicious Fruit Nut Brownies



Whether it's a school lunch box filled with nutritional things to eat or an after hours study session, there is nothing more tasty than delicious fruit nut brownies.
 Here is the recipe as developed in the Nestlé Test Kitchens.
 2 6-oz. pkgs. (2 cups) Nestlé Semi-Sweet Real Chocolate Morsels
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 2 cups firmly packed brown sugar
 1½ cups unsifted flour
 4 eggs
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 ½ teaspoon salt
 1 cup raisins
 1 cup chopped nuts
 Preheat oven to 325°F. Combine over hot (not boiling) water. Melt chocolate morsels and butter; stir until morsels melt and mixture is smooth. Transfer to large bowl; cool 10 minutes. Add sugar, flour, eggs, baking powder, vanilla extract and salt; mix well. Stir in raisins and nuts. Spread evenly into 2 greased 9" square baking pans.
 BAKE at 325°F. TIME: 45 minutes
 Cool; cut into 2" squares. Makes 32 2" squares.

Birthday Party Hosted At Country Club

Marie Shanks and Sarah Eckols were honored Saturday evening, September 20, at the Country Club of Merkel. The celebration was in honor of the ladies' birthdays which were September 19 for Mrs. Shanks and September 21 for Ms. Eckols.
 Featured entertainment at Country Club of Merkel Saturday evening was the Abilene Repertory Theatre which performed "Egad, What A Cadi," a melodrama starring Sylvia Cato, Clinton Trigg, Beth Griffin, Ted Huggins, Janet Burke, Tommy Dean and Brenda Keese. Peggy Click directed the play.
 Those joining in wishing the two ladies a happy birthday were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Justice, Mr. and Mrs. Mike King, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris, Peggy Vanderwerker, Cecelia Steinborn and Cecil Plyler.
 Offering special congratulations to them were club owner, Virgil Robins and special guests of the club for the golf tournament, The Bentley Brothers of Arizona.
 Old soldiers never die; They only fade away! Anonymous

New Look: Wheat Sales To Russians

AUSTIN--What portion of America's wheat is Russia buying?
 The size of the Russian wheat sales can be put into perspective by considering the size of the U.S. and Texas wheat crops, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White said.
 First, the 1975 U.S. wheat crop, converted to metric tons, amounts to 58,300,000.
 The Russian wheat sales amount so far to 4,500,000 metric tons. That leaves 53,800,000 metric tons.
 U.S. wheat consumption this year in metric tons will amount to about 18,000,000, thus leaving 35,800,000 metric tons of wheat from this year's crop that is still available for use somewhere.
 A metric ton is 2,200 pounds. A bushel of wheat weighs 60 pounds. Therefore, in a metric ton there are 36.7 bushels of wheat.
 On a bushel basis, this is how it figures: the U.S. wheat crop figures at 2,140,000,000 bushels. Russian wheat sales in bushels figure at 165,000,000.
 That would leave 1,975,000,000 bushels or roughly 2,000,000,000 bushels.

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CANCER Answerline

American Cancer Society

A factory worker wants to know: "Are unions doing anything to help workers who might be exposed to things that cause cancer?"
ANSWERline: Scientists are learning more about possible industrial cancer hazards while some are already known. The recent discovery of unusual forms of cancer among chemical plant employees who were exposed to vinyl chloride has called additional public attention to this subject. The American Cancer Society has an Environmental Cancer Research Project and has often worked with unions to find answers to potential problems. There is a long-term study going on with the Painters Union, Printers Union and others to determine the effect of certain dyes, carbon black and talc. Industry and unions are indeed cooperating in other such studies -- for example, studies of possible health hazards to asbestos workers -- and are changing manufacturing processes to reduce harm.
 A dentist notes: "ANSWERline would be wise to remind people that dentists also help in the fight against cancer. We are always on the lookout for any suspicious changes in the mouth." **ANSWERline:** We like to say that the dentist's office is as much of a cancer detection center as is the physician's office. There are several forms of oral cancer and regular dental checkups can do more than just save teeth -- they can help save lives!

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UNION STOCK YARDS, 1890s STYLE—This frame structure housed the San Antonio Union Stock Yards until 1938. That year it was replaced with the present livestock exchange building which houses the Federal State Livestock Market News Service office. This September, the Service celebrates forty years of providing accurate market news to Texas farmers and ranchers. Agriculture Commissioner John C. White said.

Dyess To Host Bicentennial Open House September 26

The Dyess Bicentennial Open House will open its gates at 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 26, and until 3 p.m., the public will be treated to flying demonstrations and static displays.

Along with many aircraft from around the country and booths displaying various Air Force jobs, the USAF Thunderbirds Demonstration Team and the 463rd Tactical Airlift Wing will put on flying demonstrations during the Open House.

The 463rd TAW demonstration begins at noon, and the Wing will demonstrate the versatility of the C-130 Hercules aircraft. Following the show by the 463rd TAW, the Thunderbirds will perform their routine that has entertained crowds for twenty-three years. The Thunderbirds will undergo an inspection party and an introduction by the group's narrator, and will then take to the air at 1:15 for a half-hour show.

After the show, the Thunderbirds will have time to meet the public.

The Eighth Air Force Band from Barksdale AFB, La., will perform from 11 a.m.-noon, and 2-3 p.m.

The 96th Security Police Squadron's Military Working Dogs will have three shows, at 11 a.m., 11:45 a.m., and 2:45 p.m.

The Open House will conclude at 3 p.m.

Estate Planning Assures Desired Property Heirs

Estate planning could be one of the biggest decisions a person could make to assure that his property would be passed on to his chosen heirs. In some instances, estates have had to be broken up and sold to pay taxes of inherited by persons other than whom the deceased had wanted to have the property just because proper legal planning prior to death had not been done.

An estate planning seminar has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 30, at 2 p.m. in the Gold Room of the First State Bank, 400 Oak. The program will include information about gift and estate taxes, estate planning, making wills, and providing estate appraisal and liquidation.

Mr. Dwight Kinard, Certified Public Accountant, will discuss gift and estate taxes and Mr. Steve Suttle, Attorney-at-law, will explain estate planning tools and give some points in making wills and passing the estate on to others. Mr. Randall Y. Wilson, chairman of the Abilene Estate Planning Council, will talk on appraising and liquidating estates.

The program will be summarized by Robert Kensing, extension area economist in management.

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AUSTIN — Campaigns for and against the proposed new state constitution already are generating lots of heat.

Texas Press Association, Texas Daily Newspaper Association and Texas Association of Broadcasters got a broad introduction in a day-long pro and con seminar here last week.

A day later, Citizens for the Texas Constitution, leaders of the revision change, held their statewide kick-off meeting launching a six-weeks public information effort before the November 4 election.

The opposition group, Citizens to Preserve the Texas Constitution (the present one, that is), already was doing lots of kicking. Its statewide steering committee broadened steadily, picking up such members as former Gov. Preston Smith and Court of Criminal Appeals Presiding Judge John F. Onion Jr. Former Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert W. Calvert, head of the revision forces, summarized arguments for the new constitution.

Eight proposals on the November 4 ballot modernize Texas' basic laws and "provide benefits for the people which cannot be achieved under the old document."

Further, argued Calvert, the revision submitted by the legislature would "go a long way to stop wasteful spending in state government and provide equity and relief for the individual taxpayer."

Not so, countered Sen. Peyton McKnight of Tyler for the opposition. The new document would "lead to new taxes on an unprecedented scale," contended McKnight. Further, he

maintained, it would give the legislature "power to do about anything it wants at the expense of the people."

Much opposition, as anticipated, centered on proposed annual legislative sessions and a commission to pass on legislators' salaries. Tax provisions also came under heavy opposition fire.

Highways Slated
If costs keep going up and income doesn't, the State Highway Department says in another six or seven years it may have barely enough money to maintain the present 71,000-mile road system.

Major new construction could be out of the question if the state hasn't the cash to match federal building funds. Gasoline tax and motor vehicle registration income, which traditionally increased at six or seven percent a year, is no longer growing much. Meanwhile, construction costs have doubled since 1967.

The Highway Department, as explained here previously, is studying its manpower needs with a view to reduced payrolls. Some districts already have reduced their work forces.

Mowing along highway rights-of-way also has been reduced to save money.

Discount Expiring
Ten percent discounts on auto insurance premiums for 35,000 Texans may be lost this fall unless they re-take defensive driving courses.

Those who passed the National Safety Council course in accident avoiding three years ago can renew their discount eligibility for an additional 36 months by completing another eight-hour course.

New films and visual

aids, new information on traffic laws, driving habits, road design and engineering innovations are available, according to State Insurance Board Chairman Joe Christie.

More than 400,000 Texans have completed the course during the last three years, and statistics indicate they have 32 percent fewer accidents, Christie said. The discount is also available to motorcycle operators.

Courts Speak
A federal judge in Washington, D. C. refused to block publication of Census Bureau statistics which will bring Texas under punitive provisions of the federal Voting Rights Act. Further appeals are under consideration.

A Belton man who shot another because he feared a karate chop lost an appeal from a 99-year prison sentence for murder.

Court of Criminal Appeals upheld a 199-year murder sentence in a San Antonio robbery-killing. The Court granted a new trial in a controversy over sanity of an Odessa man convicted and sentenced to 10 years for the fatal shooting of his wife. It upheld 99-year sentences of two men in a Dallas murder and rape case.

AG Opinions
An unsuccessful job applicant has no special right of access to personnel-type information about his application under the open records act, Atty. Gen. John Hill held.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded: Students who are residents of Mexico are not entitled to reduced tuitions under a new law providing bargain rates for certain

neighboring-state commuters.

The Senate and House are ultimate judges of whether a legislator's service on the legislative committee of a private group is consistent with ethical standards set by state law.

System operation grants and incentive grants can be awarded to community libraries where the proper prerequisite circumstances exist.

Temporary taxicab permits issued by a home-rule city are effective only within the jurisdiction of the particular home-rule city. The Library and Historical Commission may reject the initial and any subsequent annual plan submitted by a major resource center and withhold funds until an acceptable plan is drawn.

Appointments
Texas Gov. Dolph Briscoe was unanimous choice of the Southern Governor's Conference for its vice chairman. He will succeed Gov. Mills Godwin of Virginia as chairman at the conference next year at Williamsburg, Va.

Dr. Lorene Rogers was

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appointed president of The University of Texas at Austin amid protests of students and faculty.

Former Gov. Preston Smith will become a special consultant to the Texas Tech University vice president for development and university relations on a parttime basis.

Short Snorts
More than 800 Texas cities received \$34.4 million in August city sales tax rebates from the state. Loans will be available January 1 for medical students who agree to practice in rural areas—through the State Rural Medical Education Board.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Weldon Travis Ellis and Sperland Ford Stone Respondent(s):

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas at the Courthouse in said County, in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of the Janey Twila Moore, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 12th day of September, 1975, against Weldon Travis Ellis and Sperland Ford Stone Respondent(s), and said suit being numbered 11,053-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the Interest of David Kenneth Culpepper, Matthew Carroll Stone, and Jackie Paul Stone Children," the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate Parent-Child relationship and Original Petition to Adopt.

Said David Kenneth Culpepper was born the 27th day of November, 1966, in Hamlin, Jones County, Texas.

Said Matthew Carroll Stone was born the 1st day of June, 1968, in Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas.

Said Jackie Paul Stone was born the 14th day of April, 1970, in Moffett County, Craig, Colorado.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the Child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

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12	Winters	There	8:00	Loss	11	Anson	T	7:30
19	Ranger	Here	8:00	Loss	18	Stamford	H	7:30
26	Roby	There	8:00		25	Stamford	H	6:00
Oct. 3	Albany	Here	7:30		Oct. 2	Albany	T	7:30
10	Jim Ned	There	7:30		9	Jim Ned	H	7:30
17	Roscoe	Here	7:30	Homecoming	16	Roscoe	T	7:30
24	Wylie	There	7:30		23	Wylie	H	7:30
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