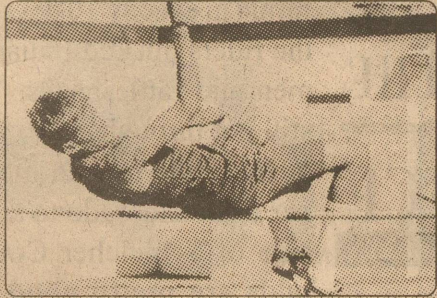


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F.Y.I.

For Your Information

On this date

On this date in 1872 S.R. Percy of New York City received a patent for dried milk. In 1928 Mae West made her glamorous debut on Broadway in the classic production of "Diamond Lil". In 1945 National Football League officials decreed that it was mandatory for football players to wear socks. In 1977 the Swedish pop group Abba made its debut at number one on the American pop charts as "Dancing Queen" became the most popular record in the U.S.

Notable birthdays include: 1903 actor Ward Bond (Wagon Train); 1926 Playboy publisher Hugh Hefner; 1932 singer-songwriter Carl Perkins (Blue Suede Shoes); 1939 actress Michael Learned (The Waltons).

News of yesteryear

The Jan. 24, 1930 edition of the Success reported:

"What has been known as State Highway No. 30 has now been designated as Federal Highway No. 277, extending from Oklahoma City through thirty one towns including Eldorado and to Del Rio, according to reports given out at a citizens meeting at the Court house Mon. afternoon by Mr. J. P. Price publicity manager for the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce.

The May 15, 1931 edition of the Success reported:

"Col. William L. Black, a citizen of Schleicher County, since 1876 died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Robert Winslow, on the old Black Ranch near Ft. McKavett, Monday morning at 7:30 o'clock, age 88. Mr. Black has been identified with the progress of Schleicher County for the past 55 years..."

Odds & ends

The bones of a pigeon weigh less than its feathers.

Fleas have changed history. More human deaths have been attributed to fleas than all the wars ever fought. As carriers of the bubonic plague, fleas were responsible for killing one-third of the population of Europe in the 14th century.

32% of all land in the U.S. is owned by the federal government.

& (the ampersand) was once a letter of the English alphabet.

There are at least a half-million more automobiles in Los Angeles than there are people.

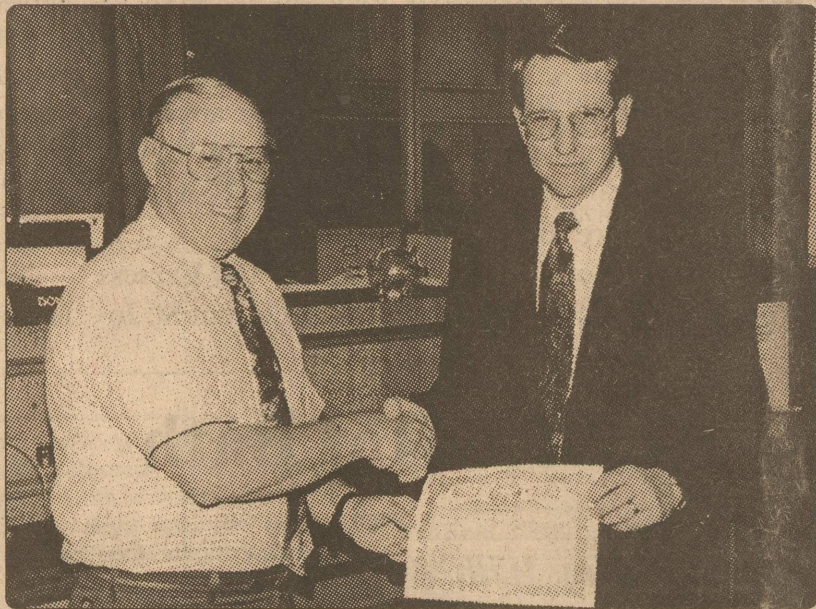


photo by Kathy Mankin

A gift to the city — Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk accepts a stock certificate from F.N.B. President Hyman Sauer representing 312.5 shares in Eldorado Townsite Company, Inc. which owns the mineral interest beneath much of Eldorado.

F.N.B. donates mineral interest to City of Eldorado

The First National Bank of Eldorado and its shareholders have donated to the City of Eldorado the rights to the very earth under the city.

The Eldorado Townsite Company was originally formed to sell town lots to the new town of Eldorado. As the lots were sold the company retained mineral interest to the rights below the City of Eldorado. Eldorado Townsite Company was incorporated in 1964. The First National Bank was holder of 312.5 Shares of Stock in the corporation.

By donating all its shares to the City, the bank is returning a part

of the heritage of Eldorado, to the citizens of the town.

Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk was on hand Thursday, April 2nd to accept the stock from First National Bank President Hyman Sauer. Nikolauk expressed his appreciation to the bank. "On behalf of the City of Eldorado and its citizens I want to say thank you to First National Bank and its shareholders. Corporate citizens like First National Bank are rare and appreciated," Nikolauk stated.

Sauer, stated that, "The bank is always interested in being a good neighbor and responsible citizen."

T.E.A. recognizes five local scholars

The Texas Education Agency recognized outstanding high school students throughout the state on Thursday, April 4, 1998. In a series of programs titled "Celebrations of Educational Excellence", high school scholars were honored for academic achievement.

Five Eldorado High School students attended one of the ceremonies, held at Angelo State University, where they received medals commemorating their academic

accomplishments. They included: Kirk Curtis, Tabitha Garcia, Lindsey Griffin, Sarah Mankin and Beau Sallee.

To attend one of the celebrations, students were nominated by teachers, counselors or administrators. Requirements included demonstration of outstanding academic accomplishments in the foundation curriculum areas of English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

County population increases by 1.9 percent

In preparation for the 2000 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau has released its 1997 population estimates and Schleicher County is one of 28 West Texas counties experiencing growth. The 1990 census placed Schleicher County's population at 2,990. Now, the bureau estimates 3,047 people reside in the county. That's a growth of 57 people, or, 1.9 percent.

Current numbers are based on population figures tallied on April 1, 1990 as compared to those on July 1, 1997.

The largest gain in West Texas was seen in Edwards County, where the population has jumped 65 percent from 2,266 to 3,738.

Presidio County increased 29.2 percent, bringing the population up 1,940 people from 6,637 in 1990 to 8,577 in 1997. San Saba County also experienced healthy growth. There the numbers grew 18.9 percent from 5,401 in 1990 to 6,424 in 1997.

Neighboring counties also saw growth. Crockett County was up 10.8 percent from 4,078 to 4,518 and Sutton County's population increased 7.3 percent from 4,136 to 4,437.

Menard County grew by 3.6 percent from 2,252 to 2,333. Irion County's population increased by 4.1 percent from 1,629 to 1,696. And, Tom Green County grew by

4.3 percent, up from 1990's number of 98,458 to 102,648.

Reagan, Upton and Terrell counties all showed decreases. Reagan was down 6.3 percent from 4,514 to 4,228. Upton lost 632 people or 14.2 percent, falling from 4,447 to 3,815, while in Terrell County the loss of 221 residents amounted to a 15.7 percent decline, leaving the population there at 1,189.

Statewide, the population surged by nearly 2.5 million people or 14.5 percent. In 1990 the Lone Star State's population stood at 16,986,335. The Census Bureau estimates that on July 1, 1997 the number was 19,439,337.

Easter Sunrise Service Planned

There will be an Easter Sunrise Service Sunday, April 12th, at 7:00 a.m. at the Eldorado Cemetery. This will be a service of praise, word and the Sacrament of Communion. Rev. George Lumpkin, pastor of First United Methodist, will officiate.

Rev. Lumpkin wants everyone to know that the the community is invited to come and participate, regardless of denomination or particular Christian tradition.

"Let us gather, not as a particular denomination, but as the Body of Christ as we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ," Lumpkin stated. Attire is casual.

City, School & Hospital election

by City Secretary Carolyn Mayo

Due to changes in the Election Law in 1995, both the City of Eldorado and the Schleicher County ISD may cancel part of their elections scheduled for May 2.

City Mayor John Nikolauk and City Ward #3 Councilmember Tommy Minor have filed for their respective positions on the Council and are unopposed for those positions. Therefore, it is anticipated that the Election for Mayor and for Ward #3 will be canceled during the April 13 meeting. Ballots are being prepared for Ward #1 with

Juaquin Rojas and Sherry Lux vying for the available Councilmember position. Also, ballots are being prepared for the Ward #2 election with candidates Domingo Pina, Richard Mendoz (incumbent), and Robert E. Bybee seeking the single position.

In the Schleicher County ISD Board of Trustees election, Berta Nicholson is unopposed for Single Member District #3. That portion of the election is also to be considered for cancellation at the April 13 School Board meeting. The

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photo by Kathy Mankin

And the Winner Is — Madolyn Joy was named Best Actress at the U.I.L. One Act Play competition held in Winters on Saturday.

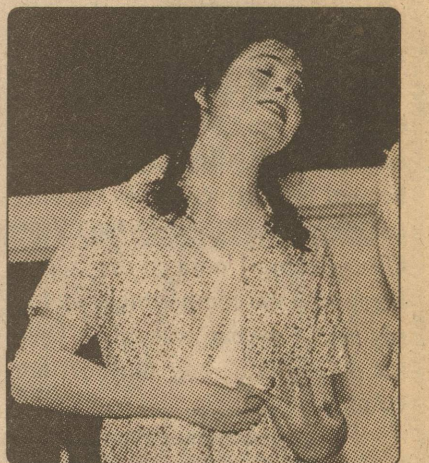


photo by Kathy Mankin

All-Star Performance — Hannah Wolfe was named to the All-Star Cast at the U.I.L. One Act Play competition held in Winters on Saturday.



photo by Connie Fryar

Scholarly pursuits — (Seated L-R) Sarah Mankin, Lindsey Griffin, Tabitha Garcia, Beau Sallee and Kirk Curtis were honored for outstanding academic achievement by the Texas Education Agency at an awards program at Angelo State University last week.

Hospital to host public forum

The Schleicher County Hospital District board of directors will host a public forum next Monday night to explain details of the hospital district's new contract with Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. The forum is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in the Nursing Home's dining room.

Several members of Shannon's management team are expected to attend the meeting. They include Shannon's Hospital's president Lawrence Leonard and vice-president in charge of Regional Health Services, Mary Hallmark. Dr. & Mrs. Brian Kingston are also expected to attend.

Beginning July 1st of this year, Shannon will assume operations of the Schleicher County Family Clinic. Dr. Kingston is scheduled to open a practice in the clinic beginning on August 1st.

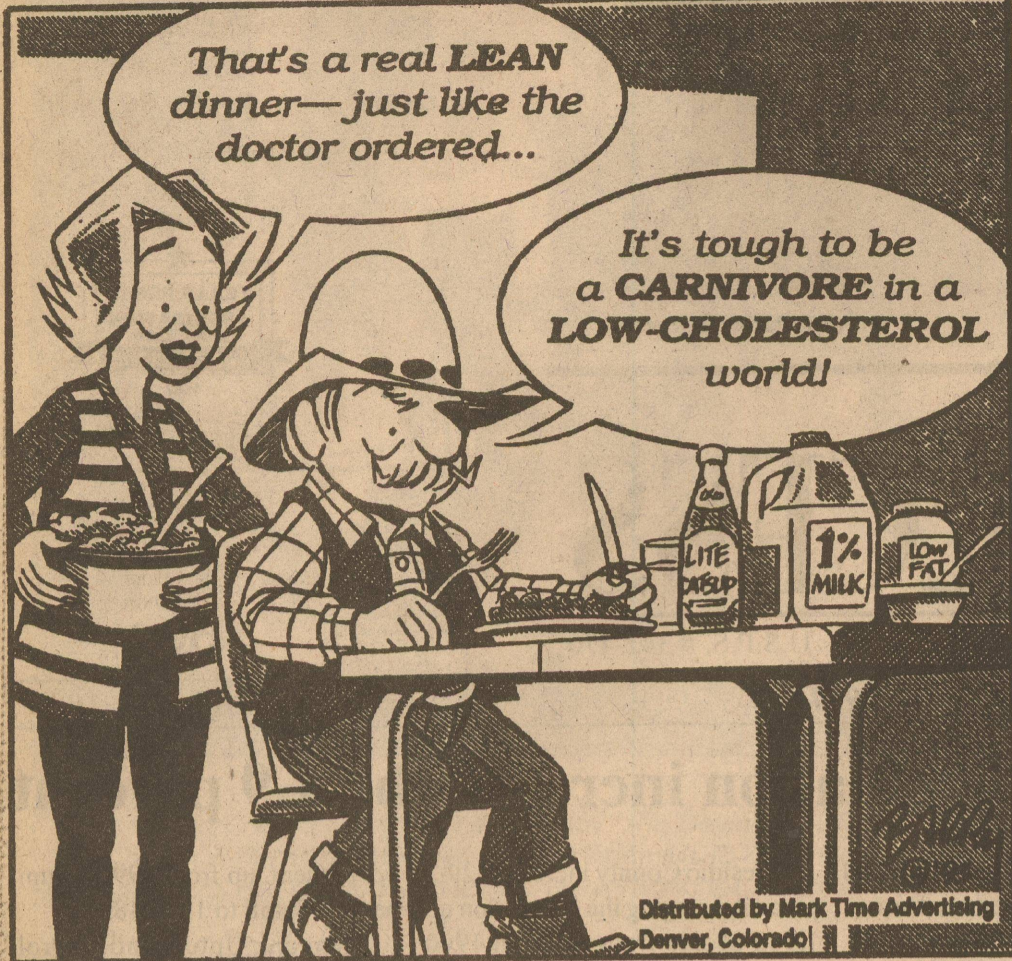
Schleicher County Hospital District Board President Ricky Fuessel said the meeting is intended to inform the public of every aspect of the district's contract with Shannon.

"When the board voted to contract with Shannon, they wanted to hold this forum as soon as possible," Fuessel stated. "Unfortunately, spring break and other conflicts pushed it back until Monday. I hope everyone will attend."

Remember... The Great Texas Trash-Off is today!!!

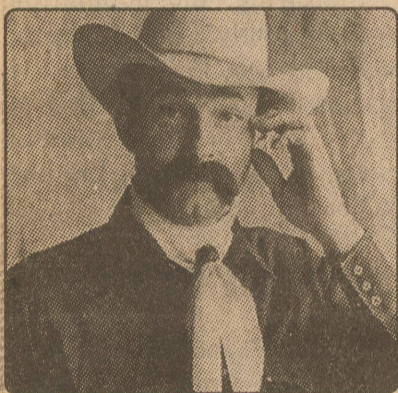
BUCKSHOT

by Barry McWilliams



Springtime Flying

BAXTER BLACK



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

I've had occasion to fly in lots of small planes. They don't bother me. I always put my faith in the pilots and let 'em do their job.

However, over the years I've developed some caution flying over the western plains in springtime, especially if I'm under 35,000 feet. They have some monumental weather in that swath of country from Amarillo north up through the Dakotas. Tornado season, ya know.

One bright spring morning several years ago I boarded a little six seater in Chadron, Nebraska, headed for Denver. I was the only passenger and I took the back seat. On boarding I noticed the pilot's luggage in the compartment behind my seat. One bag was open. They set my hangin' bag on the floor behind theirs.

I strapped in and took out a book. The pilots were young men. They gave me the brief safety instructions and off we went headed south.

As we leveled out I could not

help but notice the giant wall of black clouds to my right. They rose further than I could point. The flight was bouncy. The co-pilot kept checking on me.

Suddenly a vertical clearing of sunlight split the storm clouds. The plane banked into the clearing. They were going to try for the scheduled landing in Alliance.

From the dashboard pencils and sunglasses flew my way. Their giant black book of maps of every airport in the world broke open and filled the air. Over my shoulder I could hear the bags bangin' around...T-shirts, Fruit-of-the-Looms and a Stephen King novel came spewing from the luggage compartment. A lone dirty sock snagged on the seat back in front of me.

The pilot made a left and we popped back out of the turbulence.

Once under control the co-pilot leaned back and asked about my health. "We're going to bypass Alliance," he said, "and Sidney doesn't look good either." He was the color of Cream of Wheat.

I looked back to the east. I could see all the way to Philadelphia.

"North Platte's right over there," I pointed.

We landed in North Platte in 52 m.p.h. winds. That's where I spent the night. Jerry said one spring he caught a ride from Valentine, Nebraska to Winner, South Dakota with an Irish engineer named Joe. It was Joe's airplane. The weather was springtime rough and Joe's plane didn't give Jerry much confidence.

When he climbed in the four seater he noticed Joe was wearing a parachute. "You got another one?" Jerry asked.

Joe said, "Don't worry, you prob'ly won't need one."

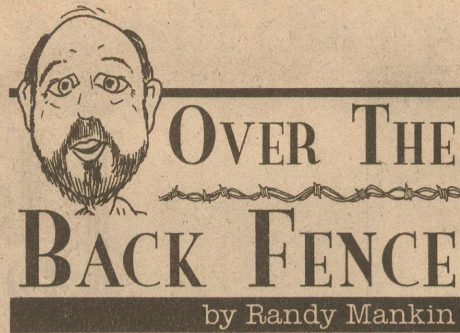
Most people look forward to their birthday. Even those who claim they have stopped counting the years secretly check the calendar and drop not-so-subtle hints as the big day approaches.

Not me. I was born on April 15th...INCOME TAX DAY.

When I was a youngster, I didn't understand why people always seemed to be depressed on my birthday. Other kids had normal birthdays. You know, complete with parties attended by lots of friends. But when my birthday rolled around no one wanted to party. Mostly, they just sat around and frowned.

When I was finally old enough to enter the workforce, everything became clear. The more I worked throughout the year, the bigger the party the government could throw for itself on my birthday...and at my expense.

Don't get me wrong. There are legitimate things for which the government needs money. But, as



I've stated before in this column, there are very, very few projects for which I am willing to turn my money over to the bureaucrats in Washington.

My old granddad was fond of saying that the government should defend our shores, deliver our mail and stay the !@#% our of our lives.

He was being generous. I'm not sure Uncle Sam should even be trusted with the mail.

Think about it. If it absolutely, positively has to be there, anywhere in the remotely foreseeable future, do you send it by the U.S. Mail? I don't.

In April, 1860 the Pony Express could deliver the mail from St. Jo-

seph, Missouri to Sacramento, California in exactly 10 days. On the way, the riders ducked Indians, highwaymen and rattlesnakes. Yet the mail still got through.

In 1998 you can mail a newspaper from Eldorado to anywhere outside of Schleicher County and the odds are pretty good it will take longer than 10 days for it to reach its destination...if it EVER does.

But, back to April 15th.

One particularly notable happening on the 15th of April was the death of President Abraham Lincoln. Mortally wounded by an assassin in Ford's Theater the night before, Lincoln died on morning of April 15, 1865. Ninety years to the day before I was born.

Oh, yeah. One other thing happened on April 15th. In 1912 the ocean liner Titanic struck an iceberg off the coast of Newfoundland and sank, taking 1,517 of its passengers and crew to the bottom with it.

Now that we're all depressed, Happy Income Tax Day, everybody!

A Nice Hot Bath

Rolling Along With



Tumbleweed Smith

Everything was white. The floor tiles, the walls, the ceilings, the curtains on the shower stalls, the doors, the attendants' uniforms, the tubs, the towels, the sheets. White. Nearly blinding white.

We were on the third floor of the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas. We were there to take a bath in the mineral water.

Hot Springs used to have several bath houses when bath houses were the rage. Now there's very few. The Arlington's bath house stays busy.

Inside the men's bath house, the attendant at a white table takes your ticket and asks you to take off all your clothes. When you remove the last article, another attendant quickly wraps you in a white sheet and accompanies you to a bath cubicle. The tub is full of water. The temperature is perfect. Not too hot, not too cold. You glide in and the water swirls

around you. It's coming out of a metal tube attached to a huge pump-like device that gushes out the water at a high rate of gush.

In about five minutes the attendant comes in with a course bath mitt and rubs your back and the backs of your legs. It feels wonderful. The water feels wonderful. Everything feels wonderful. It is

pure enjoyment.

After a few minutes the attendant returns with a warm towel. You dry off, then spend about five minutes in a sauna next door. Next you walk a few steps to a hard table. You lie down on your back and the attendant wraps you in a white sheet. A warm towel is placed around your neck. About the time you begin to get hot, a cool wet towel is placed on your forehead. This is nice.

You stay there very still, not thinking about anything except how great this experience is. The narrow tables are in a large open area and other bathers are there getting the same treatment. When you first lie down, you are asked if you have any aches or pains. If you do, you get a special warm towel placed near that ache or pain.

The time spent on the table makes you extremely relaxed. You get some kind of oily substance rubbed over you, then take a shower. Now comes the best part:

a massage.

The masseur uses a warm, soothing cream that he rubs over your back, your chest, your legs. He massages your forehead, your hands, your feet. I've never had anything feel so good as when he rubs the bottoms of my feet. Wow! This guy knows his stuff.

He finishes with a few Karate-chops to the body, then trails off gradually until his touch is barely felt. It's almost sad when he says, "OK, sir, you're done."

I walk over to where my clothes are and I don't want to put them on. I don't especially want to do anything. I am in a near zombie state and it is fabulous!

We go to supper and I'm still relaxed. I'm still relaxed the next day and the next. Now a couple of weeks after the experience I'm relaxed just remembering the Arlington's bath house in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

I will return.

U.S. House passes highway, mass transit bill

AUSTIN — The U.S. House last week approved its version of a bill that would pump \$218 billion into the nation's highways and mass transit systems over the next six years.

Texas' share of the amount, under the House plan, would be \$1.9 billion a year. Under a similar bill passed earlier by the Senate, Texas would receive slightly less — \$1.86 billion a year.

"Both the House and Senate bills give Texas an improved rate of return on what we send to Washington in federal transportation (gasoline) taxes," said Texas Transportation Commissioner David Laney, who added that ultimate success will be a combined bill that preserves the fairness of the House and Senate bills.

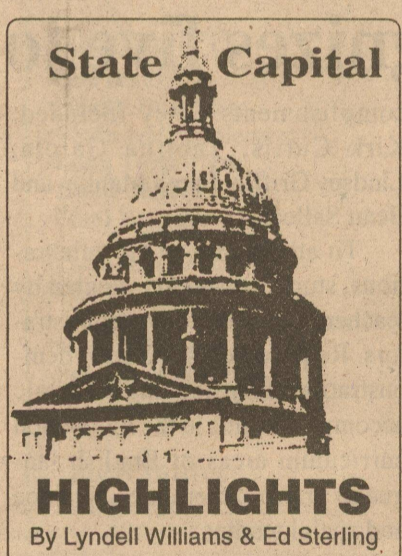
House and Senate members in charge of combining the bills will have to decide how Congress will get states to toughen drunken driving laws — through incentives or penalties.

In addition, the House bill includes about \$440 million for about 60 transportation projects in Texas; the Senate bill has no such provision.

Congress will have to find money by cutting other federal programs to help pay for the transportation program.

Inmate Costs Discussed

In a discussion of medical treatment of prison inmates, the Senate Criminal Justice Committee learned two things last week:



HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling

that it costs more to keep older inmates healthy and the number of Texas prison inmates is growing due to longer sentences and new laws that stiffen parole requirements.

As of Jan. 1, Texas had 9,130 prisoners age 50 or older — a 15 percent increase from a year earlier and more than double the number of that group four years ago.

At the meeting, committee chairman John Whitmire, D-Houston, said elderly prisoners with terminal illnesses who pose no risk to society should be allowed to leave prison to die at home with their families.

Under the state's managed health-care system, the cost per doctor visit for inmates age 55 and older is \$14.50. And, the cost for drug therapies for inmates with HIV is projected to rise to more than \$18 per day per patient by the end of the fiscal year.

Court Rejects TEA Suit

On March 31, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected a lawsuit that would have freed Texas of certain federal requirements when stepping in to manage a school district with serious financial problems. Justices said the suit was premature because it raised potential, not actual, circumstances.

At issue was the amount of time state officials have to wait to intervene, under present law, when conditions in a given school district have badly deteriorated.

"When a district is in critical shape," Debbie Graves, a spokesman for the Texas Education Agency, told the *Dallas Morning News*, "we need to be able to act quickly to protect the interests of schoolchildren. That is why this lawsuit was filed."

The suit was filed after Education Commissioner Mike Moses appointed — with federal approval — two "masters" to oversee the Wilmer-Hutchins school district two years ago.

Moses said he was disappointed at the court's rejection of the suit, but still believes the state has a right to intervene in school districts when circumstances warrant. "At such time as that need again arises, we will proceed in a manner that is in the best interests of the children and defend our right to do so if challenged," Moses said.

Other Capital Highlights

Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer last week ordered mandatory discounts, begin-

ning May 1, for hail-resistant metal roofs and created an endorsement on homeowners policies to deal with cosmetic damage. Homeowners will be eligible for homeowner discounts as high as 35 percent, depending on the area of the state where they live. Companies have the option of offering discounts for homeowners who installed hail-resistant roofs prior to Feb. 17, the Texas Department of Insurance said.

The *Austin American-Statesman* reported last week that despite an increase in applications from students of all races, the University of Texas has offered fall admission to fewer black freshmen and almost the same number of Hispanics as a year ago. The figures indicate an ongoing effect from the federal court decision known as the Hopwood ruling, which prohibited the use of a race-based admissions policy.

Former Texas Department of Corrections executive director Andy Collins has been indicted on eight counts related to an alleged conspiracy to ensure that Canadian company VitaPro received state contracts worth \$33.7 million in 1995.

Texas exports grew 14 percent last year — to \$84 billion — outpacing the national growth rate. Texas exports increased to \$84 billion in 1997. California was the only state to export more goods than Texas last year.

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OBITUARIES

Virgie Boyer Rampy

SAN ANGELO - Virgie Boyer Rampy, 96, of San Angelo died Sunday, April 5, 1998, in a local nursing home. Services were held Tuesday, April 7, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Chester Sylvester of Lake View Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery.

Virgie was born May 4, 1901, in Coleman County to Samuel and Rutha Boyer. She married Clarence J. Rampy in Ballinger Nov. 28, 1920. Preceding her in death were her parents, two sisters, three brothers, two sons and her husband.

Survivors include two sons, Pete Rampy and wife, Clema, of

San Angelo and Dale Rampy of Grape Creek; two daughters, Maxine Kimbro and husband, James, of Euless and Imogene Weddell and husband, James B., of Grape Creek; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Geneva Johnson of Abilene, Billie Belcher of San Angelo and Leola Stephenson of Eldorado; sister-in-law, Isabell Boyer of Eldorado; two daughters-in-law, Pauline Rampy of Woodland and Glenda Rampy of San Angelo; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Great-grandsons served as pallbearers.

Adela Y. Cortez



ELDORADO - Our beloved mother and aunt went to be with her savior on April 2, 1998.

She was born July 3, 1915, to Francisco and Adela Cortez in Brackettville. Ms. Cortez was preceded in death by her beloved brothers, Pedro and Domingo Cortez.

Adela was a lifelong resident of Eldorado and had resided at Park Plaza Nursing Home when she passed away.

Adela was a Catholic and enjoyed listening to her church music. She will be deeply and greatly missed because she stood for family and the love for family and friends.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Josie C. and Thomas C. Knight of San Angelo; four grandchildren, Anthony C. Lopez of San Angelo, Yvette C. Rodriguez of Eldorado and Connie and Alvin Knight of Nashville, Tenn.; four great-grandchildren, Joseph and Corey Knight, Brandon Ray Lopez and Preston "Petie" Rodriguez; two nieces, Maria Ramirez of Houston and Geneva Arispe of Eldorado. Other survivors include several nieces and nephews from New Mexico, Houston and Eldorado.

Services were held Saturday, April 4, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with burial service following. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

*I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith;
Henceforth, there is laid for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day and not to me only; but unto all them also that love His appearing.*
- II Timothy
Ch. 4 Verses 7&8

Alice McCalla

MINERAL WELLS - Alice Bierschwale McCalla, 80, passed from this life April 2, 1998.

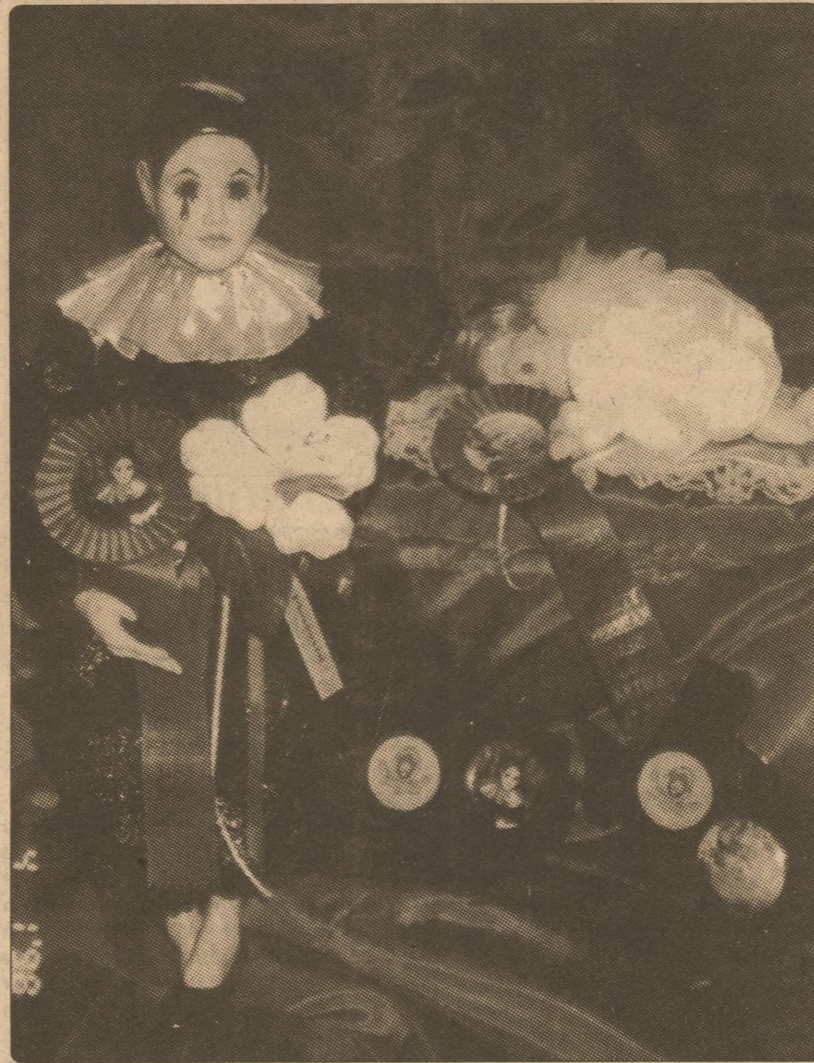
She was buried April 5, 1998 in the North Santo Cemetery. Services were conducted by minister's Darrell Boatman and Neil O' Bonnon of Mineral Wells. Special music "Just a Heart Beat Away" and "Come Home, It's Suppertime".

She was born in Gillespie County, June 7, 1917 to Moses and

Maude Bierschwale. She is survived by two sons, Don Chipman and wife Betty of Kerrville, David Gene McCalla and wife Judy of Mineral Wells; three daughters, Alice Ruth Denly and husband Gary Villnow of Center Point, Helen King and husband Jimmy of Santo, Betty Boatman and husband Darrell of Brazos; two brothers-in-law, Herbert of Stephenville and Gene McCalla of Eldorado; 5 granddaughter; 7 grandsons; 18 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Several nieces and nephews, many friends and neighbors.

She is preceded in death by her husband, George McCalla, her parents and one brother, T. J. Bierschwale.



courtesy photo
First Place Ribbons - Jean Kuykendall's clown doll (R) and Lola Squyres' sleeping angel doll (L) received First Place Ribbons and Best of Category Plaques from the First Regional Doll Showcase Annual Doll Show in Midland sponsored by the Permian Basin Doll Artisans Guild on March 7, 1998. Both dolls are from the Kay MaGee collection.

Historical Society report

by Ethel Etheredge, Reporter

The Schleicher County Historical Society met in regular session Monday, April 6, 1998 in the museum with six members present.

Following the pledges to the flags and the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and the Treasurer Report the group discussed the Cemetery Survey planned for April 18th.

Several teams have signed up to help with this very important effort of the Historical Society and the Ministerial Alliance.

Anyone wishing to help with the cataloging of grave sites will be most welcome to meet at the flag poles at 8:30 AM.

It was announced that Shine Spigarelli, Charlene Edmiston along with the help of Hawley Wolfe will be setting up teams and giving instruction on the Survey.

Proud grandparents are Bobby and Peggy Daniels and Dana and Helen Ledbetter all of Eldorado.

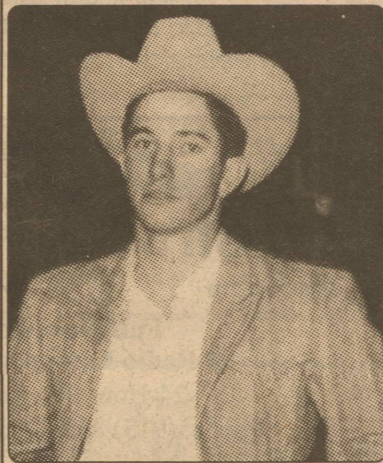
It's A Boy!

Howard and Donna Ledbetter would like to announce the arrival of their son Dustin Cade Ledbetter born on March 27, 1998 at 9:11 AM weighting in at 7 pounds 1/2 ounces and was 18 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his sister Ashley and brother Briley.

Proud grandparents are Bobby and Peggy Daniels and Dana and Helen Ledbetter all of Eldorado.

Still Cool at 55!



Happy Birthday Billy J.

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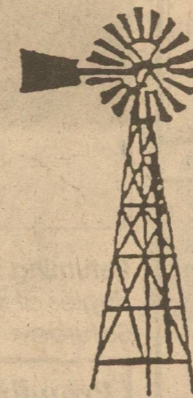
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Busted — Sutton County Sheriff's Deputy Oscar G. Chavez supervises his drug dog "Saber Knight" as he goes through a vehicle on US 277. The traffic stop initiated by Schleicher County Deputy Joe Dombroski resulted in the arrest of four people.

Routine traffic stop on US 277 lands four in jail

A phone call from an alert citizen Tuesday afternoon prompted a traffic stop on U.S. 277, just south of the Eldorado city limits, which resulted in four arrests and a quantity of cocaine being seized.

Schleicher County Deputy Joe Dombroski responded to a tip from a citizen intercepted a car which was reported to have been driving recklessly. Dombroski pulled the car over and found it occupied by five passengers, two women and three men.

Dombroski reported finding a quantity of cocaine on one of the subjects and radioed for backup. He also called for a drug dog to search the vehicle. Sgt. George Arispe responded and assisted in detaining the five suspects until Sutton County Deputy Oscar Chavez could arrive with his drug dog, a Black Labrador named Saber Knight.

The dog soon located drug paraphernalia in the vehicle and four of the car's five occupants were arrested.

Jennifer Lorean Kroninger, 19, of Lipan, Texas, Delisa Gail Crider, 25, of Duncanville and Clayton Philip Weilbacher, 20, of Stephenville were charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance. David Alan Gideon, 20, of Lipan was arrested on Tarrant County warrants for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle and Motion to Revoke Probation.

The four were transported to Schleicher County Jail where they

remain in custody at press time. A fifth passenger in the car was questioned and released by officers at the scene.

Deputy Dombroski credited an "alert citizen" with doing the right thing and calling to report a suspicious driver. He estimates more than 4 grams of cocaine was confiscated along with assorted drug paraphernalia.

The automobile reportedly belongs to a rental company and is not subject to Texas' seizure laws.

Runoff slated in Republican Party primary

A runoff in the Republican Party's primary election will be held Tuesday, April 14th. County Chairwoman Bessie Jones announced this week that she had consolidated the four polling places so that all four precincts may vote at the Fire Hall. The polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and remain open until 7:00 p.m.

Jones noted that voters wishing to participate in the runoff cannot have voted in the Democratic Party's primary in March. Only those who voted in the Republican primary, or didn't vote at all, may cast ballots in the Republican runoff.

Registration for Kindergarten & Kids Kampus set for April 23

by Mr. Brownlow

Eldorado Elementary will hold registration for all students who will be entering kindergarten on April 23, 1998 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Any child who will be 5 years old before September 1, 1998 is eli-

gible to attend kindergarten. Children ages 4 and 5 who meet eligibility criteria may attend Kids Kampus.

If you are unsure whether your child meets the eligibility requirements come by on the 23rd to pick up information.

Thunderbirds performance set

The Air Force Thunderbirds will perform two shows during Air Fiesta '98 on May 9-10 at Mathis Field in San Angelo. The elite F-16 demonstration team will be the highlight is the highlight attraction at the two-day air show.

Other features will include aerial performances by the Confederate Air Force, a demonstration by the Silent Sentinel parachute jump team and numerous aircraft on static ground display.

The event is free and open to the

public. Food, beverage and other concession booths will be open throughout the Air Fiesta. Parking is free.

The event is sponsored by the 17th Training Wing at Goodfellow Air Force Base. Gates will open both days at 10:00 a.m. with Air Show activities getting under way at 10:15 a.m.

For complete details about Air Fiesta '98, call the 17th Training Wing Public Affairs Office at 915-654-3878.



photo by Randy Mankin

Eldorado's finest — Eldorado Volunteer firefighters brought home several trophy's from the Hill Country Firefighter's Association convention in Ballinger last Saturday. (Standing L-R) Leonard Lloyd, T.J. Rodriguez and Michael Faull made up the 3-Man Pumper Team which won 1st place. They were joined by (Kneeling L-R) Jerry Felver and Joey Jones on the 6-Man Pumper Team which also won a 1st Place trophy. Also on that team and not pictured here was Joe Dombroski.

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Extension Club News

by Ola Ruth Barbee, Reporter

The Extension Club members met April 2, 1998 in the beautiful home of Carrie and David Hill.

Carrie gave a home and yard tour to the ten women who attended.

Chips, sandwiches, tea and cookies were served out on the cool long porch overlooking the back yard and the members enjoyed this spring day.

Elections

Continued from Page 1

election for Single Member District #4 will be held with incumbent Ilse Williams being challenged by Raymond Loomis. In Single Member District #6 Smokey Taylor and William Edmiston will both be seeking election to that one year term.

As publicized earlier, the joint City-School-Hospital Election will be held May 2 in the Multi-Purpose Room of the School Administration Building at 205 W. Fields. This is a change for this year only. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Carolyn Mayo at the City Hall at 853-2691 or Rachel Nixon or Hal Porter at the School at 853-2514, Ext. #221.

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Maundy Thursday Seder Meal

A Maundy Thursday Seder meal will be presented this Thursday, April 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church. Everyone in the community is welcome to come and participate in this presentation of a Passover/Seder meal with a demonstration of 1st century Palestinian hospitality customs. Seating is limited, so please call the church office at 853-3241 to make reservations. You will not want to miss this interesting and informative service. A donation of \$5 per person is suggested. The donations will be used for local mission and outreach projects in our community.

Museum sidewalk update

The new sidewalk in front of the Museum has recently been completed, except for the installation of the engraved pavers and bricks. The engraver has not completed his work. This delay is the result of not getting the information from subscribers early enough in the program to allow the engraving to be done in mid winter, which is the slow time in the Memorial business that occurs each year. Because they were not available, it was decided to go ahead with the work that could be done and install the engraved pieces when the engraving work is finished. At this point the engraver cannot give a definite time for this since it is fill in work for them.

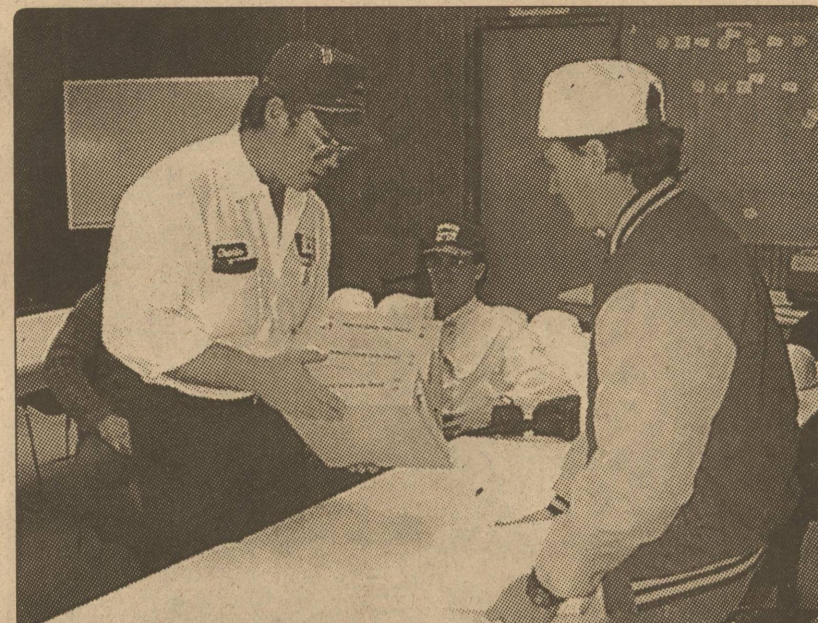


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Here ya' go — Charles Stuckey (L), BJ Services Training Officer, presents hazardous materials manuals to Joey Jones (R) who accepts them on behalf of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department.

Fire Dept. tours BJ Services

Fifteen members of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department toured B.J. Services, Tuesday night, March 31, 1998. The firemen met with Safety/Training Officer Charles Stuckey and Charles Bryant, Facilities Supervisor.

A complete manual on Hazardous Materials that B.J. Services might use and chemical inventory lists was presented to Joey Jones

Assistant Chief along with a map giving the locations of all materials being stored.

B.J.'s employee's Stuckey and Bryant gave the firemen a tour of B.J.'s buildings and grounds. The Volunteer Fire Department scheduled this tour as part of their ongoing efforts to familiarize themselves with local businesses, to improve the District's Emergency Response Plan.

April 15th tax deadline nears, extensions available

Dallas — Texans who can't file their federal tax return on time can get an extra four months if they mail Form 4868 by April 15 and request an automatic extension of time.

More than 1.1 million North Texans will wait until the last minute to file their tax returns. The IRS Austin Service Center estimates 278,600 citizens in its area will file for extensions.

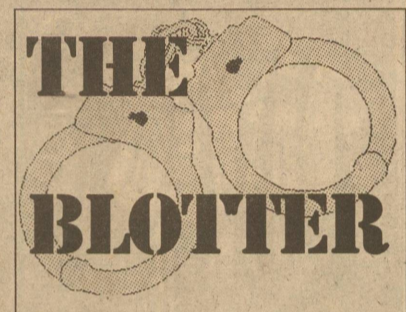
According to IRS District Director Glenn Henderson, the automatic extension is only an extension of time to file the tax return. It does not, however, give the person extra time to pay the taxes due on the return. Texans need to estimate the amount of tax they will owe and send that with the Form 4868 he said.

Texans who are able to file by the April 15 deadline, but who can't pay the tax due can request a monthly payment plan when they file. To request the payment plan, attach Form 9465 to the front of their tax return and show the amount they propose to pay each month and on what day. To set up the installment payment plan, the

IRS charges a \$43 fee which will be billed at a later date. "To reduce interest and penalty charges, people should pay as much as they can when they mail the extension or installment agreement forms," Henderson said.

Anyone who finds that they owe money this year may want to consider adjusting their W-4 "Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate" at work to have more money taken out each payday.

Extension and installment agreement request forms are available at many Volunteer Income Tax Assistance site. For more information call 1-800-820-1040.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Arrests

- 4/2/98 Jackson, Daniel S., male age 28, hold for Irion County. Arrested for Motion To Revoke (DWI). Released on \$1,200 Surety Bond.
- 4/2/98 Harris, Lillie C., female age 39, arrested by SC Officer for Out of County Warrant, Theft By Check-Taylor County. Released on \$1,000 Cash Bond.

Reports

- 3/31/98 Complainant reported a minor vehicle accident at local grocery store.
- 3/31/98 Disturbance - Complainant called to report that a disturbance was occurring out side of restaurant and requested an officer. Three officers responded and the situation was taken care of and no arrests were made.
- 4/1/98 Suspicious Person - A suspicious person was seen walking northbound on Main St. Complainant stated that they observed the subject walking on the street and then turn into the bank drive in and through the teller area of the bank. Complainant reported that the subject was a short individual wearing dark clothing and a letter type jacket. Of-

ficer responded to call, and was unable to locate the subject.

4/1/98 Complainant phoned in a report of a skunk in the triangle at Bluebonnet and Dixie. Officer was notified and Animal Control.

4/1/98 Disturbance - Complainant requested an officer report harassment by a female subject toward the complainant. Officer tried to locate a male subject as a participant in this case acting as a go between both parties. Officer was unable to locate subject and this case is still under investigation.

4/1/98 Complainant reported that a vehicle had dumped trash illegally. Vehicle LP was taken and reported.

4/3/98 Complainant reported that a red crew cab truck was parked on the outside of their fence and they wanted assistance to remove it.

4/3/98 Complainant reported three illegals at the City Land Fill. Officer responded to call and US Border Patrol was also notified.

4/3/98 Complainant reported children playing in a vacant house. Officer responded to call on Del Rio.

4/3/98 A vehicle was reported traveling at a high rate of speed. Officer observed the vehicle and no stop was made.

4/4/98 Complainant reported that their was a vehicle parked in front of their property and wanted them removed.

4/4/98 Sheriff's Office was informed of Three Controlled Burns on separate properties.

4/4/98 Complainant requested an officer to the Barrio playground. Officer responded.

4/5/98 Larceny Theft - Complainant reported a gas drive off in the amount of \$24.00.

4/5/98 Sonora dispatch reported a possible drunk driver headed North bound on 277. Two officers responded to call.

4/5/98 Female subject requested an officer to Village Lane to help exterminate a snake. Officer responded and disposed of the snake.

4/6/98 Complainant reported a male laying on the side of the road on 277 South. Sheriff's Office contacted Sutton County and Sutton reported an accident in their county.

4/6/98 Subject requested an officer to Warner to assist in moving a vehicle from a driveway. Vehicle being a 1993 Mazda. Officer responded and advised dispatch to phone the owner and advised to move the vehicle. Owner was contacted and vehicle was moved.

4/6/98 Complainant phoned and requested a possible burglary on W. Brooks. Officer responded and investigated and found no inhabitants.

4/7/98 Complainant advised Sheriff's Office that there were two illegal aliens walking about 8 miles North on Hwy 277.

4/7/98 Subject phoned in on 911 Emergency and reported a possible case of vandalism on East St. Officer responded and investigated the scene and found that it was possibly yard workers from the previous day.

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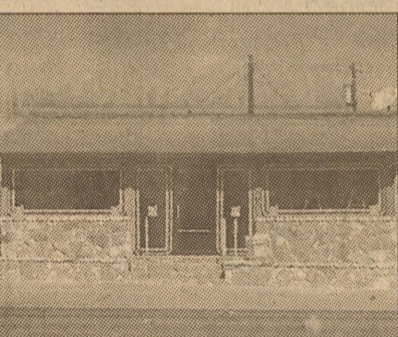
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Internal parasite clinic planned in Eldorado

Timing is everything when deworming livestock!

by Mike Harbour County Extension Agent-Agriculture

Deworming your livestock can be a costly decision if done at the wrong time. Determination of parasite levels can be made by the testing of fecal samples. This test will determine the number of eggs produced by the adult stomach worms in your livestock.

This procedure is relatively easy and has proven to reduce the cost of deworming, by targeting the time periods when parasite are at

detrimental levels. Deworming is a guessing game with out proper identification.

Dr. Frank Craddock of the Texas Agriculture Extension Service will conduct an Internal Parasite Evaluation Clinic in Eldorado on April 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Biology Room.

We will provide microscopes and slides for everyone to learn how to determine the parasite level of your herd or flock. Bring approximately two tablespoons of

feces from about four different animals in your herd or flock. The above normal temperatures this winter, short grazing conditions, and recent rains produce an excellent environment for parasites to increase their population quickly. It is an excellent opportunity for everyone to assess stomach worm levels before the problem becomes visible. 1 Hour of CEU's will be given in IPM. For more information call the County Extension Office at 853-2132.

1997 wool production up, mohair down

AUSTIN — Higher wool prices and more sheep and lambs shorn than a year ago led to an increase in wool production for 1997. Mohair production continued to decline in spite of slightly higher prices in 1997.

According to the annual report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, wool production totaled 10.95 million pounds during 1997, 11 percent above the previous year's total. This is the first year-to-year increase since 1992. Texas producers sheared 1.50 million sheep and lambs during the year, 14 percent more than during 1996. The average fleece weight was 7.3 pounds compared with 7.5 pounds last year.

Total value of the state's wool production increased 40 percent from the previous year to \$11.61 million. Price per pound averaged \$1.06, up \$.22 from the average for 1996.

Texas mohair production during 1997 totaled 6.38 million pounds, down 15 percent from a

year ago and the least since 1918. Producers clipped 840,000 Angora goats and kids with an average clip weight of 7.6 pounds. The number of Angora goats and kids clipped declined 21 percent from the previous year, but the average clip weight was up 9 percent from 1996.

Value of the state's mohair production declined slightly to \$14.56 million. Price per pound averaged \$2.28, compared with the \$1.95 average a year earlier.

United States shorn wool production during 1997 was 53.9 million pounds, down 5 percent from a year earlier. Sheep and lambs shorn during 1997 totaled 7.03 million head, a decrease of 3 percent from 1996. Average fleece

weight of shorn wool was 7.66 pounds per head in 1997 compared with 7.79 pounds in 1996.

The average price paid for wool sold in 1997 was \$.84 per pound, for a total value of \$45.2 million, up 14 percent from \$39.7 million in 1996.

Mohair production in the four major producing states, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas during 1997 was 6.93 million pounds, down 14 percent from 1996. Goats and kids clipped, at 953,000 head, were 20 percent below 1996. Average weight per clip was 7.3 pounds, compared with 6.7 pounds a year earlier. Value of mohair production was \$15.6 million, up slightly from 1996.



photo by Kathy Mankin

On the mound — Deborah Cantu sends the ball toward the plate as the Lady Eagles take on the Greenwood Rangerettes in girls softball action recently.

Parasitism costs producers

Mike Harbour County Extension Agent-Agriculture

Unless totally confined, all cattle fall victim to internal parasites at some time in their lives. The economic impact of production losses caused by internal parasites varies, depending on geographical areas, weather conditions, types of worms, level of parasite exposure, parasite control programs and pasture management. Furthermore, age, diet, health status, stage of lactation or gestation and level of production affect an animal's response to parasites. Economic losses due to

absent or inadequate parasite control programs, for example, can vary from \$20 to \$200 a head pre grazing season.

Young cattle are often the more visibly affected by parasitic infections. These animals can easily experience a 50-pound or greater loss in total weight gain during a grazing season due to parasitism. Typically, cattle will gain weight rapidly during the first two to three months of grazing. Then, as parasitic contamination of the pasture increases, they gain at a slower pace, stop gaining or even lose weight during the second half of the grazing season. Since these animals may show no signs of disease, producers often don't realize that significant weight losses are occurring.

While parasites affect young grazing animals most severely, mature cattle can also be detrimentally affected. A cow provides first for body maintenance, followed by growth, reproduction and lactation. High-producing lactating cows (either dairy or beef) usually dependent on body reserves to provide sufficient energy for maintaining the first few months of lactation. During this part of lactation, parasitism can be especially harmful causing additional metabolic stress, decreasing milk flow, reducing reproductive efficiency and increasing susceptibility to other diseases. The most important role adult animals play in parasite infections, however, is as sources of contamination for younger animals.

Trash-Off Update!!!

Concerning the Great Texas Trash Off to be held on Thursday, April 9, the City would like to remind you to call the City Hall for limbs that need to be chipped. The limbs should be placed on the edge of the street right-of-way or in the alley.

Also, citizens are reminded that tires cannot be taken to the landfill or held for pickup by the Trash-Off workers. There is still no place to dispose of the tires. Efforts are still being made to locate a disposal site. Aluminum can collection will be Thursday, April 16 at City Hall.

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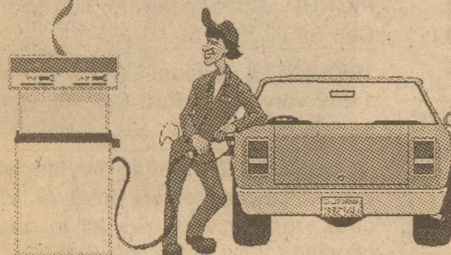
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