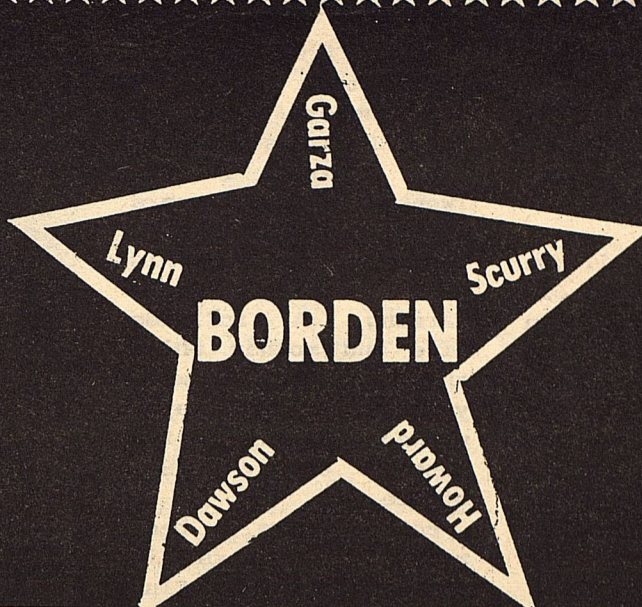


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Browne Elected To Office

Dorothy Browne was recently elected Secretary-Treasurer of the County and District Clerks' Association of Texas.

Dorothy Browne has been County & District Clerk of Borden County since 1979. She has served the state Association in several capacities during the last eleven years. She was Area Leader for several years, has served on the Education Committee, has been on the Legislative Committee for seven years, has served as moderator at many State Conference and Seminars, and has been Area II Director (Area II

consists of 36 West Texas Counties.) the last three years.

Dorothy was elected Secretary-Treasurer

when new officials were elected at the Annual Conference in New Braunfels, Texas, the week of June 6 to June 9, 1989.



DOROTHY BROWNE, Borden County District Clerk. (Staff Photo)

4-H

ROUNDUP

D'Lyn Lloyd, Shayne Hess and Cody Stone placed 2nd in the Family Life Educational Activity Method Demonstration/Illustrated Talk Contest held at the District 2 4-H Roundup in Lubbock on April 29.

M'Lys Lloyd and Kristin Kilmer placed 3rd in the Poultry Method Demonstration/ Illustrated Talk Contest. These placings earned the 4-H'ers the chance to travel to Texas A&M and compete at the State 4-H Roundup contest held in College Station on June 6-8.

D'Lyn, Shayne and

Borden County Girl Awarded Scholarship

D'Lyn Lloyd, daughter of Sue and Weldon Lloyd of Fluvanna, was awarded an \$8,000, four-year Houston Livestock and Rodeo 4-H scholarship recently in special ceremonies at the Texas 4-H Roundup in college Station.

A '89 graduate from Borden High School, D'Lyn is now enrolled at Texas A&M University and wishes to major in Agricultural Journalism. D'Lyn chose this career because she wishes to have a strong voice in Texas agriculture and a future in agricultural politics.

D'Lyn has been involved in Public Speaking, Clothing and Textiles, Foods and Nutrition, Swine and Beef 4-H projects. She has participated in illustrated talks, fashion revues, foodshows and stockshows. She served as Borden County Council President and various other



D'Lyn Lloyd

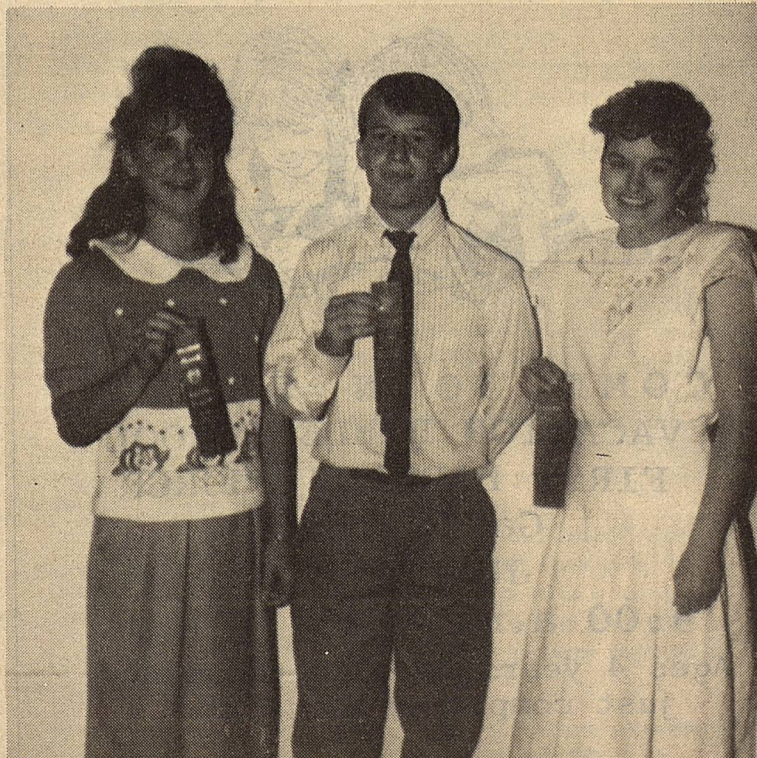
club officer positions in her local 4-H club. She also received the 4-H Gold Star Award in 1987.

While in high school, D'Lyn was a member of the Beta Club and was a class officer. She spent five weeks in West Germany as an exchange student and attended the Government in-Action Youth Tour in Washington D.C. She also participated in UIL academic contests and was named "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

Cody presented their illustrated talk on "Here Today...Gone Tomorrow!" and placed 5th out of 20 teams. Kristin and M'Lys presented their illustrated talk on "Deadly Dollar Thieves," (four diseases common to sheep in our area) and

placed up near the top in their category.

Sue Lloyd, Carolyn Stone, Pam Hess, A'Lise Lloyd and Debra Pollard, County Extension Agent-Home Economics accompanied the participating 4-H'ers to College Station.



4-H ROUNDUP WINNERS: Shayne Hess, Cody Stone and D'Lyn Lloyd.

'TEXAS FAMILY OF THE YEAR' Believes Parents, Not Kids, Have Changed

Children today aren't much different from those of previous generations, said an Amarillo couple who are parents of six and have just been named the state's "Family of the Year" by the Texas Council on Family Relations.

"The change is with parents," said Arnold Neusch, who has farmed in the St. Francis community for almost 40 years. Parents today want someone else--the schools, the church or youth groups --to discipline their youngsters and teach them values, he said.

Children need to learn to be responsible for their actions if they're going to become responsible adults, said Ida, Arnold's wife.

The discipline and responsibility have to be "seasoned with lots of love" and plenty of parental attention and family sharing, they said.

The Neusches were honored at the recent annual conference of

the Texas Council on Family Relations in Lubbock. They had been nominated for the award by the home economics advisory committee in Potter County's Extension Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Arnold and Ida married July 5, 1949. Their farm in the St. Francis community is two miles from Arnold's birthplace. Ida grew up at Bushland.

They are members of St. Francis Catholic Church. Both have served on the parish council. Ida has held several offices in the church women's council and chaired the annual sausage dinner, a major fund raiser for the church.

Arnold is serving his fourth three-year term on the school board for Highland Park Independent School District. He serves on the Potter County committee of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and is active in the St. Francis volunteer fire department.

When first married, Arnold took a job at the Pantex plant in Amarillo to supplement his farm income. Twenty-eight years later he retired from the plant to give his full attention to farming. A fulltime wife and mother while the children were younger, Ida later worked 10 years in the Potter County ASCS office.

Both have been volunteer leaders in Potter County 4-H Club activities for many years, and continue to serve. Grandchildren are now 4-H members in neighboring Carson County. In 1980, Ida received the Distinguished 4-H Volunteer Award, presented to only 28 leaders in the state each year.

All six Neusch children earned the Golden Star Award, highest 4-H honor given at the county level.

An avid hunter and fisherman, one of the 4-H projects Arnold initiated and still conducts with the local club is a trap shoot. Each year, using Arnold's range, the project raised \$400-\$500 for college scholarships for club members.

Of all their accomplishments, the elder

Neusches are proudest of their children. "For someone who's raised six kids, we've had less problems than anybody," Arnold said.

Ronald, 38, works the 4,000-acre milo, wheat and cattle operation with his father. Sandra Neusch Sanders, 35, was youth director at St. Francis Church until yielding to fulltime duties as wife and mother.

Larry, a 20-year-old sophomore at West Texas State University was killed in an auto accident in 1975. The family established a 4-H scholarship in his memory. Darlene, 31, succeeded her older sister as youth director at St. Francis. Nancy, 26, is a nun and teaches school at Herford. John, 24, is a computer analyst in Amarillo.

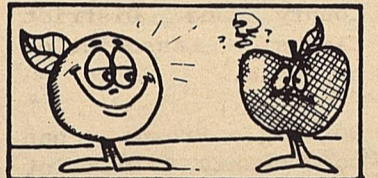
State Twirling Contest

Shayne Hess, daughter of Pam and Steve Hess has returned from competing in Twirling at the State Level in Austin, Texas.

Shayne received a division III rating for her Twirling solo. Her judge was Bill Woods from Merkel Texas.

Accompanying Shayne on the trip to Austin were Pam Hess, Mr. & Mrs. John Harris and Jade.

Shayne is a sophomore at Borden County High School and is the twirler for the Coyote Marching Band.



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4-H TRAP & SKEET PRACTICE TIME

The 1989 4-H Shooting Sports project meets on Thursday afternoon's of each week at the County Trap & Skeet Field located due north of the county show barn and school.

Beginning Thursday, June 22, 1989 practice times will change from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please be sure to note this change as practice will not begin until 5:00 p.m.

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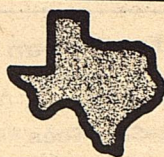
By Jim de Merlier

For postcard-type photos of scenic wonders on your next vacation, keep the horizon line level. It's also a good idea to include someone in the foreground to communicate the size of a scene.

One way to add different perspectives to your photos is to use different lenses. For point and shoot photographs, the lightweight, versatile Freedom Zoom 90 from Minolta features a power zoom lens that moves at the touch of a button for scenic shots as well as portraits.



Since the viewfinder image zooms along with the lens, composing and taking pictures is extremely fast and easy. Exposure setting, focus and flash are all automatic. It's a real advance in compact camera design and can help make faraway places zoom back into memories!



T for TEXAS

by T. Lindsay Baker

"George Jackson's Multi-Colored Britches"

Pioneers came to Texas not just from adjoining areas but from all parts of the world. George Jackson and his family, for instance, immigrated to Texas from England in 1848.

According to the emigration agent who had encouraged the Jackson family to come to the new world, Texas was a land of "one continuous spring and summer . . . with no chilling winds or driving snow." After they arrived and built a 12 by 14 foot log cabin about 15 miles from Dallas, as chance would have it, they suffered through the winter of 1848-49, which was one of the most severe experienced in the region.

After several months on the Texas frontier, the Jackson family grew more and more shabby looking. George Jackson, then a boy, later remembered, "the clothing we brought from the old country began to get very seedy and full of patches and minus many buttons." Coming from developed and industrialized Britain, neither George's mother nor his sisters knew how to spin and weave cloth at home, a skill that greatly aided American home-makers on the Texas frontier.

In order for them to look presentable at a summer 1849 camp meeting, George's father purchased his three sons new white canvas trousers from a store at Farmer's Branch. While the parents left for a day or two at the camp meeting, promising to take the boys there next, the boys discussed their new garments.

"After they had gone, we boys held a

council and discussed our new white pants," Jackson remembered. "We considered them very common and though we were entitled to something better."

Bill, one of George's older brothers, came up with a solution to their perceived problem. Having observed American neighbors dyeing cloth brown with green walnuts, he suggested that they do the same with their white trousers.

While Bill went out on horseback with a big sack to collect the nuts, the two younger brothers built a fire and began heating water in a large iron washpot. By the time the water had heated, Bill returned with about a bushel of green walnuts dumping them into the vessel.

"After stirring them for a while, we took off our pants and put them in the kettle of dye and began a steady stirring among the walnuts," Jackson said. Each boy agitated a long stick with his trousers attached. Dressed only in their shirts, the three boys walked around and around the steaming cauldron, working the mixture in order to insure even color distribution.

All went as planned until the boys suddenly were confronted by a well dressed lady visitor. Embarrassed by being caught without their trousers, "We hastily fled to the corn patch nearby and hid there until she departed."

Returning to the washpot full of walnuts steaming water and three pair of pants tied to sticks, the boys were more than dismayed. "We found them changed into

garments of variegated shades, here and there with a streak of yellow, and a streak of brown where the walnuts had rested while we were hiding in the corn."

Having no other trousers to wear, for the next months the three Jackson boys were seen around Dallas County in multi-hued pants.

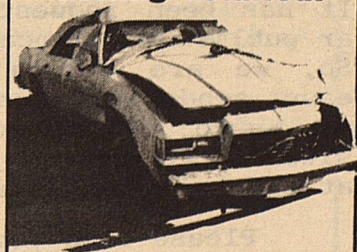
George Jackson concluded, "There were black spots as big as marbles in various places, and our newly dyed pants would well have matched Joseph's coat of many colors."

This was the last time that the Jackson boys tried dyeing their clothes.

DPS Accepting Applications

The Texas Department of Public Safety is currently accepting applications for the position of State Trooper for the DPS Academy that starts in September 1989. If you are a male or female, ages 20 through 35 years and have one of the following: 60 semester hours of college or two years of military service with honorable discharge or two years of commissioned law enforcement experience, you may qualify. Contact your local D.P.S. Office for more information. The Texas Department of Public Safety is an equal opportunity employer.

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Getting a Jump on the Ball

Becoming a good fielder requires a player to develop dozens of little abilities until their use becomes automatic. At that point sportswriters will say, "he has good baseball instincts," as if it didn't take years of practice to develop those skills.

For example, sometime when you are at a baseball game, keep your eye on the outfielders. Don't be surprised if you see them moving before you hear the crack of the bat hitting the ball.

How do players "get a jump on the ball"? One way is to watch to see what part of the plate the pitch is going to. If the player sees the ball going inside or outside, his body will begin to lean in a certain direction even before the batter swings. He knows where this particular batter is likely to hit an outside pitch, for example.

Next, the outfielder watches the swing. As an outfielder myself, I could watch a swing and tell you whether the ball would go to left or right field. I still do that now in the stands. I know where the ball is going before it leaves the bat. Finally, you can tell a lot by the sound the bat makes hitting the ball.

All of this comes naturally to a player. Or it should.

Another factor in fielding is knowing the hitter at the plate. Before every series, the manager will hold a meeting to go over the opposing hitters and discuss how they should be played.

I was one of the few batters to face "the shift." This was when the other team would move their infielders to the left side of the diamond, the third base side. The shift also was used against Ted Williams. We were "pull" hitters, who tried to get around on a ball and hit it through or over the third base side of the field.

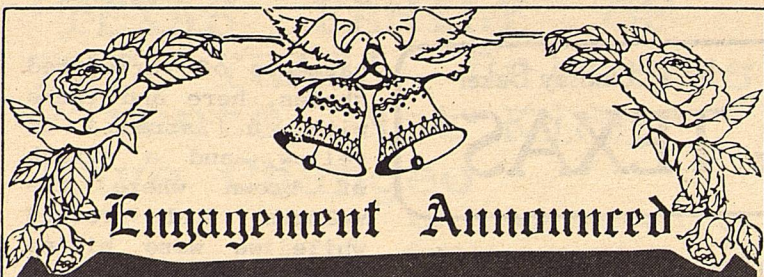
Managers who used the shift felt they were playing the percentages. Of course, there was no defense if I pulled the ball down the line for a home run. But if I hit a ground ball, the extra infielders increased the chances that I would be thrown out at first.

To be honest, the shift didn't bother me. Whatever they gained from stacking one side of the field was offset by what it told me about their strategy. It said: "Hey, we're not going to give you anything inside to pull. We're going to throw you everything outside."

So I eliminated the inside pitch from my mind and looked for the outside pitch. If they accidentally threw me a ball inside, I let it go by.

But that was late in my career when I was known as a "dead pull" hitter. It was absolute. I never hit balls to right field in those years. In my younger days, I hit to all parts of the field, and there really isn't a good defense for someone who can do that. lol

Hank Aaron is the top home run hitter of all time with 755 homers. A member of baseball's Hall of Fame, Hank is vice president of the Atlanta Braves.



Engagement Announced



Kelli Lynn Williams & Jay Michael Edwards

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams of Borden County announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kelli Lynn, to Jay Michael Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Edwards, of O'Donnell.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Borden County High School and South Plains College with an associates degree in applied science. While at college, Miss Williams was a presidential hostess and listed in "Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges."

A graduate of O'Donnell High School, the prospective groom is a senior at Texas Tech University. He is a member of Chi Epsilon, Tau Beta Pi, and the American Society of Civil Engineers. Edwards is currently employed by Allied Associates Consulting Engineers in Lubbock.

The couple plans a July 29 wedding ceremony at First Baptist Church in O'Donnell.

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Obituary

Clifford Dean Killough, Sr.

NEWARK-Services for Clifford Dean Killough, Sr., 42 were held May 31 at Grace Baptist Church in Newark, Texas. Burial was in Dido Cemetery along Eagle Mountain Lake.

He died on Memorial Day at his home. He was a carpenter and the Assistant Chief of the Newark Volunteer Fire Department.

He was a member of the Grace Baptist Church in Newark.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl Wayne and June Killough, and a brother, Robert Lee Killough.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara; three sons, Clifford Jr., Jay and Mark, one daughter, Karen, all of the home, one brother, Wayne Thomas of Salinas, Calif., two sisters, Daisy Tieman of Riesel, Texas and Maggie Collier of Snyder, several nieces and nephews including Chip Collier of Snyder.

The Borden County Cancer Society will be having their second "Celebrity Auction" on Saturday, August 5, 1989. More specific details will be released within the next few weeks. Those celebrities who have already submitted items for the auction are as follows:

Red Adair, Danny Ainge Alabama, Alan Alda, Desi Arnaz, Jr., Beatrice Arthur, Rona Barrett, Valerie Bertinelli, Big Bird, Mel Blanc, Jim Bouton, Patricia Bradley, Tom Bradley, Mel Brooks, William Buckley, Jr., Cap'n Crunch, June Carter Cash, Charlie the Tuna, Chef Boy-ar-dee, Tim Conway, Cathy Lee Crosby, Janet Dailey, Chuck Daly, John Denver, John Elway, Jerry Falwell, Gerald Ford, Buddy Hackett, Hall and Oates, Armand Hammer, Heloise, Lady Bird Johnson, Michael

Jordan, Stacy Keach, Sr., Michael Keaton, Bernie Kosar, Dave Krieg, Jack LaLanne, Vicki Lawrence, Janet Lynn, Ronald McDonald, Ray Mancini, Johnny Mathis, John Montford, Dudley Moore, Mary Tyler Moore, Ralph Nader, Paul Newman, Chuck Norris, Valerie Perrine, Dan Quayle, Lynn Redgrave, Dan Reeves, Ann Richards, Mike Riche, Don Rickles, Cathy Rigby, Stan Smith, J.C. Snead, Rip Taylor, Tom Watson, Raquel Welch and Kathy Whitworth.

New items are arriving almost every day. All items will be on display at the Borden County Courthouse from 8:30 to 4:30 July 24-28 and July 31-Aug. 4. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 5. Watch your newspaper for further details.

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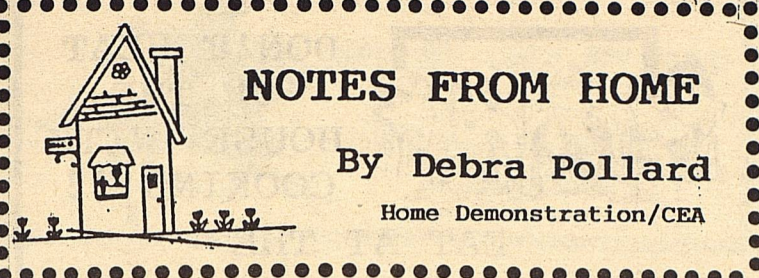
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NOTES FROM HOME

By Debra Pollard

Home Demonstration/CEA

peach varieties. By mid-month, the sweeter, more juicy peaches will be featured at prices even below the earlier peach types.

Also in good supply at lower prices will be raspberries, blueberries and blackberries, with some cherries, apricots and plums also being featured.

Lower supermarket prices also will result from larger acreages of green beans, sweet corn, new potatoes, yellow crook-neck squash, okra and tomatoes.

Ad specials on watermelons, honeydews and cantaloupes won't start until the latter half of June, since these tasty favorites were set back a bit by weather damage in March.

Other supermarket specials can be expected on products keying to June's more leisurely summer pace. Look for these specials on automotive cleaning supplies, motor oils and filters, household cleaning items, bedding plants, floral and gardening products.

Food For Cook-Outs, Picnics Among Best Consumer Buys

Texas consumers will find ample supplies of virtually all of their favorite fruits and vegetables--fresh & grown in America--at local supermarkets during June.

Food marketers also will feature many items for June cook-outs and picnics.

June specials will include various meats for outdoor cookery, barbecue sauces, catsup, pickles, relishes, mayonnaise and even charcoal.

The beef focus may shift a bit, with ground beef featured at reduced prices by most stores during June. Careful food shoppers should realize considerable savings here and on some steak cuts that will be sale-priced.

At mid-June, shoppers will want to take advantage of some specials of up to 25% off on sirloin, rib steaks and T-bones.

Aggressive marketing of pork products is expected, with shoulder roasts, sausage, spare ribs, pork chops and boneless loin being featured, all great for cook-outs.

Poultry producers continue to enlarge their flocks and this translates to good news for consumer savings.

Thirty-nine cent prices for leg and thigh cuts should result from excess inventories of these items. Premium cuts, such as the breast, will be in demand for outdoor cooking.

With kids home for the summer, food stores will have specials on cookies, peanut butter, jelly, soft drinks and chips.

Parents should take note that manufacturers of ice cream novelties will be marketing more sugar-free products targeted for youths.

Shoppers will want to check on skin care items, sunglasses, insecticides and first aid needs for June outings.

Another supermarket area where sales will be brisk in early June will be the produce department, as last sales on artichokes, strawberries and sweet onions are featured. These sales will be replaced quickly by specials on early

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AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc., (AT&T) announces its intent to introduce within Texas on July 14, 1989, AT&T MultiQuest Service, a new interactive 900-type telephone service. Since February 19, 1989, this innovative service has been available to Texas businesses only on an interstate basis. With AT&T MultiQuest Service, Texas business customers (otherwise known as sponsors) may offer value-added information services to callers originating long distance calls from Texas or elsewhere in the United States over AT&T's public switched network. A Texas caller, accessing the service by dialing the sponsor's 1-900 plus seven-digit number, can obtain recorded and/or live information by communicating with attendants, voice messaging equipment and computer data bases. Flat-rate, time sensitive usage charges will be billed to the caller for the sponsor's service.

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The Texas intrastate AT&T MultiQuest Service will be tarified as an "add-on" offering to a sponsor's existing interstate AT&T MultiQuest Service. The intrastate AT&T MultiQuest Service costs will be recovered from sponsor usage charges set forth in AT&T's intrastate tariffs. The usage charges billed to the caller are determined by the sponsor as appropriate to the service being offered and are not tarified charges.

For more information about AT&T MultiQuest Service please call your AT&T Account Executive or AT&T's business consultants toll free on 1 (800) 552-0212. They can answer your questions regarding this service and how it can be of benefit to you.

AT&T intends to file a tariff to offer this service with the Public Utility Commission of Texas on June 13, 1989, effective July 14, 1989. Persons who have questions regarding this tariff filing may contact the Public Utility Commission's Public Information Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227 or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf, or write to them at 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757.

Intrastate AT&T MultiQuest Service is projected to generate \$1.1 million in the first year of its offering or .1% of AT&T's total gross service revenues in Texas.

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News Release

A newsletter containing information on pesticide applicator license to producers of Borden County was sent out recently by the Extension office.

The new requirements of attaining 5 CEU credits per year and 20 CEU's over a 3-year period only effects commercial and non-com-

mercial pesticide applicators. Private pesticide applicators are not required to obtain these educational credits at this time.

Most producers have a private applicator's license and will not be effected by this new requirement at this time.

Pesticide Applicator Licenses Recertification

As of January 6, 1989 all licensed commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators operating in Texas must meet Department of Agriculture TDA requirements for recertification.

The requirements may be met through:

1. Continuing education programs
2. Activities held by out-of-state sponsor (where approved)
3. Certain approved courses offered by a university, college or other institutions of higher learning.

The rules adopted by TDA establish annual and three-year education requirements. A licensed commercial or non-commercial applicator must acquire 5 credits per year and 20 credits over a 3-year period.

To receive these credits applicators must attend educational activities that have received prior accreditation from TDA. Each approved activity must be at least one hour in length and cover one or more of the ten following topics:

1. Label and Labeling comprehension
2. Safety Factors
3. Environmental Consequences
4. Pest Features
5. Integrated pest management strategies
6. Pesticide Factors
7. Equipment Characteristics

8. Application Techniques
9. Laws & Regulations
10. Business Ethics

An applicator who becomes unlicensed in any licensing year may not be relicensed for 12 months unless all recertification credits required for the last year of licensing are completed

For all applicators licensed before Sept. 1, 1989 the initial continuing education period shall end Dec. 31, 1992. As part of the 20 credits, each applicator must have a least two credits on relevant laws and regulations and one credit in integrated pest management strategies.

A workshop for licensed commercial and non-commercial applicators will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 1989, 8:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn-Civic Center, Lubbock, Texas.

This workshop is being sponsored by the Texas Seed Trade Association.

The training meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. promptly. Registration will be held from 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

COOLING IT:

There's at least one place on Earth where man's tinkering with the environment has cooled the climate instead of warming it. In Palm Springs, California, temperatures over the last 15 years have not kept pace with a general warming trend in the desert southwest. According to National Wildlife magazine, the reason is all those golf courses. Instead of heating the ground and air, the sun's energy is spend evaporating water from acres of irrigated greens.



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and a \$20. registration fee will be charged.

If you plan to attend please contact TSTA at 512-371-7185 and pre-register prior to June 30, 1989.

The training will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and conclude with Evaluation and Examination from 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

This training is approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture and will meet the requirements for 1 year of your license renewal and put you closer to obtaining the required 20 credits to be obtained in a three year period.

Remember, this is new and went into effect as of this past January.

Any questions regarding re-certification should be directed to Texas Department of Agriculture:
Lynn Kemper - 806/799-8555 (Lubbock)
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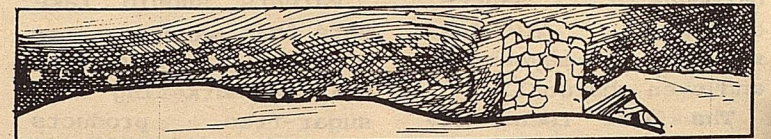
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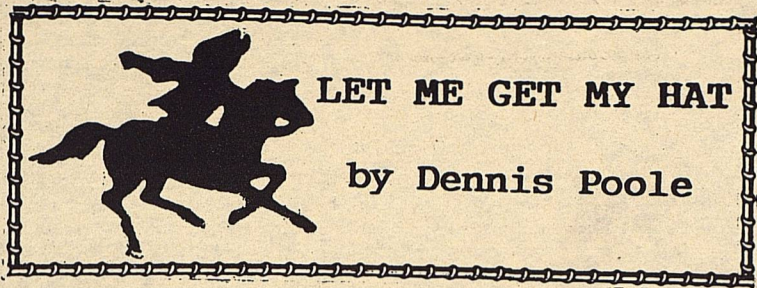
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Cotton Injury From Hail

Large storms accompanied by heavy washing rains and hail hit large portions of the Southern High Plains causing moderate to heavy damage to the young cotton crops.

Where, how much and how badly the crop was damaged are the questions many producers are asking, and finally comes the big one, "Will I have to re-plant?"

In many fields, it is obvious that the crop will have to be replanted. In others the best alternative may be to stay with the existing stand even though the plant population has been reduced and the surviving seedlings incurred some injury.

Don't make snap decisions when it comes to hail damage. Often, the plant damage and stand loss appears to be much worse than it actually is immediately after the storm.

Give the crop 2 or 3 days to recover before carefully evaluating the condition of the remaining plants. In the meantime, a sand-fighter or some other tool should be run as soon as possible to prevent sand injury to vital leaves and buds on the injured plants.

Quite often, sand and wind damage after a hail can do as much or more harm to young seedlings than the hail.

In making the field inspection, consider how much of the crop was destroyed. A hail storm can reduce the plant population to only two seedlings per row foot in 40-inch rows, or about 25,000 plants per acre, and the crop can still produce a normal yield, unless, of course the crop is poorly distributed or has long skips.

If skips are involved the potential for significant yield losses is increased. In studies where skips varying in length from 1 to 9 feet were used to reduce stands from 4.5 to 3.5 or to 2.5 plants per foot of drill, yield losses of approximately 15 and 25%, respectively were observed.

Another point in determining whether to replant is how much damage there was to plants. Plants having only traces of leaves will recover better than those with no leaves. If the plants can be easily 'rowed' down the field, that's a good sign. But even seedlings that were completely defoliated,

the plants can still recover and make a crop if the stems are intact, free of breaks in the bark and the seedlings have sound buds. Recovery of defoliated plants will be slower than that of plants that have at least some portion of the leaves remaining."

However, if the stem is shattered and the bark loosened or broken at points below the leaf buds, then recovery is impossible.

Regrowth hinges either on the sound terminal bud (the growing point) or auxiliary bud located at the point of leaf attachment.

Because of the young seedling's ability to recover, hail injury in June will cause less yield loss than in July or August when the plants are more mature and replanting becomes impossible.

A crop can recover from damage in early to mid-June to the point that the injured plants are difficult to distinguish from undamaged plants. Also, young cotton that survives early hail damage is often more mature at frost than a crop that has been replanted.

When a cotton field is destroyed, the producer has no choice but to replant. But when the crop is damaged and only partially destroyed, producers are faced with a much more difficult decision.

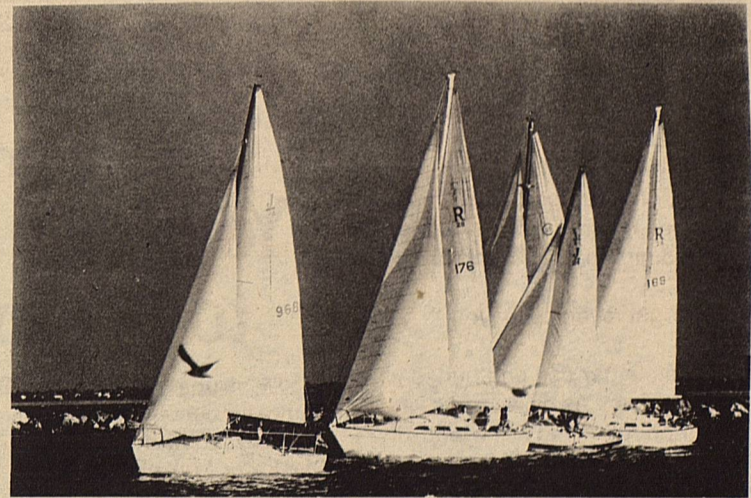


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Ski Babies

by Skip Gilkerson

When should you teach your child to water ski is an often asked question. Of course, that varies with the child, but children have often learned at surprisingly very young ages.

The distinction of the youngest goes to Parks Bonifay of Winter Haven, Florida. Using specially made equipment, Parks took to the waters of Lake Eloise behind a Master Craft ski boat at the incredible age of 6 months 29 days.

Matt May of Wisconsin Dells, started his professional water skiing career skiing at Tommy Bartlett Shows at eighteen months.

Children are born with certain basic fears - all others are learned through experience or taught to them by adults. A baby is born with a fear of non-support, a fear of loud noises and a fear of darkness. A baby has absolutely no fear of the water; that is learned. So learning to ski young has certain advantages. Reward is a very good motivator in a learning experience. I let praise be my motivator when I teach young children.

Start by making sure the equipment is correct; use trainer skis. If you do not have a pair, you can make do by cutting down conventional skis and tying them together at the tips and tails. The towing rope is attached to the tips of the skis so the pull will lift the tips up. The handle is also attached to the front of the skis by means of a short rope - this way the child can stand on their skis and lean back against the handle.

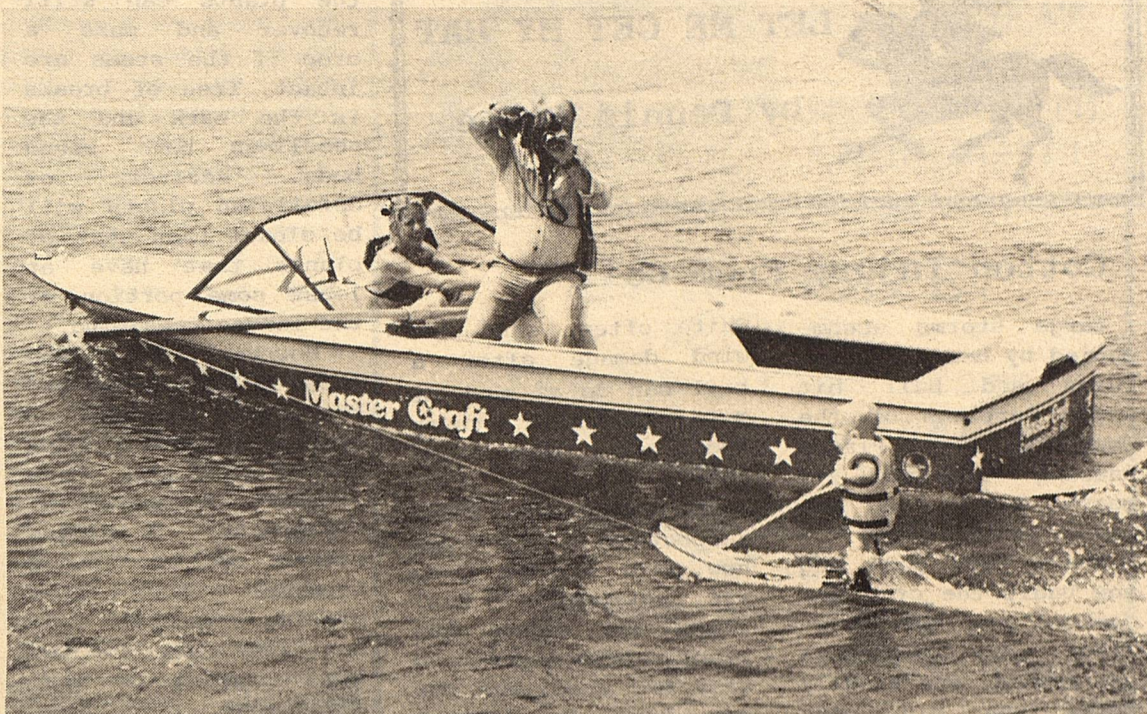
Bindings must be snug to hold the child in but not so restricting they hurt or the child has trouble coming free of the skis. Sometimes I have the child keep their tennis shoes on inside the bindings for comfort and a tighter fit. With proper guidance and patience, your child can learn to ski in five easy steps.

Step -1 After proper selection of the equipment, pull the child across the living room carpet with their trainer skis on. Remember to reward with praise. This should be made a fun game to reinforce the positive aspect of skiing. When they topple over they will laugh and want to do it again, if it is enjoyable.

Step -2 is to pull your child across the front yard. This opens up their surroundings but yet they still have the familiarity of their own environment. Again enjoyment and praise are the key ingredients.

Step -3 is to pull the child across the lawn with a garden tractor, ATV or riding mower. This enables the child to become accustomed to the mechanical aspect of skiing and yet remain in a familiar environment.

Step -4 - take your child to a flat, very shallow beach. If possible one parent should pull the child by running in the water while the other parent remains at the child's side for moral support. Pull them up and down the beach in very shallow water. Step #4 should be repeated over, even to the point of allowing the child to fall. In water 2 - 3 inches deep they will quickly become accustomed to this and overcome any preconceived ideas of fear of water. Encourage your child but never



The ultimate ski baby is Parks Bonifay of Winter Haven, Florida, who at the incredible age of six months, 29 days, showed his form for photographers. Now five, he skis regularly with his parents at Cypress Gardens.

force or push your child. If they do not wish to continue let the matter rest for a day or two. Chances are if you have made it fun the child will ask to try again.


Step -5 - now you are ready to try it behind the boat. Your child should be on a short, approximately 50' rope. It is not attached to the boat but rather held by a rider in the boat. Usually there is a handle for the rider to hold on to. The child should start up the sandy beach or use wet astro turf to slide on. The assistant who

should be a good skier, is positioned next to the child on trick skis. They support the child by holding on to the child's life jacket. Pull the child slowly down the beach and out into the water. The child leans back against the pull of the handle and should only get their knees wet. When they are ready to stop, the rider releases the child's rope, at the same time the skiing assistant lets go of his rope and immediately supports the child in the water. Skiing is a fun family sport. When chil-

dren learn correct habits, they will enjoy it for years to come.

Ask Parks who is now five and skis regularly at Cypress Gardens or old Matt May, who is ten and now barefoot water skis backwards at the Tommy Bartlett Show.

(Skip Gilkerson is a veteran show skier of 26 years and the special events director of MasterCraft Boat Company.)



SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
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Mary had a funny doll. It was made of cloth and stuffed with corn, but she loved it.

One day while she was playing with it, she bumped into Jimmy who was making a boat. The jar caused him to drop it and break it.

"I'll get even with you," he cried.

He stole her doll and buried it in the garden. As he walked away he grinned, "That's the end of her doll."

But one day, after a rain, the mother saw a spot of fresh greens. She walked over to it, and there in the shape of a doll were green blades of corn growing.

The hidden sin was uncovered.

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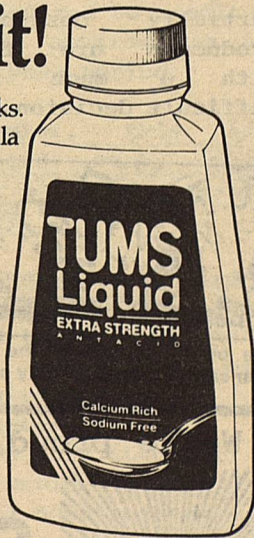
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