

The Way It Was-

Aviation In Mills County

Hartal Blackwell

To have told our forefathers in 1885 that their great grandchildren would fly in the air would have left them bewildered and unbelieving. Our progress in time was so rapid that we sped from yoke-driven plows to flight in air in less than fifty years.

The first little airplane to land in Goldthwaite caused quite a stir of excitement and every boy who saw it shook their heads in wonder and went for a closer look when it landed.

When the second World War ended, our boys came home with a love for the thrill of flying machine and the excitement of "barnstorming" began.

In the middle 1940's, boys from two-place planes from town to town, landed on any open field close to villages and charged a fee to take people flying. The airplane ride consisted of a ten minute circle around town. Many residents of Mills County had their first flight in one of those planes - young and old - never giving a thought to the condition of the plane or the competence of the pilot. A few of the planes were so worn that bailing wire was required to secure the wings.

The barnstormers first landed their planes near Goldthwaite on a small field beside the present Brownwood Highway where the Cafe is located. Several other fields close by were used at different times.

About 1946 or 1947, a small runway was cleared on the San Antonio Highway just southeast of the present W. C. Hamilton name. Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson built a cafe close by and a restaurant and airport were years known as "The Hangar". There was a second runway over the cafe and people of Goldthwaite used the large space for high school banquets, dances, parties and square dancing, with the Jacksons catering the food.

All barnstormers then used the Hangar field as a base to take people flying.

One of the first boys to learn to fly in Mills County, other than the First World War pilots, was W. G. (Spot) Saylor who went to Brownwood and took lessons in a Skinson plane.

After the end of World War II, Mills County boys came home anxious to fly and others anxious to learn. Earl Fairman, who flew in World War I, bought two 65 horse-powered Piper Cubs and put them at the Hangar Airport. There was a young Parker Shaw, commonly called "Screwdriver" and married to a local girl, the former Connie Saylor, gave lessons in flying to veterans.

The following is his description of:

THE BEGINNING OF GOLDTHWAITE'S AVIATION SERVICE

Parker Shaw

Approval for Veterans Training Courses were delayed until April of 1947, while the airport was reconstructed and the Hangar office building erected to obtain Government approval. The school operated under the Veterans Administration of the Mills County Vocational School, the first such school to be installed in the county for the specific purpose of training veterans.

Some of the pre-vocational students and pilots were Tanner Fairman, Phil Ford, Rellis Worley, Hollis Blackwell, Sam Saylor, M. A. Campbell, and Spot Saylor. Prior to the Veterans Administration approval, we had three airplanes jointly owned by Spot Saylor, Hollis Blackwell and Rellis Worley - a Searman Bi-plane trainer from World War II, a Luscombe and a Swift.

A typical Sunday afternoon consisted of the former World War II pilots trying to "out-do" each other in an acrobatic contest in the Searman Bi-plane. Commanders were Allen Campbell, Spot Saylor, Sam Saylor and "Screwdriver" Shaw. Goldthwaite citizens did not have to go to far-away places to see a great air-show. The show was held above them as the boys rolled, stalls, spins and spot landings. Passengers in those two-seaters usually got a thrill on each trip.

Beginning in April if 1947, we enrolled about ten or twelve veteran student pilots. Some of them were Harold Yarborough, Elton Laughlin, Herb Straley, C. Williams, Shorty Halford,

Charley McLean and others I do not recall. My files have been lost with time. My log book shows that I flew over 750 hours while in Goldthwaite in one and one-half years.

In the spring of 1947, Rellis Worley bet Charley McLean that he could not learn to fly. Charley went through all the legal requirements, physical examinations, student pilot's certification, and dual-instructions on specific maneuvers required to solo - much more than just practicing take-offs and landings to get an airplane safely around the airport. He completed all this flying in a few days, and with four hours instructions made his first solo. He made another solo a few hours later and invited Rellis out to collect the bet. I have never been able to teach anyone to fly in less than eight hours before or since this episode.

Spot Saylor had many flying hours to his credit with only one small accident. One day he and a friend, Freddie Marshall, went to College Station to fly home a rebuilt Taylorcraft plane just purchased, and when they were over Gatesville Spot did a spin. The motor died in the spin and the boys were forced to pick out the nearest clear field. They made a somewhat "mushy" landing on very wet plowed ground. The plane nosed over - the boys were unhurt - and \$800, the cost of the plane, went down the drain.

A Vocational Training Program was set up for veterans of World War II in the building that now houses the City Utilities. The school was in operation for close to ten years under the coordination of several men, lastly Erie D. Robertson, Tom Booker also worked there for a number of years.

Today several men fly in the county and a landing field is kept in good condition on the north of Goldthwaite beside the Brownwood Highway.

Before the United States entered the Second World War, young Bentley Clements, anxious to fly, went to Canada and became a pilot for the RCAF. He was the first Mills County boy to lose his life in World War II, and was reported missing in action after a raid over Tripoli. No trace of him or his plane was ever found, and it is presumed he went down at sea.

The last two Mills County boys to lose their lives at war were Bobby Letbetter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Letbetter of Goldthwaite, and Richard Heath, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Heath.

Bobby was a paratrooper and became so proficient with precision landing that he became a member of the United States Precision Paratroop Team called "The Golden Knights", and performed on many occasions over the world, competing with teams from other nations.

Both Richard and Bobby lost their lives somewhere on the front in Viet Nam, in that long and tragic struggle.

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Visit With Santa Claus

The Christmas season officially opened in Goldthwaite last Saturday with Santa's first visit.

Sitting on Santa's knee are, (top) David Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Turner, (center) Russel McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCoy, and (bottom) Jennifer Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Johnson.

The Goldthwaite Lions Club is sponsor of the event.

- Eagle Photo

Mills Deer Harvest Improves, Quail And Fur Season Open

Deer season in Mills County and the surrounding areas got off to an unusually slow start this year. Since the opening of the season, November 13, the deer kill has increased considerably and those deer killed have been in excellent physical condition. The deer this year are average in size and weight, with horns being larger than usual.

The turkey are in plentiful supply and are also in outstanding physical condition.

Quail season opened December 1st and will run through February 15. The limit on quail is 12 per day and 36 in possession.

A number of violations have been reported since the opening of hunting season. Failure to tag deer and killing antlerless deer without a permit have been the most frequent violations. The last day of deer season is Sunday, January 2, 1977.

Fur season has also opened and will run through the months of December and January.

"Furs are a good price this year. In fact, I have not seen the fur market this high in the twelve years I have been in Goldthwaite," commented Benjie Schriver, game warden.

All trappers must purchase a license in order to hunt furs for the purpose of sale.

Procedure To Continue On 1029 Extension

The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation is planning to proceed with the development of the proposed highway extension of Farm to Market Road 1029 for 4 miles. Since the administration of the State Dept. of Highways and Public Transportation has approved the route and design proposed for development of this project, work will begin on the next phase of engineering necessary for the development of the project.

The proposed project will be a typical 20 ft. surfaced Farm to Market Road built in a 100 ft. right of way. The proposed project will generally follow the existing county road. There will be no displacements along this route.

This project is being developed cooperatively with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Mills County and the Federal Highway Administration.

Maps, drawings showing geometric design, environmental studies and all other available data concerning the development of this project may be inspected and copied at the office of Glenn Trotter, Resident Engineer, P. O. Box 50, Comanche, Texas 76442.

Mills County '74 Farm Census Report

The market value of all agricultural products sold by the 699 farms in Mills County in 1974 amounted to \$14,500,000 according to a preliminary report of the 1974 Census of Agriculture released today by the U.S. Dept. of Commerce's Bureau of the Census. Production expenses on these farms totaled \$14,248,000 in 1974.

Figures for farms with sales of \$2,500 or more are shown for 1974 and 1969. These farms accounted for \$14,221,000 of all agricultural products sold in 1974 and \$8,792,000 in 1969.

There were 451 of these farms in 1974 compared with 499 in 1969. The average size decreased from 844 to 810 acres during the five years. The value per acre increased from \$119 to \$234 raising the average value per farm from \$100,074 to \$189,380.

The market value of livestock and their products on farms of \$2,500 or more of sales was \$12,234,000 in 1974; poultry and their products, \$221,000; and crop sales, including nursery products, hay and forest products, \$1,766,000.

Farms reporting less than \$1,000 in sales numbered 31 in 1974. The value of agricultural products sold on these farms totaled \$7,000.

- Bicentennial
- Logos Still
- On Sale

Historical Marker Approved For Center City

Word has been received that the Texas Historical Commission has approved a historical marker for the Center City Community and 'Oak Tree'.

The Commission extended congratulations to members of the community and to those responsible for obtaining the marker.

The history of Center City and the historical oak tree was written by Hartal Blackwell.

Dedication ceremonies will be announced at a later date.

Hunters "Satisfied" With Opening Of Quail Season

Reports by field observers indicate that quail hunters were "satisfied" on opening day. Biologists and game wardens with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department agree.

According to Clyde Holt, wildlife biologist in Decatur, "this could be the best quail hunting season we have had in several years. The population is good, the birds are mature, and they are in good body condition. We have what seems to be adequate food and cover. The moisture conditions are near perfect." Holt said that this could all change in just a short time. It does not take long in this area to dry out, even for this time of year, and then a "duster" on top of that would really hurt the hunting.

Hunting opened in the North Central Texas area Dec. 1 and will run through Feb. 13. The daily bag limit is 12 birds with 36 in possession after the first day. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

A resident hunting license is required of every Texas citizen who hunts quail outside of the county of his residence. Persons under 17 or over 65 years of age, or persons hunting on land where they reside, are not required to purchase this license.

Hunters should always seek permission from the landowner before going afield. Additional regulations should be checked in "A Guide to Texas Hunting & Sport Fishing Regulations 1976-77" published by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. and available at sporting goods stores and P&WD offices throughout the state.

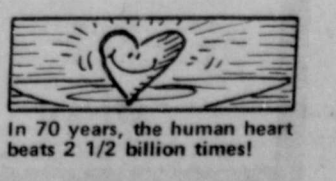
City Council Meeting Agenda

- The City Council of the City of Goldthwaite will meet in called session on Thursday, December 9, 1976, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room at Goldthwaite City Hall to discuss the following:
1. Call meeting to order
 2. Invocation
 3. Minutes of previous meeting
 4. Group insurance plans
 5. Water lines - installed to additions and industry
 6. Lone Star Gas Co. - rate increase
 7. Disconnect service (final notices)
 8. Reports and requests from Council
 9. City Manager report

Mrs. Head's Students To Present Program

Mrs. Thurman Head and her piano students will present a Christmas program Monday evening, December 13, at 7:00 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

Everyone is invited to attend.





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NIGHT HAWK STEAK & TATER

FISH FILLETS \$1.49
BOOTH COD OR CATFISH 16 OZ. PKG.

SHRIMP \$2.89
BOOTH BREADED 16 OZ. PKG.

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NYQUIL \$1.89
VICKS 6 OZ. REG. 2.39

COTTON BALLS 49¢
PARADE REG. BIG 300 CT. PKG. .69

TOOTHPASTE 99¢
CLOSE UP FAMILY SIZE 15c OFF LABEL REG. 1.29

CREAM 69¢
COLGATE INSTANT SHAVE REG., MINT, OR LIME REG. .99

"JRB CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS"

HUSH LI'L BABY \$10.88
MATTEL REG. 13.88

PRESTO \$12.88
HAMBURGER MAKER REG. 17.88

CAN OPENERS \$8.47
RIVAL ELECTRIC REG. 10.87

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GOLD MEDAL LIMIT 1

5 LB. BAG

59¢

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5 LB. BAG

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38 OZ. BOTTLE

\$1.39

10c OFF LABEL
GIANT SIZE

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PORK CHOPS 99¢
FARMLAND FAMILY PACK LB

PORK STEAKS 79¢
FARMLAND BOSTON BUTTS LB

PICNICS 69¢
FARMLAND SLICED LB

ENDS & PIECES \$1.29
FARMLAND 3 LB. BOX

PORK CHOPS \$1.29
FARMLAND CENTER CUT LB

PORK CHOPS \$1.39
FARMLAND WAFER THIN LB

BACK BONE 99¢
FARMLAND PORK LOIN CUT LB

PORK ROAST 73¢
FARMLAND BOSTON BUTTS LB

BACON 89¢
FARMLAND 12 OZ. PKG.

SAUSAGE \$1.49
ARMOUR STAR 12 OZ. PKG.

BACON 99¢
ARMOUR STAR SLICED SLAB LB

HOT DOGS 79¢
ARMOUR STAR BEEF OR REG. 12 OZ. PKG.

CANNED PICNIC \$3.99
FARMLAND 3 LB. CAN

BOLOGNA MARKET \$89¢
ARMOUR STAR 6 OZ. PKG.

LUNCHEON MEAT 59¢
ARMOUR STAR 6 OZ. PKG.

POTATOES 4/\$1
300 CAN HUNTS WHOLE NEW

SALAD DRESSING 59¢
PARADE QT. JAR

TOMATO JUICE 59¢
HUNTS 46 OZ. CAN

ORANGE DRINK 39¢
PARADE 46 OZ. CAN

CATSUP 3/\$1
3 RING 12 OZ.

WAFERS 59¢
NABISCO NILLA 12 OZ.

PICKLES \$1.09
ATKINS HAMBURGER DILLS 32 OZ. JAR

Double Stamps
Wednesdays &
Saturdays

Mix or Match

MILK 3 FOR \$
MILNOT TALL CANS

PEAS \$
ARGO 303 CAN

TOMATO SAUCE \$
PARADE 300 CAN

CORN \$
KOUNTY KIST 12 OZ. VAC PAC

BEETS 4 FOR \$
PARADE CUT OR DICED 303 CAN

HOMINY \$
VAN CAMP 300 CAN

CARROTS \$
PARADE SLICED 303 CAN

GREEN BEANS \$
3 RING CUT 303 CAN

GREEN BEANS 3/89¢
DEL MONTE 303 CAN

CORN 3/\$1
DEL MONTE WHITE OR GOLD 303 CAN

PINEAPPLE 39¢
NO. 1 1/2 CAN PARADE SLICED, CHUNK OR CRUSHED

PEAS 35¢
DEL MONTE SWEET

JAM OR JELLY 59¢
18 OZ. NEW KRAFT GRAPE, APPLE, RED PLUM

CAKE MIXES 59¢
18 OZ. BOX DUNCAN HINES LAYER

COOKIES 4/\$1
SUNBEAM ALL VARIETIES REG. 39c

SPINACH 4/\$1
PARADE 303 CAN

BIG BUYS in PRODUCE

POTATOES \$1.39
RUSSET 15 LBS

LETTUCE 29¢
LARGE HEADS EA.

ONIONS 17¢
YELLOW MED. SIZE LB.

CABBAGE 12¢
TEXAS NEW CROP LB.

ORANGES 3LBS/\$1
CALIFORNIA SEEDLESS

CELERY 39¢
LARGE STALKS EA.

SUPER DISCOUNT SAVINGS

JRB

Buttermilk 19¢
1/2 GAL. ONLY

WITH YOUR SUPER DISCOUNT BOOKLET

SUPER DISCOUNT SAVINGS

Potatoes 9¢
5 LB. ONLY

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JRB

SUGAR 19¢
5# BAG ONLY

WITH YOUR SUPER DISCOUNT BOOKLET

SUPER DISCOUNT SAVINGS

CAMPFIRE

Franks 9¢
12 OZ. PKG. ONLY

WITH YOUR SUPER DISCOUNT BOOKLET

Double Value Stamps
Use On Food Purchases
As A Discount,
Redeem For Cash,
Or Save For Special
Bonus Items.

Hubert Straley Services Conducted Here Wednesday

Funeral services for Herbert Straley, 72, of Goldthwaite, were held Wednesday, December 8, 1976, at 2:00 p.m. in the Wilkins Funeral Home with Dan Connolly officiating. Mr. Straley was in Goldthwaite Memorial Home in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include four brothers, Forest Straley, Dave Straley and John Straley, all of Goldthwaite, and Arthur Straley of Irving; two sisters, Mary Kissinger of Big Sandy and Alene Kelly of Goldthwaite; four nephews and eleven nieces.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Goldthwaite, I, J. D. Harper, on this the 6th day of

**Savings Bond
Nine Month Sales
Total \$67,455**

September sales of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds in Mills County were reported today by County Bond Chairman W. P. Duren. Sales for the nine-month period totaled \$67,455 for 104 percent of the 1976 sales goal of \$65,000. Texas sales during the month amounted to \$21,049,995 while sales for the first nine months of 1976 totaled \$198,746,369 with 73 percent of the yearly sales goal of \$272.4 million achieved.

December, hereby proclaim the month of December, 1976, as "Christmas Seal Month", in recognition of the seventy-year heritage of education, prevention, and research in lung diseases of the American Lung Association, and

Inasmuch as the American Lung Association of Central Texas has enhanced the health status of the citizens of Goldthwaite through projects proceeding from the Christmas Seal campaign, I therefore urge the citizenry to acknowledge and support this specially designated month.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand,

J. D. Harper,
Mayor of Goldthwaite

Additional Museum Donations

Museum donations and memorabilia continue to come in. Latest ones received are:

Buyel K. DeWolfe, Arlington, Texas - in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John DeWolfe.
Mrs. Delton Barnett - in memory of Mrs. Leora

Barton, Mr. Guy Manning, Mr. Weldon Summy, Mr. Edwin Lawton
Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Renfro - in memory of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Renfro and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Jernigan
Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Blackwell - in memory of Mr. John V. Knight

Services For Janice Smith Conducted

Funeral services for Janice Ellinore Sweedman Smith, 41, of Goldthwaite were held Wednesday, December 8, 1976, at 2:45 p.m. at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. Interment was also at Fort Sam Houston.

Mrs. Smith passed away Friday, December 3, at her residence in Goldthwaite. She was born July 24, 1935, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was married to Otis S. Smith June 20, 1960, at Santa Barbara, Calif. They moved to Goldthwaite from Washington, D. C. in November, 1970.

A member of the Lutheran Church, Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband, Otis S. Smith of Goldthwaite; her mother, Mrs. Jannett Sweedman of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and by an adopted son, Gerald Lee Smith of Houston.

We have the best and biggest display of Timex Watches in Central Texas

HUDSON DRUG
"What you want when you want it!"
Goldthwaite, Texas

Speidel Bands
Droplet Pendants

The Mills Minister

"ON THE WAY HOME"

By Rev. Mrs. R. L. Flowers

(Read Gen. 32 and 31:13)

When there the splendor seemed gone, Gig Harbor had joined the Twentieth Century - and he had too. Gig Harbor had gone modern and had turned her back on his boyhood. "I too had changed," he says, "and this is why I went back."

In Genesis, we see the impulsive, ambitious Jacob (having fled his home because he had defrauded his brother Esau) after more than twenty years in a distant land, returning to Bethel with a large company, family and servants, "going home". He had to meet Esau. Fear filled his heart. He organized his entourage, sent them on ahead while he stayed at Ford Jabbok and all the night he wrestled in prayer. Ready to submit to God, he was given a new name, Israel. Esau came out with a glad spirit to meet him. Jacob was forgiven and reconciled.

Whoever we are, wherever we go, we are on the way home - our eternal home. The most beautiful short story ever told was the one Jesus told of the son who demanded his inheritance, went to a far country and wasted it in riotous living. In want "he came to himself" - I will go home and ask my father to let me be his hired servant. I have sinned. His penitent return and glorious forgiveness, pictured by the Father's embrace, tell the story.

On our way home we meet our past; we see our need and have opportunity to be graciously forgiven and reconciled. May we, this Advent Season,

hear Jesus saying, "Set your troubled hearts at rest. There are many dwelling places in my Father's house - I am going there on purpose to prepare a place for you, and I shall come again and receive you to myself."

Home at last! This hope of a heavenly home is a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul.
Amen

Letters To
The Editor

Dear Sirs:

A check for another year's subscription to the Eagle to come to Mrs. C. A. McGirk is enclosed. We look forward each week for the NEXT issue.

The Way It Was is nice for us to read, but so much has been UNTOLD. These things have not had worthy mention - the Creamery operated by Kelley Saylor; the Bakery operated by E. H. Hurd, the Dabbs family, Walter Schick, Jud Strickland, Frank Taylor, and the Simpsons, the Cotton Seed Oil Mill operated by James Charles Gillsiepie. We are not complaining, just suggesting.

Thanks a lot,
Nat McGirk
Stephenville, Tx.

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1500 young cows at our
SPECIAL COW & HEIFER SALE
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at 12:00 Noon

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Chappell Hill

...Pearl Crawford...
...all enjoyed the Sunday...
...home; it rained most all...
...nice and slow...
...are all happy to know...
...Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Harris...
...going nicely. Mr. Harris...
...the local hospital for a...
...days. We wish all the sick...
...a speedy recovery...
...Mrs. W. W. Ratliff went to...
...Wood Saturday to do some...
...ing and shopping...
...I talked to R. J. Schindler...
...Sunday night who said his...
...ber, Mrs. R. J. Schindler...
...Bangs, was doing nicely...
...We were happy to learn that...
...A. R. Neely is doing...
...She was our school...
...children sure did love her...
...Mr. and Mrs. William G...
...and Leona...
...Sunday visitors of Mr...
...Mrs. A. L. Crawford...
...Miss Hilda Nauert reported...
...are doing nicely - keeping...
...feeding their stock...
...and Mrs. Lou Stanke...
...a nice weekend. They...
...their grandchildren as...
...No one did much hunt-...
...Mrs. Dave Shaw visited me...
...She visited folks...
...the Heritage Home Sunday...
...and Mrs. C. V. Whatley...
...and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh...
...and Mrs. Willie Bufe...
...home visiting at Eden and...
...back in a new car.

Lunchroom Menu

...FRIDAY, DEC. 13...
...dishes with chili, Lettuce...
...to salad, French fries, ...
...erry jello, Milk...
...SATURDAY, DEC. 14...
...sausage, Buttered...
...Snowflake potatoes, Coco...
...cake, Battered, Milk...
...SUNDAY, DEC. 15...
...burgers, Sliced pickles, ...
...tomato salad, French...
...Baked apples, Milk...
...MONDAY, DEC. 16...
...and dressing with gib...
...ravy, Cranberry sauce, ...
...beans, Fruit salad, Milk...
...TUESDAY, DEC. 17...
...Cheese slices, Raisin...
...Cornbread, Crackers,

Attention
HUNTERS & TRAPPERS
...buyer will be in Goldthwaite at Carr's Cafe each Monday from 8:30 a.m. till 9:00 p.m. beginning Dec. 6. We buy green and dry furs of all kinds. Skin case all fur (opossums), not open up middle. We also buy deer and rabbit. Well handled furs bring top PRICES!
Northwestern Fur Co.
Colorado City, Texas
11-25-3tp

Notice
...August our store invited customers to register for their thirty gifts given away by our wholesale suppliers, United Food of Dallas. Your orders at our store were sent to Dallas to participate in the drawing. We had a local winner Carol Graves won a coffee maker. Please note that time some of the gift blanks have been used by International Sewing Machine and some of our people receiving letters offering consolation prize and a \$200 instant check. This check has no value except towards a machine from that company. We are not in favor of type advertising and certainly do not endorse it. We apologize for any error that identified our store with type advertising.

Schwartz Food Store

GREAT BUYS

ON ALL YOUR FOOD NEEDS

Adams Best 4 oz **99¢**

Vanilla 99¢



14 oz bag **98¢**

Kraft Marshmallow **48¢**

Creme 7 oz size



SHORTENING **31**

3 lb. Can \$1.39

Mix - Match - Save

Shurfine Quality Vegetables

Corn 4 17 oz can \$

Peas 4 17 oz cans

Beans 4 16 oz cans

Giesha Mandarin

Oranges 39¢

11 oz can

Wells Lamont reg \$7.35

Geniune Buckskin **\$5.99**

Gloves pr.

Soflin Facial box of 200 **48¢**

Tissue 200 **48¢**

reg or quick

42 oz box **99¢**

OATS

Freezer Wrap 100 ft roll **\$1.48**

Paper 100 ft roll **\$1.48**

Delta Paper Towels lg roll **38¢**

49 oz box **99¢**

Tide

limit 1 w/\$5 purchase

Duncan Hines LAYER CAKE MIXES **59¢**

5 lb. bag



4 sticks 1 lb **49¢**



11 oz **69¢**

Sego

10 oz can 39¢

full case of 12 \$4.60

Arrow lb 25¢

2 lb 49¢

Popcorn American Beauty

Elbo-Roni 10 oz bag **38¢**

Christmas Trees

Large selection Scotch Pine and Canadian Fir-Fresh

Griffin white **88¢**

Syrup QT

Shurfine, orange slice 14 oz bag **48¢**

Candy 13 oz can **88¢**

32 oz size **99¢**

4 oz can **69¢**

reg \$1.29 value

Bic Butane Lighters **79¢** ea

GREAT BUYS

ON ALL YOUR FOOD NEEDS

New crop, juicy, Texas **39¢**

5 lb bag limit one

Oranges

price good Thurs, Fri & Sat

California large size **25¢**

Avocados each

Fresh purple top **25¢**

Turnips lb

Fresh stalk **29¢**

Celery

Economy Buy Russet **\$1.39**

Potatoes 20 lb bag



Banquet POT PIES **51¢**

Beef For Any Meal

T-Bone Steak lb **\$1.49**

Sirloin Steak lb **\$1.49**

tenderized **\$1.88**

Beef Cutlets lb

lean boneless **\$1.19**

Stew Meat lb

the kind that pleases Lean Chuck Quality

Ground Beef lb **99¢**

Hot Links lb **69¢**

AFFILIATED Lunchmeats

Liver Leaf 6 oz **49¢**

Salami pkg

Bologna

Taste Wright Pork **\$1.19**

Sausage 2 lb sack

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HAMILTON

The Goldthwaite "A" Eagles won in a squeaker in overtime Tuesday, Nov. 16. The game was looking like a runaway after the first three quarters at Hamilton Tuesday night until the fourth quarter. Then old lady luck smiled on the Eagles as they came alive to tie and finally defeat the Bulldogs.

Scoring for the Eagles went as follows: David Miller scored 20 points, followed by Jett Johnson with 6, Mike Lee 4, Rick Welch 3, Jay Sims, Lester Saathoff and Tim Spradley 2 each, and B. J. Truitt and Mike Jenkins with 1 each.

Friday night, Nov. 26, the "A" team Eagles defeated the Hamilton Bulldogs by the score of 48-31. High scorer for the Eagles was Jett Johnson with 19. Other Eagles getting in on the scoring were David Miller with 10, Rick Welch 10, Jay Sims and Lester Saathoff 4 each, and Mike Jenkins 1.

BANGS

The Goldthwaite Eagles went down in defeat at the hands of the Bangs Dragons Friday night, 47-36.

A couple of questionable calls by the referee killed a couple of promising drives.

Leading scorer for the Eagles was David Miller with 18, followed by Rick Welch 6, Jett Johnson 4, Jay Sims 4, and Mike Lee 4.

PAINT CREEK

The Goldthwaite Eagles beat Paint Creek Saturday night 66-32. The Eagles won third in the tournament and David Miller won All-Tourney. The Eagles played a great tournament.

Scoring for the Eagles went like this: David Miller 16, Jett Johnson 15, Jay Sims and Mike Lee 8 each, Rick Welch 6, B. J. Truitt, Lester Saathoff and Rodney Scott 3 each, and Tim Spradley and Mike Jenkins 2 each.

The leading rebounder was Jett Johnson with 20, followed by Rick Welch with 14.

CROSS PLAINS

The Goldthwaite Varsity Eagles, with good rebounding

and ball control, beat the Cross Plains Bulldogs 29-22. David Miller led in the scoring for the Eagles with 11 points, followed by Jett Johnson with 10, Mike Lee 4, and Rick Welch and Jay Sims 2. The Eagles go into Monday night's game against Bangs with an unblemished 3-0 record. The game will follow the girls' contest which starts at 7:00.

Eaglettes

The Goldthwaite Eaglettes, using good defense and great hustle, soared past the Cross Plains Buffaloes 66-31. The leading scorer was Mina Kay Johnson with 18, followed by Ruth Ann Johnson 16, Sheila Vaughan 10, Joy Truitt 8, Sheila Thomas 6, Melany Vaughan 4, and Sandra Derrick and Tamra Long who wrapped up the scoring with 2 each. Top rebounder for the Eaglettes was Cindy Berry with 7, followed by Ruth Ann Johnson with 6. Cindy Berry and Ruth Ann also led the steals department with 3 each.

The Goldthwaite Eaglettes defeated Rising Star 58-43 Saturday to win the Cross Plains Tournament. Selected All-Tournament for the Eaglettes were forward Ruth Ann Johnson and guards Tammy Head and Cindy Berry. High scorers for the Eaglettes were Mina and Ruth Ann Johnson with 20 each, followed by Sheila Thomas 6, Sandra Derrick 4, Joy Truitt 3, Sheila Vaughan and Tamra Long 2 each, and Melany Vaughan with 1.

The score by quarters was:
G'waite 14 18 10 16
R. Star 10 6 13 14

BANGS

The Goldthwaite Eaglettes crushed the Bangs Dragons by the score of 59-33. The game was marked by a lot of hustle and team spirit by the Eaglettes who dominated from the beginning.

High scorer for the Eaglettes was Ruth Ann Johnson with 23, followed by Sheila Vaughan 16, Mina Johnson 14, and Sheila Thomas 6.

Top rebounder for the Eaglettes was Cindy Berry with 9, followed by Tammy Head with 9.

6. Cindy Ynostrosa headed the steals department with 5.

COMANCHE

The Goldthwaite Eaglettes fell to Comanche 73-38. The Comanche girls displayed an awesome defense which forced mistakes time after time, and their ability to shoot was excellent. The Eaglettes got things going in the third quarter, but the taller Comanche girls proved dominant on the boards. Leading the scoring for the Eaglettes was Ruth Ann Johnson with 15, followed by Mina Johnson 11, Sandra Derrick 11, and Sheila Thomas 1.

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SHS Basketball Schedule

The Star School's girls' and boys' high school basketball schedule for 1976-77 follows. All games begin at 7:00 p.m.:

- Nov. 16 - Zephyr at Zephyr
 - Nov. 19 - Jonesboro at Jonesboro
 - Nov. 23 - Evant at Evant
 - Nov. 30 - Mullin at Star
 - Dec. 2-4 - Zephyr Tourney
 - Dec. 7 - Zephyr at Star
 - Dec. 14 - Gustine at Star
 - Dec. 16-18 - Evant Tourney
 - Dec. 21 - Jonesboro
- DISTRICT
- Jan. 4 - Cherokee at Cherokee
 - Jan. 7 - Mullin at Star
 - Jan. 11 - Priddy at Priddy
 - Jan. 14 - Pottsville at Star
 - Jan. 18 - Lometa at Star
 - Jan. 21 - Cherokee at Star
 - Jan. 25 - Mullin at Mullin
 - Jan. 28 - Priddy at Star
 - Feb. 1 - Pottsville at Pottsville
 - Feb. 4 - Lometa at Lometa

The Star Junior High School basketball schedule is listed below:

- Nov. 29 - Gustine at Star 6:30
- Dec. 6 - Open
- Dec. 13 - Gustine at Gustine 6:30
- Dec. 20 - Blanket at Star 6:30
- Jan. 3 - Open
- Jan. 10 - Star at Lometa 6:30
- Jan. 14 - Pottsville at Star 5:30 (boys only)
- Jan. 17 - Star at Mullin 6:30
- Jan. 24 - Open
- Jan. 31 - Priddy at Star 6:30
- Feb. 1 - Star at Pottsville 5:30 (boys only)
- Feb. 7 - Cherokee at Star 6:30

Boy Scout Court Of Honor Conducted Monday Evening

A Boy Scout Court of Honor was held on Monday evening, December 6, at 7:00 at the First United Methodist Church, Goldthwaite, to recognize the achievements of Scouts during the last three months.

Tom Cody Graves presided as Troop Committee Chairman and welcomed families and guests. Executive Board members from the Comanche Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, who were present included Dr. T. C. Graves, Charles Conrad, Ben Welch, and J. D. May.

Mr. May acted as representative of the Council in presenting the First United Methodist Church with the Annual Charter for the troop as he challenged leaders and scouts alike to live up to the ideals of the Scouting movement.

Owen Yarborough, advancement chairman on the Troop Committee, presented seven scouts with "Pedro" awards for subscribing to Boys Life, the scout magazine, and the Scout Award as their first step in scouting. These scouts were: Darryl Schriver, Bobby Standley, Britt Reese, Alan Jenkins, Troy Ratliff, Bill Carothers, and Charles Slaughter.

Scout Master James Reese commended the scouts on their dedication and for setting goals in scout advancement in the months ahead.

Assistant Scout Master Ben Welch outlined plans for 1977 for the troop. There will be a hike or camp each month and many special events, including a February Boy Scouts of America anniversary banquet,

a trip to Austin to "report to the Governor" on February 15, the annual Scout-O-Rama on March 5, the Council Camp on April 1-2, and Summer Camp June 5-11. In addition, long range plans project a trip to Philmont Scout Ranch, New Mexico for 1978 as well as other high adventure events.

Assistant Scout Master Ben Welch explained the advancement program for the troop and Charles Conrad made presentation of scout jackets to the leaders, James Standley, Benny Schriver and Ben Welch.

The official hat for Troop 1 will be the red beret and special neckerchief to be made by the parents. Britt Reese, Patrol Leader, Darryl Schriver, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Charles Slaughter, scribe, led the Scout Oath, the Scout Law and the Pledge of Allegiance. Bobby Standley demonstrated a measuring technique recently learned by the scouts. Scout Master James Reese led the scouts in the Scout Master benediction.

Texas ranked first in the nation in grain sorghum production during 1975 harvesting 374,400,000 bushels, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

All Tournament

Three Eaglettes made the all-tourney team during the Cross Plains basketball tournament - Cynthia Berry, freshman guard; Ruth Ann Johnson, sophomore forward; and Tammy Head, senior guard.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lane Luker, Jr. of Houston, Texas, announce the birth of a daughter, Kimberly Renee, at Houston Northwest Medical Center. The baby arrived at 5:25 p.m. December 6, 1976, weighing 6 lbs. 6 ozs.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Davis of Goldthwaite. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lane Luker of Goldthwaite and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Davis of Stephenville. Paternal great grandparents

are Mr. and Mrs. J. K. McGuire of Comanche and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Luker of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miles of Carrollton, Texas, announce the arrival of a daughter, Brandice Lynn, born at Medical City Dallas Hospital, November 18, 1976. She arrived at 5:08 a.m. and weighed 7 lbs. 15 1/2 ozs.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hedrick of Carrollton. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jude Miles of Goldthwaite.

Maternal great grandparents are Mrs. James Melton of Sulphur Springs and Mrs. Fred Hedrick of Carrollton. Paternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O. Z. Berry of Goldthwaite.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hudson of Kyle announce the birth of a girl, Kathryn Raejean, weighing 10 lbs. 1/4 oz. She was born November 8 in the Georgetown Hospital and Clinic.

Raejean is welcomed home by Tisha 4 and Tom 2. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hudson and great grandmother is Mrs. Tom Miller.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Priest of Round Rock and great grandmother is Dorsie Grumbles of Georgetown.

Mullin Community News

BY: LILLIAN PLIMMER

Mrs. Ollie Lee Holland of San Angelo spent the weekend here visiting with her sisters, Mrs. Eva Belle Roberts and Mrs. Ida Pafford and Mr. Pafford.

Mr. Joe Parker of Gorman was a dinner guest of Mrs. Lorene Holland Sunday.

Mr. Bob McCormick of Houston spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Vesta McCormick.

Mrs. Retta Hinde has just returned from a visit with relatives and friends in Crane and Odessa.

Mrs. Richard Shelton has returned from a visit with her son, Clint Shelton, in Denver, Colorado. Clint is attending a gunsmith school and is working part time. Mrs. Shelton also visited with her brother, Lester Van Horn and family, and her sister, Mrs. Linda Bevel and family. Another sister, Mrs. Allie Cannedy and children of California, met with her relatives in Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. Autrey Keating spent the weekend in San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. Barney Keating.

My aunt Lucy Wilson of Brownwood and my sister, Mrs. Jim Weatherby of Goldthwaite, visited in my home last Thursday.

Mrs. Neechie Wilburn and little son Travis came by Sunday to see her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Murray. Travis is spending this week with his grandparents while Neechie is at College Station attending school.

Mrs. Jane Hobbs, Mandy and David of Brownwood were here Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dew Shelton.

Mrs. Margaret Tolliver of Brownwood came by Saturday to see Mr. and Mrs. Alton Runnels. Mr. Howard Runnels of Priddy is helping his dad

work on the windmill today.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jenke of Austin spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Will Sanders. Bill Sanders of Star also visited his parents Sunday. Mrs. Prater, who stays with Mr. and Mrs. Sanders, attended church services at Blanket Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Petty of Zephyr visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Chesser Sunday. Mrs. Petty was formerly Edna Stebbins. Pete Chesser of Ft. Worth was a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Chesser, recently.

Mr. Joe Ivy and George Ivy of Killeen and other relatives of Mrs. Jewell Ivy Baskin were here over the weekend.

We had over an inch of rain yesterday and it is getting colder today.

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Hospital Report

TUESDAY, NOV. 30

Admitted - Charmaine Sutter and Baby Girl Sutter, Charlie F. Perry, Jeanette Carothers, all of Goldthwaite

Discharged - Mildred Lovell, Lucile Roberson, Nora Dickerson

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1

Admitted - Keryn McMahan, Lena C. Adams, Betty Perry, Eugene White, Jr., all of Goldthwaite

Discharged - Scott Thompson, Charmaine Sutter, Baby Girl Sutter

THURSDAY, DEC. 2

Admitted - William Franklin Spinks, Mullin; Herbert B. Straley, Melvina Long, both of Goldthwaite

Discharged - Melvina Long, Jeanie M. Roberts, Keryn McMahan

FRIDAY, DEC. 3

Admitted - Herman Lynn Boyd, Goldthwaite

Discharged - Hazel Harris, Edward Dickerson, Eugene White, Jr.

SATURDAY, DEC. 4

No Admittances

Discharged - Charlie F. Perry, Jeanette Carothers

SUNDAY, DEC. 5

Admitted - Orville Harris, Goldthwaite

Discharged - Herman Lynn Boyd

MONDAY, DEC. 6

Admitted - Walter C. Henry of Goldthwaite

Discharged - Ivy W. McGilvray, Ferol Neely

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Frank Kerby Services

Conducted Sunday, Dec. 5

Funeral services for Frank Kerby, 77, of Goldthwaite were held Sunday, December 5, 1976, at 2:00 p.m. in Wilkins Funeral Chapel with Rev. Dan Connally officiating. Burial was in Goldthwaite Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Wilkins Funeral Home.

Mr. Kerby passed away Friday, December 3, in Hillview Manor Nursing Home, Goldthwaite. He was born January 5, 1899, in Runnels County. On December 20, 1926, he was married to Effie Hardcastle in Mills County, where they have lived all their married life.

Mr. Kerby, a retired rancher and member of the Baptist Church, is preceded in death by his mother and father and by one sister and one brother.

He is survived by his wife Effie, of the home; two sons, Herbert Kerby of Ozona, Texas and Leland Kerby of Jal, New Mexico; two daughters, Mrs.

Doyle (Dorene) Head of Midkiff, Texas and Mrs. Bobby (Corene) Egger of Kermit, Texas; twelve grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and by one brother, Clyde Kerby of Goldthwaite.

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A Statement of Intent has been filed with the City of Goldthwaite, Texas, and is available for inspection at the Company's business office located at 313 E. Wallace, San Saba, Texas.

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Kelly News

By Mrs. M. C. Partridge

It has been some time since I have had the time to get some news gathered up, but I will try and let my friends and readers know that M. C. has been having headaches and we have been busy trying to find a cure. It seems like now we have finally found help.

He spent a week in Gaston Hospital in Dallas from the 15th to 22nd.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Slaughter have been having almost the same thing with Preston's son Jamie. He has been staying with them and also spent some time in Scott & White at Temple and is now doing better. He went home with his family to Bangs over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and boys have been tending our stock for us. We ate lunch with them on Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Jarrett of Odessa spent Thanksgiving weekend with his sister, Mrs. Clara V. Kimbell, M. C. and I stopped and visited with them Thursday afternoon. Brown was over this way Friday, painting.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Horn of Midland were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Holcomb.

Miss Pauline Sutherland of Dallas spent the weekend in J. P. Slaughter's home. Mr. and Mrs. Don Yeager of Belton were visiting their parents and Deonna over the weekend.

I stopped by and visited Mr. and Mrs. John Higgins at Friendship Inn. It sure is nice to have old friends back close by.

While M. C. was in the hospital, I stayed with Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Partridge of Red Oak. A. G. is a native of Goldthwaite. He is a nephew of M. C. and the son of Mr. Garmon Partridge of here.

Personal

Scott David Rhoades recently killed an eight-point buck on the J. C. Tiemann, Sr. Ranch at Priddy, Texas. The deer dressed 120 pounds.

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TOM B. GRAVES

Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Graves at their home in Goldthwaite.

Those in attendance other than the honoree and his wife Bera and the host and hostess were:

Dr. John Graves and wife Clara of Kermit; Dr. Sam Graves and wife Sue of Eunice, New Mexico; Otis Turner and wife Amber of Sundown; Howard and Lee Ruth Campbell of Goldthwaite; Edward and Dody Green of Houston. His only other child, Mable Lillian Shetlar of Kansas and her family were unable to attend due to distance and weather.

Others who attended were Dr. Tom Cody Graves and wife Carol and children Debra and Cody Clark of Goldthwaite; Dr. Jud Graves and wife Ann and daughter Janet of Kermit; Dr. David White and wife Joan of Johnson City; Kay Harward and daughter Heather of Dallas; Cecil Campbell and daughter Mary Catherine of San Antonio; Sam and Kathi Campbell of Brownwood; Truitt Leak and wife Sharon and Carol Sue Turner of Denton; Bill and Jeanie Norwood of Port Barre, La.; and Karla, Keith, Kenneth and Kerry Green of Houston.

After a beautiful and bountiful birthday dinner, the honoree

was directed to a "treasure chest" which he found filled with gifts and congratulations from his family and many friends.

Mr. Graves was born in Bell County in 1886 and moved with his family to Mills County in a covered wagon at age four. He spent his first night in Mills County, a frontier at that time, on the Owens Pigfoot Ranch.

He has been a prominent farmer and rancher in the Center City and Lake Merritt communities all his life except when working in the shipyards at Orange, Texas, during World War I. They moved from their farm into Goldthwaite in 1969.

Mr. Graves has served on many county and community committees, helping mold and make Mills County what it is today.

All his children and grandchildren assured him they would help him celebrate his 95th and 100th birthdays.

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Lonny Fuller and baby boy of Dallas visited Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Graham.

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When The Old Bird Was Younger



10 Years Ago

(Taken From The Eagle Files Of December 1, 1966)

J. Raymond Little has resigned from the office of Mayor of the City of Goldthwaite. He is presently hospitalized at Scott & White in Temple, V. A. Hudson will serve as mayor pro tem until the next regular city election in April 1967. An estimated crowd of one hundred ex-students and teachers met in the high school gymnasium last Saturday night for their 13th annual homecoming. Officers elected for the coming year are: President, O'Donnell Newton; vice-president, Horace Brooks; secretary, Ronald Cagle; treasurer, Max Shepherd; and reporter, Patsy Thomason.

Delton and Don Barnett of Goldthwaite have sold their registered Angus herd to James Green of Mullin. The herd, consisting of 36 head, was started by Don Barnett several years ago while he was raising show cattle.

Miss Evelyn Sellheimer and Miss Inez Kirkpatrick, Mills County students, were among 32 Tarleton students selected to the 1966-67 edition of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Miss Sammy Rahl received the same honor at Howard Payne University.

Funeral services were conducted at Florence, Oregon, on November 21 for Mrs. Frank Davee, the former Elsie Chesser of Mullin. Mrs. Davee passed away in a Florence hospital on November 18 after a long illness.

40 Years Ago

(Taken From The Eagle Files Of December 4, 1936)

Angela and Sheila Sutter of Goldthwaite announce the birth of a baby sister, Tonya Elizabeth, born at Childers Clinic and Hospital, November 30, 1976. She arrived at 3:30 p.m. weighing 10 lbs. 12 ozs. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Sutter. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oltrogge of Goldthwaite. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John W. Sutter of Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Horton of Goldthwaite announce the birth of a son, Dusty Cheyenne, on December 1, 1976, at Brownwood Community Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 7 1/2 ozs.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Herring. Paternal grandfather is Mr. Elam Horton. Maternal great grandfather is Mr. W. A. Knight. Paternal great grandmother is Mrs. W. D. Denton.

25 Years Ago

(Taken From The Eagle Files Of November 30, 1951)

The Goldthwaite Volunteer

40 Years Ago

(Taken From The Eagle Files Of December 4, 1936)

The Tuesday Study Club met

San Saba REAKS

BY: Mrs. Dutch Smith

By Mrs. Dutch Smith

Well, it is pretty cold today. It makes us wonder what we have done with our summer wages.

We have had quite a bit of company lately. Our grandsons, Jimmy and Jesse Ball, have been deer hunting several times but have had no luck. Our great grandson Sid came with Jimmy once and they didn't see a deer. I wish Sid could kill one. He was so excited about going hunting.

Mrs. Carl Brown of Temple and her sister of California visited me recently.

We had Thanksgiving with our children, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Jernigan. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Smith of Burnet, Cliff of Austin, Jessie of Rocksprings, Jimmy and Melody and Sid and Stacy Ball of Comanche, Susan of Rising Star, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Smith of Goldthwaite, Dutch and I, and Billie Helen and Forrest.

We had a call from our friends, Mrs. Anna Gage of Elsinore, California and her sister, Kathleen Crook of Bell Gardens, California, saying they would leave Midland on the six o'clock bus. They missed the bus to Abilene, so we met them there so they would not have a four-hour layover. My daughter, Billie Helen, and niece, Hazel Smith, had supper ready when we got in. Those who were there to see Anna and Kathleen were Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Smith of Burnet, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ball, Sid and Stacy of Comanche, and

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Smith. Thursday night Dutch and I were hosts for our KKK Club. We had a wonderful time and a real good supper.

Anna and Kathleen left on the 9:30 bus to Midland where they caught the plane to California. It sure hurt to see them leave; we didn't get to visit long enough.

We had a call Saturday night from Dutch's niece, Mrs. Burt Schooley, stating her mother was in a coma at a San Antonio hospital. She has been in intensive care ever since they transferred her from this hospital. We are sure worried about her.

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MOUNTAINS OF SUGAR—The process by which sugarcane is transformed into the sugar we eat is a long one. The brown crystals are piled high in the mill warehouse before being transported to the sugar refinery. According to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White, farmers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley expect to harvest 1,328,000 tons of sugarcane in 1976.

Singing & Supper At Hillview December 16

A covered dish supper and singing will be held at Hillview Manor Nursing Home, December 16. Supper will be served at 6:30

p.m. The entire public is invited. Singers are expected from all over the area. Come bring a covered dish and enjoy some good singing.

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Sugar for Your Coffee From Rio Grande Valley

AUSTIN—Sugar is a sweet subject any way you look at it, but it's especially sweet to sugarcane farmers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

The modern-day sugarcane growers haven't been in business too long—the first cane was harvested in December 1973. But already, they are optimistic the crop will be a financially rewarding one.

The first crop was hurt by a rare December freeze. Since then, things have improved. By the 1975-1976 season, production was estimated at 1,328,000 tons, with an average yield per acre of 37 tons harvested from 359,000 acres, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

The crop is not new to the Valley. The industry got started in the 1890's. The first sugarcane plant was built in 1895 near San Juan by John Closner. Three years later, he built a larger mill to produce a better grade of sugar.

Others in the Valley began raising the crop, and for several years, it was a major crop. Then the U.S. government removed the duty on imported sugar. The domestic market was flooded with foreign grown sugar, and its price collapsed. Valley farmers abandoned sugarcane for more profitable crops.

"Valley farmers feel that the potential for the crop is excellent," White said. "And having one of the largest sugar refineries in the nation, near Houston, so close is an advantage."

The process by which sugar is extracted from sugarcane is a long one. Before the sugarcane can be mechanically harvested, the leaves must be burned off. Next, the harvesters go

into the fields. A harvesting superintendent oversees the "front," which includes nine harvesters per front. "Pads" are located two miles from each field which is being harvested.

Containers with a capacity of 20,000 pounds are pulled alongside the harvester. When full, the containers are towed to the pad, where a huge forklift picks them up and places them on flatbeds to be pulled to the mill.

At the mill, the cane is cut into sections. Then a series of heavy rollers crushes the cane and extracts the juice.

The crushed stalks, called bagasse, are used as fuel to produce electricity for the plant. Bagasse can also be used to make paper, building boards, plastics, poultry litter, animal bedding and horticultural mulch.

The juice is strained and limed and then heated to about 215 degrees Fahrenheit to rid the impurities.

Clarifying, filtering and evaporating bring the thick syrup to vacuum pans. There, boiling at low temperatures creates sugar crystals and a by-product, molasses.

The sugar, which now is in the form of brown crystals, is shipped to the sugar mill, where it is refined into the sugar that is found on grocery store shelves.

During 1975, Texas ranked fourth in the nation in production of rice, harvesting 24,996,000 hundredweight, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White noted.

Extension Highlights

BY JUDY BEAVERS
Mills County Extension Agent

If the fruits of your hunter's labor are too many to cook at once, freezing is a good method of preserving them.

This is the season for various game birds, such as ducks, quail, turkey, pheasant, rail and woodcock. Also, small game such as squirrels, rabbits, opossum and raccoons can

be frozen for later use.

First step is to thoroughly clean them and cool before freezing. Wrap each bird or animal individually in a moisture-vapor proof freezing paper, using the drugstore wrap.

For this wrapping method, place the game in the center of the paper. Bring the two sides of the paper evenly together at the top. Make a drugstore fold by turning the paper down toward the meat in a one-half inch fold. Continue folding tightly and snugly against the meat. Press the fold flat against the meat and make a double fold in each end of the wrapping. Fold these ends under the package to make a tighter wrap, fold the ends over and seal with freezer wrap.

Label all packages with the cut of meat and the date. The same procedure should be used in wrapping big game, such as venison.

Freeze small game immediately after packaging. Keep the meat at 0 degrees F. or lower until it is used. Quality meat, correctly wrapped in moisture-vapor-proof freezing paper will keep frozen at this temperature from six months to a year, except for the organ meats such as heart and liver, which should be used within six months.

When thawing game, do so in the refrigerator. Allow five hours thawing time per pound.



A hedgehog has a normal heartbeat of 250 per minute which will drop to three per minute during cold weather!

Deborah Welch Elected

To Who's Who

Deborah L. Welch of Goldthwaite, a senior English major at Maryville College, has been elected to membership in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ben T. Welch, minister of the First United Methodist Church.

During her last three years at MC, Miss Welch has been involved in intramurals, the Playhouse, the college newspaper, and various All College Council committees. She is also a recipient of the Hunter Scholarship and the Faculty Wives' Scholarship.

Students were selected for Who's Who on the basis of excellence and sincerity in scholarship; leadership and participation in extracurricular and academic activities; citizenship and service to the College; and promise of future usefulness to business and society. Nomination was limited to those seniors with an overall grade standing of 3.0 or higher. Maryville is a four year liberal arts college located in Maryville, Tennessee.

Texas Ranks Third In Ag Exports

AUSTIN—Texas moved from fourth to third rank nationally in agricultural export sales of \$1.5 billion during fiscal 1976, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has reported.

Last year Texas shared fourth place with Kansas when sales reached \$1.342 billion. "The substantial increase this year is significant when you consider the embargoes on grain shipments that hampered trade."

Illinois was the leader in fiscal 1976 with \$2.4 billion, and Iowa ranked second with \$1.7 billion.

U.S. agricultural exports in fiscal 1976 were at a record \$22 billion, 3 percent over fiscal 1975. Export tonnage at 108 million tons was 22 percent above that of a year earlier, offsetting the effect of lower prices for some items.

Texas feed grains accounted for the largest contribution to the state's export sales with \$497.3 million. Wheat and flour sales doubled those of last year with \$319.6 million in fiscal 1976.

Cotton sales at \$255.5 million were up \$34 million, but cottonseed oil dropped \$5.3 million to \$42.6 million.

Meat and red meat products were \$7.8 million above fiscal 1975 with increases also in hides and skins. Poultry products exports also increased, totaling \$10.7 million, a record for this commodity and more than twice that of 1973.

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Moline News

By Mrs. Webb Laughlin

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kincheloe took Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Roston House and family near Goldthwaite.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Clary and Leslie of Grand Prairie spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her mother and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Potts of Lometa spent Friday afternoon with her parents, the Web Laughlins and families.

Mrs. Fred Laughlin and Mrs. Dutch Smith of Goldthwaite spent Friday afternoon with the Web Laughlins.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lee attended the funeral of Emmett

Hawkins Saturday at Evant.

Mr. and Mrs. Baz Laughlin and daughters, Tresa, of Denver City, Mrs. Linda Bramblett and daughter, Tonya, of Austin, and Mrs. Marsha Fabian of Copperas Cove and

friend spent Friday and Saturday with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Web Laughlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Wayne Hunt and baby son of Cooper spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hunt.

The Web Laughlins had word Thursday that their son, Baz, suffered a heart attack Thursday morning and is in a hospital at Denver City.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunt and daughter, Misty, of Goldthwaite spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hunt.

Irvin Donnelly spent Friday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Donnelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hunt of Houston spent the holidays with his parents, the J. D. Hunts, and her parents at Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Altenloh had their son from Houston for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ste ward and sons of Austin spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carswell, and his parents at Star.

Mrs. Beulah Waldrup spent Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Blasdel of San Angelo spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carswell.

Texas Taxes



By BOB BULLOCK, State Comptroller

AUSTIN—As you probably know, this office recently released its formal estimate of the amount of money that will be available to the 1977 Texas Legislature for writing a new two-year budget.

Overall, the projections are rosy. We anticipate that the new Legislature will have additional \$2.9 billion to work with, 34 percent more than was available to its predecessor in 1975.

There have been some misconceptions about what this office really means when it makes revenue estimates, as required by law. We are simply estimating how much money the State will be bringing in—its income—over a given period and how much it will spend.

You do about the same thing, but on a much smaller scale, when you figure the family budget.

Now, we are not—and I want to repeat 'not'—saying that the 65th Legislature will have \$2.9 billion more to spend. We are simply saying that much more money will be available.

What is done with the money is a Legislative matter. It can be used for new programs or to expand existing ones. Or, as some leaders are advocating, we might set aside a little for a rainy day—a suggestion I personally like. Some of it could even be returned to Texans through tax cuts.

We have a number of ideas about what we think ought to be done with the money—but that is not our job. Our job is to collect money, not spend it.

The fact that our revenue estimate was released just before Thanksgiving day was

purely coincidental. But I think it was appropriate because it reminds us again that we have a lot to be thankful for in Texas. Most of our sister States have not been as fortunate.

The statistics tell the story. Sales tax collections are up a whopping 17 percent over last year, far above the national average. Motor vehicle sales tax collections are up 33 percent and the franchise tax is up 28 percent.

What it all adds up to is a sound State economy. Businesses are expanding. Texans are making more money and they're spending more, demonstrating a renewed confidence in the future.

I hate to sound a sour note at this point, but I think it's in order. Planning is as essential for times of prosperity as it is in times of crisis. Common sense tells us that the current revenue boom can't last forever.

It is essential that the Legislature keep this in mind when it convenes in January as its decisions will have a profound effect on the State's future.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again: Unless precautions are taken this State will be facing in the future—perhaps 1979, perhaps later—the biggest tax bill in its history.

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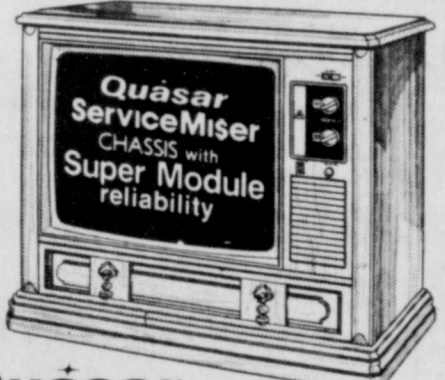
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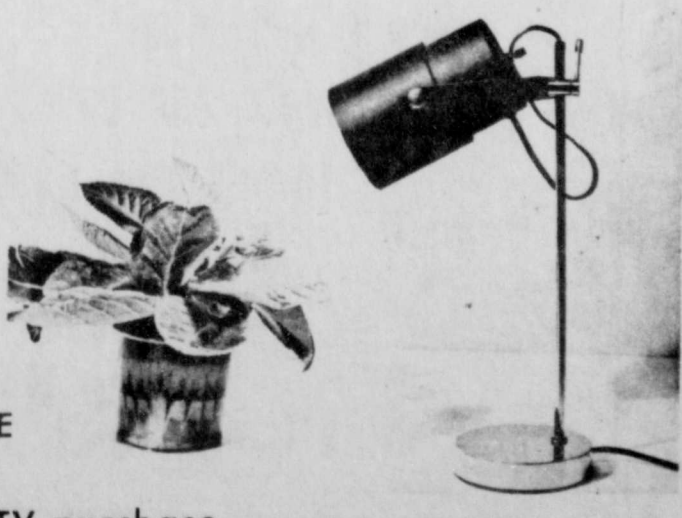
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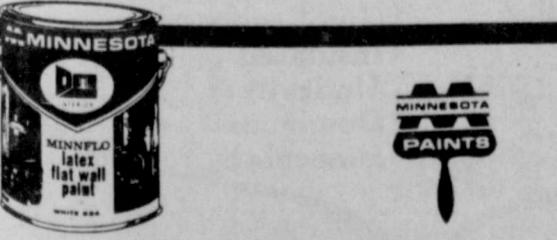
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SERVE COFFEE CAKE FOR CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST—Before digging into that pile of gifts under the Christmas tree, serve your family a nutritious breakfast that includes Butter-Rich Coffee Cake, says the Texas Department of Agriculture home economist. Layers of pecans and coconut and a peach preserve glaze made it a special holiday treat.

From the TAP Kitchen

Texas Department of Agriculture - John C. White, Commissioner

BUTTER-RICH COFFEE CAKE

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| 3 cups flour, sifted | 3 eggs |
| 4 tsp. baking powder | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| ½ tsp. salt | ½ cup milk |
| 2 tsp. lemon rind, grated | ½ cup peach preserves |
| ½ cup butter or margarine | 1 cup flaked coconut |
| 1 cup sugar | 1 cup pecans, chopped |

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Stir in lemon rind and set aside. Cream butter and sugar, beating well. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add vanilla. Combine milk and peach preserves. Add alternately with dry ingredients to creamed mixture, blending well after each addition. Spread 1/3 of the batter over the bottom of a buttered and floured 10-inch tube pan. Sprinkle ½ cup coconut and ½ cup pecans over batter, not quite to edge of pan. Top with half of remaining batter; sprinkle remaining coconut and pecans over batter. Cover with remaining batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes. Cool in pan for 10 minutes; remove from pan. Top with Peach Glaze. Yield: one 10-inch cake.

PEACH GLAZE

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| ½ cup peach preserves | 1-½ cups powdered sugar, sifted |
| 1 Tbsp. water | ½ cup flaked coconut |

Heat preserves and water in small saucepan. Remove from heat; stir in powdered sugar. Spread over top of warm cake, allowing glaze to drip over sides. Sprinkle coconut over top.

For additional holiday recipes send a postcard request to Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

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dew,
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night.
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fair and tall,
Slowly rising to loftier height,
It came to a crevice in the
wall
Through which there shone a
beam of light.
Onward it crept with added
strength
With never a thought of fear
or pride,
It followed the light through
the crevice's length
And unfolded itself on the other
side.
The light, the dew, the broad-
ening view
Were found the same as they
were before,
And it lost itself in beauties
new,
Breathing its fragrance more
and more.
Shall claim of death cause
us to grieve
And make our courage faint
and fall?
Nay! Let us faith and hope
receive --
The rose still grows beyond
the wall,
Scattering fragrance far and
wide
Just as it did in days of yore,
Just as it did on the other side
Just as it will forevermore.

These words were written by
A. L. Frink. The thoughts are
my own, for to me my mother's
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Wyno Lee Murphy

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country's economic accom-
plishment, here is one that
particularly impresses me. Per-
haps it will impress you, too.



IN 200 YEARS the United
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In 200 years, without having
the world's largest population
or greatest natural resources,
the United States has become
the richest nation in the world.
Our gross national product is
\$1.4 trillion. That's a difficult
figure to envision, so let me try
some other dimension of wealth
that is easier to understand. To-
day, three-fourths of all Ameri-
cans are not rich or poor, but be-
long to a huge and growing
middle class—the largest mid-
dle class of any country in the
world. Today, more than half of
American families' income is
more than \$10,000 a year.
There are many other exam-
ples to choose from, but the
point I am making is that our
economic philosophies have
made us the richest and the
most dynamic country in the
world.

**Don't Let Food Poisoning
Spoil Your Holiday Season**

AUSTIN—The Christmas
season means lots of good
food, but it also means that
the possibility of food
poisoning increases.

The Texas Department of
Agriculture home economist
reminds cooks that unless
they follow good sanitation
practices, kitchens can
become the breeding ground
for the bacteria that cause

food poisoning.

"According to the U.S.
Department of Agriculture,
63 percent of American
kitchens are 'high risk' zones
because of one or more
undesirable practices
regarding food preparation
and storage," she explained.
"And with many Christmas
foods, it's especially
important to be careful."

Following are suggestions
for keeping the food you
prepare free from
contamination during the
Christmas holiday season and
all year long.

Make the grocery store
your last stop so you can
store perishable foods
quickly. Perishable foods
should be placed
immediately into the
refrigerator, which should be
at 40 degrees Fahrenheit, or
in the freezer at 0 degrees F.

Thaw meat and poultry in
the refrigerator or cook them
frozen. If you must thaw
quickly, put the food into a
plastic bag, close securely
and submerge in cold water.
Never thaw meat uncovered
on a kitchen counter at room
temperature. And be sure to
cook food promptly after
thawing.

Do not use the utensils
used for cutting raw meat to
cut other foods without first
washing the utensils and
your hands in hot, soapy
water.

If your hands have cuts or
sores, use rubber gloves when
handling raw meat. This
keeps bacteria in the meat
from entering the sore, and
bacteria from the sore is not
transferred to the food.

Be especially careful with
cold meat cuts, turkey
stuffing, potato salad and
other salads made with
mayonnaise, cream pies,
eggnog, and other dishes
containing meat, poultry or
eggs. Germs multiply readily
in such foods.

Although a stuffed turkey
may be aesthetically
pleasing, it is much safer to
bake the turkey and stuffing
separately. Bacteria grows
well in stuffing ingredients
and in the warm, moist
turkey cavity.

When preparing a hot dish
ahead of time, place in
refrigerator within 30
minutes after cooking; reheat
thoroughly just before
serving. Do not leave cold
dishes at room temperature;
instead, refrigerate
immediately after
preparation.

Finally, refrigerate
leftovers as soon as the meal
is over.

Practice holiday food
safety, and help your family
and friends enjoy a happy,
healthy Christmas season.

**Letters To
The Editor**

To the Editor and Mrs. Beth
Miles:

The recent Influenza Immu-
nization Program in Mills
County was a success because
of the help and cooperation of
the Mills County citizens.

We appreciate the attitude
and patience of the people who
obtained their immunizations.
We would like to thank the
physicians, nurses and volun-
teers who put in many hours
of work. We also thank the
news media for their assistance
in providing coverage. Without
the help of each person that
volunteered his time, the clinic
would have been difficult to
conduct.

We would also like to thank
the Baptist Church in Goldth-
waite for providing space to
conduct the clinic.

On behalf of the employees of
Public Health Region 6,
Texas Department of Health
Resources, I want to express
our appreciation for the oppor-
tunity to serve the Mills County
citizens.

Yours sincerely,

G. Dellaportas, M. D.
Regional Director

Wife complaining to mar-
riage counselor: "It all
started with him wanting to
be in the wedding photo-
graphs."

The missus, at 3:00 in the
morning: "Wake up, I hear a
mouse squeaking."

Her spouse: "So what do
you want me to do, get out
of bed and oil it?"

NOTICE

Searching for descendants of
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moved to Grimes County, Texas
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