

The Way It Was - Pleasant Grove Community

Pleasant Grove community, by so many, is located in a beautiful grove of liveoak with rolling hills on all sides and is bounded by Sims on the south. The serene setting looked to the early settlers as the name of "Pleasant Grove."

hundred graves are there today.

MEMORIES OF SCHOOL DAYS

As my mind wanders back to school days at Pleasant Grove, my first thought is the difference in the school of today and our little three teacher school there. The first great difference that comes to mind is the fact that there were no restrooms until the middle 1930's. The girls went north to a creek and the boys went south to another creek, and the boys were never allowed to go north of the schoolhouse except for an occasional game of "Ante Over."

Other games we played were Red Rover, Jacks, Marbles, Hopsotch, basketball and baseball.

Another great difference in the schools of today and 'yesteryear' is the comparison of punishment then and now; especially during the years a certain teacher taught there. Punishment usually meant not being able to play games at recess and lunch, but when this teacher came he added something extra. In addition, he had the pupils carry a rock around the schoolhouse during recess and lunch play periods. The degree of punishment depended upon the rule broken and the age and size of the child.

One April's Fool Day, several students ran away from school and ate lunch on Bread Tray Mountain on Charlie Berry's place. Playing "hooky" from school for an hour or so on April's Fool Day was the one really fun thing to do in rural schools in those days, regardless of the consequence.

The consequence for all that ate lunch on Bread Tray Mountain that day long ago was severe for the entire week following the incident. The teacher had each pupil involved lift small rocks, then larger and larger ones until they found the heaviest one they could lift, and each child had to carry that rock for a week at recess and the noon hour.

Hollis Blackwell gave a little meaning to our basketball and baseball games when he taught at Pleasant Grove. He matched our teams with teams from surrounding communities - Center City, Star and Long Cove - and the competition was a boost to our athletic program.

Other teachers at Pleasant Grove were Margaret Geedes Langford, Raymond Williams, Authula Manning Nichols, Theron Horton, Virginia Stockton and Novaleen Berry Watters.

COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT

Teenagers in the community of Pleasant Grove had entertainment of their own making, with the cooperation of their parents. They planned their own parties, their own Sunday School parties and picnics, their own Sunday afternoons, usually going to singings or just going for walks. Occasionally they planned a trip to the show in Goldthwaite on Saturdays or went swimming in Blue Hole.

Different families took turns with parties and during the 1930's "snap" was the popular game. Play parties and Folk Games were also fun.

Those of us who had Kodaks were indeed fortunate; however, at times we found it a little hard to find money to buy the film.

At times there were all-day singings at church where we enjoyed singing Stamps Baxter songs.

"Outsiders" plays were often put on by people above school age in the community, and were at times presented at several adjoining communities. The plays were truly an event of entertainment and looked forward to by the whole community. The play cast thoroughly enjoyed rehearsals as well as presenting the final rendition. A good time and entertainment was never hard to find in Pleasant Grove.

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Maternal great grandparents are Mrs. Emma Whitlock of Goldthwaite and Mrs. Helen Gaither of Bellflower, California.

MEMORIES OF BLUE HOLE

"Blue Hole" is a deep pool of water on Sims Creek which bounds Pleasant Grove community on the south and probably has more history, other than the name, than any other place in the area. (See BLUE HOLE, Page 10)

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Livestock Show And Sale Here This Weekend



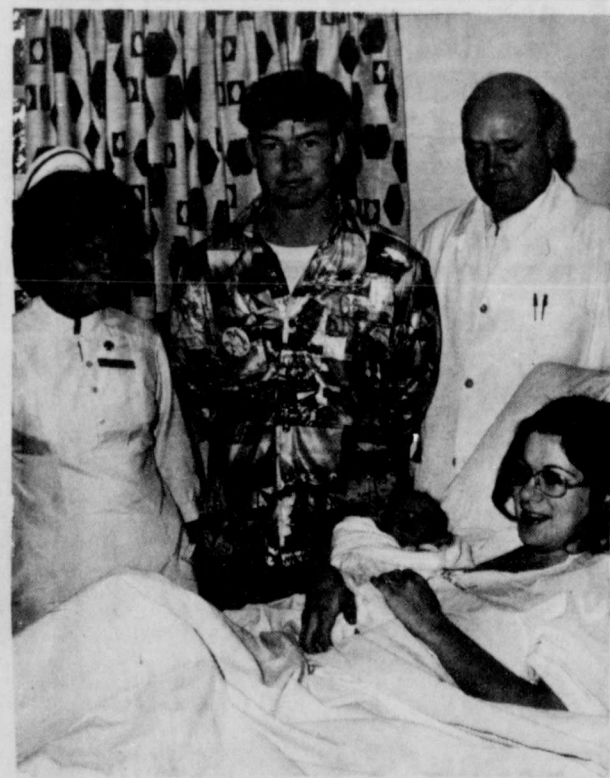
Preparing For The Show

J. C. Thomson, Goldthwaite FFA Advisor, shown in the center with the shears, demonstrates some of the procedures in getting a lamb ready for the arena. Looking on are several of the

agriculture students who will exhibit animals at the annual Mills County Livestock Show this Friday and Saturday. Mills County FFA and 4-H Club members and parents will have spent many hun-

dreds of hours in preparation for the show, under the expert supervision of FFA Advisors and Extension Agents.

- Laughlin Studio Photo



FIRST BABY OF '77 - Joanna Lynn Witty, first baby of 1977 born in Mills County, is pictured with her proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dale Witty of Star.

Looking on are Dr. Douglas Dennis, attending physician, and nurse, Mrs. Johnny Martinez.

- Laughlin Studio Photo

"Miss Mills County 1977" Arrives January 10th

Little Miss Joanna Lynn Witty has been named the First Baby in Mills County for 1977. The little miss, winner of the Mills County First Baby Contest, made her appearance Monday, January 10, at 9:40 p.m. in Childress Hospital. She tipped the scales at 7 lbs. 7 ozs.

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Paternal great grandparents are Mr. George Brown of Goldthwaite and Mr. J. J. Witty of Lampasas.

Joanna and her parents are winners of the following prizes offered by nineteen business firms who support the First Baby Contest:

Schwartz Food Store - two dozen jars of baby food; Woody Pharmacy - \$5 gift certificate; Horton's Cafe - two free lunches for mom and dad; Yarborough's - Log-of-Life baby book; Village Garden Center - baby flower arrangement; Head Electric - \$2.50 in trade;

(See BABY, Page 10)

The Mills County Livestock Raisers' 39th annual stock show will be conducted this Friday and Saturday at the local show barns in

Goldthwaite. Included in the show will be FFA, FHA, 4-H project exhibits, and breeders' exhibits.

The show gets underway Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude Saturday night with the sale of the livestock from the show. The sale will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Mills County Commission Company.

Members of the sale committee are Elam Miles, chairman; Layton Black, Richard Shelton, John Smith, June Clifton, Glen Love, Milton Meier, Jackie Fiest, W. V. Horton, Jr., Truitt Aldridge, James Boykin, Glenn Collier, Jack Davis, Truman Marwitz, Rodney Carlisle and Charles Conrad.

Elton Bufe, president of the Association, asks everyone to make plans now to attend the 39th annual stock show Friday and Saturday.

History Book 2nd Edition Out Soon

The Mills County Historical Commission voted Thursday to print a second edition of 500 copies of "Mills County - The Way It Was", to come off the press as soon as possible; probably about March 1st.

To be assured of a copy of "The Way It Was" mail or give your name, address, number of books wanted, and \$6.00 for each book to Mrs. Lois Hudson, Goldthwaite, Texas 76844, treasurer of the Commission. If your book is to be mailed, add an additional \$1.00 for handling and shipping charges.

The first edition of 925 copies of this book of stories concerning history of Mills County and its pioneer people, edited by Hartal Langford Blackwell and published by the Eagle Press, was sold within eight hours after release. So, place your order early.

Church Revival

"Deeper Life" is the theme for the revival scheduled for the Goldthwaite Assembly of God Church, January 16 through January 21.

Services each evening will get underway at 7:30 p.m. Evangelist for the revival will be Rev. W. Don Tension.

Rev. Jack Vaughn urges each and everyone to attend the revival services.

Lions To Sponsor Meal Saturday

Saturday, January 15, the Goldthwaite Lions Club will sponsor the noon meal for the judges and committee chairmen of the 39th annual livestock show.

According to spokesman for the Lions Club, the meal will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the high school cafeteria.

All Lions are reminded that this will serve as the regular meeting of the group in place of Tuesday, January 8th.

Mills County Commissioners Have Session

The Mills County Commissioners met Monday, January 10, 1977, in Mills County Courthouse.

Routine business included reading and approval of previous minutes and approval of all bills as presented to the Court.

The County Treasurer's quarterly report was also approved.

Clinton (Buz) McKethan met with the Court to discuss and explain the rural Housing Community Development Coordinator Program. He asked that the Court endorse a resolution supporting and joining with other local units of government in developing a more viable region.

Eighteen members, chaired by Mrs. Allen Campbell, were appointed to the Mills County Historical Commission. Their names appear in another article in this issue of the Eagle.

The Court received a letter from Dr. R. Glynn Raley, D. O., the County Health Officer, stating that due to bad health he was resigning that position after serving more than 20 years as County Health Officer. The Court regretfully accepted his resignation. Dr. Douglas M. Dennis, M. D., was appointed the new County Health Officer, whose term shall begin on February 1, 1977, and end on January 31, 1979.

A subdivision approval was submitted to the Court for three tracts of land out of the Hays County School land survey in Mills County, Texas.

A discussion was held on a raise for all County employees, this being a 5 percent increase in their salaries to be effective the first day of January, 1977, and the motion carried.

The County Agents' reports were received and reviewed by the Court. Mr. Phil Stone met with the Court to discuss the Manpower Program.

There being no further business, the Court adjourned.

Council Names Dale Allen City Utilities Manager

The Goldthwaite City Council, meeting in regular session last Thursday night, unanimously named Dale Allen as the City Manager of the city.

Allen has been acting city manager since the resignation of Max Pitts last summer.

Allen brings over twelve years of city experience with him to the head post in the city operations, all of it here in Goldthwaite. He has worked in and been supervisor of all City departments, including office operations.

In submitting his application, Allen said "I will do my best to serve the people of Goldthwaite in a fair and honest way and continue to help make Goldthwaite a better place to live."

Allen is married to the former Wanda Williams of Goldthwaite, and they have three children.

Routine business matters included reading and approval of previous meeting minutes, review and approval of bills and operations report, and Quarterly Treasurer's Report.

Lone Star Gas Company representatives addressed the Council regarding the company's request for rate increase. Mr. Fredrick reported that a free telephone line for Goldthwaite customers to call the San Saba office (as discussed at the last meeting) would cost about \$1200 per year, which is approximately the dollar value of the proposed rate increase. A listing of service phone numbers will be published.

With one dissenting vote, the Council approved the second reading of the rate increase. The third and final reading is set for the February meeting date.

Mr. A. McKethan presented a proposal from Council of Governments for a study-survey of needs in Mills,

Milam, San Saba and Lampasas Counties. A purpose of the study is to update information gathered at the 1970 census and provide data for federal program assistance. The project is funded by the State of Texas and Manpower Consortium.

The City Council unanimously endorsed the effort of this project to provide direct assistance to the people of Goldthwaite.

John Robert Mauney shared with the Council his plans for motel expansion in Goldthwaite.

Mr. Arthur Howe presented to the City Council an employee's personal retirement or annuity plan. The employee elects to deposit part of his salary into the annuity program and defers taxation until withdrawal of the funds. The Council approved the plan for voluntary employee participation.

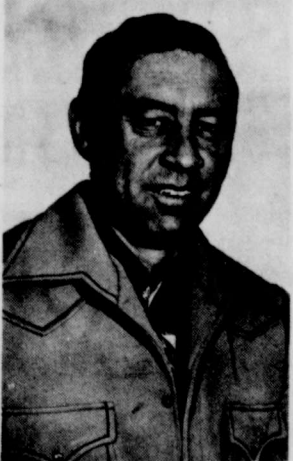
A comparative study of group insurance, including major medical, life and conversion benefits, was presented to the Council by Acting City Manager Dale Allen. The study disclosed equal or superior benefits for the employee at a lesser premium rate. It was the consensus of the Council to make no change in carrier at this time.

The Council unanimously voted not to levy 1976-77 property tax on the Mills County Historical Association.

An amended plat map for the Chaparral addition was shared with the Council. Minor lot boundary changes were reflected on the map, affecting the streets dedicated to the City. The Council accepted the revised map.

The City Manager report included the following:

1. Employees attending water school to provide better service
2. Seasonal street decora-



DALE ALLEN...New City Boss

- tions removed and stored
- 3. Tree trimming continues to clear electrical lines
- 4. Repair to dozer and street equipment
- 5. 385 feet of sewer line installed
- 6. Street preparation for summer paving
- 7. Water leaks repaired
- 8. Thirty-one utility connections or disconnections

Bank Deposits Up Over \$1 1/2 Million Dollars

According to the condensed statement of condition of Mills County State Bank at the close of business December 30, 1976, total bank deposits were up over 1 1/2 million dollars over 1975's total.

At the close of business December 30, 1976, Mills County State Bank had a total of \$22,795,444.17 compared to a total of \$20,819,714.36

at the close of business December, 1975.

Total loans and discounts for the end of December, 1976, amounted to \$10,748,730.45 while at the end of December 1975 they totaled \$9,671,571.62.

Total liabilities for 1976 amounted to \$26,077,846.41 while at the end of 1975 the total for liabilities was \$23,679,730.29.



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BEETS	PARADE SLICED	303 CAN	29¢
PRESERVES	KRAFT PEACH	18 OZ JAR	79¢
CATSUP	PARADE	26 OZ BTL.	69¢
TOMATO JUICE	PARADE	46 OZ CAN	55¢
ORANGE JUICE	PARADE	46 OZ CAN	55¢

FLOUR	GOLD MEDAL	5# BAG	LIMIT 1	69¢
EGGS	JRB GRADE A	LARGE	DOZEN	69¢
SHORTENING	PARADE	3 LB CAN	LIMIT 1	\$1.09
CRACKERS	KEEBLER ZESTA SALTINES	1 LB BOX		49¢

SOUP	PARADE CUP-A-SOUP	ALL FLAVORS	4 ENV PKG	3/\$1
SPINACH	DEL MONTE	303 CAN		4 \$1
GREEN BEANS	PARADE CUT	303 CAN		4/\$1
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PINTO BEANS	PARADE GOLDEN WHOLE KERNEL OR CREAM STYLE	300 CAN	4/\$1
CORN	DEL MONTE	303 CAN	3/\$1
PEACHES	DEL MONTE SLICED OR HALVES	NO. 2 1/2 CAN	55¢
FRUIT COCKTAIL	DEL MONTE	303 CAN	39¢

SAUERKRAUT	DEL MONTE	303 CAN	3/\$1
CAT FOOD	PARADE	300 CAN	8/\$1
COOKIES	NABISCO OREOS	15 OZ PKG	79¢
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SPAGHETTI	AMERICAN BEAUTY ITALIAN	16 OZ	55¢

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GROUND BEEF	SM PKG	LB 79¢
GROUND BEEF	LEAN	LB 99¢
LIVER	MKT CALF SLICED	LB 49¢
T-BONE	USDA INSPECTED HEAVY BEEF	LB \$1.79
STEW MEAT	LEAN BONELESS	LB \$1.09
CATFISH	FRESH	LB \$1.39
BACON	ARMOUR STAR SLICED SLAB	LB \$1.09
BACON	ARMOUR ENDS AND PIECES	3 LB BOX \$1.19
FRANKS	DECKER, TREAT	12 OZ 59¢
SALT PORK	ARMOUR FINE FOR SEASONING	LB 69¢
SAUSAGE	ARMOUR	1 LB PKG \$1.49

ORANGES	CALIFORNIA SEEDLESS	4 LBS	\$1
TOMATOES	LG SIZE	LB	49¢
SQUASH	FRESH NEW CROP YELLOW	LB	49¢
AVOCADOS	LG SIZE		3/\$1
APPLES	ROME EXTRA FANCY	LB	39¢

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Museum Donations

The Mills County Historical Museum received a generous and sizable donation today, Tuesday, Jan. 11, from the Barton family in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mitchell Barton and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barton, early settlers and longtime residents of Mills County. The memorial read as follows: "In loving memory of Alfred Mitchell Barton and Blanche Resley Barton, grandparents, and Fred Barton and Leora Eoff Barton, parents, a gift is being presented to the Mills County Historical Museum of the following grandchild and children: Ernest F. Barton, Clara Barton Wood, Leona Barton Borgiasz, Sterlin Barton, Alfred Mitchell Barton and Margo Barton Bledsoe."

The Board also states that future memorials and donations are greatly needed to repair and finish the front of the museum building, and will be appreciated.

The most recent museum donations and memorials to be received include the following:

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Skipping Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kerby - in memory of Mr. Martin McCasland
Mrs. Kate Sykes, Ballinger, Texas - in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Reed
Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Blackwell - in memory of Mr. Homer Rowlett and Mrs. Vic Collett, Robert Lee, Texas

Col. and Mrs. M. A. Campbell - in memory of Mr. Homer Rowlett and Mrs. Sudie Black
Col. and Mrs. Vance Cornelius - in memory of Mr. Herbert Straley

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cooper, Gatesville, Texas - in memory of Mr. Homer Rowlett

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Skipping - in memory of Mr. Homer Rowlett and Mr. Thomas Stokes



TOP PHOTO — Mike Lee, number 11 of the Goldthwaite Eagle Basketball team tries a jump shot in the game against Dublin last week. The Eagles were defeated in the contest, but put on a fine showing despite the loss.



RIGHT PHOTO — Ruth Ann Johnson sets up for a hook shot in the Eaglettes game with Dublin last week. Coming in for the rebound is her sister, Mina Kay. The Eaglettes came out victorious in the game, taking Dublin 55-47. The Local girls have not lost a district game thus far, and are in the top spot after the half way mark. Dublin was the only other undefeated team up until the game against Goldthwaite. — Laughlin Studio Photo

Diner: Waiter, this piece of fish isn't as good as the one I had last week.
Waiter: That's funny - it's from the same fish!

Hospital Report

TUESDAY, JAN. 4
Admitted - Orville L. Harris, Wilmot Louvell Sides, Goldthwaite; Mary McClung, Brownwood; Casey Leann Moore, Virgil L. Carroll, Mullin
No Discharges

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5
Admitted - Betty Jo Greathouse, Terry Gene Reagor, Helen Elizabeth Hale, Goldthwaite; Mattielue Shaw of Mullin
Discharged - David W. Williams, Mary McClung

THURSDAY, JAN. 6
Admitted - William Phelps Yeager, Myrtle Isabel Walk, Marion O. Stanley, Goldthwaite
Discharged - Betty Jo Greathouse, Wilmot Louvell Sides, Terry Gene Reagor

FRIDAY, JAN. 7
Admitted - Jeanette Carothers, W. L. Sides, Goldthwaite
Discharged - Helen Hale, Casey Moore, Mattielue Shaw

SATURDAY, JAN. 8
Admitted - James Nelson Griffin, Priddy; Altha Lee Robertson, Goldthwaite; Jeffrey D. Shelton, Mullin
Discharged - William P. Yeager

SUNDAY, JAN. 9
Admitted - Fannie Chaney, Goldthwaite
Discharged - Jeffrey D. Shelton, Wilmot L. Sides

MONDAY, JAN. 10
Admitted - Eugenio Cantu, Lometa; Nannie White, Charlie Bell Sutherland, Garth Stephen Gist, Goldthwaite; Elita Sue Witty, Baby Girl Witty, Star
Discharged - Virgil L. Carroll, James N. Griffin

A customer in a flower shop kept buying roses, eating the blossoms, and throwing away the stems.
"What's wrong with him?" the salesman asked the man's friend.
"He's crazy, all right," the friend said. Everybody knows the stems are the best part!"

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75 Year Old Prophecy

The following article was submitted to The Eagle by Mrs. Tom McArthur of Goldthwaite. It is taken from The Semi-Weekly Farm News, published in Dallas or Ft. Worth, and is 75 years old.

"MOTHER SHIPTON'S PROPHECY"

Mother Shipton was born in Yorkshire, England, in July, 1488, and died about 1559. In books of information she is described as a half-mythical English prophetess, baptized Ursula Shipton, who later married Tony Shipton. According to the tradition she was the child of Agatha Shipton and the devil. The following extracts from her amazing prophecies were taken from a scrapbook reputedly owned at one time by a Rochester woman:

A carriage without horses shall go,
Disaster fill the world with woe;
In London Primrose Hill shall be,
Its center hold a Bishop's See.
Around the world men's thoughts shall fly,
Quick as the twinkling of an eye.

And waters shall great wonders do—
How strange, and yet it shall come true,
Then upside down the world shall be,
And gold found at the root of tree;
Through towering hills proud men shall ride,
Nor horse nor ass move by his side.

Beneath the waters men shall walk;
Shall ride, shall sleep, and even talk;
And in the air shall be seen,
In white, in black, as well as green.
A great man then shall come and go,
For prophecy declares it so.

In water iron then shall float
As easy as a wooden boat.
Gold shall be found in stream and stone,
In land that is as yet unknown.
Water and fire shall wonders do,
And England shall admit a Jew.

The Jew that once was held in scorn
Shall of a Christian then be born.

A house of glass shall come to pass
In England — but alas, alas!
A war will follow with the work
Where dwells the pagan and the Turk.

The states will lock in fierce strife,
And seek to take each other's life;
When North shall thus divide the South
The eagle builds in lion's mouth.
Then tax and blood and cruel war
Shall come to every humble door.

Three times shall sunny, lively France
Be led to play a bloody dance;
Before the people shall be free
Three tyrant rulers shall she see;
Three rulers, in succession, be,
Each sprung from different dynasty.

Then, when the fiercest fight is done,
England and France shall be as one.
The British olive next shall twine
In marriage with the German vine.
Men walk beneath and over stream—
Fulfilled shall be our strangest dreams.

All England's sons shall plow the land,
Shall oft be seen with book in hand.
The poor shall now most wisdom know
And water wind where corn did grow;
Great houses stand in far-flung vale,
All covered o'er with snow and hail.

And now a word in uncouth rhyme,
Of what shall be in future time;
For, in those wondrous, far-off days,
The women shall adopt a craze
To dress like men and trousers wear,
And cut off their lovely locks of hair.

They'll ride astride with brazen brow
As witches on a broomstick now.
Then love shall die and marriage cease,
And nations wane as babes decrease.

Then wives shall fondle cats and dogs,
And men live much the same as hogs.

In nineteen hundred thirty-six
Build houses light of straw and sticks,
For then shall mighty wars be planned,
And fire and sword shall sweep the land.
But those who live the century through
In fear and trembling this will do.

Flee to the mountains and the dens,
To bog and forests and wold fens—
For storms shall rage and oceans roar
When Gabriel stands on sea and shore;
And as he blows his wondrous horn
Old worlds shall die and new be born.

A Greek professor entered a tailor shop with a pair of torn pants.
Tailor: Euripides?
Greek professor: Yeah, Eumenides?

Heywood: What's the difference between a yam and a television announcer?
Heyward: One is a sweet potato, and the other is a common 'tater!

Diner: Waiter, this lobster has only one claw.
Waiter: Yes sir, and that proves how fresh our lobsters are. They fight with each other in the kitchen.
Diner: Well, go back in the kitchen and pick me a winner.

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Admin. Meeting

On Wednesday, January 19, 1977, the Dallas District Office of the Small Business Administration will have W. D. Long, Loan Officer, visit the Brownwood area. Mr. Long will be headquartered at the Chamber of Commerce building in Brownwood and will be available to discuss the loan programs of the Small Business Administration.

Meetings with Mr. Long will be by appointment only. Appointments may be made by calling area code 915-646-9535. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Chamber of Commerce office.

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Eleanor Jeske Gromatzky known to me to be a resident of the Town of Priddy, County of Mills and State of Texas, and on this day also personally appeared Arnold C. Jeske known to me to be a resident of the City of Bryan, County of Brazos, State of Texas, and each after having been by me first duly sworn according to law deposed and said:

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SIGNED: Eleanor Jeske Gromatzky and Arnold C. Jeske

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Interest Billing Rate

C. T. Head, Manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of Brownwood, announced today that the Federal Land Bank of Houston will reduce the interest billing rate on variable rate loans to 8 percent. This reduction will be effective on January 1, 1977, and will affect \$980 million in variable rate loans to 17,100 Texas farmers and ranchers. This billing rate change will be effective on both farm loans and rural residence loans.
The variable rate loan was introduced by the Houston Bank in July, 1969, and allows the rate to fluctuate with variations in the money market. Improvements in the money market have made this

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CARDS OF THANKS

All of us appreciate very much the many expressions of sympathy and the comforting help given us at the time of our bereavement. Each act of kindness was gratefully received.

The family of Herman C. McNeil 1-13-1tp

Thanks to the Goldthwaite Fire Department and to everybody who helped out December 30th when our barn burned.

The Alfred Parkers 1-6-1tp

We wish to thank each and everyone for their kind words of sympathy, food and flowers in our recent bereavement.

Also, to the staff of Hillview Manor a special thanks. May God bless each of you in a special way.

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- 7:45 Livestock Market Report
- 7:50 KBAL Music
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- 8:30 KBAL Music
- 9:00 News - CNS
- 9:05 Meditations
- 9:20 KBAL Music
- 10:00 News - CNS
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- 10:35 Hospital Report - Goldthwaite, Llano, San Saba
- 10:45 Agricultural Report - Area County Agents
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- 11:40 Stock Market - TSN
- 11:45 Noon News - CNS
- 12:00 Local and Area News
- 12:15 Livestock Market Report
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- 2:00 News - CNS
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- 6:30 There is a Song
- 7:00 Your Story Hour
- 7:30 Hymn Time
- 8:00 Hubert Christian
- 8:15 God's News Behind The News
- 8:30 Men's Downtown Bible Class
- 9:00 Bible Baptist Church
- 9:15 Church of Christ
- 9:30 Joy
- 10:00 Watch Tower
- 10:15 KBAL Gospel Music
- 11:00 Church Service

**Resident
Receives
Inaugural
Invitation**

Mr. W. L. Mahan of Potts-ville received the following invitation:

"The Inaugural Committee requests the honor of your presence and participation in the Inauguration of Jimmy Carter as President of the United States of America and Walter Mondale as Vice President of the United States of America on Thursday, the twentieth of January, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven in the City of Washington."

Mr. Mahan served as Sheriff of Mills County for two terms and is well known in the area.

At this time (Tuesday, Jan. 11) he does not know whether he will get to attend the Inauguration in Washington or not.

The last paragraph of the invitation read: "You're going to see a new openness and a new spirit in Washington. We hope that after you visit, you will take that spirit back to your home and help make it grow throughout this great country of ours."

Supt. And Principal Contracts Reviewed At Regular Meeting

The Goldthwaite School Board of Trustees met in regular session Monday night and introduced several items of routine business.

The Board unanimously called the regular trustee election for April 2nd and named Myra D. Holland election judge.

Board members Hubert Berry, James Reese and Elam Miles terms expire at this time. In other business, a general disciplinary policy was adopted as presented by the school principals. The high school principal, Bill Michael, commented that overall discipline in the school has been good and teacher cooperation in maintaining good school order has been excellent.

In ordinance with regular school board policy, superintendent and principal contracts were reviewed at the January meeting. Final action on the contracts will be taken at the February meeting. Supt. Davis has a three-year contract and principals Michael and T. J. Williams have two-year contracts each. Also reviewed was the head coach contract. Other teacher contracts come up for renewal at the March meeting.

Supt. Davis commended the financial statementing a \$1400 gas bill made for December. All board members present, with the superintendent and principal also. Guests at the meeting were Carroll Berry "Smoky" Brister, head coach.

BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Schuster of Goldthwaite announce the arrival of a boy, Werner Ray, born December 30, 1976, 5:30 p.m. He weighed 5 lbs. Maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Bill He of Goldthwaite.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Schuster Priddy. Maternal great grand is Mr. Walter Hamblin Goldthwaite.

Paternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Schuster of Priddy and Mrs. Otto Stahnke of Priddy.

The baby remains at and White Hospital in Temple where he is improving.

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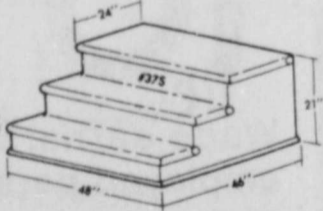
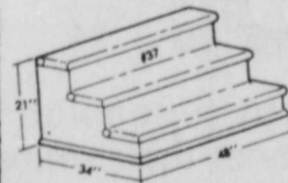
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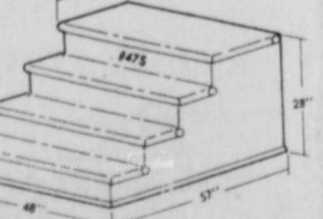
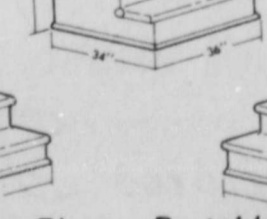
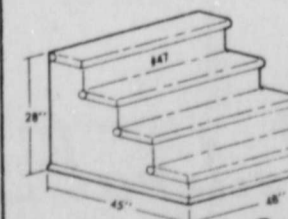
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Ernest Kemp Services Conducted Saturday

Funeral services for Ernest Alexander Kemp, 84, of Mullin, Texas, were held Saturday, January 8, 1977, at 2:00 p.m. in the Mullin Baptist Church with Bro. Rogers of Bell, Texas officiating, assisted by Rev. Joe Rigby, pastor. Burial was in Oakview Cemetery, Mullin, with Wilkins Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Kemp passed away Wednesday, January 5, in Childress Hospital, Goldthwaite. He was born April 19, 1892, in Florence, Texas, to Sam and Sarah Elizabeth Ratliff Kemp. He moved to Mullin from Williams County, Texas, in 1907.

A member of the Baptist Church, he is survived by one brother, Walter Kemp of Weatherford, Texas; three sisters, Myrtle Hutchings and Katherine Kemp of Truth

or Consequences, New Mexico, and Pearl Chancellor of Ruidosa, New Mexico; and by eleven nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Ernest Lynn Fisher, Glynn Sanders, Grady Hancock, Clyde Jones, Melvin Bessent and Billy Murray.

Chappell Hill

By Pearl Crawford

Mrs. C. V. Whatley visited her sister at Brownwood Community Hospital and found her doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bufe had all their children and grandchildren as visitors during the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

Mrs. O. L. Harris and Mrs. Winnie May Brown have been visiting Mr. Harris and Mrs. A. R. Neely at the local hospital and report them to be doing nicely. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Mason of Hobbs, New Mexico were their visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Stevens visited Mrs. Ollie Manuel, Mrs. Long, and Mrs. Jessie Geeslin at the Heritage Home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Daniel visited Mr. R. F. Daniel during the holidays. He enjoyed his gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nowell visited Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Porter Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wesson and son and Mrs. Frieda Christenson were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Stahnke over the weekend.

Jessie Partin has been at the old home place, doing farm work. He is a graduate of Tarleton University. He sure enjoys driving the tractor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ratliff visited Mrs. Fay Duffner at Austin over the weekend.

Christmas was enjoyed at the Hillview Manor Nursing Home. Bobby Lou Swindle said she wished old Santa would come often.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Crawford entertained Mr. and Mrs. William Glenn Crawford and Letricia and Leona with Christmas supper.

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Texas sales during the month amounted to \$21,175,451, while sales for

A mother insisted that her 10-year-old son take his younger sister fishing. "Last time she came along I didn't catch a single fish," he complained. "This time she promised not to say a word all afternoon," said the mother. "It wasn't the noise, Mom," explained the boy. "She ate all the bait!"

Mullin Community News

BY LILLIAN PLUMMER

Mrs. Paul Moore, Jennifer, and Mrs. Sandy Neal of Talpa visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lynn Fisher for a while Saturday. Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Neal and Mrs. Tom Duren of Goldthwaite were judges in the arts and crafts department at the Brown County Youth Fair. Mrs. Lucille Jenke of Austin spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Sanders. Mr. and Mrs. Claud Kaylor of Carlsbad, New Mexico, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Noble Mosier.

Our community was saddened by the death of Mr. Ernest A. (Dick) Kemp. Many friends and relatives from out of town attended the last rites for Mr. Kemp Saturday. The Kems have been citizens of Mullin for about seventy years. Some of them have lived at their home here since November 1907. Mrs. Ora Wilson was in

Brownwood on business last Thursday. Mrs. Eva Belle Roberts and Mrs. Lorene Holland were shopping there one day last week. Aunt Lucy Wilson and Miss Carrie Kirkpatrick of Brownwood and Mrs. Jim Weatherby of Goldthwaite visited with me for a while Saturday afternoon. Mr. Aubrey French was visited last Wednesday by his niece, Mrs. Bernice Jones of Idaho, and Mrs. Jones, Bernice's mother-in-law from Comanche. Mrs. Callie Pyburn and Mrs. Alton Rannels went to Temple Friday where they took Mrs. Ethel Massey to Scott and White for a check-up. Mr. Dennis Edmondson went to Waco Friday to see his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Richard McMullen. Mr. McMullen is seriously ill in a Waco hospital. Mr. Virgil Carroll is at

home from the hospital in Goldthwaite. Virgil has been ill for a few weeks, but is much improved now. Most everyone has been glad to see this warm sunshine after the cold and icy weather we've been having off and on since early November. We're glad to report that Mr. Clint Henry is better. Their grandson, Greg Davis, is staying with his grandparents and attending Howard Payne University at Brownwood. Mr. and Mrs. Green Buchanan came by for a few minutes. They are getting the house ready for their mother, Mrs. Margaret Toliver, to move back into at Mullin. "If you're not afraid to face the music, you may someday lead the band."

Heritage Nursing Home Happenings

Sunday, January 2nd, no outsiders could come for Sunday School due to bad weather. The services were conducted by Glynn Collier, Mrs. Etha Boyd, Brian Smith and Elaine Laughlin, playing the piano. The morning session was supervised by Ella Bishop, Audrey Stark and Ruth Dumas. Eight were present. Lessons in Skip-Bo were given by Ella Bishop. The prayer circle was conducted by Daughety Yeager and Elaine Laughlin. Some thirty residents enjoyed the hour. Friday's volunteer choir consisted of the following: Marvin Yeager, Oliver Traylor, Ruth Simpson, Lorena Letbetter, and Willie Casbeer. Bingo followed, directed by Lorena Letbetter and Ruth Simpson. Eliza Mankin enjoyed relatives and friends from Georgetown Friday after-

noon. Also, Mr. Denning's daughter and granddaughter have been visiting from New Mexico. The quiz program was thoroughly enjoyed and informative for those in attendance. For those who listen to the story hour, they enjoy hearing Daughety Yeager read "The Man Called Peter". The Bible studied by Rose Littlepage had good attendance also. Claud Moore and family sang for the residents Saturday evening. It was enjoyed by all. The Sunday School class was taught by David Lawrence and was enjoyed by twenty six residents. The Sunday devotional was held by Rev. Dan Connolly of the Goldthwaite Baptist Church, assisted by Gene Talbot, the new Minister of Music, who sang. When we hear someone at the piano, chances are it is Miss Laura Nelson, playing away. It's always a delight for all of us within earshot to hear her beautiful renditions.

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Short Term Loans	5,199,189.50	7,056,907.09
Accrued Interest on U.S. Government Securities	41,772.70	45,989.67
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	300,500.00	358,800.00
FSLIC Premium Deposit	195,756.42	185,510.60
Prepaid Expense	15,236.91	31,174.52
Office Building and Equipment	937,242.39	1,036,131.93
Other Assets	7,627.00	8,805.98
TOTAL	\$ 53,630,481.23	\$ 68,004,494.61
LIABILITIES	1975	1976
Savings Accounts	\$ 45,128,933.03	\$ 56,508,146.65
Borrower's Trust Funds		
(For payment of taxes and insurance on loans)	468,294.40	590,538.00
Reserved for Interest on Savings Accounts		
Payable December 31, 1976	727,665.03	921,937.41
Advances - Federal Home Loan Bank	2,373,500.00	3,873,500.00
Other Borrowed Money	NONE	NONE
Other Liabilities	306,162.88	82,495.26
Loans in Process	525,903.00	881,049.37
Unearned Income	1,462,394.79	1,804,609.29
Permanent Capital, Reserve and surplus	2,637,628.10	3,342,218.63
TOTAL	\$ 53,630,481.23	\$ 68,004,494.61

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HIGHLIGHTS OF GROWTH

JUNE 1959	Opened for Business
DEC. 1963	\$ 8,700,193.78
DEC. 1967	\$15,749,435.34
DEC. 1971	\$26,592,063.31
DEC. 1975	\$53,630,481.23
DEC. 1976	\$68,004,494.61

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Madoux of Dallas spent three days last week with the Ben L. Grahams.

Lometa Commission Co. Market Report

Lometa Commission Co.
Lometa, Texas
BUD HARRELL, Owner
January 7, 1977
RECEIPTS: 818

Light Weight Steer Calves, 34.00-42.00; Medium Weight Steer Calves, 36.00-41.00; Heavy Weight Steer Calves, 33.00-38.50.

Light Wt. Heifer Calves, 24.00-30.00; Medium Weight Heifer Calves, 24.00-31.00; Heavy Wt. Heifer Calves, 25.00-29.00.

Feeder Steers - 30.00-36.50
Helferettes - 22.00-26.00
Stocker Cows - 23.00-28.00
Cows and Calves, 185.00-286.00

Bull Calves - 30.00-38.50
Bull Yearlings - 26.00-32.50
Packer Bulls - 24.00-31.50
Packer Cows - 17.00-25.00
Shelly Cows - 13.00-17.00

All choice light weight steer and heifer calves were fully steady with steers topping at \$41. All medium wt. steers and heifers were steady to \$2 higher with steers topping at \$42. Heavy weight steer and heifer calves were steady to \$1 higher with steers topping at \$40. Yearling steers and heifers were steady. Packer cows were steady to \$1 lower. Fat calves were \$1 higher.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES
D. Montgomery, Bertram; 460 lb. Blk. Wf. Hfr. 26.75
Geo. Walker, San Saba; 3 Blk. Wf. Steers 41.75
Leon Johnson, G'waite; 565 lb. Char. X Steer 36.00
Woodrow Kothman, Brady; 11 Blk. Wf. Steers 40.50
16 Blk. Wf. Helfers 29.75
Lonnie Lusty, San Saba; 405 lb. Blk. Wf. Steer 41.00
Dean Bagley, San Saba; 10 Blk. Wf. Helfers 30.00
Nance Ranch, Lometa; 350 lb. Char. X Steer 40.75
H. W. Boykin, G'waite; 360 lb. Blk. Wf. Steer 38.00
D. A. Long, G'waite; 410 lb. Hereford Steer 39.00
Mrs. J. E. House, S. Saba; 520 lb. Blk. Wf. Steer 39.50

Our market was very active. Buyer attendance was good and bidding was very sharp. REMEMBER, Our Sale Starts At 12:00 Noon On Friday.



Condensed Statement
of the condition of
FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK
(Uninc.)
Priddy, Texas

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31, 1976

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$ 263,817.12
Federal Funds Sold	75,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	470.17
Cash and Due From Banks	\$ 171,986.19
U. S. Government Securities	183,832.25
Other Securities	88,841.20
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 783,946.93

Capital Stock	\$ 10,000.00
Surplus	20,000.00
Deposits	753,946.93
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 783,946.93

I hereby certify that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Eleanor Jeske Gromatzky
Eleanor Jeske Gromatzky
Cashier

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of January A.D. 1977

Adaline Bufe
Notary Public, Mills County, Texas
(Adaline Bufe)



Drawing

J. V. "Pinky" Wilson of Burnet, noted author of the AGGIE WAR HYMN, draws the lucky number from the Christmas can held by Mrs.

Sam Logan, president of the Highland Lakes A&M Mothers' Club, for the quilt hand made by Clara Mabel Rodgers of Bertram.



Receives Quilt

Mrs. W. D. "Bill" Murray of Marble Falls, right, receives the handmade quilt she won from Highland Lakes A&M Mothers' Club president, Mrs. Sam Logan. Donations from tickets for the

quilt go toward the scholarship fund. Each year Aggie Mothers Texas give more than \$30,000 to the scholarship fund at Texas A&M University.

 **The Mills Minister**

By Ben T. Welch, Pastor
First United Methodist

Church, Goldthwaite

Jesus told a parable: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened."

Webster defines leavening as "to mingle or permeate with some modifying, alleviating, or vivifying element."

Thus if a person or the church or the Kingdom of Heaven modifies or changes the behavior of society it is considered leaven. If that person or group tends to modify that behavior toward the ideals of Christ, that leavening influence is good.

From another point of view, leavening is a corrective procedure - alleviating certain patterns of behavior toward more acceptable ways in relation to the standards of Christ. And, in the final analysis the leavening must produce a vivifying effect - "to endure with life or renewed life."

Clearly, then, if we as persons and the people of God (gathered in denominations, local churches, or subgroups of churches) take hold of life, with all its interconnectedness in our modern society, not to be critical but to "endure with new life" so that the outcome will be behavior patterns acceptable to God (not perfect, perhaps, but reaching for the Kingdom of God - God's rule on earth), then we are the leaven of Christ.

In the practical application of "being leaven" there are things a person can do to influence the behavior of our society. There are also things which call upon several persons (groups of various sizes - such as Sunday School classes, women's or men's groups, a local congregation, or a denomination) to wash together to modify behavior toward Christ's ideal.

Therefore, in 1977 what will our resolution be in regard to our being the leaven of God in our world. To paraphrase the words of Joshua: "I don't know how you will act, but for me I will serve the Lord (as leaven)."

In 1977 I resolve to start each day with the prayer: "Lord, help me to be your leaven today." What will you do?

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CITY OF GOLDTHWAITE

TREASURER'S REPORT

PERIOD ENDING DEC. 31, 1976

Fund	Balance on hand Sept. 30 1976	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Electric Operating a/c	49,121.99	93,074.94	91,557.81	50,639.12
Petty Cash	100.00			100.00
Savings Certificate	15,000.00			15,000.00
Savings Certificate	20,000.00			20,000.00
Savings Certificate	25,000.00			25,000.00
Total				110,739.12
Water Operating a/c	6,091.65 RED	37,227.49	28,043.00	3,092.84
Water Revenue Sinking Fund	9,787.10	3,000.00	8,251.50	4,535.60
Total				7,628.44
Sewer Operating a/c	16,661.06 RED	4,627.79	7,932.11	19,955.38 RED
City Funds - Tax Supported				
General & Street	2,000.67	31,891.59	23,410.85	10,481.61
City-Sewer Bond Sinking Fund	23,991.49	-0-	-0-	23,991.49
Special Funds:				
Swimming Pool Operating a/c	377.02	3.55	300.00	80.57
Social Security Fund	496.65	3,334.70	3,338.46	492.89
Library Fund	124.16	245.72	214.01	155.87
Library Savings Certificate	15,000.00	-0-	-0-	15,000.00
Cemetery Savings Certificate	12,385.76	-0-	-0-	12,385.76
Cemetery Savings Account	-0-	302.52	-0-	302.52
Cemetery-U.S.Treasury Bonds	25,000.00	-0-	-0-	25,000.00
City Revenue Sharing-Checking a/c	7,781.09	-0-	414.70	7,366.39
City Sewer Treatment Plant Expansion Step Number 1	5,171.41	4,786.00	2,240.94	7,716.47
Mills County Fresh Water Supply District # 1 Sinking Fund	6,085.84	10,725.38	3,366.75	13,444.47
Savings Certificate	65,000.00			65,000.00

Signed: *Dale Allen*
Dale Allen - Treasurer for the
City of Goldthwaite, Texas

Fur Prices Soaring

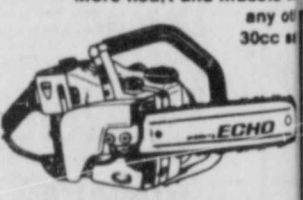
Sport hunting for predators has been on the increase the past few years but was given renewed interest with the present price of animal pelts according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials.

Recent reports from North Texas fur buyers reveal that prime bobcat hides bring up to \$80 while coyote pelts are selling up to \$22. Raccoons that will measure 30 inches (head and body length) are bringing up to \$20 and that seems to be tops for the season. Other furbearers such as the fox, badger, ringtail, opossum and skunk are also at a premium.

A trapper's license is required of any person taking the pelt of a furbearing animal for the purpose of sale and this \$5 license has been selling at a record pace according to TP&W reports. The present trapping season for this area will end January 31.

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Extension Highlights

Washing clothes in cold water saves energy - and gets clothes clean. This doesn't mean water that's totally cold, though, but water that is less than hot.

"Cold" water taken directly from the underground pipes can range from near the freezing point to over 100 degrees F. And over this wide range of temperatures, there are significant differences in water's ability to dissolve detergent and clean clothes.

The "warm wash" setting on the automatic washing machine will clean clothes efficiently and save energy also. Usually the same proportions and types of laundry additives can be used.

Lower rinse-water temperatures will contribute to energy savings and rinse as effectively as hot water.

Aside from energy savings, warm wash and cold rinse temperatures will help reduce loss of color and will result in less wrinkling of permanent press fabrics. The bal-

ance between warm wash and cold rinse should obtain the best possible balance of cleaning ability and energy savings.

If there are infants or small children in the family, insure proper sanitation by adding chlorine bleach or other disinfectant to the wash and dry their clothes in an automatic dryer.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Virdens request the pleasure of your presence at a reception honoring the sixtieth wedding anniversary of their parents. It will be held Sunday, January 23, 1977, from two to four p.m. in their home in Goldthwaite. All friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.

BANK CENTS
By: W.P. Duren, President
Mills County State Bank

While a dollar may not buy what it did just a few years ago, Americans pay for goods and services with paper money and think nothing about it. It wasn't always so!

In the early days of the Republic, gold and silver coins (which have since passed from the American scene) were referred to as "specie", the most acceptable form of payment.

In times of stress, such as the Revolution, or of great expansion, banks often ran out of specie, virtually bringing commerce and industry to a halt for lack of money.

To meet this crisis, the Continental Congress began issuing paper money. That "paper specie" became virtually worthless, and the phrase, "Not worth a Continental" became a part of the American lexicon.

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Pleasant Grove School Students

Students and teachers of the Pleasant Grove School were, first row, left to right, Billy Hairston, Olany Kelly, Cecil Virden, Arnold Kelly, Wiley Warren, Lee Oran Nesbit and Glendon Benningfield.

Second row, left to right, Tannie Irwin, Lee Nora Brown, De Loyd Benningfield, Jack Duncan, Winefred Warren, Pansy Perry, Jamie Brown, Syble Miller, Ima V. Covington, and Bettie Jo Stanley.

Third row, left to right, Leston Berry, Annie Stanley, Rosa Lee Jeffery, Chester Covington, Cleo Benningfield, Luel Irwin, Earnest Whitson, and Hubert Berry.

Fourth row, left to right, Roberta Stanley, Charlene Bryant, Norma Lee Benningfield, Beth Howell, Novaleen Berry, Seafell Stanley, Ruby D. Berry, and Waunita Benningfield.

Fifth row, left to right,

Gladys Casbeer (teacher), Troy Berry, Rosa Kelly, Sterling Benningfield, May Bell Jeffery, J. D. Benningfield, Pauline Berry, L. V. Benningfield, Kathryn Hall, La Dell Stanley, and Hollis Blackwell (teacher).

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IN THE MATTER OF THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF JEWEL YEAGER, TREASURER MILLS COUNTY, TEXAS IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

On this day, the 10th day of January, 1977, in the Regular Session of the Commissioners' Court of Mills County, Texas, came on for examination the quarterly report of Jewel Yeager, Treasurer of Mills County, Texas, for the quarter beginning October 1, 1976, and ending December 31, 1976, filed herein on the 10th day of January, 1977, and the same having been compared and examined by the Court and found to be correct.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court that the same be and is hereby approved; and it appearing to the Court that during said time the said County Treasurer had received for account and credit of, and paid out of each of the several County Funds the amount set forth, and leaving the balance of each of said funds as follows, to-wit:

FUNDS	BALANCE OCT. 1, 1976	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENT	BALANCE DEC. 31, 1976
General	\$ 6,346.48	\$ 31,888.27	\$ 19,816.81	\$ 18,417.94
Officers Salary	57,380.82	17,201.71	25,213.37	49,369.16
Jury	4,679.72	1,514.17	841.28	5,352.61
Courthouse	.13	1,080.99	-0-	1,081.12
Soil Conservation	10.98	504.39	-0-	515.37
Library	275.99	669.11	215.63	729.47
Precinct No. 1	30,923.72	1,727.73	8,054.66	24,596.79
Precinct No. 2	11,583.28	4,734.98	7,135.58	9,182.68
Precinct No. 3	15,377.21	3,058.98	9,403.97	9,032.22
Precinct No. 4	6,436.19	3,973.48	7,241.35	3,168.32
Lateral No. 1	4,838.53	-0-	-0-	4,838.53
Lateral No. 2	21,959.75	-0-	-0-	21,959.75
Lateral No. 3	12,403.94	-0-	2,116.01	10,287.93
Lateral No. 4	4,810.54	-0-	2,447.71	2,362.83
R. & B. Special	20,741.38	7,489.40	4,990.00	23,240.78
Bridge Repair	502.72	-0-	-0-	502.72
Road & Bridge	1,732.00	7,827.64	25.00	9,534.64
Revenue Sharing	8,236.00	-0-	8,236.00	-0-
Social Security	-0-	8,904.48	8,904.48	-0-
Highway 84 Sinking				
TOTAL	\$ 208,239.38	\$ 90,575.33	\$ 104,641.85	\$ 194,172.86
Lateral No. 1, Certificate of Deposit, Mills County State Bank, Principal and Interest				\$ 20,298.29

And that said amounts include balance on hand and amount received and paid out of each of the respective funds since the filing of the preceding quarterly report of said County Treasurer, and during the period above stated, and that the said separate amounts as therein shown are correct.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Court that the said detailed report be, and the same is hereby in all things approved; and the Clerk of the Court is hereby ordered to enter the said report, together with this order, upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Mills County, Texas, and the proper credits be made in accounts of said County Treasurer in accordance with this order.

WITNESS our hands this the 10th day of January, A.D. 1977.

Herbert S. Faulkner
HERBERT S. FAULKNER
County Judge

B. B. Roberts
B. B. ROBERTS
Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

Lewis D. Watson
LEWIS D. WATSON
Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

William Crawford
WILLIAM CRAWFORD
Commissioner Precinct No. 3

HAWLEY B. JERNIGAN
Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

Hawley B. Jernigan

SWORN to and subscribed before me by each of the members of said Commissioners' Court this the 10th day of January, A.D. 1977.

(SEAL)

Walter A. Bryant
WALTER A. BRYANT
County Clerk, Mills County, Texas

Historical Commission Votes To Print Books

The Mills County Historical Commission held its last meeting of the year on Thursday, January 6. A letter was read from Mr. Truitt Lattimore, Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission, thanking the Mills County Commission for the copy of "The Way It Was" which he had received.

The treasurer reported that \$7,689.06 had been raised through the organization. The amount of \$7,014.89 had been spent. This money came into the Commission through memorials, donations, bake sales, a tasting tea, sale of the history books, and a country store. The money has been spent for historical markers, printing of history books, and postage.

The Commission voted to print five hundred more books of "The Way It Was". These books will be off the press about March 1 and will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

A plaque was presented to Mrs. Hollis Blackwell and read as follows: "Presented to Harriet Blackwell in appreciation for the work done on the book 'The Way It Was' by Mills County Historical Commission, 1976." Mrs. Blackwell had served for two years as History Preservation Chairman.

A plaque was also presented to Mrs. M. F. Horton who served as chairman of the Mills County Historical Commission for the past two years. It read: "Presented to Berah Horton in appreciation for the work done in Mills County Historical Commission, 1976." The new officers will begin their duties at the next meeting.

The last memorials re-

ceived for 1976 included: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Henderson - in memory of Mrs. Zestus Horton
Mr. Tom McArthur - in memory of Herbert Straley, Frank Kerby and Effie Howell
Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Head - in memory of S. M. McCasland
Mrs. O. K. Berry - in memory of Mr. O. K. Berry, and Mr. and Mrs. George Hill
Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Horton - in memory of Mrs. Lee Barfield

Historical Commission Members Appointed

County Judge Herbert Faulkner has announced the official appointment of members to the Mills County Historical Commission.

The county commission is the agency charged with the responsibility of surveying, marking, and preserving the county's heritage, and is to be engaged in numerous activities and projects recommended by the Commissioners Court and the Texas Historical Commission.

Mrs. Allen Campbell of Goldthwaite will be chairman of the group. Other members are: Julian Evans, Mrs. V. A. Hudson, Mrs. Woodrow Boykin, Mrs. M. F. Horton, Mrs. Barbee Renfro, Judge Herbert Faulkner, Mrs. W. P. Duren, Mrs. Hollis Blackwell, Miss Mae Featherston, Mrs. Gerald Head, Mrs. Ozell Cornelius, Mrs. Delton Barnett, Mrs. T. C. Graves, James Ledbetter, Mrs. Lloyd Laughlin, Mrs.

Defensive Driving Course Scheduled Here

A Defensive Driving Course, taught by Highway Patrolman James Whaley of Waco, will be conducted in Goldthwaite in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church on two consecutive Thursday evenings, Jan. 27 and Feb. 3, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. with breaks for refreshments.

The Mills County Senior Citizens Building Fund will

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receive all the proceeds after expenses. The fee being charged for the course is \$5.00 per person. It is sponsored by the Youth Fellowship of the First United Methodist Church.

The benefits of a defensive driving course are twofold: (1) Better driving on your part to protect your own life and property, and (2) A 10 percent reduction in auto insurance on each car you own when the principle driver of that car takes the course.

The course is limited to the first 60 persons who sign up and pay the fee.

You may register and pay your fee with any United Methodist Youth Fellowship member, at the United Methodist Church office (Box 447), the ASCS office, Mills County State Bank, Hudson Drug, Yarborough's, Cattlemans Production Credit Association, and the First Baptist Church.

If you have already taken a defensive driving course, you may need another one since the 10 percent reduction is only effective for three years.

Ed Gilliam, and Mrs. Bob Steen.

Judge Faulkner pointed out that the 64th Legislature amended the statute which authorizes the appointment of county historical commissions and in so doing, broadened the scope of activities and responsibilities of the group.

Judge Faulkner stated that in addition to the activities outlined in the statute, the county commission is to develop local history as a scholarly resource as well as a tourist attraction. He further stated that Mills County has a unique heritage of which every citizen in the county should be justly proud and called on all citizens to support the goals and activities of the county historical commission.

BLUE HOLE

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than the springs at Williams Ranch, than any other pond of water in Mills County. It has never been known to go dry and springs on the branch above Sims Creek make its water a deep blue - thus the reason for the name.

The first white man to acquire the land surrounding "Blue Hole" was Albert Gholson, who later became a member of the Sul Ross Texas Ranger Regiment. He was present to help bury the massacred Jackson family on the Pecan Bayou when they were murdered by Indians and was present when the two captured children of the same family were found two weeks later. He was there when Nocona, the great Comanche Indian Chief and husband of Cynthia Ann Parker, was killed and she was captured and sent back to her people.

The springs on a branch northwest of Blue Hole have always been known as Gholson Springs.

Many years later the Nathan Verser family lived near Sims Creek and Blue Hole, and I remember many stories of its history.

I remember hearing P. H. Holley tell of a drought so severe that all his sheep had

to be moved to West Texas. I remember the "Big Pecan Tree" that fell in 1911 on Sims Creek. The Verser family heard a great crashing noise, so loud the whole family was startled. We rushed to investigate and found the giant tree had broken in its trunk and crashed to the ground.

Blue Hole was a source of water for the community. People hauled water from it for home use. Women gathered around it with soap and rub-boards and did their washing. People drove stock there to water, especially when the droughts were bad and the weather dry. A number of houses were built nearby.

Blue Hole was a popular place in the community. People fished there. It was a place of play for young people on Sunday afternoons, furnishing a good place to picnic and swim. It was also a place for reverence and served as a pool for emmersions for churches.

Blue Hole will always be remembered by people of Pleasant Grove and was recognized by people from the whole country when its name was mentioned. Everyone knew the location of Blue Hole.

Baby

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JRB Supermarket - two boxes Newborn Pampers; Southern Savings - \$10 savings account; Treadway Variety - two receiving blankets; Aldridge Building Center - \$5 gift certificate; Mills County State Bank - \$10 savings account; Padgett Floral - bouquet of fresh flowers; Country Girl

Beauty Salon - \$5 gift certificate; Steen Hardware - one diaper pail; Western Auto Store - \$5 gift certificate; Hudson Drug - one diaper bag; City Cleaners - \$5 worth of dry cleaning; Goldthwaite Eagle - one year subscription; and Barnes and McCullough - one gallon of Loe paint for baby's room.

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Consolidated Report of Condition of "MILLS COUNTY STATE BANK" 76844
of GOLDTHWAITE in the State of TEXAS
business on DECEMBER 30, 1976
and Domestic Subsidiaries at the close of 369 11

BALANCE SHEET		ASSETS			Sch.	Item	Col.	Mill.	Thou.	
1.	Cash and due from banks	C	7				3	186	1	
2.	U.S. Treasury securities	B	1	E			2	396	2	
3.	Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	B	2	E				992	3	
4.	Obligations of States and political subdivisions	B	3	E			5	572	4	
5.	Other bonds, notes, and debentures	B	4	E				None	5	
6.	Corporate stock							None	6	
7.	Trading account securities							None	7	
8.	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	D	4					2	600	8
9.	a. Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	A	10				10	514	9a	
	b. Less: Reserve for possible loan losses							169	b	
	c. Loans, Net							10	345	c
10.	Direct lease financing							None	10	
11.	Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises							77	11	
12.	Real estate owned other than bank premises							None	12	
13.	Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies							None	13	
14.	Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding							None	14	
15.	Other assets	G	7					315	15	
16.	TOTAL ASSETS (sum of items 1 thru 15)							25	483	16
		LIABILITIES			Sch.	Item	Col.	Mill.	Thou.	
17.	Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	F	1f	A			6	410	17	
18.	Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	F	1f	B+C			14	671	18	
19.	Deposits of United States Government	F	2	A+B+C				22	19	
20.	Deposits of States and political subdivisions	F	3	A+B+C			1	220	20	
21.	Deposits of foreign governments and official institutions	F	4	A+B+C				None	21	
22.	Deposits of commercial banks	F	5+6	A+B+C				199	22	
23.	Certified and officers' checks	F	7	A				272	23	
24.	TOTAL DEPOSITS (sum of items 17 thru 23)							22	794	24
	a. Total demand deposits	F	8	A			7	815	a	
	b. Total time and saving deposits	F	8	B+C			14	979	b	
25.	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	E	4					None	25	
26.	Other liabilities for borrowed money							None	26	
27.	Mortgage indebtedness							None	27	
28.	Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding							None	28	
29.	Other liabilities	H	9					171	29	
30.	TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)							22	965	30
31.	Subordinated notes and debentures							None	31	
		EQUITY CAPITAL						Mill.	Thou.	
32.	Preferred stock a. No. shares outstanding							None	32	
33.	Common stock a. No. shares authorized							15000		
	b. No. shares outstanding							15000		
34.	Surplus							300	34	
35.	Undivided profits							1	918	35
36.	Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves							None	36	
37.	TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 32 thru 36)							2	518	37
38.	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 30, 31, and 37)							25	483	38

MEMORANDA		Mill.	Thou.	
1.	Average for 15 or 30 calendar days ending with call date.			
a.	Cash and due from banks (corresponds to item 1 above)	2	921	1a
b.	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell (corresponds to item 8 above)	2	733	b
c.	Total loans (corresponds to item 9a above)	10	517	c
d.	Time deposits of \$100,000 or more (corresponds to Memoranda items 3a plus 3b below)		518	d
e.	Total deposits (corresponds to item 24 above)	22	411	e
f.	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase (corresponds to item 25 above)		None	f
g.	Other liabilities for borrowed money (corresponds to item 26 above)		None	g
2.	Standby letters of credit outstanding		None	2
3.	Time deposits of \$100,000 or more:			
a.	Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more		137	3a
b.	Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more		381	b

I, V. L. Williams, Cashier, of the above-named bank, do solemnly {SWEAR} that this report of condition is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Correct-Attest: *V. L. Williams*
Directors: *James R. ...*
State of Texas, County of Mills, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of January, 1977,
and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.
My commission expires 6-1-1977 *June Roberts*, Notary Public.

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