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## LISTEN TO LUKE

By Albert:---  
You always seem to have to take the bad with the good! The rains which came recently, and those which are hoped for in the future were most welcome and appreciated ---but---

Since then we have had what definitely seems like more than enough bugs, worms, and insects - if there is a difference. And they are ruining local shrubs, trees, and plants - if that is the right way to describe them. (we're not willing to be considered controversial about this. Wrong, maybe, but not controversial!)

We fought the deer and coons all spring over the tomato plants, and now we have added enemies of tomato worms and grasshoppers, and no telling what else. Squash bugs, okra bugs, pea bugs, bean bugs, lettuce bugs, parsley bugs, and believe it or not, a bug that is only on our sycamore trees, and another caterpillar found only on our mulberry, both of which are said to be almost completely impervious to such pests. We checked closely on the caterpillars on the mulberry to be sure they were not silk worms, and our entomology reference says "no".

Our pecan tree, like the pecan trees of all of our neighbors', had an infestation of caterpillars. Grasshoppers have also riddled our zinnias, and dahlias.

So far as we know the bugs and pests have left alone our jalapena bush, chili petin, and the cactus. And we would not be surprised if some blight hit them.

We wonder, all of a sudden, if nature is trying to tell us something! Would we be better off living on jalapenas, chili petins, and cactus? Are micro-bugs like the other kind?

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We didn't get any response at all to our plea for more old pictures. Please help, if you possibly can.

And if you have loaned us a picture that has been used and you have not picked it up, you may do so at your convenience!

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Without taking anything away from any of the past groups and those who were good citizens within any of the past groups, we are making a particular brag on the good citizenship of the present group in the high school. It seems to us that, in our acquaintance with a cross-section of this group, that there is a big bunch of exceptional students in high school this year capable of doing some exceptional things in connection with their school activities.

At the beginning of the school year is a good time to remind all of the students of the possibilities that lie before them in equipping themselves with knowledge, and of the lasting benefits of taking advantage of those possibilities. There is no advantage to yesterday except to reflect on how today and tomorrow may be made better. What was missed yesterday in knowledge is extremely hard to make up.

Students, love yourselves enough that you will do the

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## Light Moisture Here Last Week

Light moisture, or only a slight trace of rain, was noted two days last week in Sanderson, both prior to the entrance of Hurricane Fern on the Texas Coast.

A very slight sprinkle fell on Thursday afternoon and was accompanied by high winds and strong threat of rain. Tuesday afternoon there was also a threat of rain with only a trace of moisture falling locally.

Hot weather has been noted during most of the days of September, possibly contesting the high temperatures of June or July.

Clouds building up during past days brought a promise of rain possibly in later days.

## AMTRAK Buys Passenger Cars

Roger Lewis, president of AMTRAK, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, today advised Congressman White it has acquired an entire new set of passenger cars to be put into service along the Sunset Limited Route between Los Angeles and New Orleans. These cars, six different varieties, were secured by AMTRAK from the Santa Fe lines and will be put into service on the route through West Texas within the next few weeks, when the equipment has been completely cleaned and refurbished.

The equipment will consist of sleeping cars with 10-roomettes and 6 double bedrooms; sleeping cars with 4 double bedrooms, two compartments and two drawing rooms; lounge, bar, and dormitory cars; diners, coaches; and baggage cars.

The equipment is a part of the 1,200 cars recently purchased by AMTRAK, at a cost of 16.8 million dollars for distribution throughout its system. Looking toward the future, Mr. Lewis said dome cars may later be added along the Sunset Route. The improvements are a part of a nationwide effort by the newly formed semi-public corporation to return America's traveling public to the railroads.

## J. GARNER'S MOTHER DIES

Funeral services were held Tuesday in San Angelo for Mrs. Jessie Garner, 94, mother of J. Garner, a former resident of this area. Burial was in that city.

Mrs. Garner was the first West Texan to receive a heart aid known as "the pacemaker" in 1962.

Other survivors include another son, two sisters, five grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

Attending the funeral were Mmes. H. P. Boyd, E. H. Jessup, T. W. McKenzie, and A. C. Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Boyd were in San Antonio last week for him to have a medical check-up.

Mrs. Willie Banner was taken to an Alpine hospital by ambulance Saturday and is receiving medical treatment.

## Burglar Leaves Loot Behind

Some items of clothing and food were taken in a burglary of Kerr Mercantile Company Wednesday night of last week, but the articles were abandoned outside the store.

Entrance to the store was by the breaking out of window panes on the back or south side of the building under the glow of a nite-lighter, mercury-arc light.

Items taken included child's clothing articles, packaged prepared meat, and candy bars.

An effort was made to get finger prints from the candy boxes, but there was no report from these efforts as yet.

## J. A. Bricker, 92, Area Rancher, Dies

Funeral services were held in Del Rio Saturday for James Anthey Bricker, 92-year-old retired ranchman, who died Wednesday at a nursing home in that city. He had been a resident of this area for 66 years.

Rev. John H. Cash, pastor of the Comstock Baptist Church, officiated at the funeral services, assisted by Mont Shahan, and burial was in Del Rio under the direction of the Doran Funeral Home.

Bricker's ranch was in the Pumpville area.

Survivors include his widow, two daughters, Miss Lena Mae Bricker of Pumpville and Mrs. R. M. Dingler of Comstock; a son, W. H. Bricker of Comstock; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## REV. WALKER'S BROTHER DIES

Funeral services were in Stanton Tuesday afternoon for T. J. Walker of that city, a brother of Rev. Melvin Walker. He died in a Big Spring hospital Sunday afternoon after being there as a cardiac patient only a few days. Rev. and Mrs. Walker left for Big Spring Sunday afternoon after receiving word of his critical condition and he died before they arrived.

Survivors include his wife, two daughters, six other brothers, and three sisters.



## Eagles Down Imperial 37-8; To Meet Marfa There Friday

The Sanderson Eagles moved into the win column in their first outing of the season by defeating the Class B Imperial Longhorns 37-8 and furnishing local fans with some thrilling plays. The game was played on Eagle Field before a large crowd.

Sanderson kicked to Imperial to open the ball game and the visitors lost the ball on a pass interception on the third down and the Eagles drove to the 2-yard line from the 35. James Druse ran the ball over for the two points extra. Sanderson lost the ball by pass interception late in the first period and the quarter ended right after the Eagles recovered a Longhorn fumble.

The first play of the second period was a touchdown pass from Druse to Randy Louwien, tight end, for 34 yards. Druse threw to Litton for the extra two points. Later in the same period the Eagles got the ball on their 4-yard line after a Longhorn punt and they later exchanged punts with the Longhorns, whose second punt was blocked and recovered by Sanderson deep in Imperial territory. Juan Saenz, Eagle halfback, took a wide pitch-out to the right and went over from about the 2-yard line for the third Eagle touchdown. A pass conversion effort failed.

The third period was scoreless and ended with a threat by Imperial at Sanderson's 5-yard line.

Imperial's lone score was in the fourth quarter on a pass from Henry Esparza to Glenn Kueck good for about 38 yards. The two extra points was a pass from Bill Borron to Bob Borron. From the Sanderson 40 the Eagles completed a pass to the Imperial 32 and Louwien caught another pass from Druse for the fourth score. Druse ran the ball into the end zone for the extra points. The final Eagle tally was a pass from Druse to Litton for a 25-yard score. Ike Billings kicked the extra point.

## JV, JR. HIGH GRIDDERS OPEN SEASON THIS WEEK

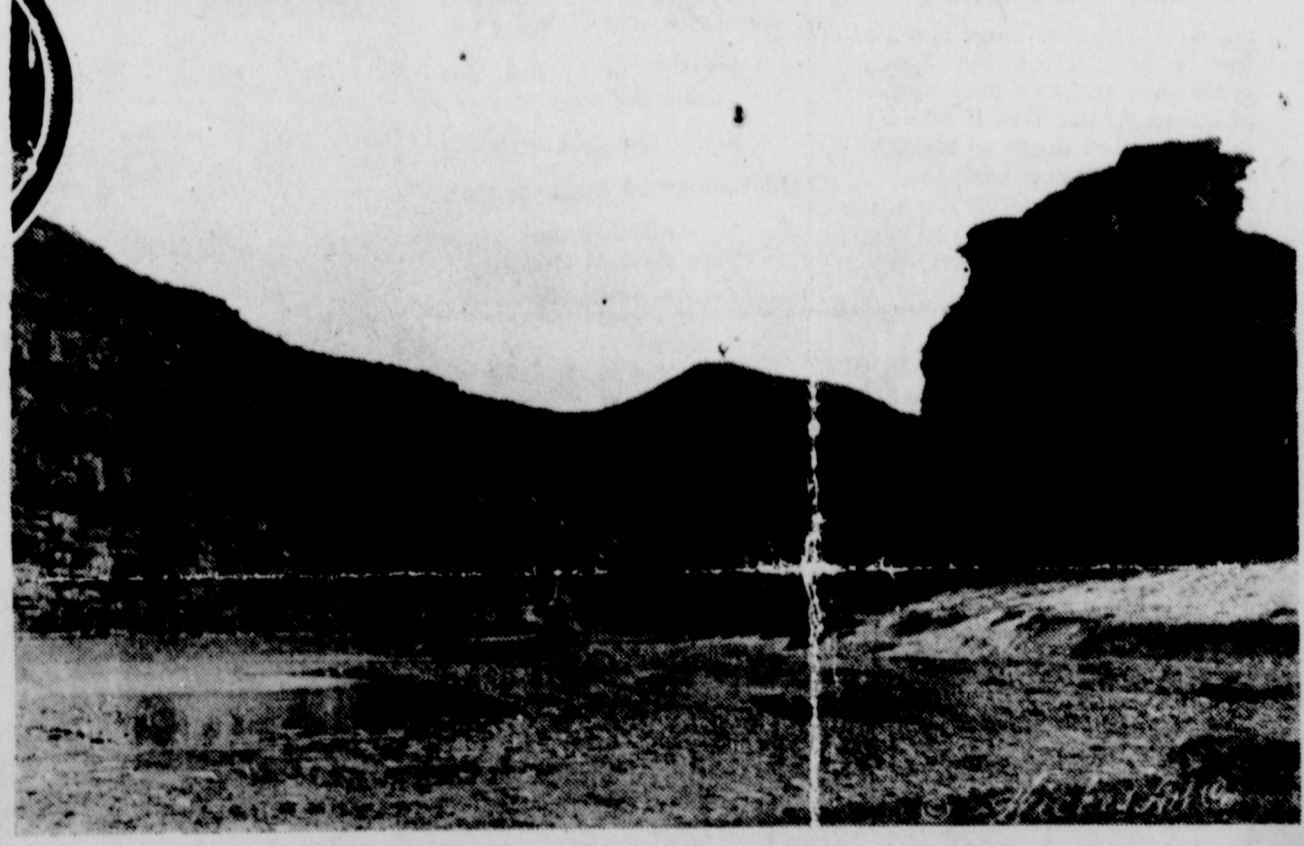
The junior varsity football team will host the team from Alpine here this afternoon at 6:30, following the game between the Sanderson Junior High School Eaglets and the Balmorhea juniors. The first game will begin at 5:00 p. m. Norman Gladson is coaching the junior varsity team and Don Ivy is coaching the junior high school team.

Fans also saw some hard running inside by Fullback Santiago Flores and Halfback Jim Cash, with Halfback Kendrick Harrell breaking loose for some good Eagle gains. Good defensive effort was given in the front line by Blain Chriesman, Ronnie Stewart, Roger Sanchez, and by Cash and Billings in blocking punts and passes, and in the secondary there was good defensive efforts by Druse, Litton, and Saenz, that was possible in part to the rush given the Imperial offense by the front defenders aided by Linebackers Louwien and Flores. Billings and Bill Mott shared kick-off duties, along with Flores who sneaked in an on-sides kick, and Mott and Saenz shared the punting chores.

Coaches Willie Myers, Tommy Hall, and Norman Gladson were directing the strategy from their vantage point on the sidelines. Substitutions during the game gave every player an opportunity to see some action and these

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"Bone Watering. Here Indians cached cattle stolen in the north" is the caption under the picture taken from the folder published by the late Joe Kerr Sr. Bone Watering is a crossing on the Rio Grande on the Pinky Carruthers ranch, and while the appearance of the cliffs of the canyon or the color of the water might not have changed much since the time of the picture, many residents of the county have not seen the famous site nor did they know of its notoriety. The brochure was loaned to us by Edward Kerr.



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best you can for yourselves during the time that you have to establish the practice and habits of good citizenship. These include an effort for one's best in all areas of school life. They will be among your greatest accomplishments.

**Eagles** —

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included Damon Harrison who was in on most all of the offensive action. Robert Fisher, who saw much defensive work, Lloyd Goldwire, Jimmy Davis, Juan Lomas, Dennis Haynes, Nelson Cooke, Pat Mott, and Floyd Watson, who made the varsity team late in the game, after the printing of the programs.

The statistics for the game as reported by Coach Myers showed Sanderson leading in first downs 17-11, yards rushing 200-47, yards passing 165-103. The Eagles completed 9 of 18 passes with 2 intercepted; Imperial completed 7 of 27 passes and had 3 intercepted. Each team had 1 turnover by fumbles. Sanderson received 4 penalties for 30 yards and Imperial 3 for 25 yards.

Band Director Joe Blatchford presented the Eagle marching band for half-time entertainment of the fans. Barbara Freeman led the band on the field as drum major, and twirlers Nancy Maples, Alice Goldwire, Elaine Brown, Janet Harrell, Janice Carter, and Billie Kay Cooksey also made their first public appearance with the band.

The Eagles will go to Marfa Friday night to play the Class AA Shorthorns for their test by a stronger foe.

Mrs. Olivia Salinas took her mother, Mrs. Jesus Calzada, her niece, Patty, and Mrs. Chema Flores to Alpine Thursday for medical attention.

Mrs. H. B. Louwien took her daughter, Rhonda, to Lubbock Tuesday for her to enroll in a business college in that college. Mrs. Ben Martin accompanied her on the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carruthers Jr., took one of their ranch hands to Fort Stockton Friday for a medical checkup after he had fractured his collarbone three weeks previously.

Mrs. H. W. Robinson and Mrs. Eva McKee were in Fort Stockton Friday to have their eyes checked. Mrs. Ray Caldwell accompanied them on the trip.

Weekend visitors with Mrs. A. T. Freeman and family were her niece, Mrs. Mike Maresh, with her husband and son, Jay, of Del Rio.

**Livestock Feed Program Off**

The Texas State Disaster Committee has determined that conditions have improved sufficiently so that there is no longer a need for livestock feed program, and the grain sales part of the program has been suspended. Eligible livestock owners may continue to obtain hay transportation assistance. The suspension is effective September 17.

ASCS offices will continue to make sales of grain to eligible applicants until that date, but only an amount of grain will be sold which could reasonably be expected to be fed by September 17.

Should it become necessary to reopen the program for grain sales later, announcement will be made through the news media.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Leyva and daughter of Pecos were Labor Day holiday visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Santiago Rodriguez, Mr. Leyva returning home and leaving them for a week's visit.

Mrs. Frank Arredondo had surgery in Fort Stockton last Wednesday for the removal of a tumor from her face. She is recovering satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dyal of San Antonio, former residents, visited here for several days with Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Harrell who took them to El Paso Sunday to visit the Harrell's daughter, Mrs. W. P. Pendleton, and family.

Mrs. Willie Banner sprained her ankle in a fall at her home last Thursday night. Her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Kyle, took her to Alpine Friday for X-rays to be made.

Mr. and Mrs. Zane McDonald returned home last week from San Antonio where he had orthopedic surgery on his back and he is recuperating satisfactorily.

Mrs. J. J. Rogers of Harper visited last week with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Deaton, and her husband and spent the weekend in Alpine with her daughter, Mrs. Mildred McElroy, returning to Sanderson to spend this week with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lea.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mark Duncan were in Fort Stockton Friday for medical attention and also for new eye glasses.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stumberg attended the wedding of their grandson, Richard Drake Jr., and Miss Sally Evans Rollins of Houston in that city on Sunday, August 22, in the home of the bride. They are residing in College Station where he is studying veterinary medicine at Texas A&M University and she is employed in the office at the University.

Buddy Miller of San Antonio spent the week-end with his

grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stumberg. He was enroute to Denver, Colo., where he will attend the law school of the University of Colorado.

Robert Salazar Jr., was in an Alpine hospital for several days last week for medical treatment. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Salazar.

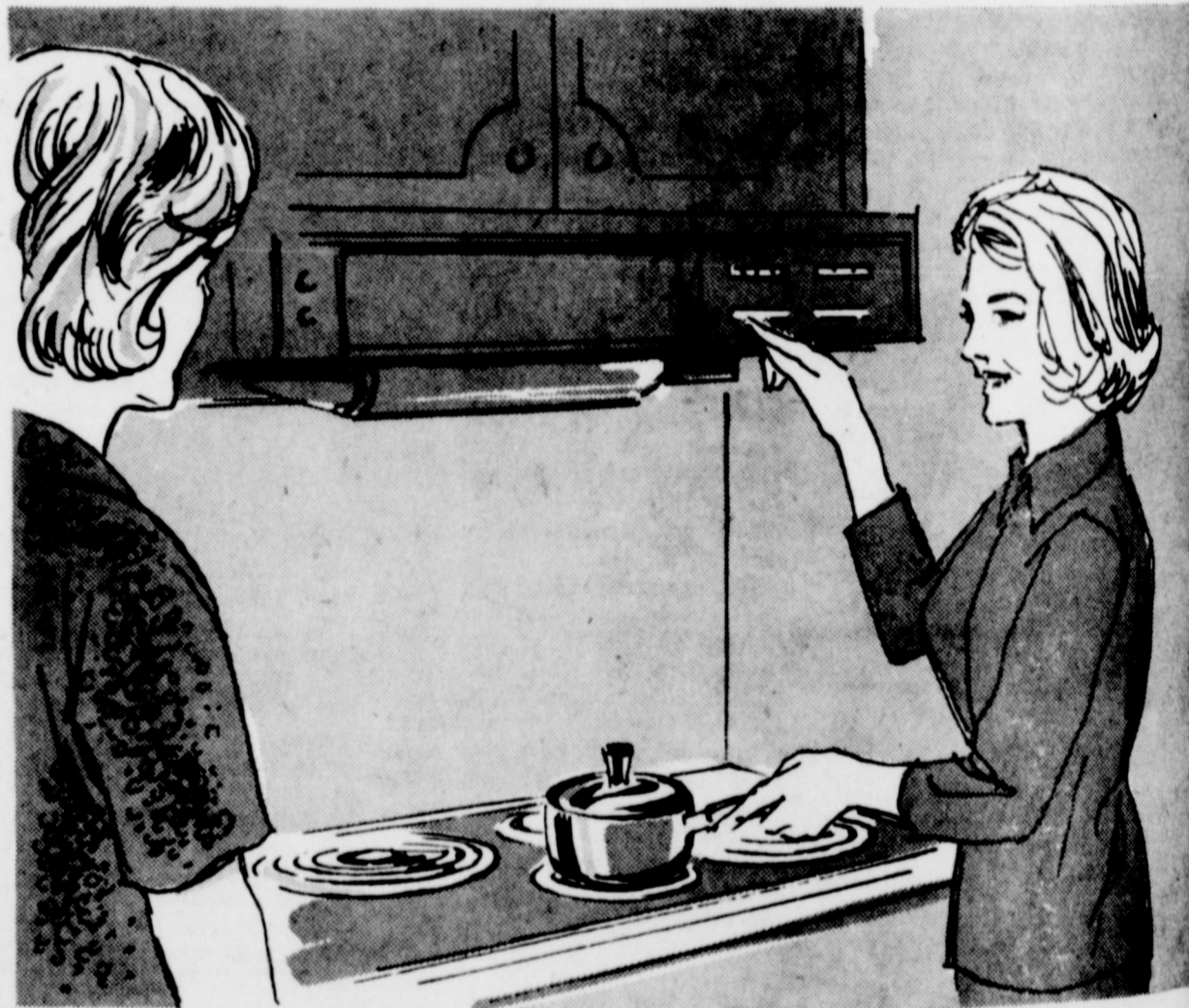
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Juanita Ybarra, Maje Harrison, Susi Robbins, Peggy Louwien and Sheryl Stewart form the pyramid of cheer leaders from left to right in the picture, and Jackie Bob Riggs, head cheer leader, is in the front. The girls are responsible for leading the cheers of the Eagle fan section during the ball games and the pep rallies. Mrs. Wayne Mitchell is the sponsor of the twirlers and cheer leaders.



**New Arrivals . . .**

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schwalbe of Del Rio was born their first child, on Tuesday, Sept. 7, in a Del Rio hospital. His birth weight was 8 pounds and five ounces and he was given the name Bryan Lee. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Schwalbe of Del Rio, former residents. Mr. Schwalbe is now in Vietnam.

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**AMONG OUR SUBSCRIBERS**

New subscribers to The Times include Elmore Anderson of Sheffield; W. A. Daniels of Columbia, S. C.; Gina Hardgrave, Lubbock; H. K. Bradford Jr., Mrs. Maria Villarreal, and Alberto Fuentez Jr., all of Sanderson.

Renewals have come from Richard Carroll, San Angelo; Ray Baker, Arnold, Neb.; Joe Vasquez, Dryden; J. L. Schwalbe, Del Rio; Juan Ramirez, Elisandro Pridgen, M. C. Northcut, R. W. Sutherland, Teodoro Garcia, Don Allen, Irvin Robbins, Bob Allen, all of Sanderson.

Mrs. B. L. Van Cleave was brought home Monday after being in a Fort Stockton hospital for medical treatment for over a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Cox visited in Sweetwater last week with his mother, Mrs. J. F. Cox, who is in a nursing home and with his sister, Mrs. E. H. McCright, and family.



Twirlers Elaine Brown, Janice Carter, Janet Harrell stand to the right of Barbara Freeman, drum major, and Alice Goldwire, Billie Kay Cooksey, and Nancy Maples are the twirlers to her left. The seven girls are in front of the Eagle Band at their marching appearance this year.

**PURELY LOCAL**



Mrs. Austin Nance went to Midland Monday to visit with her daughter, Mrs. David Kleinbeck, and family and to have a medical check-up. Mrs. J. A. Gilbreath accompanied her on the trip to visit in Odessa with her daughter, Mrs. Melinda Edwards, and children.

Weldon Cox was admitted to an Alpine hospital Saturday for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Savage were in San Angelo last week for medical check-ups.

Mrs. James Clark and Mrs. Ernest Couch were business vis-

itors in Fort Stockton Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kuethe have moved to Mrs. Ruby Duncan's home recently vacated by Dr. and Mrs. A. N. Clanton. They were residing in the Alfred Bendele rent house.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carruthers Jr., went to Del Rio Friday and visited with relatives returning Saturday with his uncle, Bud Roberts, who has been in a nursing home there and taking him to the Fort Stockton nursing home.

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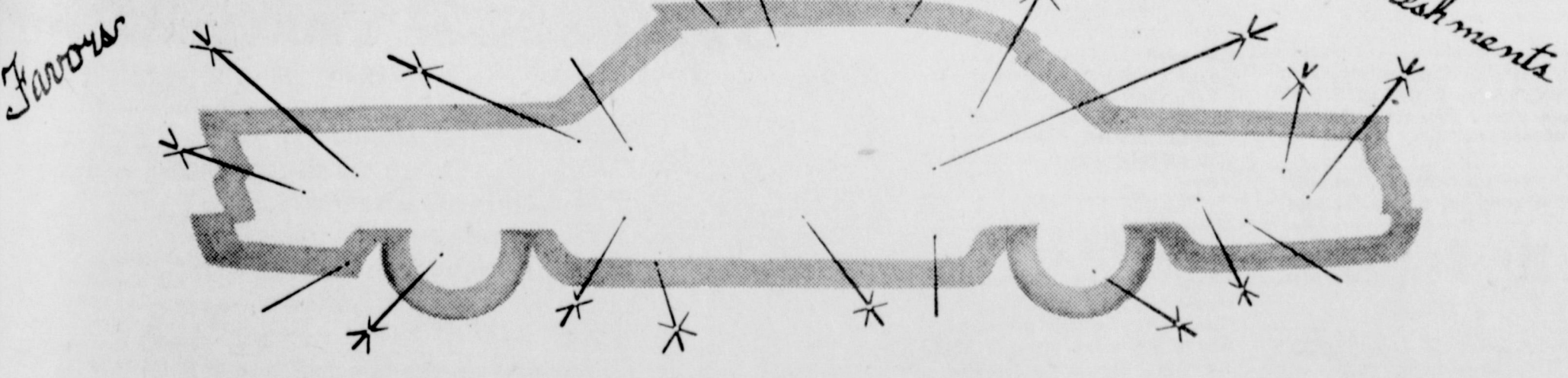
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## Ranch Club Has Busy Meeting On Tuesday Last Week

The Ranch Home Demonstration Club, with 15 members present, met last Tuesday morning in the Legion Hall with Mrs. K. H. Stutes giving the opening prayer and Miss Eva Billings the thought for the day.

"My First Date" was the subject of the roll call. Suggestions were given for the '72 yearbook.

The group voted to assist in making drapes for the Mental Health and Retardation Center in Carlsbad, the material to be furnished.

The report of the recent Pecos County Council meeting was given by Mrs. C. T. Wrinkle and Mrs. E. H. Jessup. The next council meeting will be on Sept. 28.

Plans were made for participation in the Fall Festival in Fort Stockton on October 12, the local club to take "white elephants" for the Chinese Raffle.

For the October meeting on October 5, Mrs. H. E. Gatlin will review the book "Portrait of Myself" by Margaret Bourke-White. The public will be invited to attend.

At the November meeting everyone will be asked to bring a home-made Christmas item suitable for decoration or a gift.

A workshop was planned for Wednesday, Sept. 29, in the home of Mrs. Ray Clifford with members requested to bring a sack lunch. Demonstration of the crafts knitting, macaramé, and crocheting beads will be given.

Miss Billings gave the invocation for the luncheon served at noon, the members bringing covered dishes and the hostesses providing Mexican cornbread, apple pie, and ice cream, and red velvet cake. Mrs. H. E. Ezelle and Mrs. Jessup were the hostesses.

Mrs. Clyde Higgins showed the film "Eat To Your Heart's Content" and made available numerous leaflets on the heart. The public was invited to view the film.

Miss Ona Mae Lee, home demonstration agent, gave a demonstration on knitting and Mrs. Bertha Mansfield offered assistance in the crocheting of beads and demonstrated the tying of love knots for them.

Mrs. R. A. Harrison, Higgins, and L. H. Gilbreath were luncheon guests.

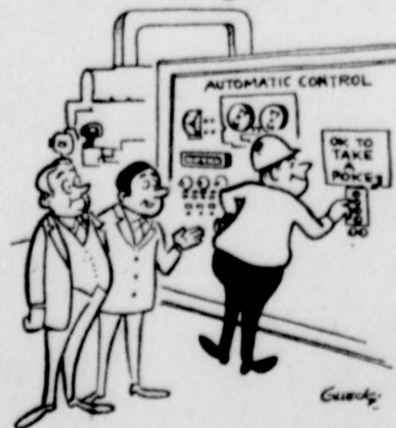
Also present were Mmes. Jack Hardgrave, Bob Allen, Mark Duncan, Ray Clifford, T. H. Eastman, Ray Caldwell, Gene McSparran, H. E. Gatlin, L. E. Muller, and Zeke Bradford.

The tables were decorated in fall flowers and there was also an arrangement on the mantel.

Randy Brown visited friends in Kingsville and other points in that area last week. He will not attend Texas A&I University this semester.

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## My Neighbors



"You can't change human nature...so we added a couple of harmless buttons for 'em to monkey with."

## Bonhomie Club

The Bonhomie Club met in the home of Mrs. W. D. O'Bryant last Wednesday afternoon. The birthdays of Mrs. B. F. Dawson, Mrs. Harvey Rogers, and Mrs. J. W. Carruthers Jr., were observed. Iced tea, coffee, and cold drinks were served with pineapple birthday cake.

Candy, mixed nuts, cold drinks, and coffee were available throughout the afternoon.

Also present were Mmes. Alfred Bendele, Ray Caldwell, F. G. Grigsby, O. J. Cresswell, T. W. McKenzie, and Carlton White.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR RUDY VILLARREAL, 21

Mrs. Maria Villarreal gave a surprise birthday party in her home on Tuesday, August 31, to honor her son, Rudy, on his 21st birthday.

Dancing was enjoyed with music provided by a record-player. Mrs. Eulalia Ybarra and Mrs. Julia Zepeda assisted the hostess in entertaining.

Refreshments of hot dogs, beans, guacamole salad, potato salad, olives, pickles, fritos, and potato chips were served with iced tea and the birthday cake.

There were 40 guests attending.

## Library News

The Terrell County Public Library has received the following books which are available for local readers:

"The Exorcist" Blatty  
"The Drifters" Michener  
"Penmarrie" Howatch  
"The First Four Years" Wilder  
"On Instructions of My Government" Salinger  
"The Nazi Olympics" Mandell

"I'm Sorry You Took It Personally" Bouton

### FHA CHAPTER MEETS

The Sanderson FHA Chapter met last Tuesday during home room period and the meeting was called to order by the president, Glenda Shoemaker, Glenna Couch gave the devotional.

Two new officers, chapter mothers and chapter parents were elected and include Delma Montalvo, fourth vice-president; Wynne Massey, pianist; Mrs. Eddie Hanson and Mrs. W. L. Babb, chapter mothers; Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. Onesimus Montalvo, chapter parents.

Glenda Shoemaker was named "Girl of the Month", the title that is given the girl who has done the most for the chapter that month. The group also voted to have "secret pals".

Refreshments were served while Mrs. Wayne Mitchell, chapter sponsor, gave a short talk on FHA activities for the year.

### TYPING STUDENTS MAY FIND BARGAIN AT TIMES

Typing students may buy 50 sheets of "easy-erase" paper at The Times for only 60¢, or a box of 500 sheets for only \$5.80 for a slightly greater saving. Prices do not include state sales taxes.

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## Beta Iota Chapter Meets in Alpine Saturday Afternoon

The Beta Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met Saturday afternoon in the Sul Ross University faculty lounge. After committee meetings, a business meeting was held. It was announced that there would be two \$200 scholarships available this year to members of Delta Kappa Gamma to use in furthering education.

The regional meeting will be held in El Paso on October 9 and Sanderson will be represented at the meeting.

Mrs. W. H. Grigsby reported on the state convention in Arriello.

After adjournment, refreshments were served and consisted of punch and cookies placed around a centerpiece of beautiful dahlias. The hostesses for the meeting were the retired teachers of Alpine. Those attending from Sanderson were Mmes. W. H. Grigsby, E. E. Farley, R. H. McClellan, W. J. Morris, W. H. Savage, R. C. Holcombe, and A. C. Christman.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY HERE

Mrs. Mike Layva of Pecos, who has been visiting here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Santiago Rodriguez, last week honored her daughter, Diana Marie, at a small birthday party Sunday, the occasion being her second birthday.

Those attending were Melissa Garcia, Pete Olivares and sisters, Jose Angel Martinez, Ruperto Perez Jr.; also Misses Margarite Pena and Minerva Perez.

Refreshments of cake, ice cream, cookies, and pink punch were served from a table decorated with a doll surrounded by small gifts.

Miss Su-Z Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Smith of Imperial, former residents, has enrolled in San Angelo University for her freshman year. She was a May graduate of the Imperial High School.

MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A SUPPER SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, AT 6:30 P. M. AT THE LEGION HALL TO HONOR MEMBERS OF THE AUXILIARY

## Mrs. C. C. Mitchell Leads Program For Circle W.O.C. Back-Yard Party Honors Affiliated Pair Saturday

Mrs. E. E. Farley led the opening prayer and the hymn "Pass Me Not" was sung at the general meeting of the Presbyterian Women of the Church in the fellowship hall Monday afternoon.

Announcement was made of the district Presbyterian meeting in Midland on October 12.

Mrs. C. C. Mitchell led in prayer before giving the Bible lesson on "In Christ" based on Romans 6:1-11 and 20-23.

Mrs. R. A. Harrison gave the closing prayer.

Mrs. R. A. Gatlin, hostess, served apple pie a la mode and iced tea after adjournment.

Also present were Mmes. G. K. Mitchell, W. H. Grigsby, E. H. Jessup, E. F. Pierson, and W. H. Savage.

### UTU AUXILIARY MEETS MONDAY AFTERNOON

Three new members were initiated into the Auxiliary to the United Transportation Union when the group met Monday afternoon in the Masonic Hall. They were Mmes. Rommie Hall, Johnny Hogg, and Zeke Bradford.

After adjournment, the group went to Admiral's Steak House for pie and coffee with Mrs. Sylvestre Silvas and Mrs. Barry Pendleton as hostesses.

Also present were Mmes. R. R. McClellan, A. C. Garner, J. M. Davis, Irvin Robbins, C. E. Litton, Zane McDonald, Donald Tulk, and Roland McDonald.

Portable, Standard Typewriters At The Sanderson Times. ad.

A back-yard dinner party Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brown honored Monty Harkins and fiancée, Miss Lisa Holstein, Fort Stockton.

Following dinner, informal conversation furnished diversion for the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Williams were co-hosts with the Browns.

Those present were, besides the honorees and hosts: Mmes. Raymond Holstein and their son, Jay, parents of the bride-elect of Fort Stockton, Sid Harkins, parents of the bridegroom-elect, E. E. Harkins, Jolly Harkins and their son, Barton, Charles S. gall, N. M. Mitchell Jr., Tommy Hayre, Lee Weathersbee, W. N. Armstrong, Herbert S. ne, Reg Monroe, and W. G. Downie.

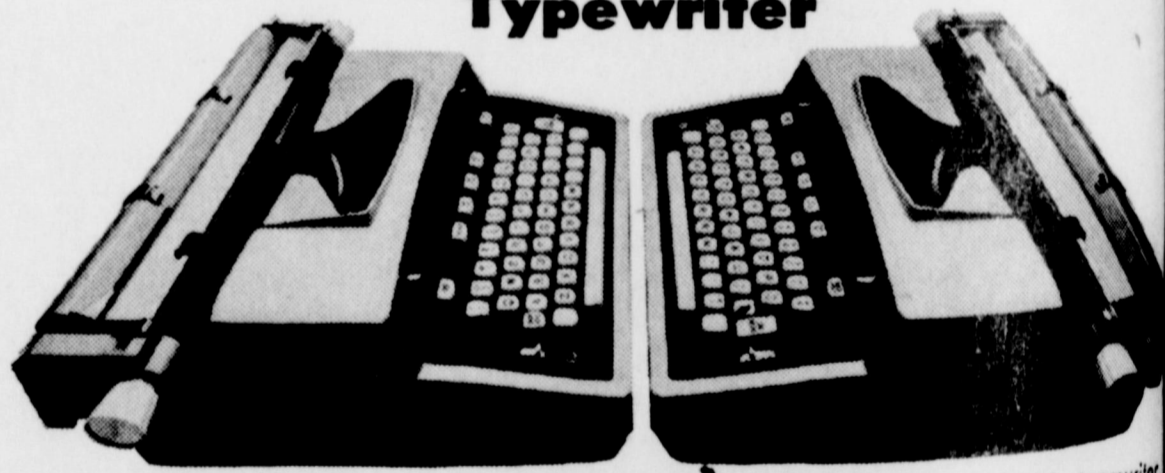
## Tuesday Bridge Club

Mrs. Herbert Brown was hostess for the first meeting of the Tuesday Bridge Club for the new year. She used dahlias the party rooms of her home.

Mrs. F. J. Barrett won high and slam prizes, Mrs. Jack Riggs was second high and the other slam prize, and other players present were Mmes. E. Litton, James Caroline, Jim Kerr, Tol Murrah, Will Murrah, and Roger Rose.

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# Notes from the Big Bend

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tral America. Six species occur within the United States: the Eastern and Western Spotted Skunks, the Striped Skunk, western and Eastern Hog-nosed Skunks, and the Hooded Skunk. Four of these occur within the Texas Big Bend Country.

Spotted Skunks are the smallest and the most active and alert of the skunks. They range throughout Texas where they can be common in wooded areas or rocky canyons and about rocky outcroppings. This little fellow is sometimes called "The Civet Cat," because it looks something like the Asian forms of this family. However, Civet Cats and Skunks are entirely different mammals that belong to the

same family, Mustelidae.

Stripped Skunks are larger animals. They usually can be identified by two stripes that run from the head back to the tail. The pattern varies considerably. This species is also found throughout Texas and inhabits wooded and brushy areas and rocky canyons. It is probably the most commonly seen skunk of the Big Bend area.

Hooded Skunks are sometimes called "White-sided Skunks." They are similar to the Stripped Skunks, but differ in having longer and softer fur, and a distinct ruff of white hair on the upper neck. Two color patterns have been found in Texas. Although all are overall black, it may have a thin strip of white along the side of the body between the ear and the rump, or the top of the neck may be all white with a broad white band extending into the tail. The white line never separates as it does in the Stripped Skunks. This species is found in Texas only in the Big Bend Country, northwest to central Arizona, and south to Central America. It is usually found along streams.

Hog-nosed Skunks are the largest of Big Bend's skunks and are readily identified by a single broad, white stripe that runs from the top of the head to the base of the tail. In fact, its tail is usually entirely white. Found in the mountainous parts of their range, this species occurs throughout the southern half of Texas to central Arizona, south to Central America. The name "hog-nose" comes from the fact that it has the habit of rooting for its food like a hog. Their presence can often be detected by a characteristic "ploughed" patch of ground where they have rooted and turned over rocks and bits of debris in search of food.

Skunks have few enemies. Besides man's destruction of environment, their worst enemy is the Great Horned Owl. The owl's silent flight allows it to pounce upon a skunk from above before it has the opportunity to use its defensive mechanism.

For the most part, skunks are mild-mannered animals. They often take up abode under a building. On a farm or ranch they can be very useful because of their ability to capture mice and rats. They have been called nature's best mousetraps. The rancher is wise to encourage these predators by setting out an enticing saucer or two of milk for skunks to find after dark. Insects are also a major part of their diet, and many kinds of plant-eating pests are devoured. Their likes for bird eggs and birds may cause some farmers to consider skunks as just one more "varmint," however, with proper protection, skunks can be a valuable asset to a ranch or farm.

Skunks are best known for their unique means of defense. Who has not smelled a skunk? Its defensive weapon allows it to go through life in an unhurried manner. Two scent glands are located at the base of the tail, and are entirely separate from the organs of excretion. Each gland is equipped with a "nozzle," a muscular attachment capable of ejecting a spray of evil-smelling liquid of a penetrating character for a distance of several feet. Contrary to public belief, it is the liquid that smells, not the skunk. In fact, it is said that skunks do not like to use their defense because they don't like to smell themselves. The skunk is actually an exceptionally clean animal that has little odor to it. The odor is purely for defense.

When annoyed it raises its tail as a warning of its intentions. Further warning is usually given by stamping its paws. Woe to the creature, man or beast, that fails to heed these signals. An instant later the tail is thrust forward over the back, the third end is directed toward the source of annoyance, and spray is ejected.

Skunks are some of America's best known carnivores. They are known only from the Western Hemisphere, where they range from central Canada south through the United States to Cen-

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Miss Pauline Ebel of San Antonio is visiting with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Riggins.

Mrs. Maggie Halley of Stockton, Calif., is in a convalescent home in that city and doing well according to word from her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Hatchel, of El Paso. The Halleys are former residents of Sanderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess McDonald have returned from a vacation trip to San Antonio, Bryan, and Big Spring where they visited with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McSparran visited with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Davis in Lubbock recently. He is a student at Texas Tech and she is a student at Lubbock Christian College.

Mrs. J. D. Nichols returned home Sunday after visiting in San Antonio for a week while she had a medical check-up. Her daughter, Mrs. Bernice Peace of San Antonio came after her and spent Labor Day weekend here.

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The law further states that all such brands and marks must be rerecorded every 10 years. Each County Clerk records for his given county only, so many producers may need to record their brands in additional counties if their operations are extensive.

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