

## 50th Anniversary Celebration Souvenir Edition

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## Cochran county, Morton fifty years old Tuesday, May 7

**WIS E. FLEMING**  
On Tuesday, May 7, 1974, Cochran County observes the 50th anniversary of its organization. The final election in 1924 was the climax of a rivalry between two groups, one of whom were the farmers and the other the ranchers, as to where the county seat would be located when the county was organized. The ranching interests were the heirs of the fight, with their

attorney-spokesman Charles A. Pierce. They wanted the county seat to be at Ligon, the town they had built in 1923 some four miles south of the present site of Morton. Leading the farmers was Morton J. Smith, who was largely responsible for bringing the farmers into the county to settle. Smith's faction wanted the county seat to be at Morton. An election of March 17, 1923, to organize the county had been declared void when

some of the voters had been found ineligible. The actual vote of the 1923 election showed 52 votes favoring Morton and 13 votes favoring Ligon for the county seat.

The two Cochran County groups met with the Hockley County Commissioners Court in the courthouse in Levelland on February 12, 1924. Morton J. Smith presented a petition to County Judge John H. Doyle asking that another election be held for the organization of Cochran County. Such a

petition required 75 signatures, and Smith's had 87.

Pierce challenged the validity of 13 of the signatures. This left Smith's petition one signature short of the needed number. Smith and Pierce argued and tried to stare each other down. Finally, Judge Doyle adjourned the court until February 16 to give the two men a chance to settle their differences.

Exactly what went on between Pierce and Smith is

anybody's guess, but when the court met again on the 16th, Smith's petition with 85 valid signatures was not opposed by Pierce and was approved by the court.

Many of the signers of the first petition, in 1923, had also signed the 1924 petition. Some new names were added. Names found on the petitions included Hugh Knox, Floyd Rowland, Rupert McCasland, Reo Smith, Alvie Harris, Charley Silvers, Lessey Jones (Silvers), P.B. Penney, and Jake McClure.

On April 5, 1924, Judge Doyle set the organizational election for Cochran County for May 6, 1924. Matters to be determined included subdividing the county into four precincts, electing county officials, and determining the location of the county seat. The polling place for Precinct 1 was the Morton School, with G. C. McCasland as judge. Precinct 2's box was at the Hiley T. Boyd School, with A. J. Wheeler as the election judge. Scrape-out Ranch headquarters was the site of Precinct 3 voting, the judge being C. J. Lyne. Precinct 4 election judge was J. P. Akers, and the balloting was at the Shipman School.

In the courthouse at Levelland, after the election had been set, Morton J. Smith expressed his confidence that Morton would be chosen for the county seat. He told a Lubbock reporter, "I'm a rough old cowboy, but I've got 'em thrown and they know it. Put 'er down that Morton wins the

county seat — no need to wait around till the vote's counted — and tell 'em we'll have a gin, a school, and a church. Tell 'em the Slaughters is all right, Charley Pierce's all right, but old Mort Smith's goin' to get the county seat. Charley's got the land but I've got the votes." Pierce had nothing to say about the outcome of the upcoming election. He warned Smith that

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### Local students

### honored at SPC

Nine students for the Morton and Muleshoe areas and New Mexico will be among those honored with a faculty reception on Friday, May 3, at South Plains College.

The reception will recognize 51 students who have earned a 4.0 (all A's) grade point average this year while attending SPC. Nathan Tubbs, academic dean, will present certificates to each student.

The reception will be at 10:30 a.m. in the Sundown Room on the SPC campus.

Those honored will include Raimundo Elizondo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Elizondo Jr. of Route 2, Morton; Pamela Linder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Linder, also of Route 2, Morton; and David Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Rice of 708 E. Lincoln in Morton.

### Voters going to polls tomorrow for 50th time

Cochran Countians go to the polls Saturday, May 4, to vote for Federal, State officials for the year.

Below are the new

### precincts due

### polling checks

Some of Cochran County voters will be getting a lift during the next election by virtue of moving to them from

the cash represents the amount due to people in the county who paid a larger amount of withholding taxes

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polling places by precinct and box. Precinct 1, Box 1 will be located in the Courthouse Basement. Precinct 2, Box 2 will be in the Whiteface School. Those voting in Precinct 3, Box 3 will vote at the Bledsoe school and Precinct 4, Box 4 will be at the County Barn at Star Route.

Precinct 2, Box 5 will be located in the Eastside elementary school building. Precinct 3, Box 6 will be at the City Hall and Precinct 4, Box 7 voters will cast their ballots at the County Activity Building banquet room.

The Democratic Primary Precinct Conventions will be held Saturday afternoon. Precinct 1 will meet at 2 p.m. in the County Courtroom and Precinct 2 will meet at the Eastside elementary school at

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**COCHRAN COUNTY RECEIVES 50th anniversary proclamation.** Governor Dolph Briscoe, left, reads a proclamation commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Cochran county on May 7, 1924. Receiving the proclamation on the part of the county and its citizens is county judge Glenn W. Thompson, right. The ceremony took place during a Briscoe press conference at the South Park Inn on April 18.

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has had a proud and colorful history; an unsurpassed heritage filled with dedication, devotion and individualism; and

WHEREAS, we owe a great debt to our forefathers; the pioneers and early settlers whose accomplishments have been an inspiration and guiding light to all Texans; and

WHEREAS, all too often, in these modern times, we tend to overlook and fail to recognize and appreciate the labors of these great men and women; and

WHEREAS, the City of Morton and the County of Cochran are steeped in Texas history—with Cochran County having been referred to as "Texas Last Frontier;" and

WHEREAS, the City of Morton will be celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of its founding on May 7, 1974; and

WHEREAS, the City of Morton through these years has changed from a frontier to a settled area with its own traditions in which its citizens take just pride; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the citizens of the City of Morton wish to observe the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of its community; and

THEREFORE, I, as Governor of Texas, do hereby deem it an honor and a privilege to have this opportunity to join with the home town folks of Morton in this special tribute to their beloved community and fine city of our State, and extend personally, and on behalf of all Texans, sincere best wishes for a successful celebration and the continued growth of the community.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 18th day of April, 1974  
Dolph Briscoe  
Governor of Texas

### Conservationist takes strict post here

Bob Walkup has taken the position of conservationist for

Cochran County. He and his wife, Valentine, arrived in Morton Wednesday.

Walkup served as District Conservationist at Brackettville for the past seven years and prior he served as soil conservationist in Coleman for seven years. He has been with the Soil Conservation Service since 1957 and has served in Cleburne, Jacksboro and Maynard. He is a native of Grayson County.

While in Brackettville, Bob was a director of the Chamber of Commerce Board, a member of the volunteer fire department and Lions Club. He and his wife are members of the Church of Christ. Walkup replaces Wayne Wilcox who was recently transferred to the Vernon office.



MRS. ROBERT (Bob)

### Six countians 1974

### TTU degree candidates

Six Cochran countians will be degree candidates at the Texas Tech University spring 1974 commencement exercises are held in Jones Stadium, weather permitting, at 9:30 a.m. May 11, when more than 2,000 candidates from the six colleges and the Graduate School will receive degrees. In the event of inclement weather, the exercises will be conducted in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Eighty-eight graduates of the Law School will receive degrees May 17.

Of the total, 1,651 are candidates for bachelors degrees, 303 for masters degrees, and 74 for doctorates.

Among the candidates are six from Morton. Master's Degree: Margaret Hodges Masten, education, 609 E. Lincoln; Thomas Holloway, management, Star Route 2 Bachelor's Degree: Dorothy Bedwell, secondary education, 704 E. Lincoln; Sandra Louise

Courtney, accounting, Route 2; Carol Ann Freeland, secondary education, 302 E. Taylor; Cynthia Elaine Kuehler, clothing and textiles, Rt. 2.

Dr. Grover E. Murray, Texas Tech University president, will deliver the commencement address the morning of May 11 at the invitation of the commencement committee, after which recipients of doctor's degrees will be hooded and master's degrees will be recognized. Following the main commencement program each of the colleges will conduct its own graduation ceremony.

The 1974 program implements a new concept for the university for its commencement exercises.

Because no formal graduation exercises were conducted at the conclusion of the fall semester, students who qualified for their degrees in December 1973 are invited to participate.

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recurring role of police lieutenant Art Malcom. Larry Storch and Robyn Millan guest star in the opening episode.

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Invitation for Bid  
The City of Morton will receive bids for a 1/2 ton pickup until 5:00 P.M., May 1, 1974 at City Hall, 201 E. Wilson, Morton, Texas with the following specifications:

- 1 only 1974 1/2 ton pickup
- Long wheel base
- Wide Bed
- 6 cylinder not less than 250 cu. in.
- 3 speed automatic transmission
- Heavy duty battery not less than 60 amp.
- Side mount spare tire carrier
- Heavy duty radiator
- A.M. radio
- Full foam seat
- Dome light
- Heavy duty generator not less than 61 amp.
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- Front grill guard
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The City of Morton has for trade 1-1969 International Pickup, long wheel base, standard transmission.

The City of Morton reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Marshall J. Leitzell  
Mayor, City of Morton  
Printed in Morton Tribune April 25, May 2, and 9, 1974.

Invitation for bids  
The City of Morton has for sale the following equipment:

1 only 1961 2 ton Chevrolet truck with 20 cu. yd. Hobbs Hyd-Pack packer with Hydraulic Dump. This truck may be seen at the City Garage, 802 Levelland Rd. Morton, Texas.

The City of Morton reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
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**Garage Sale**

THREE FAMILY GARAGE SALE—all day Saturday at 208 East Hayes.  
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GARAGE SALE: all day Friday and Saturday at 302 E. Hayes.  
1-18-c

**CARD OF THANKS**

CARD OF THANKS: May we take this opportunity to thank our many friends and neighbors for the beautiful flowers and cards and their prayers during the loss of our mother, Mrs. Katherine Faye Smith. Each of you will be remembered with love.  
George and Betty Mundchenke

CARD OF THANKS: We would like to thank our many friends for the prayers, flowers and cards sent to us during the loss of our father, Clarence Hobgood.  
Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Woolam and Maricetta

## Public workers petition for special salary session

More than 45,000 public employees have petitioned Governor Dolph Briscoe to call a special session of the Legislature to consider a salary adjustment for state employees.

At a Capitol news conference, Texas Public Employees Association president Walter H. Looney said the petition calls for an immediate 10.2 percent adjustment in salary schedules. He said, "Because of inflation, employees of the State of Texas are taking a cut in pay in terms of real income. State employees need a 10.2 percent adjustment just to keep pace with inflation which has occurred during the last year."

Internationally recognized wage authority Dr. Ray Marshall, who has completed an extensive study on compensation of Texas public employees, presented some of his findings at the news conference. "The income position of Texas state employees," he said, "has significantly deteriorated since October, 1968, when average earnings of Texas public employees were 97 percent of the average state earnings of other state employees up to the average will request adjustment of 26 percent during the fiscal year beginning in September unless something is done now." Dr. Marshall, professor of economics at the University of Texas at Austin, is a consultant to U.S. and foreign national areas of manpower issues.

Looney said, "We are asking to make Texas one among the states paid to state employees simply asking for a living increase to prevent deterioration of buying power through inflation. We're faced with an emergency situation, and we're asking the Governor to do everything in his power to ease the strain on the more than 45,000 Texas public employees who are carrying out the governmental program."

## WTCC president names standing committee chairmen

Burl B. Hulsey, Jr. of Fort Worth, President of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and President and Chief Executive Officer of Texas Electric Service Company, announced today the appointment of the chairman of the WTCC ten standing committees for 1974-75.

The appointments were: Agriculture and Ranching—Dick Yeager of Vernon, Farm Manager, W.T. Waggoner Estate; Cultural Affairs—Thomas H. Barnett, Jr. of Fort Worth, Vice President, Neiman-Marcus Company; Industrial Development—Ray Clymer of Wichita Falls, President, Golden Distributing Company; Information—R.E. (Bob) Kennedy of Abilene, Vice President, West Texas Utilities Company; and Local Action—Harry W. Clark of Midland, Senior Vice President, The First National Bank.

Mineral Resources—L.H. Byrd of Midland, Division Production Manager, Exxon Company, U.S.A.; Roy Amarillo, President, General Manager, Southwestern Public Company; State Affairs—Bruce Street of Street Investment Co.; Tourist and Development—Burt of Arlington, Senior President, First Bank; and Development—Bob Fort Worth, Executive President, Kimbell.

The ten chairmen and committees have responsibility implementing the Chamber of Commerce program of work for West Texans are on the ten standing committees. Each committee is composed of members of the Texas Chamber of Commerce and are placed on the committee of their choice.

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## Youthful Dairymen Given Boost Thru 4-H



Young people in the 4-H dairy program learn to enjoy dairy products, milk cows and help raise quality dairy animals. They can also earn incentives and recognition provided by INA, program donor.

Young dairy producers are discovering that dairy farming is more than just milking cows. It involves feeding, marketing, selecting high producing animals, maintaining equipment and dozens of management decisions.

With a growing world population and a steady to declining number of dairy producers, 4-H members are being encouraged to explore opportunities in the dairy industry. Youths that don't own their own dairy animals can also learn from the 4-H dairy program. Animal science, the value of dairy products, the working of the dairy industry are just some of things these young people can learn in the program.

Encouraging them in this effort is the Insurance Company of North America, new donor of the national 4-H dairy program.

In announcing sponsorship of the 4-H dairy program, INA President Frank E. Rabb, Jr. said, "We are proud to make this commitment to the youth of our country. We believe the 4-H dairy program to be unexcelled in helping build self-reliance, responsibility and financial stability."

INA will be offering a full schedule of awards to county, state and national 4-H dairy program winners. Expense-

# Annual extravaganza 'Texas' prepare for ninth season

"Texas" is one of Paul Green's great affirmations of faith in America, one of eight great regional dramas he has written which will be playing this summer from Ohio to Florida.

"Texas" will play for the ninth season in 1974 - after intriguing more than half a million people in its first eight years.

"Texas" has a cast of eighty singers, actors and dancers, and almost as many other members of the company to work back stage, to man the box office and to serve in the hospitality and concession areas.

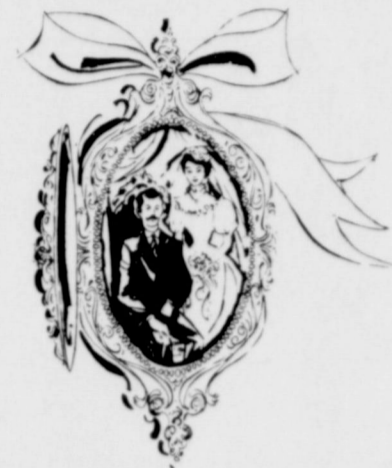
"Texas" amphitheatre may be reached from Amarillo or Canyon, Texas over fine paved roads. It lies twenty-five miles from the first city, twelve

from the second. For bus service to a performance ask your desk clerk or call the "Texas" office.

All seats are reserved. If possible, it is better to make reservations in advance by writing "Texas", P.O. Box 268, Canyon, Texas 79015, or by calling 806-655-2182.

Prepaid tickets will be held indefinitely. Tickets ordered but not prepaid will be held at the box office until seventhirty P.M. CDST on the night they are reserved for.

Brochures and additional information are available by writing "Texas," P.O. Box 268, Canyon, Texas 79015.



## Jimmy Millar makes campaign statement

Jimmy Millar, candidate for county commissioner, Precinct 4, released the following pre-election statement early this week:

I am a candidate for county commissioner of Precinct 4 and earnestly solicit the vote and support of the residents of my precinct.

I have made a sincere effort to meet and visit with each one of the voters, but know that I have missed a good many of you and would like to take this opportunity to ask for your

support in the May 4 election.

I am fully qualified for the position, having been engaged in farming and other business interests in Cochran county for a good many years. I can and will, if elected, expend my full time and efforts in making you the very best commissioner of which I am capable.

A vote for Jimmy Millar is a vote for responsible county government. Thank you, Jimmy Millar.



At 8:30 p.m. on June 19, a bugle call will come floating down through the canyons, surrounding every seat with its haunting sound, and the ninth season of the musical production, "Texas" will begin.

It is a story of the early settlers in the Texas Panhandle written by Paul Green, and will unroll each summer evening except Sundays, from June 19 through August 24, 1974.

This is dramatic conflict, heightened by spirited dancing and sweeping pageantry.

For many people, however, the strongest memories to carry away are the sounds.

A great abyss, a place of spectacular beauty, cradles the amphitheatre - the Palo Duro Canyon. It lies a few miles from Amarillo and Canyon, Texas. Among the curving slopes of the canyon, sound moves in strange and beautiful ways bringing every word whispered on the stage, carrying the vitality and beauty of the songs of the late 1880's which underline the action and stirring each listener, wrapping him in waves of beauty and force.

The sound flows from all sides, bounces from the cliffs, reverbrates from the near and distant mills.

Five airlines, three bus lines, six interstate highways bring travelers to Amarillo, and there is bus service from any point in Amarillo or Canyon, Texas to every performance, arriving in time for the Barbeque dinner on the theatre grounds for those who

The second meeting of the Commissioners Court was on May 10, 1924, this time with Commissioners Boyd and Earnest present, as well as the other officials. Business of the meeting included setting the salaries of the county officials: judge, \$100 per month; clerk, \$50 and \$75 for his duties as county and district clerk, respectively; and sheriff, \$83 per month.

L.G. Tucker was hired as "scab" inspector, a part-time job he also held in Hockley County. The Littlefield State Bank was designated as the temporary depository for county funds. Tom T. Main was engaged as county attorney at a salary of \$75 per month. The Morton school house was designated as a temporary court room.

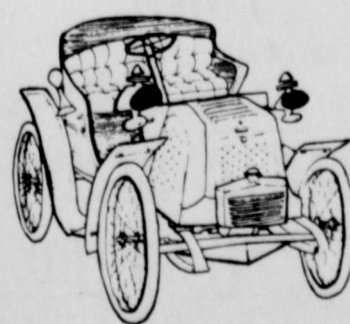
At the May 10 meeting, the commissioners accepted a contractor's plans for a temporary courthouse. The frame building was 24 by 40 feet, with 2 rooms 12 feet square and a vault 8 by 10 feet. The original plan called for a cost of \$1,541, but the use of sheetrock added another \$100 to the cost. The building was placed on the west side of the public square, and the new government of Cochran County was ready to begin the development of the county.

**RE-ELECT  
R.J. (BOB) VINSON  
2nd Term**

**COUNTY-DISTRICT  
CLERK**  
Democratic  
Primary May 4  
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by R.J. (Bob) Vinson

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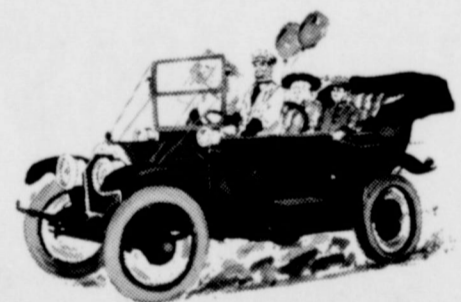


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As we celebrate the 50th anniversary  
of the founding  
of our county on 7 May 1974.



**HERE IN MORTON**

ITS A  
**Birthday Event**

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## VOTERS FROM PAGE ONE

same time. Those attending the precinct convention will go to the school cafeteria at 3 and Precinct 4 convention be held at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of the County City Building. Eligible voters are urged to vote and to attend the precinct conventions.

## RESIDENTS FROM PAGE ONE

ing the past year, through roll deductions, than they led to.

in the receiving end, also, be all persons who are ing Social Security fits each month. Their ent checks are running n percent higher than they e in March. In July they go up an additional four ent.

l of which means that e will be more spending ey available to consumers ea area. Whether they will t at once or will salt it depends upon their idual attitudes toward ent economic conditions.

th respect to the coming tax refunds, they go to some 1,400 persons Cochran County, it is ated, and will total about 000 based upon figures n the Treasury rtment as to the size and number of returns it ts to issue.

e total amount to be ded, nationally, is a rd \$22 billion. It will go to 60 million taxpayers who aid in 1973. This is far than last year.

heir checks will average o, it is estimated, as st \$345 previously.

gether with the \$2.4 n additional that will be to Social Security ariaries, it will mean that \$24.4 billion will be ed into the economy tly from these two es.

suming that Cochran y gets its proportionate ofit, there will soon be ximately \$572,000 more ble to local people.

what they will do with it one's guess at this time. Economists themselves r apart in their forecasts ber of Cochran's consumer attitudes in this of spiraling living

consumers themselves two minds. Should they own their spending and e their debts or should y now before prices go ight? Each will decide nself.

## COCHRAN FROM PAGE ONE

they should not quarrel openly, or neither town would get the railroad.

Of the 99 votes cast in the May 6, 1924, election, 79 favored Morton and 20 favored Ligon for the county seat. Richard T. Campbell, son of a local rancher, was elected county judge with 60 votes. P. Barrett Penney, a former manager of the Slaughter's Lazy "S" Ranch, was elected sheriff with 64 votes. Rupert McCasland was elected county clerk with 65 votes; he had to resign as teacher of the Morton School to assume the clerk's office. Former manager of the Whaley-Jones Ranch, Lee Cooper, became county tax assessor with 38 votes. Maud M. Jones received 51 votes to be elected county treasurer.

The distribution of the county's population is indicated by the number of votes required to elect the four county commissioners. Precinct 1, the northeast quarter of the county, elected G.H. Mathews with 65 votes. Hiley T. Boyd was elected with 8 votes in Precinct 2, the southeast quarter of the county. The southwest portion of the county, Precinct 3, elected D.P. Earnest with 3 votes. Lem Shipman was elected with 23 votes in the northwest part of the county, Precinct 4. Others elected in the first election were justice-of-the-peace in Precinct 1, R.J. Smith; and constable of Precinct 2, Eugene Cornelius.

On May 7, 1924, the next day after the organizational election, the Cochran County Commissioners Court convened for its first official meeting. They met at Winder's general store on the southwest corner of the public square and designated the store as a temporary courthouse. That first store building of Morton still stands as Minnie's dress shop. Present for that first meeting were Judge Campbell, Sheriff Penney, County Clerk McCasland, and commissioners Mathews and Shipman. Upon Campbell's completion of the oath of office, a loud "Amen" resounded in the room. Those present looked around into the smiling face of Morton J. Smith, the bow-legged cowboy who had worked so long and so hard for the organization of Cochran County.

That the Commissioners Court was uneasy about the effects of the Morton-Ligon rivalry is illustrated by an official order of the commissioners in their first meeting. The order was for Sheriff Penney to place a night guard over the county records.

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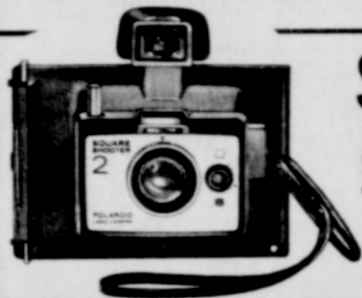
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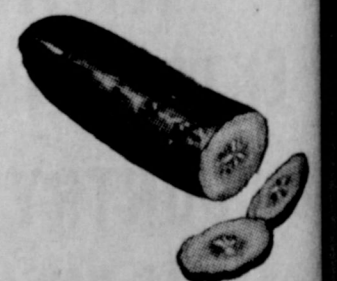
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**SMITH**  
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was spent. On these prairies beneath the sod, Many a cowboy awaits his God

As I stood in the lobby of the Merrill Hotel. I saw a picture that made my heart swell. For it looked so beautiful and it looked so grand. Of Morton J. Smith on his mount, did stand. Of all the pictures that I have seen. It makes me think most of the "Cowboy's Last Stand."

—Earle Haire, Southland, Texas

**INCIDENTS**

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It was Charley Pierce's move. Put it in the record that he moved without delay. "Nothing to it," he said. "This list is not valid; we've examined 'em carefully. Judge your Honor," after a long and impressive pause, "thirteen of these citizens are not bonafide citizens."

**Why Thirteen**

Now the point is, under the law 75 legal signatures are required for the organization of a new county. Mort Smith's petition carried 87 names, and Charley Pierce was challenging thirteen. Thirteen from 87 leaves seventy-four. Here was an interesting situation. Mort Smith had expected that very thing (as a matter of fact, he and Charley Pierce had fratenized, long and earnestly but fruitlessly to agree on something), but it

made him mad just the same. He fairly sputtered. He withered Charley with a glance, but Charley glared right back at him. Charley is game. But so is Mort. Put that in the record too, that Charley and Mort are both game.

Judge Doyle said to the situation:

"Court's adjourned to Saturday. Try to mediate your differences, gentlemen," he said in his best judicial manner. As the crowd filed out it was noted that the two bow-legged cowboys struck out in the same direction.

To put the last flourish on this picture, the fact is that when court took up again the ensuing Saturday (February 16, 1924) Mort Smith's petition went through unopposed. With visible relief Judge Doyle signed an order setting the election for March 21st. On the election hinges the count family from judge and sheriff down, and, what is more significant, the location of the county seat.

**Morton or Ligon**

Mort Smith expects to build the court house at Morton, Cochran county's first post office, Mort's own town, named for him and settled thereabout with sixty families from the black land belt. Charley Pierce expects to build it at Ligon, the Slaughter's new townsite. Mort is conceded to have the inside track, since his community is older and larger. Charley has only thirteen families on his tract, but put it in the record that between now and March 21st he's going to sell some land. Mort Smith's picture is put

into this sketch because Mort is playing a lone hand against the powerful Slaughter interests, and looks a likely winner. (Charley was invited to have his picture taken, too, and promised faithfully, but timidly backed out the last minute) Charley represents the Slaughters. Before Mort bought 20,000 acres of Cochran county land from Mrs. Minnie Slaughter Beale and started colonizing the Slaughters had 213,000 acres in the county. Their land completely surrounds Mort Smith's little colony. They are going to cut it all up; going to fill that part of the plains with farmers growing cotton on quarter-sections. Mort knows that. He knows it's now or never, and he is trying mighty hard to make it now.

**The Big Idea**

At this time Cochran county has neither railroad, highway, telephone or telegraph. (But it has a newspaper founded by Jim Dow of Lubbock, Vol. 1, No. 1, just out). The nearest railroad is 30 miles away—at Amherst, Lamb county, on the northeast, at Brownfield, Terry County, on the southeast, Cochran county lies next to New Mexico, on the line dividing the Panhandle from the Plains. It is west of Hockley county, south of Bailey and north of Yoakum, and due west from Lubbock on a straight east and west line to Roswell, N.M. Back of the transformation of two bow-legged cowboys into highpower land salesmen; back of Mort Smith's natural desire to euvre the Slaughters for the fun of it, is a Big Idea. The big idea is a railroad through the county.

The railroad is being agitated from Lubbock. A construction company of well known responsibility offers to build west from Lubbock 60 miles to a point 10 miles into Cochran county. A \$500,000 bonus is asked. Common gossip is that if the bonus is raised the Santa Fe will step in at the proper time, take over the railroad and extend it across the fertile messas of New Mexico to Roswell. It looks likely that whichever town is designated county seat of Cochran county, Morton or Ligon, that town will get the railroad. And there you are. It would be a money maker from the start—no doubt about it.

The territory 50 miles north, south and east from Cochran county is receiving a tremendous "play" of immigration, and a railroad would increase the movement tenfold.

**First Colonization**

Whichever way the things ends, call Morton J. Smith the Father of Cochran county. His was the first attempts at colonization on the virgin plans. The 20,000 acre Minnie Slaughter Beale block was cut into 112 tracts of one labour each (177 acres) and put on the market at \$20 an acre, on terms that resulted in the sale of 100 tracts in double-quick time. The townsite was established near the center, and the newcomers named it Morton.

About six months later Charley Pierce opened 30,000 acres of E. Dick Slaughter's ranch somewhat nearer the center of the county (so Charley affirms) then Mort Smith's land. It was cut into 140-acre and 200-acre tracts and offered at \$20 to \$25 an acre. The postoffice was established four miles from

**RANCHER GIVEN THREAT LETTER**

**Pioneer West Texas Cattleman Tells Police About a Note Demanding \$1000 or Else**

LUBBOCK, May 9, —(UP) — Morton J. Smith, pioneer cattleman, received a letter today threatening his life or "seriously bodily injury" unless he mailed \$1000 to the author, he reported to police.

Authorities sought a young Causey, N.M., man on a complaint charging the writing of threatening letters for the purpose of extortion.

Smith said the note demanded that the money be placed in the mails by Saturday "or I will come to Lubbock Sunday."

Smith has lived at Lubbock for 31 years. Morton, the Cochran county seat, was named for him. The owner of 20,000 acres in the county when it was sparsely populated, he divided the land into farms.

the center of the county, and named Ligon. Sixty tracts have been sold with 15 families already on the ground. These two projects represent the actual beginning of development in Cochran county.

Now the affair in the county court at Levelland is not the first encounter between Mort and Charley. They had an election a year ago, March 17, 1923, and Mort won. Morton was designated the county seat over Ligon by a vote of 52 to 13. But Charley enjoined Mort; said he was voting men who happened to get their mail

in other counties. The did find trifling irregularities in that regard (strictly inadvertant, you understand) and ruled the election. Mort Smith was made county seat through (phoned Charley Pierce that "I'll make you sick yet, old son"), but advice of county court reconsidered and let the election drop. He continued to land—and this year came into court with his off hands freshly washed. know the result.

"I'm a rough old cowboy. I've got 'em throwed and


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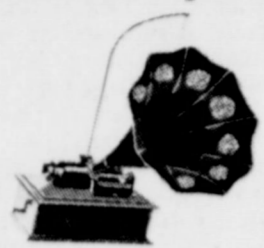
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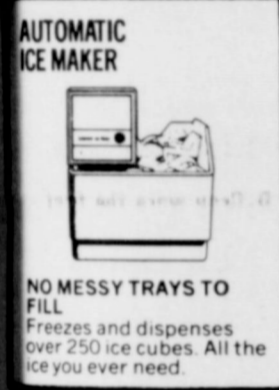
about our county's history, people and progress.

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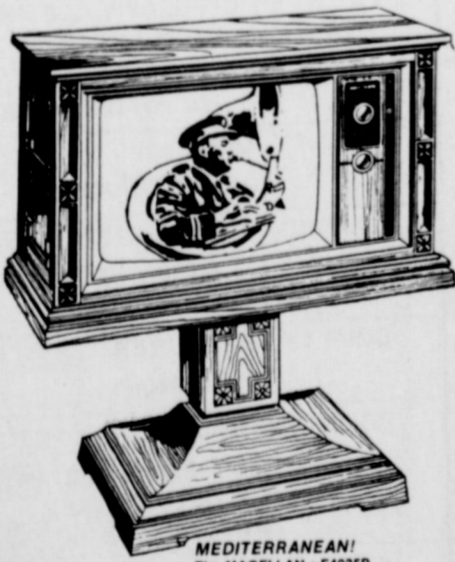
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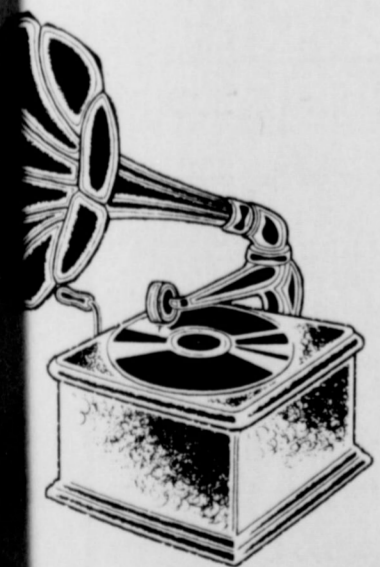
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South Plains College can talk to the world — with the help of the SPC Radio Club.

Organized about a year and half ago, the club is using new equipment purchased by the College to contact people from several foreign countries and all across the United States.

Club sponsor is J.B. Balch, professor of geology at SPC, whose hobby most of his life has been radio. He got his first radio license when he was a senior in high school.

He said the club has made contacts with people in Bolivia, Finland, Rwanda, Angola, England, Holland, Poland, Chile, Germany, Canada and other countries.

An example of a recent contact involves former SPC students Wayne and Rita Green

who live in a remote part of Bolivia and who don't have a telephone. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Green of Pep, were able to reach them, however, through the College club radio, Balch said. The club also contacted some people in Finland for a group of Finns touring SPC, he noted.

The radio "shack," as it is called in ham operator terms, is located in a biology lab in the Biological Sciences Building.

"You have to have the right conditions to establish contact," Balch said. "It's not completely dependable." Atmospheric conditions and the season of the year have an effect on radio contact.

"Distance contact is better in winter than in summer," Balch added.

Balch said the club is encouraging its members to get their Federal Communications Commission radio license. "You can talk on the radio without a license but you can't manipulate switches or turn knobs," he explained.

A beginner in radio must learn to send and receive Morse Code before he can earn his novice class license, the professor said. This license enables the operator to send code over the wires, but does not allow other types of communication.

In order to receive the novice license, an operator must be able to send and receive five words of code a minute and pass a theory test of 20 questions, Balch said.

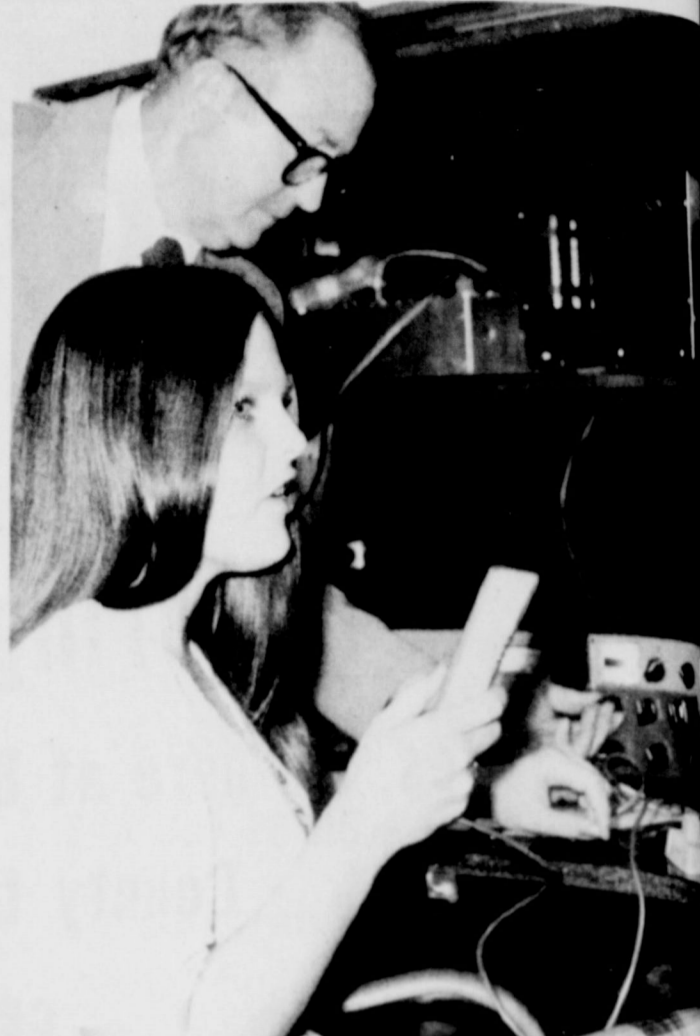
The test may be taken by mail.

The general class license requires 13 words of code a minute and passing a test composed of 50 questions. The test is given in Dallas by the FCC inspector and twice a year (February and August) in Lubbock by appointment. Appointments must be made a month in advance, Balch said.

The advance license requires 13 words a minute and a more technical exam. The extra class license requires 20 words a minute plus a theory test. Balch has his extra class license and several club members have novice and general class licenses.

Balch has worked up a course on Morse Code on cassette tapes. He said that any student or faculty member wishing to learn the code can check out the tape at the SPC Library. In the first part of the tape, students listen to the sounds of the code and later use flash cards on the code letters, numbers and punctuation marks. Balch also has built a buzzer set so the students can practice sending Morse Code.

Call letters for the club station are WB5INU. Club members must identify their station with these letters each time they make radio contact and they must continue to identify themselves every 10 minutes while maintaining contact. There are more than 200,000 amateur radio operators in the United States, Balch said.



**RADIO CLUB AT SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE**—reaches around world. J.B. Balch, professor of geology at South Plains College and sponsor of the SPC Radio Club, checks out the club's equipment, which is located in the Biological Sciences Building campus. Lana Fitts of Andrews, a member of the radio club, makes contact with another ham operator. Operators have reached in Bolivia, Finland, Rwanda, Angola, England, Holland, Poland, Chile, Germany and Canada.



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<p><b>UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN DISTRICT 19</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> GEORGE MAHON OF LUBBOCK COUNTY</p> <hr/> <p><b>GOVERNOR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FRANCES TARLTON (SISSY) FARENTHOLD OF HARRIS COUNTY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> STEVE S. ALEXANDER OF McLENNAN COUNTY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> W. H. (BILL) POSEY OF HARRIS COUNTY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DOLPH BRISCOE OF UVALDE COUNTY</p> <hr/> <p><b>LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> BILL HOBBY OF HARRIS COUNTY</p> <hr/> <p><b>ATTORNEY GENERAL</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> JOHN HILL OF TRAVIS COUNTY</p> <hr/> <p><b>STATE TREASURER</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> JESSE JAMES OF TRAVIS COUNTY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DONALD B. YARBROUGH OF HARRIS COUNTY</p> <hr/> <p><b>COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> BOB BULLOCK OF TRAVIS COUNTY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> HUGH EDBURG OF TRAVIS COUNTY</p> <hr/> <p><b>COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL LAND OFFICE</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> BOB ARMSTRONG OF TRAVIS COUNTY</p> <hr/> <p><b>COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> HERBERT A. (PEANUT) SCHROEDER OF COLORADO COUNTY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> JOHN C. WHITE OF TRAVIS COUNTY</p> <hr/> <p><b>RAILROAD COMMISSIONER (unexpired term)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> C. A. KELLY OF BEXAR COUNTY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MACK WALLACE OF TRAVIS COUNTY</p> <hr/> <p><b>RAILROAD COMMISSIONER (full term)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> JIM C. LANGDON OF HOOD COUNTY</p> <hr/> <p><b>ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS (Place 1)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SEARS MCGEE OF TRAVIS COUNTY</p> <hr/> <p><b>ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS (Place 2)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> THOMAS M. REAVLEY OF TRAVIS COUNTY</p>	<p><b>ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS (Place 3)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ZOLLIE STEAKLEY OF TRAVIS COUNTY</p> <hr/> <p><b>JUDGE OF COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS (Place 1)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> W. A. MORRISON OF MILAM COUNTY</p> <hr/> <p><b>JUDGE OF COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS (Place 2)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LEON DOUGLAS OF WILBARGER COUNTY</p> <hr/> <p><b>STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 19</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> JAMES H. WHITESIDE OF LUBBOCK COUNTY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DOROTHY McLARTY OF LUBBOCK COUNTY</p> <hr/> <p><b>STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 28</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> H. J. (DOC) BLANCHARD OF LUBBOCK COUNTY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> KENT HANCE OF LUBBOCK COUNTY</p> <hr/> <p><b>STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 74</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> HARVEY R. FLOYD OF OLDHAM COUNTY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> BILL CLAYTON OF LAMB COUNTY</p> <hr/> <p><b>COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISTRICT 7 (Associate Justice Full Term)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MARY LOU ROBINSON OF POTTER COUNTY</p> <hr/> <p><b>COUNTY JUDGE</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> GLENN W. THOMPSON</p> <hr/> <p><b>DISTRICT AND COUNTY CLERK</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> R. J. (BOB) VINSON</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PATTIE CLAYTON</p> <hr/> <p><b>COUNTY TREASURER</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> BILL A. CRONE</p> <hr/> <p><b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> GEORGE (IKE) WILLIAMS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> W. R. (RICHARD) KEY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> JIMMY MILLAR</p> <hr/> <p><b>JUSTICE OF PEACE PRECINCT 1</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LENA B. GIPSON</p> <hr/> <p><b>COUNTY CHAIRMAN</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MRS. H. B. (DOROTHY) BARKER</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> WRITE-IN _____</p> <hr/> <p><b>PRECINCT 4 CHAIRMAN</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> T. M. TANNER</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> WRITE-IN _____</p>
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FOR THE PROPOSITION THAT THE 64TH LEGISLATURE SHALL ENACT A LAW TO PERMIT PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING ON HORSE RACES BY LOCAL OPTION.

AGAINST THE PROPOSITION THAT THE 64TH LEGISLATURE SHALL ENACT A LAW TO PERMIT PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING ON HORSE RACES BY LOCAL OPTION.



## College sets summer cage clinic for boys

Plains College is sponsoring a Basketball Clinic this summer for boys who will be in grades three through nine next fall. The clinic will be July 15-26. Participants meeting for the clinic will be Monday through Friday. The instructor for the clinic will be C.W. Dukes,

associate professor of mathematics at SPC. The clinic will emphasize the basic fundamentals of basketball including dribbling, passing, shooting, defense, offense and rebounding. Registration fee for the clinic will be \$15. Boys will need to provide their own gym clothes and shoes.

The daily schedule for the sessions will be as follows: third and fourth graders — 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., fifth graders — 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., sixth grade and seventh graders — 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., and eighth and ninth graders — 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The schedule is based on the grade each participant will be in next September.

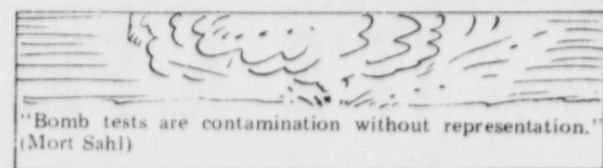
Class A titles in 1961, 1962 and 1963.

After a year at Friona High he joined the SPC faculty in 1965 where he was assistant basketball coach for five years.

As a player for Tyler Junior College for two years, he helped his team to conference and zone championships. He completed his undergraduate basketball career at Texas Tech University.

Boys interested in taking part in the clinic may register at any time between now and July 15 at the Office of Continuing Education in the Technical Arts Building on campus.

Dukes began a coaching and teaching career at Bula in 1949 where he was in charge of all sports for both boys and girls. In 1952, he moved to Lazbuddie High School and in 1957 he coached at Sundown High. While at Sundown his girls teams won three consecutive



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## Farmers, ranchers are urged to submit screwworm samples

Livestock producers should be aware that 1974 has earmarks of an extremely bad screwworm season, and should make every effort to reduce the number of outbreaks. This word comes from County Extension Agent Spencer Tanksley.

Program officials are asking producers to refrain from livestock surgery or other man-made wounds to prevent screwworm infestations. The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association has pointed out that at least 30 per cent of this season's cases have resulted from dehorning, branding, docking and similar practices.

The County Agent urges all livestock producers to support the screwworm eradication effort by carrying out three key practices: 1.) Inspecting their animals frequently; 2.) Treating all finds with an approved product and 3.) Collecting and sending worm samples from wounds to the USDA Screwworm laboratory at Mission, Texas, for

identification. The post office box is 969.

As cases are confirmed, sterile screwworm fly treatment is initiated by the USDA. "It is vitally important for program officials to know where cases are happening in order to begin the sterile fly treatment before cases are too numerous," the County Agent reminds.

As spring migrations of fertile flies from south of the Rio Grande continue, the cases move northward across Texas rather rapidly. Already, positive cases have been confirmed as far north as Brown and Haskell Counties, so all southern, central and west Texas areas should watch for screwworms, says Tanksley.



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recurring role of police lieutenant Art Malcom. Larry currently starred in the Los Angeles production of a London rock musical, "The Rocky Horror Show."  
Storch and Robyn Willan guest star in the opening episode.

# IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO BE A COCHRAN COUNTIAN!

The undersigned residents, listed below with the year they arrived in the county, are proud to reside here and want their presence known during the 50th Anniversary of the County's organization  
**1924---1974**



- Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Ramsey, Renee and Michael 1936
- Bill, Jean, Chip and Chad Sayers 1969
- John Wayne and Frances Hall, Vickie, Gy and Ty 1967
- Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rowden and Susan 1946
- Mr. and Mrs. T.A. Rowland, Gail and Travis 1948
- Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Silvers 1940
- Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wallace 1952
- Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Winder 1952
- N.L. and Susan Dubberly, Ben and Amy 1970
- Alton and Ruth Lamb, David, Dennis and Angie 1946
- Richard and Kay Houston and Ricky 1964
- Jack and Wanda Gunnels and Michael Youngs 1933
- W.M. and Mary Helen Butler, Regina and Wayne 1951
- Jessie and Pat Clayton, Sharon, Dennis, Randy and Phil 1949
- Dexter and Vivian Nebhut, Teri and Barry 1950
- Gary and Janie Willingham, Annette and Todd 1942
- Bobby and Janell Smith, Darrell and Monty 1935
- Donald Mac and Margaret Masten, Donnie, Susan and David
- Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dewbre, Mark, Cody and Russell 1940
- Doug & LaJuan Zuber, Barry, Lisa and Lori 1939
- Lloyd and Katherine Miller, Shirley Ann Miller and Tooter Gardner 1948
- Roy and Juanita Brown and Jackie 1940
- Gene and Brenda Gardner, Kenneth and Kayla 1941
- Jimmy and Wanda Millar, Nicky, Mac and Marty 1941
- Van and Betty Greene, Andy Wilson, Rebecca Hooten and Bob Greene 1949
- Mr. and Mrs. Hume Russell and Jack 1934
- Y.M. Study Club 1954
- L'Allegro Study Club 1947
- Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Lewallen, Glenda Gay and J'Taun 1939
- Roy and Cricket Hickman 1936
- Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Blackley, Beverly Walthall, Nancy Ellis, Judy Coleman and Susan McAnelly 1943
- Ruby Goodman, Becky, Vickie and Wayne Thompson and Amy 1929
- H.B. and Dorothy Barker, Danny, Beverly and Dolle, Philip, John and Doug (in memory 12-28-72) Barker 1930
- C.E. and Wilma Dolle, Lonya, Kenneth and Sean Jones, Beverly, Danny and Dolle Barker and Kathy Dolle 1932
- Cherolyne Inglis and Farley 1961
- Myrtle Roberts and the late Tom W. Roberts, Merlin, Vern, Daryl and Cherolyne Inglis 1945
- Jimmie and Sue Hill and Jimmie Hill Jr. 1934
- Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knox and Henry 1917
- Mr. and Mrs. James Roberts 1954
- George Burkett 1952
- J.W. and Eunice McDermott and Don 1945
- E.O. & Rita Willingham, Gary Willingham and Judy Schuessler 1945
- Hupert and Josephine McCasland, Darwin and Ira (deceased), Era Richardson, Burl McCasland, Lura Lee Dalcup and R.J. McCasland 1922
- Town and Country Study Club 1953
- Ross and Juanita Shaw, Donald and Larry 1950
- B.H. Tucker family 1933
- Roy Davis family 1943
- Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Kern, Loy Kern and Rita Tyson 1943
- Mr. and Mrs. Olin Coats, Jimmy, Alfred and Peggy 1932
- Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Merritt, Dee and Coy 1933
- Mr. and Mrs. Hap Hatter, Bobby, Larry and Linda 1949
- Lettie Marshall and the late John Marshall and Darwood Marshall 1938
- Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Rhyne, Bob and Betty 1941
- Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Wynn, Max, Joe Bob and Kandi 1941
- Tommy, Carol, Randy, Robbie, Janet, Roger Gattis 1949
- Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Key, Danny, Robbie and Linda 1942
- Mr. and Mrs. Roy Greer and Dale 1929
- Mr. and Mrs. B.R. Stovall, Earnestine, Barbara, Bill, Ginger, and Brenda 1924
- Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Greener, Gret and David 1960
- Mr. and Mrs. Truman Smith, Manuel, Mildred, Mary Lee, Maxine, Vola, Dorothy and Bennie 1922
- Mr. and Mrs. G.B. Lyons, George, Charles and Linda 1925
- Dessie Bowden and the late Claude Bowden, Mary Lou and Betty Clo 1931
- Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lasater, Joe, Barbara and Patricia 1949
- Mrs. Hubert Knox and the late Mr. Knox, Lawrence, Walter, Hubert, Jr., James, Ann and Alice 1917
- Max & Pat Clark, Karen, and David 1959
- James & Jeannie Whitehead, Debra, Jo Ann and Jimmy
- Mr. and Mrs. Connie Gray, Christine, Bill, Glorietta and Carolyn 1947
- Mr. & Mrs. Willard Henry, Cindy, David and Bob 1941



- Jim and Mary Frank Walker, Jimmy and Steven 1963
- Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Woods, Beth, Betty, and June 1926
- W.B. and Glynn Merritt, Monty and Donnie 1942
- Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reynolds
- Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Lemons 1928
- The Ray Griffith family 1937
- The Simon Marina family 1958
- Bob & Kay Polvado, Steve, Debbie and Susan
- Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hamilton and Lonnie 1939
- Mr. and Mrs. Lee McCamish, William, deceased, Herbert Lee, Walter, Franklin and Barbara 1941
- Mrs. Alton Ainsworth and the late Mr. Ainsworth, Exa Kaye Gober and Evelyn Ainsworth 1937
- Jennie B. Denny (first child born in Cochran County), James Carroll Denny, John Phillips Denny
- Jack and Eva Baker 1931
- Wayne and Sherry Bracken, Lonnie, Steven and Dave 1941
- Billy and Blanche Wells, Sabrina, Raylene and Jay Mark 1969
- J.C. and Blackie Reynolds and Pamela Reynolds Newsom 1933
- Charles and Mildred McDermott, Mike and J. Wayne 1949
- W.C. and Dot Key, Pat Hodge and Peggy Allsup 1934
- Arthur N. and Tennie Wall and Tommie 1947
- Byron and Oma Willis, Bryon Lee Willis and Karen Sue Roberson 1929
- Ralph and Pilar Soliz, Alex, Ralph, Hope, Pete and Tony 1933
- Ray and Modene (Thornton) Hudson, Raedene and Sonny 1927
- Mr. and Mrs. F.G. Kennedy, Keith and Glynn 1942
- Keith and June Kennedy, Barbara, Vicki, and Kellye, 1929
- Mrs. Amy Merritt and the late Ralph Merritt, J.D., W.B., Ervin 1946
- Mrs. T.T. Smith and the late T.T. Smith, Gerald, Royce, Bobby, Wilma, Wanda, and Ruthie 1922
- Ike and Irma Williams, Mike and Marty 1935
- Danny and Marjorie Key, Barry and Jenna 1935
- Mr. and Mrs. Troy Wells, Debra, Diane, and Troy Wayne 1943
- Mr. and Mrs. U.F. Wells, Jean, Joan, Jane 1940
- Mr. and Mrs. Gid Wells, Marie, Ural, Helen, Hazel, and Troy 1943
- Mr. and Mrs. William Zuber, Mona, Harvey, Janelle 1935
- Mrs. Florence Zuber and the late Jeff Zuber, Mary Ethel, William Faye, Virgie Woodrow, Dora Velma, Helen, and Willie Rae 1939
- Mr. and Mrs. T.M. Tanner 1935
- Mr. and Mrs. R.Z. Dewbre, James, Doris, Edward and Donnie 1933
- Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Watts, Jackie and Harold 1924
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Greener, Greg and David 1960
- Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Jones, Charles, June, Janelle, and W.A. 1945
- Lessye Silvers and the late C.H. Silvers 1923, Abby Hofman, Mrs. W.L. Cagle and the late W.L. Cagle, Edna, Geneva, Nancy and the late Penn Cagle
- Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Patton and Laura 1951
- Mr. and Mrs. Ohlen Ray, Nan and Zarla 1931
- Mr. and Mrs. Rolly Hill, the late R.J. Hill, Teressie Von, Blackie, and Jug 1935
- Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Blackstock, Harold, Brenda and Linda 1948
- Ira and Reba Brown, Penny, Rheda, Fred and Julie 1934
- Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Bracken, Steven and Wayne 1941
- Alex & Rayla Soliz and Gabrina 1951
- Jim & Chris Bell, James, Greg, Perry and Renee 1970
- Jane & Mickey Hoyl and Bradley 1956
- Patsy & Leonard Groves, Patti and Jeff 1959
- Gene & Marie Benham 1945
- Deryl & Barbara Bennett, Lisa and Peggy 1966
- John & Cora Coffman, Rick, Rush and Rex 1963
- Orville & Bess Tilger and Dale 1941
- Ray Bridges, family, Nelson Ray, Beverly, Anita and Christopher 1949
- Billy & Ann Gerik, Terry, Gary and Lisa 1959
- Buddy & Doris Franks and Kevin 1957
- Glenn & Naomi Thompson 1936
- Billy & Mac Foust, Connie Jo and Christy 1943
- Dalton & Phyllis Redman, Karen and Darrell, 1966
- Eugene & Peggy Vanstony, Yvonna, Doug, and Eric 1962
- James & Lanelle Dewbre, Mickie, Martie and Mike 1935
- Bob & Dorothy Lawdermilk and Dana 1970
- Ray & Bennie O'Brien, Dal and Tiffany 1950
- Earl & Christene Polvado, Robin, Melonie, and April 1948
- Odessa Williamson 1942
- Mrs. Earl Outlaw 1941
- Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rice, Thomas Jr., Edward, Steven, Nicholas, David, Charles, Leo, Robert, Marty and Larry 1971
- Mr. & Mrs. Freddy Johnson, Stephen and Joel
- Robert & Maxine Yeary, Malinda and Bret 1930
- Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Foust, Kelley Ann and Belinda Lee



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# Preserving the past is motive behind 'Southwest Collection'

Preserving the past, that of Cochran County, is the major function of the Southwest Collection at Tech University. The Southwest Collection, on four floors of the Science Building on the campus, is a regional repository and a center for research—dedicated to

perpetuating the heritage of the arid and semi-arid Southwest.

Contained within the Southwest Collection are several sources pertaining to Cochran County history. The George Slaughter Papers relate specifically to the development and operation of C.C. Slaughter's vast Lazy S Ranch which at one time

encompassed nearly half the county. The C.C. Slaughter Papers, a separate collection, contains photographs, correspondence, and other documents pertaining to the ranch and the Slaughter family.

Other collections related to the county are the W.P. Soash Papers and the records of the Lone Star Land Company, both pertaining to land colonization.

Most of the published works as well as other unpublished papers dealing with the county's history are preserved in the Southwest Collection. Included are a rare edition of a 1926 Morton Monitor, an early Cochran County newspaper, and several tape-recorded interviews with county residents.

Two former county residents and former Morton High School history teachers are employed by the Southwest Collection. Jeff Townsend, who graduated from and taught at MHS, serves as archival assistant and has recently completed work toward the Master's degree at Tech. David Murrah, who taught history and English for four years in Morton, is assistant archivist of the Southwest Collection and is completing work toward a Ph.D. in history at Tech.

The Southwest Collection has recorded a phenomenal

**Mrs. Clayton makes election pledge to voters**

Election day is almost here and I have been trying to personally contact each of you. Quite a few were not at home when I came by and I'm sure I will miss seeing some of you before the election.

If elected, I pledge to do the very best job possible. The office will be run in an efficient and businesslike manner and I will be personally available to the people at all times. Again, I ask your support on May 4th.

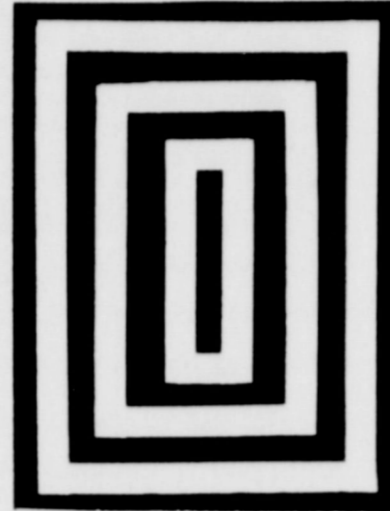
## Crop acreage report from farmers needed

During the last half of May, some 24,000 Texas farmers will receive a crop acreage questionnaire from Charles E.

Caudill, Agricultural Statistician In Charge of the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, Austin, Texas.

This information will be the basis for determining the planted acreage for the state of Texas and for each county. There are 254 counties in Texas, and reports are needed from many farmers so that each county will be well represented. Accurate estimates are of great importance to farmers in planning production and marketings and in providing an unbiased picture of Texas agriculture.

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growth in its nearly twenty years of existence. Established in 1955, its manuscript holdings now number more than eight million leaves. In addition, its specialized library containing more than 16 thousand volumes is an extensive collection of books related solely to the Southwest.

Also, the Southwest Collection contains more than four hundred titles of magazines and journals, a thousand rolls of microfilm collections, and more than two thousand oral history tape-recorded interviews.

Persons who have collections of material that would be of historical interest are urged to contact the Southwest Collection at Tech. Tours of its facilities are available and inquiries are welcomed.

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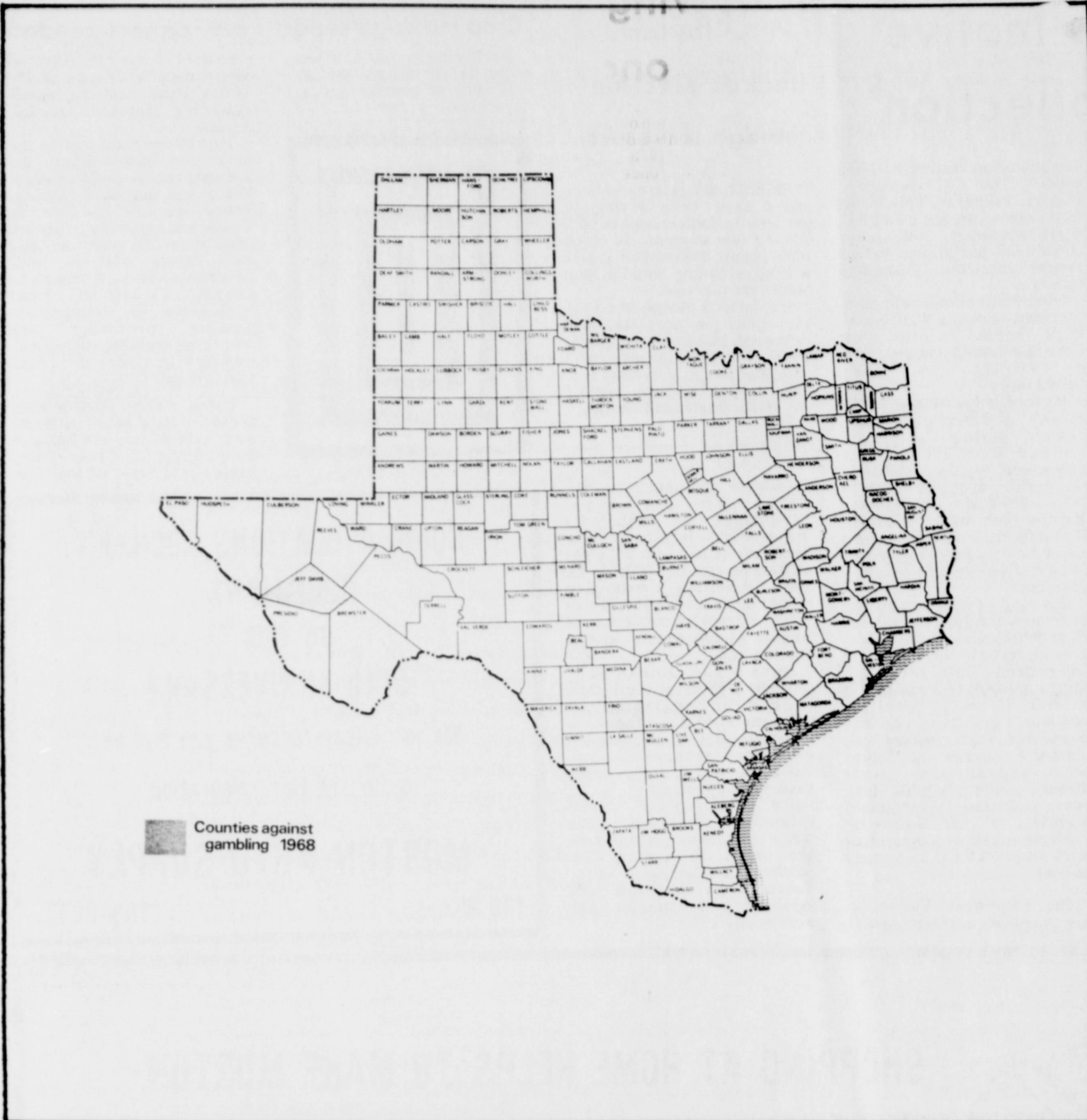
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### Music recital at Bledsoe

Mrs. Exa Kaye Gober will present her piano students in a recital Thursday, May 16, at 8 p.m. in the Bledsoe Baptist Church. Students to be presented are: Sheri Hale, Patti Hall,

Jetann Bilbrey, David Row, Gandy, Jonathan, Cynthia Sutton, Debra Cunningham, Lisa Scott, Donna Funk.

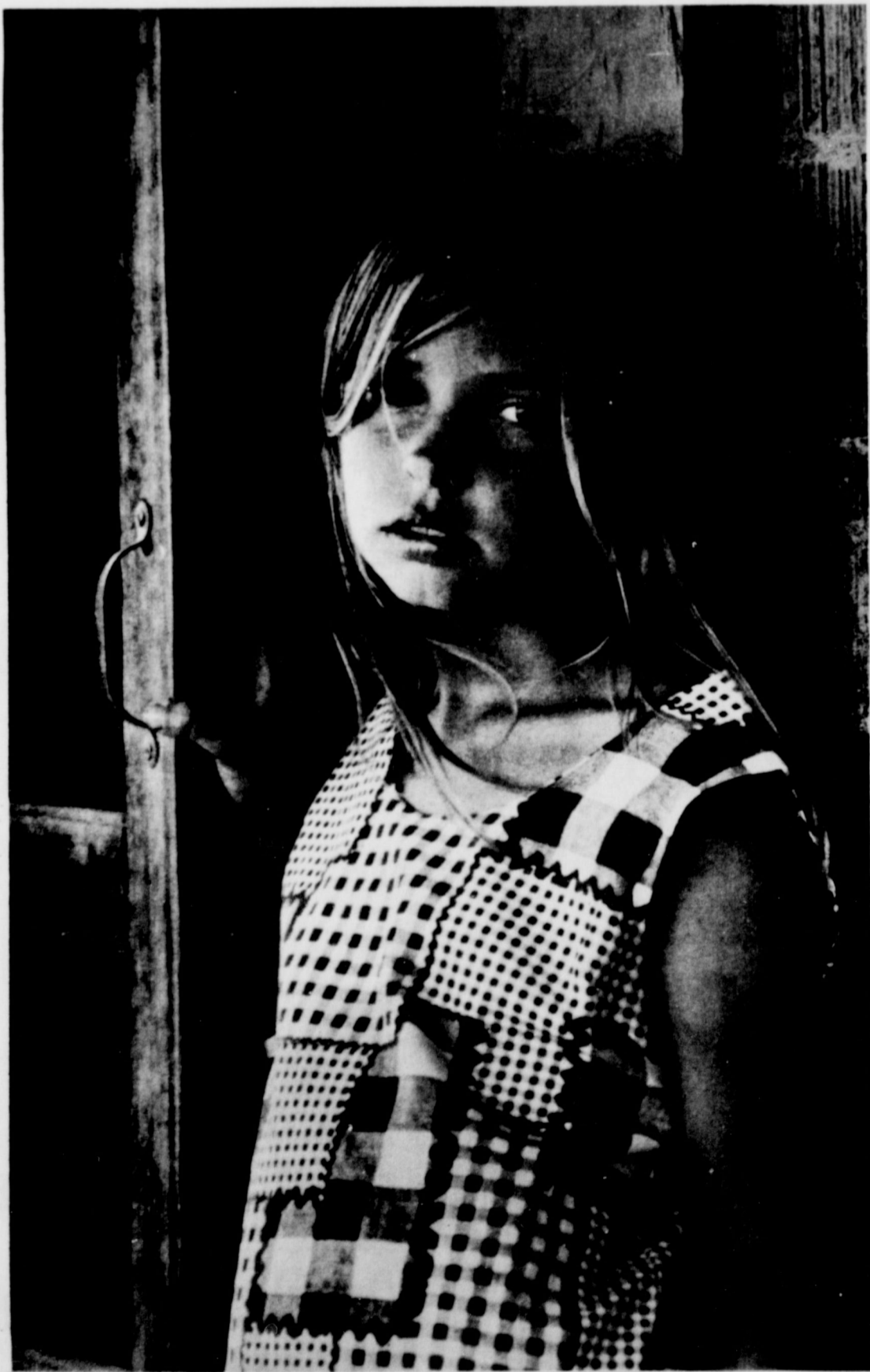
## MORTON BI PRODUCTS SALUTES COCHRAN COUNTY ON ITS 50th BIRTHDAY



WE'RE PROUD TO BE A PART OF THIS CELEBRATION

Tom and Ann Rice

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Please vote against racetrack gambling, May 4 . . .  
Folks like me are the ones it hurts most.

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## COCHRAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU

is proud to be a part

of COCHRAN COUNTY'S 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND ITS AGRICULTURAL HISTORY!



Cochran County Farm Bureau was chartered July 2, 1949, established to promote scientific agricultural education through individual farm demonstrations, community and county meetings and public discussions of agricultural information. Original directors were C.M. Cravy, M.A. Tanner, Lloyd Miller, E.P. Farmer, G.O. Cooper, W.R. Key, T.E. Lynch and L.T. Lemons. The Bureau was housed in various offices and with several insurance agents until 1963 when the Board voted Charles W. Palmer as their agent and purchased an old feed store at 311 Washington Avenue. Here Mr. and Mrs. Palmer kept the "Frontier Farm and Bracero" office for three years. In 1964 the present "home" was constructed. Charles and Jean Palmer have served as Agent and Secretary since June of 1959. Membership in the organization at that time was 229 and has risen to a current membership of 775. Present directors are: G.O. Cooper, president; Douglas Zuber, vice president; Arnold Lamb, secretary-treasurer; Curtis Sealy, Weldon Wynn, Willie Taylor and E.C. Hale.

Charles and Jean wish to thank all the people in Cochran County for their help, especially those eight men who had enough faith to make it possible for the present "home" to be built, D.L. Linder, Jr., L.T. Lemons, W.T. Zuber, W.J. (Bill) Wood, J.N. Burnett, J.F. Cooper, Jr., Danny Key and Roy Hickman.

# Anti-Crime Council battling against legalized race betting

on statistics from which it is the Anti-Crime Council of Texas Tuesday, 30, estimated that persons are now to defeat the May 4 election referendum to legalize gambling in Texas. Gambling interests money, and they are it. We have the and they are working," Mrs. Homer Garrison, Austin, co-chairman of the Crime Council (ACT). Last month offered its as statewide for all citizens who are opposing the referendum which appear on both the Democratic and Republican election ballots. During the past two weeks campaign against the referendum has gathered momentum," said Garrison.

He noted that major candidates for the Democratic and Republican Parties and La Urdia have declared they vote against the gambling referendum. These candidates are Gov. Dolph Briscoe, Mrs. (Sissy) Farenthold, Bill McBrayer, Jim Berry and Ramsey Muniz. He also pointed out that Texas district attorneys called on all district attorneys in Texas to issue public statements against legalized pari-mutuel gambling. These district attorneys are: Carol S. Vance, Robert O. Smith of Dallas, Be Carroll of Temple, Hanna of Beaumont and Dowlen of Canyonville.

Through churches of many denominations and through groups of various

kinds, millions of people have received factual information on the very real dangers of legalized gambling," Mrs. Garrison said.

"At this time the focus of the campaign must turn to an urgent appeal to all the people of Texas to go to the polls on Saturday and make their voices heard on this issue."

"There is no valid argument for legal racetrack gambling," she declared. "It is an issued promoted by wealthy special interests for their own benefit and at the expense of the majority of Texans."

"In these past days the gambling interests have become desperate in their appeal."

"They try to make it appear we are voting on horseracing. We are not. Horseracing already is legal in Texas."

"They falsely try to make it appear racetracks would provide great economic benefits when they would not. Just the opposite was true when Texas tried pari-mutuel betting before."

"Then falsely argue public revenue from racetracks would prevent a state income tax when it would not. It has not prevented a state income tax in 24 other states."

"And saddest of all, in their own narrow self-interest they ignore the fact that the greatest benefits from legal gambling inevitably go to organized crime."

"Organized crime already takes a billion dollars a year out of Texas. We must, in good conscience, say that is enough. We cannot handicap our law enforcement officials by giving the official state stamp of approval to gambling."

# West Texas irrigation pumps may face shutdown

Irrigation wells and pumps in drought-stricken West Texas may soon be forced to close down because of a shortage of lubricating oils, State Representative Bill Clayton (D-Springlake) warned last Thursday.

Clayton, who recently led a large number of his colleagues in the Texas Legislature to petition the Federal Energy Office for a reassessment of the F.E.O. lube oil priority, stated that while he has been assured that a new priority is being written for agricultural use of lube oil products, the priority change probably will not go into effect until June 1. Clayton cautioned that many areas of the state will be

completely out of lubricating oil before the new priority gives them any relief.

To help avoid the possible shutdown of these essential irrigation wells, Representative Clayton reported that he is encouraging all dealers and distributors who are running out of lube oil to contact the Texas Railroad Commission's fuel allocation division in Austin to find out if any additional lubricants may be available in their particular case. The Austin number of this department is 512-475-5491. In addition, Rep. Clayton urged all persons with such problems to contact his Austin office at 512-475-3400.

# Following 1973 harvest, cotton once more 'king'

For those who have predicted the demise of cotton in recent years, 1973 proved that the crop is once again "king."

Past years of oversupply, low demand and low prices led to many speculations that the cotton industry was going downhill. But in 1973 cotton again came into its own, especially in Texas where a record \$1.2 billion crop was harvested. The crop of 4.68 million bales was the largest since 1965.

And the demand was there, so prices jumped to an all-time high.

"For 1974, strong demand again appears evident and the new farm program is encouraging plantings at near capacity. This should lead to another banner year for cotton producers," speculates Charles Baker, economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Producers can generally look for lint cotton to average about 55 cents a pound."

Despite earlier projects of a 16 million bale crop in the United States, a production of 14 million bales seems more reasonable to Baker due to shortages and increased costs of labor, fertilizer, machinery, fuel and other inputs.

"And with only a fraction of the crop contracted to date, cotton mills will be competing strongly for 1974 cotton. Stocks of some medium and long staple cotton will be tight before this year's crop hits the market," believes the Texas A&M University System specialist.

Carryover stocks are expected to be only 3.8 million bales by August 1, a level considered too low by cotton mills to assure price stability at a low level. With both foreign and domestic consumption estimated at 13.25 million bales and a 14 million bale crop in prospect, carryover through 1975 will continue at a low level. In contrast, carryover stocks were a record 16 million bales in 1965.

rather than the production of fiber.

"So, the overall picture looks bright," believes the economist. "Of course, weather conditions can make a big difference in the final output. A general rain is needed across Texas to get the young crop off to a good start in southern and central areas and to provide planting moisture in West Texas and the High and Rolling Plains."



## INCIDENTS

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know it," Mort modestly said to the correspondent. "Put 'er down that Morton wins the county seat—no need to wait till the vote's counted—and tell 'em we'll have a gin, a school and a church. Tell 'em the Slaughters is all right, Charley Pierce's all right, but old Mort Smith's goin' to get the county seat. Charley's got the land but I've got the votes."

"Mort's all right," said Charley Pierce, "but he's in too big a hurry. We're nearer the center of the county. Get to wrangling and nobody will get a railroad. I say let's wait."

And there you are. Watch the papers for the result, and whichever way she goes remember that democracy is functioning on the Panhandle Plains.

# TRIBUTE TO THE EARLY SETTLERS OF COCHRAN COUNTY



## Morton in the early 40's—looking west from north side of square

Griffith, President and operator of Griffith Equipment Company moved to Cochran County with his father and mother and young sister and brother in the fall of 1936. He has called Cochran County home for over 37 years, and would like to dedicate this portion of the Morton Tribune to his father, now deceased, and the many old timers like them who made the Morton trade area what it is today.

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of us at Griffith Equipment Company would like to say "thank you" to the pioneers and early settlers who left us this wonderful heritage. We be worthy of the trust left to us and may we make the next 50 years as progressive, with the same honesty, integrity, friendliness and hospitality so abundant over the past 50 years.

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currently starred in the Los Angeles production of a London rock musical. "The Rocky Horror Show" recurring role of police lieutenant Ari Malcolim. Larry

## Striped bass production successful in second year

For the second year striped bass fry have been produced from brood fish taken from Lake E.V. Spence north of San Angelo.

Thus far, almost two million tiny stripers have been put in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's San Angelo hatchery for rearing to fingerling size when they can be released in suitable Texas lakes.

Before 1973, Texas was totally dependent on out-of-state sources for striped bass.

While fish are still needed from other states, successful spawning experiments at Spence show that fish originally stocked in the lake in 1969 can be artificially induced to release their eggs and that these eggs will hatch.

In 1973, two million fry were produced in this manner and this year's goal is three million.

Most of the female stripers taken at Spence weighed 11-16

pounds. One 18-pound female was caught but released because she was not ready to spawn.

Striped bass are native to the Atlantic Ocean where they live as adults but return to brackish or fresh water to spawn.

California and South Carolina also have experimented with rearing the fish in freshwater lakes and the results have been phenomenal. The Texas State Fish Record for a striper taken in fresh water is a 22-pound, 4-ounce fish caught in Toledo Bend.

Stripers have been known to grow to 50 pounds on a diet of shad and other forage fish but their feeding habits apparently have little effect on native species such as largemouth bass.

Crossbreeding striped bass with native white bass is also being done at Spence. So far an estimated 400,000 striped bass eggs have been fertilized

with white bass milt.

If the hybrid project is successful, the fast growing white-stripers will be

released in Lake Bastrop and Pat Mayse Reservoir where some 56,000 of the fish were stocked last year.



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## 'Outstanding' honors given to two at SPC

Dr. Charles Sylvester and Mrs. Sycily Lattimore of South Plains College have been selected to appear in the 1974 edition of "Outstanding Educators of America."

Dr. Sylvester is director of the Regional Occupational Center at Lubbock, a vocational extension center of SPC, and Mrs. Lattimore is assistant professor of mid-management at SPC. Complete biographical sketches of the pair will be included in the awards volume.

"Outstanding Educators of America" is an annual awards program honoring distinguished men and women for their exceptional service, achievements and leadership in the field of education. Guidelines for selection include an educator's talents in the classroom, contributions to research, administrative abilities, civic service and professional recognition.

Winners are nominated by faculty, staff and administration from the various colleges and universities.

## SPC schedules two college entrance tests

Two college entrance examinations will be given in June at South Plains College.

The American College Test (ACT) will be administered on June 15 and the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College Entrance Examination Board will be given on June 22, said Don Melton, director of guidance and counseling at SPC.

Fee for each test is \$6.50. Tests will be given in the Physical Sciences Building on campus.

Students should register by May 16 for the SAT test and before May 20 for the ACT exam, Melton said. Registration may be completed in the counselor's office, located in the College Administration Building.

Melton said the June ACT exam is the last that will be given before classes begin next fall.



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# The building of a Courthouse for Cochran County was Plagued by Legal Problems, 1925-26

BY ELVIS E. FLEMING

At a meeting held on February 10, 1925, the Cochran County Commissioners Court decided to build a three-story, fire-proof concrete

courthouse and jail building. Notices of the awarding of the building contract were placed at the temporary courthouse, the Morton school, at Minnie Veal School, at Bull Camp

School, and at Ligon. On March 13, 1925, the bid of W.R. Kauffman, architect, and the W.M. Rice Construction Company was accepted. Total cost of the building as

described in the contract was \$126,000.

Construction of the courthouse began soon after the awarding of the building contract. Floyd Rowland, Roy

Tarver, Rupert McCasland, E.L. Willis, G.C. McCaa and others hauled materials for the building. E.L. "Snowball" Willis and one of his brothers broke ground for the building when they started digging the basement. Many local men helped in the construction.

J.D. Caldwell and others, Hon. James C. Wilson, U.S. District Judge at Amarillo, issued a temporary restraining order against the building of the courthouse at Morton. The order came just weeks after the actual construction had begun.

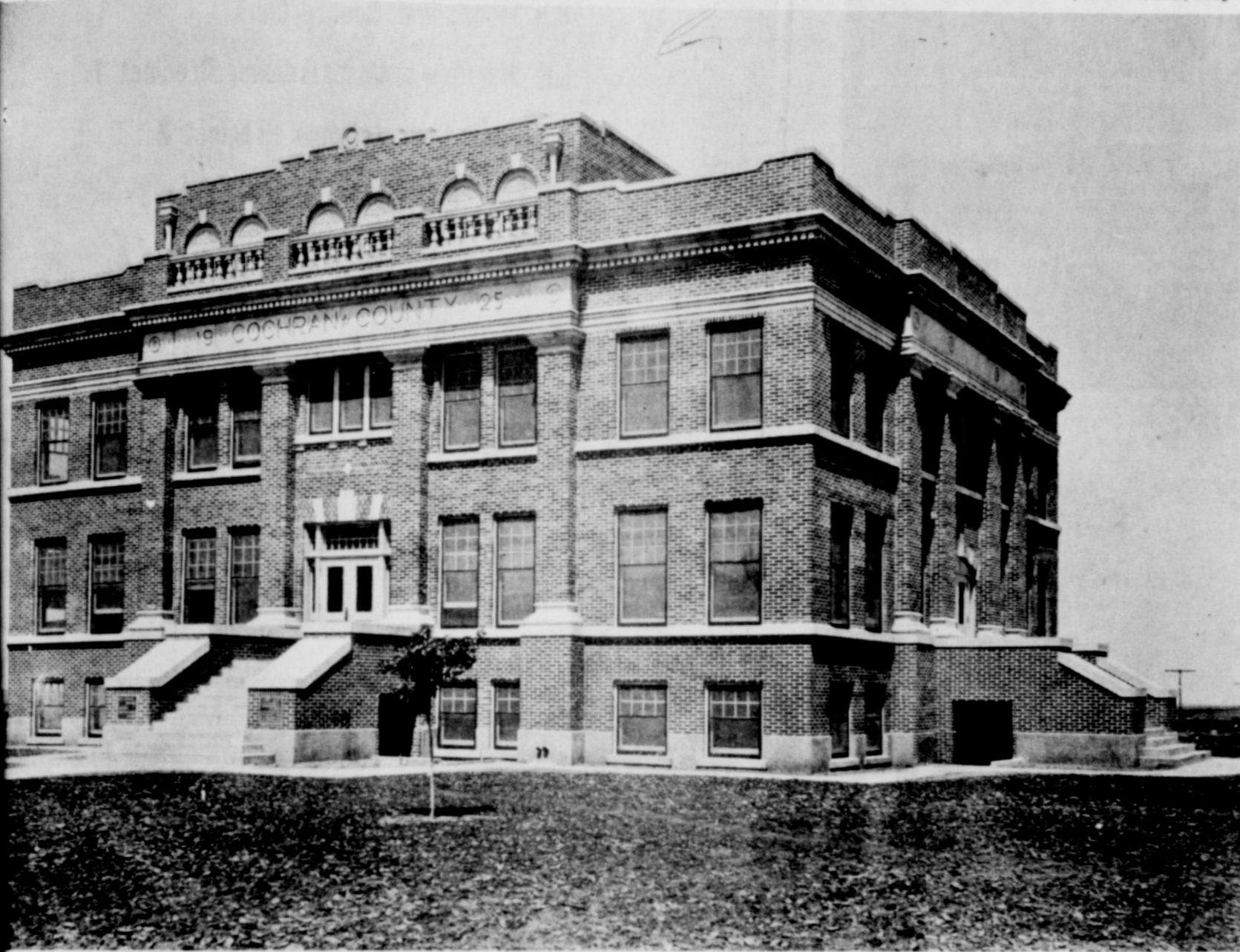
Meanwhile, W.M. Rice, owner of the contracting firm which was building the courthouse, died. Rice's death left the Cochran County courthouse tied up in the settlement of his estate. Work halted by the restraining order and the death of the contractor, the Cochran County courthouse square grew up in weeds. The unused building materials were being ruined by the weather.

By August, 1925, the way was clear for the resumption of the construction of the Cochran County courthouse and jail building. A compromise was made with the Rice Construction Company about the work that firm had done.

On August 15, 1925, a new contract was awarded to the Sampson Construction Company of Amherst, Texas, to complete the building at a cost of \$73,000. Construction was resumed immediately.

The E.L. Steck Company of Austin was awarded the contract to furnish and equip the courthouse and jail for \$25,513.

On April 24, 1926, the Commissioners Court inspected the new courthouse, found it satisfactory, and officially accepted the building from the contractor. The building continued in use largely as it was originally built until 1967. In 1967-68, an extensive remodeling job enlarged and modernized the Cochran County courthouse.



OLD COURT HOUSE

## Cochran county's turbulent birth was marked by warring factions

BY ELVIS E. FLEMING

The year 1924 proved to be a turbulent one for young Cochran County, as the May 6 election results did not satisfy citizens. In June, Charles Pierce, attorney for the Slaughter interests, filed suit against Judge John H. Hockley County District Court against Judge John H. Hockley and the county commissioners. Pierce was seeking to have the organization of Cochran County set aside, apparently because the ranchers feared

that the organization would cause the tax valuation of their land to be raised. The district court declared the organization legal, however, and dismissed the case.

Following the suit, the county began to progress normally. The temporary courthouse was finished, and the county officials moved into the new structure on June 20, 1924. In July the commissioners ordered that public roads be laid out from the courthouse to the county

line in every direction, meeting existing roads in adjoining counties. The commissioners decided that a courthouse might be built for some \$60,000, and they took the question to the voters in a special election on September 8, 1924. Sixty voters favored the proposed bond issue, while 47 did not. They were soon to learn, however, that a courthouse and jail building to meet Cochran County's needs could not be had for \$60,000.

In the general election of

November 12, 1924, newcomer J.D. Caldwell received 72 votes for the office of Cochran County judge. The incumbent, R.T. Campbell, received only 57 votes. All the commissioners were re-elected. Campbell maintained that Caldwell had not been a Cochran County resident for six months, and, therefore, was not eligible for public office. Hence, Campbell refused to issue a certificate of election to Caldwell. Commissioners Lem Shipman and G.H. Mathews issued the certificate to Caldwell on November 14, 1924.

Commissioners H.T. Boyd and Pool Earnest were not present at the November 14 meeting. By that time a feud was developing among the members of the court and the judge-elect. Boyd and Earnest favored Campbell, and all three were Slaughter sympathizers in the county seat rivalry. Shipman and Mathews, on the other hand, favored Caldwell, and that group sided with Morton J. Smith in the controversy. A suit was filed in Hockley County District Court to prevent Caldwell from qualifying as county judge of Cochran County, but the court did not declare him ineligible.

January 1, 1925, was a dramatic day in the little temporary courthouse in Morton. On that day, the Cochran County officials were to begin their first full elected terms of office. On one side of the room sat R.T. Campbell, the incumbent judge, and Commissioners Pool Earnest and Hiley T. Boyd. Sitting on the other side of the room were J.D. Caldwell, the newly elected judge, and Commissioners G.H. Mathews and Lem Shipman. Some of the



MARTIN J. SMITH'S BUILDING

## County churches, schools quickly become organized

BY MRS. M.C. LEDBETTER

Following the pattern set by pioneers, movin' West, the people of this area, when they had established homes and gathered into communities, began to plan for churches and schools.

Within one month after the organization of Cochran County and the designation of Morton as the County seat, a small group met together on June 8, 1924 to form a church.

There was Alvin O'Pry who had been encouraged by a relative of the Slaughter Ranch family to come to this high dry climate in an effort to regain his health, and Mrs. P.B. Penny, the wife of the newly elected sheriff of Cochran County. As a child she was one of a Quaker family that had become charter members of the First Methodist Church of Lubbock when it was organized in 1893.

Mrs. Lela May Yeary, who in later years became Mrs. Alvin O'Pry, was then the widow of a Doctor. After her

husband's death in Lampasas County she had moved her family from Lake Victor, Texas to a farm she had purchased a few miles northeast of the sparsely settled town of Morton.

With her that day was her ten-year-old daughter Bessie, who was eager for the companionship she had previously found in church and Sunday School.

Joining these was Mrs. J.J. Jones, remembered for the next fifty years as Bessie, as a wonderful Sunday school teacher. Her husband was ranch foreman at the Slaughter headquarters and she was employed as a cook for the cowboys.

The other two present were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lytle, who had just moved a few months earlier to their farm which adjoined the north edge of the new townsite.

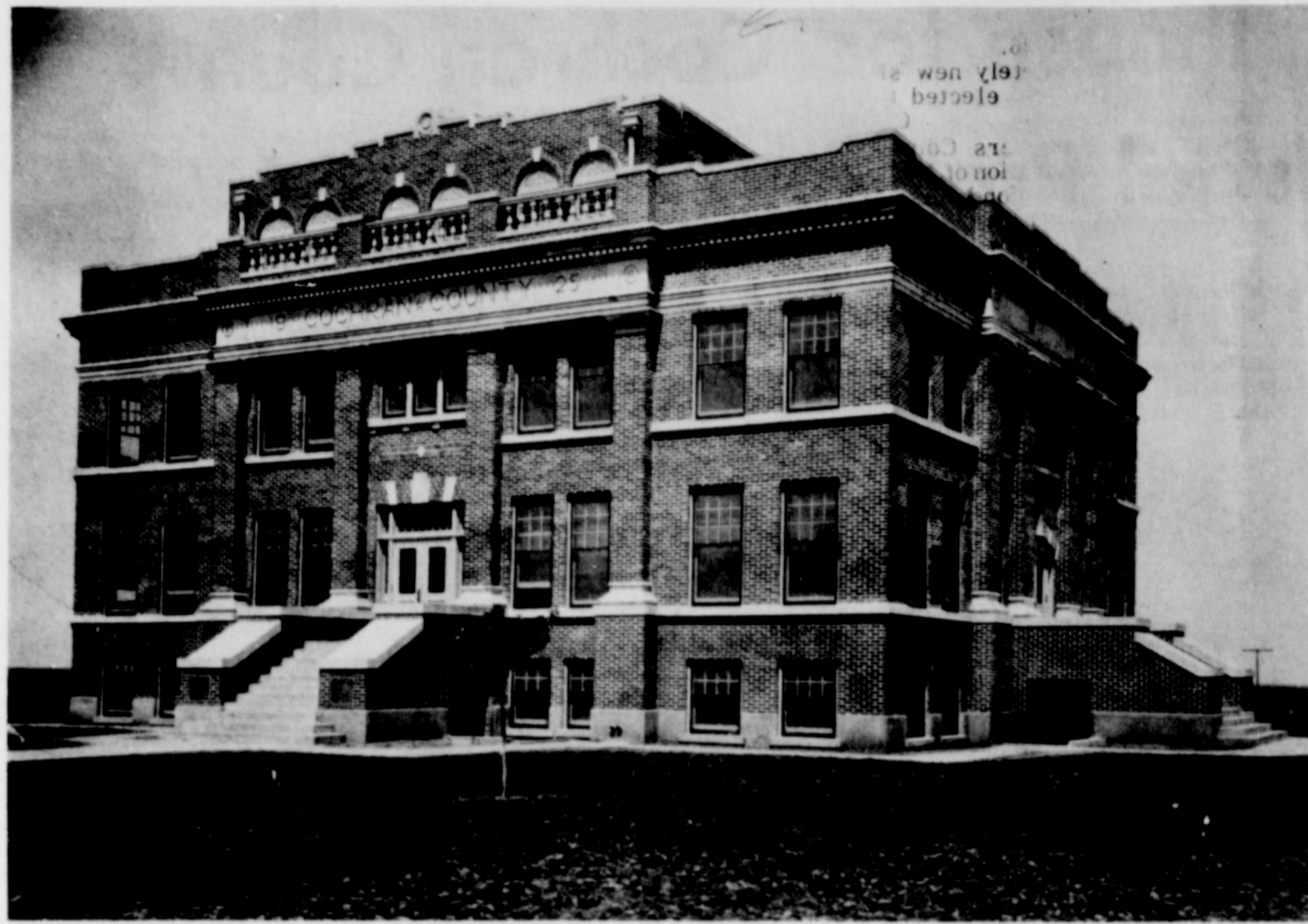
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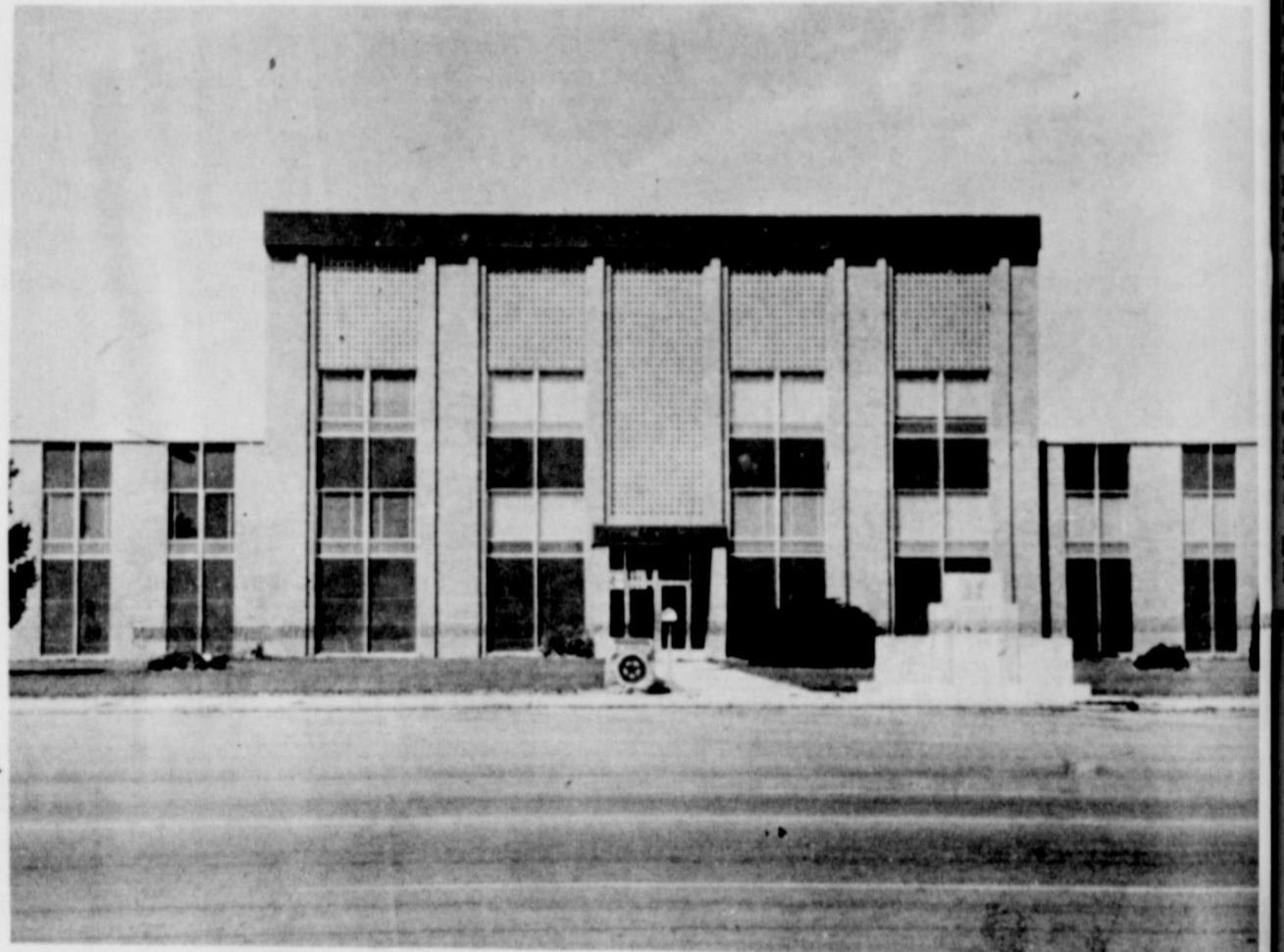
### 1974 County Officials

- Glenn W. Thompson, County Judge
- R.J. (Bob) Vinson, County Clerk
- Mike Walden, Commissioner Precinct 1
- E. J. McKissack, Commissioner Precinct 2
- H.H. Rosson, -COMMISSIONER Precinct 3
- U.F. Wells, Commissioner Precinct 4
- C.G. Richards, Sheriff
- Bill Crone, Treasurer
- Glen McDaniel, Tax Assessor & Collector
- Randy Thomas, County Attorney
- Lena B. Gipson, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1
- M.C. Ledbetter, District Judge
- Joe Nicewarner, Auditor
- Roy Tilley, Justice of Peace, Precinct 2

## COCHRAN COUNTY WAS ORGANIZED MAY 7, 1924

### 1924 County Officials

- R.T. Campbell, County Judge
- R.H. Mccasland, County Clerk
- G.H. Matthews, Commissioner Precinct 1
- H.T. Boyd, Commissioner Precinct 2
- D.P. Ernest, Commissioner Precinct 3
- Lem Shipman, Commissioner Precinct 4
- A.B. Penny, Sheriff
- Mrs. Maude M. Jones, Treasurer
- Tom T. Main, County Attorney



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school room, and with the assistance of S.C. Robinett of Shallowater, organized the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South of Morton, Texas.

Within a few months, other members joined the group, including Mrs. J.M. Jackson who was followed later by her daughters, Allie Reeves and Loretta Jackson. These few were always glad when school members of those early years became a part of their fellowship if not resident members of the new church.

They continued to hold their meetings in the school rooms of "Bull Camp" and "Minnie" in a tabernacle with other denominations, or in the "temporary courthouse" that had been erected on the square.

In 1926, when the schools consolidated and a red brick building was completed, with an auditorium, the Methodist congregation, along with others, was allowed to use these facilities for services on Sundays when they had a preacher.

In 1928 the First Baptist Church, a part of the Southern Baptist Convention, was organized in Morton and they built a small frame building for their meetings, sharing it one Sunday each month with the Methodist people.

As this building had a dirt floor and "towsack" curtains, it was affectionately referred to by everyone in town as the "Mole Barn."

The Methodist bought the first piano and when the first Charles Taylors and their daughter Marian arrived in 1929, "Sadie" became the official pianist for all denominations.

The Taylors operated the Morton Drug Store on the north side of the square for many years.

Another early day Methodist family was the George Familiners. They were parents of Mrs. Joe Menzinger and the ones from whom the Familiner Community in Cochran County received its name when their ranch land was divided and sold as farms.

The First Methodist Church building was not erected until 1933 when the Rev.

W.E. Peterson was pastor. This building was destroyed by fire in 1943 and replaced with the white brick two-story church in use today.

On June 9, 1974, the Methodist Church will observe its 50th Anniversary with an all-day celebration. There will be worship service at 11:00 a.m. followed by dinner at noon and visiting and viewing of movies of the church history at the activity building banquet room.

In the afternoon there will be a program at the church with many past members and pastors in attendance. Everyone is cordially invited to attend any or all of these activities.

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men were carrying pistols. Sitting between the two groups of men was a Texas Ranger. When the Ranger leaned back in his chair, his coat fell back to reveal two six-shooters.

When County Clerk Rupert H. McCasland entered the room, Sheriff Barrett Penney asked him which group he would serve. McCasland replied that he must serve those whom the people had duly elected. He had the election certificates issued by the state government, in his possession at the time. Penney apparently was not satisfied with McCasland's position; he went immediately to the Morton school house and brought "Prof" W.E. Angley to the courthouse. Angley was sworn in as county clerk for the Campbell faction; McCasland was sworn in as clerk for the Caldwell group.

Commissioners Boyd and Earnest refused to take the oath of office, to file the bonds required of county officials, and to sit on the same court with Shipman and Mathews. However, Campbell held that Caldwell was not legally qualified to be county judge, and that he, Campbell, was still the legal official. Campbell, Boyd, and Earnest maintained that they constituted the legal Cochran County Commissioners Court. Caldwell, Mathews, and Shipman insisted that they were the duly elected county officials. Thus, Cochran County had two sets of county officers.

Both of the groups of men who claimed the county offices continued to meet as the legally constituted government of Cochran County for several days. During that time, Commissioners Earnest and Boyd came to the temporary courthouse to secure certified copies of the minutes of the meetings of the Caldwell group. Commissioners Shipman and Mathews suspected that Earnest and Boyd might attempt to seize the county records and set up a courthouse at Ligon. They also feared that Earnest and Boyd might even take McCasland along with the records. To guard against such an event, Shipman and Mathews sat on the front steps of the temporary courthouse with guns cradled in their laps each time Boyd and Earnest called at the courthouse. They remained on guard until Boyd and Earnest came out.

On January 12, 1925, Judge Caldwell and Commissioners Mathews and Shipman met for the regularly scheduled meeting of the Cochran County Commissioners Court. They stated that Campbell was unlawfully assuming to be the legal Cochran County judge and had been meeting with two former commissioners of the county. This, the court asserted, was a menace to the peace of Cochran County, and they ordered the Campbell group to stop meeting as the County Commissioners Court. They further ordered Sheriff Penney, who had sided with Campbell in the feud, to use force if necessary to stop Campbell, Boyd, and Earnest from meeting.

Because Boyd and Earnest had refused to file their bonds, to take the oath of office, and to sit on the Commissioners Court, the offices of Commissioners of Precincts No. 2 and No. 3 were declared vacant. At the next regular meeting, February 10, 1925, County Judge Caldwell appointed T.W. Bennett as commissioner of Precinct No. 2, replacing Boyd; W.A. "Bud" Herridge was appointed to fill the place formerly held by Earnest as commissioner of Precinct No. 3.

At the February 10 meeting, the commissioners made plans for building a permanent

courthouse. Construction started about April, 1925, and the building was accepted by the county government on April 24, 1926.

A completely new slate of officers was elected to the Cochran County Commissioners Court in the general election of November, 1926. J.R. Bond was elected county judge. Floyd F. Rowland was elected commissioner of Precinct No. 1. The new commissioner of Precinct No. 2 was J.W. Robinson. P.L. Thacker filled the position in Precinct No. 3. Precinct No. 4 commissioner was E.V. Riley. Rupert H. McCasland was re-elected to the office of county-district clerk, receiving 335 of 338 votes cast for the three candidates.

The new court, not plagued by the legal problems of the first court, set about the routine business of buying machinery, building roads, and carrying out the normal affairs of Cochran County.

**A&M Extension Service establishes new position**

The growing need for educational programs in real estate and land economics has prompted the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to establish a new position in that particular area in cooperation with the Texas Real Estate Research Center.

Kenneth E. Graeber will fill the position of economist in real estate. He will be headquartered at Texas A&M University as a member of the Texas Real Estate Research Center.

Graeber has more than two years of experience with the Extension Service, having served as area economist in management for the 18-county area of Extension District 13 which has headquarters in Uvalde.

"In his new position Graeber will develop information and programs to meet the needs of the agricultural and real estate industries, the financial community and general public," said Dr. John E. Hutchison, Extension Service director, in announcing the appointment.

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"Trends in land values, agricultural production influence on rural land prices, and land use planning are topics of extreme importance to both agricultural and real estate industries, and we feel

that Graeber can provide a vital educational service to this sector of the Texas economy," Hutchison added.

Graeber is a native of Brenham and a graduate of the local high school. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from Texas A&M. The economist is co-author of the publication, "100 Best Books in Agricultural Economics."

Graeber served as president of the Texas Future Farmers of America and delivered more than 1,000 speeches during his tenure. While in college he was elected to such honor societies as Phi Kappa Phi, Gamma Sigma Delta and Alpha Zeta. He was also named to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

He is a member of the Texas Society of Farm and Ranch Managers and Appraisers and currently serves as secretary-treasurer.

Graeber is married to the former Rebecca Lehmann of Brenham. They have one son.

**Australians choose new national song**

Prime Minister Gough Whitlam has announced that Australia's new national anthem is "Advance Australia Fair," which won 51.4 per cent of the public opinion poll, edging out "Waltzing Matilda" with 19.6 per cent.

"God Save The Queen" will be retained as an anthem at such times as when the queen is present or when links between the two countries are stressed.

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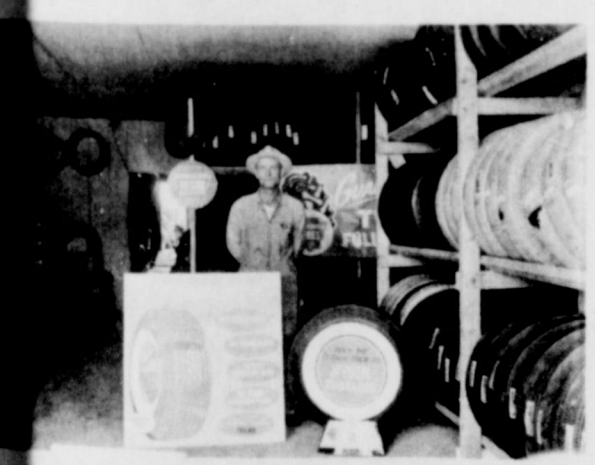
From The Living Bible

He was oppressed and he was afflicted, yet he never said a word. He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter; and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he stood silent before the ones condemning him. From prison and trial they led him away to his death. But who among the people of that day realized it was their sins that he was dying for—that he was suffering their punishment? He was buried like a criminal in a rich man's grave; but he had done no wrong.

Isaiah 53:7-9

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recurring role of police lieutenant Art Malcom. Larry currently starred in the Los Angeles production of a London rock musical, "The Rocky Horror Show."

# Bullock charges "bureaucratic rigor mortis" plagues Texas

Democratic Comptroller candidate Bob Bullock said Wednesday that his campaign to put a breath of life back into the Comptroller's Office has met with enthusiastic response across the state.

"Bureaucratic rigor mortis has set in during 25 years of inactivity," Bullock said of the job being vacated by Robert S. Calvert, the 81-year-old incumbent who has held the office since 1949.

Bullock, formerly Texas' Secretary of State, said the chief concerns of his campaign have centered on a multi-million dollar a year loss of tax revenue because of faulty collection methods and the need for reforms in the comptroller's handling of city sales tax money.

"As much as \$82 million a

year may be going out the window because of horse-and-buggy collection practices and failure to aggressively prosecute delinquents," Bullock said. He said the tax leakage could be stopped by improved technology and by more active personal direction from the Comptroller and his chief assistants.

On the city sales tax Bullock called for the Comptroller to rebate cities their money monthly instead of quarterly, for the Comptroller to charge cities only actual costs of handling the tax instead of the present \$4 million a year, and for cities to be given the right to sue delinquent accounts.

Bullock also called for the Comptroller to be a stronger helpmate to the Legislature

and the Governor by issuing monthly revised revenue and spending projections instead of making estimates only at the opening of each legislative session.

"The Comptroller's office is not a glamorous job, but it is critically important," Bullock said. "My campaign has been beneficial in calling the public's attention to needed changes. We have shed light on a very dark corner of state government."

Bullock, 44, is a former member of the Legislature and has served in several high state positions. His most noteworthy acclaim came as Secretary of State when he made significant reforms in political campaign finance reporting and tore away red tape in election procedures.

"The same honesty and no nonsense approach should be used in handling the state's tax money, both coming and going," Bullock said of the need to cut down paperwork and red tape private businesses face in dealing with state taxes.

Bullock has served as chief of the anti-trust and consumer protection division of the Attorney General's office where he is credited with a multi-million dollar settlement on behalf of Texas consumers and hospitals in a nation-wide anti-trust case against major drug manufacturers.

Bullock has been on the campaign trail since last summer, visiting more towns and cities than any other statewide candidate in recent history. He has received newspaper endorsements ranging from the Houston Chronicle to the Victoria Advocate to the Hillsboro Reporter, Bullock's hometown paper.

Bullock, a graduate of Baylor law school and Texas Tech, now lives in Austin.

# Texas DA's ask defeat of betting referendum

In an unprecedented action five Texas district attorneys have joined in publicly condemning the May 4 primary election referendum proposition to legalize pari-mutuel racetrack gambling in the state.

In a letter released Saturday, April 27, 1974 they appeal to all district attorneys in Texas for their assistance in defeating the referendum proposal.

Signing the letter were District Attorneys Carol S. Vance of Houston, Robert O. Smith of Austin, Joe Carroll of Temple, Tom Hanna of Beaumont and George Dowlen of Canyon-Amarillo.

Calling racetrack betting "a matter of the gravest concern to all of us in law enforcement in the State of Texas," the five men stated:

"Our caseloads already are

staggering. Our local already face insurmountable problems obtaining hard evidence against the bookmakers operating in Texas. Our best efforts, our crime already is in the billion dollars a year loss of state economy — most of it illegal gambling profits.

"Public sanction and acceptance of legal gambling encourages fosters even greater gambling. And, it will upon the weak and the potential complicit gamblers."

Further, in their five district attorneys their fellow officers throughout the state in strong position against legal pari-mutuel betting to the state media.

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Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays—  
Midweek Bible Class . . . . . 8:00 p.m.

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Church School Session . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service . . . . . 10:55 a.m.  
Evening Fellowship Program . . . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.
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Dick Biggs, Minister  
300 Tyler Street  
Sundays—  
Bible Classes for all ages . . . . . 10 a.m.  
Worship and Communion . . . . . 10:55 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays—  
Bible Study & Prayer . . . . . 8:00 p.m.
- Sister Pearl's Gospel Singing House**  
Purity Sunday School  
Class . . . . . 8:45 a.m.  
Teacher—Pearl Swindle Williams  
511 E. Jackson
- UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, ENOCHS**  
Rev. Grady Adcock, Pastor  
Services held 1st and 3rd Sundays  
Sunday School . . . . . 10 a.m.  
Morning Services . . . . . 11 a.m.  
Evening Services . . . . . 7 p.m.  
4th Wednesday—Fellowship . . . . . 7 p.m.

"Thou wilt show me the path of life, in thy presence is fulness of joy..."  
PSALM 16:11

## HERE IS THE PATH

...shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.

Luke 10:27

The basis of God's first and greatest commandment is love. God gave man the freedom to choose... and therefore will not force his love on anyone. God took the first step and is always ready to receive any who would come to Him.

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long survive and the freedom which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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Morning Service . . . . . 11 a.m.  
Evening Service . . . . . 7 p.m.
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Rev. Jack Dewitt  
Sunday School . . . . . 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11 a.m.  
Training Union . . . . . 6 p.m.  
Evening Services . . . . . 7 p.m.
- ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**  
Rev. G. Frank Estes  
Sundays—  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
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Evangelistic Service . . . . . 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays—  
Wednesday Services . . . . . 7:30 p.m.
- FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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Morning Worship . . . . . 10:45 a.m.  
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Morning Worship . . . . . 11 a.m.  
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Evening Worship . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting . . . . . 7:30 p.m.
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Helen Nixon W.M.U. . . . . 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesdays—  
Graded Choirs . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
Prayer Service . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
Church Choir Rehearsal . . . . . 7:30 p.m.
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N.E. Fifth and Wilson  
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Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Evangelistic Service . . . . . 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays—  
Young people service . . . . . 7:30 p.m.
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Midweek Service . . . . . 8:00 p.m.
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recurring role of police lieutenant Art Malcolin. Larry currently starred in the Los Angeles production of a London rock musical, "The Rocky Horror Show."

# Crop-robbing weeds cause higher costs to o producer

Crop-robbing weeds are a direct problem in raising food and fiber crops, but consumers eventually pay most of the bill through high production costs, says the assistant director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Dr. Dudley T. Smith said southern farmers have been fighting weeds by sharply increasing their use of herbicides—the cheapest and most effective means. The State Agricultural Experiment Stations and U.S. Department of Agriculture weed scientists

have worked cooperatively with various commodity organizations and chemical companies in developing effective, low cost weed control methods. However, crop losses due to weeds are still greater than those of any other plant pest.

In 1958, herbicides were applied to 15 per cent of the seven leading crops—corn, cotton, sorghum, soybeans, rice, peanuts and vegetables—in southern states. By 1968, treated acreage rose to 70 per cent. An estimated 90 to 95 per cent of cotton, rice and peanuts is treated today.

Smith said current successful herbicide research, development and marketing are strongly oriented toward two areas—weed removal economics and the ecological succession of new problem species.

He pointed out that losses in southern crops may range from 40 to 90 per cent due to season-long competition by weed pests. Even when weeds are removed after four to six weeks, yields were generally reduced 8 to 30 per cent. Losses were greatest in cotton and peanuts due to the long growing seasons of these crops.

The economics of weed control is a major concern. For example, each pigweed in cotton costs about 2 cents. This means, Smith said, that a light infestation of 250 weeds per acre would impose an economic loss of \$5 per acre. That is after all the usual weed control methods have been employed. Since farm fuel prices will probably go up, producers may have to rely on herbicides even more to do the cheapest job of weed control in crops.

Perennial weed species are even bigger trouble makers. These pests usually have a head start on the crop, re-grow from roots, fewer control measures are available, and they are more difficult to control.

"We have found that moderate perennial weed infestations (50 per cent of maximum density) caused cotton losses of \$24 to \$78 per acre, while sorghum losses were \$36 to \$64 per acre. Where perennials achieved maximum density, despite cultivation and hoeing, there was a total loss in both crops," Smith said.

The assistant director pointed out that weed scientists have noted how discontinued tillage or repeated herbicide use can lead to invasion by a different or new pest. When one weed type is knocked out, another species may take its place.

"We have new weeds entering all the time. Hence, old chemicals may be good now but do not handle the new species. So we need to continue to have new products from

industry. State Agricultural Experiment Stations play a vital, cooperative role helping to fit commercial products to specific problems," Smith said.

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The hospital opened in August 1947. Dr. Wendell S. Dove was the first doctor to practice in this building and his wife was the first Registered Nurse to work in the facilities. Mrs. Mitchell Abbe was the first patient in the hospital and her son, Mayland Abbe, was the first child born there August 2, 1947.



NEW HOSPITAL-1974

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N.L. Dubberly, M.D.  
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Glen Thomason, DDS

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Jack French, Vice President  
Elmer Gardner, Secretary-Treasurer  
Buford Webb  
Larry Baldwin  
Truman Swinney, Administrator  
Jim White, Assistant Administrator

The hospital was operated as West Plains Hospital Health Association until December of 1950. The County took over the operation at that time and Hospital District. Since that time Cochran Memorial Hospital has operated as a County Hospital District.

1967 directors were:

Glenn Thompson J.L. Schooler J.C. O'Brien  
Jerry Iley Douglas Dunn

### Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1. Contours  
7. Chaste  
13. Nautical rope loop  
14. Newspaper director  
15. Letter  
16. Compass point  
17. — Angeles  
18. Syllable: music  
19. Number  
21. Camera stand  
23. Girl's name  
24. — Passos  
26. Cord  
27. Parties  
29. Consecrate  
30. Comparative suffix  
31. Tenure  
32. Powders  
35. Braided frame  
39. Opera solo  
40. Horse: Gypsy  
41. Golf club  
42. Later  
44. Rub with oil

**DOWN**

1. Rushes  
2. Hail  
3. Metric measure  
4. Lairs  
5. Comfort  
6. Slim  
7. Dissolves  
8. Smell  
9. Disenchanted  
10. And: Fr.  
11. Wise men  
12. Barbers  
20. Silkworm  
22. Dessert  
25. Bone

46. Russian river  
47. EGGS  
48. Good: Fr.  
49. Germanium: chem.

50. Hunter  
52. Starer  
54. Is im-  
55. Ancestors

28. Goddess of dawn  
29. Insect  
31. Easily crumbled  
32. Claws  
33. Asian country  
34. Ignited  
35. Terbium: Chem.  
36. Prefix: three  
37. Lengthier  
38. Goes into  
40. Graduates: colloq.  
43. Bacchanalian cry  
45. Christmas  
51. Manuscript abbr.  
53. Concerning

**Answer to Puzzle**

ACROSS  
1. CONTOURS  
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14. NEWSPAPER  
15. LETTER  
16. COMPASS  
17. ANGELES  
18. SYLLABLE  
19. NUMBER  
21. CAMERA  
23. GIRL'S  
24. PASSOS  
26. CORD  
27. PARTIES  
29. CONSECRATE  
30. COMPARATIVE  
31. TENURE  
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42. LATER  
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12. BARBERS  
20. SILKWORM  
22. DESSERT  
25. BONE

## STOP KILLING YOURSELF

by Peter J. Steincrohn, M.D.



### CIRRHOSIS WITHOUT ALCOHOL

Often people are more concerned about others' opinions than they are about an illness which plagues them. For example, a man has a coronary attack and wonders more about his boss' reaction to his illness and his job, than he does about his own recovery.

Or, having discovered tuberculosis, wonders whether his friends will be uncomfortable in his presence. Here is an example of a patient who has developed liver trouble.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I want to thank you for your recent column about cirrhosis of the liver. I had always believed it was caused by drinking alcohol, and I am sure most people share my opinion.

Since I am and always have been a teetotaler, I smugly thought, "That's one disease I'll never have." However, a few months ago I was rushed to the hospital for a 12-day series of tests. Imagine my embarrassment when the doctor diagnosed my ailment as cirrhosis of the liver.

I was ashamed to admit this ailment, but when your column about the "unlucky 10 per cent" was published, I felt better. Possible doubts in my friends' minds were cleared up. This took a big load off my mind. I didn't want my friends to think I was a secret drinker. — Mrs. L.

COMMENT: I can understand your relief in convincing your friends. But it's time now to get down to the nitty gritty of taking good care of yourself. Forget your friends for a while, and concentrate on the best way to treat your recalcitrant liver.

### MEDICALETTES (Replies To Readers)

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I would like your opinion about my indigestion. I have gas almost constantly — but especially after eating fatty foods. My doctor took what he calls a gi series of my stomach and intestines. I asked him what about taking gall bladder X rays and he said I'm too young to have such trouble.

I am 21, have a fine husband and two fine sons. I am very contented with my home and family, so cannot understand why my "nerves" are supposed to be the cause of my indigestion.

I have followed doctor's orders, watched my greasy and spicy foods, but still suffer daily from indigestion. I am losing patience. — Mrs. N.

COMMENT: Undoubtedly you have heard me say (or rather have read what I have written) that doctors frequently disagree concerning diagnosis and treatment. Your problem underlines such a disagreement.

I happen to believe that a gall bladder may be faulty early in life as well as in mid-life or later. Therefore, it is possible you may solve your problem by asking your doctor to take gall bladder X rays, too. It's not certain, but possible, that you have a nonfunctioning gall bladder, or one filled with stones. (Only an educated guess.) There is time enough for blaming it on your nerves after all necessary tests have been taken.

### Japanese pottery's tradition of excellence

The golden age of Japanese pottery began in the 16th Century and today Japan enjoys a worldwide reputation not only on the artistic level of the ceramic art but also in terms of utensils for daily use.

The pottery industry produces annually over \$472 million worth of goods in some 4,500 factories with more than 8,000 kilns.

### Botulism is a puzzling killer

Scientists aren't sure why botulin is as toxic as it is. One group confessed they couldn't establish a toxicity-to-weight ratio for botulin — in other words they couldn't name a small enough quantity of the poison that wouldn't be likely to kill the biggest man.

Type A botulism kills about 70 per cent of the time, attacking nerve centers controlling the muscles of the eyes, throat and lungs. Death is usually brought on by respiratory failure.

### The U. S. needs more veterinarians

In 1970 there were approximately 26,000 veterinarians in the United States.

By 1980, 42,000 will be needed, according to the National Academy of Sciences, yet there are less than 20 veterinary schools across the nation.

### Sausage Mostaccioli

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1 pound pork sausage links  
1/2 cup chopped green pepper  
1/2 cup chopped onions  
1 pound can (2 cups) tomatoes  
1 (6-ounce) can tomato paste  
1/2 cup water  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon oregano  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
8 ounces mostaccioli macaroni, cooked  
1/2 pound process cheese, thinly sliced  
Grated Parmesan cheese

PAN-FRY SAUSAGE according to package directions. Remove sausage from skillet and cut in half crosswise. Drain on paper towels. Add green pepper and onion and saute in fat until tender. Drain off fat. Add tomatoes, tomato paste, water and seasonings to skillet. In a greased, two-quart casserole, layer macaroni, sausage, sauce and cheese. Repeat layers. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake in preheated 350° oven for 30 minutes. Makes six servings.

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Mr. & Mrs. J.W. McDermett  
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recurring role of police lieutenant Art Malcom. Larry currently starred in the Los Angeles production of a London

## Piano students to participate in contest

Piano students from the Morton area will be among the 500 to be heard at the Lubbock Audition Center in the 1974 National Piano Playing Competition. The local group will play May 2 and 3 at Lubbock Garden and Arts Center and will be judged by Gary Lewis of Wichita Falls.

Students may be any age, from pre-school to college and adult-and may present programs ranging from three up to fifteen selections.

Students entered in Local Level (3 pcs) are Kayla Gardener, Jalisa Greer, Daria Seigler, Rachael Kern; District (6 pcs) Karen Redman; State 7-8-9 Pcs—Rhonda Abbe, Mike Dewbre, Alice Marina; National Level (10 pcs) are Radonna Gilliam, April Polvado, Donna Cox, Suzanne Gillispie, Annette Willingham, Kenneth Gardner, Debbie Polvado, Jaye Linn Greer, Mitzi Baker, Natalie Tucker, Sharon Crone, Judy Mason, Tomi and James Johnson, Jimmie Walker, and Rance Davis.

Holly Kern and Cindy Pierce are in International Graded Program (15 pcs) Kellye Kennedy and Melanie Polvado are candidates for Special Early Bach Awards; Tonya Hodge, Carla Sealy, and Robin Polvado entered the Special Sonatina Program.

Patii Groves is entered for the Special Advanced Bach Award; all Specials are 15 Memorized Pieces in the Stated category.

Students become winners when they pass on their chosen programs; all receiving pins, medals, plaques, and-or certificates.

**HOOKER DEFEATED**  
Gen. Robert E. Lee defeated Gen. Joseph Hooker in the Civil War Battle of Chancellorsville on May 2, 1863.

## Rabbit rearing on large scale being introduced on South Plains

Domestic rabbit raising and processing has come to West Texas. It's located just over the horizon in the Hockley County town of Anton.

Known as Rabbit Industries Inc., the complex hopes to be operational in 60 to 75 days. The firm had originally planned to build the rabbit processing plant in Lubbock, but a better offer was made in Anton.

Gilbert Lemmons, plant manager, was on hand this week, supervising construction which is in full swing. He pointed to two outbuildings of a "reconverted" lumber yard. He said, "That building there will be for holding rabbits after they're unloaded. And that one is where the pelts will be dried."

Lemmons and the board of directors for Rabbit Industries, Inc., have "high hopes" for the success of the operation. Lemmons said there will be a pickup service in a wide area surrounding Anton. In speaking of the rabbit pelts, he said, "We're going to try to influence a tannery to locate here." Skins of the rabbits are used in such diverse fashion as coats,

dresses, gloves, and men's ties.

The plant manager was enthusiastic about the backing of the company. Five Lubbock doctors are on the board of directors, including Lemmon's son. President of the board is Dr. Ivan Barber, and Ronald E. Lemmons, Md., is the vice-president. The secretary-treasurer is Dr. Denton Dewitt, and the general manager is Bill Casey.

Already, the firm is busy building rabbit hutches, and folks in the area "are hauling them off as fast as they're constructed." "We can't keep up with the demand," said Lemmons. He added, "I didn't know there were so many rabbit growers in the area."

Rabbit Industries, Inc., is selling cages and equipment for "slightly over cost." "We're also selling feed for just about cost," said Lemmons. Presently a 100-pound bag of rabbit feed is selling for \$7.50.

Lemmons said that feed from Evergreen Feeds in Ada, Oklahoma, is brought in in 23 ton lots. By no means is all the feed being sold to growers. The firm has its own rabbitry at Shallowater, and eventually plans on having from 12,000 to 15,000 producing does.

One of the difficulties for anyone getting into the business now will be the finding of breeding stock. Howard Robertson, who grows rabbits in Lubbock, and who is the plant superintendent of the Anton firm, said, "breeding stock will probably run between 10 and 15 dollars per animal." That figure will depend upon the age and breed of the stock.

Two of the meat producing breeds mentioned were New Zealand Whites and Californians.

The kill-ratio isn't expected to be too large in the beginning. Lemmons said the plant will be open one or two days a week at first, but with the increase in rabbit population, work days will increase. Plans are also in order for a U.S.D.A. meat inspector to be on the job.

Lemmons explained that the firm will have a kill-line plus a laboratory. From 12 to 14 persons will be employed on one shift, and plans are in order for eventually having three shifts.

To begin with, the firm will pay 40 to 41 cents a pound for live rabbits, and they will buy rabbits in the three-and-a-half pound to five-and-a-half pound range.

### One in 5 homes headed by elderly

The Bureau of the Census has issued a report, "Household and Family Characteristics," which states that 20 percent of the nation's households are headed by persons 65 years old or older.

The survey shows there are 68.3 million households in the United States, and that 13.5 million (or 1 in every 5) of these are headed by an elderly person.

### Freezer Strawberry Jam

CLIP 'N' COOK



2 cups prepared fruit (about 1 quart ripe strawberries)  
4 cups (1 1/2 pounds) sugar  
3/4 cup water  
1 box powdered fruit pectin

**THOROUGHLY CRUSH.** 1 layer at a time, about 1 quart fully ripe strawberries. Measure fruit, mix well, and let stand. Mix water and pectin in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil and boil 1 minute, stirring constantly. Stir into fruit mixture. Continue stirring about 3 minutes. (There will be a few remaining sugar crystals.) Ladle quickly into glasses, or plastic containers. Cover at once with tight lids. When jam is set store in freezer. If jam will be used within 1 or 3 weeks, it may be stored in the refrigerator. Makes about 6 medium (8-ounce) glasses.



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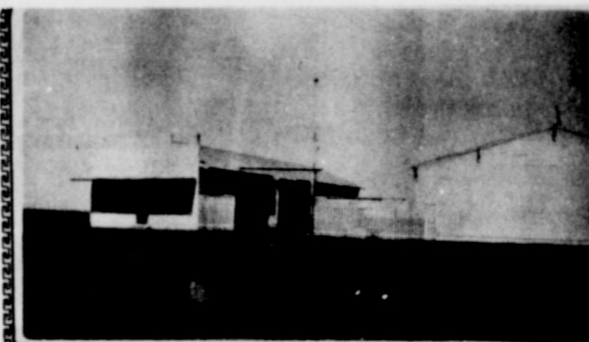
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Singleton Funeral Home Inc. has been in continuous operation for the past 32 years. C. V. Singleton and L. W. Barrett founded the business in 1942 in a building east of the present facility. Mr. Singleton and Mr. Barrett were partners for a number of years. Sammy Leverett was later a partner with Mr. Singleton for ten years. Jerry Key has been General Mgr. and Vice President for the past ten years. Singleton Funeral Home, Inc. is indeed proud to be a part of this community and would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of this area for their confidence and trust.

## WE ARE PLEASED TO BE A PART OF THE HISTORY OF COCHRAN COUNTY!



The first Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Company building in Cochran County. Built in Lehman in 1926. Later moved to Morton in 1928. It took 31 days to move the building. Horses and house dollies were used in the moving.



Higginbotham-Bartlett bought the Clem Bros. Lumber Company in November of 1928 and added the Lehman Building to the facilities.



Leonard Miller, J.W. Holloman, L.G. Burleson, Claude Starr and Orbin Tabor are pictured above as rebuilding of the Lehman building began in Morton.

Alton Burleson, present manager of Higginbotham-Bartlett, moved to Cochran County as manager of the Lehman store April 15, 1928. He later operated his own business from 1954 until 1972, returning that year to again manage the Higginbotham-Bartlett operation. He has worked every day since 1926 in a Morton business.

## Grain sorghum becoming a major export commodity

Sorghum has come to the forefront as a major export grain, and its markets are strong and steady.

"About one-fifth of the milo crop in the United States is exported each year, making it the top sorghum exporting country," says Roland Smith, grain marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"A continuing uptrend can be expected in the long run though exports may soften some this year. Japan continues as the leading importer. Israel looks like she will continue importing along with India, Venezuela, Chile, Nicaragua, the Netherlands, Senegal, Mauritania, Upper Volta and Senegal, the last four being African countries," points out the Texas A&M University System specialist. The volume of sorghum moving to Japan this year would exceed the 105 million bushels imported in 1973. This is more than half of all the sorghum exported. The Japanese use the grain for chicken and cattle feed.

Israel ranks as the second most important improper with orders exceeding 20 million bushels.

"India is not far behind but its market is dependent on human food production. When there is enough wheat and rice to go around, Indian milo exports drop. In times of food shortages, sorghum is assumed as a cereal grain," says Smith.

Using sorghum as basic chicken feed, the Netherlands exports about five million bushels yearly.

Some 14 million bushels of

sorghum were shipped to Venezuela last year where the grain is used primarily for feeding cattle.

"Competition from other grains, mainly corn and wheat, and other producing countries exists. With substitution of one grain for another, either for human or animal consumption, grain competition has tightened. Argentina, South Africa and Thailand appear to be the strongest competitors in the export field," the specialist notes.

Smith commends the Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board, the Grain Sorghum Producers Association and the U.S. Feed Grains Council for their efforts in opening the export door for sorghum as a livestock and human food.

### VENERABLE TREE

The oldest contemporary tree species is the ginkgo, dating back some 150 million years to the Jurassic Age. —



**INNOCENT AND SWEET, don't be fooled! Baby coyotes do grow up and every rancher knows the havoc they bring. The above litter was found on the E.G. Gardner, ranch. You better believe, the mama was gone when Mr. Gardner picked them up!**

## Study Club installs 1974-75 officers

The Town and Country Study Club met Saturday, April 27, in the home of Mrs. Ray Griffith for their annual salad luncheon and the installation of new officers.

Mrs. Bobby Travis, using the theme "Happiness" installed Mrs. Ross Shaw, president; Mrs. Griffith, first vice-president; Mrs. Cherylne Inglis, second vice-president; Mrs. Willard Henry, recording secretary; Mrs. W.G. Freeland, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Joe Seagler, treasurer; Mrs. Kermit Ward, auditor; Mrs. Sammie Williams, parliamentarian, Mrs. Connie

Gray, historian and Mrs. Solomon Hamilton, reporter.

Mrs. Shaw presented her tentative program for the new year which will stress "Patriotism for Pride in America." She announced that the first project for the club would be the first, second and third grade summer reading program.

Mrs. Roy Hill was presented a life membership in the club. Mrs. Inglis was given an appreciation gift for her work as club president and she in turn presented members with birthday angels.

In the business meeting members voted to make a donation to send a Morton Plan A student to the Special Olympics.

Attending the meeting were: Mmes W.C. Gray, Griffith, Hamilton, Willard Henry, Hill, W.A. Hovey, Inglis, A.E. Sanders, Seagler, Shaw, Ward, and Wayne Wilcox.

### TREATY SIGNED

On May 2, 1668, France and Spain signed the Peace of Aix-la-Chapelle, ending the war between them.

## Briscoe names May senior citizen month

Governor Dolph Briscoe has proclaimed May "Senior Citizens Month" calling older people "one of Texas' finest resources."

"Older people throughout the State make many valuable contributions to their communities through volunteer roles, active participation in local and State government and by being involved," he said.

He urged "all communities, large and small, to provide opportunities for older people to continue to use their talents and abilities. For we all stand to gain from this natural resource — older people who have the wisdom of years, the experience of living, and the time to give of themselves."

The Governor urged "all Texans to join in honoring their fellow citizens who have reached a status of seniority and respect."

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### Cancer's seven warning signals

1. Change in bowel or bladder habits.
2. A sore that does not heal.
3. Unusual bleeding or discharge.
4. Thickening or lump in breast or elsewhere.
5. Indigestion or difficulty in swallowing.
6. Obvious change in wart or mole.
7. Nagging cough or hoarseness.

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American Cancer Society

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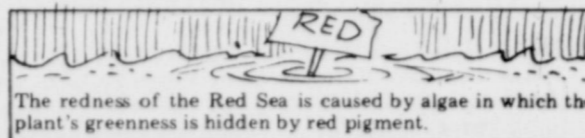
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## McBrayer says Texas Republicans need new goals, some new ideas

Odell, McBrayer, Republican Candidate for Governor, speaking before The University of Texas Young Republicans Club last Wednesday night said if the Republican party would come up with some new goals and some new ideas in Texas, it could capture the votes of many disenchanted Democrats in the State.

McBrayer said, "Voter apathy is very possibly the worst it's been in many years. This same apathy," he continued, "is not only the enemy of the people but of the candidate as well. We have always heard that you can't win a political race without cutting down your opponent. I stated at the beginning of my campaign that I would not 'sling mud.' I haven't yet and I shall not in the future. My campaign, as I have stated many times before, is based on a positive approach.

It is based on the issues at hand and the need for Texas to return to good solid conservative government."

McBrayer went on to say, "The State of Texas should run its government just as efficiently and as smoothly as any great business corporation. A corporation produces profit only if each person carries his load. Should the people elect me Governor," McBrayer continued, "I would not hesitate to cross party lines concerning appointments."

"My appointments would be based on what is best for Texas and the people, not what is best for my party or my friends, or myself. I believe the only way we can keep from appropriating new taxes is to streamline the governmental processes so that we might obtain the greatest efficiency from the least amount of tax

dollars." Responding to many questions by the Young Republican Club, McBrayer spoke on several issues:

- 1) He is for the student and the faculty having a voice on the Board of Regents.
- 2) He wants to raise law enforcement to a professional level where the men don't have to "moonlight" to support their families.
- 3) He believes the governor's office should take a new look at the problems facing the University community.
- 4) He would streamline welfare by instituting improved investigating techniques to determine whether or not a person really needs to be on welfare.
- 5) He would allow abortion



MRS. ROY TURNEY is pictured as she is presented a watch by Joe Chambers, District representative for Amarillo Hardware-Zenith Distributor, for selling Zenith products. Bill Smith, owner of Bill's Furniture and Appliance, smiles his approval.

### POLITICAL CALENDAR

- Democratic Primary  
May 4, 1974
- General Election  
Nov. 7, 1974

For State Representative  
76th Congressional District  
Bill Clayton  
For County Judge:  
Glenn W. Thompson  
For County-District Clerk  
Robert J. (Bob) Vinson  
Pattie (Pat) Clayton  
For County Commissioner:  
Precinct 2:  
E. J. McKissack  
For County Commissioner:  
Precinct 4:  
Jimmy Millar  
W. R. Key  
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For Justice of Peace:  
Precinct 1:  
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McBrayer pledged a campaign and administration, if nominated and elected, based on Christian principles and sound, conservative governmental philosophy.

McBrayer, senior partner in the firm of McBrayer and Bates, has long been active in Republican Party affairs in Tarrant County and the Tenth Senatorial District.

Since his graduation from The University of Texas Law School, McBrayer has practiced law in Dalhart, Dallas and Ft. Worth, being in private practice of law for the past ten years in Fort Worth.

McBrayer was born August 16, 1930, in Lakeview, Texas and is a graduate of Clarendon High School (1948), Clarendon Junior College (1950), the University of Texas (1955), and the University of Texas Law School (1958).

He is a veteran of service in the United States Air Force, and has served as city attorney for the City of White Settlement and currently is city attorney for the City of Lakeside, both suburbs of Fort Worth.

#### HITLER DEAD

On May 1, 1945, the death of Adolf Hitler was announced; Adm. Karl Doenitz took command in Germany.

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1. Electric cord. Is it plugged in?
2. Pilot light. Is it lit? Check your owner's manual before trying to light it.
3. Power source. Has a fuse blown or a circuit breaker moved to the off position?
4. Controls. Are they set correctly? Be positive by checking your owner's manual. Give pushbuttons an extra firm push and turn dials in the proper direction.

5. Lights. If not on, check the power source. If the bulb's burned out, your owner's manual will tell you the type of bulb needed for replacement.

6. Dust, lint and dirt buildup. This reduces efficiency. Washer filters (if not self-cleaning) and dryer lint screens need to be cleaned after each use.

Dust and dirt can block your air conditioner filter. Check your owner's manual for instructions on changing or cleaning the

filter. Dust and dirt will also build up on the coils, back and beneath refrigerators and freezers.



ers. They should be cleaned periodically with a brush or vacuum cleaner attachment.

7. Water Supply. Is water flowing into the appliance? Be sure faucets are turned on and hoses not kinked.

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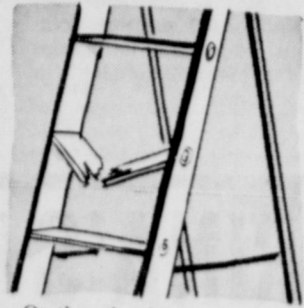


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merely because his product has "grown old" in the normal fashion. As one court put it, in rejecting the claim of a housewife injured by an aged washing machine: "There is no duty upon a manufacturer to furnish a machine that will not wear out."



On the other hand, a manufacturer may still be held responsible years after selling the product, if

the passage of time had nothing to do with the accident. Take this case:

A bar stool, after being in use for three years, caved in under an unlucky customer. The manufacturer, sued later for damages, protested that he could not be blamed, since the stool had been "out of our hands" for such a long time. Nevertheless, the court decided the injured customer had a legitimate claim because the accident was traceable to a faulty welding job done at the factory. The court said this was not the kind of hazard caused by usage of the product.

In one unusual case, the time lag was 13 years. The gear shift knob in an automobile had shattered when a passenger was thrown against it. There was evidence indicating that the plastic material used in the knob was subject to deterioration in sunlight. There was also evidence that the deterioration would not be apparent to the average person.

The court said the jury could reasonably conclude that the 13-year interval did not prove the knob's safety, but only that it hadn't really been tested until this particular accident.

**Toy Gun**

Grocer Hawkins put up no resistance as the youthful robber cleaned out his cash register. To Hawkins, the young man's pistol was all too real.

But in fact, the pistol was a toy. When the robber was later caught and brought to trial for "armed robbery," he insisted that the charge would not stand up.

"The simple truth is," he told the court, "that I was not armed at all. That gun I had couldn't hurt a flea."



Nevertheless, the court decided he was guilty as charged. The court said what mattered was not the actual character of the gun but the way it looked to the victim.

Most courts agree. That is, they view the holdup weapon "through the eyes of the beholder." They reason that the essence of the crime is putting the victim in fear, which can be done as effectively with a gun that only looks deadly as with one that really is.

There have even been cases of "armed robbery" in which the robber had no weapon at all. Thus: another holdup man terrified his victim merely by showing a menacing bulge in his coat pocket.

Yet, a court decided this was enough basis for a charge of armed

robbery. The court said the fear that the robber had a gun, plus the fear that he might use it, was all that the law requires by way of intimidation.

Still, the fear must be at least of physical harm—not of a lesser form of pressure. Suppose A says to B:

"Unless you hand over \$500, I'll get you in trouble with the Internal Revenue Service."

If B pays off, A may be guilty of some offense—but not robbery. As one court put it:

"There can be no robbery without violence. The menace must be of a sort to excite reasonable apprehension of danger. Threat of prosecution for a crime is regarded as insufficient (because) a man in the hands of the law is not legally presumed to be in danger of bodily harm."

**Visit to Washington**

Millions of American tourists will be visiting the nation's capital this year for a close-up look at their government. Although most of them won't realize it, they should be grateful for an unusual law called the Federal Tort Claims Act.

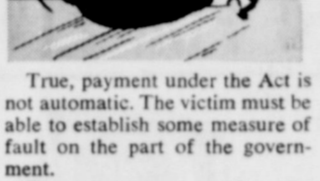
This Act, overturning the ancient doctrine that "the King can do no wrong," allows a citizen to hold the government liable in case he gets hurt on federal premises. For example, claims have been filed by:

a man who stumbled on uneven flooring in a Senate corridor;

a woman who skidded down the steps of the National Gallery of Art;

a woman who fell on ice behind the White House during a Christmas pageant; and,

a woman who slipped in the lobby of the Smithsonian Institute.



True, payment under the Act is not automatic. The victim must be able to establish some measure of fault on the part of the government.

Thus, a woman tourist who stepped into a hole beside the Washington Monument won her claim because she proved governmental negligence. It seems that some faulty plumbing, installed by a government crew, had undermined the paving and caused it to sink.

But a man who stepped into a hole near the Jefferson Memorial

(at Cherry Blossom time) was denied damages because he had ventured into an area where the public was not supposed to go. The court said the government was not required to be as careful in places where visitors were not expected.

Of course, the Act applies equally to federal premises all over the country. You have its protection in courthouses and post offices, military bases and national parks.

In one case, a boy won damages under the Act after a wobbly mailbox toppled over on him. The court felt that the mailbox was a federal "place of business," just like the post office, and should be kept just as safe.

**Blind Corner**

Alex dutifully halted his car at the stop sign. At that point, which was about 30 feet back from the corner, his vision of the intersection was blocked by some high bushes. Nevertheless, he moved briskly into the crossing.

Result: a collision with a car coming along the other street.



Was Alex guilty of negligence? He insisted that he was not, point-

ing out in a court hearing that he had brought his car to a full stop at the sign.

"That's all the law requires," he said. "I stopped, looked, and listened at the designated place."

But the court found him guilty of negligence anyhow. The court said a "blind" corner imposes an extra duty on motorists—regardless of stop signs or traffic signals—to proceed with caution.

The law does recognize, however, that caution is a matter of degree. For example:

Another man also entered an intersection that he could not see because of shrubbery. But this time, the man edged forward at a snail's pace, glancing in both directions. Even though he still got in the way of an oncoming car and caused a collision, a court ruled afterward that he could not be held legally liable.

"The law does not require the impossible," said the court. "One cannot be held guilty of negligence because he is unable to see through impenetrable objects or to bend his vision around them."

What about the responsibility for making the intersection blind in the first place? Unless a special statute so provides, the local government ordinarily cannot be held liable for this kind of hazard.

However, courts have occasionally placed the blame on a private property owner who has brought such an obstruction into existence. Liability has been based on the theory that the condition of his premises could foreseeably cause some luckless motorist, some day, to get hurt.

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recurring role of police lieutenant Art Malcolm. Larry currently starred in the Los Angeles production of a London rock musical, "The Rocky Horror Show."

# DOA claims outstanding rural development record

The Department of Agriculture is chalking up, what it believes to be, a good record in meeting new rural development obligations handed it by the Congress, Newspaper Farm Editors were told at their Washington meeting.

Will Erwin, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, put it this way: "Take housing. With roughly \$7.0 billion outstanding in over 600,000 rural housing loans and with write-off losses of less than one-tenth of one percent, USDA's Farmers Home Administration has contributed substantially to better rural housing."

"FHA has built an equally enviable record in sewer, water, and other community facility loans. And it hopes to do the same kind of a job with Business and Industry Developmental loans first funded by Congress last October."

"USDA is currently responsible for community improvement programs as well as farmer related programs," the official continued. "When President Lincoln signed the bill creating the Department of Agriculture, he described it as a 'people's' Department. And

the basic concern of rural development is people."

Rural housing loans, Mr. Erwin pointed out, have increased from \$507 million in 1969 to \$1,858 million during the current fiscal year. Sewer, water, and other community facility loans are budgeted at \$520 million for the upcoming year against \$198 million in 1969.

Congress, he said, set a FY 1974 ceiling of \$200 million on the new business and industry guaranteed loans, "but we have requested twice that amount in the budget for FY 1975." Private, local lenders make these loans with FHA guaranteeing payment of them up to 90 percent of losses.

"Organizationally," Mr. Erwin said, "we are in good shape with a USDA Rural Development committee functioning in every state and in most local areas either at the county or regional level. The Extension Service has over 600 rural development specialists helping rural people meet their developmental challenges."

The breakdown of FHA loans outstanding on January 10, 1974, shows the status of present assistance efforts:

Farm Loans, 300,955 loans, \$3,444,401,000.00 outstanding;

Rural housing loans, 611,451 loans, \$6,899,687,000.00 outstanding; Community facility loans, 9,783 loans, \$1,354,084,000.00 outstanding. "But the surface of need is only scratched," Mr. Erwin said. "Our goal is to help local communities help themselves using the private sector where possible. Rural America still

has over one-half of the nation's substandard housing. Many communities are still withering. And thousands of communities have sewer, water and other community facility problems to solve before they can develop otherwise. There are many other needs to be met. But the machinery for helping rural

people meet these needs is operating effectively. We can feel good about the future of Rural Development."

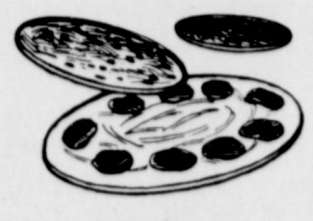
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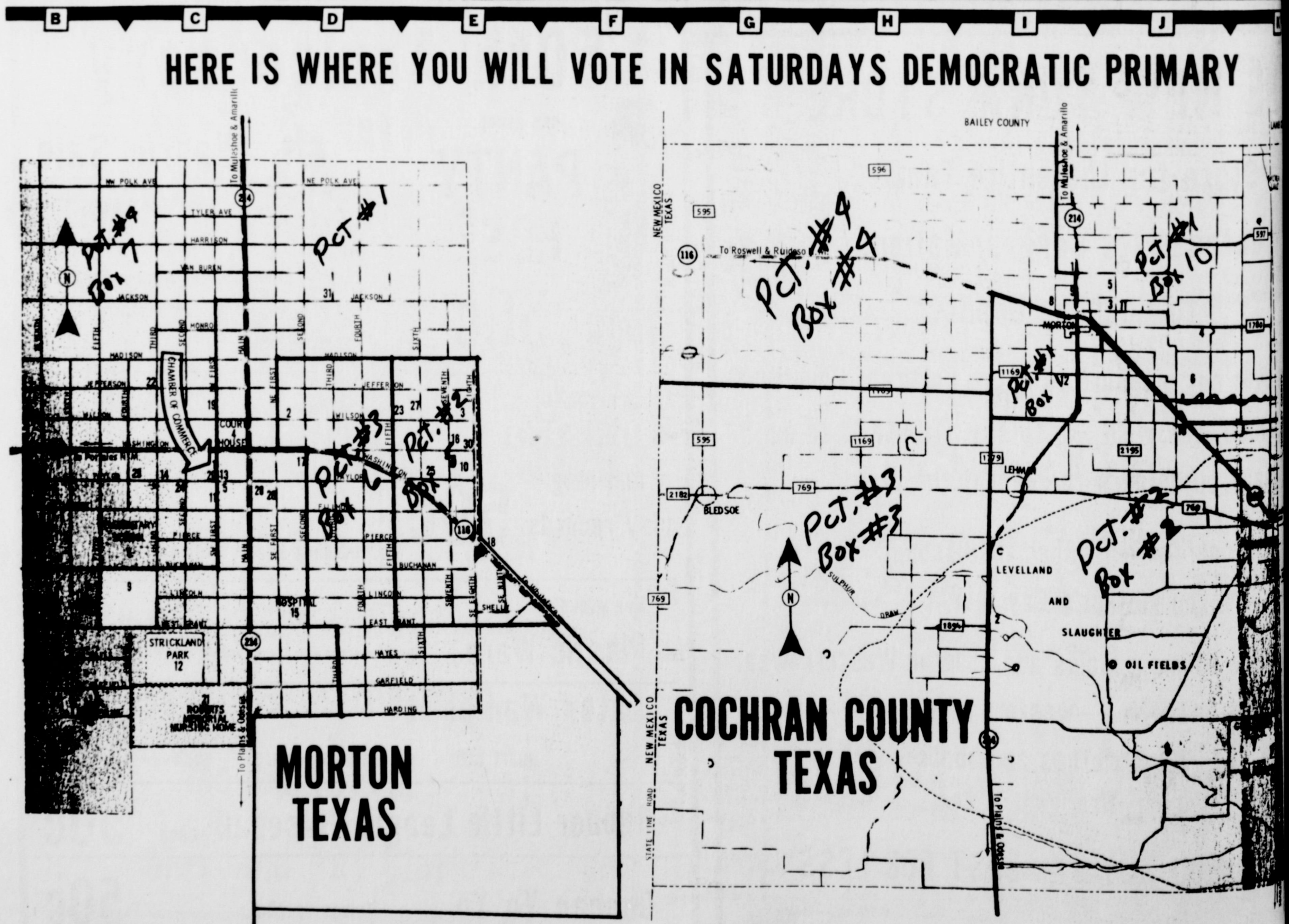
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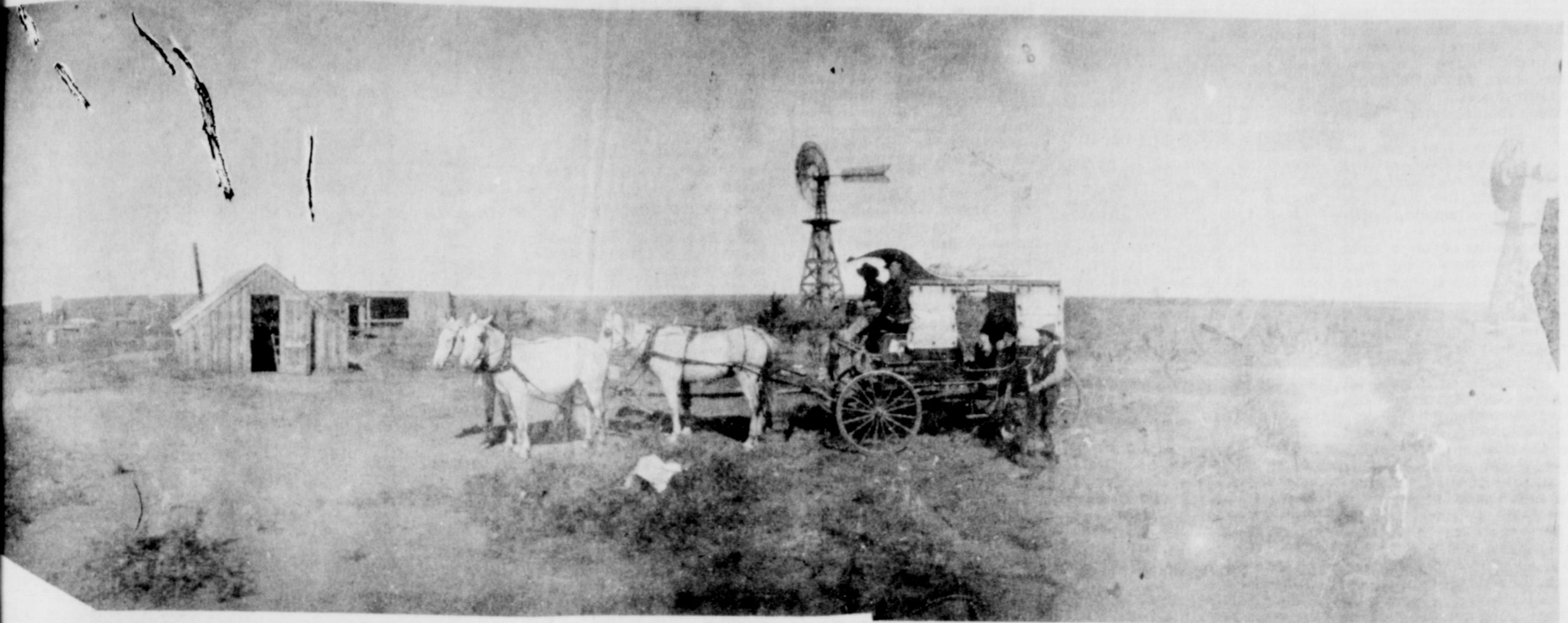


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**COLONEL C. C. LAUGHTER**, the Cattle King of Texas, sits in the driver's seat of his famous ranch-touring wagon. This rare photograph was taken about 1900 at Slaughter's Lazy S Ranch headquarters, southwest of Morton. Pictured is the original dugout headquarters of the ranch.

Slaughter used the ambulance to visit his three west Texas ranches. Normally, he would ride the ranches in the coach. Much like a present day camper, the ambulance was a combination bedroom, kitchen, and stage coach. When

cowboys saw the matched team of fine white horses, they certainly knew who was approaching. Painted below the driver's seat is Slaughter's prized Hereford bull Ancient Briton. (Photo courtesy of Hiley T. Boyd, Jr.)

## Rancher dominant figure in county's history

BY DAVID MURRAH

Most of the history of Cochran County before 1920 is associated with one Texas man and his ranching empire—that of Colonel C.C. Slaughter. From 1898 until his death in 1919, he directly or indirectly controlled the vast Lazy S Ranch which sprawled over almost the entire eastern half of the county and portions of Hockley County. This ranch, measuring 45 miles from its northwest corner to the southeastern edge, provided a formidable barrier to the

advance of the farmer's frontier until the breakup of the ranch became possible.

Slaughter was not the first rancher to drive cattle into Cochran County. In the early 1880's, the Surratts located on 60 sections in the southern part of the county. That ranch was bought by John T. Beal's Jumbo Cattle Company in 1887. Beal also used most of the central area of the county since it was still open range country.

The drought years of the early 1890's nearly ruined the

Jumbo Company, forcing it to sell to the St. Louis Cattle Company. Beal remained as manager of the St. Louis Company.

In 1897, C.C. Slaughter came from his home in Dallas to inspect a herd of purebred Hereford cattle he had purchased. The cattle were then located on the Oxsheer ranch in western Hockley County. The next year, Slaughter decided to buy as much of the still unclaimed regions of Cochran and Hockley counties as possible. Within a year he acquired 246,000 acres of land, buying out the Beal ranch and other smaller cattlemen.

Slaughter was the undisputed "Cattle King of

Texas" long before he ever set foot on the South Plains.

C.C. Slaughter's father George Webb Slaughter, had moved to Texas in 1830 and settled in east Texas. After the Revolution, in which George Slaughter served as a courier for Sam Houston, he operated a freighting business. In 1857, he began ranching and moved his family to Palo Pinto County, north of present-day Mineral Wells. Following the Civil War, Slaughter and his sons, including the eldest, C.C., began driving longhorn cattle over the Chisholm Trail to Kansas. After seven years of great success, the family partnership dissolved and each of the boys launched out on their own in the cattle business.

Will Rogers, America's favorite humorist, called them "The Cattle Slaughterers of Texas." Will Slaughter became a rancher in the northern Panhandle. John B. Slaughter developed the U

Lazy S near Post. C.C. Slaughter established ranches all over the entire state.

With five thousand head, C.C. (now called Colonel Slaughter by his friends) established in 1877 the vast Long S Ranch near Midland, along the headwaters of the Colorado River. In 1884, he acquired interest in the Runningwater Ranch west of Plainview.

After Slaughter had acquired ranch land in Cochran and Hockley counties, he made his new Lazy S Ranch into a model operation. Completely fenced and cross-fenced, the ranch extended from five miles northwest of present-day Morton to five miles southeast of Sundown. Counting nearby leased pastures, the ranch covered at times more than 300,000 acres. The ranch had 45 windmills and 24 watering places.

From 1898 to 1915, the manager of the ranch was George Slaughter of Roswell, C.C.'s oldest son. His efficient overseeing helped the ranch return sizeable profits each year. From 1898 to 1911, the foreman of the ranch was Hiley T. Boyd, described by George Slaughter as the best man available. "I don't think God

ever made a better and more honest man than Hiley Boyd and I would trust him with anything I have," George Slaughter said.

The young Slaughter boys, C.C., Jr., Dick, and Alex, all worked on the ranch during the summer and after 1911 became directors of the C.C. Slaughter Cattle Company when their father turned the ranch over to his nine children and wife's ownership.

After George Slaughter's death in 1915, Bob Slaughter, the second eldest of the Slaughter boys became manager.

Colonel Slaughter died in January, 1919. In that year, a severe slump hit the cattle business and the directors of the C.C. Slaughter Cattle Company found themselves in disagreement over ranch business and policy. Two years later they voted to divide their ranch into ten equal ranches and thus the division was carried out in the summer of 1921.

The breakup of the ranch eventually led to the sale of portions of the Slaughter ranch. With the advance of the farmer into the western South Plains, some of the Slaughter land became communities. See RANCHER Page 2 D



**SLAUGHTER FAMILY IN 1905** — Pictured at their Dallas mansion with their children and grandchildren are Colonel and C.C. Slaughter (seated). The small boy at left is Jo Dick Slaughter. Seated on ground is Ed Dela Wright. In the first row (standing), left to right are Roberta Wright, Minnie Slaughter, Nelle Slaughter, Stuart Wright, Mrs. G.G. (Dela Slaughter) Slaughter, R.L. Slaughter, Jr., and Gilbert Wright (in uniform). In the second row are Mrs. George (Allie) Slaughter with baby (Eloise), E. Dick (Carrie) Slaughter, C.C. Slaughter, Jr., Mrs. C.C. (Laura) Slaughter, Jr., G.G. Wright, Mrs. R.L. (Florence) Slaughter, Dr. George Veal, Alex Slaughter, Mrs. John (Carrie) Slaughter, Dean, Dr. John Dean, and George Slaughter II (on rail). In the third row are Jowell Wright. At back left are Bob, George, and E. Slaughter. The original picture is located in the C.C. Slaughter Papers, Texas Tech University, Southwest Collection.

### Homeseekers in West Texas Still Trekking in "Covered Wagons"

"Texas can still boast of pioneers and 'covered wagon days.' Anyone who doubts this may be convinced by visiting some of the districts of West Texas that are experiencing phenomenal growth and development. Trains of covered wagons are moving westward, bearing homeseekers to this country which is still, from a standpoint of development, in its infancy," said James I. Perkins.

Cochran County, the latest organized in the State, which will elect its first county officers March 21, comprises one of these districts.

"A few months ago this country was thought by some to be almost unfit for anything except grazing purposes, for which it was solely utilized,

but it has been found that the soil of this section, known as 'cat's claw soil,' is very fine for agricultural purposes; a most prolific producer of cotton, and that it has climatic advantages," Mr. Perkins declared.

Recently Morton J. Smith bought about 30,000 acres of land from the Slaughter estate in what is now Cochran County and is cutting this up into small farms. He founded the town of Morton a few months ago and now it has over 200 population and is the county seat of Cochran County.

Plans are being made for the construction of a railway from Lubbock through Levelland, Hockley County, which is only eighteen months old, thence to Morton and on to Roswell, N.M.

## Cochran County's "Last Frontier" claim valid

BY DAVID MURRAH

The label "Texas' Last Frontier" is Cochran County's claim to fame, but the claim is no idle boast. History reveals clearly that Cochran County was a part of the last frontier of the state to be settled, and is one of the last counties to be organized.

Less than a hundred years ago Indians were still using Cochran County's ocean of grass to cover their escape from pursuing soldiers. At that time, the county had never seen an official army trail. No trails had been discovered; no watering places

Fifty years ago, Cochran County was organized, an event that was held off because of the barrier of the ranching empire of C.C. Slaughter. As late as 1920, only 67 people called Cochran County home. When the county government was organized in 1924, it became the last of the Panhandle-Plains counties to do so.

To view the county's present day prosperous farm lands and feed lots makes one wonder why the settler was so long in converting the grassland to farms. Yet an examination of man's visits to the regions since the time of Coronado explains the delay of

settlement. Cochran County to a great extent was Texas' last frontier because of a three-hundred year old myth—the myth of "The Great American Desert."

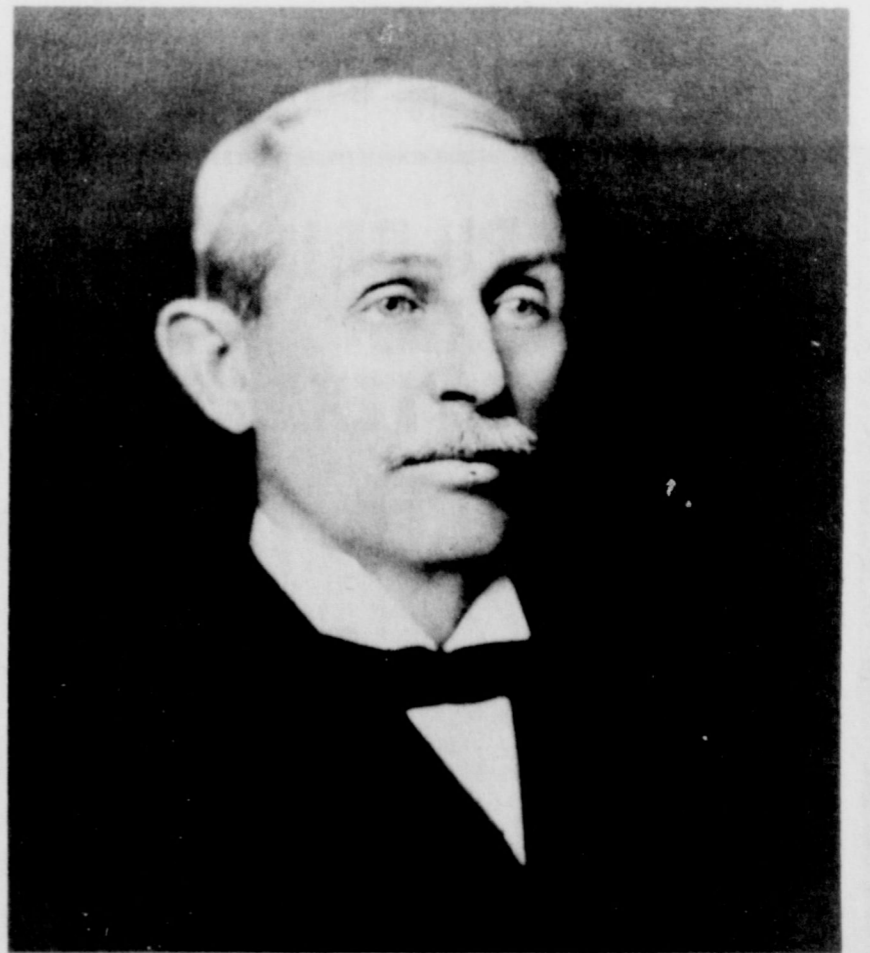
From the time the first white men reached the plains region with Coronado in 1541 until well into the second half of the nineteenth century, the description "Great American Desert" was applied particularly to the Llano Estacado portion of the southern plains which, it was commonly believed, would be uninhabited for hundreds of years if, indeed, it would ever be suitable for civilization.

Because there was no

timber, only a few scattered waterholes, and no landmarks, white men tended to stay clear of the Llano Estacado in which Cochran lay in the center. Even the fierce Comanche and Kiowa Indians invaded the area only to hunt buffalo or to cross the region. The Texan-Santa Fe Expedition in 1841, designed to establish the jurisdiction of Texas over Santa Fe, crossed the Llano Estacado in 1841, but became lost and finally was captured by Mexican soldiers.

Although the region of the Llano Estacado was visited by military expeditions in the 1840's and 1850's, it was not until 1872 that the first

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**ONE OF THE EARLIEST CATTLEMEN** to reach Cochran County was F.G. Oxsheer. From 1882 until the 1920's Oxsheer ranged cattle throughout west Texas. From 1886 to 1906, he owned land in western Hockley county and continually leased pastures in Cochran County until he sold his interests to C.C. Slaughter in 1898. Oxsheer drilled some of the earliest wells in the region. He died in 1931 at Fort Worth, where he had made his home since 1895. (Picture courtesy Southwest Collection, Texas Tech University)

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 recurring role of police lieutenant Art Malcom. Larry Storch and Robyn Millan guest star in the opening episode.

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such as Lehman, Sundown, and Morton. Where purebred Herefords once grazed, cotton, corn, and milo fields took their place.

After the division, each owner moved his marked herds to his own block and the Lazy S Ranch of Cochran and Hockley counties ceased to exist. In effect, it was replaced by ten fully-equipped, well-stocked ranches.

For a number of years, Lazy S cattle, bearing the traditional brand, were kept by Bob and C.C., Jr. But as the years passed, the Slaughterers sold or leased their lands to prospective farmers and ranchers, and the Lazy S cow soon disappeared from the range of the western South Plains.

In 1969, forty-eight years after the division of the Lazy S Ranch, a commercial feeding lot capable of handling forty thousand cattle opened its gates to serve the Cochran-Hockley region. Situated nearly in the center of what had been the vast Slaughter ranch, the feed lot represents the fulfillment of a prophecy Colonel Slaughter had related many years before.

Addressing a 1906 cattlemen's convention, he predicted the future utilization of his parties by a new breed, the farmer-rancher.

"The cattlemen of the future will have to see his ranch acres decrease under the steady advancement of the farmer. Even if an acre of land in grass to raise and fatten beef will pay better than an acre of land in cotton or wheat or fruit or truck," the onward

march of the agriculturist will absorb the land degree by degree until the ranch owner must in self-defense engage in both pursuits raising the finest cattle on earth and fattening them for market from his own granaries."

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American military party successfully crossed the region.

In that year, Colonel Ranald Slidell Mackenzie and 240 men crossed the heart of the Llano Escatado through an area previously considered impassable because of the lack of water. The purpose of the trip was to try to break the illegal trade between the Comancheros of New Mexico and the renegade Comanche and Kiowa Indians, still loose on the Plains.

From its supply camp near present-day Crosbyton, the Mackenzie expedition in late July crossed the plains near Abernathy and passed through what is now Bailey County and on into the settlements in New Mexico. In August Mackenzie returned by way of Palo Duro Canyon.

Mackenzie's expedition did much to dispell the myth that the plains could not be traversed. Dr. Ernest Wallace, noted authority on Mackenzie, has expressed, "Mackenzie had made a highly significant contribution to the exploration and opening of the Great American West. He had found two routes across the treacherous Plains.

The discovery of the roads and the good water would make it possible to keep the hostile Indians constantly on the run until they would surrender, or all be surprised and captured

or killed."

Yet the Mackenzie expedition bypassed the barren regions of Cochran County where few, if any, white men had ever set foot. As late as 1875 the region was still unexplored and unknown. The always dry Sulphur Draw offered no water; the treeless plains offered no shelter; hence Cochran County lay untouched.

But in 1875, the Army moved once again to explore the region. Needing to expell Indians that might have escaped capture after the Indian wars of 1874, Colonel R. William Shafter and his black troops of the Tenth Calvary ventured onto the Llano Estacado.

For a distance Shafter followed Mackenzie's route, but turned south and camped near present-day Lubbock. Then he marched west to Casas Amarillas, Yellowhouse Lake, which was an old Comanchero camp ground. Then from there Shafter headed west into Cochran County into a region absolutely unknown to Anglo-Americans.

After leaving Yellowhouse Lake, the column moved thirty miles each day, to the west, crossing directly across the heart of Cochran County, seeing only grass and "hundreds of thousands" of buffalo. The only sign of civilization encountered by Shafter on his march through Cochran County was a runaway cavalry horse which had strayed from a previous plains expedition.

The only water encountered by Shafter on the march was obtained from the playa surface lakes. But three days after leaving Yellowhouse Lake, the troops could locate no water at all and Shafter concluded that he must either turn back or head for the Pecos which was some eighty miles west of his position. Shafter decided to try to reach the Pecos.

Dr. Paul H. Carlson, biographer of Shafter, described the desperate march: "During the following two days and one night of marching, the troops suffered desperately from heat, dust, and thirst. Exhausted men were tied in their saddles; slackers were forced to keep up. Shafter cajoled, wheedled, and drove his troops.

On the last night out, many of the officers and men, having lost all hope of reaching the river, wrote messages to be taken home by those fortunate enough to survive. After great hardship and privation the advance troops reached the Pecos about nine p.m. By midnight everyone was encamped along the river near present Carlsbad, New Mexico."

During the following weeks, Shafter's troops crisscrossed the Llano Estacado locating water holes and chasing Indians. Shafter built a monument near Hobbs, New Mexico, to serve as a marker for a watering place. Today it is known as Monument Springs.

In October Shafter

discovered a large unknown lake near present-day Andrews and to this day the lake bears the name of its discoverer, Shafter Lake.

During the summer and fall of 1875, Shafter and his troops marched more than 2500 miles and dispelled completely the myth that one could not travel through the Llano Estacado.

Following Shafter's expedition, settlers began to creep into the Plains area, Charles Goodnight established his JA Ranch in Palo Duro Canyon in 1876. C.C. Slaughter moved herds into the Midland area. Other smaller ranchers began to venture even into the Llano Estacado.

But Cochran County and the western Llano Estacado remained formidable, as Captain Nicholas Nolan and his company of black troops discovered in 1877. During that summer, while pursuing a small band of Indians, Nolan and his command became lost in Cochran County and spent more than three days without water.

Forced to abandon their search for Indians, Nolan and his men turned back to the east at "Nigger Hill" which is just across the line from Cochran County in eastern New Mexico.

Nolan's so-called "Lost Nigger Expedition" did not help matters for a future early settlement of Cochran County. Accounts of the expedition were published in eastern newspapers, further justifying in the minds of many that the Staked Plains were nothing more than what the New York Tribune termed "a sandy waterless region in Northwestern Texas."

But, in spite of the picture of desolation that the trackless plains and sand hills presented, the pioneer cattlemen pushed their way into the Cochran County region. The Surratt Ranch first appeared in the early 1880's. The XIT began stocking its vast ranch by 1885.

It was C.C. Slaughter, however, who forced the prairies amidst the sand hills to yield to encroaching civilization. Prior to his appearance in 1898, most of the county was still open range country. With a heavy investment, Slaughter converted the area into a large and profitable ranch, and from 1898 to 1921, his cattle domain

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When Kate's brother became a widower, she moved in with him and took over the care of his household. Three years later, he too passed away. At the probate of his estate, Kate put in a claim for "services rendered."

"Although my brother and I never discussed money," she told the court, "I just took it for granted that eventually I would be paid for my work. After all, I didn't have to do it. I was not my brother's keeper."



But the court disagreed and rejected her claim. The court said the natural presumption was that Kate had helped her brother for reasons of affection, not money. If she expected payment, added the court, she should have made that clear from the start.

Questions of this kind arise often in probate proceedings, when claims for services rendered to the deceased must be dealt with. As a rule, the closer the relationship between the claimant and the deceased, the more likely the court is to say that the services were given free.

But the individual circumstances can make a big difference. In another case, a man sought payment for carpentry, painting, and cement work he had done on the house of his late brother.

This time, the brothers had been living separately, with their own separate families. In this situation, the court reasonably expected to be paid, even without any agreement to that effect.

The extent of the services, too, may be a factor. A sister who took over the management of her brother's home also took over the burdensome task of nursing him. He was seriously ill, and needed almost constant attention.

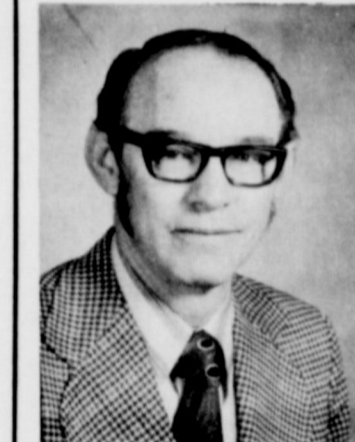
After his death, a judge ruled that the sister was indeed entitled to wages for her efforts. The judge said that even for a loving sister, this was an extraordinary amount of service.

held the advancing farmer out of the Cochran County area.

After 1920, major events began to occur which opened the county for final settlement. The breakup of the Slaughter Ranch opened the door for land promotion and sales.

Declining cattle prices in the early 1920's hurt the ranches of the area. Greater demand for farm land coupled with higher land prices and farm mechanization made the sandy, but fertile soil of Cochran County even more desirable.

Thus, in 1930, the county's population jumped to nearly 30 times its 1920 numbers. By 1924, the county had enough people to organize its own self-government and Texas' Last Frontier was no more.



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AUSTIN, Tex. — Pressure on Gov. Dolph Briscoe to call a special legislative session increased with an appeal by inflation-hit state employees for a \$62 million a year emergency pay raise.

Forty-five thousand state employees signed a petition addressed to Briscoe requesting a special session on these pay matters:

A 10.2 per cent (three step) increase for classified and hourly workers immediately.

An additional 6.8 per cent (two step) boost for 1974-75 benefiting all employees.

An increase in the per diem travel allowance from \$18 to \$25 a day.

An increase in the mileage rate paid for use of personal cars on state business from 12 cents to 20 cents a mile.

Texas Public Employees Association represents more than 70,000 state employees.

TPEA President Walter H. Looney said the raises are needed to help keep up with the inflation spiral and catch up with last year's zooming living cost.

If inflation continues at present rate until September, said Looney, soaring prices will have nullified 98 per cent of the wage raises given state classified employees in the last seven years.

Governor Briscoe said he is "concerned" about the employees' problem and will consider it "along with the other priority matters in state government."

The Governor is weighing demands for a special session to provide \$200 million in emergency school finance aid to help hold down local property tax increases.

COURTS SPEAK — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals held both criminal and civil penalties can be exacted for water pollution.

A divided State Supreme Court concluded an Abilene fireman, who was fired for declining to take a lie detector test concerning a stolen truck, must be reinstated.

A new trial was ordered by the Court of Criminal Appeals for a 23-year-old man sentenced to 101 years imprisonment for stabbing a drinking companion to death near Brownwood in 1970.

MANUFACTURING FIRMS WIN — Five manufacturing firms won the annual governor's Industrial Expansion Awards for 1973.

Winners were Hi Pro Feeds Inc. of Friona, Datapoint Corporation of San Antonio, Superior Continental Corporation of Brownwood, Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corporation of Waxahachie and the Beaumont Shipyards of Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

Local Chambers of Commerce nominated the winners. Selections were made by the Texas Industrial Commission for civic and economic contributions to communities.

COTTON DEADLINES SET — Agriculture Commissioner John C. White ordered cotton farmers from the Winter Garden area to the coast to complete planting by midnight May 10.

The area is ahead of last year's planting schedule, and some of the counties have reached 99 per cent completion, according to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. White said cotton planting statewide is 16 per cent complete, compared with nine per cent this time last year.

Estimated total acreage for Texas is 5,933,000 acres, up 10 per cent from 1973. Planting deadlines are fixed as part of the Texas Pink Bollworm Act control program.

White said probability of bollworm infestations is greater

this year due to delay in cotton stalk destruction and a mild winter.

FEDERALS HELP — A \$195,000 federal Economic Development Administration grant has been awarded to Laredo and Mineral Wells for industrial site development to offset shutdown of U.S. military installations.

Of the total, \$89,000 will go to Laredo to help offset loss of jobs through closing of Laredo Air Force Base. The funds will be concentrated on development of industrial sites and transportation and to improve tourism.

Another \$90,000 EDA money to ease closure of Fort Wolters at Mineral Wells will be used to conduct a water development study and develop industrial sites in Mineral Wells and Weatherford.

Word of the allocation of the grant came from Al Rodriguez, head of the Technical Assistance Center for the Texas Industrial Commission.

The Industrial Commission also reports that 37 industrial start-up training programs now operating in 29 Texas communities are expected to provide 5,320 new jobs in the state.

APPOINTMENTS — Governor Briscoe has named 12 citizens to a special interim committee to study reorganization and modernization of agencies which administer public education.

They are: Dr. Charles E. Bounds, Austin; Dr. Oliver H. Brown, Austin; Will Davis, Austin; Mrs. Clarence L. Ervin Sr., Lubbock; Dr. L. Harlan Ford, Austin; Dr. Lawrence D. Haskew, Austin; Dr. Irvin A. Kraft, Houston; Mrs. Elza McKnight Jr., Dallas; Rev. Al Moser, Austin; Mrs. Luci

Johnson Nugent, Austin; Miss Teresa Pena, El Paso and Dr. Alberto C. Serrano, San Antonio.

CONVENTION DELEGATES TO RETURN — Delegates to the 1974 Constitutional Convention will resume their efforts to draft a revised document May 6, in Austin.

During the convention recess members of the Style and Drafting Committee have been meeting in Austin to polish language in the constitutional articles thus far tentatively approved.

Delegates have until July 31 to finish the constitutional rewrite. That's the date the convention automatically self-destructs.

NEW PUBLICATION — After seven years of research the Texas Water Development Board has published a book discussing application of computer-age technology to the planning of water supplies.

Copies of the report, "Report 183, Analytical Techniques for Planning Complex Water Resource Systems, A Summary Report," are available without charge from the Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711.

SHORT SNORTS Texas Highway Patrolmen are having their gasoline problems too, but sufficient state funds are available to buy enough of the high priced fuel to get through this and next year.

Wesley L. Hjernevik, former director of administration at the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, has joined the State Welfare Department as deputy commissioner for management.

Lloyd G. Wood of Edinburg has been named new president of The Lumbermen's Association of Texas.

Conditions of a road-improper drainage, obstruction, etc.—may be considered a health nuisance if the conditions defined in the statute exist with reference to or because of the road or its maintenance, Atty. Gen. John Hill has ruled.



LYNN STEWARD  
 Department Commander  
 The American Legion



THE "MULE BARN" as it was affectionately called was the First Baptist Church in Morton. The "Barn" was shared with other denominations for many years.

# Brownfield to host 19th American Legion convention

American Legion Posts will be holding the annual 19th District Spring Convention of The American Legion, to be held in Brownfield Saturday and Sunday, May 25-26. H.D. Boston, Convention Chairman, has announced by being the first to receive citations for outstanding service.

At 10 a.m. the Legion's business session will be called to order by Commander Riggs. Ollie Branson of the VA Hospital in Big Spring will give a report on VA's. Committee reports will be heard and awards presented.

Delegates and alternates to the National Convention to be held in Miami Beach in August will be elected and provision will be made for the principal and alternate members of the Department Convention Committees.

and their Commanders are: Post 500, Dan Z. Ward; Big Spring Post 575, Paul C. Johnson; Lubbock 575, Paul C. Johnson; Lubbock 808, Harry Bunton; Post 187, G.H. Bley; Petersburg 187, Joe Schimid; Plainview 260, J.D. Vincent; Post 204, R.C. Sims.

Registration will open at 1 p.m. at the Home of Post 269. The social will be at 5 p.m.

Joint session for The American Legion Auxiliary will be a banquet commencing at 6:30 p.m., with Commander Harry Riggs of Brownfield presiding. District Sergeant at Arms will be in charge of colors and Rev. J. Edgar, District Chaplain, will give the invocation. Mayor Loyd Hahn will give the welcome and response will be given by P. Schmid of Slaton. Featured speaker will be Department Commander Lynn Steward of Fort Worth.

Registration will follow the joint session commencing at 9:30 p.m.

Memorial Service will be at 9:30 p.m. with Enger in charge.

**FREDDY FIXIT CAMPBELL & BAER**

AN OLD FELT HAT CAN BE TURNED INTO WEATHER STRIPPING FOR DOORS AND WINDOWS BY SIMPLY CUTTING IT IN A ONE INCH CONTINUOUS STRIP. CUT ROUND AND ROUND UNTIL YOU HAVE DONE THE ENTIRE HAT. THEN TACK IT SECURELY AROUND YOUR OPENING, STRETCHING IT SLIGHTLY AS YOU GO. IT'S INEXPENSIVE AND WORKS FINE.

# ST. CLAIR'S, CONGRATULATES MORTON AND COCHRAN COUNTY ON THEIR 50th ANNIVERSARY.

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# St. Clair's

recurring role of police lieutenant Art Malcolim. Larry currently starred in the Los Angeles production of a London rock musical, "The Rocky Horror Show". Storch and Robyn Milton guest star in the opening episode.

A weekly public service feature from the Texas State Department of Health

# Accent on Health

J.E. PEAVY, M.D., Commissioner of Health

There's something new in dentistry, according to officials of the Texas State Health Department. It's called prevention—and it's the top priority of a "new generation" of dentists.

Most people never think of a dentist in terms of prevention. In fact, according to studies made by the U.S. Public Health Service, about two-thirds of the American population don't think of a dentist at all. Health department authorities think that part of the reason may be the image of dentistry in many people's minds. When you think of a dentist, do you think of drilling and filling cavities, pulling teeth, root canals, and other forms of pain and suffering? Many people do. Many people don't go to a dentist at all until they have a toothache or their gums begin to hurt more than they can stand. By that time, there may be little that a dentist can do other than to drill-and-fill, or pull the tooth. And that's too bad.

That kind of dentistry, according to the state health department, is the old dentistry. The new dentistry is prevention—preventing disease, preventing pain, and, most of all, preventing the loss of your natural teeth.

Of course, the scientific and technical skills involved in dental treatment are

considerable, but today's young dentist cares more about prevention than he does about extraction. In fact, health authorities say that dentistry today has begun to attract a whole new generation of dentists with a completely new attitude toward their science.

The "new generation" in dentistry is civic minded, idealistic, socially conscious, and concerned for the well-being of everyone in his community. Young dentists are quick to join community dentistry programs, or even start them up, to bring the benefits of modern dentistry to the poor, the isolated, and the underprivileged.

These young dentists have been very active in such projects as converting old buses into mobile dental clinics that bring modern, preventive dentistry into the ghettos and barrios of the central city, or into remote rural areas where dental manpower is spread a little too thin.

The new spirit of community involvement is exemplified by the participation of dentists in dental health education programs that have been introduced in the public schools of many Texas communities during the past few years. In many cases, these programs

have been initiated by the dentists themselves, working with school teachers and administrators and with public health personnel. It's no longer unusual for a dentist to contribute several days of his time—and sometimes his staff, materials, and facilities—for this purpose.

Now there is even a statewide Interdisciplinary Committee for Dental Health Education, composed of representatives of local and state dental organizations, dental auxiliaries, public and private school personnel, and public health workers, whose joint purpose is to encourage the inclusion of preventive dental health education in the school curriculum.

All of these efforts are part of the movement in modern dentistry toward preventing disease and the loss of teeth. Today's young dentist feels a strong obligation to alert his fellow man to the possibility of preventing disease, and the dentist knows that he can do more by prevention than he ever could by filling cavities or pulling teeth. Dental health today is much more than a series of stop-gap measures ending with a mouthful of dentures. Dentists know that disease and the loss of natural teeth can be prevented, that in almost every case a person's natural teeth can last throughout their lifetime.

So, state health department authorities say, when you go to your dentist, don't be surprised if he spends most of his time telling you how to care for your teeth, instead of just filling cavities. And, if you follow his advice carefully, you'll be very pleasantly surprised to find that you can keep your teeth healthy and attractive for the rest of your life.

## TIPS FOR OUTDOORSMEN

by Vern Sanford

You don't like venison?

Trace the events that take place from the crack of the rifle to the time of cooking and you may learn that the fault is not with the deer but with the hunter. So states Gus Albright, news editor for Arkansas Outdoors. He makes these points—and they make sense.

In the first place, accurate shooting provides the best venison. When a wounded animal runs off to die at a distance, his physical exertions send blood flowing fast through his body and into his muscles. This makes the meat tough and coarse.

Secret is to get the meat to the table in good eating condition. Many thousands of pounds are wasted, allowed to rot, or are so poorly cared for that few people will eat it. And this should not happen.

Proper field dressing is important. Without that, regardless of later care, the cooked meat will not be as it should.

A deer must be bled as soon as it is killed. In most cases an accurate shot will take care of this. But if it doesn't then a knife should be inserted at the base of the neck and the artery cut. Keep the wound open and free of clot.

With the insides removed (not difficult if done in a

proper and orderly fashion) prop open the chest cavity and wipe with a clean cloth. Trim away any gunshot damaged flesh and allow to cool.

Flies are often a problem, says Albright, but black pepper applied to exposed flesh will keep them away. A common practice out West is to skin and wrap the deer in clean cheesecloth.

All blood and hair should be washed from the animal before transporting it home. Water won't hurt the meat if allowed to drain off.

Much meat spoilage occurs while moving the carcass from the hunting area to its final destination. Albright warns to never transport the carcass on the hood of your car or even on the fender. This subjects it to undesirable heat and dirt.

Upon reaching home the deer should be hung immediately and the cooling process continued for several days. An ice house or other means of artificial refrigeration may be necessary. If you wish to make it prime—let the venison hang for about three weeks.

Before processing, trim away all fat.

Once these basics are accomplished, you will have plenty of good venison—one of the choicest of all meats.

If you've got your health, you've got everything.

Those with good health may not fully appreciate this often-used statement, but hundreds of Texans with chronic kidney disease are well aware of its meaning. To them life is a day-to-day affair, says the State Health Department.

Recognizing that chronic kidney disease patients face financial crises for lack of personal financial resources to pay for the expensive equipment and care necessary for survival, the 63rd Texas Legislature passed the Texas Kidney Health Care Act.

Under this act, the State Health Department assists persons with renal failure in getting treatment and in paying for this treatment.

Who are these persons receiving assistance? Among them are:

—A migrant worker from McAllen, who was admitted to the program with acute renal failure. A month later he was flown to Galveston for a transplant operation, the first time an air ambulance was used in the program.

—A west Texas radio announcer who, even with a good salary, couldn't afford the expenses. He's getting dialysis and regular checkups.

—A former Health Department employee from Victoria who had a transplant before the program started. He suffered complications due to anti-rejection medications which prohibited his working. He now receives aid for medications and medical checkups.

When the state program began last September, it was estimated that 500 persons in Texas would benefit each year. During its first month, the new program picked up more than 300 persons who had been on dialysis. The ones entering since have been new patients who have just

# Farm-facts

A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News

Compiled From Sources Of The Texas Department of Agriculture  
John C. White, Commissioner

### Farmers on Roller Coaster...Red Meat Processing Down...Anti-Screwworms Plans Progress...Lack of Rain Reports Heard

THERE'S NO DOUBT that Texas farmers are better off than they used to be — if you pick the right periods of time; and there's no doubt that they are worse off than they used to be—at other times.

The Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service says that the "All Farm Products Index of Prices Received" last March 15 was 543 per cent of the January, 1910-December, 1914 base. That is 34 points below the previous

month of this year but 100 points (23 per cent) above a year ago. On the other hand, the livestock products index was about eight per cent below February 1974 and 10 percent below the same period last year, as any cattleman will testify. Beef cattle were down \$3.40 a hundred from February and \$5.60 below a year ago at \$40.40 per hundred. Hogs at \$33.20 a hundred were down \$5.20 from February and \$4 from a year ago.

PROCESSING OF RED MEAT was down during February 1974 in Texas. Slaughtering plants produced 160.9 million pounds during that month, which is 20 per cent lower than the 201.0 million pounds produced in January 1974 and four per cent below February 1973. February 1974 slaughter of cattle totaled 252,000 head, 65,000 head fewer than the previous month and 17,000 below February a year ago.

There were 569,000 head of cattle slaughtered during the first two months of this year; 214,500 sheep and lambs were killed during the same two months. Sheep and lambs killed totaled 98,500 during February, which is 17,500 more than in the month earlier and 2,000 more than in February 1973.

SCREWORMS are showing up more frequently now in Mexico, it is reported. Slow help is on the way, however, Mexican and U.S. officials are reported by USDA to be negotiating with contractors for construction of the main facility in southern Mexico in which to produce more than 300 million sterile screwworm flies each week.

The law attempted to make entrance into the program as uncomplicated and as speedy as possible, but certain guidelines must be followed. Application must be made through a medical facility approved by the federal Medicare program. Private physicians normally help with the applications—first step to entering the program.

Proper applications submitted to the State Health Department's Kidney Health Care Division are approved and an identification card issued. Then, any bills received on these patients—if not covered by Medicare, health insurance or other means—are paid by the Division. If the person doesn't have insurance or Medicare, payment is made at the same rate that Medicare would pay.

Persons with kidney failure can easily spend up to \$20,000 a year to stay alive. Experience has shown that costs of a kidney transplant, hospitalization and other services is more than \$25,000. Even after a kidney transplant operation, there still is no assurance that the patient's body won't reject the transplanted organ. The transplant has a greater chance for success if the donor is a close relative.

Dialysis—substituting a machine for the kidneys—also is expensive, and the procedure is tedious. In dialysis, a person's blood is routed outside the body through a filtration-type process.

Dialysis machines for use in the home may now be purchased for considerably less than \$5,000. But, expendable supplies may cost as much as \$50 for each dialysis. Each dialysis period takes up to 200 gallons of purified water which must be available in the home for those with home dialysis systems. Since the average person may need dialysis three times a week, these never-ending costs mount steadily.

In a kidney care center, each dialysis may take from five to eight hours. This is a limiting factor on the number of persons who may undergo dialysis at such a center. However, progress is being made in the field in cutting the machine necessary for dialysis, and less expensive expendable materials also are being developed for home use.

Wheat is heading out from the Timbers to South Texas and is in the stage of the Low Plains. Irrigation is making a couple of weeks ago but some dryland wheat, but most of the wheat has poor prospects.

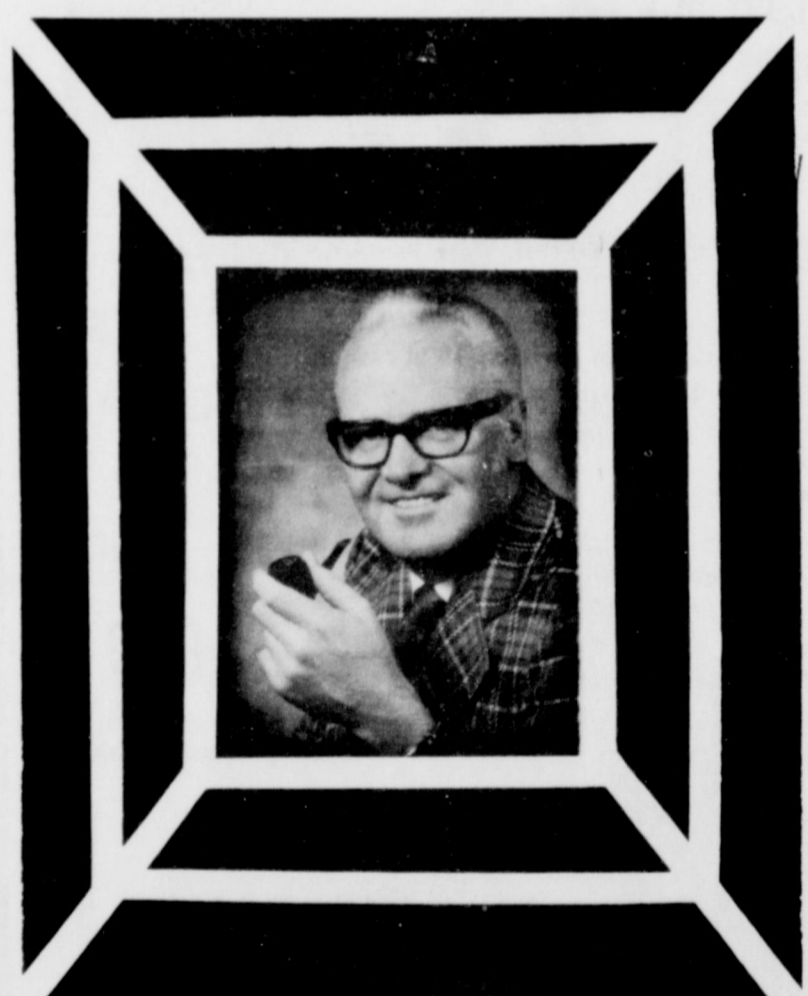
Rice seeding is reported more than completed, and cotton planting is about seven per cent complete over the all of it in South Texas. Peanut planting under way in South Texas.

IF PECAN buds herald true weather, then such weather is because pecans are leafing in most Texas areas and budding in other areas of the State.

SHORTAGES ARE the worry of farmers already worried with planting of crops; but the fuel shortage reported bad in only a few Texas counties. Hartley, Wichita, and Sherman counties reported tight diesel situations.

Lamb, Wichita, Hartley, Denton, and Mitchell report tight supplies. High prices are the concern of fertilizer users. Ammonia was reported selling at \$180 a ton, ammonium nitrate \$140 per ton, nitrogen solution \$135, and fertilizer (12-12-12) \$130. Corn reporting short supplies of baling twine and twine expect to have the back end filled by baling time. There are counties reporting short supplies of baling twine, and 100 counties reporting short supplies of baling twine. In places, wire averages \$29 a bundle, twine \$26 a bundle.

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# My Congratulations to Cochran County on your 50th anniversary

## FLOYD ASKS VOTERS TO THINK

In announcing my candidacy for State Representative of District 74, I proposed a tax bill that will cost Texans little by placing the burden on those who pipe crude oil and natural gas out of Texas where it serves as a cheap fuel. I repeat, "Here is an untapped source of state revenue."

Everyone is for a program to solve our water problem, which is already at a critical point. Everyone is for improved educational opportunities for our children. Solution without financing—how?

To my qualifications — I am a small businessman who has felt the pinch of inflation. I live in a rural area. My city, my county, and my farmer friends face water problems. I have witnessed the recent plight of my cattlemen. My wife teaches in our local high school. I know of our local needs, and I know that our needs are no different from yours.

I caution you to observe some of the clowns who are writing the new constitution.

Mr. Clayton tells us that "The Finance Article requires all real and tangible personal property to be taxed on the basis of market value, the

appraisals being made by the counties. There is a provision requiring the legislature to provide a method to appraise agriculture land on a productivity basis."

Do you really agree that the legislature should appraise your agriculture land?

Before you cast your ballot, give a thought and look at the truth. Anyone who tells you we don't need additional revenue is attempting to avoid an unpleasant situation perhaps to win the grand prize on something. Could the blue ribbon be the position of Speaker of the House?

Whatever your decision on May 4, I will respect the fact that you cast a ballot. I will appreciate the fact that you voted only after you had faced the truth. I will support your wishes.

Thank you,  
Harvey R. Floyd  
Candidate for your State Representative

# Best town in county lasted but two years

**LVISE E. FLEMING**  
 First town to be built as Cochran County was which was built both to a railroad town and the seat.  
 heirs of C.C. Slaughter very anxious in 1921 and have a railroad built their Cochran County 5, having seen two attempts fail. It was that having a town to be railroad could build be helpful. The ers also believed that own could later become city seat.  
 location was selected four miles south of the site of Morton.  
 the maiden name of Dick Slaughter, was as the name for the town. The townsite weyed and mapped, the site being filed with kley County clerk on 1923.  
 east-west streets of were to be avenues for locally prominent s. The main avenue be called "Slaughter upplies of having o have the back g time. There were ng short supplie 100 counties repa baling twine. In a ages \$29 a bundle

general store which was operated first by R.L. Crute and later by Alvin O'Pry. Hugh Knox built the county's first service station at Ligon. In later years he recalled, "I lost about all my friends and all my money, too."  
 A school was started at Ligon for the 1923-24 term. Hazel Kennedy was the first teacher; there were five pupils to begin the year, and twelve by the end of the year. Lois Parker and Jean Skein also taught at Ligon. Hugh Knox's children, Lawrence and Walter, were among the Ligon students. The school building was moved to the railroad in 1925.  
 The first cotton gin in Cochran County was also at Ligon, built there by the Slaughters in 1923. Three Slaughters' cowboys, including Gage Kox, agreed to help run the gin. The first bale ginned was brought in by Floyd Rowland and weighed 1,000 pounds because the gin failed to extract the cottonseed from the lint. After one season, the gin was sold and moved.  
 Plans for the building of Ligon started a rivalry between the Slaughters and Morton J. Smith for the location of the county seat. The Slaughters wanted it at Ligon; Smith wanted it at his proposed town of Morton. A petition containing 100 signatures was

presented to the Hockley County Commissioners on February 3, 1923, asking that Cochran County be organized. The petition was accepted, and on the 12th, Judge John H. Doyle ordered the election set for May 17, 1923. At the request of Morton J. Smith and the Slaughter's attorney, the question of where the county seat would be, Ligon or Morton, was also placed on the ballot.  
 When the Hockley County Commissioners met on March 19 to canvass the election, they were presented with a district-court injunction restraining them from declaring the results of the election.  
 The March 17, 1923, organizational election was declared void when the Slaughters charged that some of the voters were not qualified because they had not lived in the county long enough, some did not live in the county at all, and some of the women's names were improperly registered. Morton J. Smith decided not to contest the charges and let the matter drop. The actual results of the voting showed Morton with 52 votes and Ligon with 13.  
 Smith got busy during the next few months, getting his town started. The townsite was plotted and filed with the county clerk at Levelland on

June 5, 1923. By the end of the year, he had a land office and a store building erected. Morton began to thrive in 1924, and was chosen as the county seat in the organizational election of May 6.  
 By the time the South Plains and Santa Fe Railroad started

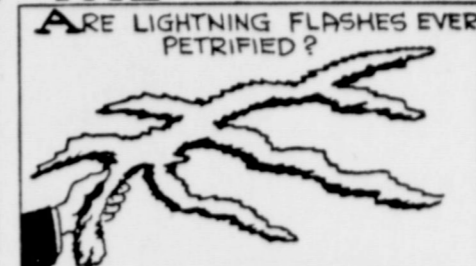
building a spur line into Cochran County in 1925, Morton was well-established four miles north of Ligon. According to the regulations of the building of the railroad, the line had to either pass through a town or pass at least five miles from it. It could not, therefore, go through either Morton or Ligon, as Ligon was only four miles from Morton. The line was built directly across the center of the

county, which put it through or near most of the Slaughter holdings.  
 In the early spring of 1925, the town of Ligon was moved four miles south to the railroad and the name was changed to "Lehman" in honor of the railroad's general manager, Frank A. Lehman. Ligon, built with great hopes, was no longer in existence just two years after it was established.

## TELL ME



WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THE PHRASE "DEAD AS A HERRING?"  
 SINCE HERRINGS EXPIRE ALMOST INSTANTLY AFTER THEY ARE TAKEN OUT OF WATER IT IS RARE FOR A FISHERMAN TO SEE A LIVE ONE! HENCE "DEAD AS A HERRING" HAS COME TO DENOTE ANY LIFELESS OBJECT!



ARE LIGHTNING FLASHES EVER PETRIFIED?  
 YES..... FOR EXAMPLE, PETRIFIED LIGHTNING IS FORMED IN LOOSE SAND WHERE THE DISCHARGES PENETRATE... THUS FUSING THE SAND INTO GLASS TUBES!



IS THE KIMONO... TRADITIONAL GARMENT OF JAPAN... WORN ONLY BY WOMEN... OR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN?  
 THE KIMONO... IN JAPAN... IS WORN BY BOTH MEN AND WOMEN!



DOES A SHARK GROW A NEW TOOTH AS OFTEN AS IT LOSES ONE?  
 YES! SHARKS GROW AN UNLIMITED SUPPLY OF TEETH!

### Sh-Bula News

Mrs. J. D. Bayless Enochs, Texas  
 Mrs. Harold Layton and son, and a niece, April Wilson, drove Saturday afternoon and their Mrs. Freda Derington her father with a birthday  
 Petree came home Saturday Methodist Hospital where he has for two weeks.  
 Seagler, accompanied by Bayless, went to Odessa afternoon. Mrs. Seagler visited sisters, Mrs. Vera Bartlett of Valley, California and Mr. and Mrs. Eubanks. Mrs. Bayless daughter, Mrs. Leland Finley and another daughter, Mrs. and family of Midland. Mrs. Bayless also visited before they returned home  
 Nichols visited her daughter, Davis and family of and a son, Mr. and Mrs. Nichols of Idalou last  
 Byars was a guest in the Mr. and Mrs. Jim Byars through Sunday.  
 tending the Vacation Bible at the First Baptist Church on Monday were: Mrs. Rose Bro. Charlie Shaw, Loretta Mrs. Bill Key.  
 guests in the home of the J.O. were their grandson, Whiteface and his Lesley Taylor. They also Mrs. Hazel Potterfield of and L. Louise Wacasey of  
 Enochs attending the G.A. Banquet at 8 p.m. in Mrs. Rose Nichols, Mrs. Paula Nichols, April Wilson, and Teresa Autry. Boyd missionary to Kenya, showed David and Sherril McClung with music.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Oscar White of visited friends, Mr. and Mrs. White attended church Sunday morning.  
 ge Autry has been a patient in Hospital the past week and hospital.  
 Mrs. Charles Seagler of visited his parents, the Ray during the weekend and church with his mother Sunday  
 me Jones and Mickey of Arizona visited Mrs. Lorello and Mrs. Jones returned them to spend a week and came  
 Mrs. W.B. Peterson left last with her sister, Mrs. Bayton as she back surgery. Thursday they and visited until their son, Mr. and Mrs. son and children.  
 Mrs. Claud Coffman were some of his sister, Mr. and less, Saturday afternoon.  
 us Tate of Cotton Center ber parents, Mr. and Mrs. tin and with Mrs. Sandra mily last Thursday.

### Mobile Schedule

ains Bookmobile will be in the following dates.  
 May 8 - Whiteface No. 1, 10:30-11:30; Bledsoe, 12:00-1:30; 15.

## Let's Keep a Strong Voice in the Senate,

## RE-ELECT

# SENATOR H.J. "DOC" BLANCHARD

Today, Texas government is facing some of the most complex issues of this century. To effectively deal with the challenges facing us today, we must have experienced leaders with mature and sound judgement. Sen. Doc Blanchard is a proven leader with the integrity, experience and know-how to get the job done.

During his seventeen years of legislative experience, he has done much for West Texas. But Doc, like you, knows that the future is where we must look to. He has pledged to oppose any personal income tax...he is working to bring water to West Texas, and he stands firm in his belief that local governments should control local school taxes.

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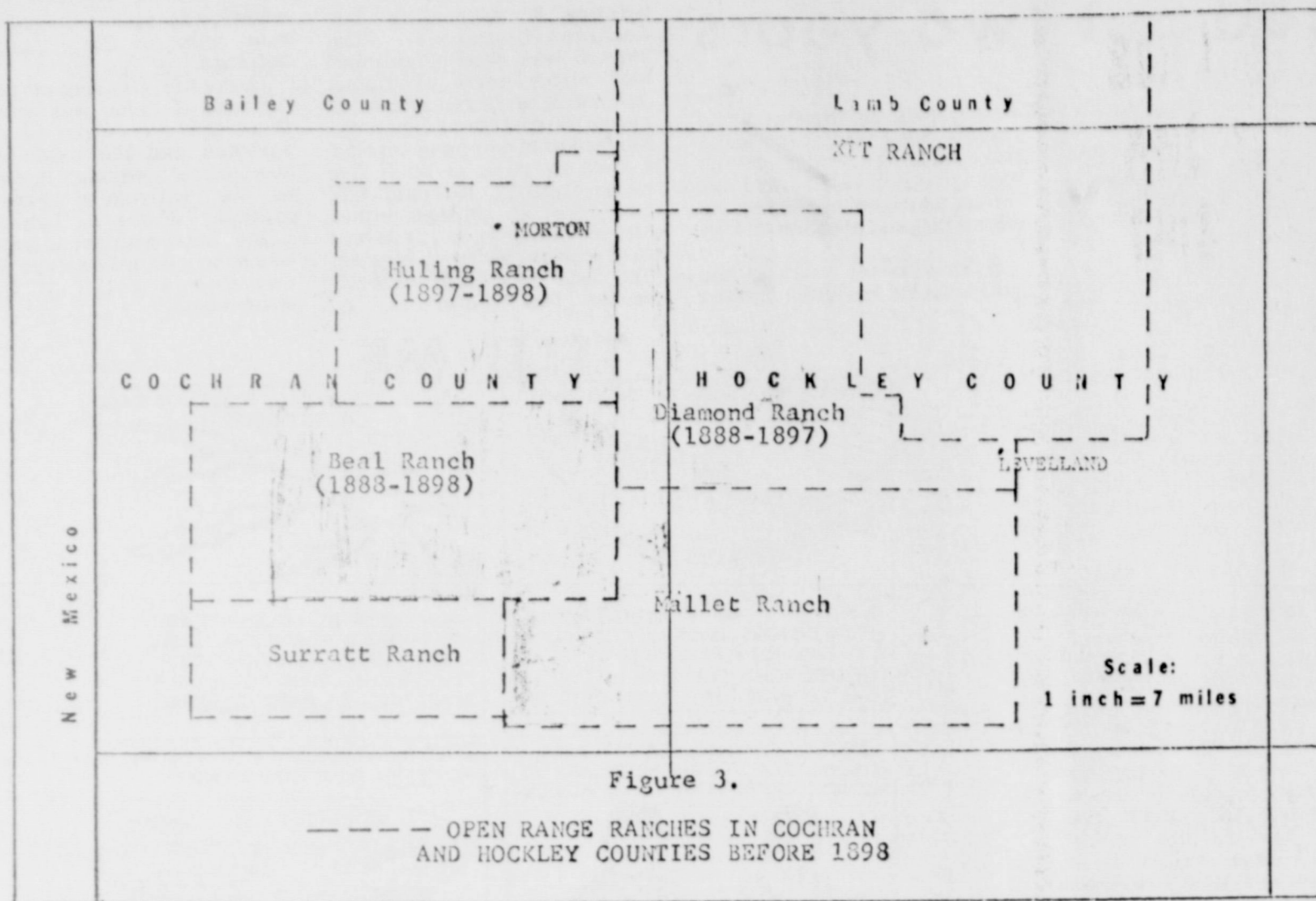


Figure 3.  
----- OPEN RANGE RANCHES IN COCHRAN AND HOCKLEY COUNTIES BEFORE 1893  
Shaded Portion--C. C. Slaughter's Lazy S Ranch Established after 1893

BEFORE THERE WERE MORE THAN 25 people living in the county, the ranches illustrated were in operation in Cochran and Hockley counties. The first to be established was the Surratt in the early 1880's. The Huling and Beal Ranches were acquired by C.C. Slaughter in 1898, along with the western portion of the Diamond Ranch and a part of the Mallet. The Mallet Ranch is still in

operation to this day in southwestern Hockley County. The shaded area shows the land acquired by Slaughter for his Lazy S Ranch which was maintained as a single unit until 1921. (Map taken from David Murrah, "Cattle Kingdom on Texas Last Frontier: C.C. Slaughter's Lazy S Ranch" M.A. Thesis, Texas Tech University, 1970.)

## Cochran county was not last Texas county to be organized

BY DAVID MURRAH  
Although Cochran County was not the last in the state to organize, it nearly was. Only Loving County in far west Texas was organized after

Cochran County. Loving County was officially organized in 1931, seven years after Cochran County. Loving County would have great difficulty, however, in

claiming to be "Texas' Last Frontier" as does Cochran County. For example, Loving County boasted three residents in 1890; Cochran had none! In 1900, Loving County had 33 residents, Cochran County, only 25.

Loving County's population boomed to 249 by 1910 during an oil rush, but had fallen back to 82 by 1920. Cochran County's frontier population remained stable during the same period with 65 in 1910 and 67 in 1920.

During the decade of the 1920's, Cochran County's frontier disappeared as hundreds of settlers poured into the area. Loving County grew hardly at all, reaching a peak population in 1940 of 285. Today, Loving County boasts 164 people, 49 cars, and some oil wells. Most of its residents live in the tiny county seat of Mentone. Its claim to fame is that it is the least populated and the last county to be organized in the state. As a frontier, Loving County never was, or still is, depending on your point of view.

If one traces the line of frontier settlement across the plains, it becomes obvious that the farmer made Cochran County the true "last frontier." Counties on the eastern plains, such as Motley and Dickens, were organized in 1891. Crosby County, home of some of the earliest settlers on the South Plains, was

organized in 1886. Lynn and Terry counties were organized in 1903 and 1904. Garza and Yoakum counties established governments in 1907. Lamb county did the same in 1908.

Hockley County was finally organized in 1921, several years later cereal king C.W. Post had unsuccessfully tried to promote his "Hockley City," forerunner of present-day Levelland. But Cochran County remained unorganized until fifty years ago, the last county in the Panhandle-Plains area to obtain self-government.

## International talent pageant auditions slated in Lubbock

Young ladies between the ages of 5 and 17 and residing in Cochran County, will be interviewed and auditioned for the 1974 State Pageant on Friday, May 3 at 6 p.m. Auditions will be conducted at the Y.M.C.A. at 1601-24th Street in Lubbock. A field director from the pageant headquarters will select six girls to represent their community in the state finals.

Girls will be required to perform a talent display of approximately one to three minutes and will be instructed how to model on the runway.

The competition is divided into three age groups: Girls 5 to 8 years of age will compete for the titles of "Miss Petite" and "Miss Petite Talent," Girls 9 to 12 for the titles of "Little Miss" and "Little Miss Talent," and 13 to 17 years old for the titles of "Miss Teen" and "Miss Teen Talent."

At the state level six girls will be selected to represent the state at the international pageant and will receive all expenses for the contestant and chaperone while attending the international finals. \$3,000 in cash scholarships will be awarded to the winners to be used for furthering their artistic development.

Mr. Ken Malone, the executive director

of the pageant, explains, "I hope the international talent pageant will develop incentive to girls to develop their creative and artistic talents and also to put the proper emphasis on talent, beauty, and personality."

Malone is a former featured performer on Broadway, television and in the movies and is currently a dance instructor at Ithaca College in New York State. "Over 100 communities will send delegates to this annual state-wide pageant. Our girls will not only receive incentive, but will be practicing sportsmanship, experiencing the talents of their peers and joining girls of all races, creeds on a common ground through a youth development program."

The age of the contestant on May 31, 1974 will determine which age group she will compete in. A phonograph record provided at the auditions. Sources of music must be brought to the audition.

Girls who play large instruments as pianos or organs and those who further information should contact International Pageant Headquarters, Lake Street, Elmira, N.Y., 14801.

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# Morton J. Smith lured farmers to Cochran County

by ELVIS E. FLEMING  
The man most directly responsible for bringing farmers to settle in the farming area of Cochran County was Morton J. Smith. Morton Joe Smith was born in La Grange, Texas, on March 18, 1865. When he was a manager, he worked in the cattle business around Waco and made several cattle drives to Kansas. As a youth, Smith was full of life. He once rode his horse up three stories of stairs in the Cotton Palace arena in Waco, where he was photographed with his horse's head protruding from the window of a cupola on top of the building. Smith married Emlea Bruce Waco on January 7, 1905. They moved to Lubbock in 1910. They acquired cattle and land in Cochran, Bailey, Dawson counties, but

financial problems wiped him out. The heirs of Col. C.C. Slaughter dissolved their cattle company in 1921 and divided the Cochran County and New Mexico holdings among the stockholders. Slaughter's oldest daughter, Minnie Veal, began almost immediately to colonize her portion of the land, the northernmost part of the Lazy "S" Ranch. The land agent was Morton J. Smith. Smith paid an attorney his last \$25 to draw up the contract with Mrs. Veal. Smith was to pay Mrs. Veal \$12.50 per acre, and he was to sell the land for \$20 per acre. The tract to be sold as farms was some 20,000 acres. Some of the first tracts were sold to Floyd Rowland, Rupert McCasland, W.R. Bennett, Reo Smith, and G.C. McCaa. Smith founded the town of

Morton, named for him, to be the county seat. He was the individual most directly responsible for the organization of the county government in 1924. Smith and his wife lived in an apartment in the Hilton Hotel in Lubbock. On Thursday, September 18, 1941, at the age of 76, Morton died of an apparent heart attack during the night. Funeral services were held in the First Christian Church in Lubbock, and the body was returned to Waco for burial. The Emlea Smith Junior Study Club, organized in Morton in 1962, honors the widow of the founder of Morton and Cochran County.



Morton J. Smith



## Morton School Menu

- Monday, May 6, 1974  
Macaroni with cheese, Chef salad, lima beans, egg custard, roll, milk.
- Tuesday, May 7, 1974  
Chicken fried steak with gravy, buttered rice, green beans, sweet potato cake, roll, milk.
- Wednesday, May 8, 1974  
Meat loaf, sweet potatoes, June peas, apricot cobbler, roll, milk.
- Thursday, May 9, 1974  
Turkey with dressing, buttered corn, cabbage and apple salad, cranberry sauce, roll, milk.
- Friday, May 10, 1974  
Corn dogs with mustard, mixed greens, macaroni salad, peanut butter cake, cornbread, milk.

## Whiteface News

Othell and Louise Giles are both in the Cochran Memorial Hospital in Morton this week. Othell is at home now.

Mrs. Larry Beseda was in the St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock where she had surgery Tuesday.

Mrs. Lulu Gainer was in the West Texas Hospital in Lubbock where she underwent surgery Wednesday, but she is doing fine.

Rube Hudgens is still in the Methodist Hospital where he has been for about two weeks, but is some better.

Truman Swinney was taken to Cochran Memorial Hospital in Morton last Sunday and was taken on to Methodist Hospital on Monday where he underwent surgery and came home Wednesday.

Eric Hearn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hearn of Littlefield, former Whiteface residents, has been in the Littlefield Hospital as a result of drinking lighter fluid. He is now home and doing fine.

As of this date the Whiteface Cub Scouts have sold approximately \$35.00 of newspapers to be recycled. This money will go to the family of Sharrri Jackson, who has been in the hospital at Galveston for over a month. The newspaper drive is held the first Saturday of each month. You may leave your newspapers at the Whiteface Community Center Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The Whiteface Cub Scouts are working on their Engineering Badge under the leadership of Dan Keith. Last week they visited the site of a new home under construction. Those attending were: Joey Beseda, Kenny James, Gary Keith, Jay McHam, Danny Payne and Mark Yarbrough.

The Whiteface Cub Scouts are continuing their study of communications and toured KRAN Radio Station in Morton. They were interviewed over the air and given a tour of the radio station facilities. They were briefed about career opportunities and the future of radio and were distributed records by the staff of KRAN.

Cub Scouts making the trip were: Jody Beadles, Keven Bentley, David Beseda, Jeff Cameron, David Keith, Johnny Lopez, Terry McHam, Ricky Schon, and Mike Yarbrough. They were accompanied by leaders Sandra Keith and Peggy McHam.

The Antelope Concert Band traveled to Denver City Thursday of last week to compete in the Region XVI University Interscholastic League concert and sight

## FOR PEOPLE WHO THINK

From the Christians who assemble at Taylor and SW 2nd Sts. — Greeting:—

In last week's article we noted what the apostles taught the early Christians to do when certain conditions exist among a group (local assembly—church) of people who had been converted and desired to do as God would demand of them. When a situation should exist wherein brethren of the local group are in need it is clear WHAT God commands. Read Acts 2:42-47. They met the need when those who could furnished the necessary supplies at great sacrifice to themselves. That certainly takes a world of true love and faith in GOD. Such love MUST be IN all who want to have hope of God's reward of eternal life, with God in "...new heavens and a new earth..." after this universe is destroyed.

The question every sincere Christian today must answer, is:— Would I do as they did in a like situation? Would I sell my property and put the proceeds where it would be "Parted" to "...all men, as every man had need."? Read verses 44 and 45 of Acts 2 again. What if I did not have such faith, trust, and love today? All my pious pretensions of being a Christian would be hollow indeed—a mockery of hypocrisy that would seal my doom in the lake of fire forever—unless I should repent and DO the commands of God.

You who THINK—how much of the spirit of obedience to the teachings of the apostles is manifested in those who claim to be Christians today? True—if it had been the mind of God to perform a miracle to meet this need—God certainly could have done so. It just was not God's will that it be met with a miracle. But the need WAS met as we have already noted. THAT was God's will.

I know one other thing: if there was work for the disciples to do to earn their daily necessities that those who WOULD NOT work were not entitled to receive help. The apostle Paul made this clear to another local assembly (church) when he wrote to those of Thessalonica in 2 Thess. 3:10-12. Read this.

Soon, the Lord willing, we shall note WHAT was the teaching of the apostles when the combined ability of the local group could not meet the need. Remember your welcome to attend the assemblies at Taylor and SW 2nd Sts.

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reading contest.

The band performed for a panel of three judges and was rated by them into one of five divisions. They received a 5 rating in concert and a 4 rating in sight reading.

The spring band concert will be May 7 at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. There will be no admission charge and everyone is invited.

Visiting in the homes of Willie Peters and Berthie Thompson are two former residents of Whiteface, Lena Peters, Willie's sister, and Rilla Stegall, Berthie's sister.

Visiting with Lindsey and Jean Bates is Lindsey's brother, Jack Slaten and family. They are from San Diego, California.

## PAPAL EDICT

On May 3, 1493, as the result of Columbus' first voyage of discovery, Pope Alexander VI issued an edict granting Spain all lands not under Christian rule.

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# Morton township was first laid out by Smith in 1923

by ELVIS B. FLEMING

The county seat of Cochran County, Morton, was founded in 1923 by Morton J. Smith. He had chosen the site in 1922, and when he brought prospective buyers to look at the former Slaughter ranch land, he showed them where his town was going to be.

In the spring of 1923, Smith and Lee Secrest staked off the townsite. The 704-acre site was mapped, platted, and registered with the Hockley County clerk on June 5, 1923. Smith donated the public square, the streets, and the alleys to the county. He built a small office on the east side of the public square, which he used for many years to transact his land sales. The building stood until 1968.

Later in 1923, Smith built a general store on the southwest corner of the public square. It was leased to the Street brothers of Littlefield, and it was operated by their brother-

in-law by the name of Stein. This arrangement lasted only about a month.

In January, 1924, J.L. Winder bought the stock of the store and moved his large family to Morton. This family doubled the population of Morton. The Winders sold everything from beans to horse collars and cotton sacks.

Winder's general store served as a post office for Morton area residents. Winder or anyone else going to Lubbock or Littlefield would bring the mail to the store, and people called for it when they came to town. Mrs. Winder built some little wooden boxes to keep the mail separated. A mail route was started by M.G. Mathews, bringing the mail from Littlefield and delivering it for whatever the people could pay him. After a few months, he made a report to the Post Office Department of the amount of mail he had carried. The report convinced

the government to establish a post office at Morton.

Mary Winder was appointed as the first postmaster for the new Morton post office. Her commission was mailed to her, but a cowboy bringing the mail from Littlefield lost the letter. It was found later, and when it reached her the post

office was officially opened on March 22, 1924. The post office was in the Winder's store, and Mrs. Winder continued in the postmaster's job until 1943. The post office outgrew its space in the store, and was moved in 1927 to the east side of the square into Lackey's

grocery store. The Winder store building still stands; it has been Mimie's dress shop for many years.

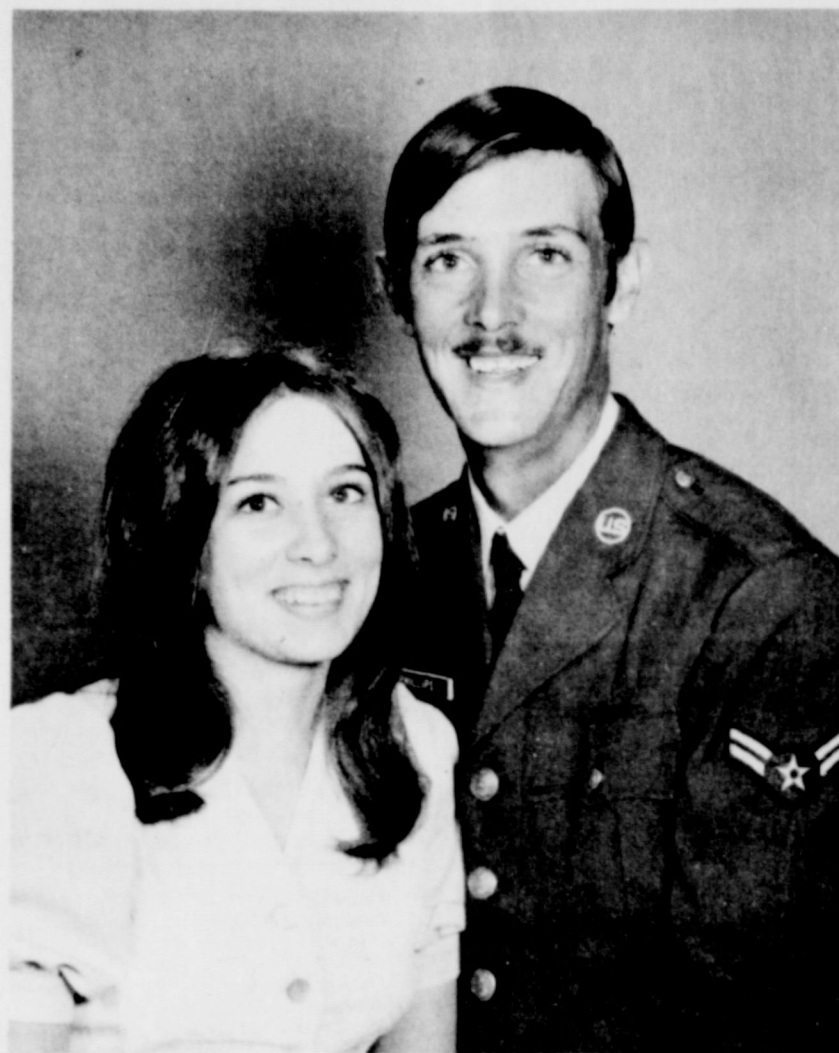
Another early grocery store operator was John A. Holloman, who moved to Morton in 1924 with his family, which included three sons: Ran, Dude, and Tubby. The first hardware store in Morton was operated by Floyd Rowland.

The first school building in Morton was finished in January, 1924. Classes started with 7 pupils taught by R.H. McCasland. "Mr. Rupert" had 33 students by the end of the school year. He did not return to the teaching post in the fall, because he was elected county-district clerk. He assumed the

government post on May 1924 when the county government was organized and Morton was chosen as the county seat in referendum. "Prof" W.C. Angley was the new teacher at the Morton School in the fall of 1924.

The Methodist Church in Morton was organized in 1923. Other denominations met together in a tabernacle for several years. The Missionary Baptist Church was organized on May 22, 1923, and the Southern Baptist congregation organized on June 27, 1928.

The town of Morton, born in the midst of bitter rivalry, still stands as a monument to its courageous and determined founder, Morton J. Smith.



MR. AND MRS. G.C. RITCHIE of Sudan announce the engagement of their daughter Diebra Lynn, to Morris Dewayne Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Phillips of Muleshoe. Miss Ritchie is a 1974 candidate for graduation at Sudan High School. Phillips attended school at Muleshoe and is presently serving with the United States Air Force at Reese Air Base, Lubbock. The couple plans to pledge wedding vows June 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Sudan. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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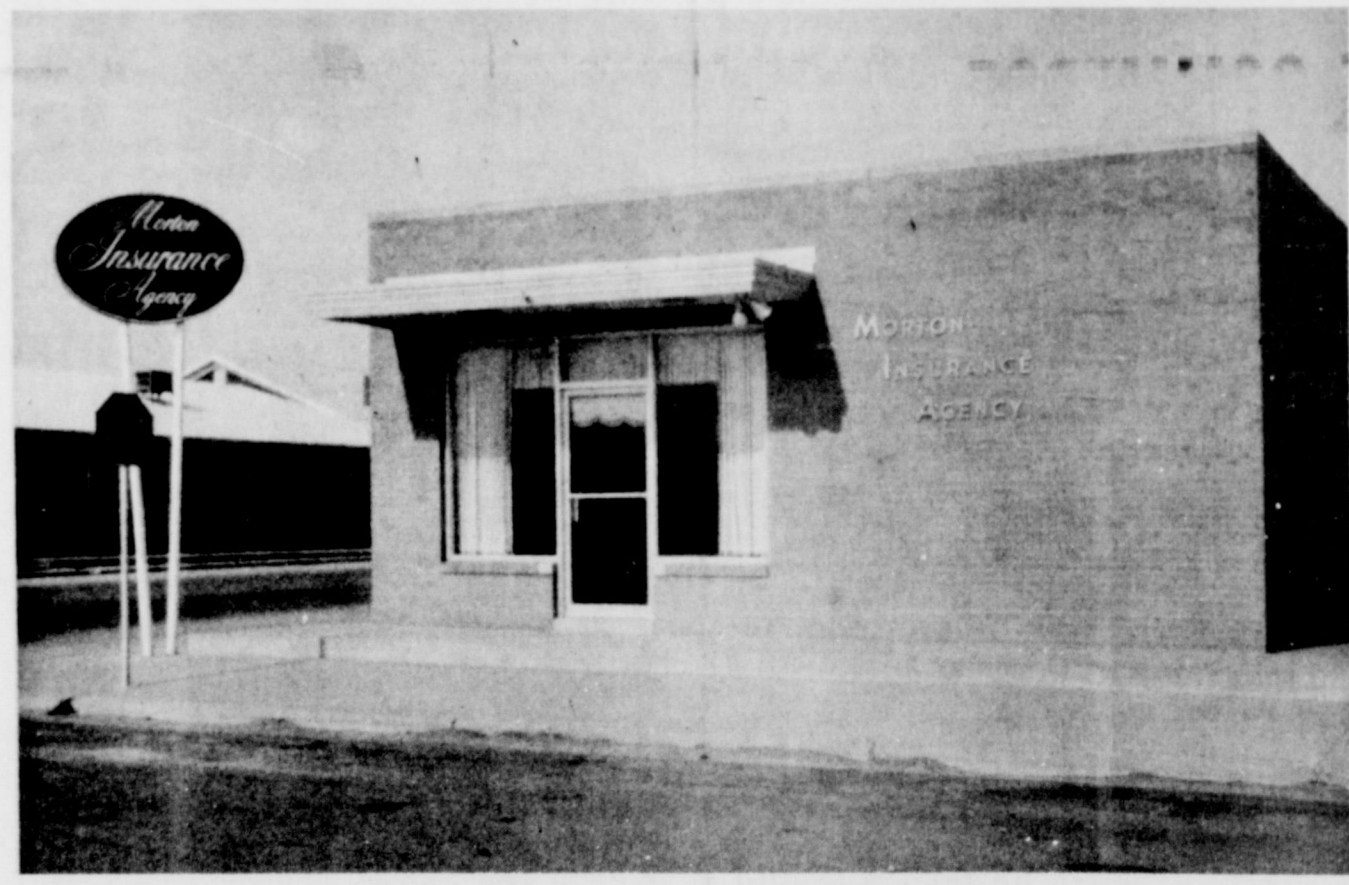
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## The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill  
Attorney General

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Some time ago, our column mentioned a few Texans who had had with-inconvenient deals.

Texas consumers have expressed concern about promotions for land developments and how to handle such transactions.

Some of the difficulties in such transactions are: (1) The possible land developers are not always reliable. (2) They say the keys to the land are out-of-state and they have a reputable company to deal with. (3) They do not want to deal with a reputable company and to investigate carefully before entering into any agreement or contract.

It is a good idea to view any land development in which you're making a sizeable investment. If it's worth several thousand dollars of your money, it's worth the time and time it would take to see it. It makes such rules difficult to purchase land in another state. It is sometimes impossible to go to the state to investigate the land, and the company offering the land is not known to the consumer.

For some reason, you cannot inspect the land before you are considering purchasing it. You must find out certain things about it by the land developer for a property report.

The passage of the Interstate Land Development Act, which allows developers of tracts of more than 100 acres to be subdivided into lots that are promoted as "vacation homes" or "country homes" must file a property report with the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The report gives the exact location of the land, clearly outlines the method of subdivision to be used, tells how much is being backed by the promoter, and whether or not the promoter has clear title to the land.

It is unlawful to use interstate mail or the mails to promote, sell, or lease land without adhering to terms of the Act. If you buy out-of-state land, are a promoter, and don't get a property report, and don't get the right under the Act to cover your losses.

The best way to avoid such difficulties, is to be on guard if an interstate promoter cannot provide a property report. If you don't need one, you can get one. If you are offering you a chance to buy land, you should have a property report.

In a recent case involving sale of land in Arizona, the Federal Trade Commission has provisionally accepted a settlement in a case involving a large land development firm.

The settlement, agreed to by the company, provides restitution in the way of

money or substitute lots to thousands of consumers who purchased land for retirement or vacation homes because of what the FTC contends was deceptive advertising of worthless land.

According to the FTC, many of the land sales took place at promotional dinner parties where movies showing an attractive, developed area led buyers to believe that the land they purchased would be similar. In fact, some of the lots were under water, others had no sewer or water systems, and there was no assurance that planned developments would take place.

Attorneys in our Consumer Protection Division have had reports from other states that auctions are being used to sell worthless out-of-state land. The excitement of competing with our bidders can cause some buyers to spend far more than they ever intended, and often far more than the land is worth.

The customary mode of operation for such itinerant land promoters is "hit and run."

They rush down to the bank the next morning after a sale, cash all checks, then leave town.

Many buyers later find that they are left holding deeds for land that may be not only hundreds or thousands of miles away from them, but what is worse, many miles from the nearest electric cable or sewer connection.

So if you're considering the purchase of out-of-state land that you can't go see prior to the sale, ask for a property report. You can also check with the Department of Housing and Urban Development for possible information about the land promoter.

If problems arise, get in touch with attorneys in our Consumer Protection Division or your local county or district attorney.

## Looking back

Al Dexter, writer of "Pistol Packin' Mama," and his Columbia Recording Band will appear in person at the Roller Rink on Thursday night, May 6.

F.O. Masten, prominent Cochran County farmer and rancher, has donated \$100 to be divided between the two 4-H Club members that are chosen to attend Boys and Girls State in Austin.

The stage is set and everything in readiness for Morton's second annual Spanish Fiesta to be held tonight (Thursday) 8 p.m. at Veterans Hall, under the sponsorship of the American Legion

## About Local Folks

By Dutch Gipson

Richard Smith of Anchorage, Alaska visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nicewarner the first part of the week. Mr. Smith is a brother-in-law of Joe.

Guests in the Joe Gipson home Friday night were granddaughters, Jo Neavitt of Texas Tech and Marcy Neavitt of Houston. Saturday the girls returned to Lubbock with their grandmother. Dutch spent the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Willis and returned home late Sunday afternoon. Marcy returned to Houston Monday after spending Sunday night in the home of her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Dendy of Lovington were weekend guests of their son, Leslie, who teaches in Morton Schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy St. Clair flew to

Dallas the last of the week to attend a Ben Franklin showing of merchandise.

Mrs. P.B. Ramby returned home the last of the week from Houston where she has been at the bedside of Mom Ramby who has been hospitalized for several days with a broken hip. She is progressing nicely and counting time when she can return to her home in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Taylor have returned home from a three-weeks visit with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Taylor of Redding, Iowa. On returning home they came by De Kalb and visited with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. James McCuller. Also visiting was Mrs. McCuller's twin sister, Mrs. Roger Batchelor and children of Snyder.

Class of 1959.  
Nine Scouts from the Morton Lions Club Ship 444 participated in the South Plains Council Eagle Court of Honor, Sunday, April 26, at St. John's Methodist Church, Lubbock.

Miss Myrlan Cox and H.L. Hanna were honored as "queen and king" at the Junior-Senior Banquet Saturday night in the Cochran County Activities Building.

Miss Denise Rose, Morton Lions Club "Queen Candidate" at the Lions District 27-I gathering at Amarillo, returned home Tuesday reporting it "was a wonderful experience."

### MINUT LANDS

Dutch colonizer Peter Minuit landed on Manhattan Island May 4, 1626.



THE FIRST RED BRICK SCHOOL HOUSE in Morton was built in 1926. It served as a school during the week and as a church for all denominations on Sunday.

## Enochs-Bula News

At the April 11 meeting School Board members voted to employ Gary Brakebill as boys' coach for the 1974-75 school year. Henry Rhynes was hired as the new school custodian. The board also adopted a nine-weeks reporting period for the next school year. This means students will have nine-weeks tests rather than six-weeks tests.

Thursday, April 11, an Athletic Awards Assembly was held at the Bledsoe school. The High School Boys team and the Junior High Girls team were recognized for being district champs. Juniors Shirley Shelton, Guy Hall, Tracey Griffiths, Rodney Coffman, and Gary Young received school letter jackets. Receiving gold basketballs were: Seniors June Burns and Lois Funk; Sophomores Terry Davis, Dale Hale, Roy Rhynes, Henrietta Davis, and Glorietta Davis; and Freshmen Jay Rhynes, Ricky Bilbrey, Tamie Young, Gayla Trull, and Francie Davis. Team manager Donal Bilbrey also received a gold basketball. These awards were presented by Coach Jim Glenn.

The 1974 Junior-Senior Banquet, "Hawaii", was Thursday, April 25. The

Invocation was given by Henry Rhynes. Following a delectable meal, Gary Young welcomed the guests. Lois Funk presented the response. Mr. Frank Watts from Levelland State Bank was introduced by Tracey Griffiths as the speaker for the evening. Shirley Shelton gave the Class Prophecy, and June Burns read the Class Will. Lewis Mowery presented the Benediction.

The annual community fish fry took place last Saturday night with the usual good turn out of local citizens.

Monday, April 29, was the day for cheerleader tryouts at Bledsoe. Junior High Cheerleaders who were selected were: Leesa Bilbrey, Patti Hall, and Nancy Griffiths. Tamie Young, Glorietta Davis, Henrietta Davis, and Darla Davis were elected to be High School cheerleaders for next year.

The Bledsoe Baptist Church is holding a Revival next week. Services will be at 8 o'clock each morning and evening, May 5 through 12. Eddie Freeman of Sudan is Evangelist, and Randy Pierce is song leader for the services. The church nursery will be open.

# YOU HAVE A CHOICE



## KENT HANCE

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When you are not satisfied with the way state government is going, the only thing to do is to vote—vote out the old office holders and elect new leaders. Kent Hance offers the voters of this district just such an opportunity May 4—their first opportunity in 12 years—to elect a new State Senator. If you want a new, effective leader in the Senate to represent this district, vote for Kent Hance, for State Senator.

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recurring role of police lieutenant Art Malcolm. Larry Storch and Robyn Millan guest star in the opening episode.

# Three Way News

By Mrs. H.W. Garvin

Ravanel Todd from Levelland spent Thursday visiting her sister, Beadie Powell.

Theda Mangrum from Dallas is visiting her sister the Jack Furgeson family.

Robin Nitcher from Lubbock spent the past week visiting her aunt and uncle, the Adolph Wittners.

Rev. and Mrs. James Gillentine from Lubbock visited her mother, Mrs. H.W. Garvin, who was a patient in Cochran Memorial Hospital, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Larry Flowers from Muleshoe and Kathy Wittner from Lubbock visited their parents, the Adolph Wittners, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. House from Sudan visited the H.W. Garvins Thursday evening.

The Junior and Senior high school banquet was held Saturday night at the Three Way Cafetorium. Guest speaker was Lonnie Nichols from Cameron, Oklahoma. Music was furnished by Hattie Tyson from Maple, Bill Owens from Littlefield, Hal Merrick, Bob Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gardner, all from Causey, N.M. The banquet was a big success.

Mr. and Mrs. D.S. Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. John Gunter visited the H.W. Garvins Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Oleta Boff from Amarillo spent the weekend visiting her sister, Mr. and

## Hospital notes

Patients admitted to Cochran Memorial Hospital from April 23 through April 29 were: W.H. Bilbrey, Ernestine Evans, Ola Elliott, Karen Warren, Nannie Peacock, Earl Bailey, Marvin Davenport and Charley Lavinder.

### LOOK WHO'S NEW

Albert Adam, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Espirion Savaia, born on April 25, at 10:05 p.m. and weighed 6 pounds and 14 1/2 ounces.

Mrs. S.G. Long.

Karen Warren was a medical patient in Cochran Memorial Hospital in Morton last week.

Chester Petree came home from Methodist Hospital Saturday after a two weeks stay.

## Rabies threat lessens, but caution is advised

Fewer and fewer dogs are infected with rabies each year, but the disease is still a major threat to our health, notes Dr. James Armstrong, veterinarian for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Now the threat comes mainly from wildlife. Over 80 per cent of the rabies cases reported in the United States during July and August 1973 involved wildlife. And the disease is most prevalent in hot, summer weather.

Of 261 rabies cases confirmed by the Texas State Department of Health in 1973, 200 involved wildlife. Skunks were the animals most frequently found infected with the disease. Bats, foxes, raccoons, ringtails and coyotes accounted for most of the other wildlife cases.

"All warm-blooded animals can be

infected with the virus disease," says Armstrong. "The Texas Health Department confirmed 15 cases in horses, one in sheep and 23 in cattle last year as well as five in dogs and 17 in cats," says Armstrong.

The disease is usually transmitted by the bite or lick of a rabid animal since the virus is carried in the infected animal's saliva, explains the veterinarian. Once in the body, the virus infiltrates the nerve fibers and attacks the nervous system, resulting in death if no treatment is given.

"When infected with rabies, wildlife are a threat in areas of human habitation as well as in their native habitat." An infected wild animal may suddenly become tame and approach people and their environment in a friendly way. Thus children should be warned to stay away from such seemingly tame wildlife as well as dying animals.

When a human is bitten by a wild animal, do not hold the animal for

observation. Instead, kill it humanely and have it examined by a health department official for evidence of rabies infection, points out Armstrong. The signs of rabies in wild animals and the duration of the virus excretion before clinical rabies develops may be longer than in cats and dogs. The 10-day observation period applies for dogs and cats.

Give immediate attention to any wound involving possible exposure to rabies, advises Armstrong. Wash the wound area and flush with soap and water, detergent or water alone. Then use aqueous solutions of iodine or 0.1 per cent quaternary ammonium compounds.

Obtain a physician's treatment as soon as possible. This includes application of an antirabies serum and possible precautions against tetanus.

Vaccine treatments are usually started at this time also, notes Armstrong. If an animal is found negative for rabies, laboratory examination of its brain, treatment can be stopped. If tests show the animal was rabid, serum administered and the course of vaccination is completed.

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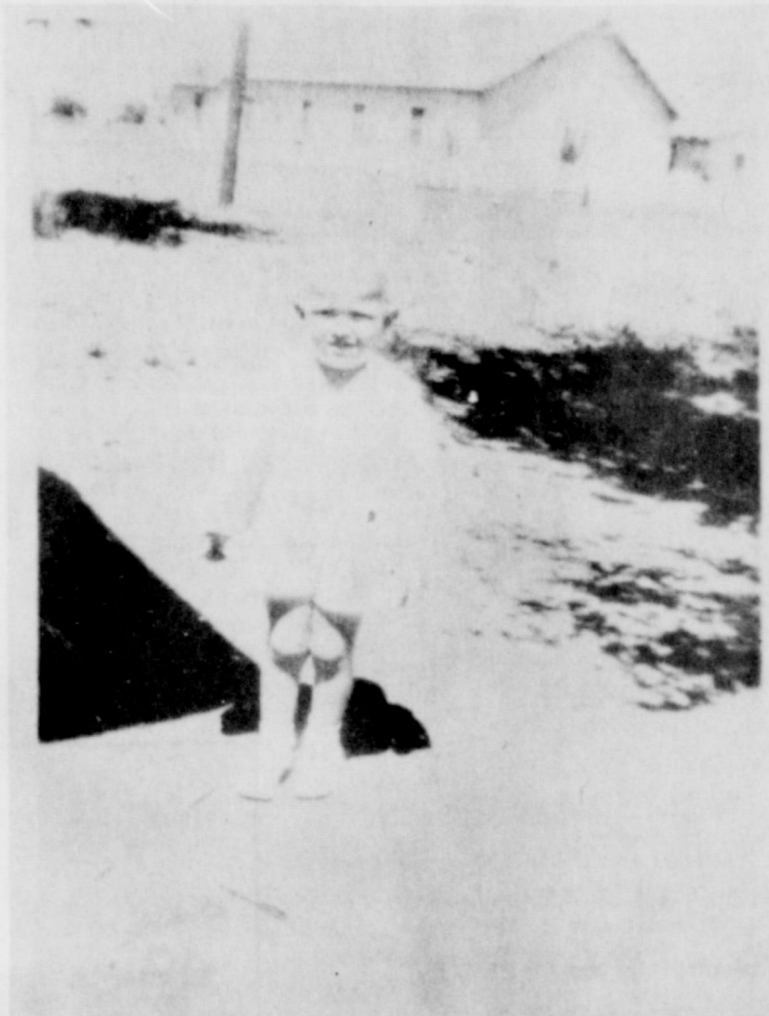
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**KARL GRIFFITH GIN AND ELEVATOR**

# Several ranches flourished in county

ough C.C. Slaughter's Ranch was the largest ranch in Cochran County, it was by no means the only ranch in the area. Several pioneer men pushed into the arid region as early as 1882 and maintained longhorn cattle herds through drought, sand and water.

The first ranch in the county was that of the Surratts, who owned 34,000 acres in the northern part of the county. This ranch was leased to T. Beal's Jumbo Cattle Co. Beal also leased land in the central part of the county, but sold out his interest to Slaughter in 1898.

The first cattleman that showed great faith in the future of Cochran County was F.G. Oxsheer of Worth. About 1884, he had acquired the Big Ranch near Big Bend but in the late 1880's moved cattle to leased

pastures in Hockley County. Later, he purchased land around present-day Levelland.

In 1897, Oxsheer and a partner, M.B. Huling, developed the Huling Ranch where present-day Morton is located today into a 93,000 acre ranch. The next year, however, they sold their interests to C.C. Slaughter. Oxsheer then helped Slaughter acquire additional land for his vast Lazy S. Ranch. It was Oxsheer who brought Slaughter to Cochran County.

Oxsheer for many years continued to maintain cattle on his Hockley County Ranch. In 1906 he sold that land to cereal king C.W. Post, founder of the town of Post. Post then made plans for a thriving new town to be named Hockley City. The town failed to develop until the 1920's when it was renamed Levelland.

Other large and famous ranches touched Cochran

## Mrs. Lasater hosts club

The Whiteface Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Marvin Lasater April 18. Roll call was answered with "My favorite type of music."

Mrs. Rex Black of Levelland, former club member, presented the program on "Music Around the World."

In the business meeting, Mrs. Larry Baldwin, president, presented the club with three awards which the club had won at the Caprock District Meeting. The awards received were a first place on Projects Gerontology Division, first place in programs, International Division and second place in programs in the Continuing Education and Libraries Division.

Others attending were: Meses. Larry Flowers of Odessa, Sam Rankin, Joe Bob Allen, Richard Souter, Darwood Marshall, Royce Elam, and R.D. Hensley.

## CC teachers receive awards

The Cochran County Teacher's Association met April 29 in the Morton School Cafeteria for a spring banquet and election of officers.

Officers elected were: Mrs. W.G. Freeland, president; Mrs. Freddie Butler of Whiteface, vice president; Mrs. W.C. Benham, secretary and Bill Rodden of Bledsoe, treasurer.

President Richard Souter presented pins and tie tacs to the following teachers for their years service to the teaching profession. Five years: Jim Glenn, Janice Inmon, Sherry Fred, Carolyn Hamilton, Hubert Jones, Wanda Sanders, Nita Terry, Roy Winters, Brenda Fietz and Al Lemons.

Ten Years: Roy Blair, J.W. Combs, Harriett Phillips and Elaine Seagler.

Fifteen years: Olive Deavours and Owen Young.

Plaques were given for 20 or more years of service. Twenty five years: Lenave Freeland, Willard Franklin and Mae Kirkpatrick. Thirty years: Ina Fern Gray.

The program consisted of a singing family group, "The Hazels," of Lubbock.

### JET RECORD

The first scheduled jet airliner flight completed by British jet from London to Johannesburg in 23 hours, 38 minutes, on May 3, 1952.

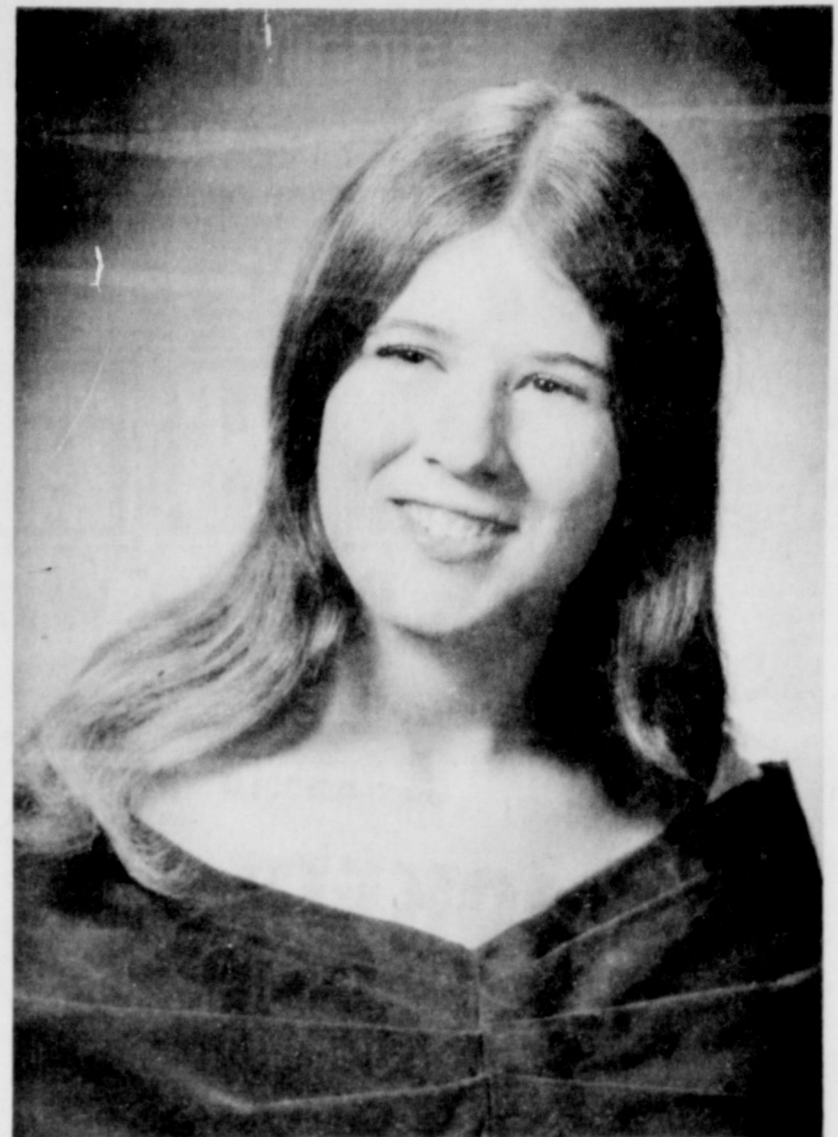
### HORACE MANN

Educator Horace Mann, "father of the public school system," was born at Salem, Mass., May 4, 1796.

acres stretching from Levelland to north of Dalhart, had about six thousand acres which lay inside Cochran County. In 1901 this portion of the ranch, known as the Yellowhouse division, was sold to George Littlefield of Austin, who then maintained the land as his LFD ranch for many years. Later the ranch became known as the Yellowhouse and a remnant of it remains in operation to this day in Hockley County.

Other ranches in Cochran county included the Charley and Ed Alexander ranch at Bledsoe, the H.T. and Oscar Boyd ranch where Girlstown now stands, and the Campbell Ranch at Griffith. Others were the Pool-Earnest and M.W. Ellington ranches in the southwest corner of the county, the Bar V of Alvie Harris, and the Holloway ranch between Morton and Bledsoe. Also included were the Kinnibrough ranch north of Bledsoe, the Landon Ranch east of Bledsoe, the W.T. Lewis V-Bar, the Charley Lyons ranch on the south side of the county, the Mallet ranch south of Whiteface, and the Bar N Bar in the northeast corner of the county.

In the northwest corner of the county was the Westheimer-Daube ranch, the Whaley Ranch was where Whiteface now stands, and the Maple Wilson ranch was near the present community of Maple.



MR. AND MRS. LEONARD CHARLES STUART of Amarillo have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sheryl Lynn Stuart, to William Grant, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Grant of Morton. The couple is planning a June 8 wedding in the San Jacinto Church of the Nazarene in Amarillo. Miss Stuart is a May candidate for graduation at Amarillo High School. Grant is a 1972 graduate of Morton High School and is employed by Spears Water Well Service in Levelland.

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recurring role of police lieutenant Art Malcolm. Larry currently starred in the Los Angeles production of a London Storch and Robyn Millan guest star in the opening episode. "The Rocky Horror Show."

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