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This Week

Our headline writer messed us up last week. The headline writers have a problem of making the headlines fit the available space. On the heading for 100th Birthday Kent County, the line was too long and he changed the Kent County to Jayton County. That was a mistake, as a number of Kent County people outside of Jayton will verify.

There is no better example of what federal control is doing to the people than the matter of the 55 miles per hour speed limit.

The Texas Legislature, on the advice of traffic engineers determined and passed a law to the effect that under normal conditions 70 miles per hour travel in open country is safe and reasonable. Yet Texans are saddled with a 55 mile per hour speed limit. The reason for this is financial control. We have this 55 MPH speed limit strictly for financial reasons—the federal government will not hold federal road building funds, if the state does not maintain the 55 MPH speed limit.

Recently I was talking with a high ranking official in the State office of the Department of Public Safety—a man of mine of long standing.

He confided in me that many of the state's highway patrolmen complain bitterly in private of the unreasonable task they have of trying to enforce the 55 MPH speed limit. And Col. Wilson Spier has recently asked out what an unreasonable job his forces have, asked for 100 additional patrolmen.

Also recently, we read in the state press, that DPS patrolmen are complaining about the CB radio fad, and constant vigil to spot and notify other travelers of the "Smokeys" are located.

All of this is due directly to the 55 MPH speed limit. It was started by truckers during the so-called fuel shortage who said it was impossible for them to pay the wages of their trucks and travel at the slow 55 MPH speed. So they put in the CBs and started their Smokey alert system, and the so called four-wheeled Beavers lit up.

When many of the state's most honored men—doctors, lawyers, ministers, and others, who would all be law-loving, law abiding citizens join the masses in watching and giving out the Smokey reports, you know there has to be something wrong with the system.

We hear a lot, and read a lot, about the benefits of the 55 MPH limit, but no one writes about the evils it causes. But here is one. When all drivers are slowed down from 70 to 55 MPH, it has the effect of keeping the cars on the road 26 percent longer—it takes them 26 percent longer to get where they are going at 55 than it does at 70. And this means an increase of clutter on the highway. There is just automatically 26 percent more cars on the road. And when the roads are already cluttered with traffic, this just has got to mean more accidents, wrecks and fender bendings. True, there may be quite a few accidents, but it is definite and reasonable that there will be more accidents.

For people that only drive a few thousand miles a year, this 26 percent more time on the road may not seem a problem. But for those of us who travel from 50,000 to 100,000 thousands of miles a year this presents quite a problem.

If you don't like the idea of not being allowed to go as fast as what has been determined by safety experts to be safe and reasonable speed, but being slowed down, stuck on the highway for a much longer time, and missing the possibilities of you having a wreck, then contact the members of the Texas Department of Transportation, and the members of the Legislature, and tell them how you feel.

The Republicans, or as is commonly called, the GOP (Grand Old Party) held its convention last week and spent several months of bitter in-fighting. And the result, more than likely amassed enough strength to win the nomination over former California Governor Ronald Reagan, by the strength of being the incumbent in the office. Being already in the office gives its incumbent many benefits. And in a race as close as this it had to mean the difference.

Now the battle lines are drawn, looking toward the 1980 general election. In many ways, one can see the direction the thing is going. Probably Carter and Ford will pretty well discuss the issues, and leave it to the No. 1 people, Mondale and Dole to engage in the so-called "debate", and both have indicated their willingness to do so in this area.

Thursday night as we watched the tubs, and Ford and Dole, and their families looked so happy, one of the things in the room watching the show offered this thought: They had better enjoy this short period of happiness, because they are not going to be happy after the election gets through with them.

Kent County Tax Rate Is Set At \$1.15 For The Year

In Monday session of the Commissioners court, a number of important items were discussed and passed, including setting of the county tax rate at \$1.15 per hundred dollar of property valuation.

Following is a take off from the minutes of the meeting:

A motion was made by W.H. Parks and seconded by George Taylor to approve all bills presented before the Court. Vote on this was unanimous.

A motion was made by Donnie Carriker and seconded by W.H. Parks to buy a Toro Gang mower with a 3 point hitch, for \$1,950.00 from Goldthwaite's in Fort Worth, to be used at the Golf Course. Vote on this was unanimous.

A Budget hearing for Kent County will be held August 23. All interested persons are invited to attend.

A motion was made by W.H. Parks and seconded by George Taylor to approve the Budget for Kent County.

A motion was made by Donnie Carriker and seconded by Sarah Byrd to set the tax rate as follows: General Fund, \$.70; Lateral Road, \$.30; Road and Bridge Special, \$.15; Total, \$1.15. Vote on this was unanimous.

John H. Richey Gets Master Degree At Angelo University

John Harvey Richey, Jr. of Jayton was among 204 students receiving degrees from Angelo State University during the University's summer commencement program. Richey received a Master of Arts in Teaching degree.

Featured speaker for the summer commencement was Dr. Bryce Jordan, president of the University of Texas at Dallas. Speaking to the gathering in the physical education building on the ASU campus, Dr. Jordan said that society's fast pace demands the continuation of education beyond graduation.

"Education must be an open-ended process," he said, "The skills you've acquired over the years will not suffice. The rapid and tumultuous changes taking place in our society, nation and world necessitate that learning be a lifelong occupation."

Of the 204 persons receiving degrees Friday, 29 were master's degrees and 175 were bachelor's degrees.

The County EMS Program Depends On Number Involved

The whole Emergency Medical Services System in Jayton is dependent on getting immediate care to the critically ill and injured.

In some cases the few minutes that elapse before professional emergency technicians arrive could mean a great deal of difference in the care and condition of a patient.

For this reason the more people who have emergency medical care training, the safer the man on the street.

The American Red Cross offers courses in First Aid. In the event of an accident-around the home, on the ranch, or in the middle of town—the Red Cross-trained citizen can render first aid until an ambulance arrives. For more information on services offered by the Red Cross, contact Mr. Preston E. Cleveland, Box 328, Jayton Schools, Jayton, Texas 79528.

Also the American Heart Association (AHA) offers an 8 hour course on cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR). This training enables someone to help cardiac patients in the event of a "heart attack". It could prevent brain damage as well as saving a life. Citizens who have a cardiac patient in their family are especially encouraged to call the AHA at (915) 673-5371 to enroll.

A new idea in sizing for men's shirts has hit the ready-to-wear market. Average-sleeve-length (ASL) shirts are sized to fit a greater span of sleeve lengths in one size. While a traditional shirt is sized 14-32, the ASL is sized 14-32/33, explains Beverly Rhoades, clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

No Choice
Little Nellie was asked the difference between the quick and the dead.
"The quick are those who get out of the way in time; the dead are those who don't."

Fitting
In a Massachusetts cemetery there is a gravestone with the following inscription: "Here lies Dentist Smith, filling his last cavity."

Volvo recalls 50,000 cars leaking fumes.

Show tires may be unavailable and expensive.

The People Use Costumes To Depict The Centennial

The celebration of Kent County's 100 years was carried out by people with various costumes from Indian feather and beads, old fashioned long dresses and bonnets to gamblers, and the short dresses of dance hall girls.

Ten people were chosen as being the best dressed and were given a ribbon. They were: Flo Cheyne, Jayton; Shelia Chisum, Jayton; Mrs. Billy Stanaland, Jayton; Howard Goswick, Jayton; Teddy Turner, Jayton; Jeannie Waggoner, Jayton; Naomi Capps, Girard; Mrs. Robert Harrison, Jayton; Mrs. Jess Hall, Jayton and Misty Seago, Clairemont.

252 Students Are Enrolled For The Jayton Schools

Two hundred and fifty-two enrolled in Public Schools Monday, August 23. High school and junior high students numbered 137; elementary students numbered 115.

Classes will begin at 8:40 and school will be dismissed at 4:00. Busses are to arrive between 8:30 and 8:35.

Enrollment by classes is as follows: 12th, 26; 11th, 25; 10th, 29; 9th, 22; 8th, 17; 7th, 18; 6th, 22; 5th, 16; 4th, 17; 3rd, 17; 2nd, 13; 1st, 14 and Kindergarten, 16.

Kent County Reaches 51 Percent Of Bond Sales Goals

June sales of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds in Kent County were reported today by County Bond Chairman Judge Norman Hahn. Sales for the six-month period totaled \$9,574 for 48 percent of the 1976 sales goal of \$20,000.

Texas sales during the month amounted to \$21,078,018, while sales for the first half of 1976 totaled \$139,566,833 with 51 percent of the yearly sales goal of \$272.4 million.

Mary LaRue Brown Gets Degree At Denton Aug. 14th

DENTON—Texas Woman's University held its annual Summer Commencement Saturday, August 14, awarding more than 400 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.

Recipients and their major fields of study included Mary LaRue Brown of Route 3, Jayton, with a M.A. in Psychology.

Joe H. Rothe Is Associate Extension Service Director

COLLEGE STATION—Joe H. Rothe has been named associate director of the Extension Service, effective August 1. He has served as Extension assistant director and state agent since May, 1971.

Rothe's appointment was announced July 27 by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents. The Extension Service is the TAMU System's public service agency which provides educational assistance in agriculture, family living and consumer information, 4-H and youth, and community resource development to thousands of Texans.

Rothe has served with the Extension Service for 29 years in roles ranging from state agricultural agent to district agent, county Extension agent and assistant county agent.

"Rothe is uniquely qualified for the position of associate director of the Extension Service. He is extremely knowledgeable about the overall operations of the organization, and is highly respected both by staff members and the agricultural leadership of Texas," said Dr. Daniel C. Pflanz, director of the Extension Service.

"Study Aches"
Mother — "I'm worried about my little boy's health. A great part of the time he doesn't feel at all well."
Doctor — "When is it he seems to feel the worst?"
Mother — "When he's in school."

Two fools meet when one runs another's life and the other permits it.

Judging other people often prevents the praising of ourselves.

Good manners and courtesy are good form, even on the highways.

GOP Draft would cut school aid.

Kent County Pioneers Are Recognized In Saturday Ceremonies

Saturday August 21, the pioneers of Kent County were recognized during the Centennial celebration.

Rosettes were given to the following people who had lived in the County between 1876 and 1900: Lee J. Harrison, Austin, Dick Sampson, Spur, Ola Harrison Miller, Carlsbad, Pete Sampson, Spur, Ruby Cooper, Spur, Robert Harrison, Jayton, Ervin Stricklin, Riverdale Community, J.T. Bilberry, Plainview.

The following settlers who lived in the County between 1900 and 1910 were also awarded a rosette: Hobert Lewis, Jayton, Bula Harrison Wood, Bryson, Myrtle Webb, Spur, Henry Harris, McAadoo, Bennie Smith, Jayton, George Darden, Girard, Margaret Capps, Fredonia, Ada Lou Joiner, Jayton, Bill Harrison, Jayton, Sallie McAteer, Jayton, Willie Rose, Jayton, Mrs. Blanche Barfoot, Jayton, Tom Hunnicutt, Girard, Polly Stricklin, Riverdale Community, Mrs. Roy Edwards, Aspermont, Eula Fuller, Jayton, Nina Martin, Lubbock, Amos Fincher, Jayton, Johnnie Hamilton, Jayton, Irma Black, Rotan, Junie Long, Jayton, Henry Grice, Jayton, L. Goodall, Spur, Mary Lou Bingham, Brownfield, Bill Jones, Jayton, Mrs. John Harrison, Jayton, J.B. Harrison, Big Spring, Lorene Hutto, Vernon, Truman Murdoch, Jayton.

Plaques were given to Edna Stricklin Smith for traveling 1200 miles, from California, which was the longest distance and to Mrs. Barfoot, who is 96 1/2 years of age for being the oldest person in attendance.

Widow of Pioneer County Doctor Dies Sunday

Mrs. Nellie Smith McLaury, widow of a pioneer Kent County doctor, W.M. McLaury, died Sunday in Cogdell Memorial hospital in Snyder.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in the Jayton First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Tommy Ewing, former pastor here, now of Shallower officiating. Burial was in the Clairemont Cemetery.

She had resided at the family home north of Clairemont for many years.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law Mrs. W.M. McLaury, Jr., a grandson, W.M. McLaury, III, and two great grandsons.

The Jaybirds To Hold Scrimmage At Knox City Friday

Jaybird Coach John Richey and his staff will take the Jaybirds to Knox City this Friday night for an inter-squad scrimmage. About 40 Jayton boys will make the trip and suit out for the scrimmage. Beginning at 6 p.m. both the junior varsity and the varsity will perform, alternating between the two units.

Motley County was here in the new scrimmage last Friday. Coach Richeys boys ran 24 yards on 60 carries.

Coach Richey reports both the offense and the defense are improving each day, and he hopes to have them in top shape ready for the Roscoe game Friday night of next week. He reports an excellent attitude among the squad members.

Because of factors such as rising real incomes, value of homemaker's time and desire for leisure, the consumption of some categories of convenience foods has been increasing. For example, frozen vegetables offered in bulk bags and pouches, garnished with sauces and creams, or combined with another vegetable or food, have helped increase the per capita consumption of frozen vegetables, on a fresh weight basis, from 15.4 pounds in 1963, to 21.9 pounds in 1973—a rise of over 40 percent. In comparison, per capita food consumption increased by 5.1 percent from 1963 to 1973, says Mrs. Gwendolyn C. Att, consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Best Of Press

Pleasant Prospect?
There's a bright future in store for a lot of people, but the heat will be terrific.

—Washington Post.

Remember
In selecting hair shampoo, remember that you use it in the eyes as well as on the hair.

—Record, Columbia, S.C.

Ford signs swine flu insurance bill.

Shouldn't
"I never knew what happiness was until after I was married," stated a screen idol. People shouldn't brood over the past.

—Atlanta Constitution.

When
There will be no more wars when nations learn how to completely break each other without fighting.

—Union-Times, Florida. Record corn crop expected despite bad weather.

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FOR SALE:
2-Story Home and four lots in Block 31, Jayton, Texas; formerly L.C. Smith residence. Contact Wm. I. Smith, 3402-88th Dr., Lubbock, Texas 79413. Phone 797-3395. 26-4 tr

CARDS OF THANKS

CARD OF THANKS:
We would like to thank everyone for the flowers, food, acts of kindness and love extended during the loss of our loved one.
May God bless each of you is our prayer.
The family of
W.H. McKenzie 27-c

THANKS TO THE FOLKS OF KENT COUNTY:

We want to say thanks to each and everyone who served on committees or helped in any way with the Kent County Centennial and Bicentennial Celebration. We feel the celebration was a huge success and this is a credit to everyone who participated.
Judge Hahn and The Commissioners.
July wholesale price index up.

PUBLIC NOTICES
BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE:
10:00 a.m. Sat. Aug. 28, 1976. Kent County Road Dept. Barn. Jayton, Texas. 1973 Chev. 1/2 ton pickup, Motor No. CCY 143 S 130289 Long ride, A/C, 350 engine, good condition. Driven by Co. Acent.

working condition.
Other miscellaneous items.
Norman Hahn
Kent County Judge
26-2tc

1974 Chev. 1/2 ton pickup, Motor No. CCY 144A 171323 Long, wide, A/C, 350, PS, PB, good condition. 69,000 miles, driven by County Road supervisor.
One-used color T.V. in

PUBLIC AUCTION:
10:00 a.m. Sat. Sept. 11, 1976. Kent County Courthouse steps, Jayton, Texas. Lots 1,2,3,4,5,6 in Block 9. City of Jayton, Lots 5,6,7,13,14,17,18 in Block 12. City of Jayton, County will furnish a quit claim deed only.
Donnie Carriker
Commissioner 26-3tc.

JULY PRICE INDEX
Inflation remained moderate at the wholesale level in July, according to a government report, but the report indicated there was a potential for a pickup in inflation, the Labor Department said.

REFUGEES & WELFARE
Of nearly 130,600 Indo-Chinese refugees resettled in this country since the fall of Saigon to the Communists, about 30 per cent were receiving cash assistance from welfare agencies as of June 30.

OKS JOBS PROGRAM
The Senate easily passed a bill to extend an emergency public service jobs program—opposed by the administration—until September, 1977.

WHO KNOWS?

1. What is the Biblical name for Palestine?
2. Name the 13th President of the U.S.
3. For what was Vasco Balboa best known?
4. Name the five senses.
5. In what novel did Robin Hood appear?
6. For what is Guglielmo Marconi best known?
7. When was the Louisiana Purchase made?
8. When was the first U.S. President inaugurated?
9. How many pieces are used in a chess game?
10. What is an arboretum?

DOLLS

Fabric-stuffed dolls, animals and pillows for infants should be washable. Check for holes or weak seams and repair them before laundering. These kinds of toys absorb much moisture during washing and require a long drying time. If items are machine dryable, use the highest drying temperature setting. Stop the appliance occasionally and shake toys to redistribute stuffing—the items will then dry more evenly, says Mrs. Linda McCormack, family resource management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

LEVI ORDERS PROBE

Atty. Gen. Edward H. Levi has ordered the FBI to investigate whether mobster John Roselli was murdered as a result of his Senate committee testimony on CIA assassination plots against Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro.

RECORD CORN CROP

The nation's 1976 corn crop, an important key to consumer food supplies through next summer, is still expected to be a record despite losses last month to hot, dry weather, the Agriculture Department said.

BILLIONS FOR DEFENSE

The Senate has passed a \$104-billion defense appropriation bill, deferring \$1 billion for purchase of the first three B1 bombers until after next Feb. 1.

Neither nations nor people are equal; but they should have free and equal opportunity.

Most of the good things that come to individuals in life have to be paid for in some manner.

Answers To Who Knows

1. Canaan.
2. Millard Fillmore.
3. He discovered the Pacific Ocean.
4. Hearing, sight, touch, smell and taste.
5. Sir Walter Scott's "Ivanhoe."
6. An Italian who invented the wireless telegraph.
7. April 30, 1803.
8. April 30, 1789.
9. Thirty-two.
10. A place where many kinds of trees and shrubs are grown for study or display.

School Calendar For September

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Band Practice 6:30 Booster Club 7:30		Jr. High & J. V. @ Spur - 5 PM	@ Roscoe 8 PM	
	Band Practice 6:30 Booster Club 7:30		Jr. High & J. V. Aspermont here @ 5PM	Spur here 8 PM	West Texas Fair @ Abilene
	Band Practice 6:30 Booster Club 7:30		Jr. High & J. V. @ Aspermont 5 PM	Aspermont here 8 PM	Punt, Pass & Kick 10 AM
	Band Practice 6:30 Booster Club 7:30		Jr. High & J. V. @ Rotan - 5 PM	Sands @ Ackerly - 8 PM	
South Plains Fair @ Lubbock	Band Practice 6:30 Booster Club 7:30		Jr. High & J. V. Motley County here - 5 PM		

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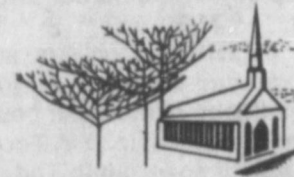
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ATTEND CHURCH



"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Jayton, Texas
Truett Kuentler, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Training Union, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting,
Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Mass 9:00 Saturday Evening
Rev. Malcolm Neyland

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Jayton, Texas
Edward M. Steph, minister
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:30

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Girard, Texas
Ray Robertson, Minister
Morning Service, 10 a.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Classes, 7 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Jayton, Texas
Rev. Ron Meadows, pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 8 p.m.

SEASONS CHANGE

For a time leaves are green, then in early fall they become brilliant with many colors. Finally they turn brown and fall from the trees, leaving them drab and lonely looking.

God never changes, he is an ever present help.

"For I am the Lord, I change not"
Attend church and learn more of God's wonderful and never changing love.



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 persevere and the freedoms 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.



Guy Arney Welding Jackson' Garage

The Teen Scene Bill Williams Service

and Supply Thos. Fowler Agency Jayton Co-op Gin Goodall FORD Sales H & M Dept. Store [This Space for Sale]

Kent Co. State Bank Robert Hall Chevrolet Cheyne Welding Shop Kent County Lumber and Supply

Jayton Cafe Jayton Food Store Caprock Telephone Co. The Jayton Chronicle

Favorite Recipes of Opal Richards



Mother's India Relish

- 3 medium onions
 - 1 large red pepper
 - 8 green tomatoes
 - 8 large green apples
 - 1/2 lb. seeded raisins
 - 1/2 lb. sugar
 - 1/4 cup suet
 - 1 1/2 pt. vinegar
 - 1 dessert spoon ginger & cinnamon
 - 1/2 tsp. cloves
- Chop all fine, Cook 1/2 hr; seal while hot.

Watermelon Rind Pickles

- 3 pounds prepared watermelon rind
 - 2 cups granulated sugar.
 - 2 cups white vinegar
 - 6 3-inch cinnamon sticks
 - 2 Tbsp. whole allspice
 - 2 Tbsp. whole cloves
- Use firm but not over ripe watermelon. Trim off outer green skin and pink flesh, allowing a very thin pink part to show, cut into 1 1/2 x 1 x 3/4 inch pieces.
- Soak overnight in salt water (3 Tbsp. per 1 gallon water). Drain and cover with fresh water and cook until tender. Drain—heat sugar and vinegar to boiling. Add spices tied in thin cloth bag. Add rind. Cook uncovered until transparent (about 45 minutes) Remove spice, add coloring.
- Simmer while quickly packing in sterilized jars. Be sure solution covers rind. Seal each jar at once. Makes 3 pints.

Surveying

BY CHARLES RICHARDS



If I'm going to a movie, I don't want someone telling me how it ends.

When I read a book, I start at the front. Some people peek at the back, but I don't want to know, ahead of time, how it's going to end. I want to discover it all by myself.

It's more satisfying to see the plot unfold and "wonder" along the way and be surprised or disappointed or delighted along the way.

It's never quite as good watching a Sunday replay of a Saturday football game when you have already read in the newspaper how it came out.

To me, political conventions are that way too.

Jerry Barton noted over lunch Wednesday that he liked it better in "the old days" when you didn't know in advance who would win this vote or that and who would win the nomination. I agree.

In these days of computers, we get forecasts and prognostications aplenty. On the day of a national election, results of selected crucial towns and precincts are fed into the computer and the winner is projected almost before the polls close. I like it when you stayed up to 2 a.m. seeing the votes go back and forth and wondered who was going to wind up the winner.

I liked it when you could watch a national convention, and believe either candidate you wanted to when he said he had enough votes to clinch the nomination.

There was nothing like hearing the tallies come in, state by state, and be kept in suspense until finally some state near the end of the list would send one of the candidates "over the top."

This past year, the wire services knew the vote for each and every state and had already fed it into their computers and come up with the winner, and the final vote, before the roll call ever began.

It's just not as enjoyable as it used to be.

The national GOP convention wound up Thursday night in Kansas City on a harmonious note. Republicans were planning to join together to try to stave off the Democratic challenge from Jimmy Carter.

There'll be interesting moments ahead. President Ford challenged Carter to a debate on the issues, and Carter promptly accepted. Carter had said earlier in the campaign that he would welcome such a debate.

It'll be the first debate between presidential candidates since 1960, when John F. Kennedy got the best of Richard Nixon and went on to win the national election.

Carter seems to come off better as speaker. But the biggest criticism of him has been that he wouldn't take a stand on the issues. If he is to do well in this debate, he will have to go on record, of course.

That will be a debate worth watching.

WAGE AGREEMENTS LESS

The Labor Department reports that second quarter wage agreements averaged less than those negotiated during the first three months of the year.

ON NATION'S MONEY

Chairman Arthur F. Burns said the Federal Reserve Board will tighten the screws slightly on "the nation's money" supply in a new move aimed at bringing inflation under control.

SEEKS DEMO POST

Rep. James C. Wright Jr. (D-Tex) has announced he will seek the post of House Democratic leader in the new Congress next year, bringing to four the field of candidates to replace Rep. Thomas P. O'Neill of Massachusetts.

Freedom of speech is not valuable unless someone will listen.

As It Looks From Here



By Rep. Omar Burleson
Member of Congress, Texas
17th District, Texas

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Because of the Republican Convention last week in Kansas City, there has been no Congressional activity. Of course, the bureaucracy grinds on, as usual.

Therefore, this is a bit of nonsense about cats—not the "cool cats" with two legs—but the four legged kind. According to the Cat Fancier Association, there are sixty million cats in this Country. (Wonder who went out and counted them?)

Anyway, cats are interesting. Whether you like them or not, there was a time when no respectable barn would be without them, for a good purpose. Istanbul, Turkey, sitting astride the Bosphorus Straits, depends on cats for rat control. They are everywhere—on the streets, alleys, and underfoot in restaurants. If they jump on your table, you give them a bite and gently push them off. In Guayaquil, Ecuador, vultures are not only tolerated, it is against the law to molest them in any way. They have no sewage system and the vultures are the garbage collectors.

Now—back to cats. They have been around about as long as we have. Mohammed had a cat. Cardinal Wolsey kept a cat. Pope Pius XII had quite a few. Victor Hugo and Baudelaire had cats and wrote about them. Martin Luther and Lenin like cats.

Until 1492 America had no cats. Columbus and his crew brought them. Then, as now, cats were aboard all merchant ships to meet the old old problem of rat incursion. English, Dutch, French, and Spanish colonists brought more cats to the new world. They proved their worth in preventing rodent damage to grains. Wagon trains, pushing westward, carried cats with them. Indians were plagued by rats and other vermin. They traded furs for these wonderful helpers.

As our enterprising forefathers pushed into the wilderness, establishing mining and lumber camps, they considered cats as an asset. They sold for as much as \$50.00 each. Stores abound of "catnappers"—stealing cats in the east and shipping them west for good profits.

Not all people love cats. Some have allergies. Some just do not like them. Genghis Khan, Napoleon and Mussolini hated cats. Other historic figures seemed to feel otherwise. Thomas Jefferson and George Washington had numerous felines at Monticello and Mount Vernon. Lincoln felt kindly toward cats.

It is said that nobody "owns" a cat. They are not reputed to have a loyalty to man as do dogs. Their independence and unpredictability are well known, but they are here to stay—all 60 million—so they say.

Now that we are in a presidential campaign, numerous questions are being asked. While we ask the candidates how they stand on National Health Insurance and other expanded roles of Government, perhaps we should ask how they stand on cats.

We must make sure, as best we can, that we do not have the fur pulled over our eyes.

NURSING HOME NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip M. Taylor of Forth Worth were visitors in the home this past week.

Mrs. Pat House visited Darvin Hill this week.

Rev. Gene Louder, pastor of Jayton Methodist Church was a visitor in the home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meador visited his dad, Bruce Meador, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M.B. McKee of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Johnson Saturday.

Thanks to Sandra Smith for the candy. The residents and nurses enjoyed it very much.

All of the residents enjoyed the Centennial parade very much. Several sat on the front porch to watch. Others rode in the parade. A good time was had by all.

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Brooks visited Mrs. Brooks this week.

Anson Sewalt of Denton visited Bell Sewalt, his mother, this week.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sam Johnson Saturday were: Winkle McLaury, Vera Osman of Stanton, L.O. Vincent of Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Yeakley and Mr. and Mrs. Mutt Hagins visited Mrs. Larado Hagins last Saturday.

Thelma and Elgie Rudder visited C.W. Lewis; also Jane and Bill McClure.

Mrs. Bud Emery of Amherst was a visitor this past week.

Vi Hall was also a resident visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bingham of Brownfield visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Johnson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reed and Jimmy visited Mrs. Lillian Baldree this week.

Mrs. Pete Hagins visited his mother, Mrs. Hugh Hagins this week.

Kyle Harrison of Brownfield visited his great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Johnson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Cass and daughter visited their mother, Mrs. Edna Cass.

Mr. and Mrs. Dink Johnson visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Johnson Sunday.

The residents and staff want to give a special thanks to Judge Hahn, members of the commissioners court, Sheriff Raldo Goodall and the others involved for their thoughtfulness in bringing the delicious barbecue and other food to the home. This gave those who were unable to attend a feeling of being included in the festive day.

Mrs. Jim Latham had visitors from California.

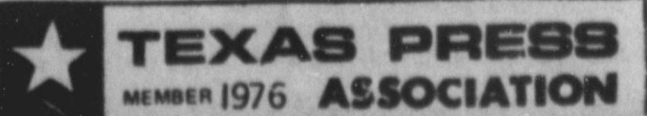
A niece and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Meador visited the home. They were from Stephenville.

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Do mountains have anything to do with rainfall? What role do they play in controlling precipitation in the United States?

Mountains have a definite effect on cloud movement and rainfall. In the United States the really high mountains near the West Coast are a major influence on the weather. In this case they block moist, maritime air, or drain the moisture out of it as it moves east causing the dry regions in the western area.

The United States is favored with four sources of maritime air which brings rain and produces necessary vegetation. From the Pacific, air masses move in from the north west and southwest. In the Atlantic, air masses enter from the northeast and southeast.

Only from the polar region, via Canada, and from Mexico (in summer) do we get dry air masses over the United States.

WORKING WIVES

According to research studies regarding the marital satisfaction of working wives, when women join the labor force involuntarily, couples experience greater marital unhappiness. The men perceive it as a threat to their ego and ability to provide for their family—women, however, feel the main effect is the decrease in sociability with their husbands, reports Debby Johnson, family life education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

GOOD HINT

Apply paste wax, parafin or ordinary candle wax to drawer bottoms and sides for easy sliding, Glenda Moore, housing and home furnishings specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, advises.

CAMPING

When camping, rub the outside bottom of a pot or pan or skillet with a bar of soap or liquid detergent before cooking over campfire or outdoor grill. This makes wash-up afterward much easier, Miss Linda McCormack, family resource management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, says.

'75 Vegetable Statistics Published

AUSTIN—According to the recently-published 1975 Texas Vegetable Statistics book, Texas ranked fifth in the nation in total vegetable production.

The publication also contains such information as the leading Texas counties in production of various vegetables and peak harvest times of vegetables.

A free copy of the statistics book is available free by writing Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

RICE DOWN

During almost every month throughout the past year, the national average retail price of rice has declined. This is in contrast to the gradual rise in prices of most other food products. The cost of a half-cup serving of cooked rice today is just over three cents, Mrs. Gwendolyn Ciyatt, consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, reports.

The tallest breed of dog is the Irish wolfhound. An extreme recorded example was Broadbridge Michael, who at two years stood 39 1/2 inches at the shoulder.



Hahn-Montgomery Wedding

Dana Hahn became the bride of James Christopher Montgomery in a military wedding at the First Baptist Church, Jayton, August 22. The Rev. Edgar Jackson officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Judge and Mrs. Norman Hahn of Jayton, and the parents of the bridegroom are Lt. Col (Ret.) and Mrs. James I. Montgomery of Universal City.

Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride wore a formal-length gown of white organza. For something old, borrowed, and blue the bride carried the same lace handkerchief that had belonged to a great-great aunt and the same "good luck" dime that had been carried by her mother and her sister at their weddings.

The bride's attendants, attired in pastel floor-length gowns, were her sisters: Janine, maid-of-honor; Holly Sadler, matron-of-honor; Erin, bridesmaid, and friends: Donna Kidd and Debbie Mills, bridesmaids.

The best man, Charles Kolb, the groomsmen, Lloyd Graham, David Morris, Joe Spain, Doug Tromblee, and the groom are all members of the Corps of Cadets and the Aggie Band at Texas A&M University.

Traditional wedding music was played by Leann Kuenstler. Bobette Hamilton accompanied herself on the guitar as she sang "For All We Know" and "Until It's Time For You To Go."

A reception followed in Fellowship Hall where wedding cake and punch were served by Debbie Thomas, Judith Duboise, Bobette Hamilton, and Phyllis Solomon. Members of the houseparty included Lou Williams, Elaine Favor, Dorothy Judy, Betty Williams, Pauline Wilson, Lavern Kuenstler, and Patricia Hamilton.

Following a wedding trip to Santa Fe, the couple will return to College Station where they are enrolled at Texas A&M University.

The Job Picture

The Labor Department's August report of higher unemployment is many-sided. Democrats seized upon the 7.8 per cent unemployment rate, and the July increase, the largest since last year, as political ammunition.

They are right but the picture isn't that simple. The Labor Department's July report shows the nation has a record number of jobs. July figures reflected the large number of new job seekers, including students, in the market.

The economy is still improving and the number of jobs expanding. But the population and the number of jobseekers expanded faster in the latest period reported on.

The good news is that an additional 110,000 people found jobs in July—making the total number of jobholders 87.9 million, a new record.

UPS, DOWNS OF COTTON PRICES

Cotton prices took a sharp plunge recently dropping about 20 cents per pound after reaching high levels earlier. However, supply, demand and crop prospects should take hold soon to steady market conditions, believes an economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension

Service. The 10.7 million bale crop projected by the USDA on August 12 would fall 600,000 bales short of the expected demand. U.S. cotton growers have contracted 47 percent of their crop, with 22 percent of the Texas crop under contract. If prices fail to move back up to early July levels,

SALK WINS AWARD

NEW DELHI—American biologist Jonas Salk has been named to receive the 1975 Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding.

You have a right to your own life if you have the courage to live it.

A fanatic is simply an individual who knows that he's right.

Presenting

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- Blouses -
- Pant Suits
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- Lillian Russell
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Centennial Games Are Held

Games and Contests sponsored by Student Council of Jayton High School at the Kent County Centennial on August 21, 1976.

Tricycle Race - Ages 2-3

- Christy Williams 1st
- Cody Stanaland 2nd
- Lacy Murdoch 3rd

Tricycle Race - Ages 4-6

- Krista Hamilton 1st
- Tina Garcia 2nd
- Denise Cleveland 3rd

Pie Eating - Ages through 12

- Tony Bryant 1st
- Lexi Rogers 2nd
- Rodger Chunn 3rd

Pie Eating - Ages 13 and up

- John Harrison 1st
- Delton Cleveland 2nd
- Tim Bryant 3rd

3 Legged Sack Race - Ages through 8

- Trey Richey - Randy Waggoner 1st
- Tra Hall - Shawn Arney 2nd
- Christy Stanaland - Janet Williams 3rd

3 Legged Sack Race - Ages 9 - 12

- Charles & Carla Arthur 1st
- Tim & Tony Bryant 2nd
- Robert Graham - Tommy Trammel 3rd

3 Legged Sack Race - Ages 13 - 19

- Shelly Williams - Grace Rider 1st
- Mike Wilson - Boyed Dees 2nd
- Gene Cleveland - Kathy McMeans 3rd

3 Legged Sack Race - Adult

- Gary & Linda France 1st
- Larry & Lou Williams 2nd
- Preston & LaRue Cleveland 3rd

Sack Race - Ages through 8

- Tony Bryant 1st
- Randy Waggoner 2nd
- Michele Cheyne 3rd

Sack Race - Ages 9 - 12

- Chris Williams 1st
- Rodger Chunn 2nd
- Tommy Trammel 3rd

Sack Race - Ages 13 and up

- Mike Wilson 1st
- Gene Cleveland 2nd
- Danny Chunn 3rd

Pin Tail on Donkey - Ages 3 - 6

- Russell Bagwell 1st
- Randal Harris 2nd
- Tra Hall 3rd

Pin Tail on Donkey - Ages 7 - 10

- Tommy Trammel 1st
- Shana Stanaland 2nd
- Darwin Kimmel 3rd

Egg Throwing - Ages through 12

- Todd Bryant - Frank Garcia 1st
- Roy Chisum - Chris Williams 2nd
- Conrad Carriker - Roger Chunn 3rd

Egg Throwing - Ages 13 - 19

- Gene Cleveland - Harold Parker 1st
- Leann Kuentler - Otis Chunn 2nd
- David Sumner - Jim Rider 3rd

Bubble Gum Blowing - Ages 3 - 6

- Tra Hall 1st
- Denise Cleveland 2nd
- Bret Morton 3rd

Bubble Gum Blowing - Ages 7 - 10

- Kent Byrd 1st
- Tonja Hoosier 2nd
- Cheryl Bagwell 3rd

Bubble Gum Blowing - Ages 11-13

- Lisa Benavides 1st
- Todd Bryant 2nd
- Mike Bagwell 3rd

Watermelon Eating - Ages 4-8

- Timmy Chunn 1st
- Tony Bryant 2nd
- Monte Louder 3rd

Watermelon Eating - Ages 9 - 12

- Rodger Chunn 1st
- Deral Grice 2nd
- Mike Bagwell 3rd

Horseshoe Doubles Tournament

- Pete Cleveland & Gene Cleveland
- John Fowler & Olen Roy Cheyne
- Tommy Waggoner & Bill Reeder

Horseshoe Singles

- Johnny Jones
- Harold Judy
- Donnie Carriker

THIS WEEK

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This does not really mean anything, because I am a life-long democrat anyway, but my prediction is that Carter will carry at least 45 of the states. Remember this, and Nov. 3 remind me how I did on the prediction.

An old Goochie that has been making the rounds for several years showed up again, last week, in the Texas Spur. We reproduce it below:

Ready or not, school is opening next Monday! Personally, we are just not ready for school or for football. This is one summer that really got by.

However, we can't hold back the hands of time, so we dug up this article, concerning the beginning of school:

PLEASE DON'T HURT MY KIDS

Today, my daughter, who is six years old, started to school for the first time. Her brother was with her, but he's only nine himself, and he still looks pretty little to me. Their cocker spaniel, whose name is 'Scot' sat on the front porch as they waved 'goodbye' and started off to the halls of learning.

Last night we talked about school—my daughter and I. She wondered what the teacher would be like...she hoped she could sit beside Mary (the little girl next door). She said her "letters" for me—just to be sure she knew them. Oh, we talked about a lot of things, tremendously vital, unimportant things. Then she tried on her plaid pinafore to show me...and then to bed.

She looked so helpless—sound asleep with "Princess Elizabeth" (that's her doll) cuddled in her right arm. You see, I'm her daddy. When her doll is broken or her finger is cut, or her hand gets banged, I can fix it, but when she and Brother start to school, when they walk across the street, then they're in your hands.

They're nice kids, both of them. They like to ride horses and swim and hike with me on Sunday afternoon. But I can't be with them all the time. I have to work to pay for their clothes and education. So please help me look out for them. Please drive carefully past the schools and intersections and please remember that children do run from behind parked cars.

PLEASE DON'T HURT MY KIDS!
--A PROUD DADDY.

SCHOOLS ENCOURAGED TO SERVE BREAKFAST TO STUDENTS

The state education agency feels strongly that students should "begin satisfying their daily dietary needs at breakfast. Children who come to school hungry may find it difficult to stay alert and learn," Texas' education agency School Lunch Program Director Charles A. Cole says. "Breakfast is also important," he adds, "to improve the nutrition and dietary practices of students."

Because school breakfast program legislation is so new, Texas Education Agency and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service are trying to inform school administrators about the availability of the program—providing the morning meal to students of high school grade and under in public and private nonprofit schools.

"We hope," Mr. Cole reports, "that before fall session begins this year, we can increase the number of schools offering breakfast. We want any school that possibly can to offer breakfast. The school breakfast program is of value in our schools for our students. We are meeting and talking with principals and school board members, or to whoever can help get this meal served, now in order to interest more schools in the program."

Mr. Cole explains that the breakfast program is similar to the National School Lunch program and that "with minor adjustments to existing scheduling of food service personnel, many schools find that they can easily manage to participate in the breakfast program without having to hire additional help or make special equipment purchases. As with school lunch, there are funds reimbursements from USDA's Food and Nutrition Service for serving these breakfasts, plus, schools get USDA - donated foods and other assistance. USDA and my office offer guidance about starting and operating the program."

Base.

Advance ticket sales began this week in most major cities in Texas with mail order ticket sales being handled at 109 E. 10th Street, Austin, Texas 78701. Ticket prices are: \$8 in advance or by mail, \$10 at the gate with children under twelve priced at \$5 and children under five admitted free.

Mulling It Over

"You've been out with worse-looking fellows than I am, haven't you?" She did not reply. "I said, you've been out with worse-looking fellows than I am, haven't you?" "I heard you the first time. I was trying to think."

Poor Willie

"You must be pretty strong," said Willie, six, to the pretty young widow who had come to call on his mother. "Strong? What makes you think so?" "Daddy said you can wrap any man in town around your little finger."

New Cabinet Needed

Whichever candidate wins the November election and the American people are then entitled to a new Cabinet. The Ford Cabinet is dominated by Nixon appointees—Kissinger, Butz, Rumsfeld, etc.

A Democratic victory would automatically produce a new Cabinet. But the concern of many is that a Ford victory would mean keeping on the present crop.

The President, and the country, are entitled to new team. After the people speak in November they can no longer be any claim Nixon policies or people have a mandate from the electorate.

If President Ford were to announce he would name his own team, and formulate new policies with the team, simultaneously trying to reduce rising spending and waste and expand worthwhile aid and services to those who really need them, it would surely enhance his election chances.

The Nixon holdovers, especially Rumsfeld, recent maneuvering to become the Vice Presidential candidate (he knifed Nelson Rockefeller as round one), Butz, who has alienated wheat, corn and cotton farmers plus environmentalists, and Kissinger, who has alienated Congress, must go if there is to be a really "new" administration.

Reddy's helpful tips for your Home Laundry



PLAN AHEAD
Sort clothes according to type of fabric, color-fastness, degree of soil and garment construction. You'll save both hot water and electricity by doing similar items together. Accumulate a full load before running your washer.

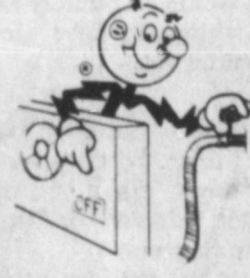
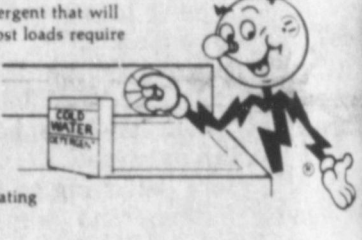


BE SELECTIVE

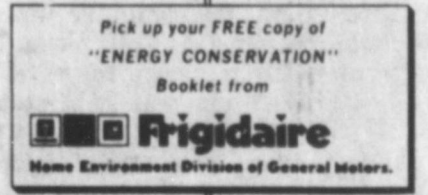
Choose the cycle that is precisely appropriate for the clothes you are washing. Is a "hot" temperature setting really necessary? Except for heavily soiled items, most loads will come clean in either a cold or warm wash. Look into cold wash detergents.

Use the least amount of detergent that will get your clothes clean — most loads require only an ounce or less!

Overloading causes extra strain and wear on your equipment; check the manufacturer's recommendations for load weight. Balance your load by alternating small and large items.



FOR SAFETY SAKE
Be sure control is "off" before reaching into your washer. If one is necessary, use only a heavy duty extension cord. Be sure your washer is grounded. Keep dry cleaning agents, color remover and fiberlax out of your washer. It's a good idea not to wash clothes containing cleaning fluids in your washer.



Remember REDDY Supplies the energy—but only YOU can use it wisely!

Hall of Fame For Firemen Is Now Set Up

The State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas announced today that they are launching a 2 million dollar campaign for the purpose of raising money to build an Archives and Hall of Fame in the State of Texas.

The Campaign Chairman is a Veteran Fireman, Chief Blondy Rucker, of Killen. The State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association is celebrating its 100 years of service this year in Texas. In 1896, a beautiful monument was unveiled on the State Capital grounds in Austin, in honor of the Volunteer Firemen who died in the line of duty.

The Board of Directors of the Association, in a recent meeting at College Station decided that the time has come to preserve many of the outstanding pieces of equipment and documents. The men of the firefighting force of Texas should be honored with a Hall of Fame, plus a living library of the training of firefighters and fire protection.

The site of the Archives is to be determined by the site committee.

Evel Knievel Now Goes to the Country

AUSTIN—Surrounded by country western entertainment, Evel Knievel, the king of daredevils, will make his first public appearance in Central Texas at the All American Country Music Festival September 4 at the new Music Capital Fairgrounds in Austin.

While Evel Knievel attempts spectacular death-defying jumps over clusters of trucks and his entire daredevil show entertains thousands of thrill-loving spectators, Grammy-Award Winner and nationally known western singer Lynn Anderson will be performing such hits as "I Never Promised You A Rose Garden" and "Top of The World."

Also appearing at the day long family entertainment festival will be such top Austin and Nashville country western entertainers as Linda Hargrove, Jody Miller, Sunny and the Sunliners, Ferlin Husky, Alvin Crow and the Pleasant Valley Boys and Balcones Fault.

An arts and crafts fair and guest appearances by fire-eaters, magicians, jugglers and many other surprise acts will also highlight the festival which starts at 10 a.m. and will mark the opening of the Music Capital Fairgrounds, a new 90 acre entertainment center located on Highway 71, eight miles east of Bergstrom Air Force

Thomas does speak English—occasionally

Los Angeles Times
One of my life's ambitions is to interview Greta Garbo. Or find Judge Crater. Or Amelia Earhart. Or King Solomon's Mines. Or discover the Missing Link.

Failing that, my next favorite fantasy was to interview Duane Thomas. Next to him, Greta Garbo is a chatterbox.



Duane Thomas, as you may remember, is one of the all-time great recluses of history. Compared to him, Howard Hughes was a pest.

You don't just show up to interview Duane Thomas like you might a candidate for vice-president. You mount an expedition. You need to carry along a few things: A lunch. A compass. An eight day clock. Leave word

at the office you won't be in for several days. Stanley found Livingstone easier.

DUANE THOMAS is the real galloping ghost. No one ever ran with a football more perfectly than Duane Thomas. He tended to disappear at the line of scrimmage.

But he tended to disappear after the scrimmage too. He spoke so seldom, no one was sure of his native tongue. He did release, through an intermediary, once, his qualified opinion of his employers. The general manager of the Dallas Cowboys, for whom Duane toiled, was "sick, dishonest and demented." The coach was "a plastic man." It appeared that if Duane quit football, he had a promising career as a Don Rickles if all else failed.

He went through franchises faster than he went through secondaries. Dallas, Boston, Washington, Honolulu — Duane went through more time zones faster than Apollo 13. He was as strange and moody as Edgar Allen

Poe. His garb frequently suggested that of a guy who charmed cobras with a flute.

This past winter, Duane Thomas suddenly began acting strangely. He showed up at the Cowboys' office with a tie on, and a shoe shine, and his socks matching. He was as clean-shaven as Frank Merriwell. He had an agent, a briefcase, a pin-stripe suit, and he was on time for appointments. He wanted to rejoin the Establishment—and the Dallas Cowboys are as Establishment as Wall Street.

A SEISMIC CHANGE like this calls for journalistic cognizance and investigation. If Garbo were suddenly to bob up on talk shows, someone should take note.

So, in the best interests of fearless, fighting journalism, I packed my trench coat and press pass and went out to Thousand Oaks and the Cowboys' training camp to check this rare phenomenon.

Everyone assured me the new

Duane Thomas would be on hand immediately after lunch. "You will find him much changed," coach Tom Landry assured me.

I didn't find him at all. The new Duane Thomas, as near as I could tell, was much like the old. Three expeditions to his room failed to turn up a clue to his whereabouts. Phone calls to every quarter of the training camp failed to turn up anyone who had even seen him.

IT WAS A REAL, old-fashioned "has anybody seen Duane Thomas?" Easter egg hunt. Rumors cropped up. He was seen in a car on his way to town. His bike was missing. And so on. It was as if he was last seen boarding an airplane with Judge Crater, that kind of thing.

I was preparing to call off the air, land and sea search when, all of a sudden, a figure stood in the doorway. It couldn't be anyone else. Duane Thomas as he is, using 40 miles an hour just standing still. The gaze is

bland and steady and faintly amused.

I suddenly found myself tongue-tied. I knew what a guy felt like when he was the only one between Duane Thomas and the goal line. I felt as if I had just stumbled upon the Abominable Snowman or the Loch Ness monster.

"Er, uh, Duane Thomas?" I squawked. "Er, why did you return to —of all people—the Cowboys, eh?" Duane smiled. "Why not?" he asked. ("Why, he speaks perfect English!" I found myself thinking.)

"ER, DID ALL your troubles with management stem from contractual troubles?" I asked (leaving the larger question unasked "or did they stem from psychological problems of some strange and difficult type?").

"My priority was simply getting more money," drawled Thomas easily. "Isn't that yours?"

I pushed on. I felt like I was getting an audience with the Pope. "Er, do

you feel you took the correct course, bearing in mind the history you might have made and the records you might have set if you had stayed in the NFL?"

"It was the course I took," Thomas said simply. "How do you ever know if it's correct or not? If you don't get tackled, it's correct."

HOW DID HE talk Landry into taking him back? "I was very positive in my approach. I presented to Coach Landry a more mature individual with a more mature type of attitude."

Is he happy to be back? Thomas smiled. "I'm comfortable," he admitted. Did he think he could get back to the great seasons like '71 when he led the Cowboys to the last Super Bowl the NFC was to win? Thomas nodded. "I've got the same legs, the same eyes, the same arms. Everything I had in '71, I've got in '76. The only thing to do is to put them out there and see how they do."

Now for Greta Garbo...