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## "The Plainsman" Begins Publishing in Wolfforth

**New York**—Textile mills that treat cotton cloth used to make flame retardant children's sleepwear can save time, money and storage space with a new Cotton Incorporated "Laundri-Lab Tester," which can qualify for use under procedures recently set by the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The new device, developed through cotton grower research, allows a mill to test the durability of flame retardant cloth in a fraction of the time required by conventional test methods.

Federal flammability standards now in effect for children's sleepwear in sizes 0-14 require that fabrics used in the garments be tested for flame retardance after 50 cycles of machine washing and tumble drying. The fabrics must pass the prescribed test or the garments cannot be sold.

Children's sleepwear marketed under the Cotton Incorporated "Fire Stop" trademark fall into the affected category.

Cotton Incorporated represents America's cotton growers as their research and marketing company.

With the new "Laundri-Lab Tester", a mill can prepare "Fire Stop" cottons for testing in one hour, as opposed to the 50 hours required with ordinary washing machines.

"The new machine is an important development for the entire cotton industry," said J. Dukes Wooters Jr., Cotton Incorporated president.

"It is an excellent example of how America's cotton farmers are acting through research to protect consumers, as well as providing service to cotton customers."

Wooters said the "Laundri-Lab Tester" will have far-reaching effects on the economics of mill production of flame retardant cottons and cotton blends.

He pointed out that the total 1973 fiber market for children's sleepwear in sizes 0-14 was around 155,000 bales in cotton equivalents, of which some 18,000 bales were cotton.

"In addition, we know that more standards are on the way," he said. "So, in the long run, the new machine will mean as much to cotton growers as it does to cotton mills."

Dr. Leonard Smith, manager of textile flammability research at the Cotton Incorporated research center in Raleigh, N.C., explained how the new machine can cut mill costs.

"The conventional method of testing adds at least one and one-half cents a yard to the cost of the fabric because of the time, labor and equipment involved," said Smith.

On a mill production line fabric may run at the rate of 50 to 100 yards a minute. Smith said the flame retardance test must be made on every lot or on every 5,000 yards of fabric, whichever is less.

Under conventional test methods—which involve washing machines and dryers just like those found in the ordinary American household—the 50

## New Testing Device Helps Flame Retardant Cottons



"LAUNDRI-LAB TESTER"—Lab technician Norma Keyes of the Cotton Incorporated research center at Raleigh, N.C., adjusts the controls of the new machine, developed through cotton producer research, to help cotton customers meet government flame retardant regulations.

laundryings and 50 dryings took at least 50 hours, sometimes longer, depending on the fabric construction.

"That's more than a week of work for one person working a normal shift," Smith pointed out. "And while one lot is being tested, other fabric is rolling off the production line. A mill waiting for test results could run out of storage space."

Smith said the "Laundri-Lab Tester" is a sophisticated device that combines exposure to a chemical solution at a specific concentration and temperature, plus mechanical forces to create accelerated conditions.

The tester was developed for Cotton Incorporated by Ramcon, Inc., of Memphis, Tenn., which now manufactures machines under license from Cotton Incorporated and markets them at a competitive price.

The first commercial production tester has been installed in the textile services lab at the Cotton Incorporated research center. It will be used to test new techniques for imparting flame retardance to cotton and cotton blends.

Two units have been placed with textile companies.

This issue of **The Plainsman**, formerly **The Ropes Plainsman**, marks the beginning of a weekly publication for the City of Wolfforth, Texas. Published by Publication Service Company of Lubbock, **The Ropes Plainsman** was originally published in May of 1936, and was one of the older weekly newspapers in West Texas, operating under its original title.

Because of continual growth in Wolfforth, and due to several other factors, such as the energy crisis, cost of production and delining subscriptions in the

## Registration Set at South Plains College

Registration for spring classes at South Plains College is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 13-14.

The day students may register from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 to 4 p.m. on both days. Evening students may sign up for classes from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 13. Classes at SPC will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 15th.

A full schedule of classes are being offered for the spring semester.

Academic courses will include English, German, Spanish, journalism, philosophy, math and engineering, biology, zoology, chemistry, geology, microbiology, physics, home economics, bible classes, geography, government, history and psychology and sociology.

Classes also will be offered in art, music, drama and physical education.

Courses in the technical vocational occupational division will include those in agriculture, agriculture technology, automotive mechanics, diesel mechanics,

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## Nutritional Quality of Grain Sorghum Crop this Year Good as Any Previous

This year's grain sorghum may not look as good as last year's crop, but its nutritional quality appears to be just as high, according to animal nutritionists at Texas Tech University.

"Growers and buyers alike have been concerned about a fungus which has discolored much of the grain sorghum harvested after September on the High Plains of Texas," said Dr. Max Lennon, chairman of the Department of Animal Science at Texas Tech. The fungus is widespread this year because of the warm, wet, fall weather. During our usual dry autumns, fungus infections are not a problem.

"Certain types of fungi which affect feed grains can produce toxins which can be harmful to livestock," Lennon said. "These toxins can affect palatability and performance in growth or even cause reproductive problems."

"Laboratory tests have shown the fungus infecting grain sorghum in the High Plains to be *fusarium tracinum*," Lennon said. "This fungus generally is considered not to produce harmful

toxins. It seems primarily to affect only the color of the grain."

Grain sorghum from last year's crop which is known to be free of the fungus and infected grain sorghum from this year's crop were used in several feeding trials on swine to determine the effects of the fungus on livestock. Swine were used in the tests because they are more sensitive to mold contamination than other livestock and poultry.

The test grain was grown on the university's experimental farms near Lubbock. It should be similar to other grain grown on the High Plains in its susceptibility and concentration of fungus infection, according to Lennon.

The tests considered palatability, average daily weight gain, average daily feed intake and the ratio of food to weight gain.

The animals ate the infected grain as well as they ate the non-infected grain. Weight gain, feed intake and feed to weight gain ratios were not different between the infected and non-infected grains.

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Ropesville area, following approximately 20 months of operation after Publication Service Co. purchased the paper, it has become necessary to move **The Plainsman** to Wolfforth. This decision was made with a great deal of regret by the owner of the paper, following 38 years of service to the Ropesville area.

Publication Service Company, parent company of three weekly newspapers in the Lubbock, Texas area, has been in the newspaper publishing business for the past 15 years, having begun with **The Manhattan Heights Times**, now known as the **West Texas Times**. Offices of the company are located on Farm Road 1585, south of Lubbock just east of US 87 South in Lubbock County. Besides **The Plainsman**, and **West Texas Times**, Publication Service Company also operates **Suburban Today**, a weekly publication serving the Shallowater community in north-west Lubbock County.

All current subscriptions to **The Ropes Plainsman** will be honored, and operators of the paper invite new subscribers in the Ropesville area, as well as new subscribers in Wolfforth. News and subscription requests may be mailed to P.O. Box 549, Wolfforth, Texas 79382.

The success of any newspaper is dependent on advertising and readership. The people in the community make the news and that is what **The Plainsman** is interested in reporting. Local events and happenings in both Wolfforth and Ropesville are needed to fill these pages, no matter how large or small the event. Clubs, organizations, school functions, individual personal items, weddings, anniversaries and birth announcements are invited. Whatever is important to the readers of our paper is what we want to print.

If you have news to report in the Wolfforth community, please contact Martha Morris at 866-4895 and in Ropesville readers may continue to contact Mrs. Isla Ethridge at 562-3371.

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The 7th, 8th and 9th grade boys play Tahoka here Monday, January 6 starting at 5:30 p.m.

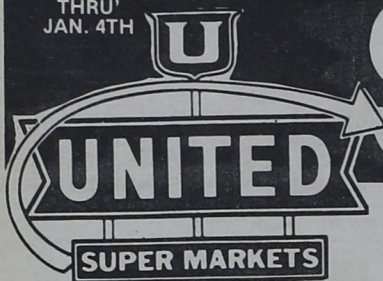
Varsity boys, varsity girls, and junior varsity girls vie Slaton here Friday, January 3 beginning at 5 p.m.

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Varsity and junior varsity boys play Petersburg there Tuesday, January 7th starting at 6:30 p.m.



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# Wolfforth Area News

Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Foy visited in Anson over the Christmas holidays. They visited with Mrs. Foy's mother, Mrs. E.P. Parker. Also there was Mrs. Billy DeBusk, Mrs. Parker's granddaughter, and her mother and Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Crumpler.

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Mrs. E.R. Haskins was in Midland over the holidays. While there she celebrated her 80th birthday. Her children, who live there, were together for Christmas. They included Mr. and Mrs. Paul Haskins and Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williamson and Ralph with his fiance Charlotte Ward, Mrs. E. Williamson, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hillin and children.

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There have been a rash of accidents in Wolfforth since the icy weather. Two recently injured in separate accidents are Marion Thomas and Jerry Harney.

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Mrs. Truman Daniel from Four Corners near Carlisle, has been in and out of University Hospital since Thanksgiving. After spending Christmas Eve at home with her family, she has been admitted to the hospital again. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

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Mr. and Mrs. Geo Coke made a short trip to Eldorado, Oklahoma, this past weekend. There they met Mr. Coke's sister, Mrs. Robin Byrd from Sacramento, California, for a very brief visit.

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The Joe Fletchers had their children home for Christmas.

## Grain Sorghum . . .

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"Our tests indicate that animal feeders can expect no dramatic differences in the performance of their animals caused by this year's grain sorghum," Lennon said. "Its nutritional value has not been harmed by the fungus and only the color of the grain seems to be affected."

## South Plains College . . .

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drafting technology, law enforcement, machinist trades, radio and television servicing and radiologic technology.

Other T-V-O classes include refrigeration and air conditioning mechanics, vocational nursing, welding, accounting, business vocations, computer information systems, economics, fashion merchandising, medical secretary and mid-management.

Bobby and Kay Fletcher from Brownwood were there as well as Johnny and Martha Atwood from Wolfforth, Danny and Cathy Fletcher and their son Jerry were also there.

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The Kenneth Clarks, one of our Wolfforth families have moved to a farm near Crosbyton. We shall miss Ken, Donna, Eddy, and Brian; but wish them Godspeed on their new venture.

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Mrs. M.P. James Jr. lost her mother Christmas day. Our sympathies are with her.

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Wolfforth welcomes newcomers to town. Don and Ann Brown and their four sons have moved here from Brownfield. The boys are Christ, age 13; Lonnie, age 11; Tim, age 5; and Tobey, age 3.

## Home Highlights

by Jewel Robinson  
Hockley County Extension Agent  
Recourse Available For  
Clothing Consumers

If you've ever been frustrated because a knit shirt shrank or the dry cleaners spotted your favorite blouse and you thought there was no recourse, you're wrong. There is something you can and should do.

—Keep records. This means saving all sales slips, receipts and cancelled checks for any garment, yard goods or fabric care service for which a substantial amount of money was paid.

—Analyze the problem. Consumers have a legitimate complaint if they have followed the care instructions on the garment, if they weren't responsible for a stain on a dry cleaned garment, and if they have worn the garment as was intended.

Just because something has been worn, this doesn't mean a complaint can't be made. Most problems occur after a garment is worn and cleaned.

—Begin the complaint at the source. Visit or write the retailer, the dry cleaners, a mail order company or wherever the garment or service was obtained.

Ask to see the manager because a clerk usually cannot resolve a complaint. Have available a record of sale, a clear and definite explanation of the problem, what caused it, and most important, what resolution is expected (an exchange, a refund or an apology).

—If this doesn't bring satisfac-

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# March of Dimes Poster Child Tastes All Aspects of Life

By JANET DE JULIO

"This is one of the prettiest little girls on the West Coast." The scene was José Feliciano's dressing room backstage at Expo's opera house in Spokane, Wash., as Jamie Weaver, March of Dimes National Poster Child, was introduced to the blind singer. Jamie, like José, is sightless. She was born without eyes.

"José Feliciano's concert was really great . . ." says Jamie. "I have never seen anything live before. But the best part of the whole night was meeting José."

Jamie, I soon learned, often talks of "seeing." The nine year old lives in Spokane with her parents, Brenda and Jim, and her brother, Chad, who is seven. Jamie's dad is a brakeman for the Burlington Northern Railroad. And her mother is a beautician.

Jamie's birth defect is known as congenital anophthalmos. She now wears artificial eyes and will have cosmetic surgery performed when she is twelve to make her eye sockets look nicer.

### She "Sees"

Brenda and Jim Weaver have always been their daughter's eyes. They explain things to her so vividly that she actually does "see" what they are talking about.

"I know there is so much that Jamie won't be able to see," her mother explains. "That is why Jim and I want her to experience all she can in other ways."

Overprotecting a child is something all parents must beware of, but especially the parents of a blind child. The Weavers know this and they try to allow Jamie every freedom to learn about the world.

The peppy, freckled redhead has not let her blindness restrict her in any way. Jamie takes lessons in swimming, skiing, horseback riding, and piano. A lover of physical activity, she spends hours perched in the monkey bars at her home.

In addition, Jamie enjoys singing in her church choir and writing poetry on her Braille typewriter. She can also be found reading, playing



**TOUCHING IS ONE** of the main ways that Jamie Weaver, who was born without eyes, learns about the world around her. James Tomeo, teacher's aide at Bancroft Public School, exposes the nine-year-old poster child to the gummy sensation of clay molding.

with her dolls, or listening to records. Some of her favorite performers are Helen Reddy, John Denver, and, of course, José Feliciano.

A self-reliant youngster, Jamie has a personality made up of pert, giggly, spontaneous little girl characteristics sprinkled with a touch of adult sophistication and sensitivity.

Jamie has a highly developed sense of hearing and direction. She navigates on familiar ground, like home and school, with alarming speed. On unknown territory she is cautious and needs to be steered verbally.

### Good at Math

Jamie is in the fourth grade at Bancroft Public School. She attends classes with sighted children and does her school work on her special typewriter. She is a good student in all subjects and is especially fond of math.

"We just learned borrowing and carrying. It's hard sometimes," she admits, "but I like it that way."

Unlike most children who are concerned only with the present, Jamie has already given some thought to her future.

"I want to be a teacher," she says. "I'll probably teach art

or music since I know the most about them."

A planner, Jamie has anticipated that some of her students might act up and she has devised a way to keep them in line.

"If one of my pupils is bad I will put him on the spot and ask him what he is up to," she declares sternly. "And if he is really into mischief, he'll have to sit with his head on his desk."

"But I won't neglect the good ones," Jamie is quick to add. "I will have a little box for each student, and at the end of the day I'll put a piece of gum or candy in the box of each student who behaved and did good work."

Jamie's immediate plans involve her responsibilities as the 1975 March of Dimes National Poster Child. She is representing more than 200,000 children who are born with birth defects each year in this country.

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