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## Hockley Reunion Best Yet

### Jest Some Thoughts--

Enjoyed attending the early settlers reunion in Levelland Saturday, and visiting a few minutes with Ennis and Kate Moore and M. L. and Ida Mae Roberts Jr. and children. Don't know if we didn't move around enough or what, but these are the only ones we saw from Ropes.

The day was very nice with Mother Nature providing the sunshine and a breeze to help keep things cool. A portion of the music was provided by the Martin boys, Clifford and Leonard, and it was extremely pleasant to listen to.

Enjoyed some beautiful roses recently sent us by Odessa Walling—expect Emra helped nurture them, but they sure made the office smell sweet for a few days.

Reports say J. R. Smith is watering his alfalfa patch—maybe it didn't rain on that spot.

Some of the crops are sure looking sick lately, guess they are water-logged. Anyway, it's kinda hard for people and plants to breathe under water for very long at a time.

There have been some reports of root rot setting in, and the only way to help the cotton is to plow it—now farmers will have to come up with a method of getting their tractors out of the lakes of water, put floats on them and get the plows run through the cotton fields.

Cotton survey reports still say we are going to have a bumper crop and we sure hope so, but it's pretty hard to be optimistic at this stage of the game after all the rain, sand, wind and hail. Guess time will tell.

The Plainsman family enjoy some delicious white onions with a special thank you to Travis Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Holt visited last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pointer.

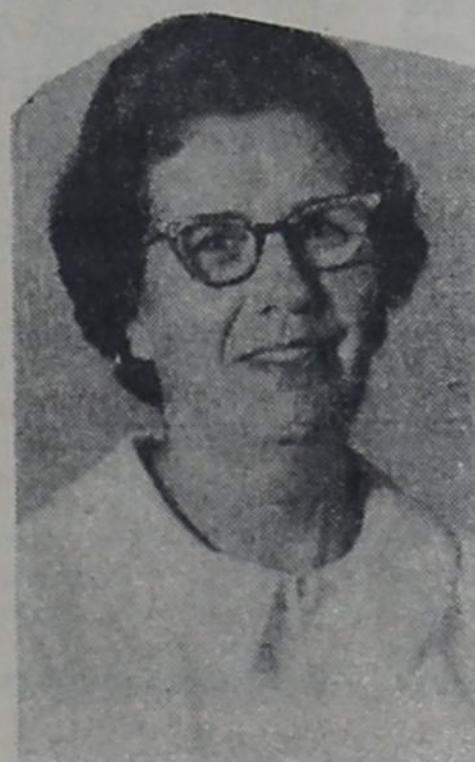
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McNabb and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Borland and daughter visited over the weekend in El Paso with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morton. Billie returned with them to visit and return with her grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel D. Flowers and family are visiting here from South Carolina.



GUEST SPEAKER—Captain Lee Bartlett, Jr. of the Brownfield Police Department was guest speaker at the Early Settlers Reunion held in Levelland Saturday. To his right is J. G. Stacy, the very able master of ceremonies

for the occasion. To his left may be seen members of the Senior Citizens Band who provided music during the afternoon. (Photo by Kris Warren)



MRS. RAY TUSSY

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### Mrs. Ray Tussy Dies; Rites Set

Services were held Saturday at 4 p.m. in the Ropesville United Methodist Church for Mrs. Ray Tussy, 53, of Kenefic, Okla., who died about 5:20 a.m. Friday in Methodist Hospital, Lubbock, after a lengthy illness.

Officiating was the Rev. Alby Cockrell of Levelland. Interment was in City of Lubbock Cemetery under direction of Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Tussy had worked in Jones Food Store here, and also for J. C. Penney Co. in Levelland. The Tussys formerly lived in the Ropesville community.

Survivors include her hus-

### Boy Scouts To Enter Mountain Man Camp

Some members of Boy Scout Troop 563 will be going to Camp Tres Ritos, New Mexico, this weekend to take part in the Mountain Man Trek across the mountains near Camp Tres Ritos. They will join Bill Yohner of Littlefield and Troop 600 at Camp Tres Ritos for the trip. Mr. Yohner will be the leader in charge of both groups. They will go into the mountains with the camp guide on Monday afternoon and finish the trek of about 50 miles by Friday afternoon. They will return on Saturday of next week.

Members of Troop 563 who are making the trip are Danny Carpenter, David Carpenter, Charles Chambers, Danny Curry, Roy Don Dodson, Jerry Drake, Scott Drake, Jimmy Kimberlin and Stanley Shockley.

All except Jimmy Kimberlin made the trip last year and are taking it again this

band; a son, Charles Ray of Lubbock; a daughter, Mrs. Norma Jean Hickman, also of Lubbock; her mother, Mrs. Jessie Carter of La Habra, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Hazel Valentine of Downey, Calif., and Mrs. Lorece Weiss of Mountain View, Okla.; and six grandchildren.

year. They will carry all necessary supplies, including tents and food, in their packs. They will cross one peak of over 12,000 feet that is snow capped all the year around.

### Lions Guests Due To Arrive

According to Jim Johnson of Lubbock, the visitors from the foreign countries are due to arrive in their communities on July 15, 1972.

The Ropes Lions Club had been promised two young ladies, but so far the only official word has been from Miss Yoko Sakai of Nagasaki, Japan. She has written and stated that she is looking forward to visiting this area and meeting the Americans. She is due to arrive by plane from Dallas and all Lions, and other interested parties, are invited to meet her at the airport and make her feel welcome to Ropesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs visited Sunday in Denver City with relatives from Oregon and South Carolina. Also, Mrs. Hobbs was in Levelland recently where she visited with Mrs. Jenkins.

Hockley County Early Settlers Reunion was termed one of the best by those attending the gathering on the courthouse square in Levelland Saturday.

The day-long activities got underway with registration, followed by a parade at 11 a.m. A barbecue lunch was served at the Women's Building at noon.

J. G. Stacy served as master of ceremonies for the reunion, and did an outstanding job, as usual. Several pioneer settlers told interesting anecdotes of the early happenings in the county and the Rev. Albie Cottrell, minister of the First United Methodist Church, held the annual memorial services with a total of one hundred Hockley Countians being deceased since the reunion last year.

Guest speaker of the afternoon was Captain Lee Bartlett Jr. of the Brownfield Police Department, who brought a most interesting talk, being both humorous and serious.

The welcome address was given by Z. O. Lincoln, president of the Early Settlers Association.

Various awards were made to those attending, including the oldest, the one traveling the farthest distance, the couple first married in the county and numerous others.

### Rites Conducted For Mrs. Tiller

Funeral services were conducted at 4 o'clock Thursday of last week from Calvary Baptist Church in Colorado City for Mrs. John (Mary E.) Tiller, 95, who died July 4 in Root Memorial Hospital.

Burial was in Colorado City Cemetery under direction of the Kiker-Rains-Seale Funeral Home. The Rev. Ed Burkett officiated.

Born in Comanche County, Mrs. Tiller was married to John H. Tiller in 1895 in Gail and they moved to Mitchell County in 1904.

A member of Calvary Baptist Church, she is survived by a son, J. E. Tiller of Ropesville; four daughters, Mrs. C. L. Boyd of Colorado City, Mrs. Annie Mae Brown of Sweetwater, Mrs. Blanche Hill of Houston and Mrs. Irene Tidwell of Grand Prairie; a sister, Mrs. Fannie Welch of Aztec, N. M.; 20 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. John Roberson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs Saturday. The Robersons recently returned from Germany where he was stationed.

# Hog Cholera Gains Foothold **Home High Lights**

Hog cholera, once thought eliminated from the High Plains of Texas, has again gained a foothold—this time in the South Plains counties of Dawson, Terry and Mitchell. These three counties are now under state and federal quarantine, and there is a possibility that a block of South Plains counties may be put under quarantine. "This will depend on how widespread this outbreak is," says Dr. Gilbert R. Hollis, area swine specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. There have been four con-

firmed cases in Dawson County involving 705 head, four confirmed cases in Mitchell County involving 150 head and one confirmed case in Terry County involving 12 head. All animals involved have been destroyed and either buried or rendered under governmental supervision.

The specialist reminds the producers that susceptible hogs get cholera by direct contact with infected hogs or with contaminated premises, vehicles, stockyards and sale barns. Other means of transmission are contaminated

boots, clothing and raw garbage. One of the chief reservoirs of the virus is the infected hog. This animal is, in effect, a virus "factory."

Hollis relates that state and federal animal health officials feel that the outbreak on the South Plains may have originated from what is known as the "pregnant sow syndrome." This is where the sow is a carrier of the virus, shows no symptoms of the disease, but transmits it to her pigs upon birth or to other swine. The cow can become a carrier by having been exposed to other contaminated animals or premises.

Sick hogs should be inspected by a veterinarian or a state or federal animal health official, emphasizes the specialist. Producers cannot collect indemnities on animals that die from hog cholera unless the animals have previously been inspected.

Remember, if you have sick pigs, "suspect hog cholera first."

By Jewel Robinson  
IT COSTS MONEY

What does it cost to live in the United States? It took \$10,971 for an urban family of four with a moderate level of living in autumn 1971. For a family of four on a lower budget it took \$7,214, while it cost about \$15,905 at a higher level.

These are the most recent estimates from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The urban family of four consists of two children, a boy 13 and a girl 8. The homemaker is not employed outside the home.

The cost of living varies widely among cities and regions. Costs are generally lower in small cities and towns and in southern parts of the United States. In non-metropolitan areas of the South, living costs for the family of four on a moderate budget were \$9,180 in autumn 1971.

The lower and higher budgets were \$6,267 and \$12,742 respectively.

Where does the family dollar go? A percentage breakdown of spending in various categories has been computed for spring 1970.

How much money does it take to raise a child to the age of 18? The answer varies with amount of family income, number of children in family, area of the country, urban or rural residence, and family values and attitudes.

It costs \$37,990 to raise a child to age 18 in the urban South at a moderate level of living in a two-child family. In a five-child family, the figure decreases to \$29,980 per

child. On a low cost budget in the urban South, it costs \$24,350 in a two-child family and \$18,750 in a five-child family.

What percentage of family income during the year goes toward raising each child? On the average, this ranges from 15 to 17 percent of family income. However, the percent spent per child varies with ages and number of children in a family. The more children a family has, the less is generally spent per child. The cost per year for raising a child generally increases as he grows older. Costs for the 18th year of age are about 30-45 percent higher than those for early years of life.

How are costs for raising a child figured? The total cost is made up of estimates of costs per child for food, clothing, medical care, education, housing, transportation and other personal care, such as recreation, etc., during 18 years of life. In figuring housing and transportation costs, the child pays his proportionate share of total money spent by the family. For example, the child pays one-fourth the cost of these expenses in a family of four members. In figuring other costs, estimates were made of the amount of money spent for items used or consumed by the child.

Costs for raising a child to age 18 do not include training or education beyond high school. This is an additional expense. According to one estimate, it takes about \$5,560 to send a child away from home to a state university for four years.

## Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education Course To Be Offered

An introductory clinical pastoral education course will be offered at the Big Spring State Hospital beginning the first week in September, 1972. This will be a one-day per week course (day to be chosen by the enrollees as most convenient for the majority) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a six-week duration.

The course will include unit assignments in learning how to relate to and work with emotionally disturbed people. The pastor will be introduced to various kinds of treatment

in mental illness.

One major emphasis of the course will be group therapy in which the ministers will become better acquainted with their own identity and theological role.

There is no charge for this course. A certificate will be awarded upon completion of the course providing the requirements have been met.

Interested persons should contact Chaplain Lee Butler, Box 231, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or call 915-267-8216, ext. 260.

## Floyd-Rasberry Reunion Held

The Floyd and Rasberry families had a get-together in the Lunch Room here July 9th. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Floyd of Loop; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Curry, Gena, Joel and Karen from Wellman; Larry Day of Meadow; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Brashears, Beary, Tonya and Rodney of Loop.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Floyd, Toby and Shay of Loop; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Martin, Wayne, Pam and Susan of Seagraves; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Floyd of Seagraves; Mr. and Mrs. Lucky Floyd and children of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Melton Rasberry and Danny of Pecos; Mrs. Juanita Faria de Nondra of Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Joe Nell Pierce of Lubbock; Mrs. Billy Pierce and children, Pam Pierce and two friends, all of Lubbock; Mrs. Junice Cook of Morton; Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Andrews and 2 children of Denver City.

And, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Nelson, David and Carrie Ann of Lubbock; Mrs. Billie Warley and Daryl Reed of Clovis, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Dewyne Galloway, Rhonda Kay and Kim of Brownfield and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Raspberry and Sherrie of Ropes.

Visitors during the afternoon were Mrs. Jay Turner and son of Lovington, N. M., and Mrs. Maude Faulkner of Meadow.

**LIVING- AS YOU LIKE IT**  
...and get more from the GOOD YEARS

By Francis Nugent



For a growing number of Americans, retirement is not becoming a reality. Despite increased Social Security benefits in recent years, steadily increasing inflation is forcing senior citizens to seek continued employment.

How serious is the problem? William A. Reasoner, president and chief executive officer of Wadell & Reed, Inc., a Kansas City-based national financial services complex, says: "There are currently more than 2.5 million persons over 65 years of age in the labor force—about 65 percent of these working full-time."

Reasoner's company manages and sponsors the United Funds, Inc. and United Continental group of mutual funds, with assets of approximately \$2.7 billion and more than 500,000 shareholder accounts.

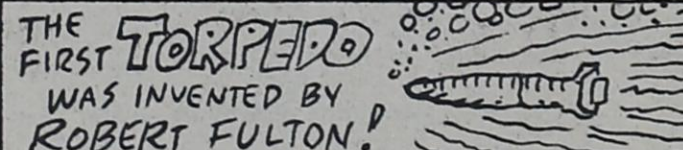
A recent study shows that the average person over 65, working full-time, year-around, can expect

to earn roughly \$7,000 today. As a part-time worker, he can earn roughly \$3,200. "These income levels," Reasoner says, "if combined with Social Security and pension benefits, can provide a comfortable income, the chance to travel and the opportunity to enjoy social events without the worry of strict budgeting."

The problem he says, is that many retired persons are not able to work because of health problems or other factors. "This brings the frightening prospect of trying to live on a fixed income while prices for food, medical and other requirements continue to increase."

With the future certain to bring an increasing number of older persons—and fewer young jobholders to support social programs—there will be a dramatic increase in the need for adequate business and personal pension programs, Reasoner concludes.

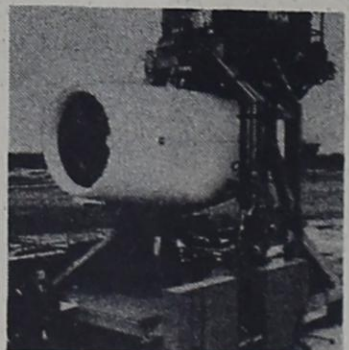
**THE TORPEDO**  
WAS INVENTED BY  
**ROBERT FULTON!**



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Jesus Sepeda, Pastor

SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:45 a.m.
WORSHIP SERVICES	11:00 a.m.
TRAINING UNION	5:00 p.m.
EVENING WORSHIP	6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE	8:30 p.m.

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**SUPER QUIET** . . . This 22,000-pound thrust experimental Quiet Engine, developed by NASA's Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, performs quieter than any engine used on commercial jetliners today. It was not built for actual flight use, but to develop the technology which will make narrow body aircraft of the future much quieter.



"Are you really quitting, Filstrip, or just saying that to brighten my day?"


**United Methodist News**

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Morning Worship ..... 11:00  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00



A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News

# Farmcast

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

**Crop Prospects Good...Cattle Slaughter Increases...Hog Numbers Show Decline... Tangelos and Lemons?**

Statewide, crop production prospects range from good to excellent, the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service concludes.

Grain sorghum harvest is just beginning with prospects for good yields, in most sections of the state. Cotton generally is making good progress with insect infestations increasing in the Blacklands and Low Plains. Corn is making good to excellent progress with an excellent outlook on the High Plains. Peanuts are showing good progress in most areas. Soybeans are making good to excellent growth.

Vegetable and fruit prospects are also good. In North Texas, watermelons and cantaloupes continue to make good growth; in East Texas, tomato harvest continues. Peach harvest continues with a wide range of yield and quality reported. Pecan trees show good crop potentials in most areas. Citrus trees are in good to excellent condition.

**CATTLE** slaughtered in Texas during May totaled 311,000 head, 26,000 above the number slaughtered last month and 1,000 more than May a year ago.

Calves killed during May numbered 13,200, or 400 below last month and 8,600 below a year ago.

**HOGS** slaughtered in May totaled 160,000, which is 3,000 above last month but 15,000 less than in May of 1971. Sheep and lambs killed totaled 118,000, or 5,000 less than last year.

Hogs on all Texas farms as of June 1 totaled 1,132,000 head, down 24 per cent from 1971. Hogs kept for breeding purposes numbered 175,000 which is 24 per cent less than last year. Hog farmers intend to farrow 120,000 sows in Texas now through November, which is 19 per cent less than farrowings for this period last year.

Nationwide, the farrowings now through November will be down four per cent from 1971.

**TANGELOS and lemons in Texas?**

You bet, and there's also avocados and apricots as well as plums, pears, apples, figs, blackberries, dewberries and tangerines.

A tangelo, incidentally, is a cross between a tangerine and grapefruit. The Citrus Tree Census of the Texas Citrus Mutual estimates there are about 60,000 tangerine trees in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

A small acreage of less than 100 acres of lemons is also grown in the Valley. Avocado is also a Valley crop.

Apples are grown throughout the state with Comanche, Montague, and Gillespie being the leading counties. Apricot production is centered in east and north Texas.

Plums are scattered over wide areas of the state; pears are produced in north central, central, and east Texas.

Central and East Texas are the principal areas where dewberries are grown. Blackberries are statewide with Smith County in East Texas the leading county. Figs are grown in many areas with Galveston County the leading county with about 300 acres for commercial production.

**from HISTORY'S SCRAPBOOK**  
DATES AND EVENTS FROM YESTERYEARS

- Maryland became the seventh state to enter the Union, April 28, 1788.
- On April 29, 1862, New Orleans was taken over by Union forces.
- George Washington was sworn in as President of the United States, April 30, 1789.
- In Buffalo, New York, on May 1, 1901, the Pan-American Exposition was officially opened.
- Nazi troops surrendered in Italy, May 2, 1945.
- The body of President Lincoln was returned to his home town, Springfield, Illinois, May 3, 1865.
- Peter Minuit set foot on Manhattan Island, May 4, 1626.



## COTTON TALKS

FROM PLAINS COTTON GROWERS, INC.

"Production, Promotion and People" can be called "the three P's for profit" in the natural fibers industry of West Texas, according to Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President of Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Johnson spoke April 14 in Fort Worth to the 54th annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. The theme of the convention was "Economic Opportunities in West Texas" and Johnson's assigned title was "Picking Dollars from Natural Fiber Production."

Noting that the annual farm-level value of natural fiber production in Texas, including cotton lint, cotton seed, wool, mohair and lamb, comes to approximately \$1 billion, Johnson said "Our future in this vital industry can be one of stagnancy or growth, depending on what we do about the three P's — Production, Promotion and People."

He went on to say that far more progress has been made in production technology and know-how than in the other two areas, stating "We can produce cotton, wool and mohair as well and as efficiently or more efficiently than any other part of the United States or possibly of the world. It is widely recognized," he said, "that farmers and ranchers in West Texas are among the most progressive in the world, and generally lead the way in the adoption of new techniques and practices for improved production efficiency . . . and there is little doubt that we will continue to lead the world in this area."

Until recently Johnson said "Promotion" of natural fibers through product development, research and advertising had been seriously neglected, but reported that the natural fiber industry is finally coming alive.

With their own aggressive programs of research, prod-

uct development and promotion the man-made fiber industry over the past 20 years has wrested huge chunks of textile markets from what Johnson described as a "still slumbering natural fiber industry." But he said, "I am happy to report today that our industry has taken up the gauntlet and is now in the trenches with programs of our own to combat the very effective selling job by the man-made fiber people."

Johnson noted that world consumption of textile fibers is expected to double over the next 20 years, an increase roughly equivalent to 100 million bales of cotton, and said "Our challenge is to get a share of that increase for natural fibers . . . and I believe we can compete, and win, in this struggle for markets."

He called attention to the recent upswing in demand for jeans, denims, corduroys and other fabrics which consume a lot of cotton. "The move is back to the natural, away from the artificial," he continued, "and this definite trend is more than just a passing fancy conceived in the minds of sales-hungry fashion designers."

The return to the natural, the rejection of false appearances and the seeking of truth in what they consider to be a world of counterfeit values is at the heart of our young people's philosophy — and it may well be a philosophy that will find increasing favor both here and abroad."

On the "People" or "Public" factor in natural fiber's future in West Texas, Johnson said, "I am afraid those of us in agriculture have given too little attention to this subject in the past, yet our very survival is becoming more and more dependent upon what the public thinks about us and the public attitude toward our products."

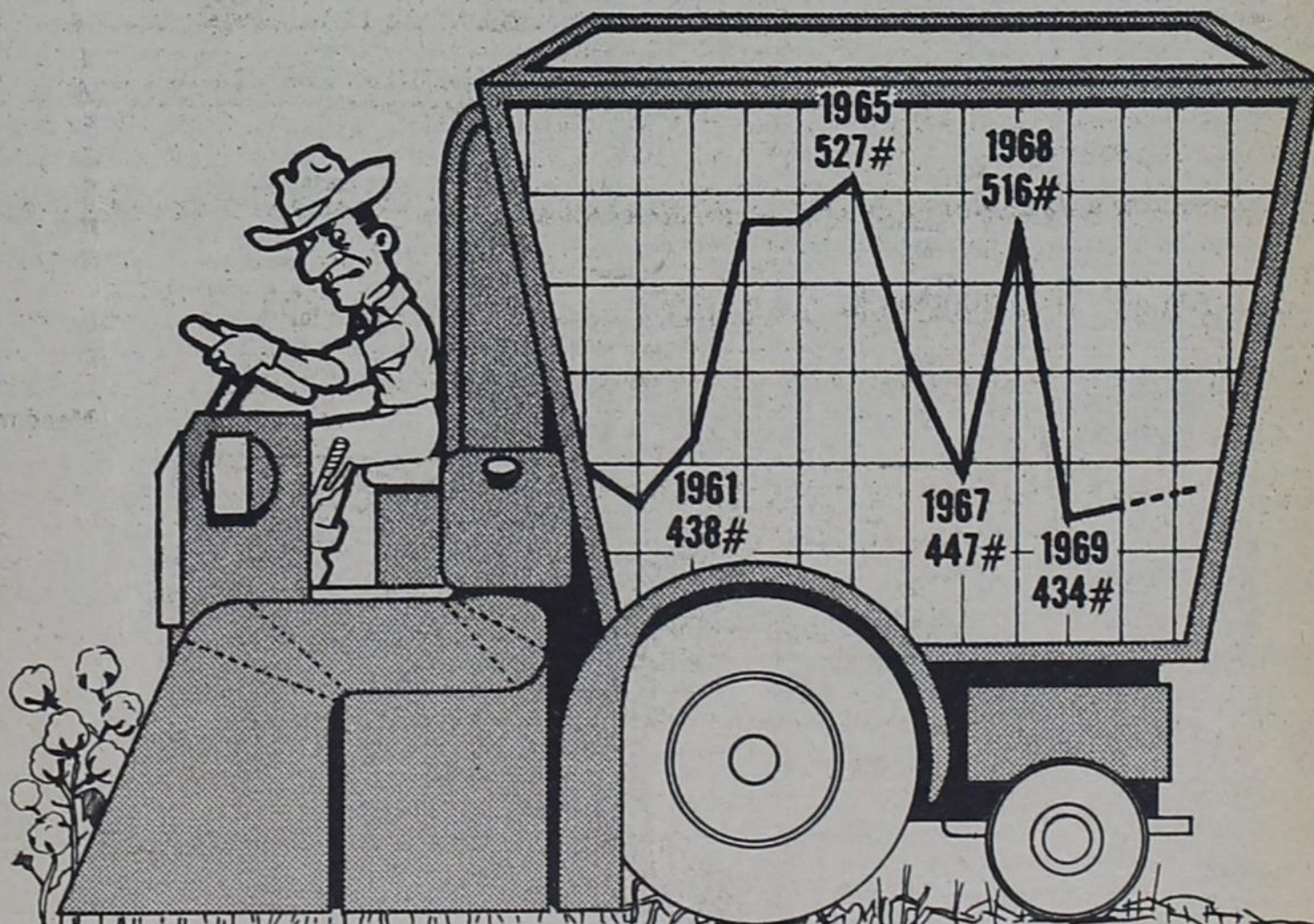
In addition to the well known effect of public opinion on the

passage and administration of federal supply control programs for agriculture, Johnson expressed concern about environmental protection laws and over-zealous product safety regulations "which penalize all responsible people as the means to protecting a few irresponsibles against themselves. Carried far enough, this trend can stifle all innovation and greatly increase the odds against progress and growth in the production of natural fibers in Texas."

Johnson concluded by saying, "We have an excellent start in the first two of the three P's vital to a bountiful harvest from natural fiber production in future years. We are already 'ahead of the game' so to speak in production technology; and the lifestyle and philosophy of the now generation is going to be a big advantage to us in our promotion efforts. In the third area, that of agriculture's public, we have been asleep but we are coming awake. And with that awakening I am confident the contribution of natural fiber production to the West Texas economy will continue and will grow in the years ahead."

This year's actual yields, for purposes of figuring payment yields in 1972, 1973 and beyond, can be adjusted upward to 90 pct. of the 1971 payment yield — if farmers request such an adjustment. (And there's still some possibility that the adjustment could be 100 pct. instead of 90 pct.)

Requests for weather adjustments must be made to the ASCS office in time for office personnel to inspect each field before stalks are cut. The ASCS must determine that the crop was farmed in a "workmanlike manner," which requires inspection before post-harvest operations begin.



**COTTON YIELDS DECLINING** — Cotton yields have been declining just when cotton is showing a resurgence in the market. This has prompted a Beltwide campaign, spearheaded by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, National Cotton Council, and state Extension services, to obtain "Better Yields of Quality Cotton for Profit and Market Growth." Crops have been below normal for four out of the past five seasons. Across the Cotton Belt, yield per acre averaged 438 pounds in 1961. It rose to a record 527 pounds in 1965 but by 1971 was back down to 438 pounds, the same as 1961.

# Hockley Cotton Crop Hard Hit

The July 1 estimate of standing cotton acreage on the High Plains, made by Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. and the Lubbock Cotton Exchange, shows 2,602,000 acres of cotton in the 25 PCG counties surrounding Lubbock. This compares with 2,499,700 planted acres and 2,324,400 harvested acres in 1971.

While the estimate is called the July 1 estimate, according to Joe D. Unfred of New Home, chairman of the PCG Estimates Committee, calculations were not made until July 5, and acreage lost to hail prior to that time was taken into consideration.

Jimmy Cochran of Lubbock is chairman of the LCE committee, and the two groups in effect function as one. Information for the joint committee's reports is drawn from Extension Service personnel, officials of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, ginners, farmers and other sources. Acreage and production estimates will be issued following the first of each month, August through December.

Discussion in the committee meeting July 5 indicated that from 100,000 to 150,000 acres of cotton was planted on the Plains and lost to

adverse weather too late for replanting. This would place total planted acres in the 25 counties at around 2.7 or 2.75 million acres, up eight to ten per cent over 1971 plantings.

Normal abandonment of cotton from planting to harvest on the Plains runs about 7 per cent on the average, and this level of abandonment in 1972 would leave around 2,530,000 acres for harvest. Abandonment in 1971 figured 7.1 per cent.

Acres allotted to farmers in the High Plains area for payment purposes under the Federal cotton program in

1972 totaled only 1,685,533. Thus the current estimate indicates farmers this year overplanted allotments by about 1,040,000 acres, or 62 per cent. Estimated standing acres are 154 per cent of 1972 allotments.

Looking ahead to the harvest, almost anything can happen, with the final outturn largely dependent on weather. Generally speaking, crop conditions over the area are now described as good to excellent. But there are weak spots. Hockley County in particular has been plagued by hail, wind and excessive rains this spring, and a big percentage of the crop will be late. Martin, Howard, Midland and parts of other "dry-land counties" failed to get planting moisture early in the season and most of the cotton there was planted after June 5. Overall, it is estimated that about 28 per cent of the Plains crop is June 5 or later cotton.

Still, moisture conditions are the best seen in years, and a bumper crop, areawide, is a definite possibility.

Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Fezell visited in the home of her sister over the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Allen had as guest Sunday their daughter, Carey.

Mrs. Jim Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Arzie Martin attended the Luther McCormick family reunion in Snyder on Sunday. They report a very good time.

Mrs. Dorothy Martin, former resident of Ropesville and now living in Brownfield, underwent surgery in Brownfield General Hospital Monday. She is reported to be improving satisfactorily.

## Various Statistics Given For Hockley, Other Counties

Interesting statistics concerning Hockley and seven surrounding counties were compiled and released this week by State Representative E. L. Short. The records are of grants, population and marriages and divorces.

Hockley County received \$20,670 in old age assistance

during 1971. Andrews received \$7,474; Dawson, \$24,736; Gaines, \$11,397; Lynn, \$13,815; Martin, \$6,269; Terry, \$19,540; and Yoakum, \$3,442.

Aid for dependent children in Hockley amounted to \$6,107. In other counties: Andrews, \$3,991; Dawson, \$10,544;

Gaines, \$5,141; Lynn, \$7,683; Martin, \$3,213; Terry, \$12,956; and Yoakum, \$1,959.

A total of \$61 was received in Hockley County for aid for needy blind; Andrews, \$90; Dawson, \$63; and Lynn, \$72. The other counties received no aid for blind.

Hockley listed 218 marriages with 38 divorces. Andrews had 139 marriages and 53 divorces; Dawson, 195 marriages, 52 divorces; Gaines, 272 marriages, 21 divorces; Lynn, 103 marriages, 11 divorces; Martin, 62 marriages, 12 divorces; Terry, 184 marriages, 64 divorces; and Yoakum, 97 marriages and 23 divorces.

Population of the counties under five years of age and percentage thereof are: Hockley, 1,875, 9.192 per cent; Andrews, 883, 8.513 per cent; Dawson, 1,563, 9.413 per cent; Gaines, 1,157, 9.980 per cent; Lynn, 836, 9.179 per cent; Martin, 482, 10.096 per cent; Terry, 1,435, 10.164 per cent; and Yoakum, 698, 9.504 per cent.

County population of 18- to 20-year-old and percentage: Hockley, 1,509, 7.398 per cent; Andrews, 476, 4.589 per cent; Dawson, 695, 4.185 per cent; Gaines, 488, 4.209 per cent; Lynn, 337, 3.700; Martin, 187, 3.917; Terry, 617, 4.370; and Yoakum, 296, 4.030 per cent.

Counties show the following population of 65 years of age and over: Hockley, 1,603, 7.859 per cent; Andrews, 588, 5.669 per cent; Dawson, 1,761, 10.605 per cent; Gaines, 758, 6.538 per cent; Lynn, 991, 10.881; Martin, 427, 8.944 per cent; Terry, 1,094, 7.748 per cent; and Yoakum, 395, 5.378 per cent.

## Winners At Arena Park

Winners at Arena Park on Friday were:

Street Stockers — Maurice Whitehead, 3rd in heat. James Means, 4th in heat and 5th in main. Sportsman—John Bain, Trophy Dash, 2nd in heat; 1st in semi-main. Harrell Whitehead, 3rd in heat.

Winners on July Fourth at Arena Park were:

Street Stockers — Maurice Whitehead, 3rd in heat, 4th in semi-main and 5th in main. Sportsman—Mickey Smith, 4th in heat. John Bain—1st in heat, 1st in main event. Harrell Whitehead, 1st in heat, 4th in main.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Allen and family are vacationing in California.

**BUMPER STICKERS**



TO SUCCEED, MAKE MISTAKES WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING.

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**FOR SALE MISCELLANEOUS**

FOR RENT—2-bdrm. house, all carpeted, aid conditioned and stove. Contact 562-3901.

FOR SALE—Combine and trailer. 410 Massey. See one block east of Lumber yard in Ropesville. Contact Peck Rogers.

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Skating will be held at the Community Building from 2 to 4 p.m.

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Sunday Bible Classes	10:00 A.M.
Worship Hours	10:50 A.M.
Evening Services:	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Classes:	8:00 P.M.

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JULY 14	RED SOX DODGERS	CUBS YANKLEES
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TEAM LISTED FIRST WILL BE HOME TEAM  
FIRST GAME 600 pm  
TEAMS NOT READY TO TAKE THE FIELD AT GAME TIME WILL FORFEIT CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE DETERMINED 10 DAYS BEFORE THE ALL-S

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