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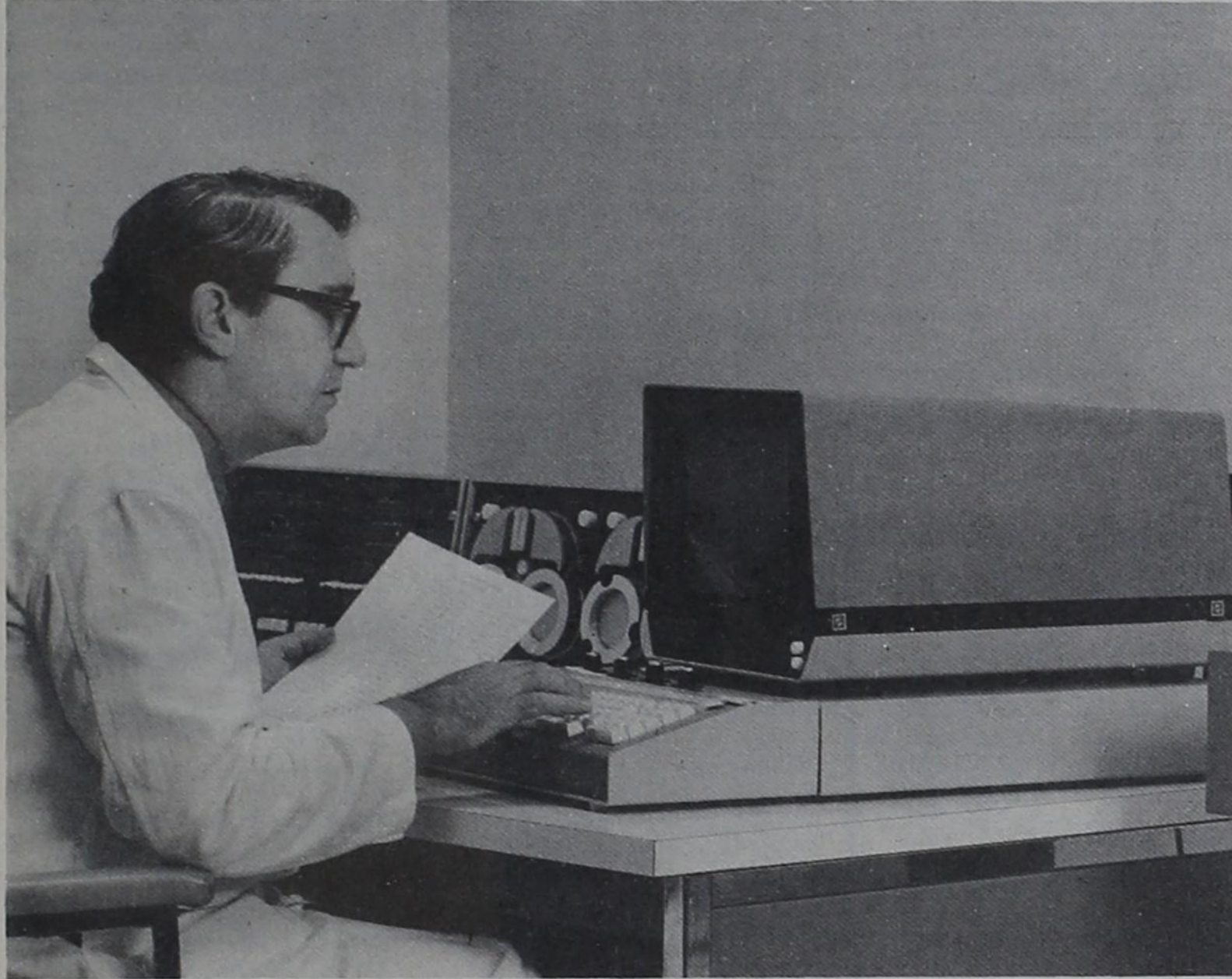
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Harlan Hodges Cancer Treatment Center Dedicated



CHECKING COMPUTER—W. Harry Fry, radiation physicist in the Harlan Hodges Regional Cancer Treatment Center at Methodist Hospital, is checking out the keyboard of the computer installed in the center for planning treatments. He plans the technical phases of treating patients with the 18 million electron volt linear accelerator and the 4 million electron volt linear accelerator.

The Harlan Hodges Regional Cancer Treatment Center at Methodist Hospital was dedicated, and a public open house was conducted November 21. Texas Radiation Advisory Board members attended as special guests.

New, underground rooms in the east building, containing the 18 million electron volt linear accelerator, the 4 million electron volt linear accelerator and computerized treatment planning equipment were shown by hospital personnel.

The treatment center is dedicated in memory of Col. Harlan A. Hodges. Col. and Mrs. Hodges moved to Lubbock in 1948, after his retirement from the United States Air Force. He continued interests in oil properties until a year before his death in February of 1974.

"The Harlan Hodges Regional Cancer Treatment Center is an important step in the resolve of the Board of Trustees for Methodist Hospital to place major emphasis on cancer, the nation's number two challenge, next to heart disease, in which area we have majored in the past decade," explained George M. Brewer, hospital president.

The 18 million electron volt linear accelerator was recently installed in the treatment center. The 4 million volt linear accelerator has been in use for

two years. They are located in rooms with high density concrete walls which vary from 2 to 6 feet in thickness.

A computer and auxiliary equipment are located in one of the rooms where radiation treatments are planned for individual patients.

The two linear accelerators direct ultra-high energy radiation beams toward cancerous cells in the body with minimal damage to healthy tissue. Technologists operate the linear accelerators from remote controls with voice and visual contact with the patient by closed-circuit television.

The brief treatments require times of a few seconds to two minutes. Most treatments are performed on outpatient appointments.

The treatment center includes a waiting room designed with a skylight, nurses' station, dressing rooms and rest rooms.

During formal dedication ceremonies, Brewer introduced guests. Dr. S.M. Kennedy, chairman of Methodist Hospital Board of Trustees, gave the dedicatory address.

A portrait of Col. Hodges was unveiled and later hung in the hospital's main lobby. Mrs. Hodges gave a response to the dedication. The Rev. Tom Daugherty, hospital chaplain, gave the prayer of dedication.

Ropes High School Honor Roll

The second six weeks honor roll for Ropes High School is as follows:

Senior Teresa James is an "A" student. Senior "B" students are Belia Gonzales, Susan Gutierrez, Brenda Rodgers and LaWana Smith.

Junior "A" students are Kim Lemon, Donna Marcy and Gary Means. "B" students are Tim Berry, John Cowan, Joe Cruz, Judy Einerson and Steven Sims.

Sophomore "A" students are Mitchell Britton, Angela Glenn, Dale Kachlich and Martha Turnipseed. "B" students are Ruben Cardona, Mary Cruz, Mary Jane Cruz, Cheryl Fowler, Nancy Schoepf, Rusty Schoepf and Doug Willis.

Freshmen "A" students are Scott McNabb and Jan Turner. "B" students are Bart Bradshaw, Sandra Dalton, Kent Flowers, Jimmy Lopez, Regina Melton, Chris Miller and Karen Norrell.

Ropes Junior High School Honor Roll

Ropes Junior High honor roll students for the second six weeks are as follows:

Fourth grade "A" students are Dawna Cowan, Rachel Flores, Donae Parker, Kimberly Hobgood, Stace Nicholson, Melinda Norrell, Ann Pierson, Vallee' Pinkert and Richard Berry. "B" students are Delwin Britton, Willie Duenes, Jo Ann Medrano, Scott Patton, Chad Rainwater, Shelley Reep, Johnny Salas, Joe Ramirez, Lisa Mendez, Barbie Riney, Elizabeth Rosales, Ismael Cavazos, Danny DeLeon, Lupe Guzman, Reyes Hinojosa, Jr., Shannon Means, Roger Perez,

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New Cancer Information Service Available to Local Citizens

A new "weapon" against cancer is now available in Lubbock County to provide the public with current, factual information on cancer, its prevention and early detection.

Called the Cancer Information Service, the new program utilizes a toll-free phone line (1-800-392-2040) to answer public inquiries on cancer. The service will be extended to all residents of Texas by late this year.

The CIS is part of a public educational effort sponsored by The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute with assistance from the American Red Cross, American Cancer Society and many other health agencies in Texas which provide services to cancer patients and their families.

Funded by the National Cancer Institute, the CIS functions as part of a nation-wide network.

Open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays, the phone lines are operated by trained American Red Cross volunteers. All background material used to answer questions is reviewed by physicians to insure accuracy.

The program is designed to help create a positive sense of awareness about cancer that will encourage the public to seek physician evaluation for early detection and prompt treatment of suspected cancers.

"Important diagnostic, treatment, rehabilitation and research developments are occurring more frequently now. If people could overcome their fear of cancer many more people would seek medical help at an earlier stage—when the rate of successful treatment is much greater," said Dr. R. Lee Clark, president of M.D. Anderson.

In addition to answering questions on the telephone, the CIS staff mails many pamphlets published by health organizations, professional societies and government agencies involved in health education.

Information not readily available from existing files can be obtained by the staff from an advisory panel of over 75 clinicians and other qualified sources outside Houston.

"Because the CIS is based at M.D. Anderson and is part of a national communications network, we have easy access to information on important work being done at many other cancer centers," explained Dr. Clark.

Similar programs are in operation at the other 18 Comprehensive Cancer Centers which were designated by Congress for outstanding work in cancer treatment and research.

The new program enjoys the support of the Texas Cancer Coordinating Commission and the Texas Medical Association, having been endorsed as a "worthwhile educational program" by TMA's committee on cancer.

Representative George Mahon to Meet With President Elect Carter this Week

George Mahon, U.S. Representative of the 19th District, and other Committee Chairmen of the House of Representatives have accepted the invitation of President-elect Jimmy Carter to meet with him in Washington on Tuesday, November 23, to discuss major national policies. This will mark the second time in a week that Mahon, Chairman of the House Appropriations Com-

Mail Domestic Parcels by December 3, Christmas Greetings by December 10

The Postal Service today advanced its suggested Christmas mailing deadlines for domestic parcels and letter mail to December 3 and 10, respectively, in anticipation of an exceptionally high mail volume.

Citing the impact of greatly increased mail volumes generated by the 15-state United Parcel Service strike in the East and South, and its residual effect on other parts of the country, the Postal Service said it is compelled to ask the public to mail even earlier than normal.

The Service said that because of the dedication of its employees, many of whom have been working long hours, it has had little trouble handling the increased mail volume since the parcel strike began in mid-September. It expressed confidence it will continue to be able to cope with the increase, with the cooperation of the public and major mailers.

Parcel volume has already more than doubled in the strike area and is up significantly nationwide, and letter mail is also on the rise, the Postal Service

said. It said most of the increase, to date, has been from large volume business mailers, who presort their mail and deposit at scheduled, non-peak hours in plants prepared to handle it. For example, the Service said it is working closely with shippers of perishable goods to handle millions of gift packages normally moved by other shippers.

As Christmas nears, however, more and more of the mail will be from the general public, deposited at neighborhood post offices, branches and stations, on top of the already unprecedented business mail volume, the Postal Service said.

As a result, the Service said, while priority will be given to letter mail, many postal facilities normally dedicated to letter mail may have to be used to prevent an unmanageable backlog of parcels.

Therefore, the Postal Service said, it strongly urges the public to deposit their parcels by December 3 and their letters and greeting cards by December 10 to assure delivery by Christmas.

It asked that customers mail as early as possible, use proper packaging materials and techniques, and properly address and Zip Code their mail.

The previous suggested mailing dates had been December 10 for domestic parcels and December 17 for letter mail.

Suggested mailing dates for international mail are unchanged. However, customers were strongly urged by the Postal Service to deposit overseas packages and greetings immediately, and to send them by airmail if they want to assure delivery by Christmas.

mittee, has been asked to meet with the President-elect. He was among members of the House and Senate leadership invited by Carter to attend a meeting in Georgia on Wednesday, November 17.

In commenting on the November 17 meeting, Mahon said, "Neither I nor anyone else at this time knows how well Mr. Carter will

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Sturdivant Rites Read Recently

Services for Mrs. Ruby Sturdivant of Midland will be at 10 a.m. today in Sanders Chapel, with the Rev. J. Waid Griffin, associate pastor of the First Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Ropesville Cemetery.

Mrs. Sturdivant died at about 5 p.m. Sunday in Midland Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

She had been a Midland resident for two years and had previously lived in San Angelo and Ropesville.

Survivors include her husband, Earl; one son, Don Willford of California; one brother, Ray Bethany of Rt. 9 Lubbock; one sister, Mrs. John Keesee of Midland; and four grandchildren.

Services Held for Roy N. Spradlin

Services for Roy Nemon Spradlin, 64, of Seagraves, will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church in that city with the Rev. John Decker, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Weldon Reeves, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Seminole.

Burial will be in Seagraves Cemetery under the direction of Connally Funeral Home.

Spradlin died Monday at his home of natural causes.

A native of Paris, the farmer had lived in Ropesville for 17 years, in the Valley for 10 years and moved to Seagraves in 1966. He married Helen Wilke on March 14, 1935, in Woodrow.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Earnest of Seagraves, L.E. of Florence, S.C., and Roy David of Seminole; a brother, Randall of Burkesville; a sister, Mrs. Etta Busby of Burkesville; his stepmother, Mrs. Iva Spradlin of Santa Maria, Calif.; six half-sisters of California; and eight grandchildren.

Ropes News

Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Company was broken into Sunday night at Ropesville. Several cans of spray paint were taken. Ropes High School was broken into and the paint was used on the walls of the school.

Few resign from well paying jobs.

Ropes Basketball Results Listed

The Ropes Eagles won the Gano Tubbs Invitational Tournament in Levelland this past weekend. They beat Whiteface JV 82-34, won over Anton 86-61, and beat Meadow 67-47. All tournament players were Dicki Arant and Randy Melton.

Ropes Eaglettes lost the game for third place in the tournament. All tournament player was Sherry Means.

The Ropes 7th grade Eagles won Consolation in the Union tournament this past weekend by beating Union 27-16, Loop 38-20 and lost to Wellman 42-36.

Ropes 7th grade Eaglettes failed to place.

The junior varsity girls won a squeaker over Shallowater Monday night by a score of 43-40. The varsity boys also won over Shallowater 43-35 Monday. The varsity girls lost however by a score of 53-34.

Performance Slated By Local Dancers

You may have missed the Lubbock Civic Ballet's Oct. 22 performance at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas, but take heart—the local dance corps will perform locally Dec. 10.

About 40 members of the local ballet troupe performed "America Dancing," a major work by Ric Brame, the Civic Ballet's artistic director. Also performed were works by Diana Moore, Luke Kahlick and Sherry Whiteley.

The corps, many of which are dance majors and minors at Texas Tech, were invited to perform by Nikita Talin, artist-in-residence at the Southern Methodist University Dance Department, through Mrs. Moore, associate choreographer and honorary ballet mistress for the local ballet.

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"America Dancing" Dec. 10 in Lubbock. The piece premiered at the Southeastern Regional Ballet Festival in Tampa, Fla., in April after 15 years of research. Brame says the piece is a "serious combination of the many things and many peoples that make America—good, bad, happy, said, tough and wonderful."

Ropes All District Players for '76-77 In 2-B South

Ropes Eagle football all-district players are: First team: End, Randy Melton; running back, Steven Sims on offense.

First team defense are: Lineman, Dicki Arant;linebacker, Steven Sims and secondary, Randy Melton.

Second team offense: Guard, Dicki Arant; tackle, Tim Berry and quarterback, Gary Means.

Second team defense: Lineman, Terry Allen; linebacker, Gary Means and secondary, Randal Fowler.

Ropes School Lunch Menu

Monday, November 29

Fried Steak/Gravy
Tossed Salad/Creamed Potatoes
English Peas
Fruit
Rolls/Butter/Milk

Tuesday, November 30

Enchiladas
Pinto Beans
Green Rice
Cabbage Salad
Jello
Corn Bread/Milk

Wednesday, December 1

Hamburgers
Hamburger Salad
French Fries/Catsup
Pork 'n Beans
Cobbler Pie
Milk

Thursday, December 2

Fried Chicken/Gravy
Peanut Butter/Crackers
Scalloped Potatoes/Cheese
Blackeye Peas
Peaches/Whip Topping
Rolls/Milk

Friday, December 3

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Baked Beans
Football Potatoes
Tossed Salad
Corn Bread Squares
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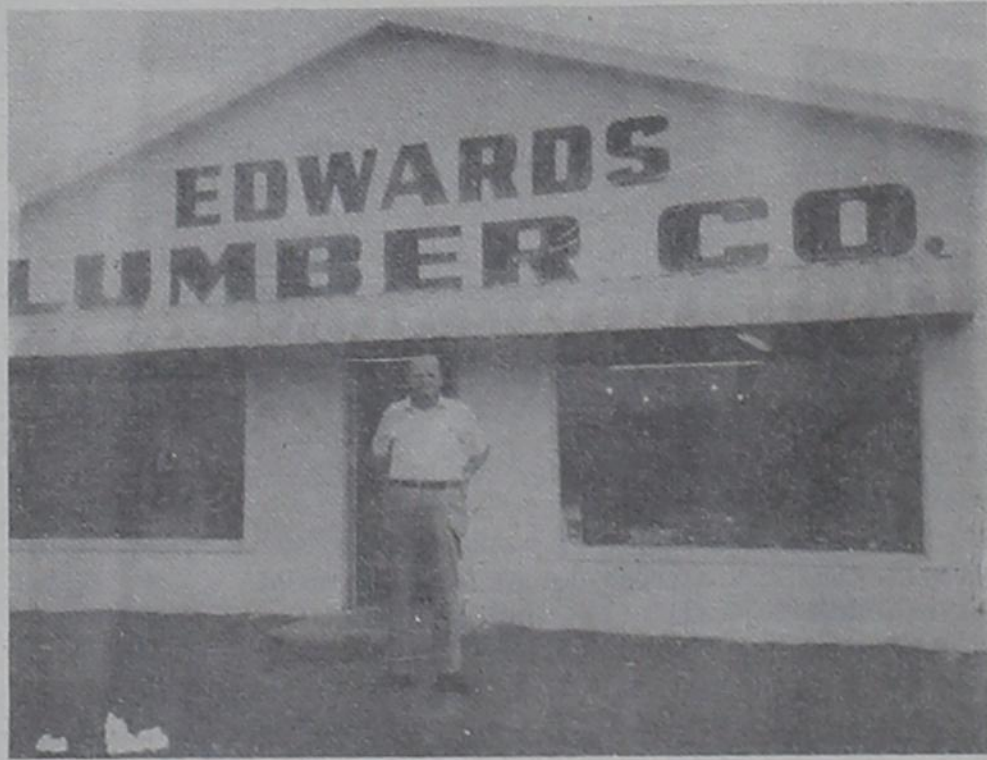
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SPORTS

by Joe Kelly

It's an old axiom, but still true: when somebody wins, somebody loses. And, for the first time this season, Texas Tech's Red Raiders experienced the agony of defeat.

It wasn't that they didn't fight. My gosh, that magnificent comeback endeared them to football fans everywhere. It wasn't that they weren't prepared. They were. On Saturday last they simply met a Houston team that was, at least that day, superior.

There probably were a lot of telephone calls to Lubbock people Saturday night. They probably were a lot like the one from my daughter, who, through her hoarseness, asked what happened? She was one of many Tech fans who didn't think that Tech could, or would, lose.

The answer I gave her was simple; Houston just had a better football team. The Cougars stopped the Raider offense until late in the game. The Cougar offense found chinks in Tech's defensive armor.

That may be too plain an answer, but there it is. The Raiders could mount no running game the first half and little passing. When you're held to 50 yards total offense for 30 minutes, you obviously are not going to put many points on the board.

Meanwhile, Houston found the weak spots in the Tech defense and ripped the Raiders. The Cougars had a balanced 108 yards rushing and 104 passing in that first half.

An overshifted Houston defensive line had enough quickness to cut off Tech's outside game. And, when the Raiders were forced to go inside, they simply couldn't cope with the more physical Houston line. Rodney Allison, who usually makes the option click, was held to 10 yards on 10 carries that first half.

And when you talk of the Houston defense, you have to mention Wilson Whitley, the giant tackle, whom Steve Sloan termed long after the game, "that bionic man they have in their line."

Whitley was credited with only four tackles and one assist and this is another time that figures lie. The six million dollar man—another Sloan assessment of him—pressured Allison all day.

"The bad time we gave Allison?" Whitley said later in the exuberant Houston dressingroom, answering a reporter's question. "Man, we didn't give Allison a bad time. He gave us a bad time."

"I'll tell you," Steve said later. "That guy will go to the pros and a year from now he'll be playing in the middle for the Los Angeles Rams. Whew! He's something else."

Houston players insisted that there was no letdown in the fourth quarter with a 27-5 lead. They preferred to give credit to Tech for fighting back. In fact, the loquacious Danny Davis (and the Houston Brass?) said quite succinctly that Houston didn't beat Tech, the clock just ran out on the Raiders.

Sloan said that the coaches were doing everything they could to get something going. "We ran through our entire repertoire of plays," he declared.

Asked if he had a play ready for a two-point try if Tech had scored, Steve replied: "Yes, sir. That pass that was intercepted was the play." He even forced a wan smile.

He also declared that it is going to take a lot of talking and motivating this week to get the Raiders ready for the final two conference games.

"We'll be playing two teams as good as we are and maybe better," he stated, "But I think we'll come back. Yes," he said in reply to a question, "we'll be playing with a co-championship in mind. I guess that's better than Tech has ever done before, isn't it?"

Asked about the bitterness of the loss, Steve said that he'd have to rate it "about a 3 on a scale of 10."

"I'm terribly disappointed for the players and for the fans, too," he declared. "If we could get to the Cotton Bowl oh and ten, it would be great."

Of course, as stated earlier, Houston was a better team. And proof of it came in Tech mistakes. Three of them cost 17 points and, in a game of this stature, you can't afford that luxury. To be brutally honest, Tech has made similar mistakes all season and has been, up to this game, fortunate to get away with them.

Serious mistakes were a fourth down clip that gave Houston life and led to a touchdown; the pass interference play on a Tech interception that led to a touchdown; and a foolish decision to run a kickoff out of the end zone (to the 10) that led to a field goal.

All of that is behind the Raiders. If they have learned from their mistakes, they'll be a better team for their final three games—Arkansas, Baylor and the Bluebonnet Bowl.

Tech still has a good football team and three wins would give it a tremendous season and impetus going into 1977. The bowl appearance is deserved and I think that the Raiders will shake off this bitter defeat, come back and finish out the season with brilliance.

One final note about last Saturday. When Tech's pass was intercepted, there was an immediate pall of gloom on the sidelines. The stand, so noisome and enthusiastic moments before, fell silent. It lasted on a couple of flicks. Then it came.

Those loyal fans erupted in a tremendous cheer in admiration for the valiant effort by the Raiders. If the players heard it, they must have been heartened. It was richly deserved and I was glad to see this expression of support after such a heartbreaking defeat.

1926 Grad Class

"Remember when" was the main topic of conversation when the 1926 graduating class of Lubbock High School gathered at the Hilton Inn in Lubbock Friday night at 6:30 for a 50th class reunion and dinner with 35 members out of the 105 members that graduated back in 1926 attending the memorable event.

Master of ceremonies was Homer Hunt of Lubbock, class president 50 years ago, with members of the class coming from Muleshoe, Amarillo, Albuquerque, Tulsa, Lubbock, Shallowater and the surrounding area to join in the reunion.

These members all have happy memories of school days gone by, when back then entertainment was having class suppers and dances, a picnic at Buffalo Springs when all day the hills swarmed with students climbing up and down, stopping now and then to fish or swim and when about once a month someone brought a wagon and team and the class would take off through the pasture and down the canyon on a old fashioned hayride.

Memories were of spelling matches, hitching racks at school where horses, bicycles and jalopies stood side by side and a complete football season for boosters was beating the Plainview Bulldogs and Amarillo Sandies.

Little did these students realize back when they were going to school together that 50 years from then they would gather together to reminisce those days of long ago. There were some deceased and others who lived too far away or illness prevented them from attending, but they were remembered in the thoughts of those present as they talked about their days together as students at LHS.

There were 5 graduates of Hardy School and 7 who attended Shallowater. These two schools were not affiliated and in order for the students to enter college they were required to graduate from an affiliated school, the nearest one being Lubbock High School.

Men in Service

Navy Personnelman 1C. Russell W. Claborn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Elliott of Route 7, Lubbock, participated in the NATO Exercise "Display Determination" in the Mediterranean Sea.

Claborn is a crewmember aboard the amphibious transport dock USS Coronado, deployed with the U.S. Sixth Fleet. His command joined with naval forces from Portugal, Italy, Turkey and the United Kingdom for the combined exercise which included convoy operations, amphibious assault landings and anti-submarine warfare maneuvers.

The primary objective of the exercise was to train NATO naval forces in combined sea operations, to refine NATO procedures and

J.W. Reed, a teacher at LHS in 1926 and K.T. Miller, one of the graduates who later taught school in the mid 30's in the Shallowater system were among the 35 members and their spouses attending. All 58 present have memories for a long time of an evening of visiting, recalling school activities, reading class wills and looking at the old class annual.

Those from the Hardy School were George Alton Blackmon, Alton Blackmon, Douie (Brown) Blackmon, Laura (Hard) Clifton and Juanita Shelby. From the Shallowater School were Buelah (Arnold) Herring, Nila Mae (Cook) Green, Mamie (Cauley) Tullis, Sarah (Chauncy) McInturff, Joe Sooter, Ronald Sheely and George Sullivant.

ensure that operational plans were current.

Participating units evaluated increased standardization of doctrines, equipment and armaments among NATO forces, plus command and control procedures for coordinated action by NATO sea, land and air forces.

The convoy operation tested Allied capabilities to reinforce and resupply ground forces in Southern Europe. Acting as opposing forces, NATO units simulated surface, subsurface and air attacks along the convoy's route.

"Display Determination" was one of a series of annual operations, conducted each fall from Norway to Turkey, designed to provide unified and coordinated training of national and NATO forces within the Allied European Command.

A 1968 graduate of Monterey High School, Claborn joined the Navy in June, 1968.

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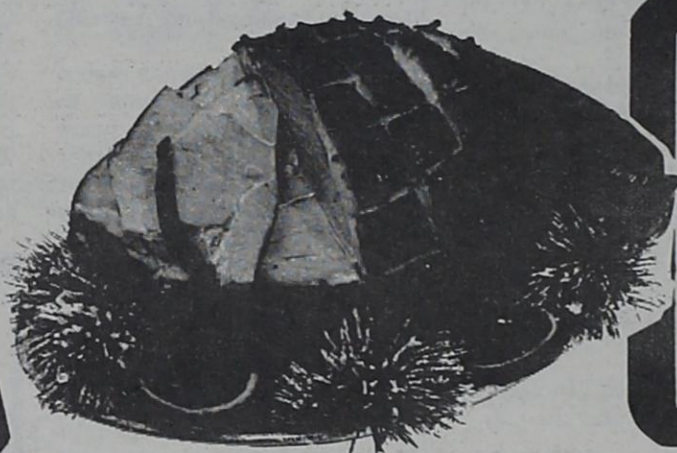
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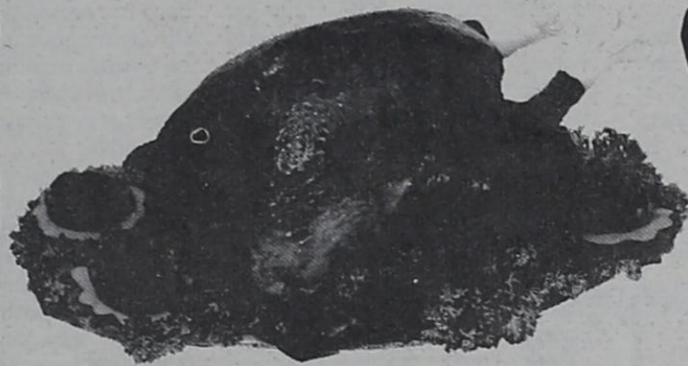
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"Extension Update"

by Georgia Doherty
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If frozen food must be stored in the ice cube compartment, plan to use it within a period of one week. Keep the temperature control at a setting just above freezing in the general storage area.

Buy frozen food just before checking out of the grocery store. Ask the grocery sacker to put frozen foods in an insulated bag or a double paper bag, then put them in the ice cube compartment as quickly as possible upon arrival at home. Place the frozen food in contact with the floor of the ice cube compartment or ice tray

shelf. Consumer Tips For Celery Buying

One way to choose the freshest celery in the market is to listen for the "best talker."

Pick up a crisp-looking stalk of celery, squeeze it gently and listen to it talk back. The louder the noise is, the better quality the celery will be.

This vegetable is a crisp, low-calorie nibbling treat. One large outer stalk (eight inches long) contains only about seven calories, while one cup diced uncooked celery has only 18 calories.

Look for bunches that are medium in length, with well-formed hearts, solid and brittle to give a crunchy snap, smooth inside, fresh appearance with green leaves.

Celery is perishable. It needs a cold, moist storage place in a film bag or in a crisper and refrigerate. Use within a week for best flavor and quality.

4-H Happenings

The Lubbock County 4-H Council will meet on November 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the Garden & Arts Center on University Avenue. All council delegates should plan to attend.

Following the council meeting, the Adult Leaders Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Any interested parents are also welcome.

Immediately after the meeting, Martha Couch, Area 4-H and Youth Specialist, will conduct a record book training for leaders, parents and 4-H'ers. Everyone is urged to take part in both the meetings and the record book training.

The Speaker Reports



by Bill Clayton

by Bill Claton

AUSTIN—December is a good time to go hunting, especially if you are traking down industrial prospects in the cold northeast.

I was privileged to be on such a hunt last year and December 7-8 I will join 75 West Texas businessmen on a tour of the industrial regions of Ohio.

We are going to make a case with industrialists in Cleveland and Cincinnati for choosing Texas as a site for new production, distribution or warehousing facilities.

Last year was the first time West Texas has gone industry hunting collectively. East Texas has been doing it successfully for 15 years. Houston interests, Rio Grande Valley businessmen and a private group from North Texas have been on such missions. Currently South Texas leaders are planning such a tour.

The idea behind all of these trips is to meet with manufacturers and big businesses and provide a true and clear picture of Texas and the business climate in this state.

For too long, the northeastern business community has thought of Texas as dry and dusty and full of cactus and rattlesnakes. We're going to have to keep hammering to get the message across that Texas is indeed the land of opportunity.

There are a lot of people and businesses who are getting the

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Sheridan's Ride

by Jack Sheridan

Now consider this. You're a middle-aged bracket man whose life has been spent in and around the arts, music, theater, films, paintings and the life. And one of the things you love most of all is a performance of what we call grand opera. You've loved opera all down through the years and have seen most of the late and still living great ones singing the great works. And, among this formidable list is one opera, in particular, that you have seen maybe 25 times here in the U.S. and abroad starting way back when and it has become the "pet," the most beloved of all of them, "La Traviata."



Then Dallas Civic Opera comes along this past week and revives this wonderful experience, Verdi's story of the tragic love affair between the courtesan Violetta and her Alfredo, "La Traviata." And to sing the leading role of Violetta they secure for her long-awaited debut with the organization the top-ranking superstar of opera today, Beverly Sills, that truly All-American wonder.

And, then, consider that a friend suddenly pops up with the most wonderful gift of all, a flight to Dallas, tickets for the Friday night performance and Sills. And, then, if that were not enough, following that Friday night triumph (and it was an unforgettable triumph, believe me) suddenly this same friend decides to attend the third and final performance of the same opera, same Sills, at the matinee Sunday in State Fair Music Hall.

So, this music lover, which, of course, is this writer, saw not only Beverly Sills for the first time "live" but had a "second helping," a second time around, which was as stunning, as perfect and flawless, as emotionally assaulting as the first performance, an unbelievable carbon of perfection to the letter. I thought so. So did an aggregate Friday-Sunday sellout audience of some 6-7,000 people who whistled, cheered, standing ovation and all to etch one of the truly treasured memories for all the days to come in these parts.

So, blessed am I. I had two Thanksgivings and two Christmases, you might say in the space of three nights. And, I am deeply grateful and humbled by the entire experience.

To speak first of the lady of the hour, Beverly Sills, many of you have become acquainted with her singing and her irrepressible vitality through frequent appearances on television, as well as the medium of tapes and recordings. She has a voice of liquid soprano gold and the ease with which she modulates her vocal powers from the softest, gentlest pianissimo tones to the soaring strength of a fortissimo is simply incredible.

She is a slender, most attractive woman who has risen to the absolute pinnacle of her profession, surmounting long years of tough, hard work and personal problems as well in her family. She sang for many years with the New York City Opera and then the Metropolitan Opera sought her out. She did not leave the tried and true New York City Opera. She now sings on both sides of Lincoln Center, with NYCO and the Met, too.

Friday and Sunday's electricity came from the totally undeniable truth that here embodied in this talented body is the spark of genius, that ember that glows only seldom among the members of the performing arts. She is not just good, excellent, thrilling and magic, she is a power of creativity and a beacon of God's great gifts loaned to an individual for the duration of his lifetime service. What Beverly Sills did in her Friday and Sunday performance that I caught was nothing more or less than a true miracle of achievement.

Miss Sills was not alone on the big Music Hall stage. Not at all. The production, using most attractive settings, was sung gloriously from the leads to the most minor member of the chorus. Even the dancers in the opening moments of Act II were charming and delightful, colorful.

To sing the taxing role of the lover Alfredo was the tenor Beniamino Prior, who has a clear, lyric voice of stunning impact, who complemented Miss Sills with the ease that would seem that they had been singing and acting these roles for a very long time. Not so. They are relatively new to each other's styles, but one would never know it. Prior was grand.

The other lead role is that of Alfredo's father, Giorgio Germont, which was beautifully handled by a splendid, full-voiced baritone Greek-born Kostas Paskalis. Here again was a principal who filled out that incredible balance of unity with his two fellows and he, too, reaped honors all the way.

It is a large cast and space here does not permit an adequate treatment of their work. But one can say that each and everyone of them held firm the supports in voice, acting and appearance that the three major stars deserved.

The handsome production is devised and directed by Tito Capobianco, already well known and respected among opera lovers. He has taste and best of all a sense of the elegant which "Traviata" demands.

Fronting the superb Dallas Civic Opera orchestra in the pit was the vice president and general director of DCO, Nicola Rescigno, leader from the inception for Dallas. His work was marvelous. He caught every nuance of the Verdi drama in music and wrung the essence of this glorious, moving music which in turn wrung the hearts of the silent packed house each performance. I have seldom been in a theater of this magnitude when virtually no member of the audience of 3,000 plus even dared cough during the three hour production.

"La Traviata" is, in a way, the "My Fair Lady" of opera. It is singable, recognizable (even to the man in the street who thinks he doesn't know anything about opera) and haunting. It is great theater music, for it dovetails the action with the characters and the music expresses the deepest emotional qualities of this fine work.

Twice seen in three days. That was the weekend away from home. I am fresh off of the plane as I write this. But, I can assure you, the melody and those who made it, lingers on.

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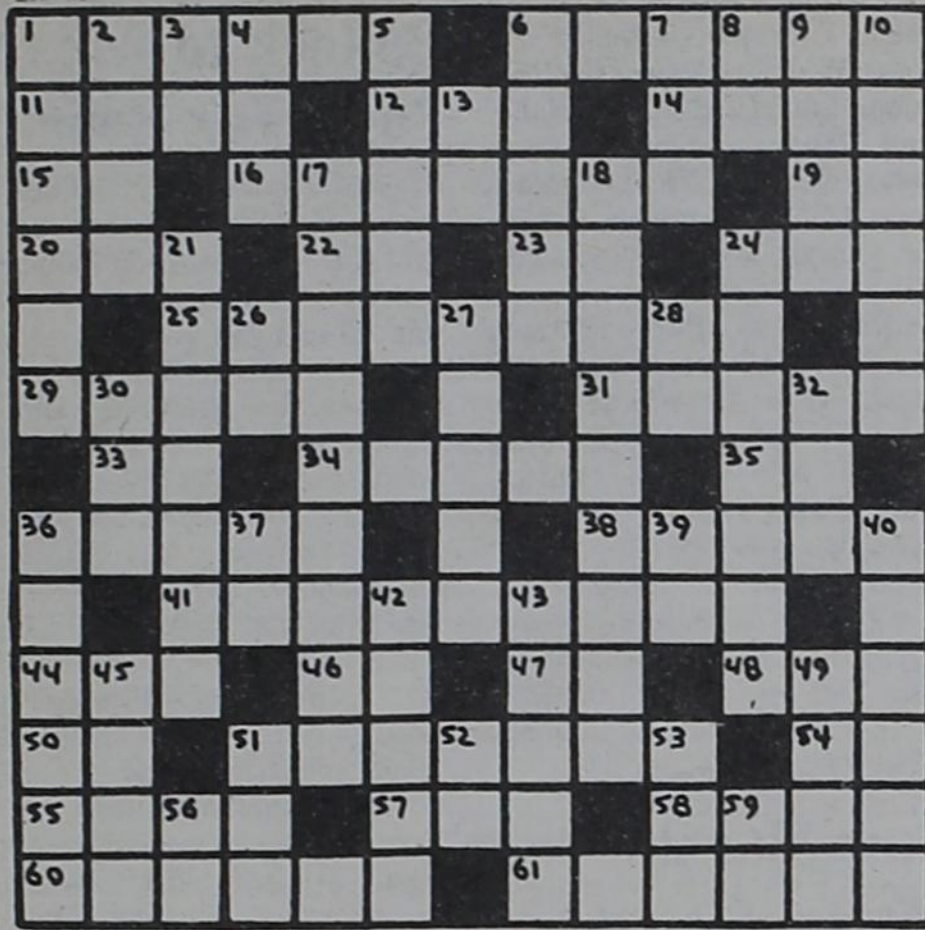
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- 6 - Coronets
- 11 - Therefore
- 12 - Auricle
- 14 - Weakly
- 15 - Sloth
- 16 - Uneasy
- 19 - Preposition
- 20 - Sharp blow
- 22 - Roman 51
- 23 - Parent
- 24 - Musical high
- 25 - Penetrated again
- 29 - To rage
- 31 - Alphabetical reference
- 33 - Preposition
- 34 - Cathartic treatment
- 35 - Printer's unit
- 36 - Ship part
- 38 - Is disposed
- 41 - Contented
- 44 - Soak flax
- 46 - Public announcement
- 47 - Behold!
- 48 - Everything
- 50 - Printer's unit
- 51 - Bending

- 54 - Biblical division (abb.)
- 55 - Military assistant
- 57 - Bring into public notice
- 58 - Church part
- 60 - Inundates
- 61 - Experimented

DOWN

- 1 - Essential parts
- 2 - Operatic solo
- 3 - Football position (abb.)
- 4 - A hill
- 5 - Varnish ingredient



- 6 - Worthless stuff (slang)
- 7 - To mimic
- 8 - Ruthenium (chem.)
- 9 - Indigo
- 10 - A study of a language
- 13 - Preposition
- 17 - Rudimentary
- 18 - Change
- 21 - To disapprove
- 24 - Book additions
- 26 - Adjective suffix of comparison
- 27 - Series of rows
- 28 - Printer's unit
- 30 - Make lace
- 32 - Terminus
- 36 - Force apart
- 37 - Sun god
- 39 - College degree
- 40 - Created a false impression of value
- 42 - Thoughts
- 43 - Coquette
- 45 - Turkish title
- 49 - Be defeated
- 51 - The minority
- 52 - Roman 11
- 53 - ...oline
- 56 - Perform
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industrialists, more than 130 showed up to discuss Texas and the rich possibilities this state holds for business.

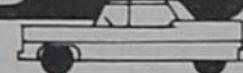
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Tuesday, November 30

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- Green Beans
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Wednesday, December 1

- Fish Burger/Bun
- Lettuce/Catsup
- Lima Beans
- Applesauce
- Peanut Butter Cake
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Thursday, December 2

- Corn Dog/Mustard
- Pinto Beans
- Tossed Salad
- Oatmeal Cake
- Milk

Friday, December 3

- Hamburger/Catsup

- French Fries
- Lettuce/Tomato/Onion
- Pineapple Upside Down Cake
- Milk

Speaker Reports . . .

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true picture because we are the fastest growing state in the 50. Trips such as these, which show Texas as a very vibrant force in the nation's economy, are good for our continued growth.

Our trip last year was to New York and New Jersey and while we expected to see 25 or 30

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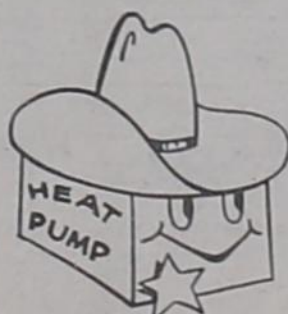
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Mahon Meets . . .

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handle the responsibilities of the Presidency. He will, no doubt, make mistakes as has been the case with all of his predecessors; but I was impressed with his interest in having Congressional input, and I hope this bodes well for the future. I was encouraged when Mr. Carter spoke of his interest in balancing the budget and eliminating waste in government."

Mahon urged Carter's continued interest in a reorganization of federal government agencies with a view toward saving the taxpayers money and increasing the efficiency and responsiveness

of government. The Congressman also emphasized to the President-elect the need to restore the confidence of the business community and the people generally in the government. "This," Mahon pointed out, "would encourage expansion by private industry, thus creating jobs and helping to establish a stable base for economic growth."

Mahon emphasized to the President-elect the need to do something as soon as possible about sagging grain prices, recommending that support levels be increased with a view toward encouraging more orderly marketing and greater stability. The Congressman also stressed the importance of having a

top-flight person to handle the nation's escalating energy problems. There was common agreement between the Congressional leaders and the President-elect that the selection of a strong Cabinet was of the utmost importance.

Honor Roll . . .

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Mike Whitehead and Billy Huey. Marla Moore is the fifth grade "A" student. "B" students are Donna Cortez, Terri Emerson, Sarah Hinojosa, Carolyn Lenox, Brenda Oliver, Paul Rosales, Brad Miller and Anita Glenn. Sixth grade "A" student is Danny Ochoa. "B" students are

Jannene Gillespie, Julee Ward, Tonya Ward, Craig Collins, Shannon Lowrie, Stacy McNabb, Bryan Moore, Alex Torrez, Rosetta Norrell, Vicki Condra, Melody Hobbs, Anabelle Ponce, Chris Cowan and Scott Satterwhite.

Andrea Glenn, Roger Putman and Bruce Turnipseed are seventh grade students with "A's". "B" students are Jennifer Gillespie, Melanie Carpenter, Brenda Duenes, Gerri Stephenson and Jamie Berry.

Eighth grade "A" students are Shane Lowrie and Jimmy Reed. "B" students are Debra Chaney, Laurie Odom, Sharon Schoepf, Gene Valentine, Teresa Bednarz and Margarita Cavazos.

Bullock to Ask for Some Tax Relief

Comptroller Bob Bullock announced Thursday that he will ask the Legislature in January to grant Texans some state inheritance tax relief by increasing exemptions for surviving spouses to \$100,000 and for surviving children, grandchildren or parents to \$50,000 each.

Bullock estimated the proposal would exempt an additional 18,000 beneficiaries per year from the basic state inheritance tax. If enacted into law, it would mean 77.7 per cent of all beneficiaries would be totally exempt from state inheritance tax, he said.

The Comptroller said current law provides an exemption of only \$25,000 for all Class A beneficiaries—surviving spouses, children, grandchildren and parents.

"That law was written in 1923 and hasn't been changed since," said Bullock. "A \$25,000 estate back then would have been sizable. Today it would be considered modest."

Because the dollar is worth so much less today, Bullock explained, "the state inheritance tax has become particularly burdensome to farmers and ranchers."

Bullock said his proposal was selected after extensive research by his Inheritance Tax Division of actual 1974 inheritance tax returns. He added that his office has worked closely with various farm and ranch groups and the House Ways and Means Committee in developing the proposal.

Intelligence does not always accompany the degrees that some acquire.

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A bore is one who is here today and here tomorrow.

—Count Down, L.A.

Lunch Bunch Program Slated

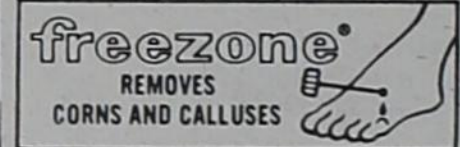
Joy Parnell, home economist for Southwestern Public Service Co., will give Tuesday's Lunch Bunch Program on "The Fun of Microwaving Food." She will be assisted by Mattie Mae Smith.

Miss Parnell is a graduate of Texas Tech. In her role as home economist, she gives many demonstrations to the public schools and college classes, and provides customer service to the public.

Lunch Bunch meets every Tuesday in the Mahon Community Room of the Lubbock City-County Library, from 12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m. Coffee is furnished by the library.

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