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"Man and Woman of the Year" Wendell Clayton and Judith Graham.



"Farm Families of the Year", Mr. and Mrs. Doug Springlake and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gallman of Earth, Mr. and Mrs. Dolan Fennell of Lazbuddie.



"Students of the Year" Sherri Winders and Dickie Brown

Outstanding Citizens Named By C-C

The annual Chamber of Commerce of Earth was carried out in the luncheon of the Springlake-Earth School and was attended by approximately 150 area residents.

Several of the residents of Earth and surrounding area were honored for their civic leadership. Wendell Clayton and Judith Graham were honored as

Man and Woman of the Year and each was honored separately by members of the respective committees that were commissioned to make the selections. Judith Graham was introduced by LaJuana O'Hair, who spoke of the many achievements of Judith. Harold Britton had the honor of introducing Wendell Clayton as Man of the Year.

Leon Dent introduced the Farm Families of the Year for the three areas. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gallman were picked from Lazbuddie, Mr. and Mrs. Dolan Fennell were named from Springlake and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Lewis were selected from Earth.

Students of the Year from Springlake-Earth School were Sherri Winders, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Jay Winders, and Dickie Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Brown. Bill Mann, superintendent of schools introduced the two seniors.

Outgoing and incoming officers of the Chamber of Commerce were recognized. Bob Belew is the new president and Gary Bulls was elected as vice president while Billy Moore is returning as

secretary-treasurer.

Directors are Macky McCarty, who served as Master of Ceremonies for the event, Norman Hinchliffe, Fran McCarty, Beadie Welch, Leon Dent, W.B. McMillan, Tom Lively and Roger Haber.

Outgoing officers are president, Doug Parish, and director Wilton McDonald.

The Honorable J.Q. Warnick, who serves as county judge of Criminal Court No. 2 in Lubbock was guest speaker.

Judge Warnick took the guests on a nostalgic memory trip through Washington, D.C. and commented on his thoughts during his personal trip to the nation's capitol. Warnick told the people gathered that "in spite of

Watergate, Americans still love America."

The banquet was entertained by a "one man band" in the person of Curtis Price of Springlake. Curtis played the harmonica and guitar simultaneously in his presentation of dinner music.

Special recognition was given to Marvin and Oletha Sanders who were

responsible for the decorations of green and yellow and the theme "Living and Working Together." Also in line for a vote of thanks is the

Junior High National Honor Society, who served the meal and the luncheon staff of Springlake-Earth School who were responsible for the preparation of the dinner.

Southwest Junior Livestock Show

12 Lamb County 4-H'ers exhibited livestock at the Southwest Junior Livestock Show held in Lubbock March 13 thru 16. 4-H'ers showing livestock in this show included, Lesa Templeton of Earth 4-H, showed her steer in the crossbred class; Brad Pierce of Sudan 4-H; Amy Smith, David Smith, Tracy Spencer, Herbert Spencer and Debbie Spencer, all of Littlefield 4-H showed barrows.

Brad Carter from Amherst 4-H showed his middleweight suffolk lamb placing 9th in his class. Jeff Birkelbach, Richie Schroeder, Janie Starnes, and Lynette Spencer, of the Littlefield 4-H Club, exhibited lambs.

Six Area Co-Ops To Vote On Union

Representatives of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Worker's Union, the Labor Relations Committee and Management Representatives have met and set the date, time and place for the election to be held. Also, they have agreed on who will be eligible to vote in this election.

The election will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 1977. Voting time will be 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the conference room in the Muleshoe Home Office and 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the warehouse at the Morton Office.

WHO CAN VOTE

Included: Employees

doing work of electric line and telephone line and plant construction and maintenance, including those whose job classifications are: working foreman, serviceman, lineman, 2nd class lineman, apprentice lineman, groundman trainee, hole machine operator, special equipment operator, office engineer, equipment technician, assistant technician, material clerk and engineering trainee.

Excluded: Office clerical, custodian, professional employees and guards as defined in the act.

The ballots will be tallied and the results of the election will be announced immediately.



Judge J.Q. Warnick of Lubbock was guest speaker at the Annual C-C Banquet at Earth.

CLEAN UP

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Methodist Youth "Take Over"

During the absence of Brother Bill Watson, Sunday, March 20, the Methodist Youth help lead the morning worship service in the First Methodist Church, Earth.

The youth, under the direction of Cecil Slover, Lay Leader for the church, and Clara Mae Jones, Youth Director, did a superb job in conducting the services.

Marie Slover gave the invocation. A prelude on the piano was played by Clint Dawson.

Offertory was taken by Tamara Jones, Sue Jones, Laurinda Bulls and Rosie Lewis.

Kim Jones sang the special "Then I Met The Master." Brene Belew and Phil Phifer sang the duet "Day By Day." Norma Dawson led the congregational singing.

Alayne Slover read the scripture. Mr. R.W.

Fanning gave the sermon titled "The Value Of This Book."

Norman Dawson led the benediction.

The service was thoroughly enjoyed by the congregation, as well as the people participating. It's exciting to see young people working in and for their church.

Tentative plans have been made for weekly drawings, to be held each Saturday. In this drawing,

Earth Merchants Meet

An organizational meeting was held Tuesday evening in the Citizens State Bank at Earth in an attempt to establish a new group of businessmen and women to promote a theme of "Shop Earth First."

This new group is calling themselves "Earth Merchants Association." Their principal goal is to promote business in Earth.

There will be an auction sponsored by the association on April 23, (proceeds will be used to support the Rodeo Association) any useable item may be donated, and if anyone wishes to donate and needs to have the item picked up, please call Tom Lively, 257-2193, Gary

each customer of a business in Earth will be entitled to an entry form which can be turned in for the drawing. More details will be forthcoming.

Bulls 257-3818 or Ray Freedman, 257-2145. Items may be delivered to any of the above also.

Election of officers was held. Gary Bulls is the first president of the organization and Sue Taylor the secretary.

Plans were discussed to welcome newcomers to Earth with some type of gift package. This program will be discussed further at the next meeting, which will be held at the Bank Building, next Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

Loan Approved For Earth Housing Development Corp.

The Earth Housing Development Corp. has had their loan request approved by FHA and bids are being let and construction will soon start on the four new housing units to be located on Southwest Second Street in Earth.

The project will consist of four duplex units, a total of eight single family dwellings.

Final preparation for the project was accomplished last night at a meeting of the Corp. and the group will open bids at the Citizens State Bank today.

"Look At Tomorrow" Contest

Pictures taken Friday, February 11, will be printed in this issue and the next issue of the Earth News-Sun.

Prizes for the contest will total \$35.85. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

Votes will be tallied from the coupon that will

be presented in each issue of the newspaper, until the contest ends April 7. The votes will be counted on April 8, and winners will be announced in the following week's paper.

One vote per person! Fill out coupon with name and address, in order for the vote to be eligible.



Macky McCarty served as Master of Ceremonies for the C-C Banquet held last Thursday at the S-E School cafeteria.

Easter Coloring Contest

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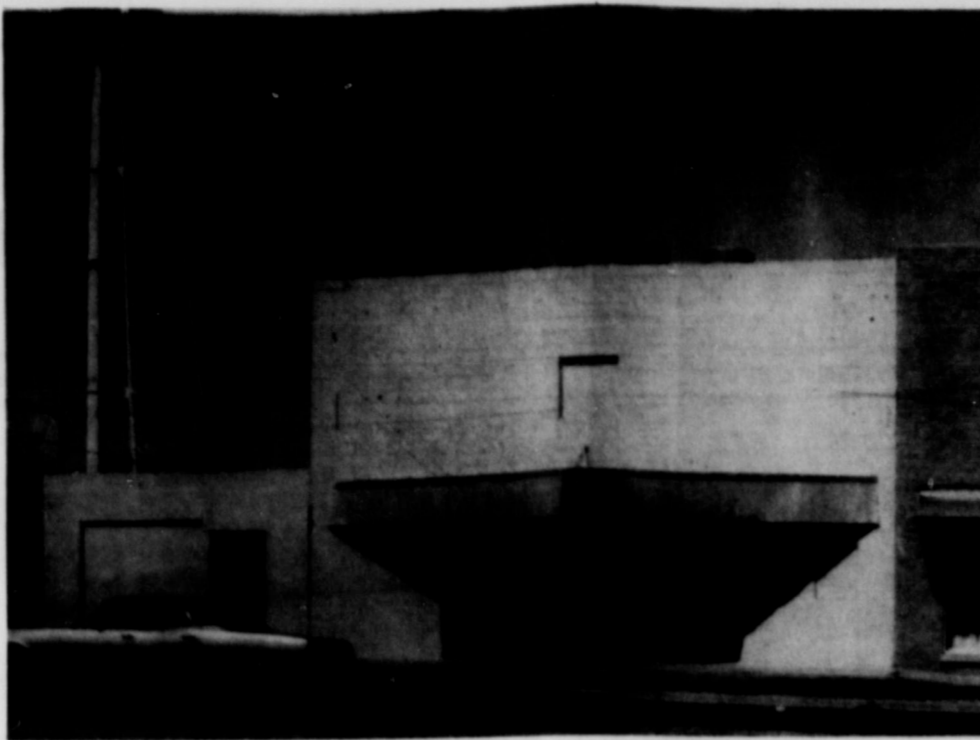
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"Behind the Scenes" The ladies who were responsible for the delicious meal enjoyed by the guests at the C-C Banquet at Earth last Thursday night were: left to right, Stella Thomas, Faye Houston, Laura M. Stansell, Vesta Perkins, Louise Robinson and Bennie Prather

**Morton Resident Honored At
Reese Air Force Base Dining-Out**

Mr. Gene Wittner, a Morton resident employed by the Bailey County Electric Cooperative of Muleshoe, was honored by the officers of Reese AFB, Texas, during a traditional Dining-Out ceremony on Friday, March 11.

Mr. Wittner was congratulated during the dinner by Brigadier General Edward Mendel, Commander of Reese's 64th Flying Training Wing, for his actions following a December 14, 1976, mid-air collision of two T-38 jet trainers from Reese.

Through a quirk of circumstances, Mr. Wittner actually witnessed the accident while working on power lines near Enochs, Texas. Upon seeing three parachutes open in the air, he immediately stopped the appropriate agencies to inform them of the accident, and, with his four co-workers went to the aid of the downed pilots.

Seeing that two of the pilots were uninjured, Mr. Wittner directed his attention to First Lieutenant Robert L. Jones, an instructor pilot with the 54th Flying Training Squadron, who had hit the ground much harder than the two other pilots.

Lieutenant Jones appeared to be unconscious and had stopped breathing.

Mr. Wittner began giving mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to Lieutenant Jones and continued to do so almost continuously for about 40 minutes until they were on the way by ambulance to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. Doctors at both the Reese AFB and Methodist hospitals credit Mr. Wittner's quick action with saving the life of Lieutenant Jones, who is now undergoing rehabilitation treatment at a Veterans Administration Hospital in Houston.

Mr. Wittner, a native of Three Way, Texas, is a U.S. Navy veteran who has been employed by the Bailey County Electric Cooperative for the past 18 years. He also serves as the Scoutmaster for Scout Troop 601 in Morton. He attributes his ability to react decisively in the emergency situation near Enochs to a combination of training received in the Navy, the Scouts, but primarily to the monthly safety programs conducted by Mr. Lawrence Stovall of the Texas A&M Extension Service for the Bailey County Electric Cooperative.

Dining-Out is a traditional function that traces its heritage back to the knights of the sixth century. As it exists today, the Dining-Out is a private ceremony for Air Force officers and their spouses designed to foster esprit de corps through good fellowship while honoring the Air Force heritage through traditional ceremony. It is a rare honor for a civilian to be invited to attend an occasion of this type.

Mr. Wittner has been awarded the Air Force Scroll of Appreciation by The Honorable Thomas C. Reed, Secretary of the Air Force, and by General David C. Jones, Air Force Chief of Staff, for his outstanding service to the Air Force in saving the life of Lieutenant Jones.

The Scroll of Appreciation is the highest award that the Air Force can make to an American citizen. The receipt of this award, too, is a rare honor as only seven scrolls were presented during the last two years.

General Mendel will officially present the Scroll to Mr. Wittner during a public ceremony at Reese in the near future.



High Plains Happenings

March 28
HUTCHINSON CO.—The last meeting of a short-course on gardening will be held Monday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Frank Phillips College. Mr. Everett E. Janne, Extension landscape horticulturist, will present the program, according to Dennis Newton, county Extension agent.

MOTLEY CO.—The Motley County Junior Livestock is scheduled for Monday, March 28 at 10:00 a.m. at the old Matador FFA buildings. Billy Roach, Scurry County Extension agent, will act as judge. The sale will follow the show, according to County Extension Agent W.C. Pallmeyer.

SWISHER CO.—There will be a meeting of 4-H'ers working on home environment projects Monday, March 28 at 4:30 p.m. in Tulia. For more information contact Judy Carlisle, county Extension agent.

YOUNG CO.—A clothing workshop for the general public will be held Monday, March 28 at the First National Bank Community Room in Graham, beginning at 1:00 p.m., according to Mary Greet, county Extension agent.

SHERMAN CO.—Sherman County will host a sew fair Monday, March 28 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Sherman County Exhibit Building, according to Blanche Chisum, county Extension agent.

GARZA CO.—There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Program Building Committee Monday, March 28 at the home of Ronnie Dunn, Close City. The meeting will get underway at 9:00 a.m., according to Patsie Cawthon and Syn Conner, county Extension agents.

LYNN CO.—There will be a meeting of the Lynn County 4-H Adult Leaders Association Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the First National Bank meeting room, Tahoka, according to Sherry Etheredge, county Extension agent.

CASTRO CO.—Two to three leaders from all 4-H Clubs in the county are invited to a training session on home accessories Tuesday, March 29 at 1:30 p.m. at the Courthouse assembly room, Dimmitt, according to Irene Keating, county Extension agent.

HANSFORD CO.—Homemakers interested in home sewing are invited to a sew fair Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the Spearman County Barn, Spearman, according to Peggy Marrs, assistant county Extension agent.

KENT CO.—Kent County cotton producers are invited to a meeting on cotton production and management practices Tuesday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jayton Community Center. Extension specialists James Supak and Emory Boring are speakers, according to Mark Geeslin, county Extension agent.

HEMPHILL CO.—The 4-H and FFA livestock judging contests will be held Tuesday, March 29 at Frank Phillip College. Registration will be from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. with the judging beginning at 10:00 a.m. Entries should be in by Monday, March 14, according to Dan Cornett, assistant county Extension agent.

March 30

GRAY CO.—Two short-courses on landscape horticulture will be held Wednesday, March 30 at 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Gray County Courthouse Annex, Pampa. Extension

specialists Everett Janne and Dr. Richard Duple will present the programs, according to Joe Van Zandt, county Extension agent.

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Mrs. Larry Dan Parish (nee Betty Marie Strebeck)

Strebeck-Parish Exchange Vows

Miss Betty Marie Strebeck and Larry Dan Parish were united in marriage Saturday afternoon, March 19 at 3 o'clock in the Kingswood United Methodist Church in Clovis, New Mexico.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Strebeck of Clovis and Mr. and Mrs. K.B. Parish of Springlake.

The Rev. Glen Smith, pastor of the Springlake Baptist Church, officiated the double ring ceremony assisted by the Rev. Mark Dorff of Clovis. The altar was centered with a fan-shaped bouquet of yellow gladiolas and killian daisies in front of a golden arch holding yellow tapers and flanked on either side by brass spiral candelabra, three branched candelabra and emerald palms. Large yellow bows marked the family pews.

Mrs. Stuart Wilson of Clovis, sister of the bride, registered the guests.

Mr. Steve Sanderson of Albuquerque, presented nuptial selections on the piano and organ. Mrs. Sammy Parish, sister-in-law of the groom, was accompanied by Mr. Sanderson as she sang "Ours is the Greatest Love," "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of candlelight tiffany knit designed with a band of chantilly lace circling a high neckline and bordering the hemline of the fluid skirt and chapel train. Re-embroidered chantilly lace, English net and pearl drops accented the bodice and wide cuffs of the full bishop sleeves. The waist length veil was scalloped with chantilly lace and seed pearls. Her bouquet was a cascade of ivory pixie carnations, stephanotis, baby's breath and sprengeri with matching ribbons.

The bride followed tradition by borrowing a heirloom handkerchief, wearing a new blue garter crocheted by her maternal grandmother and also a garter made by the groom's grandmother and worn by his mother at her wedding. For "good luck" she had a penny in her shoe.

Mrs. Marvin Markham of Lubbock was her sister's matron of honor. She wore a yellow quiana gown with a ruffled neckline edged in lace and a picture hat

trimmed in matching lace. She carried a bouquet of yellow daisies, baby's breath and sprengeri.

Sammy Parish of Springlake, brother of the groom, served as best man. The ushers were Steve Busby of Earth and Ricky Byers of Sunnyside. Bill Morris of Lazbuddie and Jim Burton of Albuquerque served as ushers and candlelighters.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Strebeck wore a formal length light green knit dress. Mrs. Parish chose a formal length dress of light blue knit. Both mothers wore corsages of yellow sweetheart roses.

At the reception following the ceremony, the bride's table was covered with a yellow net cloth over yellow satin. An arrangement of yellow sweetheart roses and daisies centered the table. The tiered wedding cake was surrounded with fresh daisies and was topped with the bride and groom from the wedding cake of the bride's parents. The cake, punch, nuts and mints were served from gold and crystal appointments by Mrs. Charles Strebeck of Levelland and Mrs. Sidney Strebeck of Clovis, sisters-in-law of the bride. Mrs. Wayne Lennon of Clovis and Mrs. Gary Hamilton of Earth presided at the groom's table which held the memory candle and a heart shaped chocolate cake.

For the wedding trip to Florida, the bride wore an ivory pant suit with a floral blouse and a corsage lifted from the bridal bouquet.

The bride is a graduate of Clovis High School and Eastern New Mexico University and is presently teaching in the Springlake-Earth Schools. The groom is a graduate of Springlake-Earth High School and Texas Tech University.

The couple will make their home near Springlake where the groom is engaged in farming.

REHEARSAL DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. K.B. Parish hosted a rehearsal dinner for members of the wedding party, Friday night, at the La Villa Steak House in Clovis.

Mrs. Alice Martin Birthday Dinner

Sunday, March 20, Mrs. Alice Martin was honored with a family birthday dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Cole.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Martin of Spade, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin and Letha, Miss Jenette Bills, Kenny Cole and Mr. and Mrs. Jessy Cole and Heath, all of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bills and Deniese, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Whissenhunt of Denver City, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cole, Taralina and Anthony of Olton, Mrs. Frances Watkins, Rodney and Gary Davis of Levelland, Mr. Carol Cole and Stacey of Howardwick, Mrs. Ethel Croker and Mrs. Odessa Joplin of Plains and Mr. and Mrs. Aubry Eldridge of Clovis.

Afternoon caller was Mrs. Dorothy Wood.



Curtis Price "One Man Band" entertained at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet Thursday night.

Hello World

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Layman announce the arrival of a baby girl, born Wednesday, March 9 at 4:44 p.m. at the Littlefield Hospital.

Karissa Kit weighed in at 8 pounds 6 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches long.

Kit has two sisters, Page age 10 and Lacy age 7.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D.E. Layman of Earth and Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Hendon of Morton.

Great-grandparents are Sam Layman of Lazbuddie, Mrs. J.B. Waller of O'Donnel and W.L. Hendon of Welch.

Rainbow Girls Enjoy St. Patrick's Party

The Earth Rainbow Girls attended a St. Patrick's Party at Ann Kelley's, after school on March 16.

St. Patrick's decorations were used throughout and on the table covered in green was an Irish Castle and Leprechauns. After eating sandwiches, chips and dips, which was provided by the losing team of the recent contest held between the two teams in the assembly, the girls enjoyed various games.

From a pot of gold, decorated with Rainbow colors, 3 girls chose small gifts representing 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for points earned in the contest. They were Sheila Jordan, Stacy Tunnell and Jodie Daniel.

At 5:45, the girls went to the Earth Lodge Hall for their regular meeting with Elaine Bills, Worthy Advisor presiding and Mother Advisor Mrs. Pat Jordan.

During the meeting, Elaine gave an outline of the rest of the activities for this term. Then color bars were presented to several girls. Following the meeting, dessert was served, also provided by members of the losing team.

Those present for the party and for the regular meeting were Elaine Bills, Sharon Jones, Stephanie Parish, Kelly Wheatley, Sheila Jordan, Jodie Daniel, Jamie Ford, LeAnn Haberer, Stacy Tunnell, Merri Hausmann, JoLetta Schoenenberger and Michelle McCarty.

Adults helping with the party and attending the meeting were Mrs. Claudene Jones, Mrs. Tommie Bills, Mrs. Pat Jordan and Mrs. Ann Kelley.

Recently, the Rainbow Girls attended a movie at Muleshoe with Mrs. June Parish and Mrs. Ann Kelley as sponsors. In April the girls are planning to attend church together and have a meal. In May, they are planning a Mother's Day tea and to honor the seniors and a slumber party and skating party. Also on the program will be the young people from the Baptist Church presenting a puppet show and then the Eastern Stars will present a program.

Notice

There will be a wedding shower honoring Mrs. Sam Hill, the former Cindy Robinson, Tuesday, March 29 in the home of Mrs. Jimmy Banks. Hours are from 4-5 p.m.

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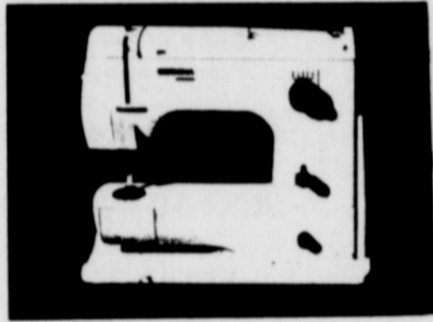
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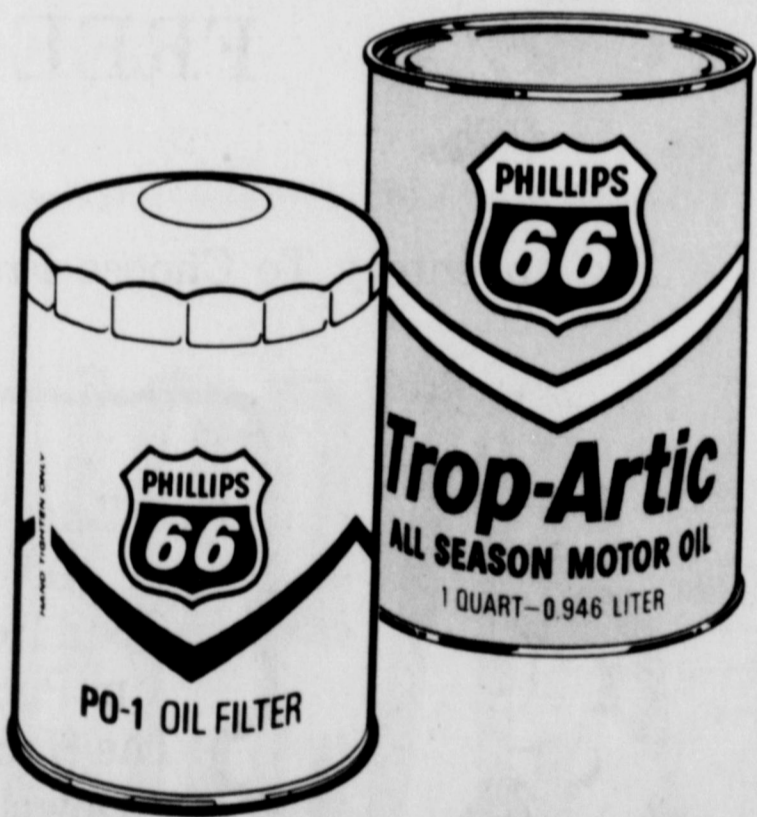


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Kennemer-Vaughn Vows Exchanged

An oval shaped candleabra laced with greenery that was dressed with blue and white carnations and ribbons set the background at the altar of the Trinity Baptist Church, Muleshoe where Miss Debra Kennemer became the bride of Gerald Vaughn.

Rev. V.L. Higgins officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kennemer of Muleshoe and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Walden of Earth. Mrs. Bobbie Tune of Tyler is the mother of the groom and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Martin of Muleshoe are grandparents of the groom.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a gown of white silk organza accented by a high neckline and featured an empire waist. Chiffon sleeves and a ruffled train completed the look of the gown. The bride's veil was of nylon illusion with lace accents.

Miss Deana Smith of Muleshoe, served as maid of honor. Mrs. Nicky Nickels served as matron of honor. Flower girl was Miss Karen Kennemer, sister of the bride. They were attired in blue double knit dresses with royal blue ribbon accents. The attendants carried bouquets of light blue carnations and baby's breath with streamers of blue and white ribbon.

Best man was Eddie Howard of Muleshoe. Groomsman was Nicky Nickels. Ushers and candlelighters were Gary Kennemer, cousin of the bride and Ricky Kennemer, brother of the bride. Ringbearer was George Gant, cousin of the groom.

Wedding music was provided by Mrs. Tommie Bratcher of Muleshoe. Her piano pieces were "We've Only Just Begun" and "The Wedding March." A reception honoring the couple was given immediately following the exchanging of vows.

What's Cooking At School

March 28 thru April 1

WEDNESDAY

MONDAY

Chicken Fried Steak & Gravy
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TUESDAY

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Hot Rolls & Butter
Milk

FRIDAY

Hot Dogs with Chili Sauce
French Fries
Peanut Butter & Crackers
Strawberry Shortcake
Orange Juice
Milk



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Price

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Price Honored

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Price will be honored with a reception in observance of their recent marriage on Sunday, March 27 at 5510 27th Street, Lubbock, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon, by the host and hostess from Earth.

The former Vella Garrett and Robert R. Price were married February 25 in Abilene. They are making their home in Lubbock.

Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend. No gifts please.

Card Of Thanks

We would like to express our gratitude for all the acts of kindness shown us at the passing of our mother.

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Mr. & Mrs. Randal Clark

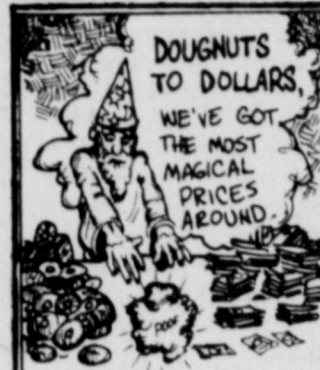
Party Line

Guests in the home of the Raiford Daniel's were Mr. and Mrs. Raiford Daniel III, and Gary of Levelland; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Daniel of Earth; Mr. Terry Lively of Earth; Debbie, Jodie and Albert, all living at home; and Mr. David McMullan of Iraan. The occasion was Raiford III's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Fanning traveled to Dallas Wednesday to visit their son and his family, the R.S. Fanning's, who live at Richmond.

Party Line

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Daniel had a house guest Sunday. The visitor was Mr. David McMullan of Iraan.



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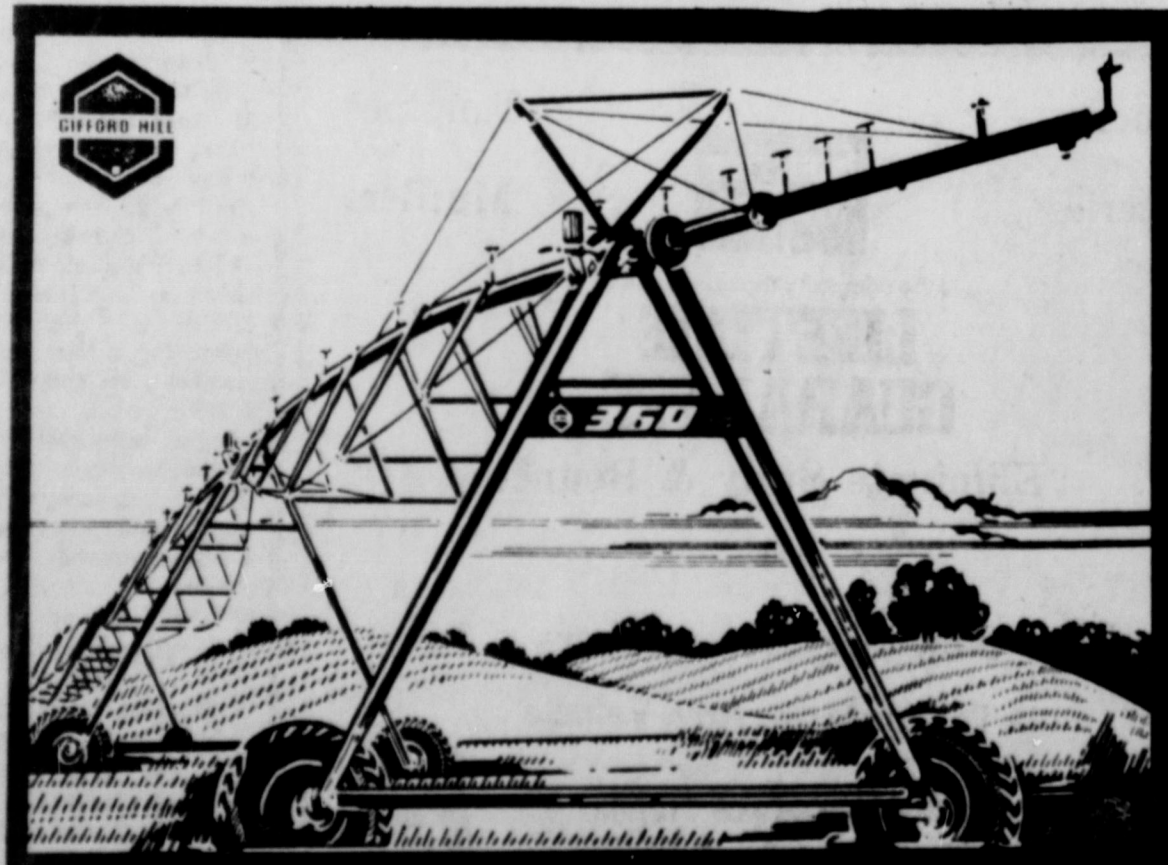
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USDA Announces Final Loan Rates For 1977 Crop Cotton

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that the final 1977 loan rates for upland cotton will remain the same as

preliminarily announced. The preliminary base loan rate had been announced at 42.58 cents per pound for middling 1-inch upland cotton (micronaire

3.5 through 4.9) net weight, at average location. At that time, USDA also announced that prior to August 1 an evaluation of the price situation would be made to determine if the current level of average world prices for American cotton was lower than the announced preliminary loan rate. If these prices were lower, USDA would have had the authority to adjust the loan rate downward.

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Expenditure Rate For Beef Drops

Some cattlemen, suffering from prices below the cost of production, have suspected for some time that the demand for beef may have dropped. "Now we have the disturbing evidence," says Charles E. Ball, executive vice president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association. Ball and other cattle industry leaders are concerned about the just released USDA figures which show that consumers spent only 2.41% of net disposable income for beef

during 1976. And during the last quarter of 1976, the figure was only 2.27%, the lowest since the USDA started reporting such figures in 1948. The average for the 29-year period was 2.52%. "That doesn't sound like a big drop until you realize that the total disposable income spent by consumers last year was \$1,181,800,000,000, over a trillion dollars!" exclaims Ball. "Had we been able to maintain the average of 2.52%, the beef industry

would have received an additional \$1,299,980,000." Breaking that figure down further, he says that the farmer's share of the retail beef dollar in 1976 was 59%, which means that cattlemen would have received an additional \$76,988,000. Then, upon dividing that by the 49,995,000 cattle slaughtered in 1976, he figures that cattlemen would have received an average of \$15.50 more for every head slaughtered, if demand had remained average.

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OSHA To Conduct Hearings
Congressman George Mahon announced this week that officials of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration have agreed to conduct field hearings on their proposed cotton dust standards in Lubbock, on May 10 and 11. "I am most disturbed over the potential impact these cotton dust standards could have on the economy of West Texas and the nation," the Congressman said. "If implemented as they are now written, these unreasonable standards could have the effect of shutting down thousands of gins across the Cotton Belt, and would cost millions of dollars in the loss of jobs and other economic benefits." "The standards would have a similar devastating effect on cotton seed oil mills and other cotton industries, producing a ripple effect throughout the agriculture economy of West Texas and other cotton-producing areas of the country," Mahon continued. OSHA officials in Washington agreed to conduct field hearings in Lubbock and Greenville, Mississippi, after Mahon and other farm leaders in Congress insisted that the agency undertake efforts to get the views of the people who would be most affected by standards developed by the agency. The formal hearing process begins in Washington the week of April 5. Congressman Mahon urged cotton industry representatives in West Texas and area citizens generally to provide as much information as possible at the field hearings in Lubbock. Requests to appear at the hearings may be made at the OSHA office in the Lubbock Federal Building. The hearings will begin at 9:30 a.m. on May 10, and will be held at the South Park Inn.

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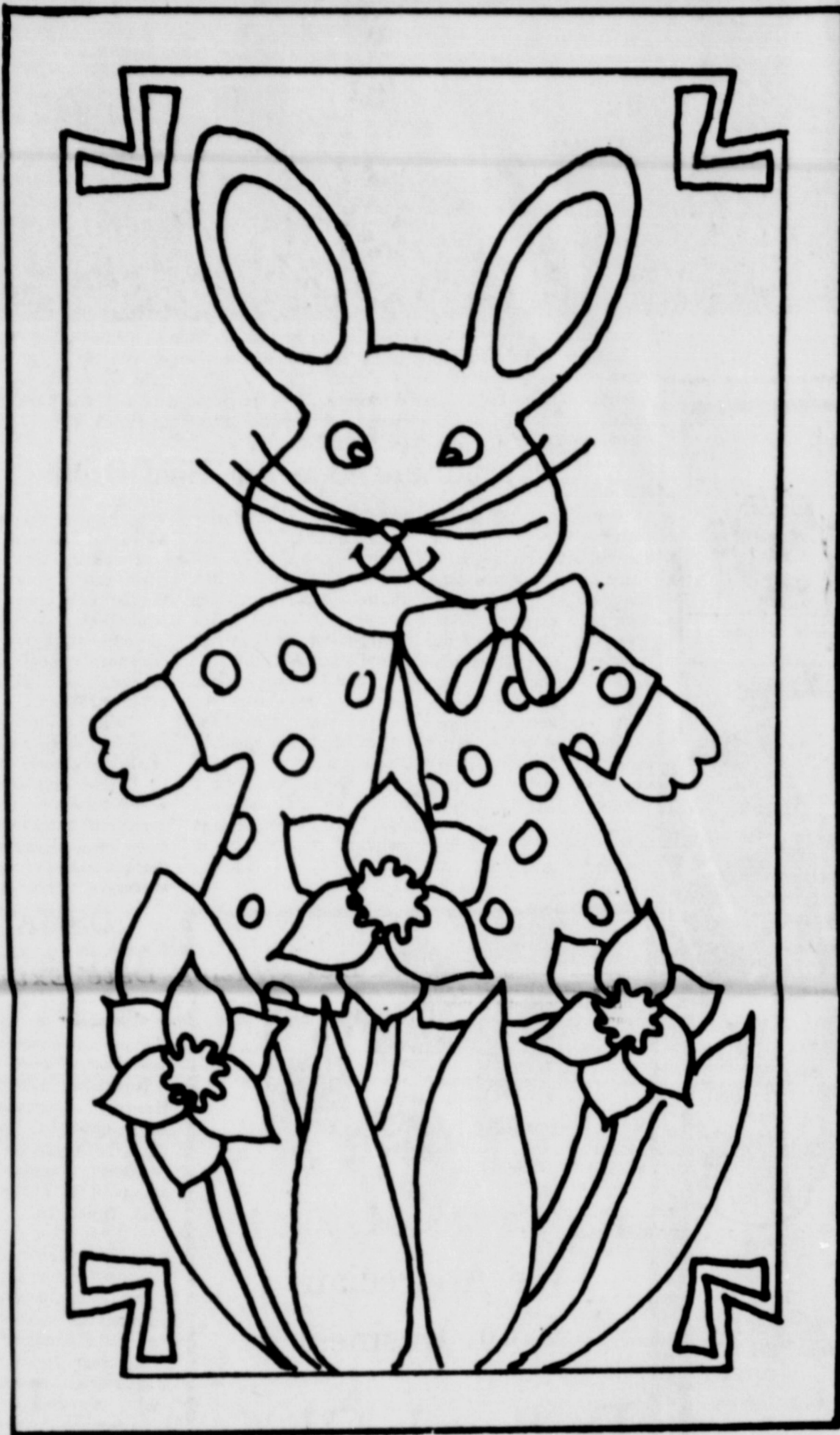
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Kids! "Color me pretty" and you may win first prize (Large basket of Easter toys and goodies) Deadline for entries is April 1.

Mrs. Alice Martin Honored On 80th Birthday

Mrs. Kathleen Cole honored her mother, Mrs. Alice Martin with a party on her 80th birthday, March 16, in her home. The table, laid with a white linen cloth, was centered with 2 candles, holding red voice cups and candles. Pink and red napkins completed the table decorations.

Stacey Cole of Howardwick, great-granddaughter of Mrs. Martin, greeted guest at the door. Refreshments of cake squares topped with pink and red roses, finger sandwiches, punch and coffee were served from crystal and silver appointments by Mrs. Wayne Cole of Olton and Mrs. Kathleen Cole.

Mrs. Martin received many beautiful gifts and a money tree. More precious than gifts were the many friends who came to share the joy of the occasion. Those attending were Estelle Bearden, Joe Lee Truelock, Pauline Nafzger, Era Walker, Mary Parish, Beulah Danforth, Mildred Kendrick, Agnes Williams, Maude Stout, Novella Price, Zou Wilson, Helen Kelley, Odessa Stine, Mary Butter, Ruby Hodge, Elsie Hawkins, Lillian Hamilton, Gladys Anderson, Rene Littleton, Dora B. Ivy, Lillie Wuerflein, Clota Belle Kelley, Louise Galloway, Lottie Ortega, Rev. David Burum, Julia Anne Cole of Olton, Stacey Cole, of Howardwick and Mrs. Kathleen Cole.

Cards and calls were received from many who could not attend.

The Axtell's Return From Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Axtell returned Monday evening, March 21 from a seventeen day trip to Florida and Nassau. They returned by New Orleans, seeing the beautiful Agaleas that are so prevalent in that area of the South.

Some highlights of the trip were their visits to the lovely Stephen Foster Memorial grounds on the Swanee River, the mind-expanding experience of the Kennedy Space Center and the indescribable natural beauty of Silver Springs with its lush tropical trees, shrubs and flowers and the animals of the tropics on the banks of its river.

The three day cruise to Nassau was leisurely and pleasant.

Birthdays & Anniversary

- Local people celebrating their birthday or anniversary from March 24 to March 30 are as follows:
- BIRTHDAY**
- March 24: Johnny Robbins, Judy Nix, Elaine Herring, Bill Mann, Melissa Jurado
 - March 25: Leann Haberer, Gayle Littleton, Pat Jordan
 - March 26: Angie Bills, Doug Parish
 - March 27: Glen Branscum, Charlie H. Jones
 - March 28: Rubv Shelby, Billy Pyle
 - March 29: Quency Lewis, Lee Brown
 - March 25: Tom & Kay Phelps
 - March 26: John & Linda Haberer



Stephanie-2 1/2 weeks daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Alcalá
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Kami-3 years daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kent Parish
 Brandy-2 years daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Butch Halcomb
 Mario Jr.-4 months Mario & Christina Lopez

Rebecca-3 months daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Flores
 Carla Marie-2 years daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Garland Stovall
 Trey-2 years son of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Weldon

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Lenora LaGrange and Walter Maemus visited Mrs. Slate.
Clyde Brock visited with his wife, Mrs. Brock.
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hardy from Sudan visited with all the residents.
Alex Berry visited with Sue Lindsey.
Pat Hughes visited Sherry Haydon and

Wylene Cleavinger visited with Mrs. Stine.

Stanley Doss visited with Mrs. Doss.

Mr. and Mrs. R.O. Dickson visited Mrs. Davis.

Eddie Landers was here visiting his sister, Sue Landers.

T.W. Fife visited with his mother, Mrs. Fife.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Gunn visited Mr. Gunn.

Viva Floyd visited her husband Mr. Floyd.

Homer and Dean Campbell visited with Mrs. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Nichols visited Mrs. Smith.

Walter Boness and daughter Marie visited with Mrs. Doss Saturday.

Lena Sherley visited with Mrs. Campbell.

Sherry, Kelly, Kim and Jeanie Haydon visited with Mrs. Stine.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brock spend the day in Lubbock Saturday.

Wayne Swant, Lynn Blair and Bill Johnson were here Sunday for Church of Christ Services.

Carl and Elsie Kaster were here for the weekly Bible Story and Willie Benton played the piano.

Sue Whiteacher, Billie Doty and Evelyn Richir were here for a birthday party Thursday. Refreshments of cake, ice cream and punch were served. The honored guests were Jay Liles, Mr. Buchanan and Ada Slate.

TAMU Swine Shortcourse
Set In Plainview

The second annual Texas A&M University swine shortcourse for High Plains producers has been set for Wednesday, April 6, in Plainview, at the Hale County Agricultural Center.

Dr. Gilbert R. Hollis, area swine specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Lubbock, says the one-day shortcourse will deal with various areas of swine production ranging from diseases and nutrition to equipment and buildings. A \$5 registration fee will be charged to help defray expenses, says Hollis. Participants will

receive a copy of the day's proceedings.

"Last year, attendance was surprisingly large," Hollis adds, "and we have no doubt but that this year's shortcourse will also attract a large number of hog producers and industry representatives."

Among the topics to be presented are pseudorabies, swine waste handling equipment, farrowing and nursery buildings, swine dysentery control, liquid manure handling equipment, swine finishing houses and reports of nine different Texas A&M University research studies relating to swine nutrition.

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SPD Program April 7
To Feature Cotton

LUBBOCK—Agricultural credit, cotton outlook for 1977 and a review of cotton's progress over the last 20 years highlight the annual meeting of the South Plains Development Program (SPD) April 7, at Koko Palace.

Billy C. Gunter, district agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said this year's program will feature cotton exclusively, with morning activities devoted to SPD task force sessions and the afternoon set aside for public presentations. Cotton growers, agribusinessmen, cotton industry representatives and educators are expected to attend.

Uel Stockard, state agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension

Service at College Station, is slated to address the gathering. His talks will be on the South Plains' contribution to Texas agriculture and Governor Dolph Briscoe's long range goal of making Texas number one in agricultural production.

Also scheduled for the one-day event is an introductory presentation of a program for increasing cotton profits.

SPD is a voluntary organization of South Plains citizens interested in the social and economic improvement of the area. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service cooperates with SPD leaders in educational thrusts aimed at achieving these goals.

Final Grazing Date Extended

The final date for grazing wheat and barley has been extended to April 1st.

This also extends the date for reporting acreage

planted for grazing. This means that producers with cattle on wheat or barley acreage can leave them there until April 1st without penalty.

Operating Credit May
Dry Up For Farmers

Without an early and substantial increase in U.S. farm price support levels, farmers may find it impossible to get sufficient operating credit for their 1977 production, George W. Stone, vice president of the National Farmers Union, said.

Stone, who is president of the Oklahoma Farmers Union, the largest state unit of the National Farmers Union, reported that a substantial number of midwest banks are refusing loans, reducing the size of the loans and requiring greater collateral for loans due to risk in farming.

"Low prices on grain and livestock and the drought conditions in vast areas of the country are affecting the ability of farmers to get needed credit," Stone explained.

In recent years, farmers were able to increase their debt load because of the inflation of land values, Stone noted, but in 1976, farm land values went up only 8% on the national average, while farm debt went up 12%.

"Time is running out on farmers," Stone said. "We can't go on forever substituting credit for income. Unless something is done, some farmers will be forced to quit even before they get their 1977 crops in."

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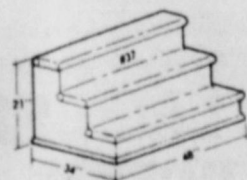
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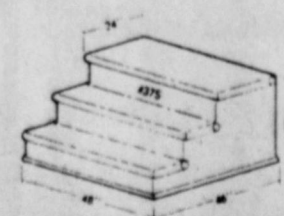
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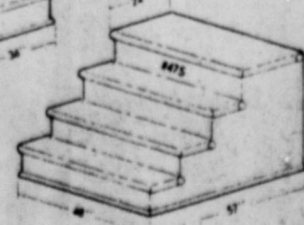
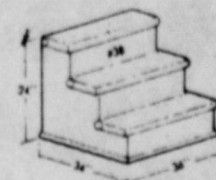
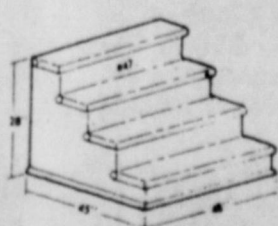


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Obituaries

Lee Jeffery

AMHERST
(Special)—Services for L.H. Jeffery, 85, of Amherst, were at 2 p.m. Sunday in First Baptist Church here with the Rev. Glen Wilson, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Amherst Cemetery under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home.

Jeffery died at 9:30 p.m. Thursday in Amherst Manor after a lengthy illness.

The retired aircraft mechanic moved to Amherst from Paducah in 1931. He had lived in Amherst Manor two years. He was a native of Salem, Ark.

He married Rene James in Waco in 1912, she died in 1972.
Survivors include two sons, Gerald of Amherst and Robert of Waco; a brother, Claude of Amherst; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Doyle Davis

MULESHOE
(Special)—Services for Doyle R. Davis, 69, of Muleshoe were at 2 p.m. Sunday in Muleshoe Church of Christ with Royce Clay, minister, officiating, and Hal Howell, minister of the Lariett Church of Christ, assisting.

Burial was in Oklahoma Lane Cemetery under the direction Singleton-Ellis Funeral Home here.

Davis died at 8:15 a.m. Friday in West Plains Medical Center here.

He had been a Bailey County resident the past three years, moving here from Lubbock. He was a native of Blue Ridge and a member of the Muleshoe Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry of Farwell and Ronald of Moriarty, N.M.; a daughter, Mrs. Wanda Wayfield of Farwell; a sister, Mrs. Virlie Berry of Leonard; two brothers, Henry of Greenville and G.S. of Lawton, Okla.; and 13 grandchildren.

P. Rodriguez

OLTON
(Special)—Services for Paulito Rodriguez, 71, of Olton were at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in St. Peters Catholic Church here with the Rev. Clarence Hubert, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Olton Cemetery under the direction of Parsons Funeral Home here.

Rodriguez died about 4 a.m. Thursday in Lubbock Osteopathic Hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Laredo and was a member of the Catholic Church in Olton,

where he had lived since 1959.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Teresa Ziarella of Indiantown, Fla. and Miss Aurela Rodriguez of Olton; three sons, Pedro of Memphis, Santos of Olton and Joseangel of Guymon, Okla.; two sisters, Mrs. Maria Infante of Sugarland and Miss Isabelle Rodriguez of Maxima; two brothers, Consepacion of Lamesa and Rocky of Laredo; 15 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

K. Sorensen

LITTLEFIELD
(Special)—Services for Kresten Sorensen, 88, of Hart Camp were at 2:30 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church Chapel with the Rev. J. D. Nelson, pastor of the Rocky Ford Baptist Church, officiating, assisted by the Rev. James Threadgill, pastor of the Hart Camp Baptist Church.

Burial was in Whitharral Cemetery under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home in Littlefield.

Sorensen died at 5:45 p.m. Saturday at a Littlefield nursing home following a long illness.

The native of Denmark was a retired farmer and a veteran of World War I. He emigrated to the U.S. in 1911 when he settled in Laramie, Wyo.

He moved to Texas in

1922, and farmed near Idalou, Anton and Whitharral before moving to Hart Camp.

Survivors include his wife, Winnie; three daughters, Margrith Taylor of Muleshoe, Mrs. Christine Jennings of Littlefield and Mrs. Voncile Hill of Jacksonville; three sons, Walter of Lubbock and Houston, Kenneth of Denver, Colo., and Carl of Jacksonville; a step-daughter, Mona Deen McElfred of Lubbock; 24 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Margrey Potts

LOCKNEY
(Special)—Services for Margrey May Potts, 84, of John Knox Village of Lubbock were in the First Baptist Church here with the Rev. Charles Broadwurst, Lubbock minister, officiating, and the Rev. John Jenkins, pastor, assisting.

Burial was in Plainview Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home here.

Mrs. Potts died about noon Wednesday in John Knox Village of Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Alliance, Neb. and moved to Floyd County in 1911 where she married J.B. Potts December 1, 1912. He died in 1960.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Gladys

Hay of Lubbock and Mrs. Norene Roberson of Olton; two sons, Melvin of Lampasses and Joe B. Jr. of Abilene; a sister, Mrs. Grace Colson of Lockney; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Morgan

TAHOKA
(Special)—Mrs. Geraldine Morgan, 57, of Tahoka, died in Lynn County Hospital here early Sunday.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Turner, pastor, officiating. He was assisted by the Rev. Lee R. Jones, pastor of the Sweet Street Baptist Church here.

Burial was in Tahoka Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home.

Mrs. Morgan, a native of Davidson, Okla., moved here in 1937, from Muleshoe. She married James P. Morgan here March 2, 1937.

She was a Baptist.
Survivors include her husband; her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Lovelady of Tahoka; two daughters, Mrs. Gwendolyn Louise Kelly of Albuquerque, N.M. and Mrs. Myrna Jean Billington of Tahoka; two sisters, Mrs. Raymond Geade of Muleshoe and Mrs. Donald Pullins of Rensselaer, Ind.; and six grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jim Bob Porterfield, John Paul Lawson, R.C. Ray, Bill Jolly, Bill Stice and Roy Stice.

Robert C. Wilson

LOCKNEY
(Special)—Robert Coleman Wilson, 80, of Lockney, died early Saturday in a hospital here.

Services were at 10 a.m. Monday in San Jose Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Casey, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Lockney.

The Floyd native married the former Ida Winnifred Whitfill on October 14, 1914, in Alma. He moved to Floyd County in 1924.

He was a retired butane company employee.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Weldon of Aberdeen, Wash., Paul of Floydada, Joe of Wichita, Kan. and Raymond of Quanah; three daughters, Mrs. Lillian Whitfill of Floydada, Mrs. Lucille Gross of Muleshoe, and Mrs. Frances Ruff of Lubbock; a brother, Charlie of Gainesville; four sisters, Mrs. Jewel Homer and Mrs. Ruby Sledge, both of Gainesville, Mrs. Lollie Harralson of Dallas and Mrs. Vera Vann of

Houston; 23 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

San Angelo Livestock Show

Several Lamb County 4-H'ers attended the San Angelo Fat Stock Show in San Angelo held March 8 thru March 13. Brad Pierce, Sudan 4-H exhibited his lightweight duroc and placed ninth. John Chester, Sudan 4-H exhibited swine. Gary Fields, Sudan 4-H and Brad Walden, Littlefield 4-H exhibited steers at this stock show.

Party Line

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Walden went to Muleshoe Saturday to attend their granddaughter's shower. The shower for Mrs. Gerald Vaughn, nee Debbie Kennemer was in the home of Pat Scheffer.

Party Line

Saturday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Butter have had her son home visiting from Vancouver, Washington for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Ussery recently went to Odessa to visit with their daughter, Linda McGuire.

Mrs. Gerald Vaughn visited with her grandparents Monday, the parents of the daughter, Linda McGuire. Lowell Walden's.

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April 18	39	15	2228	47.4	47.4
May 2	53	16	2143	44.5	44.5
May 16	48	18	2790	44.5	44.5
May 29	48	11	2209	42.9	42.9
June 12	46	9	1789	44.6	44.6
June 27	45	4	1558	44.8	44.8
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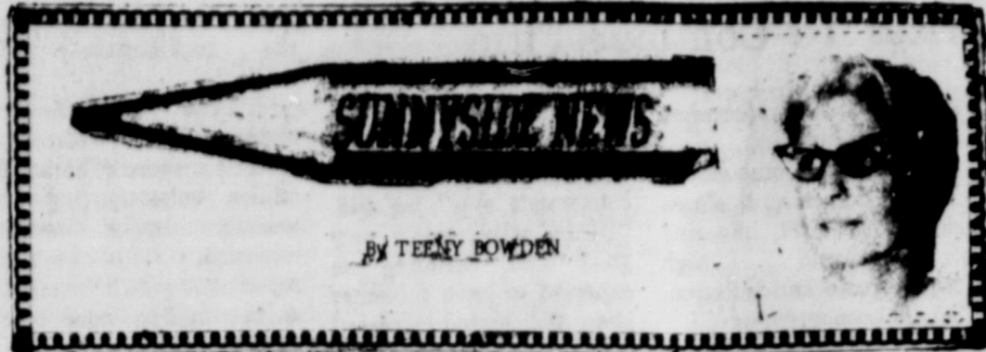
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Mr. and Mrs. Jessy Cole and Heath of Lubbock have been visiting with her mother, Mrs. Dora Bell Ivy. They also visited with his parents, the R.S. Cole's of Earth.



By TERRY BOWDEN

wasn't as bad as the other two we have had recently.

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Ezell Sadler, and Mrs. L.B. Bowden attended the cake auction and music at South Hills Manor in Dimmitt Saturday night. The women took cakes, the men bought cakes.

from San Angelo State University Saturday to visit a few days with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Jones. Mrs. Hershel Wilson and Daneen went to Jal Friday to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Doug Freeman.

Mrs. Charlie Jones of Olton was honored with a birthday dinner last Sunday in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Jones. Others present were Mr. Charlie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hall Jones, Rory and Jeff and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Wilson and Samantha.

Baptist Women met Tuesday morning at the church for prayer and to consider mission action. Mrs. Raymond Jones was in charge.

LaGlenda Wilson participated with the Hart band in the UIL competition in Dimmitt Friday morning. They won a second in concert and a third in Sight Reading.

Susan Sadler, Matt Gilbreath and David Montiel participated with the Dimmitt band in the UIL competition Thursday night. They won a 1 rating in both concert and sight reading.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parson and children and his brother went to Blanket Friday to visit with their mother, and take her with them to Procter Lake for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Eules Waggoner went to Midland Wednesday morning to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Hesse Pharis and family and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Jackson. They came home Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gambin and children of Sulphur Springs arrived Thursday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner and Eddie through Saturday. Dr. and Mrs. Robbie Lindsey of Plainview spent Thursday night with them also.

Mrs. Lillian Carson visited most of the week in Lubbock with Resa Carson. She came home Friday. She is still staying with the Lee Bradley family. Work has been started on her house now however.

Rev. and Mrs. Moody Smith and son Michael of Oklahoma Lane visited Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Noah Spencer. Mr. and Mrs. Noah Spencer visited in Hereford Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hill and new grandbaby.

Dina Jo and Belinda Hampton left Friday to visit until Tuesday with their grandparents at Megargel, and an uncle and family in Tipton, Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moser of Memphis, Tennessee spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sadler while her mother stayed at the hospital in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Tex Conard.

Dina Jo Hampton attended a meeting on horse judging in Littlefield Thursday night. She was accompanied by Mrs. Jerry Ray Hampton. Jodie Riley made the all star team in Little Dribblers at Springlake-Earth. They will play in a tournament in Littlefield Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Gregg George and the Dimmitt Raiders, Brandon Cox and the Aggies tied for 3rd place in the Dimmitt Little Dribbler tournament. Richard and Joe Sauseda and the Bears won 2nd place in the tournament.

Jodie Riley left Friday to spend a few days in New Braunfels with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Riley since school is out for a week. Kevin Riley also left Friday to spend a few days at L.B.J. Lake with friends.

Mrs. Lloyd Blanton, Mrs. Ray Joe Riley, and Mrs. Eddie Haydon were among the hostesses for the shower of Sheila Lewis, bride elect of Fred Johnson last Saturday afternoon in Earth.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Townsend became grandparents again last Monday night when a 10 lb. 2 oz. girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Buster Watson of Springlake. She was born in the Littlefield hospital and named Mikka Celese.

Charles Axtell and L.B. Bowden attended the Better Weather, Inc. meeting in Earth Tuesday night. They and Gerald Graham were elected directors with others to be elected later. They are optimistic that a permit will be issued and they are collecting the \$1.40 per

cultivated acre now so there will be no delay in the program when the permit is issued.

Mrs. J.C. Holbrooks got the cast off her leg last Wednesday in Lubbock. She will be on crutches for a few more weeks.

Hershel Wilson underwent a nerve block in Highland Hospital in Lubbock this week to bring temporary relief from the pain in the lower part of his spine.

Tex Conard underwent therapy in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock this week to help overcome the paralysis to his left side. He got out of intensive care Wednesday a.m.

Mrs. Cliff Brown was admitted to the Littlefield Hospital Friday morning for tests.

Mrs. Raymond Haydon of Weatherford, a former resident of the community, and mother of Milburn and Eddie Haydon was admitted to Campbell Memorial Hospital in Weatherford Tuesday. She is expected to undergo major surgery next week. Eddie Haydon went down Wednesday to stay with her. Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Haydon and Mrs. Eddie Haydon went down Monday to be with her for

surgery on Tuesday.

Mrs. Gerald Graham was named the Woman of the Year at the Earth Chamber of Commerce-Banquet in Earth Thursday night. She was honored for her outstanding work in 4-H, in P.T.A., her church and community. Mr. and Mrs. John Graham, Gerald Graham and boys, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Joe Riley and boys also attended the banquet.

R.E. Little was admitted to Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt Friday evening for tests. He was expected to come home Monday.

Tammy and Rhonda Ross were in Amarillo Thursday for medical check-ups. Tammy's brace was adjusted and the X-ray showed a 20 degree improvement. She also saw a therapist to learn various exercises to keep her body in shape while in the brace. Rhonda was scheduled for surgery the 14th of April in St. Anthony's hospital since her condition had progressed too far to be corrected with a body cast. She will be admitted to the hospital on the 12th.

A trace of moisture was received Thursday morning followed by a sandstorm late in the afternoon. It

Carl Bradley had his farm sale Monday. The smaller items sold well. The bigger items not so well.

Isabel Sauseda won 3rd place for the Dimmitt team in shorthand in the UIL Literary Meet in Tulia Tuesday.

Lupe Sauseda was a part of the Dimmitt Junior High tract team winning 4th place in the 440 relay at the Floydada track meet last Friday.

Mrs. Jan Querze of Dimmitt visited Tuesday morning with Mrs. Embree Roy Sadler.

Mr. and Mrs. Embree Roy Sadler took Cindy Sadler to the plane in Lubbock Monday morning for her return to Baylor.

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The production of fat cattle in the Panhandle-Plains during the past year has resulted in a \$1.75 billion contribution to area businesses, according to a recent survey conducted by Southwestern Public Service Company.

The fed cattle output totaled 4,286,629 head for the calendar year 1976 and represents a 31% increase over 1975 production. It is the third largest number produced in any one year and ranks behind the highest year 1973 with 5 million head and 1972 with 4.7 million.

The survey, released by Sam Thomas, SPS manager of Agriculture Department, is quoted throughout the United States as the most authoritative source as to production of fat cattle in the southern great plains area.

"This production was accomplished during a time when cattle feeding profits were minimum and cattle livestock losses over a three year period were in excess of \$30 billion," Thomas said. "Total business generated from this volume of cattle can be calculated by multiplying the estimated sales value by 3.86 with a \$6.75 billion result. When the impact of the slaughter industry is calculated, another \$7 billion can be added for a total contribution of \$13.5 billion to area business."

The survey also revealed that the one-time feedlot capacity in use increased by 2% and reversed a two year downward trend from the peak year of 1974 when the feedlot capacity in use at the beginning of the year was 2.7 million head. Thomas reports that there is an additional 223,000 capacity standing idle with 153,000 of this capacity in units large enough to be in commercial production.

Thomas also says that there was a 1% loss in the number of feedlots of 1,000 head capacity and above, but there was an increase of 2.5% in the total number of feedlots producing fat cattle. Feedlots of 1,000 head and above numbered 146 and the total number of yards reporting cattle fed was 158. The total number of feedlots producing fat cattle have been steadily declining up to now since 1967 while the average size has been increasing sharply.

"Feedlot companies that are apart from the profit or loss situation of the cattle are generally in good shape," Thomas says, "but those that are involved in the cattle ownership could be in better shape. Also, the older feedyards that are not faced with the necessity of retiring extremely high capital investment as a result of the recent high building costs, seem to be in a more desirable position."

The survey points out that the trend towards commercial getting into the hands of fewer companies is continuing. As to whether this is good or bad for the industry, Thomas says that the greater financial stability of the new owners should be helpful and their ability to find expert management will give the industry a firmer base.

"We expect to see a greater integration between farming units and feed units," Thomas says, "and we believe the cost price squeeze facing farmers will mean a greater reliance on marketing by grazing rather than by combining. We feel that more silage will be put down both by farmers and feedyards, and

that there will be a greater reliance on growing cattle as well as feeding high grain rations that were feasible in previous years.

"Present market conditions make it very difficult for farmers to make a profit producing grain. Integrating into the livestock industry is one way they can improve their profit picture," Thomas continues. "This will not hamper the big commercial feedlots, but we do believe that the cattle expertise and financial ability in the commercial yards is an essential part of the future of farming."

Thomas concluded by saying that the fed output from the yards should increase as a greater number of feeder cattle become eligible for a grain finish. "This will not be a permanent change, but as the cattle cycle bottoms out and the supply of calves and grain come into balance with the market demand, then we should see a recurrence of high grain feeding."

"There is very little that is new in the livestock industry, other than the people in it. At the present time, about 7 million cattle can be produced in this area, but when we learn to feed 'stalk and all', we will produce about 12 million."

Cotton Prices To Continue Firm

RALEIGH—America's cotton producers are making their planting and marketing plans for 1977-78 based on the expectation of continued firm prices for their crops.

That's the word from economists at Cotton Incorporated, the fiber research and marketing company of U.S. cotton growers.

While there are some uncertainties, several important signs point to another good year for most cotton producers, said David M. Cox, Cotton Incorporated vice president for economic research and development.

He said these signs include:

-An improving U.S. economy after the first quarter of the year.

-A continued rise in demand for cotton, both domestically and around the world.

-Tight world cotton supplies moving into the new cotton year.

Because of the severely harsh winter over much of the country, the pace of U.S. economic growth will be much slower in the first quarter than had been expected, Cox said.

However, he added, "Prospects for the remainder of the year look promising. As the weather improves, industrial production is expected to recover sharply as inventories are replenished. Retailers are optimistic about 1977 in total, as are

automobile manufacturers and home builders.

"There are some clouds in the domestic business climate for 1977, lingering unemployment, high energy costs and inflation, but the economy is expected to move ahead as the grip of winter lessens after the first quarter," Cox said.

Mr. Daniel Troxler, Cotton Incorporated associate director of demand economics, said the U.S. textile industry expects to be operating at higher production levels during the last half of 1977 as compared to the first six months.

"Projected increases in housing starts and automobile sales are promising signals for improved demand for home furnishings and industrial fabrics," Troxler pointed out. "Increased retail sales are expected during the last half of 1977, and this will soon stimulate textile production."

Troxler said that as the tempo of business quickens, demand for cotton will increase.

"Consumer demand for cotton was strong

throughout 1976, and indications are that cotton continues to have the consumer's eye," he said. "Denim sales remain very good and corduroy is expected to have a banner year. Anticipated increased demand for home furnishings and industrial fabric, if realized, will add to cotton demand in 1977-78."

Therefore, Troxler said, domestic mill use of U.S. cotton in 1977-78 is expected to bounce back to above seven million bales after dropping to an annual rate of 6.7 million bales in the first 26 weeks of 1976-77 because of the retail sales slump last spring and summer.

Demand for exports of U.S. cotton could top 4.5 million bales again, Troxler said. He pointed out that world cotton stocks are expected to reach a record low on August 1, 1977, and that while foreign cotton production will increase, so will consumption.

"The gap between foreign production and consumption will be narrowed but not eliminated," Troxler said. "There also will be the need

to increase stocks above the rock-bottom low levels."

Troxler said foreign cotton use in 1977-78 could set a new record of 55 to 56 million bales barring an unlikely major world recession. This would represent a gain of as much as two million bales over 1976-77 estimates.

The world cotton carryover probably will be up at the end of the cotton year on August 1, 1978, "but only slightly," Troxler said.

When it comes to U.S. cotton production, the outlook is clouded with some uncertainty, partly because of the prolonged drought in California.

"Many observers believe plantings in California will be less than last year's 1,130,000 acres" noted David M. Jordening, Cotton Incorporated associate director of supply economics.

Referring to the planting intentions report released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in January, Jordening said the California growers' expressed intentions of increasing plantings by 300,000 acres, or 24 per cent, "appear to have dried up right along with the

reservoirs." Jordening said it is unlikely that producers in the Mid-South or Southeast will pick up that slack because their principal alternative, soybeans, is just too attractive.

Cotton, he said, will be planted only on the best cotton land in those areas, with the rest going to soybeans. As a result, he said, "the combined acreage devoted to cotton in the Mid-South and Southeast is likely to be under last year's acreage."

Jordening noted that almost 70 per cent of the prospective increase in U.S. cotton plantings expressed on the January report is in the Southwest.

"With such a large increase already, it's not

likely the Southwest can fill the void left by the possible reductions in California, the Mid-South and the Southeast," he said.

All factors considered, he said, U.S. planting prospects at this time may be about 12.5 million acres, down from the 12.8 million acres expressed in the January intentions report.


Party-Line

The Eddie Haydon's have gone to Weatherford to be with his mother, who is about to have surgery.

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Typical of ranch gatherings will be a weaving demonstration by Tomijann Nabors-Pearson in the Hedwigs Hill Double Log Cabin, a blacksmithing in the Renderbrook-Spake Blacksmith Shop, sourdough baking and traditional western music.

The association has more than 1,500 members, registered as families, individuals and businesses. Individuals may join for \$10 per year and families for \$15. Memberships may be purchased in the David M. DeVitt and Mallet Ranch Building on the day of the Las Escarbas dedication.

Honored during the dedication ceremonies will be Joe F. Reinauer Sr., of Hereford, John G. Reinauer of Oklahoma City and the late Fred Reinauer, donors of the building, and descendants of Monroe B. and Rebecca Sawyer who gave a major part of the restoration funds in honor of the pioneer Terry County couple.

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The dedicatory speaker, Prof. Frantz, is co-author of a book on the XIT, "6,000 Miles of Fence." He also wrote "The Bicentennial History of Texas," commissioned by the National

Bicentennial Commission. He is former president of Texas State Historical Association and an editor of the "Southwest Historical Quarterly."

Frantz was historical consultant in the White House for the late President Lyndon B. Johnson, and he directed the LBJ oral history program.

Bentsen Proposes Tough Criminal Penalties

Senator Lloyd Bentsen proposed a basic change in the federal criminal justice system that would provide tougher sentences for federal crimes, reduce the discretion of judges in sentencing criminals and eliminate parole.

term of years or for life." The judge is free to set virtually any sentence he decides on and after sentence is imposed the person convicted is eligible for parole, generally, after serving one third of that time.

The Bentsen bill, similar to one introduced by the Senator in the last Congress, seeks to replace the current wide-ranging system of "indeterminate" sentencing with a new approach known as "presumptive" sentencing. "It is now widely recognized that the current system is not working. Mass murderers like Charles Manson and Richard Speck are eligible for parole. Other dangerous offenders go unpunished. And glaring disparities in the sentences of those who are punished lead to numerous and great injustices," Bentsen said in remarks accompanying his legislation.

Under the Bentsen presumptive sentencing bill, specific prison terms would be established by law for specific crimes. For example, punishment for bank robbery, first offense, in which violence is involved would be seven years in prison. The sentence would increase for subsequent offenses. A judge may vary from the presumptive sentence by 40 percent if there are aggravating or mitigating circumstances but any sentence outside this 40 percent range would have to be explained by the judge in writing and would be subject to appeal. Early parole release would not be permitted.

"No longer should the dangerous criminal feel that even if convicted the odds are in his favor, so that he may do violence at will to the lives and safety of innocent citizens. Certainty of punishment, the fact that the criminal believes that punishment will be imposed is a deterrent. The criminal should know in advance the cost of his crime."

"As it now stands, there is no certainty to the criminal that he will be punished, no certainty to society that the dangerous will be incarcerated and no certainty that punishment, when it is meted out, will be fair," Bentsen said.

Senator Bentsen noted that under the present "indeterminate" system the law might read: "imprisonment for any

"We should work toward a system of criminal sentencing that is, as John Greenleaf Whittier once described justice, 'The hope of all who suffer, the dread of all who wrong.' This legislation is one step forward," Senator Bentsen said.

New Rules For Claiming The Earned Income Credit

New rules for claiming the earned income credit make more low income families eligible for the credit for 1976, the Internal Revenue Service said.

Since a number of persons overlooked this tax benefit last year, the IRS urged all taxpayers to read the tax return instructions carefully to see if they qualify for the credit.

The refundable credit, originally enacted by the 1975 Tax Reduction Act with rules liberalized by the 1976 Tax Reform Act, is available to qualified taxpayers even if their incomes are not high enough to require them to file a return.

To qualify for the earned income credit, the taxpayer's adjusted gross income or earned income, whichever is larger, must be less than \$8,000. Earned income means wages, salaries, tips and other employee compensation as well as net earnings from self-employment.

In addition, the taxpayers must pay over half the cost of keeping up a home that is the principal residence for the entire year of the taxpayer and at least one of the taxpayer's children who is either under age 19, a full-time student or is disabled. The home may be rented or owned by the taxpayer.

A major change made by the new law allows the credit to a taxpayer even if the taxpayer is not entitled to claim a dependency exemption for their child under age 19 or a full-time student. However, the taxpayer must be able to claim their son or daughter as a dependent if the child is disabled and 19 or older.

The name of the taxpayer's child who qualifies the taxpayer for the credit must be entered on the return. In addition, married taxpayers must file a joint return to claim the credit unless they meet the criteria for filing as Single or Unmarried Head of Household. If a joint return is filed, the \$8,000 maximum income limitation is applied to the combined income of both spouses.



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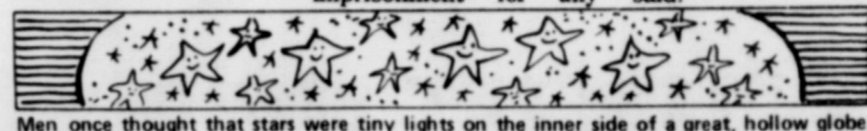
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