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Gifts of Distinction

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Clifford Craig Bluntson Graduate Of Southwest Texas

Clifford Bluntson of Eagle Lake was among the 1,132 Southwest Texas State University students who filed for degrees awarded Dec. 18 and 19 in the university's winter commencement ceremonies.

Bluntson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bluntson, Jr., of Route 1, Box 215A, Eagle Lake received a bachelor of



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Prime Interest Rates Expected To Bottom Out Around 14%

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quicken business tempo as 1982 progresses.

Business Capital Outlays

Although low rates of capacity utilization and less business early in 1982 will tend to restrain capital equipment demand, purchases that were deferred in 1981 pending the more liberal depreciation rules of 1982 will have some bolstering effect. We confidently expect this important source of economic vitality to become more of a factor as the tempo of business picks up. Moreover, capital outlays will be an important component of the business upturn going into 1983 as well.

Interest Rates

Short-term interest rates have retreated from their peak earlier in 1981. Softening business eased borrowing, causing interest rates to slide downward. Though the bulk of the downturn has already occurred, short-term interest rates could slide a little lower - to around 14% for the prime lending rate of major commercial banks - in the early part of 1982 before bottoming out. When the anticipated business upturn is well under way, however, interest rates will undoubtedly be marked up. But enhanced cash flow for businesses, as a result of lower corporate income taxes and accelerated depreciation allowances, should prevent a quick return to oppressively high rates. Hence, money and credit availability should be adequate for businesses and consumers in the year ahead, though far from abundant.

After backing down a little from peak levels, long-term interest rates firmed recently in reflection of heavy Treasury and corporate financings. Pent-up demand for long-term funds will not permit more than irregular downward shadings for a while, but easing of inflation is helping to keep long-term rates from rising.

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Eagle Lake Division - Donald Obenhaus, Mgr.

Great Line-Up Of Stars For Houston Rodeo Feb. 24-Mar. 7

The greatest line-up of star entertainers in Houston Rodeo history was announced last week to appear at the fiftieth anniversary edition of the Show, February 24-March 7, 1982 in the Astrodome.

"For our golden anniversary show, we wanted to present the most spectacular entertainment line-up ever," said Board Chairman Allen H. Curritt. "Of course, with 16 performances this year and the expansion of our schedule, there's more than ever for the entire family to enjoy." Horse show events begin on February 20; livestock judging on February 22 and rodeo performances on February 24. All events conclude March 7.

Stars appearing at the 1982 Show include Eddy Arnold (Feb. 24), Anne Murray (Feb. 25), Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers Band (Feb. 26), Merle Haggard (Feb. 27), The Oak Ridge Boys (Feb. 27), Charley Pride (Feb. 28), Mac Davis (March 1), The Statler Brothers (March 2), Moe Bandy and Joe Stampley (March 3), Conway Twitty (March 4), Dolly Parton (March 5 & 6), Kool and the Gang (March 7), and Don Williams (March 7).

Curritt noted that the rodeo had added two new evening performances, with opening night now falling on Wednesday, February 24. "The addition of these evening performances makes attending the rodeo much more convenient for families. And, it gives us a chance to present even more of the star entertainment that has made the Houston Show the biggest and best of all."

Rodeo ticket prices are \$4 and \$8 and include admission to the rodeo.

The search is underway for Texas' rural hero of 1981.

The Rural Heroism Award, sponsored by the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council, is presented each year to some person judged to have performed an act of exceptional bravery during a time of crisis, according to Ben Bullard, Council president and assistant safety director of the Texas Farm Bureau.

March 1, 1982, is the deadline for entries to be received by the Rural Heroism Award Committee, Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council, P. O. Box 489, Waco, Texas 76703.

The heroic act or human-life-saving deed must have occurred within Texas during 1981 and should be related to farming or ranching operations.

Nominations should include a written account of the incident and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all persons involved. Newspaper clippings and pictures should also accompany the nominations, if available.

The award will be presented at the Monday morning opening general session of the 52nd Annual Texas Safety Conference and Exposition, March 22, 1982, at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel in Dallas.

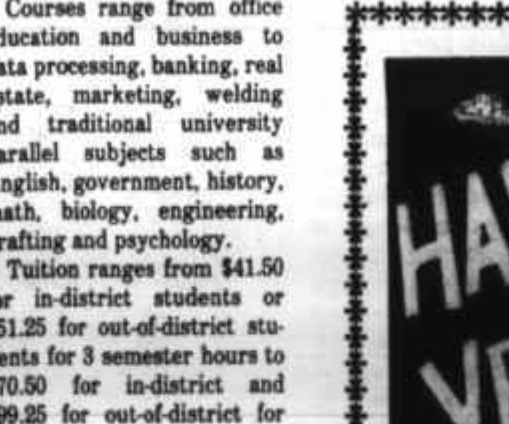
WCJC Evening Class Registration Set Jan. 11th

The evening schedule of spring semester classes has been announced at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton where registration is Monday, January 11 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Administration Building.

Courses range from office education and business to data processing, banking, real estate, marketing, welding and traditional university parallel subjects such as English, government, history, math, biology, engineering, drafting and psychology.

Tuition ranges from \$41.50 for in-district students or \$51.25 for out-of-district students for 3 semester hours to \$70.00 for in-district and \$99.25 for out-of-district for nine semester hours.

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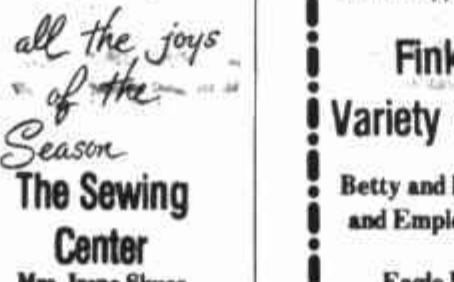
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Tues., Jan. 5: Beef/Veg.



Rice CISD School Lunch Menus

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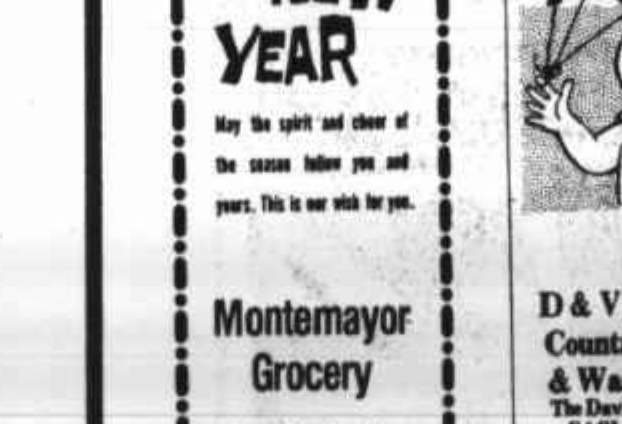
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Babson Reports

Weather May Be Key To 1982 Agricultural Outlook

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prices beleaguered by foreign competition and where work forces have been trimmed. However, once the economy regains its forward momentum, labor's stance can be expected to stiffen.

Agricultural Outlook

It is difficult to make a case for any substantial betterment for the beleaguered agricultural segment of the economy in 1982. There are gluts in supplies of major products that militate against any large-scale boosts in farm prices.

Unless adverse weather patterns over large sections of the nation's growing areas threaten a significant alteration of supply-demand balances at crucial points in the crop year, farm quotes will not improve appreciably. Therefore, no substantial recovery in overall farm income appears to be in the cards for 1982. It is likely, however, that exports of agricultural products will top 1981 shipments.

Foreign Affairs

Current prospects do not indicate that any major breakthrough is in the offing with respect to the resolution of critical international problems. So it appears that 1982 will see more talk than genuine progress on issues involving the Middle East and Central America. The same is true with regard to Soviet-American relations, particularly negotiations over strategic arms limitation and U. S. and Soviet military involvement in Europe.

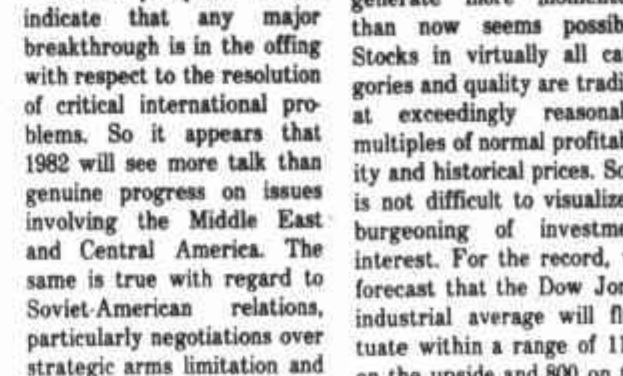
Corporate Profits - Dividends

Business profits in 1982 will be up compared with 1981. During the past year corporate earnings were adversely affected by the deterioration in the tempo of business. There should be better profits showings virtually throughout 1982, and on progressively improved year-to-year comparisons with each passing quarter. The reduction in the corporate profits tax rate will be an important factor in increases at the "bottom line."

Though brighter prospects for corporate profits augur well for increases in dividend rates in 1982, hikes in payouts will tend to be of moderate size in most instances. Corporate liquidity needs to be reinforced and this will take time.

Consumer and Government Spending

Though early 1982 retail trade will be dampened by uneasiness over business and employment prospects, consumer sentiment will eventually respond favorably to the betterment in disposable income that will result from recovery in employment and a further reduction in federal income tax rates. Hence, consumer buying can be expected to top that of 1981 by a comfortable margin, with the third and fourth 1982 quarters chalking up the best gains. The economy will also benefit from higher government expenditures. After midyear, for example,

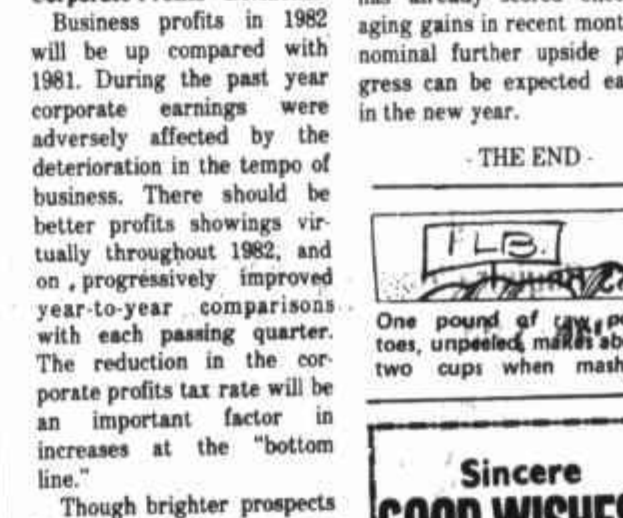


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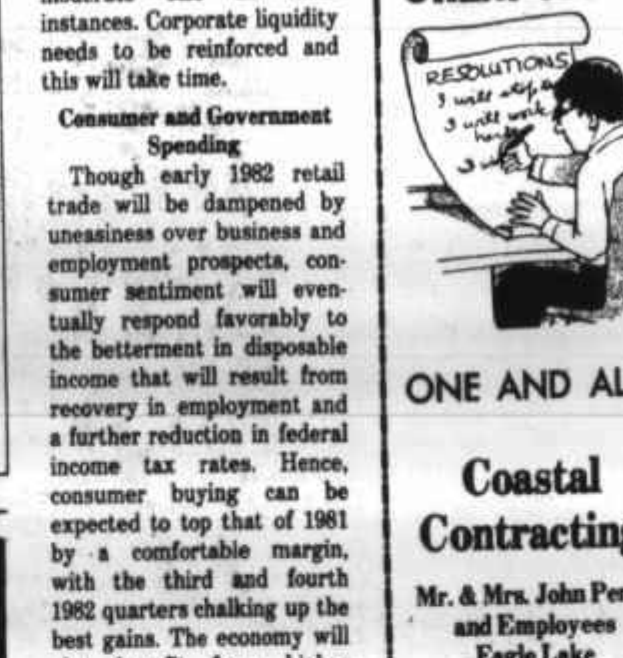
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Homemakers' Reflections

By Donella Paster, County Extension Agent

Is a Computer Your Family's "Newest Member"?

Is a computer your family's "newest member?" If so, watch it! Computers and micro-processor technology continue to invade today's households. In fact, in the next 10-15 years, the computer will act as a secretary and maid. Wired into the home's electrical system, the electronic brain can be programmed to perk coffee in the morning, heat the oven and start dinner, secure the doors - and even vacuum the floor! It could also select the least expensive time to do laundry or heat water.

Values, Dignity "At Stake"

However, while the prospects of convenience and hassle-free living sound exciting, other aspects of the computer invasion of the home require additional effort to preserve our human values and dignity.

People have a fear of being replaced by a machine. While computers can outperform people in some situations, the computer can only do what it's programmed to do. We need to accept the routine and mundane tasks that computers can do, which, in turn, allows us more time to spend on exciting activities and interests.

As computers become a more popular appliance in households, we also face the danger of decreased communication by family members. Families who already had limited communication before the introduction of the computer are now becoming further alienated from one another in some cases. Interacting with a machine and responding to the challenge of creating new functions for the machine to perform become an all-consuming task which causes some people to forget the other members of the household.

As a result, communication with anyone other than the machine becomes almost non-existent in these cases.

Living With A Computer

Awareness of the additive nature of computer programming and interaction can prevent much of this alienation. Establishing a schedule for various family members, setting time limits for computer activities and sharing computer activities as a family are some of the ways to prevent the loss of interpersonal communication. Personal privacy remains an issue in our age of electronics.

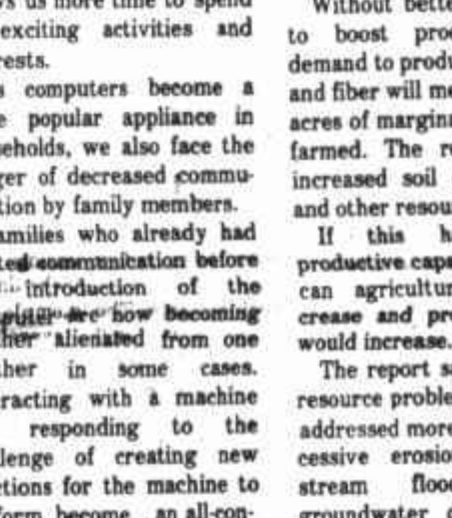
United States. The analysis was part of a report required by Congress in the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977 (RCA), explains Connie M. Fair, district conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) at Columbus.

The analysis shows that the demand for food and fiber produced in the United States would increase while technological advances in agricultural production would decrease.

Without better technology to boost production, the demand to produce more food and fiber will mean that more acres of marginal land will be farmed. The result will be increased soil erosion rates and other resource problems.

If this happens, the productive capacity of American agriculture would decrease and production costs would increase.

The report says that these resource problems need to be addressed more quickly: Excessive erosion rates, upstream flood damages, groundwater depletion, and



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deteriorated water quality. To project future conditions, the USDA analysis used a computer model to simulate the nation's agricultural productivity related to erosion. Although the model results can't be taken as absolute indicators of what will happen, they do show the relative direction of American agriculture and the possible magnitude of future resource conditions and problems.

A short leaflet summarizing the RCA findings and proposed conservation program is also available at these USDA offices. The leaflet contains a pre-addressed, postage-paid response form that may be used to send comments to USDA. Responses should be mailed by January 15, 1982.



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