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It is expected that the requested rate schedule will furnish a 13.4 percent increase in the company's intrastate revenues.

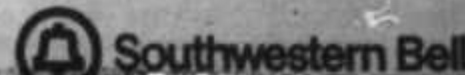
A complete copy of the new rate schedule is on file with the Public Utility Commission at Austin, Texas, and with each affected municipality served by Southwestern Bell, and is available for inspection in each of the company's public business offices in Texas. The Commission staff has contended in the past that all rates are subject to change as a result of Southwestern Bell's rate application.

Notice to El Paso Area Customers

Effective January 1, 1982, Southwestern Bell adopted the Mountain States tariffs in effect for El Paso County. Southwestern Bell proposes to merge the separate El Paso tariffs with its tariffs applicable to the rest of Texas. The resulting new rate schedule is on file with the PUC and the El Paso area municipalities served by Southwestern Bell, and is available for inspection at our El Paso business office.

Notice to Customers of Other Telephone Companies

The filing includes, but is not limited to, proposals to increase rates for interexchange private line and foreign exchange (FX) service. Changes in such rates would also affect customers of other telephone companies because such companies provide interexchange private line and foreign exchange service in accordance with rates specified in Southwestern Bell's tariffs. While Southwestern Bell has proposed no increase in long distance rates, any change in those rates would also affect customers of other telephone companies.



The Front

I remember when I first heard of how American farmers are getting the short-end of the stick, of how politics affects even the food you eat...it was an initial shock to me. There are many things that seem calm and peaceful on the surface, but underneath, the truth is, there is a bit of possum-playing.

I have also been on many sides of many issues, both local and international. It can't be helped. Just when you think you're getting your taste bite, you go and stop talking and smited at me. "You know," he said

saying that this or that is propaganda. Well, I've got news: it's all propaganda. It must be, because the root verb is to propagate, to extend. A propagandist is defined in the dictionary as "one who devotes himself (herself) to spreading any system of principles." Enough said.

During an interview with a Spanish army officer training in the northeast early air-warfare system, I was doing a thesis article about the role of the army in Spain. The officer—my

stopping talking and smited at me. "You know," he said

you are truly an ingenious fellow. Well, I had to rush to a dictionary as soon as I got home. What I thought was a compliment turned out to be something else, and so I come to the point.

I've been told so many things by so many people, that it has forced me to take notice. From the weak shall inherit the earth, to "good manners and bad breath will get you nowhere," everybody's got a point, an opinion, a theory.

But we are all unique individuals, of all races and

Words do not take on different meaning to different people. We must get to know words and treat them like we do our tools, our implements, our utensils. If a politician uses words to fool people and if news people distort stories to get us on one side or the other, we are the fools, because people use words

make good use of it. Don't ever be afraid of big words, or slick speakers, because those people are trained to catch our weaknesses and pray upon them. There is nothing more pure, more honorable than saying: What exactly do you mean?

by Vini Carbona

What exactly do you mean?

A Local Column

Learning more about the community

by John F. Fearing

Whew. At last Jeannine and I felt comfortable enough with our knowledge of The Headlight to take last weekend off. At least we didn't spend either weekend day at the office.

This is only the seventh issue we've published here. It isn't true that one place or job is just like another. The jobs may be similar, but the people are different. The community is different, the company and its operations are different, and it takes time. Some things you change, some you leave alone.

The long hours are made pleasurable when we receive the comments we have taken Monday for instance. While I was working with some of the businesses in town on the special harvest page, one conversation was most enjoyable.

The comments included liking the looks of the newspaper, "it really looks

professional" and "glad to see the increase in classified advertising."

Many of the changes we have made in the newspaper you have been accustomed to reading for the past 30 years purely are cosmetic. We've rearranged the news on the page so it is particularly easy to follow. A headline is supposed to give you a quick summary of the story it heads, so you can skim through the newspaper quickly and know what's in it.

The major elements of any story are supposed to be in the first several paragraphs of the story; when the headline tells you something you are interested in, you then can read those first few paragraphs to learn a little more. If you still are interested, then finish reading the story—it's all right there.

However, a good newspaper goes beyond content, as some of the larger

newspapers that went out of business this year, have learned. It takes content to keep the subscribers sending in those renewals.

Our content is coming right along. With the addition of Mr. Carbona, we now can cover people and events that deserve attention too. But we still have a long way to go in keeping up with Fred Frika. Not that we won't get there, but we're learning.

Monday's conversation

Back to the conversation of Monday morning. Fred knows just about everyone in town. They knew to call him and alert him to events that deserve coverage, and when you are friends with so many people, you pick up tidbits from daily conversation. You also know people and their attitudes and goals, and can make news judgments from that knowledge.

That information gives me some idea of what the newspaper should be like. Reporting facts and being a part of the community

are the basics for any newspaper.

So, as the community watches Jeannine and I to see where we will fit in to the local society and how vocal the newspaper will be, we are watching you at the same time. Listening and learning, or as a friend of mine in the Navy used to say, "hiding and watching."

With the routines of the business becoming controllable routine, it's becoming most enjoyable.

Capitol Update

By John Tower

Help asked for Texas farmers

The 1980s for farmers in Texas have meant high interest rates, rising costs and falling prices. These factors have combined to push many farmers to the

brink of insolvency. And this spring, nature has dealt another serious blow to our farmers, particularly those in West Texas. The damage caused

by recent hail storms is almost incomprehensible. Preliminary estimates indicate that 75 percent of the 4.2 million acres planted in cotton was damaged. That means the loss of about a million bales of cotton. Figures still are being compiled on other crop losses, but it is clear that wheat production has been affected substantially, and the corn crop also suffered significant damage.

The impact of this loss of food and fiber will be felt throughout the economy of the region. But the real tragedy is the plight of the individual farmers, who face imminent bankruptcy if assistance cannot be provided.

I spent enough time as a boy chopping cotton on my grandfather's farm to understand the heartbreak of seeing a crop destroyed by a whim of nature. I know that farming is more than a business. It is a way of life deeply cherished by those who cultivate the land and feed and clothe the rest of us.

In any year, crop damage of this severity would be a serious blow to farmers. But this year could be far worse because of the economic factors which have left many farmers facing this natural disaster with their credit resources exhausted.

For this reason, I have

asked Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block to use every resource available to him to help Texas farmers survive this crisis.

It is clear that implementation of the crop insurance program enacted as part of 1981 farm legislation is insufficient as yet to alleviate the economic pressure.

I have asked the Secretary to consider invoking a special provision of the 1981 legislation which provides for direct disaster payments to producers. A high-level disaster task force sent by Secretary Block is compiling the necessary information and local officials are marshaling supporting data to forward to the department.

And Secretary Block has promised me that he will give this situation his careful personal attention. I will continue to press vigorously for a prompt and favorable ruling.

In a large sense, however, I hope that this disaster will help focus attention on the broader problems that face farmers throughout the nation.

We need to remind officials throughout the Administration, and in Congress, of the absolute necessity of maintaining a viable agricultural economy. The solutions to the many problems plaguing farmers will not be easy. Some solutions will come naturally as we improve the overall economy.

However, we must examine and deal with the problems unique to agriculture. It is my hope and expectation that we will be able to refine our domestic farm policies and expand export markets.

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By Leroy J. Hajdik
County Extension Agent

County Agent's Notebook

County Fair catalogs here

The Livestock Show Catalogs for the 1982 Colorado County Fair have arrived. Exhibitors who showed entries in last year's fair have been mailed a copy, along with an entry card by the Colorado County Fair Association.

If you did not receive a catalog or are a new exhibitor, copies of the

catalog and entry forms are available from County Extension Agent-Agriculture office (732-2082) at 316 Spring Street in Columbus.

Official entry forms and fees on all livestock show entries are due with a postmark by no later than August 16. Mail to Colorado County Fair Association, P. O. Box 506,

Columbus, Texas 78934. Entry cards must be signed by the exhibitor and the County Extension Agent or V-Ag Instructor prior to submission to the Fair Association.

For additional details contact an official with the fair association, v-ag instructor or county extension agent.

Soil Conservation

Gaylon Ackley, a district cooperater of the New Urm area, has completed construction of a pond.

R. Brown, a district cooperater of the Brushy area, has completed construction of a pond.

District cooperater Jay Sauter of Oakland is constructing a pond. E. Henneke has completed construction of a pond in the Bernardo area. District cooperater Glen Lucas of the Rock Island area is constructing a pond.

Adeline Heintschel, a district cooperater of the Menard area has completed construction of a pond. Assisted Ron-Mostyn and Duane Foster of Houston in selecting low water sites for small concrete dams.

The conservation plan for Charles W. Kinkead of Houston is being written to reflect conservation treatment decisions to be applied on his place near Ramsey.

Conservation assistance was provided to Abel Gonzales of Eagle Lake. Conservation assistance was provided to Melvin Sunderman of Eagle Lake concerning irrigation water management and conservation tillage in rice production.

Engineering assistance was given to Lyle Bird on his place near Freisburg. Conservation assistance was given to Ed Thomas on his place west of Freisburg.

Roy Sebesta is planning to construct a livestock pond on his place near Mentz.

Vacation.

Bible School begins

Community Vacation Bible School will begin Monday, July 19 and continue through Friday, July 23 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day at the United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake for ages 3 years to sixth grade. Say co-directors Sandy Bandy and Joan Matthews.

The churches participating again this year will be Grace Lutheran Church, Christ Episcopal, First Presbyterian and United Methodist Church.

Each child attending is to bring \$1 for refreshments. On Friday, July 23rd we will have a picnic from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. Each person is to bring a sack lunch Friday.

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Pearall: Norma Nail, from Houston; George Baker; from Cat Spring; Beatrice Neundorff; from Louise; Mary Lou Goehring; from Brenham; Claudia Krause; from Sealy; Linda Seeter and Baby Boy, Keith Standie.

Dismissals
Eagle Lake: Otto Henderson, Thelda Birdwell Ida Vels, Dora Larsen, Sam Dancy, Effie Navarro, Phillip Soto, Elaine Dromgoole, Maria Cardenas, Loretta Powell, Edella

Lopez, Fred Henske, Harold Thomas, Nancy Corona, Elisa Saucedo, Bellville: Stanley Wheelless; from Garwood; James Sampson; from San Antonio; Bertha Campbell;

from Rock Island: Chester Hudson, Carol Albertson, Patsy Paschall; from East Bernard: John Slacido, Elizabeth Sutton; from Columbus: Diana Skutca and Baby Boy; from New

Ulm: Carolyn Gully; from Glen Flores, Elaine Espinoza; from Flatonia: Christopher Miller; from Brenham: Norma Lacina; from Nada: Augustina Ortiz.

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