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**24 Years Ago**  
 Let's Look Back

March 3, 1960  
 Johnny Engstrom, son of  
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry  
 Engstrom of Garwood,  
 received a certificate of \$75  
 for showing the most im-  
 proving the year in the  
 Garwood FFA chapter,  
 the Eagle Lake FFA chapter,  
 those receiving out-  
 standing medals in  
 agriculture are Dick  
 Richter, James Raabe, John  
 Henry Hodde, Walter  
 Sommer, and Maynard  
 Ripper.


Susan Davidson was  
 nominated by the basket-  
 ball squad of Wharton  
 County Junior College for  
 the title of "Duchess" of  
 the college to the Texas A&M  
 Cotton Ball. Mrs. Arthur  
 Behrens won an honorable  
 mention and \$10 prize in the  
 Gladiola Baking Contest for  
 January for her All-Bran  
 Bread-recipe.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell H.  
 Reese, Jr. announce the  
 approaching marriage of their  
 daughter, Barbara to  
 William Gale Rhodes, son  
 of Mr. and Mrs. Jack  
 Rhodes, all of this com-  
 munity. The wedding is  
 planned for June 3. Mr.  
 and Mrs. Alvin Wiese, Mr.  
 and Mrs. J. R. Thomas and  
 Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Thomas  
 were in Houston Thursday  
 night to see the enjoyable  
 play, "The Dark at the Top  
 of the Stairs."

**Free immunization clinic at URGTE Clinic March 8**

The Free Immunization  
 Clinic sponsored by the  
 Texas Department of  
 Health will be held at  
 the URGTE Clinic in Eagle  
 Lake, Texas, on Tuesday,  
 March 8, from 9 a.m. to  
 4 p.m. at the URGTE  
 Clinic in Eagle Lake.  
 Immunizations for  
 Diptheria, Tetanus,  
 Pertussis (DTP), Polio,  
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# Opinion

## Probe in prison system continues

The state Board of Corrections continued its probe last week of the Texas prison system and learned:

- The Texas Department of Corrections overpaid architects \$1 million for fees not called for in written contracts.
- Departed prison system director W. J. Estelle received a gift-pickup truck valued at \$1,000.
- It may be necessary to radically reshape the complex prison system bureaucracy, according to a management consulting firm's report.
- The accounting firm looking into huge cost overruns in recent prison construction found some \$1 million was paid for architects fees which did not correspond to the architect's written contracts.
- If the attorney general permits, the Board of Corrections may sue for the overpayment in FFA work.
- The board also wants to review the "barber fund" which is funded by voluntary employee donations. The name comes from the free haircut and shampoos in the inmate-staffed prison barber shops which is utilized by employees who contribute to the fund.

**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
 By Lyndell Williams  
 TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

**Official gifts**  
 Contributions are supposed to be used to support in organizations, and to underwrite employee parties, gestures of condolences, etc. But Board Chairman Robert Gunn is unhappy with what he has learned about the way the fund is managed and wants a full review.

Gunn said he has been told the money was also used to buy gifts for retiring prison officials. Other state officials have heard that prison employees are pressured to contribute, and that the wardens, not employees, control how the dollars are spent.

Estelle was presented the gift-pickup truck this going-away party at his acting prison director said.

The prison director's job should be divided into two jobs to handle the complex state agency and new offices should be created for planning and financial control, according to a team of efficiency experts hired by the Board.

**Televised execution?**  
 So far, prison officials haven't accepted a death-row inmate's two-week-old plea to have his execution televised.

But Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox last week indicated he had no objection to broadcasting the execution and that the prison board had the authority to allow television coverage and to issue strict guidelines on handling the broadcast.

**Convicted killer**  
 David Autry has told the press that a televised execution would be a deterrent to crime, but Mattox apparently doesn't share that view, according to a spokesman.

The Texas prison system traditionally allows some press coverage, but has never permitted television or still camera photography in the death chamber.

**Teacher exams**  
 While the Legislature considers whether teachers can get a raise, it also will debate whether to make public teachers take a competency exam.

The president of the largest teacher organization in Texas, however, thinks that is an absurd idea.

The head of the Texas State Teachers Association, Dale Young of Fort Worth, implied that principals could tell which teachers were competent just by looking at the "billboard of paperwork teachers submit every day."

**Black Democrats**  
 The Texas Coalition of Black Democrats meeting in El Paso last week surprised the state with narrow straw poll support for state Sen. John Doggett, seeking to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Jophi Tower.

The funniest twist of the evening's featured guests probably came from Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower who told the convention, "This is the first time I've flown 800 miles west to speak to a bunch of East Texans."

**24 Years Ago**  
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March 6, 1936  
 Work begins Tuesday on Highway No. 200. 450 applications for pensions are issued. Eldridge farm is planting four hundred acre field in popcorn. Garwood election for school bonds carries.

Miss Marian Wotencraft, primary teacher in the local school, has been confined to her bed with a severe attack of influenza this week.

Dr. E. W. Jones, after a three-week confinement in the Baylor Hospital at Dallas, returned home Tuesday night. Friends here have enjoyed watching two former citizens here again this week, Mrs. G. B. Heflin of Dragon, Arizona and Mrs. E. B. Powers of Temple, who came to attend the Thomas family reunion.

**Letter to the editor**

**Humans or "animals"**

To the Editor:  
 I would like to take this opportunity to write a few lines to the people of our community. We have in our neighborhoods humans or "animals" capable of breaking into our homes day or night and murdering and stealing valuables that many of us have been saving for a lifetime. They have no sense of shame or a thief, only the small amount of cash that the stolen items will bring them. The few articles they "steal" are not the things we need and save you money, too.

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That night, nearly 11 p.m. the following afternoon. She was in a coma for about two or three days before she died. And from neighborhoods humans or "animals" capable of breaking into our homes day or night and murdering and stealing valuables that many of us have been saving for a lifetime. They have no sense of shame or a thief, only the small amount of cash that the stolen items will bring them. The few articles they "steal" are not the things we need and save you money, too.

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# Colorado County Courthouse Report

**DISTRICT COURT SUITS FILED**

Drewry Photocolor Corp. vs. Robert Hellrung, individual, and conducting business as Mark's Corner Pharmacy; suit on account; 2-21-84.

Deed, Wilma K. Cash to George M. Shanks Jr., 0.536 acres, P. Reels Survey, 2-18-84.

Hernandez vs. Teleforo Hernandez, divorce; 2-21-84.

Phyllis Hurst vs. James Phillip Hurst; divorce; 2-22-84.

**REAL ESTATE - DEED TRANSFERS**

Deed, Kirby Wayne Gross et ux to Rudy T. Walls et ux, 1 acre, Howard McFarland et al to Otto E. Kahlden Jr., Trustee, 147,964 acres, Austin Five League Grant, 2-18-84.

Deed, Otto L. Kahlden Jr., Trustee to R. Dwayne Durham, 147,924 acres, Austin Five League Grant, 2-18-84.

Deed, E. Vivian Taylor to Willard Taylor, lot 9 & 10 block 88 Sheridan, Texas, 1-27-84.

Deed, Willard Taylor to Joan Walker et ux, lot 9 & 10 block 88 Sheridan, Texas, 2-2-84.

Deed, Carl Albert Milents et al to Veterans Land Board, 10 acres, Samuel M. Williams Survey, 1-30-84.

Deed, Veterans Land Board to Clyde Alford Sparks Jr., 10 acres, Samuel M. Williams Survey, 8-30-83.

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Deed, George W. Schaefer et ux to Don T. Jones Jr. et ux tract of land, Reddin Andrews Survey et al, 2-18-84.

Deed, James R. Mikulena to Franklin Curtis Beach, 5 acres, Robert Cunningham Survey, 2-15-84.

Deed, Laverne Tackett et ux to Peggy Guenther, 27.80 acres, H. Austin Five League Grant, 2-18-84.

Deed, Mittle Faye Collins to Alice Hines, lot 10 block 79 Colorado Co. 2-3-84.

Deed, Jessie L. McFarland et al to Otto E. Kahlden Jr., Trustee, 147,964 acres, Austin Five League Grant, 2-18-84.

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Cattle on hand, 739; hogs, 10; sheep, 8; horses, 2.

Butcher Calves and Yearlings: good to choice, 58 to 62.50 cents per pound; utility, 48 to 54 cents; culls, 45 to 52 cents.

Packer Cows: heiferettes, 45 to 52 cents per pound; utility, 41 to 50 cents; canners, 36 to 44 cents; culls, 30 to 37 cents.

Hogs: No. 1 hogs, 45 to 47 cents per pound; No. 2 and 3, 45 to 45 cents; feeder pigs and shoats, 50 to 80 cents per pound; sows, 35 to 43 cents.

Sheep: ewes, 10 to 15 cents per pound; lambs, 80 to 90 cents; bucks 10 to 15 cents per pound; Hereford pair.

## Time to plant permanent grass

If you are thinking of planting permanent grass this spring, now is the time to begin preparations. The grass planting dates in Colorado County are from February 15 to May 15. However, coastal bermudagrass can be sprigged from January 1 to May 15.

A firm, clean seedbed is a must if you desire planting to be a success. Seedbed preparation can be done with a disk harrow, a moldboard plow, or an offset disk. The seedbed must be prepared so that all existing vegetation is destroyed, thus cutting down on the competing vegetation and giving the new grass seedling a better chance of survival. Think of the seedbed preparation being done in the same manner as you would prepare for planting your garden.

When you sprig coastal bermudagrass, plant the dormant sprigs no deeper than two or three inches. Always plant them in moist soil, and be sure to peg the soil around the sprigs as they are planted.

Planting seed-type grasses is a little different. The seeds must not be planted deeper than 1/4 to 3/4 inch. Seeding rates in the different grasses differ depending on the species of grass and are based on the amount of Pure Live Seed (PLS) planted. Seed-type grasses may be planted with grass drills or may be broadcast. When broadcasting the grass seed, use a multiplier or some type roller over the planted area to incorporate the seeds into the soil.

Different grass plant species will grow in different soil conditions.

Sunshine class meet at the home of Jonie Mae Mitty with six members having roll call.

The president, Ophelia Raabe, was absent so Jonie Mae presided at the business meeting and read the article "Be Kind to Parents Before They Go." Several "get well" cards were signed and sent to shut-ins.

The hostess served tuna salad with crackers, chocolate cake and coffee.

Ophelia Raabe will be "Sister" in March and Ophelia Raabe will lead the study on "The Good Psalm."

## 4-H News

By Cheryl Johnson  
 County Extension Agent

Join us this spring for three fun-filled days of recreation and education at one of the five camps designed for today's mature adults. Come to camp in a resort atmosphere with all the modern conveniences. Spring Fling '84 is an extension program for people over 55.

The Spring Fling '84 will be held at the Texas 4-H Center - a flexible, functional conference center in a lovely wooded area on the shores of beautiful Lake Brownwood. The facility is located 11 miles north of Brownwood on Texas Highway 279 and one mile east on FM Road 2021.

The Center is a beautiful facility with a main complex and ten lodges. Each lodge has two large bedrooms with private baths and dressing facilities. Each bedroom accommodates five to eight people. Husbands and wives cannot be housed in the same bedroom, however, they may be housed in the same lodge. The bedrooms are separated by a living area.

The choice is up to you on programs and activities! Programs will feature: extension specialists in horticulture, family life, entomology, and nutrition. Camp session is different, participants get "hands on" experience in areas such as oil painting, needlecraft, and basketweaving. Nature hikes, bird rides, outdoor recreation and sports, as well as, dancing, bingo and social activities round out the program. Shuttleboard, dominoes, 42, bridge, and other card games will also be offered. Special entertainment will include a "1908 Box Social", so costumes from that era would be appropriate.

For further information concerning "Spring Fling '84", contact the County Extension Office, Columbus, Texas.

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**Melvin Gordon**  
 Candidate For School Trustee, Position 7  
 Campaign Treasurers: Alex Woolridge, A.J. Williams

Melvin Gordon, 38, Nurses Aide, 708 East "C" St.

**EDUCATION:**  
 E.H. Henry High School; Attended Houston Community College; Indiana and Ball State Extension University; and The U.S. Air Force Technical Administrative School.

**BACKGROUND:**  
 Native of Eagle Lake; Former Asst. County Auditor and Former Justice of the Peace Court Clerk in Harris County, and a U.S. Air Force Vietnam Veteran.

**FAMILY:**  
 Single, One Child

**CANDIDATES STATEMENT**

"If elected I pledge to work diligently and conscientiously with the Board, Administrators, Parents and Students of the Rice Consolidated Independent School District, for Excellence in Education."

Melvin Gordon  
 February 27, 1984

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