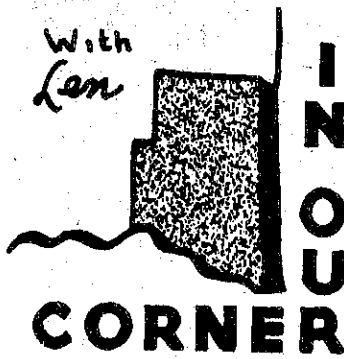


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WE HOPE that everyone will get behind the United Fund this year and make it go.

You may think that the little bit you can do won't make any difference, but keep in mind that you only have to transpose two letters to turn "united" into "untied."

HUNTERS BEWARE!

If you're in the habit of parking your automobile or pickup on a rural roadway while you drift off into the woods for a little hunting, better be sure that you are parked well off the roadway and not partially blocking it.

Highway Patrolmen in the county take a rather dim view of those who block or partially block rural roads, and one hunter already has a ticket to prove it.

"From now on," says State Trooper Will Rogers, "I'm going to call a wrecker service and have vehicles towed in. Not only will the unthinking hunter have a long walk, he'll pay a towing charge and a fine, too."

So, fellas, if'n you get caught, remember we warned ya.

FROM a quick glance at our records, we'd say that the Business and Industrial page appearing in the Gazette each Tuesday must be a pretty good advertising program.

For more than 16 years now (with the exception of one week), the Business & Industrial page has appeared in the Gazette one day of each week.

The original "Business Page" was first published on September 1, 1956, with a picture and story about Hill's Tire Shop and stories about D&D Furniture & Hardware and Idabel Greenhouse.

But what is really surprising about the program is that, more than 16 years after first publication, five of the original 30 advertisers are still appearing regularly on the page.

This figure becomes even more remarkable when you stop to determine that 15 of the

Glover Falling, Little River Rising

Glover Crests At 28 Feet In Night



LITTLE RIVER, just below the mouth of Glover, looked something like this about 4 p.m. Tuesday when aerial shots were taken by Bruce Carlin of Photos by Carlin. By the time Glover crested

at about 11 p.m. Tuesday, water was about four feet over the bridge. Although the bridge looks passable in this picture, it could not be used as

water covered both approaches to the bridge from either north or south. The bridge is on the so-called "California cutoff" north of Garvin. (Carlin Photo)

Glover River crested about 11 p.m. Tuesday night at slightly more than 28 feet, but swelled by the Glover Waters Little River was still rising slowly at midmorning today.

Damage reports are still spotty, but several ranchers have reported lost cattle and a

few families, particularly in the middle Little River area were displaced late last night and early this morning.

Measured by the US Army Corps of Engineers at 10 p.m. Tuesday, Glover measured 28.04 feet and was still rising.

Measured again at midnight, the flood level had dropped to 25.00.

Both of these measurements were made near the Glover bridge on SH 3 & 7 about ten miles west of Broken Bow, said Bob Finch, Broken Bow Lake manager.

At 9 a.m. this morning, the level of Broken Bow Lake had reached 496.74 and was still rising, he said. Normal flood pool level for the reservoir is 499 feet.

The rise on Broken Bow Lake was expected to continue for at least another 24 hours, as further rains had been reported on the upper reaches of Mountain Fork.

Finch said that in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today, Hee Mountain Tower had recorded .63 of an inch, Carter Mountain Tower .65 of an inch and Carnisaw Mountain Tower .89 inch.

The lake level at Broken Bow Lake has increased 15.67 feet since Monday morning, when the 8 a.m. lake level reading was recorded at 581.07 feet.

Meanwhile, the 8 a.m. today level at Pine Creek Lake was reported at 451.21 feet by Dean Cummings, Pine Creek Lake manager.

This makes the rise on Pine Creek lake 17.90 feet since Monday morning, when the lake level was recorded at 433.31 feet.

Normal lake level is 438 feet, Cummings said, so the reservoir is now overfull and the level of the lake is continuing to rise slowly today.

However, the Corps of Engineers indicated that any overages would be held in impoundment in the lakes until the floods have abated and the water can be released slowly without danger of further damage on Little River.

Hilton Phillips, manager of the Phelps and Spitz catfish farm on the Little River northwest of Idabel, said the floodwaters surrounded his ponds, but apparently fell about 1½ feet short of going over the dikes.

"Another big rain today in the

Tornado Damage Assessed

Fairly firm final assessments of damage from the tornadoes which hit Idabel Sunday, October 22, indicate a total of about \$300,000 according to Mayor Charles McGowen.

"Of course, a few claims on damaged roofs, television antennas and the like are still coming in to insurance adjusters and insurance agencies," he said.

The mayor indicated that

representatives from Civil Defense, American Red Cross and Department of Housing & Urban Development have been in the area.

"They've been assessing damage and seem to be prepared to help those who need assistance with low interest loans and some special types of disaster relief.

"Damage and suffering would certainly have been a lot heavier except for the tremendous response we received from people and businessmen in McCurtain County," the Mayor pointed out.

"These people were quick to offer their services, and most of them have stayed right on the job just as long as they were needed to get the mess left by the storms cleared up.

"Practically all of the fallen trees and debris left by the storm was cleared away within four days after the storm was over.

"There is still a bit of tree trimming and detail work going on, but it would be hard to tell today, except in a couple of spots, that we ever had a tornado," McGowen continued.

The Mayor had high praise

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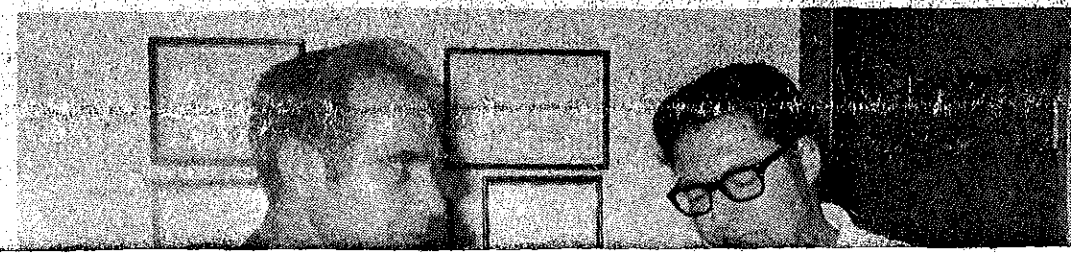
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Retail Sales Reflect Gain

Retail sales in McCurtain In Broken Bow, sales tax

30 advertisers are still appearing regularly on the page. This figure becomes even more remarkable when you stop to determine that 15 of the original business houses on the page have gone out of business or been sold and another six have had complete changes of management.

The five Idabel business firms who have been with the program every week since September 1, 1956, are Gamble Radio-TV, Rice Auto-Machine Shop, Warren's, Sherman's Shoes and Idabel National Bank.

Incidentally, one of the five, Gamble Radio-TV has also been a weekly supporter of the Gazette's Church Page since it was founded in June of 1957.

During the 16 years, all five of the firms which were original "Business Page" customers have experienced continuing success and growth in the business community.

Naturally, the Gazette cannot and does not want to take credit for the work done by the business leaders who have directed the destinies of these firms.

But, we would like to feel that over the years, our Business Page (now called Business & Industrial Page as a salute to progress) has helped in a small way.

But, the main reason that we brought the whole thing up in the first place is so that we might have an opportunity to say a great big "Thank You" to these five fine business institutions for their faith, support and friendship.

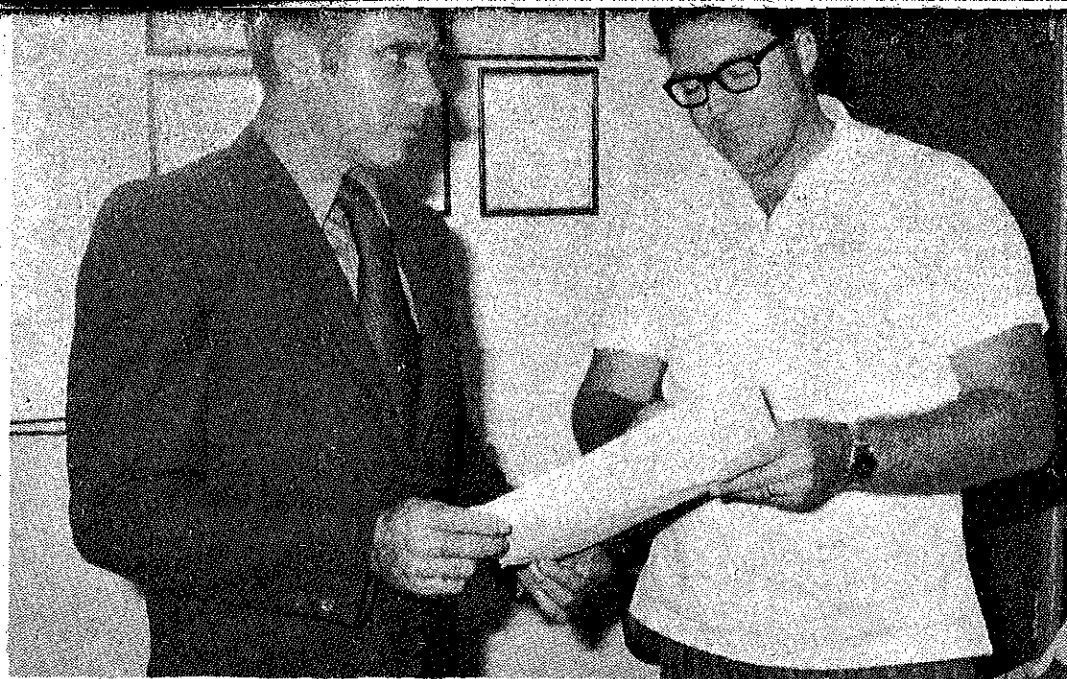
We've heard it said that a man may be measured by his friendships. If this is true, then with friends like these we are rich indeed.

Scout Leaders Meeting Set

A meeting for potential Girl Scout leaders and parents will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday, November 2, in the Fellowship hall of the First United Methodist church of Idabel.

All parents of Girl Scouts and all potential Girl Scout leaders are urged to be present by Mrs. Carl LeForce, neighborhood chairman.

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BLOOD DRIVE mobile unit to collect blood donations from volunteer Idabel residents is discussed by Mayor Charles McGowen (left) and Ron Short, blood recruiter for Idabel and

laboratory technician for McCurtain Memorial hospital. Collections will be made Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Idabel Public Service conference room.

Blood Donors Being Sought

If you are healthy, you can help both yourself and your hospital by donating a pint of blood in the current Idabel Blood Drive, says your McCurtain Memorial hospital.

Valliant Council Has Meet

VALLIANT - A faulty valve in Valliant's new water system hopefully will be replaced soon. Engineers Bob Poe and Dick Dudley of McAlester, who worked with Valliant city officials on the project completed earlier this year are to contact the manufacturers, seeking a replacement for the expensive valve.

Poe and Dudley met with the Valliant City Council Monday night to discuss the valve, and certain paperwork still to be completed on the water system project. The council will meet next on Nov. 14.

Anyone wishing to donate a pint of blood to the drive may do so between the hours of 1:30 and 6 p.m. Thursday (November 2) in the conference room of the Idabel Public Service Company offices.

Ron Short, laboratory technician for McCurtain Memorial hospital, who is serving as recruiter for the drive pointed out that donating a pint of blood can be both

Sales Set In Idabel

Two sales, one a bake sale and one a rummage sale, have been set in Idabel by the Ladies of the First Christian church of Idabel.

A bake sale will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, November 4, on East Main street in front of the First State Bank.

And, the rummage sale will begin at 8 a.m. Monday, November 6, in the old OTASCO warehouse at 114 South Central.

philanthropical and profitable for the donor.

"First," he said, "you have the pleasure of knowing that you have shared your good health with someone who needs your blood desperately to survive.

"Second, if you give a pint of blood in this drive, you and members of your immediate family will be entitled to receive all blood you and they need (should it be needed) for one full year.

"This can be quite a saving should you be hospitalized and need a transfusion, as in some hospitals blood will cost you as much as \$50 per pint," Short pointed out.

"Incidentally, the free blood coverage you receive is good anywhere in the United States should you require blood transfusions within the year covered.

"If you are in good health, it will pay you to stop in at the Public Service conference room Thursday afternoon and help us in this drive," the technician concluded.

Reflect Gain

Retail sales in McCurtain County continued to reflect gains at a healthy rate in September, according to the monthly bulletin of the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

Two percent sales tax collections reported from McCurtain County for the month totalled \$71,249.25. This may be compared with \$64,766.58 collected in September of 1971.

This is an increase of 9.9 percent, slightly under the overall state average of 12.27 percent but well ahead percentage-wise of other "Little Dixie" counties.

Flooding Postpones Exercise

An exercise on a simulated natural disaster scheduled for today and Thursday in Idabel has been postponed indefinitely by a real natural disaster...the floods on Glover and Little Rivers.

The exercise was to be a Civil Defense Emergency Simulation exercise conducted by the University of Oklahoma Civil Defense Training Center staff.

However, since state and local Civil Defense units are deeply involved in the flood problem, the exercise has been cancelled and will be rescheduled later.

A briefing session for leaders had been scheduled for this afternoon, with the actual simulation exercise to be held Thursday afternoon.

Those contacted for the briefing session this afternoon were notified by telephone this morning that the exercise has been postponed, with apologies from the Civil Defense Center.

Weather

Rain and showers ending this afternoon. Clearing and cooler tonight. Fair and warmer Thursday. High today and Thursday mid 50s. Low tonight upper 30s.

Oklahoma - Extended weather outlook, Friday through Sunday: Cloudy with occasional rain ending Friday night. Becoming fair Saturday and Sunday.

In Broken Bow, sales tax collections for September of this year totalled \$15,564.34, a slight decrease from the \$16,091.54 reported for the same month of the previous year.

Idabel's sales tax collections for September were reported at \$34,408.87 which is a healthy increase over the \$29,331.12 reported for September of 1971.

The Tax Commission points out that these figures do not necessarily reflect business activity exclusive to that month because of such things as late payments, etc.

However, for the most part, the collections come from business done by merchants in the month before which such reports were filed with the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

today, except in a couple of spots, that we ever had a tornado," McGowen continued.

The Mayor had high praise for the Weyerhaeuser Company, who sent truck, chain saws and personnel to help with the cleanup. "They're still helping this week with the final bits and pieces," he said.

"The Kellwood Company donated clothing to those who had lost their homes, and sent along a sizable check to be used for relief purposes, too," he pointed out.

"The public spirit, the cooperativeness and the push for recovery was really tremendous...that's the best word I can think of," McGowen said.

"The victims and people who were untouched by the storm all jumped in together and really got with it to pull our city back into good shape again.

floodwaters surging over the ponds, but apparently fell about 1½ feet short of going over the dikes.

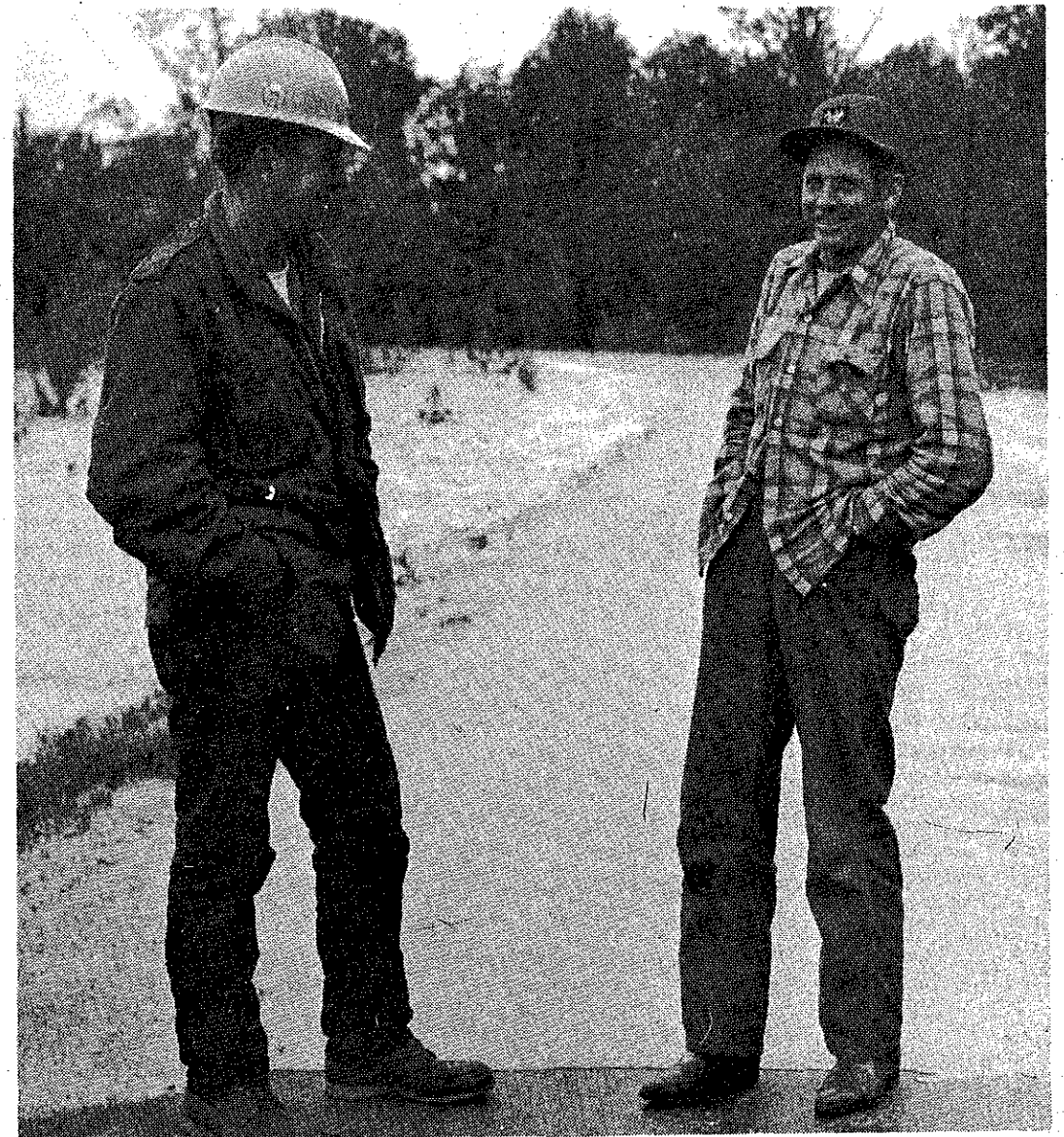
"Another big rain today in the mountains probably would do it," Phillips said.

"The only thing that saved us this time was the fact it was so dry and a lot of the water soaked in the ground.

He said if floodwaters wiped out his operations for a second time in less than a year, the project probably would be abandoned.

Last December's heavy rains sent floodwaters into the catfish ponds, and Hilton lost one-half million fingerlings, 20,000 pounds of food fish and about 2,500 pounds of brood fish.

At the present time, he said the ponds were stocked with one million fingerlings, 18,000 pounds of food fish and 2,000 pounds of brood fish.



FLOODWATERS from Little River flow over the roadbed of the California Cutoff northwest of Idabel. Wallace Taylor, left, and Charles

Bridges, both of Golden, check out the situation late Tuesday after being stopped by the floodwaters. (Gazette Photo)