

Fashion buyer for 39 years of Craigs of Houston . . .

92 year old woman reflects on changes in fashion and times

by Jean Ann Behney

Myrtle Lee is 92 years old and says, "I've seen about all of it that has amounted to anything in this world," and she has the stories and anecdotes, opinions and reactions

to prove it. This remarkable woman, whose clear blue eyes and phenomenal memory belie her age, recently shared some of her personal his-

tory with me, beginning with her roots as Myrtle Tysinger in Josephine, Tex., at the end of the 20th century.

Myrtle's earliest childhood memory is of her fourth Christmas. "I can remember that Christmas so clearly. The Christmas tree was put in the town church in those days and the presents were hung on it. We'd all gather there, all the little families in town, to sing and celebrate. We never got elaborate gifts, because there were eleven of us children in the family and that just wasn't what it was all about then, anyway. A little china doll was appreciated then as much as an automobile would be today!"

Myrtle's eyes soften as she reminisces about the stockings hung at the house, which on Christmas morning would hold pennies and fruit, and about the dinner table laden with "everything on earth that you could possibly want to eat." These special days just "stick in my mind," she explains, all these years later, "because nobody had a lot like people do now, but we enjoyed what we had just as much, or maybe even more."

Three years after a family move to West Texas, in 1914, Myrtle married Henry Lee. They made a

series of moves after the birth of their only child, Freddie (with whom Myrtle presently lives in Spearman), and then Henry died in 1932. Myrtle and Freddie settled in Houston, where Myrtle began a career in fashion merchandising which was to span over forty years.

For 39 years, Myrtle was the assistant buyer of fine ready-to-wear apparel at Craig's, a famous Houston department store. In the years 1940-79, she witnessed dramatic changes in fashion. "Fashion repeats itself every so many years," she claims, pointing out today's prevalent shoulder pads in women's clothing, which were all the rage in the 1940's. "It's as if the designers run out of new ideas, and have to go back to older ones and just modernize them a little bit," she muses.

At the beginning of her career, Myrtle recalls that the saleswomen had required apparel themselves. "We had to wear solid black, with no trim like white collar or cuffs and only simple jewelry," she says with a smile. She explains that this was less to standardize the "look" of the saleswomen as it was to simply keep everyone "presentable" in a classy store. In the mid-60's, Craig's loosened up on the "black only" rule, but Myrtle

says, "They sure let anybody know if she wasn't appropriately attired!"

Paris was and is still the fashion capital of the world, and although she did not make buying trips there ("I never wanted to fly"), Myrtle attended the Houston fashion shows at the hotels to help select what the store would sell. "I took one course in fashion," she says, "but I learned most of what I know by experience." She takes a moment to describe the difference between a good garment and its cheaply-made counterpart. "In a fine suit, every seam is finished and the fit is excellent," she begins. "The fabric is a good one that wears and washes well...like gabardine for a suit." She was once asked to model some suits, one of which was made of fine blue material with a price tag--over 35 years ago--of \$159.95. "After I modeled it, the store owner let me have it for about \$79. Years later, I tried to rip the seams apart to use the material in something else and I couldn't begin to get that sleeve off! Now that's a well-made suit!"

Styles which have come and gone in her lifetime which stand out in Myrtle's mind include hobble skirts (skirts which tapered so alarmingly to the ankles that

"you couldn't step up one step without hauling it up around your knees!"), the "chemise" of the 50's ("We lost money like the dickens on these, they were so ugly!"), and the advent of knits ("Love 'em--so pretty and easy to wear!") She admits that it is the designers who decide what the "look" will be, but insists that ugly clothes or extreme fads don't really ever sell well.

"I miss the gorgeous evening dresses made of georgette and crepe du chine," Myrtle says. "And I remember the \$350 suits trimmed in mink." To this day, the styles she prefers are "classic" ones with simple lines, just-below-the-knee skirt lengths, and not too many frills or fussy details. She recalls that a good saleswoman developed a close relationship with her regular customers, and that these customers grew to rely on their particular saleswoman's judgement. Some of her customers were quite wealthy, others were of the working class, and almost all of them were people she truly valued.

"I just loved my work," Myrtle says. "I hated to leave Houston and my job at first, but I had a bad fall and broke my shoulder, wrist

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Myrtle Lee is graciously modeling one of the suits she wore during her career as a fashion buyer and saleslady at Craig's clothing store of Houston. She wore it because of a special request of the photographer, and modestly remarked about her looks. As you see, she is a beautiful lady.

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Panthers stall the Lynx

The Spearman Lynx suffered a heartbreaking 7 to 0 loss Friday night at Panhandle against the Panhandle Panthers.

The Lynx, who were emotionally drained from the loss of their #1 fan and friend, Buck Tucker, this past week, could never get things to fall into place against the young but aggressive Panther squad.

The first quarter was a defensive duel between the two with neither team able to reach the others end zone.

The Lynx were the first to cross the scoring stripe, but the nifty 27-yard run by Shawn Cook was rubbed out by a clipping call on the Lynx.

That would be all the momentum the Panthers would need as their defense buckled up the Lynx offense and took over at their own 25-yard line with 10:30 left to play in the second quarter.

This time the Lynx defense returned the favor holding the Panthers in check and forcing them

to punt.

The Lynx threatened to score again shortly before halftime but an 85-yard drive to score fell short at the five yard line with 1:05 remaining in the second period.

The first half ended in a scoreless tie.

Panhandle came out firing the ball in the second half, since they were finding no success on the ground, and 170-pound senior QB Kent Nix, connected with four different receivers on a 10-play, 90-yard scoring drive.

The final pass went for 18-yards to junior wide receiver, Ryan Biggs. Quarterback Nix, who also handles the Panther kicking chores, booted the point after with 8:11 to go in the third quarter and the Panthers had all the points they would need on the night, leading 7 to 0.

The Lynx had five more opportunities to score, but the passing game would not connect on most occasions, when it did the stingy

Panther defense would stiffen and halt drives time and again.

No more scoring was done on the night and the 7 to 0 loss now darkens the Lynx ledger.

With the loss, the Lynx fall to four wins and three losses on the season, with the district record at 1 and one.

The win boosts Panhandle's record to 2-4-1 on the season, with their district record the same as the Lynx's.

Unofficial statistics on the night showed the Lynx with 12 first downs compared to eight for Panhandle, and 210 yards total offense for the Lynx while Panhandle managed 104.

The Lynx will try to rebound next week in the Spearman homecoming clash as the Lynx go up against the Highland Park Hornets from Amarillo in their third district contest.

Pre-game homecoming festivities begin at 7 p.m. with the crowning of the King and Queen. Make plans to be there early for all the fun.



Spearman volunteer firemen Rodney Fulce (left) and Eldon Myrick went to school Friday. They spent 20 minutes with each elementary class, telling the students about fire prevention and what to do in case of a fire in their homes. In this picture they are showing the students the fire truck and telling them what they do when they go to put out fires. Staff photo by KAREN GOODMAN



Nurse Helen Prachar is giving a flu shot to one of the many local residents who took advantage of the Senior Citizen's Health Fair last Thursday. She jested to one of the recipients, "This is the most fun I've had all day." Nurse Prachar was one of the many volunteers who donated their time to give flu

shots, do blood work, check hearing, and other volunteer health checks. Citizens taking advantage of the fair, also filled out a questionnaire, and information was to be sent back to each on what kinds of lifestyle changes each individual might make to lessen their chance of certain ailments.

**THE
HANSFORD REPORT**

By Karen Goodman

After watching the LAST debate of this election season Thursday night, I have finally made up my mind which presidential candidate I will vote for. I finally decided which of the two candidates better represented my convictions and inspirations for the future.

I had the same feeling of disappointment that undoubtedly many Americans had though, when I witnessed the verbal abuse each of the candidates dished out to the other on occasion. I do not intend this to criticize either of the candidates, though. Who could understand the tremendous amount of pressure each of them are already under? They are scrutinized in all areas of their life, which of course, is necessary, to be able to choose the leader for this country.

In this day and age, besides knowing all about foreign and domestic affairs, candidates seem to need to worry about being likeable to the general public to be able to win the election.

"Are you a likeable fellow?" Can you imagine this as one of the questions that Jefferson or Lincoln would have had to answer? For me, I may not see my choice as an especially likeable guy, but I will rather choose the one I can find the most respect for.

Going back to the subject of the pettiness that was demonstrated in this campaign and in previous campaigns, I think others could take some blame for it besides just the candidates. Look at the ways some members of the news media ask the questions. Many of the questions seemed aimed to get the one candidate to attack his opponent, instead of merely stating his views on a topic. It seems to me the news media then must accept some of the blame.

And when reading various articles over the debates, I found that usually the first things in an article and the most emphasized of the article were the jabs the candidates made to each other.

Perhaps if we studied why this was so, we might find that this must be something that many Americans just like to hear, or

DPS changes location

A trooper from the Department of Public Safety reported that beginning Thursday, Oct. 27 the DPS will change the time and location for their work in Spearman.

The DPS will still come to Spearman on Fridays at the Home Demonstration Building until that time. On Oct. 27, the DPS will be in Spearman on Thursdays at the City Hall, 30 SW Court, for all driver's license needs. Hours will remain the same, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 659-3707.

surely so many wouldn't be so eager to print the debates in this fashion. So, who else can share in the blame for the smallness displayed in the debates or campaigns?

I know not everyone likes to hear these kinds of things. But maybe we can take some lessons out of the debates ourselves. Try to look for the good in others, (as one newspaper asks one of the candidates to do of the other) and, look deep within ourselves, and try to see what some of our shortcomings are that may cause more harm to our community and those that surround us.

Doc Blakely's

Pokin' Fun



Remember the days of the Arab oil embargo? Gasoline was so expensive that girls were putting a little dab behind each ear in hopes of attracting their own geologist.

On the back of a horse-drawn carriage, a sign read "horse-powered vehicle. Runs on oats and hay. Don't step in the exhaust."

The average miles per gallon of gasoline in 1978 was 12. The current average is 24. We've economized in America. That's why our cars now cost twice as much.

An alarming number of cars are made in Japan. Tokyo residents are sending care packages to Detroit.

Maybe it was because of the typical corporate structure of the automobile company, the one-on-one relationship. One employee per vice-president.

"Hello, I'm vice-president in charge of Fred."

Those were the days when car manufacturers were building them bigger and faster, fitted with extra tanks so that if they hit the hill at 120 m.p.h. they could coast into the next gas station.

Remember when we used to put

a tiger in our tank? Now, we're lucky if we can accelerate past one.

Cars were once made with separate air conditioning units front and back. That was so you didn't have to breathe the same air as the chauffeur. I saw a car like that recently. It was for sale, cheap. The owner said he'd even throw in six newly laid eggs in the front seat.

Well, it's finally happened. We've all conserved so much that oil is worthless and we've gotten so used to economizing, we can't give up the habit. Did you ever think you'd live to see the day when your cars would come from Japan, Korea, and Yugoslavia? I heard of a guy buying a deluxe Toyota. When he complained that it didn't have a spare, they gave him a Honda.

I suppose it just proves the old adage: "Success is getting what you want. Happiness is wanting what you get."

In automotive terms, the Arabs got the energy, the Asians got the chassis, and Americans should be happy with the shaft.

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and elbow, as well as two ribs, in 1979, and after that I didn't work again." She sighs but then brightens visibly. "But it's better for me up here with Freddie now that I am older," she admits, "and I still do anything I want to do—keep my own room and help out with the housework. Freddie and I have always enjoyed one another so much."

Myrtle enjoys daytime television shows which deal with today's world, such as "Oprah" and "Donahue" and especially international news. She continues to be fascinated with the speed at which worldwide events become news. "I remember hearing the news of President McKinley's assassination (in 1901)," she remembers. "My father came in with a news-

paper, and showed us. This was a few days after it had happened, of course, but that was the soonest that word got to us." She also remembers going over to a family member's house and gathering around a "sputtering" radio to listen for news of World War I, as well as seeing television and airplanes for the first time.

As for world events of the past thirty years, which she considers to be "not very long ago," Myrtle says the biggest event of her 92 years has been the exploration of outer space, culminating in man's walk on the moon. "Being in Houston, where it all happened, I really felt a part of all that," she says.

Other events which affected her deeply over the years were the

School plans activities for homecoming week

The week of Spearman High School Homecoming is set for Oct. 17 through 21. There are many exciting activities planned for this week.

Many girls will be participating in "Luv Ya Lynx Week" beginning Sunday, Oct. 16. They will be decorating lockers from 2 to 4 p.m. at the high school as a special treat for homecoming.

Beginning Monday morning, all students are invited to take part in the spirit building activities for all days of the week. Monday is "Get Physical Day" and all students are urged to wear sweats and sweat-shirts (preferably purple and white).

Tuesday is "Kick 'Em Day" and all students will wear their boots. Wednesday is "Tacky Tourist Day" and students should dress as tourists (camera, hats, Hawaiian shirts, etc).

Thursday is "Tie Up the horns Day": wear your bandanas and ties! Friday is "Hats off to the LYNX Day": and everyone should wear their favorite hat. Friday is also Purple Pride Day and students should wear the school colors of purple and white to show school spirit.

All week long students will be building one big bonfire on the lot east of the high school in support of the Lynx. There will be a snake dance and bonfire pep rally Thursday night. The snake dance will begin on the west parking lot at 8:30 p.m. and snake its way to the bonfire where the pep rally will be held. The students and community are invited to support the LYNX at the snake dance and bonfire Thursday night.

Friday afternoon there will be an all-school pep rally in the varsity gym at the junior high. Pep rally time is 2:55 p.m. All are invited to raise the spirit for our football team. The theme for this pep rally is "swat the hornets" and all fans are encouraged to bring their fly-swatters!

Be sure to come out Friday and eat supper with the FFA. They will be serving bar-b-que and all the

trimmings from 5 to 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Buy tickets early from any FFA member or at the door. Adults are \$5 and children are \$3.

The football homecoming king and queen will be crowned and attendants presented at the homecoming ceremony Friday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. at the football stadium. The homecoming game against Highland Park will begin at 7:30 p.m. Immediately after the game until 1:30 a.m. the cheerleaders are sponsoring a homecoming dance. All students, alumni of Spearman High School and their guests are invited to attend. Admission is \$3 for singles and \$5 for couples.



FACTS & FIGURES

Researchers are working on ways to save some of the over a million Americans who will have a heart attack in the next twelve months.



One phase of this life-saving effort is to try to prevent heart disease by helping people lower their cholesterol levels. Your doctor can tell you what yours is. He or she will advise you of measures that might be taken to lower your cholesterol level, if it is too high.

If cholesterol level reductions are necessary, you may be given a special diet, advised to follow an exercise regimen, or take a medication designed to lower your level.

You can get a copy of a booklet on cholesterol and your health from Citizens for Public Action on Cholesterol at P.O. Box 66408, Washington, D.C. 20006. Made possible by a grant from Merck Sharp & Dohme.

Scholarships available to students

High school students who are interested in applying for \$1,000 college scholarships should request applications by Dec. 1, from Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation, 721 N McKinley Road, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045.

To receive an application, students should send a note stating their name, address, city, state and zip code, approximate grade point average and year of graduation.

Sixty-five winners will be selected on the basis of academic perfor-

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mance, involvement in extra-curricular activities and need for financial aid.

Free Hearing Test
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83% of U.S. population may be victims of crime

The United States is now the most dangerous society on earth. According to the U.S. Justice Department's current report on crime, 83 percent of our population will be victimized by violent crime at least once in their lifetime and 99 percent will be victimized by theft or property crime. One American is murdered every twenty-five minutes, raped every seven minutes, robbed every fifty-nine seconds, assaulted every forty-nine seconds, burglarized every nine seconds.

In the past fifteen years, our attempts to deal with this terror have mostly failed, leaving us with both the world's highest rate of incarceration and its highest rate of criminal violence.

In Texas, we know that the rising incidence of violent crime is closely linked to the problems of alcohol and drug abuse. More than 80 percent of all inmates entering the Texas Department of Corrections are high school dropouts and 83 percent of them have abused drugs. At least half of the inmates on Death Row are there because they allowed drugs or alcohol to seize control of their lives. And many urban police departments estimate that at least 90 percent of all reported burglaries and robberies can be directly tied to alcohol and drug abusers with degrees in crime.

Clearly, the time has come to rethink our approach to reducing crime. I believe that one of the most effective measures we can take is to tackle the problem of alcohol and drug abuse and make it socially unacceptable. But because this goal of prevention requires an attitudinal change, the traditional approach of teaching substance identification and emphasizing the dangers of abuse is simply not enough. What is needed instead is a creative program that addresses value decisions, self-esteem, respect for the law, and methods of resisting peer pressure. And the program must begin with our children - before they become involved with those substances.

That is precisely what Project D.A.R.E., or Drug Abuse Resistance Education, is designed to do. Developed five years ago in Los Angeles, D.A.R.E. is a cooperative effort between law enforcement agencies and local school districts to provide comprehensive education to fifth-grade students. D.A.R.E. programs are currently being tested or implemented in 24 Texas cities, including, Arlington, Atlanta, Austin, Bedford, Burlington, College Station, Corpus Christi, Eden, Euless, Fort Worth, Gatesville, Georgetown, Hereford, Houston, Hurst, Irving, La Porte,

Midland, McAllen, San Angelo, San Antonio, Stafford, Texarkana, and Waco.

The concept is simple - and effective. As part of their regular school-day curriculum, students are taught special skills to help them stand up to the temptations of alcohol and drugs. The first of the seventeen lessons given each semester acquaints students with the role of the police and teaches them specific safety practices. In subsequent lessons, the children learn to resist peer pressure, manage stress, make positive decisions, find alternatives to drug abuse, and form support systems.

Because the sophistication level of fifth-graders regarding substance abuse is sometimes more advanced than that of classroom teachers, all D.A.R.E. instructors are uniformed police officers, selected on the basis of patrol experience and a sincere interest in children. The credibility the officers provide by teaching their classes in uniform is a key element missing from other programs.

Participating officers are given a rigorous eighty-hour training course during which they learn counseling strategies, classroom management, and teaching techniques prepared by school district personnel. Each officer is then assigned to five elementary schools reporting to a different campus every day of the week. They teach the basic D.A.R.E. lessons to their fifth-grade students, spending the remainder of the school day with the kindergarten through fourth grades. In this way, it is possible for one officer to present weekly programs at five different schools during a semester year while giving younger students a taste of what to expect when they enter the fifth grade.

Inservice training guarantees that the instructors' skills remain sharp. They hold bi-weekly meetings to discuss and solve classroom problems, and attend annual week-long seminars to refresh their training and refine the curriculum. Their work extends beyond the classroom, as well. Recess is spent on the playground with the students, helping them get to know the officers as friends. Time is also set aside to discuss the concerns of principals and teachers. And for parents, an evening session provides information on symptoms of drug use, ways to improve family communication, and counseling resources.

The program is funded through a variety of methods: direct appropriations from local government, a combination of state and federal law enforcement grants, corporate

OUR **HERITAGE**

A Frontiersman's Inauguration

Early next year, we will inaugurate a new president of the United States at the Capitol in Washington, D.C. Whether it is a Democrat or Republican, the inauguration is certain to be an event marked by a serious speech, a parade down Pennsylvania Avenue and extremely high security. Some recent presidents have tried to break this mold — Jimmy Carter walked the inaugural parade route in 1977 — but no matter how hard the new president tries to bring his inauguration to the people, nothing will ever match Andrew Jackson's presidential inauguration of 1829.

Jackson, a national hero for leading the American forces to victory in the Battle of New Orleans in the War of 1812, ran for president in 1828 as the people's candidate. Born in a log cabin in what is now North Carolina, he was a true frontiersman and appealed to the common man. Affectionately known as "Old Hickory," he was the first president of the United States who was not from either Virginia or Massachusetts.

On March 4, 1829, a huge crowd of the common people who helped make Jackson president came to Washington, D.C., for his inauguration. What happened was very different from any of the inaugurations that had come before — or since.

"When the speech was over and the president made his parting bow, the barrier that had separated the people from him was broken down, and they rushed up the steps all eager to shake hands with him," a contemporary of Jackson's recalled years later. "It was with difficulty that he made his way through the Capitol and down the hill to the gateway that opens on the avenue."

Jackson mounted his horse for his inaugural ride down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House, the throng trailing behind him. When the mob reached the White House, where Jackson was to give a reception for government officials, it did not stop. Frontiersmen, backwoodsmen, laborers and war veterans forced their way into the White House to celebrate the inauguration of their hero. Some stood on fancy chairs in their muddy boots to see Jackson while others pushed aside members of Congress and their wives to get to tables of food, smashing White House china.

The new president was pushed up against the wall by the tide of well-wishers and had to be protected by a ring of friends who linked arms to create a barrier around him. He eventually was forced to escape the White House through a back door. The partying crowd, however, did not leave until their square-dancing was done several hours later. ■

One of a series of columns on the history and heritage of America.

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support, and private donations. The major costs include transportation, room and board for the two-week training course in Los Angeles. The promotional materials needed - student workbooks, visual aids, and informational pamphlets for parents - may take the form of in-kind contributions from private citizens or ad agencies and other businesses eager to help fight alcohol and drug abuse in their communities.

By now, it should be obvious that there will never be enough money or police officers to stop the flow of drugs coming into the country, the availability of alcohol, or the growing crime rates that inevitably ensue. The only way to begin repairing our social fabric is by educating future generations. Project D.A.R.E. is a preventive program based on the premise that if we reduce the demand, the supply will also diminish.

That's why I have recently produced public service announcements to encourage elementary students to enroll in D.A.R.E. programs in their local schools and to urge parents, teachers, and community organizations to get behind the efforts of their police and sheriffs' departments in supporting this outstanding program.

I believe that D.A.R.E. should be present in every school system in Texas. We can talk as long as we

like about stricter laws or longer sentences for offenders. We can say that the strong cooperation between local schools and local law enforcement required to make a success of such programs is an insurmountable obstacle. And we can warn the D.A.R.E. represents a major investment we can ill afford in these tough financial times. But until attitudes change - until the abuse of alcohol and drugs is made socially unacceptable to our children - the price Texas communities pay each year to confine prisoners, replace stolen property, and heal ruined lives will be far greater.

Nominations are being accepted for outstanding high school teachers

Nominations which will lead to the recognition of several hundred distinguished high school teachers are being made by principals across Texas. Forms were mailed this week to every high school principal in the state.

The Texas Excellence Awards for Outstanding High School Teachers were created in 1986 by the University of Texas Ex-Students' Association in cooperation with UT's College of Education. Over the past two years, some 600 teachers who were nominated by their principals were recognized in their hometowns for their outstanding contributions.

"The University is appreciative of the important role high school teachers play in preparing their students for later challenges," said UT President William Cunningham. "Every student on our campus is a statement of accomplishment for secondary teachers. Without quality high school teaching, the University could not begin to fulfill its mission," he said.

All teachers selected for the award will be recognized through local publicity, and many will be honored by UT alumni clubs in their towns. Ten of them will be invited to the UT campus for special recognition.

The 10 honorees will receive \$1,000, a commemorative sculpture, and an exclusive on-campus conference which will include meetings with top students, faculty and administrators for informal discussions and intellectual exchange.

Specific University of Texas enrichment opportunities will be tailored to each honoree's field of expertise, putting the teachers in touch with faculty and facilities that are at the heart of the educational process.

The 10 will be selected by a committee composed of distinguished UT alumni, high school officials, and UT students, faculty and administrators.

Dr. Waneen Spirduso, Interim Dean of Education, explained that the program "...is the University's way of raising public awareness of the contributions that teachers make, and raising the esteem of the teaching profession and individual teachers in communities across the state."

According to Roy Vaughan,

Executive Director of The Ex-Students' Association, any high school teacher in Texas is eligible to be nominated for the honor by his or her principal.

High school students, former students, parents and Texas Exes are encouraged to recommend nominees to their principal. The deadline for nominations is Nov. 15.

New appliances can help keep energy bills down

If you're shopping for a new kitchen appliance, you probably know that the new features are great for saving time and for making cooking a whole lot easier, but did you also know they'll lower your energy bills as well?

When looking for a new refrigerator or freezer, you can save money by buying one that's just large enough for your family's needs. Any larger and you're wasting energy. And if your new refrigerator is equipped with a power-saver switch to prevent "sweating" on the outside of the refrigerator doors, try turning the switch off and see if condensation is a problem; if not, turn the switch off, and you'll save money.

With your current kitchen appliances, you can save energy too. Always match the size of the cooking utensil to the heating element, and use lids to keep the heat in the pots and pans. If your oven has a self-cleaning cycle, use it only for major cleaning jobs—a few times a year. Whenever possible, use your microwave oven instead of your conventional range or oven. You'll use less energy.

When it's time to clean up, remember that your dishwasher uses the same amount of hot water to wash a half load of dishes as it does for a full load. Also, if your dishwasher has an "air dry" setting, using it to dry your dishes saves you about 10 percent of your total dishwashing energy costs. In the winter, turn the dishwasher off when it reaches the drying cycle, and open the door. You'll add humidity to the dry air, and save money by air drying your dishes naturally.

You can also cut your energy bill while washing and drying your clothes. For big savings, use warm or cold water whenever possible. And always use cold water for rinses. When drying clothes, don't overdry them, and clean the lint filter thoroughly after each complete drying cycle.

There you have them, simple energy-saving steps that when practiced regularly, will go a long way in lowering your home's monthly energy bill.

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October 17 - CHRISTMAS IN THE NORTH WOODS

October 18 - A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

October 19 - AN AMERICAN CHRISTMAS

October 20 - CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

October 21 - A BEARY MERRY CHRISTMAS

October 22 - CHRISTMAS JUST FOR KIDS

We hope you will attend our Open House, Sunday, October 16th and daily demonstrations.

<p style="text-align: center;">COFFEE SHOP MENU</p> <p>MONDAY [Christmas in the north woods]</p> <p>Choctaw Nation Pizza Salad Sitting Bull's Indian Pudding</p> <p>TUESDAY [A Country Christmas]</p> <p>Wild Duck Salad Indian Bread Potato Pudding</p> <p>WEDNESDAY [An American Christmas]</p> <p>Southern Fried Chicken Susanna's Green Beans Spoonbread Stewed Apples</p>	<p>THURSDAY [Christmas Memories]</p> <p>Deep South's Meat Pie Salad Mary Todd Lincoln's Pumpkin Walnut Pie</p> <p>FRIDAY [A Beary Merry Christmas]</p> <p>Old Kentucky Country Ham Grandma's Buttermilk Biscuits Grandmother's Cole Slaw Granny Eversole's Butterscotch Pie</p>
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER
16th 2:00-4:00

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Hospitals to host Elect To Protect Medicare Forum

Several hospitals in Amarillo and Canyon will host an Elect To Protect Medicare Forum on Tuesday Oct. 25 at 10 a.m. in the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Auditorium, 1400 Wallace Blvd., in Amarillo. The purpose of the Medicare Information Exchange is to help the public better understand the Medicare program, and to educate them regarding the impact of future Medicare budget cuts. Political candidates, hospital administrators, physicians, and Medicare representatives will be available at the Forum to answer questions and concerns regarding Medicare.

The Forum is a part of the Medicare Advocacy Campaign sponsored by the American Hospital Association (AHA). Through the Campaign, AHA hopes to help the public express its concerns to Congress regarding the quality of and access to patient care, and

adequate Medicare funding to ensure that care. Hospitals are concerned that continued inadequate Medicare reimbursement is jeopardizing their ability to provide quality care to all individuals. According to the American Hospital Association, Medicare patients account for 45% of patient-days in hospitals in the United States.

Over the past five years Congress has cut the Medicare budget by \$32 billion. Fifty-four Texas hospitals have closed in the past three years, and latest estimates predict that nearly half of America's hospitals will lose money on Medicare admissions in 1990.

The Elect To Protect Medicare Forum is sponsored by Family Hospital, High Plains Baptist Hospital, Northwest Texas Hospital, Palo Duro Hospital, and St. Anthony's Hospital. For more information interested individuals may call (806) 358-5034.

Among the Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Recent guests of Reba and Richard Ooley were Mr. and Mrs. Randal Key and two children. Mrs. Key is Reba's sister. They flew in from Spur and spent one night. Both Mr. and Mrs. Key's fathers had left antique guns with Richard for restoration which were ready to be returned.

Richard's ability to restore old guns is becoming well-known.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Harbour returned the latter part of the week from 10 days in Lake City, Colo. Her sister, Ruth, and Don Chisum of Stinnett joined them for several days. The last part of the week Betsy and Jewell Ward drove up to share in the relaxing and to enjoy the foliage and visit some old ghost towns and other locales.

It was a clear picture, in the current issue of the Texas Highway Magazine, of the windmills on the J.B. Buchanan place. However his

initials were incorrect and Spearman is considered the locale of the windmills, not Stinnett, at least to Spearman residents.

Mrs. Virus Wilbanks, who underwent heart bypass surgery last week, is reported by family members, to be showing some slight improvement. She is still in Critical Cardiac Care Unit No. 1 at High Plains Baptist Hospital and family members are in attendance.



The globefish staves off predators by gulping a large quantity of water, till it becomes simply too large to be swallowed by its enemies.

Accomplishments have been noted during 1988 fiscal year

Many activities and accomplishments have been noted in the Hansford Soil and Water Conservation District during the 1988 fiscal year.

The current District Board of Directors consists of Charles Brillhart-chairman, Elmo Dahl-vice chairman, Keith Lamb-secretary-treasurer, Robert Novak-member and Frank Pittman-member. District employees include Kenneth Burke-equipment operator, Ben Upchurch-technician and Joanne Eaton-clerk.

USDA-Soil Conservation Service personnel headquartered at the Spearman Field Office which assist Hansford SWCD landusers are Monnie Edwards-district conservationist, Vaden Aldridge-range conservationist, Duval Burton-soil conservationist and Joe Vanderburg-soil conservation technician.

Some of the District's activities included the Banker's Award Banquet in November, a minister's luncheon and program during Soil Stewardship Week in May, atten-

dance at Panhandle Association of SWCDs meeting at Perryton and Memphis and attending the Texas Association of SWCDs meeting in Galveston.

Accomplishments include the development of 241 conservation compliance plans on 109,436 acres so that producers farming highly erodible land could remain eligible for USDA program benefits after January 1, 1990. There were 749 landusers provided technical assistance and 329 of those assisted applied one or more conservation practices.

Some of the conservation practices applied included 15,584 acres of Conservation Reserve (CRP) land seeded to grass, 23 acres of grass waterways shaped, 25,205 feet of diversion terraces constructed and 40,858 feet of underground irrigation pipeline installed.

Hansford SWCD also sold 2,360 windbreak seedling trees to local landusers for planting in wildlife habitat plots as well as farmstead windbreaks.

Financial assistance program established by Legislature

A new financial assistance program, aimed at older, disabled Texans, has been established by the Texas Legislature in cooperation with the local exchange telephone companies throughout the state. "Tel-Assistance" is the name given to the new program.

"Tel-Assistance will reduce certain charges on a qualifying person's telephone bill by 65 percent," according to Tim Raven, President of the Texas Telephone Association. "Eligible customers may have Touchtone service or custom calling services, however, the discount will not apply to these services."

Raven adds that Tel-Assistance service recipients will also receive appropriate reduction of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) line charge. Discounts do not apply to long distance, telephone equipment or installation charges.

The Tel-Assistance program is

under the direction of the Texas Department of Human Services. To qualify for Tel-Assistance, an applicant must meet several requirements.

Applicants must be 65 years of age or older and must be disabled. Additionally, applicants must be the head of a household and have an income at or below the Federal poverty level.

"Additional information regarding Tel-Assistance is available from the Texas Department of Human Services," Raven said. "Interested parties can call toll-free, 1-800-343-83253, or write to Tel-Assistance Service, Texas Department of Human Services, Mail Code 952-X, P.O. Box 2901, Austin, Tx 78769."

Applicants for the program are processed by the Department of Human Services, as well. The Department will advise telephone companies if a person is eligible for Tel-Assistance.

Sacred Hearts to hold annual Mexican dinner

Once again Sacred Hearts Annual Mexican Dinner is underway. It will be held at the Catholic Parish Hall on Oct. 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The menu will include:
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DESSERT

Take out orders will be served. The price for adults will be \$5.50 and \$3.50 from 6 years to 12 years. The kiddies under 6 will be served a free plate.

The ladies of Sacred Heart hope to see many there enjoying the homemade Mexican food.



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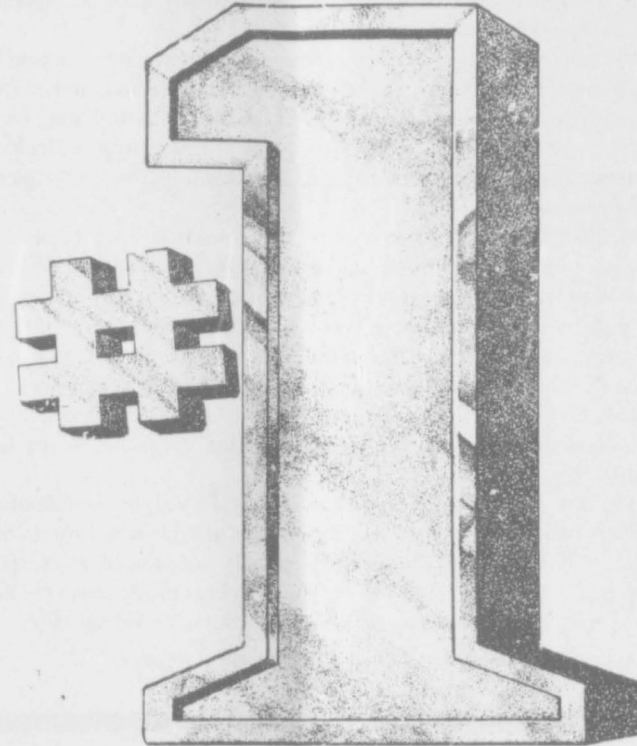
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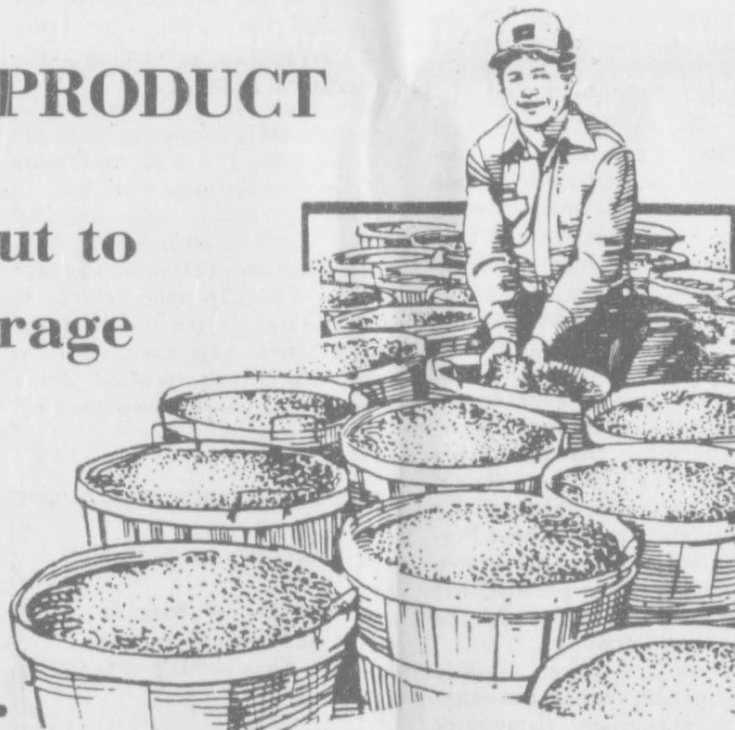
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ELEMENTARY-JR. HIGH MENU OCT 17 - OCT 21

MONDAY
PIGS IN A BLANKET
POTATO SALAD
PORK & BEANS
PINEAPPLE TIDBITS
MILK

TUESDAY
PIZZA
ROTINI/SAUCE
COMBINATION SALAD
CORN ON COB
ORANGE JELLO
MILK

WEDNESDAY
CHAR-BURGER
FRIES
LETTUCE/TOMATO
PICKLE/ONION
BROWNIE
MILK

THURSDAY
CHICKEN FRIED STEAK
MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY
BUTTERED CARROTS
APPLESAUCE
BISCUIT/JELLY
MILK

FRIDAY
TACOS/CHEESE
PINTO BEANS
SPANISH RICE
LETTUCE/ TOMATO SALAD
CHOCO-CHIP COOKIE
MILK

HIGH SCHOOL MENU OCT 17 - OCT 21

MONDAY
PIGS IN A BLANKET
PORK & BEANS
SALAD BAR
PINEAPPLE TIDBITS
MILK

TUESDAY
PIZZA
ROTINI/SAUCE
SALAD BAR
ORANGE JELLO
MILK

WEDNESDAY
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Gamebirds at risk if fed untested feeds

Wildlife managers and owners who are planning extensive feeding programs for their quail or other gamebirds may want to feed milo instead of corn, according to a wildlife specialist.

Dr. Jack Payne, who is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Corpus Christi, said wildlife interests should be aware of potential problems caused by aflatoxin in corn.

"For this reason, a wildlife manager may want to feed his gamebirds—especially quail—milo rather than corn," Payne said.

Aflatoxin is a chemical product of the fungus, *Aspergillus flavus*. The fungus does not attack the milo plant as readily as it does corn in times of drought stress, Payne said.

He said that while all gamebirds are at risk from eating contaminated grain, most experts believe that quail have the highest risks. White-tailed deer and turkeys are much more diverse in their eating habits, with supplemental grain

making up only a portion of their diet, yet they are still at some risk. "Quail, on the other hand, depend much more heavily on the grain that is supplied to them in feeders and broadcast along senderos," Payne said.

Doves that are shot over corn fields—are known to contain aflatoxin—are safe for eating if one discards the liver, Payne said.

He said historical records indicate that aflatoxin has been around for thousands of years, although it wasn't discovered until 1960 when 100,000 turkeys died in England from eating contaminated peanut meal. It was first recognized in the U.S. in 1966 in 30,000 bushels of corn that had been stored for a long period.

Payne said wildlife managers or ranchers can sometimes have their corn tested at the grain elevator where it is purchased. If this is not possible, a person can send a grain sample to the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, Texas A&M University, Drawer 3040, College Station, Texas 77841.

Job placement rates have increased despite economy

Job placement rates of graduates of community colleges and technical institutes have increased despite the state's economic condition, according to a statewide report released recently.

Jim F. Reed, director of Student Information Systems (Tex-SIS) says this is just one of the trends found in the recent survey which supports the belief that education will become even more important to employees of the future.

"Employment opportunities of the future will require much higher skill levels," said Reed. "This trend signals the beginning of an era in which many employees must have formal postsecondary training to be successful in the workplace."

Surveys were conducted at 44 community colleges and technical institutes in Texas, including Texas State Technical Institute in Amarillo. Over 20,000 former students and employers annually take part in the surveys, which span all regions of the state to gather information on salaries and placements, labor market trends, and student demographics.

"Even in our current economic times, students who complete occupational programs at community colleges and technical institutes are very successful in finding good jobs in their fields of study," Reed said. "Students without post-secondary education will find it increasingly difficult to secure and hold the type of jobs that have a future."

Students who complete two-year occupational Associate Degrees can expect higher starting salaries. "Completing a full two years is well worth the money," said Reed. "After program completion, one-year occupational Certificate completers reported an average annual

salary of \$13,512; for completers of two-year occupational Associate Degrees, the salary was \$18,048."

Students who complete community college and technical institute programs also help contribute to the economic development of the region. The study found that over 96% of the occupational students stay within Texas to practice their skills.

Student Information Systems, headquartered in Corsicana, Tx, processes and analyzes data for colleges, associations, and agencies in Texas and other states. Reed recently authored a booklet on accountability in community and technical colleges.

Boy Scouts

The Boy Scouts of Spearman will be holding their annual Dad-Lad Cake Bake fundraiser at the Spearman High School cafeteria next Tuesday, Oct. 18.

The scouts need to have their cakes ready to begin being judged at 6:30 and the auctioning of the cakes will begin at 7 p.m. The theme for this year's bake is "Things Under the Ocean". Minimum bids for the cakes are set at \$25. All local businesses and individuals are invited to come and bid in this the only fundraiser the local scouts use to support their yearly activities.

PSU students began student teaching assignments

Five Panhandle State University teacher education students began their student teaching assignments in Texas on Sept. 26.

Tashia Duncan is student teaching in Perryton and Angela Elmore is in Gruver. Both are home economics majors. PSU students majoring in the field of elementary education are Shelly Friemel, Gruver; Lisa Petty, Borger; and Lori Vinson, Dalhart.

They are among the twenty-six Panhandle State University teacher education students who began their teaching assignments in grade schools and high schools in four states.

Under the guidance of a skilled supervising teacher, this directed observation in student teaching is designed to give each prospective teacher practical experience in actual classroom instruction.

In addition to actual teaching experience, conferences will be conducted each week for the student teachers. Practical problems arising in the student teaching situation are discussed at the conferences as well as the general problems relating to the teaching profession.

All twenty-six students will return to the PSU campus on Nov. 3 for a seminar. Other than that one day they will be in the public schools for the next twelve weeks.

West Texas State to celebrate homecoming

West Texas State will celebrate homecoming, the 25th anniversary of WT's designation as a university and the rededication of Old Main the weekend of Oct. 14. Past and present members of the WT community and interested supporters and friends of the University are invited to attend "Silver on its Way to Gold" festivities.

Homecoming activities fill the calendar Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14 and 15, culminating with Saturday's 2 p.m. football game versus East Texas State at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium.

The honor groups for this year's homecoming are the Class of 1938, gathering for their 50th reunion; the Greeks, which includes alumni of WT's nationally recognized social sororities and fraternities; and the T-Club, an organization of ex-athletes.

Tours of newly renovated Old Main, the oldest and most historic building on the WT campus, will be conducted from 1:20-3:00 p.m. and from 3:30-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16. The formal dedication of Old Main and 25th anniversary celebration is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. on the south steps of Old Main.

Ex-students may register with the Ex-Students Association at Buffalo Courts from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14 and from noon-1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. For more information, contact the Ex-Students Association at 806-656-2311.

Club News

4-H Club
by Joy Gafford

The Spearman 4-H met again on Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. Wesley Jarvis was the guest speaker. He brought some animal traps and gave an interesting demonstration on trapping.

Jarvis told the club all about the history of trapping, and about why people trap today.

If anyone is interested in joining 4-H, attend one of the monthly meetings and get registered. There will be a lot of new, fun activities starting up so hurry and join. The next meeting will be Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. at the County Barn.

Local Happening?

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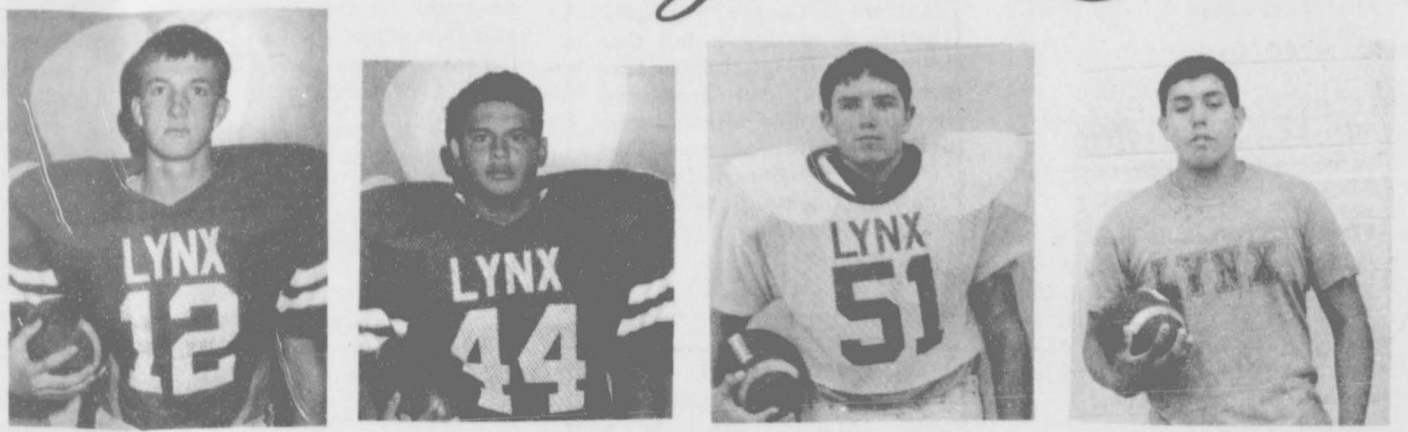
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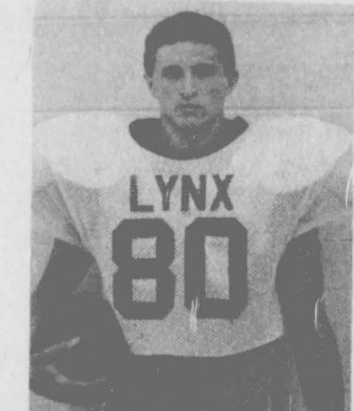
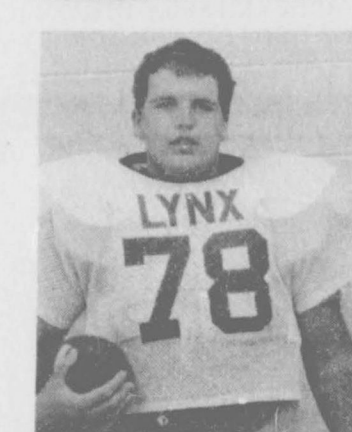
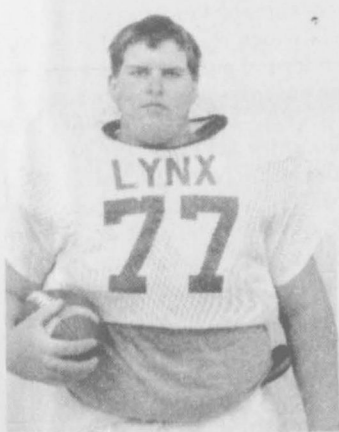
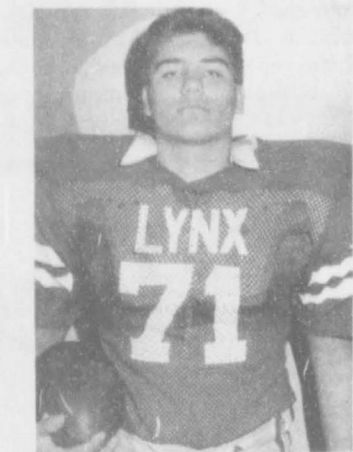
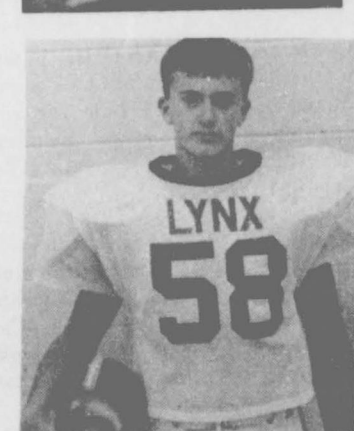
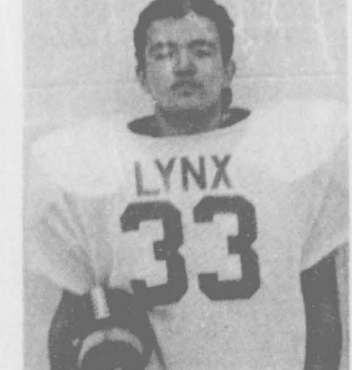
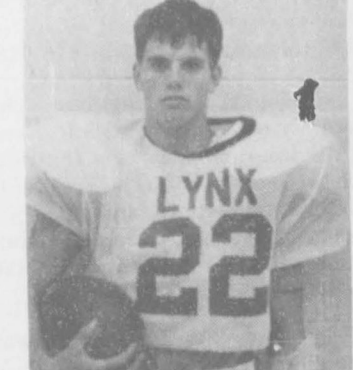
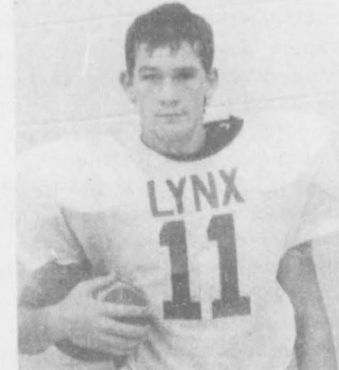
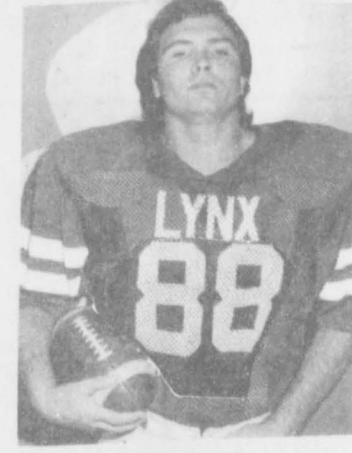
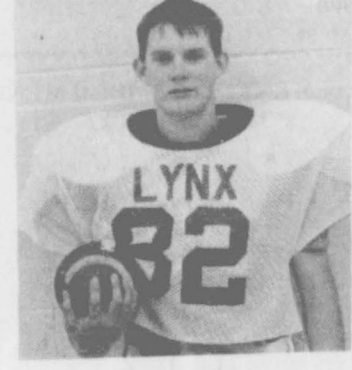
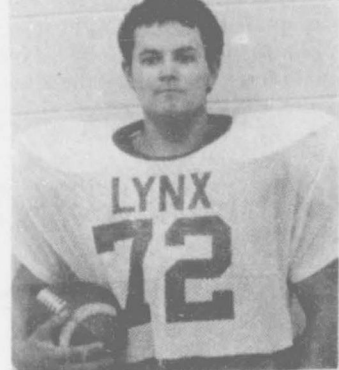
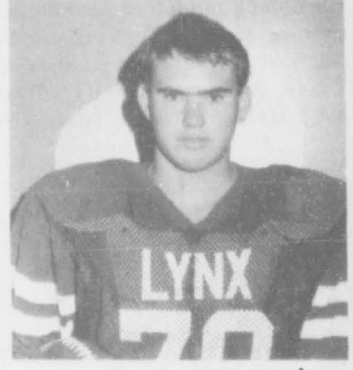


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