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QUILT RAFFLE

Xi Upsilon Eta of Wheeler will be giving away a Christmas Quilt on Christmas Eve. \$1 donations may be made at V. & S. Variety, where the quilt is being displayed.

12 PLAYERS, COACH NAMED ALL-DISTRICT



COREY CASE
DIST. MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
First Team Offensive Lineman
First Team Defensive Linebacker
First Team Offensive Kicker



JARROD LEDBETTER
First Team Offensive Running Back
First Team Defensive Linebacker



CHARLIE FLANAGAN
First Team Offensive Lineman
First Team Defensive Lineman



ROBERT STILES
First Team Offensive Center



PHILLIP WIGGINS
First Team Offensive Tight End
2nd Team Defensive Linebacker



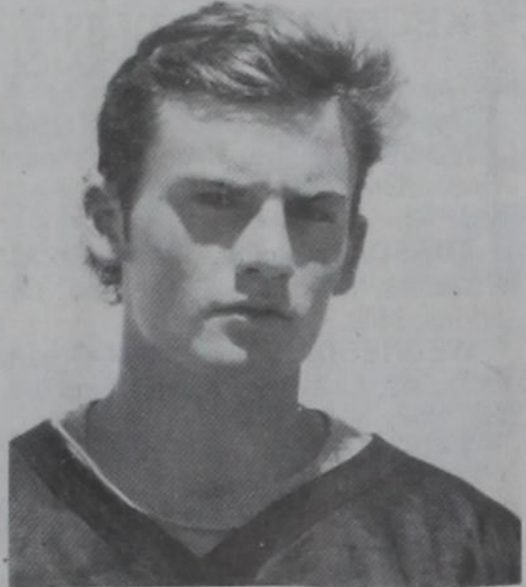
ANDY FRANCIS
2nd Team Offensive Running Back
2nd Team Defensive Lineman



CLIFTON FLETCHER
2nd Team Offensive Line
2nd Team Defensive Lineman



KEITH ROSE
2nd Team Offensive Receiver



JUSTIN HEFLEY
First Team Defensive Secondary



T. A. TAYLOR
2nd Team Defensive Secondary



JASON PORTON
2nd Team Defensive Secondary



BRAD HARRISON
2nd Team Offensive Line

'CASH' DRAWINGS TO BEGIN SAT.

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR
By Louis C. Stas

We will have to wait on the story of the final game of the 1994 Football season. The writer was out of pocket.

The Wheeler Mustangs lost their game for Regional honors to Wink with a 17-0 Friday evening in Levelland. You had a great season Mustangs. We are proud of you.

Congratulations, Corey Case! Corey was named the District 1-A's Most Valuable Player. He was also named in other spots in the All-District Team.

Congratulations, Coach Verden! Coach Verden was named District 1-A Coach of the Year.

Congratulations to the young men named to the All-District Team and received Honorable Mention. You will find the names and pictures elsewhere on page 1.

The lights look great. A tip of the hat to the Chamber and those responsible for getting the lights in place. The strings down the corners of the courthouse will be in place later in the season.

The opening of the shopping season in Wheeler on Sunday afternoon and Monday evening were a success. Businesses reported traffic on both occasions.

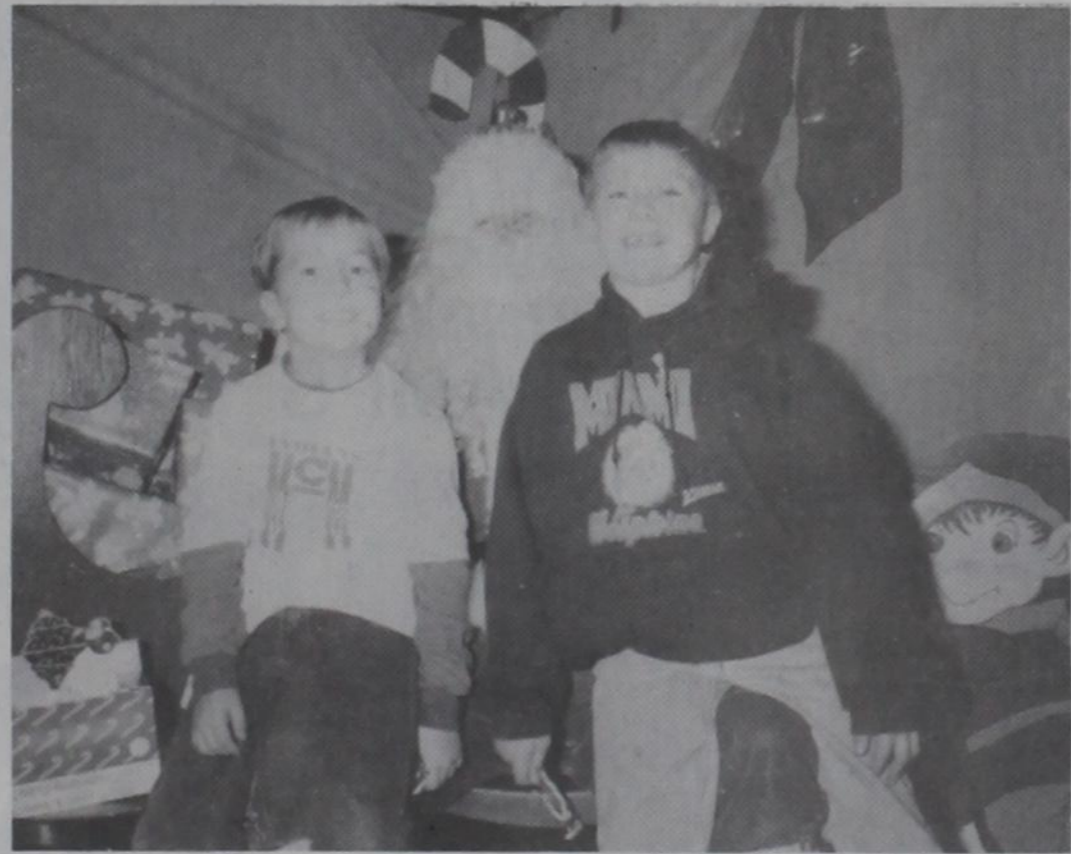
Drawing tickets are available at local businesses and the drawings will start Saturday. It pays to shop in Wheeler. See you at the cash register.

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WEATHER

DATE	DAY	Low	Hi	Pre
11-23	Wed.	26	47	0.00
11-24	Thurs.	35	61	0.00
11-25	Fri.	26	47	0.00
11-26	Sat.	36	62	0.00
11-27	Sun.	31	52	0.00
11-28	Mon.	24	54	0.00
11-29	Tues.	27	49	0.00
Low for the Year:		01-31	0	
High for the Year:		06-25	109	
Total moisture for the month:				1.85"
Total for the year:				13.93"
Total Snow:				10.00"

Courtesy: KPDR-FM Radio



A VISIT WITH SANTA: The Wheeler Chamber of Commerce sponsored a visit by Santa on Sunday afternoon and Monday evening in Wheeler. These young men took the opportunity to go over their lists with Santa; they are Samuel Hillhouse and Josh Britt. A tent was placed on the square for Santa to use as his local workshop. Coffee and hot chocolate were available for the youngsters and their parents. Pictures of the youths with Santa were available; 90 pictures were taken.

Pesticide Applicator Classes Scheduled

Certified and Licensed Pesticide Applicators will have an opportunity to receive five (5) continuing education units (CEU's) Tuesday, December 13, 1994. The Texas Pesticide Applicator Course #1610, which is being co-sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Farm Bureau, will be held in the atrium of the First Methodist Church in Wheeler. CEU's will apply to private, non-commercial and commercial licenses.

Registration for the course will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 9:00 a.m. The session will end about 3:00 p.m. and there will be a lunch break. There will be a \$5.00 per person registration fee.

This program will be a video tape at a state-wide satellite broadcast scheduled for the week before.

Those planning to attend the recertification course are asked to make reservations by Friday, December 9th by calling the County Extension office at 826-5243 or the Wheeler County Farm Bureau office at 826-3563.

Certified Private Pesticide Applicators, those who obtained their certificates prior to January 10, 1989 must get 15 CEU's by December 31, 1995. If they fail to get the 15 CEU's they will be required to retrain, retest and pay the \$50.00 license fee.

Allison Classic Tourney Scheduled Thurs. - Sat.

Allison High School will host a High School Basketball Tournament Dec. 1-3. Participating teams include Alamo Catholic, Allison, Amarillo Christian, Bible Heritage, Ft. Elliott, Higgins, Kelton, and Lefors. This will include both girls and boys teams from each school. The games will begin at 11:00 on Thursday and Friday, and 10:30 on Saturday. Everyone is cordially invited to attend any or all games. The Jr/Sr Class and the Cheerleaders will operate a concession that will be open all three days. Your support will be appreciated. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Consolation. All-

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The annual Christmas Drawing will again be offered by the progressive merchants of Wheeler. Certificates will be given away during December totaling \$1500. The merchants of Wheeler feel this is one way they can thank you, their customers for the support you have given them during the year and are giving you a chance to share the profits.

Merchants will begin giving tickets on Friday, November 25. You are eligible for a ticket each time you enter a sponsoring business; with each dollar spent, you will receive an additional ticket—up to 500 tickets per purchase.

Four drawings will be held. The first three drawings will be held on Saturdays, December 3, 10 and 17; the fourth and final drawing will be Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24. The drawings will begin at 2:30 p.m. again this year. Some 58 lucky Wheeler shoppers will have Wheeler cash to spend again this year. The drawings will be in the amounts of \$300 on the first Saturday, \$400 on the second and third Saturday and \$400 on Christmas Eve.

As has been the practice for the past several years, script is given away to the lucky individuals instead of cash. The script can be spent like money with any of the participating merchants. The 'money' will be in \$5 increments. Remember, each time you enter participating stores, you are entitled to a ticket; ask for it, sign it, deposit the ticket in the containers, which are conveniently located in the sponsoring firms.

You will receive one ticket per each dollar of the purchase value-up to a maximum of \$500.

When the day of the drawing arrives, all of the tickets will be placed in a large container and the winners drawn. You **MUST** be present to win; however, husbands and wives may claim each other's prizes.

Each sponsor giving tickets will display a poster in their window, indicating they are giving drawing tickets.

Drawing tickets have been available since Friday, November 27, 1992 at sponsoring businesses.

Those merchants sponsoring the drawings and giving tickets are: After Hours Video, Albert's Shamrock Service Station, Appearances, Cross Car Center, Frankenbery's Texaco, Hyland's Pharmacy, Johnny's Shamrock Service, L & F. Repair, Lee Hardware and Furniture, Marshall Discount Auto, Bob's Tackle Shop, McIlhany Dry Goods, Thriftway, V. & S. Variety, Ware Chevrolet, Wheeler Flower & Gift Shop, Video's & More and Wheeler Lumber Company.

Those sponsoring the drawings but not giving tickets are: Dr. Larry Barbour, Britt Ranch, Burton Ford-Mercury, Inc., Canadian Production Credit, Steve Emmert, Attorney at Law, Wheeler Banking Center, First State

Bank of Mobeetie & Wheeler, The General Store Heritage Beef Cattle Co., H&R Block, Jennings Plumbing Co., Mr. Bar-B-Q, West Texas Gas Co., KPDR Radio, Charles Kuntz, CPA, Maxey's Steakhouse, Dr. Louis Mendiola, Eastern Panhandle Insurance Agency, Parkview Hospital, R & M Quality Car Wash, Dr. Mike Smith, Speedi-Mart, Southwestern Public Service, Sparlin's Restaurant, Wheeler Care Center, Wheeler Plumbing, The Wheeler Times, Wheeler TV Systems, Wheeler Vet Clinic, Wheeler County Farm Bureau and Wright Funeral Home.

Hospital Notes

Old Admissions

11-18 Jani Keelin
New Admissions
11-21 Jo Ann McLerran
J. R. Keeton
Lina Jackson
11-22 Ralph House
11-27 Erma Riley
Eunice Edwards
Lewis Rogers
Bonnie Lamb

Dismissals

11-22 Craig Morris
Caitlin Garcia
June Whitaker
11-23 Lina Jackson
J. R. Keeton
Maymie Tindall
Robert Stubblefield
11-25 Ralph House
11-26 Ethel McWhorter
Jo Ann McLerran



JIM VERDEN
COACH OF THE YEAR

Leola Simmons, 79, Is Buried in Vernon Mon.

Leola E. Simmons, 79, of Amarillo, died Friday, Nov. 25, 1994.

Services were at 10 a.m. Monday in Bell Avenue Baptist Church with the Rev. Claud Tugwell of the church officiating. Graveside services were at 4 p.m. Monday in Wilbarger Memorial Park at Vernon. Arrangements were by Bell Avenue Chapel of Schooler-Gordon & Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors, 5400 Bell St.

Mrs. Simmons was born in Swenson. She had lived in Pampa for 35 years before moving to Amarillo two years ago. She retired from the Pampa Independent school District after 24 years of service. She married Johnnie Simmons in 1934 at Frederick, Okla. He died in 1989. She was a member of Bell Avenue Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Glenda Abston of Amarillo and Sharon Miles of Wheeler; three sons, Charles Simmons and Terry Simmons, both of Amarillo, and George Simmons of Hutto; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family were at 3516 Barclay Drive and requests memorials be to Bell Avenue Baptist Church Building Fund or a favorite charity.

Lisa Bentley Receives Teacher Award

Lisa Bentley received an award from the Texas Business Education Association, for being elected as the Secondary Teacher of the Year for 1994, in District XVI. She is currently teaching Microcomputer Applications and sponsoring a Business Professionals of America Club at Tascosa High School in Amarillo.

Lisa taught Accounting, Keyboarding, Speedwriting, Office Support Systems, Microcomputer Applications, and Computer Literacy for three years at Amarillo Highland Park. While

teaching at Highland Park, she received the 1991-1992 Employee of the Year Award. During her stay at Highland Park, she was Junior and Senior class sponsor, spirit club sponsor, and she taught staff development classes.

Lisa's first teaching experience was at International Business College in Lubbock. Estacado High School in Lubbock was her first public school position. She taught Introduction to Computer Programming and Business

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Jeremiah 51-15 & 16: He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding. When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens; and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth the wind out of his treasures.

Rex and Virginia Miller's Thanksgiving guests were Mark and Lynda Banger from Amarillo, Jim and Marlene Miller, Dillon, Landon and Colton from Spearman and Duane and Gena Childress and Caitlen from Elk City. Last Friday dinner guests with Rex and Virginia were Shelly and Kelly Ran'ee Miller from Hugaton, Kansas.

Wilma Gilmer's house guest from last Wednesday evening to early Sunday morning was her daughter, Joy Taylor, from New Brownsville, Texas. Joy also visited with her sister Ruby Craig, then Jerry and Susan Finney, Jesse and Samantha of Pampa all met at Billy and Rhonda McWhorter, Tanner and Tyler's home in Wheeler for Thanksgiving dinner. Friday, Ruby, Joy and Wilma went to Elk City and did some shopping and ate out. Saturday morning they went to Wheeler to a garage sale. Rhonda, Tanner and Tyler and Ruby visited a while Saturday night at Wilma's home with her and Joy. Tanner spent Saturday night with me-Ma Ruby.

Christine Gilmer's Thanksgiving Holiday guests were Jerry and Cathy Gilmer from Amarillo they also spent Thursday night, Johnnie and Darrel Harrison from Amarillo came and visited Thursday evening and were supper guests with us they returned home Thursday night and Jerry and Cathy went home Friday afternoon.

Bob and Lou Cornell's guests over the holiday weekend were Lewis and Tammy Newman, Jr., Chance and Roland from Panhandle. They all went to Wheeler to the Care Center and took Thanksgiving dinner and ate dinner with Lou's mother Mattie Elrod, and also Bob's mother Gertie Cornell, Gertie returned to Allison with them. Anthony Cornell picked up Gertie at Bob's in the afternoon and took her him and Jud's home to have supper with their family. Last Friday Lou, Tammy and her boys went to Elk City shopping. On Saturday afternoon Bob and Lou's son-in-law, Lewis, put up Christmas lights on their house for them.

Bright sunshine this morning, but a cold Monday. J. R. and Leota Black's Thanksgiving weekend guests were Jeffrey and Tracy Black, Robert and Nathan from Texhoma, Texas and Tim and Tina Thomas and Savanna

from Amarillo.

Gary and Julie Boydston and Amie's house guests from Tuesday night to Friday morning were Greg and Misty Boydston and Tori from Amarillo.

Opal and Juanita Boydston, Neal and Tia Boydston, Corinna and Kendra were Thanksgiving dinner guests with Forrest and Janice Boydston.

Roma and Billy Brown went to Borger last Monday to take care of business and from Borger they went to Amarillo and spent the night with Warren and Charlene Brown. Theresa Hamlin, Holly and a friend, Misty Morgan from Elk City spent Thanksgiving day and Friday night with Billy and Roma. Last Sunday dinner guests were Opal and Juanita and Sylvia

Brown from Wheeler.

Jana Chandler took her grandmother, Peggy Chandler, out to eat last Saturday, then they went shopping and enjoyed being together.

Peggy Chandler and Jennie Walker went to Wheeler and visited Gertie Cornell at the Care Center, Peggy, Jennie and Gertie also went and visited Ed and Eddy Gilmer last Sunday.

Anthony and Judi Cornell's whole family were at their home for Thanksgiving supper, other's there were Fred and Pauline Cordell from Cheyenne and Gertie Cornell from Wheeler, they had a big meal and lots of fun.

Bill and Kay Donaldson, Loyd and Nona Jones, Sharon and Lee Hall, Randy and Ronnie, Jim and Dawn Donaldson, Darla, Monty and Katie and Loretta Holbrook all went to Harold and Kathrine Jones' home at Wheeler for Thanksgiving dinner, other's that joined them there were L. K. and Cricket and their children from Clovis, New Mexico, Lisa and Andy Singleton

and Phillip and Marvin and Kelly Grimes, Dee and Darren Grimes from Lubbock and Lucille Underwood from Wheeler.

Last Saturday dinner guests with Loyd and Nona Jones were Bill and Armenda Jones from Tulia, Harold and Kathrine Jones and Lucille Underwood from Wheeler, Lee and Sharon Hall, Randy and Ronnie, Allen and Vicki Donaldson, Ashley and Britt from Amarillo, Jackie and David Lewis, Daniel and Daranda from Panhandle, Jim and Dawn Donaldson, Darla, Monty and Katie, Edith Donaldson, Bill and Kay Donaldson and Danielle Holbrook. David and Becky Zybach's Thanksgiving supper guests were Nelda Dukes, Bevard and Dianne Dukes, Deidre, Andrea and Carissa and Todd Baize, Garland and Charlene Dukes, Brandon and Bronwyn and Joe and Christy Willingham and Caylen from Cyril, Oklahoma and Shawn and Daphne Zybach and Alexis. Last Sunday, Christy and Daphne fixed Becky a birthday dinner at her home, Nelda baked an Angel Food Cake and took strawberries to Becky's for her birthday.

Henry and Cheryl Dupont, Sabrina and Cody spent Thanksgiving holidays with Henry and Dora Lea Dupont at Muskogee, Oklahoma, they returned to Allison Saturday night.

Pete and Margaret Gilmer, Becky and Jeannie Gilmer and Linda Ingersoll and Andrew went to Port Arthur, Texas on Friday before Thanksgiving and spent the holidays with Keith and Ann Boydston, Natalie and Jessica, they also celebrated Ann's birthday on Thanksgiving day, did some fishing while there and got home last Sunday.

Pastor and Mrs. Roy Jones and Sammie Tedford's holiday guests were their daughter, Delia Anderson, and Duane Foster and his son Clint all from Fayetteville, Arkansas and Roger and Melanie Jones their son, J. L., from Westville, Oklahoma and their granddaughter, Amber Jones, from Farmington, Arkansas.

Verne and Susie Lohberger and Suzanne took Verne's daughter, Caroline, to Amarillo last Friday where she took a plane back to California. Verne and Susie's last Saturday guest was Justin Lohberger from

KELTON MENU

December 5 thru December 9, 1994
MONDAY: Steak, Cream Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Fruit, Milk.

TUESDAY: Beans, Cheese Sticks, Potatoes, Broccoli, Cornbread, Oranges, Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Roast Beef, Cream Potatoes, Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Hot Rolls, Fruit, Milk.

THURSDAY: Hamburgers, Slice Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Onion, French Fries, Ice Cream, Milk.

FRIDAY: Fish -Tartar Sauce, Blackeye Peas, Colelaw, Hush Puppies, Peaches, Milk.



Sweetwater, Oklahoma.

Eddy and Wanda Walker, Jonathan and Justin's holiday house guests were Kevin and Melissa Fleming and Meagan, Don and Sue Pegram, Nathan, Lisa and Christine Hancock from Lufkin, Texas.

Vance and Caroline Boydston's Thanksgiving holiday guests were Kevin Boydston from Lufkin and Kyle

Boydston from Canyon. Dick and Cletus Greene and Jamie were Thanksgiving supper guests with Vance and Caroline and boys. Friday, Vance, Caroline, Kevin and Kyle went to Dick and Cletus' home for a Thanksgiving meal, others there were Roy and Monica Greene, Jonathan and Alexis from Amarillo.

(Marginal Note) How is it that we can remember the most minute detail of our lives and not remember how often we've told it to the same person.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Bruce and Pearl Harrison were Darrel and Johnnie Harrison of Amarillo, Viviah and Jimmy Wallace of Elk City, Ok., Chuck and Kim, Kimer Thompson, Amarillo, TX., Ernie and Sue and Adam Martin of Jones, Ok., Louise, Gary, Julie and Amie Boydston evening guest.

Kevin, Melissa, Megan Fleming of Lufkin, TX. Jonathan Walker, Bennie, Debbie, Jason and Heather Boydston,
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DISTRICT, BI-DISTRICT & AREA CHAMPS



1994 WHEELER MUSTANGS: (First Row L. to R.) Jorge Salas, Josh Lee, Dustin Weatherly, Charlie Flanagan, Justin Hefley, Layne McCasland, Travis Stevens, Paul Arganbright, Shane Stribling, (Second Row) Coach Bailey, Dean Hutchison, Jason Porton, Shane Sparlin, Darby Dorman, Andy Bradstreet, Jason Bradley, Dusty Case, Bryan Judd, Mike Johnson, Coach Scott, (Third Row) Marshall Flowers, T.A. Taylor, Shea Weatherly, Chris Beard, Trent Ware, Jeremy Davis, Saul Meraz, Keith Rose, Ramon Meraz, Daniel Keelin, (Fourth Row) Coach Verden, Andy Francis, Robert Stiles, Wade Brickey, Jarrod Ledbetter, Clifton Fletcher, Corey Case, Brad Harrison, Phillip Wiggins, Ty Ferguson, and Coach Read.



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GAGEBY NEWS

By Verna Fillingim

Happy Birthday to Kellie Babb, DeAnne Robertson, and Jerry Moore on Dec. 4, Dennis Hefley, Kay Luttrell, Vernal Densberger, Joy Davis, David Hefley, Jennifer Wood, and Cassie Meadows on Dec. 6, Betty Rains, Roberts Cook, Kay Gatlin, and Rhonda Ferguson on Dec. 7, Irene Webb, Kelley Thompson, and Trai Currie on Dec. 8, Kristi Meek, Mack Sides, and Ronnie James on Dec. 9, Juanita Prater on Dec. 10.

Happy Anniversary to Mike and Alice Westbrook, and Don and Mayme McElroy on Dec. 6, Harold and Lessie Austin, and Lawrence and Clara Beckel on Dec. 10.

Allison High School Basketball Tourney will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday Dec. 1, 2, and 3. Allison Junior High will play at Fort Elliott Briscoe Dec. 5 at 6:00 p.m. Fort Elliott High School will play at McLean Tuesday Dec. 6 with J.V. girls at 5:00, High School Varsity girls and boys following. The Samnorwood High School Tourney will be Dec. 8, 9, and 10.

"who steals my purse steals trash;
'tis something, nothing;
'twas mine, 'tis his,
and has been slave to thousands;

But he that filches from me my good name
Robs me of that which not enriches him,
And makes me poor indeed."
William Shakespeare
1564-1616
James 1-17 Every good and every

perfect gift comes down from the Father of light.

We enjoyed going to Miami Senior Citizens Monday night. 7 lively tables of Progressive 42, and one of Canasta, friendly people and a very delicious meal. Also going were J. P. and Martha Meek, Homer Sanders, Edna May,

and Doyle and Beulah Grimes. Congratulations to Timm and Melody Rodgers on the birth of their new baby daughter born Monday Nov. 28 in Georgia. Proud grandparents are Bob and Sue Ratliff, Elaine Bower and Buck Rodgers. Great grandparents include Preston and Elsie Glazner, and Vera Ratliff in Claude, Tiffaney Nicole weighed 8 pounds, and is welcomed by brother Gabe, 4.

Fort Elliott Junior High played at Higgins Monday night and won both games easily. Congratulations! Doris Finsterwald and Claudy and Ina Mae Brotherton visited Ruby Cole at the Abraham Home in Canadian last Wednesday. She was glad to see them and has a good mind. Ruby's husband, Rev. Sanford Cole, pastored Gageby Church for 27 or so years. Brotherton's were members and close friends.

Nice to have Mary and Clint Newman come Wednesday from Desoto, Texas to stay till Sunday.

Thanksgiving guests at the home of E. G. and Willa Fillingim Friday included Sarita Hershman, Charles and LaJo Crownover and Boyce, Jodie, Londa and Terri, Gayle and Helen Singleton, Maralee Singleton, Andy and Lisa Singleton, and Phillip from Lubbock.

Next Sunday night Dec. 4 will be singing night at Gageby Church at 6:00 p.m. Everyone invited. Phoebe Hartline is in charge.

Senior Citizens XYZ meets at



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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride"

Mobeetie Friday night December 2 at 5:30 with delicious supper, devotional, and games of 42. If you want your blood pressure taken, come earlier. Everyone 50 or over invited to Baptist Church, Christmas gift exchange.

Wheeler Senior Citizens meets next Monday Dec. 5 at 6:00 p.m. sharp with delicious supper and games of 88 and Canasta and 42 at Wheeler Senior Citizen Building in old hospital. All Seniors invited.

Fort Elliott High School Basketball teams will play Kelton at Allison Thursday with boys at 2:00, and girls at 3:30. If they win, our girls will play Friday at 3:30, and boys at 5:00 at Allison. Other teams entered are Higgins, Amarillo Christian, Lefors, Alamo Catholic, and Bible Heritage boys, and Allison.

"Dim not, little candle,
Show Jesus through me!
Glow brightly till others
The Light clearly see!"

Adams Oden and Lois Hudson went to Amarillo Wednesday and spent the night with Sharon Grandstaff and helped her prepare Thanksgiving Dinner. Others there Thursday were Ma Mary Hudson, Randy Gatlin, Joe Gatlin, Rusty, and Josh.

Saturday Oden and Lois went to Wheeler to the 60th Anniversary celebration of Ed and Erma Riley. They also visited with Brady and Mary Meadows. Keep praying for them. Later Ray and Pat Hudson, and Sonya and Shawn Patrick from Perryton came down, and worked at the farm, and ate supper, and visited. Glad to hear that Mary Meadows is doing pretty well.

Curtis and Jane Ann Hall, and Kent and Kyndal Murray, Krista, and Derek enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at Maxey's Thursday.

Kelley Swift from Pampa visited Addie Swift Sunday morning.

Psalm 136:26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven; for his mercy endureth forever.

James and Marty Ogle, Misty, and Melody went to Mabel Parker's for a Thanksgiving day dinner for family members.

Follett Junior High teams got beat really bad Monday night when they came to play Fort Elliott. Our girls won easily with all playing a lot, 35-11. Our boys won 54-17 with all playing. Good work, Cougars, and Lady Cougars.

Doris Finsterwald was preparing Thanksgiving dinner for most of her family. She was expecting Bill and Tonya Finsterwald, Randy, and Brandon, Bob and Mary Nell Finsterwald, April, and Andy, Claudy and Ina Mae Brotherton, C. B. and Maurine Brotherton, Elmer and Dorothy Honath, Gary and Kathy Brotherton, Ryan, and Janae, and Mary Finsterwald.

Congratulations to Shawn and Melissa Miller on the birth of their new baby boy, Christopher Chase Miller. God bless you all.

Saturday David and Rita Pearson, Dallas, and Lindsey Fillingim met Mary and Clint Newman, and Willis and me for supper at Maxey's Saturday night to celebrate Dave and Rita's 12 wedding anniversary. Also there were Preston and Elsie Glazner with Elaine and Jim Bower from Amarillo, Nova Powledge with Charles and Margaret Ann Hall, and Leonard and Teresa Powledge. Nova had all her family together Thanksgiving.

Michelle and Shannon Wood, and

Hunter from Gainesville visited Glenn Keelin, Andrea, Megan, and Marisa a few days. They all ate supper with Rosalie Keelin, and Joey's family Saturday night.

Charlotte and Aubrey Brown from San Antonio came Tuesday to see Harold and Lessie Austin. Joe and Liz Austin, and Payton also visited. Saturday Charlotte and Aubrey took Leslie to Pampa to shop, and they ate at Dyer's barbecue.

Becky Tipps and Casey visited Rita Pearson, and family Saturday afternoon.

James and Alesha Moffett, and John planned to spend Thanksgiving with Jamey and Diane Brice in Amarillo.

McLean High School Basketball teams came to Fort Elliott Tuesday night and lost all three games. In J. V. girls' game, Fort Elliott won 34-18. Girls Varsity 63-44. Boys game 75-52. Good work, Cougars.

Chuck and Phoebe Hartline, Aaron, and Tamera spent Thanksgiving at Chickasha with Chuck's family, Garland and Pat Hartline, and family.

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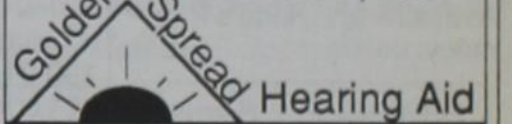
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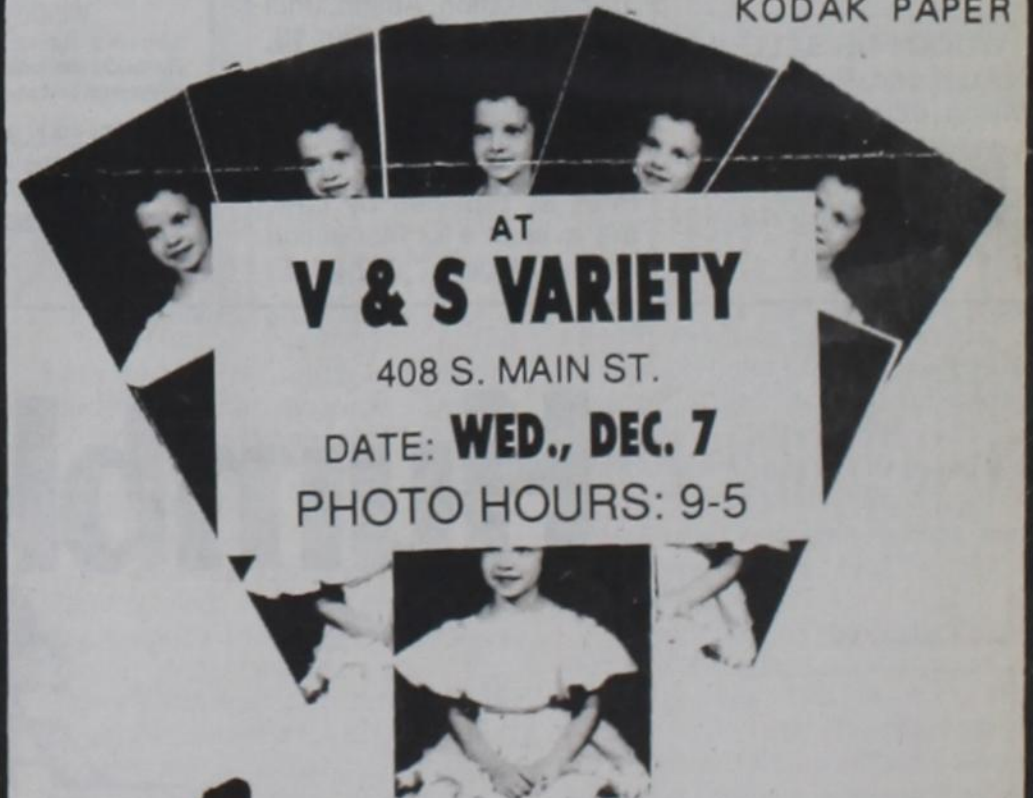
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Allison (from Page 2)

Greg, Misty and Tori Boyston of Amarillo, TX.

Sunday dinner guests of Bruce and Pearl Harrison were Inez Reed of Almagordo, N. M., Hazel Cromer of Ceres, Cal. and Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Senn of Lacey, Wa. All are cousins of Bruce.

Friday afternoon Bruce and Pearl visitors were Grace, Donnie, Wanda Henson, and children from Amarillo, TX.

Bruce and Pearl Harrison and Louise Boydston spent Monday night of last week with Vivian Wallace at Elk City, Ok.

Chuck and Kim Thompson and

Kimber of Amarillo, TX spent Thanksgiving night with Louise Boydston. Kim and Kimber stayed until Saturday and Louise Boydston took them to Pampa and met Chuck at the Dairy Queen that afternoon.

Ernie Martin, Jerimey, Tim, Adam, Kristi and her friend, Jessica, spent the weekend with Louise Boydston, and did some hunting while here. Sue had to work Friday and Saturday.

Sunday dinner guests were Ernie and children, Bennie, Debbie, Heather, and Jason Boydston, Eddy, Wanda, Jonathan and Justin Walker, Henry, Cheryl, Sabrina and Cody Dupont, Kevin and Melissa Fleming, and Magan of Lufkin, Texas.

Congratulations to Timm and

Melody Rodgers on the birth of their new baby daughter born Monday Nov. 28 in Georgia. Proud grandparents are Bob and Sue Ratliff, Elaine Bower, and Buck Rodgers. Great grandparents include Preston and Elsie Glazner, and Vera Ratliff in Claude. Tiffany Nicole weighed 8 pounds and is welcome by brother Gabe, 4.

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Aint It The Truth
By Ab Gunter

Noticed where them Republicans are all ready takin over up there on Capital Hill. If us Democrats aint careful them birds will try an replace the cherry trees with persimmon ones. I been runnin around with a bunch of Republican Marines the past few months an I notice even my attitude is changin. The other day I wuz havin what is called lunch with a bunch of them Chosin Few an I noticed Peachy, the head Marine, reached over and got about half of my french fries an when I mentioned it to him he said it wuz fer my own good; he didn't want me to get too fat.

Been sort of day dreamin the past few days. 50 years ago I wuz among them young fuzzy faced recruits that sort of stormed the shores of Leyte which is half a world away fum here. It is one of the 7200 islands of the Philippines. October 20 of 1944 we loaded on the strange boats the government provided and headed for the beaches of the East side of the island. Of all the foolish vehicles I happened to be drivin a 3/4 ton Dodge 4x4 loaded with repair parts for small arms weapons an the like. I wuz a sort of Huxter wagon feller but recon I wuz needed just the same. All the vehicles we had were sort of made ambigious by puttin a long flexible metal hose on the exhaust an a small tube from the gas tank vent that extended high above the vehicle so it wouldn't drown out. Course we had the spark plugs an 11 electrical parts dubbed with gray mud like substance with some asbestos fiber in it. Like I said these vehicles could actually run under water fer awhile and lo and behold mine did. As we neared the beach I seen why. Seems like everything wuz happenin. The Japs wuz tryin to discourage us by blastin the beach with all kinds of fire an our ships had sort of messed the beaches with all the bombin an naval fire an the place the Coxen of the boat loaded the ramp, they wuz a big bomb hole filled with water an Ole Ab hit it on the fly with the 3/4 ton Dodge. The water wuz well over our heads even ridin in the vehicle, but all of a sudden we wuz on dry beach.

This feller Burton, who wuz my partner, an I did some strange things the next few months traspin all over the island here and there an livin with the Infantry most of the time an many time we wuz called on to go beyond the call of duty and did it willingly and when the things wuz over at Leyte somehow Burton an I got seperated an to this day I aint seen or heard from him. Hope that Capt. Carlson had the

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Lunch: Chili, carrot sticks, cheese sticks, crackers or cornbread, milk/tea, pears.
Wednesday: Breakfast: Juice, cinnamon roll, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, milk.
Lunch: BBQ chicken, scalloped potatoes, blackeyed peas, bread, milk/tea, peaches.
Thursday: Breakfast: Juice, pancake pups, toast/syrup, milk.
Lunch: Chicken fried steak, m. potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll/butter, milk/tea, cake.
Friday: Breakfast: Juice, cereal, toast/jelly, milk.
Lunch: Tuna and pimento cheese sandwiches, pickle spears, tater rounds, milk/tea, pineapple, cookie.
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present of mind to issue Burton at least a good conduct medal, he deserved it.
Hey, I durn near forgot, Happy Thanksgiving to all. Hope that you break bread with all yore loved ones an only wish we could. Our little ones an their families are scattered like a covey of Quail, but me and Mama will think of each of them and give our thanks for their being.
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they wuz in charge I wonder if they will sort of polish the cuspidors and shine the door knobs around the County seat, sort of looks like it needs a refurbishin don't it...my little fat wife calls it spring cleanin.
By the way, we got a letter an a brochure from Ernesto S. Giday, Undersecretary of Dept. of Natl. Defense, Republic of the Philippines. The

pamlet showed all the monuments an things that have been erected to different units of combat. One time I even got to be amongst some of the Filipino Scouts that had escaped the Japs. I can still remember some of their names, but ain't that good at spellin but their faces are still with me.
Hope to see you next week.
Ab and Mama

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Oklahoma Couple Recently Takes Foliage Tour

Raymond and Billie Lyles of Washington, Oklahoma went on a foliage tour recently accompanied by her two sisters, Lucille Grayson of Noble, Oklahoma and Maggie Thomas of Norman, Oklahoma.

Traveling along the Talimena Drive, they spent one night in Mina, Ark. They stopped at an apple orchard and bought Arkansas apples enroute home. They reported that the foliage was very beautiful.

The foursome took a "cousins" tour in September, taking I-40 and went west visiting along the route. They visited Jim and Gladys (Grayson) Hastie, who lived for years in Mesa, Arizona before moving to Sayre, Oklahoma. They had not seen their cousin, Mrs. Hastie in 17 years. They visited another cousin, Margilu (Grayson) Reynolds, of Reydon, Oklahoma.

Driving through Wheeler, Texas they visited, the Wheeler Cemetery where several relatives are buried including a cousin Louis Grayson. (Jack) who died last February. Louis was a "Navy Buddie" of Raymond Lyles of Washington, Oklahoma. Raymond placed a small flag on Louis' grave.

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Congregational Concerns:

On Saturday afternoon, November 26th, at 3:00 P. M., Ed and Erma Riley will be honored at a reception for their sixtieth wedding anniversary. This reception will be held at the Country Chapel.

The house of Monk and Norma Bowerman was struck by lightning last Saturday night. While their house suffered some damage, Monk and Norma were not hurt.

Mark Frankenberg fell in his home last Sunday morning and broke his hip. He is hospitalized in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Leola Simmons, the mother of Sharon Miles, is hospitalized in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She is recovering from heart surgery. Her condition is extremely critical.

Ruth Kenney, the mother of Mike Miles, had surgery last week. She is hospitalized in High Plains Baptist Hospital and her condition is slowly improving.

Gene White has returned from the Cancer Treatment Center in Tulsa. He is confined to his home in Mobeetie.

Mary Jane Gearhart has been experiencing some serious back problems. Mary Meadows is hospitalized in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, recovering from brain surgery. Her recovery has been excellent and she may be released in a few days.

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"It's an American institution. It's Thanksgiving. And it dates all the way back to the Pilgrims when a number of stalwart souls said, "Our colony is stronger, our cornfields are larger, the woods is full of game, and the streams full of fish; our children have been dutiful and our wives very obedient. "We may wonder about the "dutiful" children and "obedient" wives, but we do not question their attitude in regard to Thanksgiving. They set a wonderful pattern for us, their children."

"Thank God for life. Many never give credit to God for their very existence. The inspired record tells us that "the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being." (Genesis 2:7) But God not only creates; He sustains. "In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of

all mankind." (Job 12:10) Paul sought to render the people of Athens of these great truths by declaring that God "is not far from each one of us, —" and "—in Him we live and move and exist—" (Acts 17:27-28) Our source of life is God, and our strength for living comes from God. Should we not offer him the fruit of our lips in praise?"

"Thank God for temporal blessings. He "satisfies you with good as long as you live." (Psalm 103:5) The sunshine, the rain, the harvest of the fields, all remind us of his watch and care over us. We may be so intent on looking for the bitter things of life that we miss sight of the blessings. There are troubles aplenty; but if we count our blessings, I'm confident we will all end up praising God. As the psalmist has so beautifully said: "O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the people! Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works. (Psalm 105:1-2)"

Bill Morrison, Minister
Church of Christ
Wheeler, Texas

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SWEETWATER NEWS
By Lois Flowers

A truly nice week. Thanksgiving, a Rain, 3.2 inches, and the first ice of the season. Moon was so bright, not much was killed. We intended to meet Mary and Harold Bollen at Cal's for Turkey Day but found they were closed. So we ate burritos at home. Sure easier than cooking a turkey.

Had several cards and calls. Bernie Bessire has been to see his sister, Cordelia in Amarillo and just heard about David, Willie Pittman called from Perryton. T. J. is in the hospital. Sister Elsie is home and doing well. Her address is 560 Van Buren Co. Line Road, Quitman, AR. 72131, if you cousins would like to send her a card.

We are real proud of our Jr. Lady Bull Dawgs. They won the Butler-Hammon Invitational Tournament. Beat Leedeey, then Hammon by one point, and Cheyenne 30 to 22 to come in first. Team members are Leann Keathley, Shelly Reed, April Thomas,

Tiffany Sanders, Dawn Lohberger, Dalea Robison, Amber Anderson, and Jennifer Alexander.

Sweetwater was really surprised when Sayre cancelled their game last Friday night. So far, I have heard no explanation.

Donnis and Lanell Hayes, of Enid, Don and Debby and children, Kevin and Valerie, of Tulsa were out to see Mildred Allen. They had Thanksgiving dinner with Leroy and Fay Allen at Erick. Other guests were Randy and Randilyn, Ricky and Sheri, Melanie, Mark and friend from Hammon. Mark is a senior at SWOSU.

Thought Susan Smith drowning her children was about as evil as you could get, but Renee Aulton of Baltimore admitted she set the fire that killed her little girls, 2 and 4, because she thought her boy friend didn't like them.

With Eileen and Ed Logan, and Dovie Wilson were Charles, Lynette, and Stacy Bryan, Chris Shoffner, Tonya Banks, Kim Hartpence, Edmond, Stephanie Stite, Temple, TX, Leta Campbell, Erick, and Eva Cotts, Sayre.

Tyla North, Bethany, and Taw North of New York were here to see their parents, Jackie and Harvey North, Thanksgiving.

Twila and Larry Adams, Kingfisher, Zuma Sutton, and Jack Redman had an early Thanksgiving with Gail and Billy Sutton. Patsy Redman was in the Altus hospital. On the big day, Billy and Gail went to OKC and lived it up.

Guy and Pauline Walter, Minco, visited with Helen and H. E. Smith and then they went to the school reunion at Reydon. The Smiths had Turkey Day with Pat and Debby Anderson. Carol and Donny Smith were also there.

Y. C. and Donaleta Fuchs, Carolyn and Kenny Newell and kids visited Elec Atchley and Rena Walker Thursday.

Roy Swagger spent the day at Borger with the Hobbs nephews.

Hersel and Betty Anderson had their children home for a holiday supper. Present were Pat, Jamie and Shannon, Larry, Laura and Michael, John, Margie, Heather, Amber, and Lindsay. Derek Dunlap. While I was chatting with Margie, I found out she is a Cheyenne girl (Freda Kirk is her mother) and Alvin Marshall of Erick is her uncle. Margie's family had dinner

with Freda. Connie and Danny Barham of Stevenville, TX were up to visit his mother, Carolyn Cousins, Sylvia and Harold Hamman, were out to see us Tuesday.

It would be a wonderful thing if our country would quit trying to tend to everyone else's business and concentrate on our affairs. Right now, I see the National Farmers Union has joined the Spotlight in trying to stop GATT.

Heard from Billy and Basil Doss. They were well enough to go to Cordell to have dinner with their son Glenn and family.

Gwen Edler told me she'd been real sick with the flu. Saw Teri Sears, Phyllis Smith, and Mrs. Chub Campbell in town. She told me Nelda and Tommy Tucker went to Kansas City to see Monte receive his FFA award.

THANK YOU

We would like to take this time to say a "Special Thank You" to the Wheeler Ambulance Service and everyone concerned with the love and care that was given to our loved one on October 22. A "Special Thank You" for Dr. Barbour and nurses at Parkview Hospital that night. Also, all the volunteer people on the ambulance service for coming out and assisting on the night of October 22.

We would like to say a "Special Thank You" to Rev. Andy Taylor and Rev. Mike Dyer for the special words delivered at the church and at the home. Also, the community singers at Allison for the lovely hymns, and to Judy Cornell for her playing.

A "Special Thank You" to all of our friends and family for the prayers, food, flowers, phone calls, and cards for all of us.

We would like to say another "Special Thank You" for everyone at Mobil/Canadian School and the Allison/Canadian Community for your love and concern in this time of loss of our husband, friend, dad and granddad.

Loretta Holbrook
Eric, Dayna, Danielle, Chris and Nick Holbrook
Kevin, April, Randi, Kristin and Brooke-Lyn Holbrook
Jim, Dawn, Darla, Monty and Katie Donaldson
Bill and Kay Donaldson



Meredith Carol Schooler, age 8, 2nd grade at Carver Academy, Amarillo, Texas. Her parents are Melissa and Rick Schooler and her grandparents are Jimmy and Bobbie Hill of Wheeler, Texas and Don and Betty Schooler of Amarillo, Texas.

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Wedding Announcement: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allison of Twitty announces the marriage of their daughter Julie to Joe Bob Kinnaman son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kinnaman of Briscoe. The couple was married Oct. 26 by the Justice of the Peace, Doyle Ramsey, in Wheeler. The couple is making their home in Wheeler.



Hagerman. Iva Thompson, Leroy, Peggy, and Darren Dunlap went down to Hollis Friday to help young Jake celebrate his third birthday. He's Dale's little boy and Iva's great grandson.

Winning the coloring contest at school was K-2, Lacy Fowler, Justin O'Neil, and Kara Cox. 3-6, B. J. Thomas, Jodi Thomas and Angela Crenshaw.

Courtney and Cindy McIntyre, Elk, Gary and Kenna Wilson and girls, Kingfisher, Jerry and Charlene Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Wilson had dinner with Glen Wilcox, Carol and Chuck Griffin.

Tammy and Randall Fuchs, Jerry and Lisa Alexander and kids were at the Gerald Tiptons on Thursday, Jan

and Jeff Franks were coming from Watonga on Saturday. Keith Miller, Bill, Matthew, and Travis, and Lori Lane had Thanksgiving with Iona Miller.

Youth's AWANA Letters

Country Chapel would like to share with you, letters from our Awana boys and girls.

"What Awanas Means to Me"
Awanas means having games, learning Bible verses, and learning MORE about Jesus. It means spending time with Sharon my neighbor and my family and friends.
Will Smith

"Awanas"
Awanas means to me that you will learn about Jesus and God. You will meet new friends and learn how to pray for other people. I think that it would help you understand about the Bible and God and Jesus. You will find out why God does stuff that he does.
Chris Simmons

-Awana-
Awanas means love, friendship, and learning scriptures and the Word of God and how He took our sin away and that he died on the cross and rose the third day. And how the angels moved the rock. And Tex and Sherin are leaders of pioneers and I lick all the leaders. There fun. Especialy game time.
love, Rafeal

The Things I like Best About Awanas-

The things I like best about Awanas is that we git to learn and study God's Word and we git to praise Him.
Jennifer Carpenter

What I like Best About Awanas
What I like about Awanas is I get to go and learn God's Word. And second of all I get to go and see my frind's and see Tex Copland and see Sharn Horton. I love going to see Larry and playing game time. And I like going in and getting Award. And I like talking to Sharon Horton and Tex Copland and all my other frinds. I like win Bruce brings me home.
Donald Phipps

Mobeetie W.M.U.
The Mobeetie W. M. U. met Tuesday at the First Baptist Church with Mona Cook in charge. Mona led in opening prayer. Melba Corcoran read the Birthday Missionary. Edith Cross led in prayer for them. Orville Greenhouse was in charge of the Bible Study Title Seven Wonders. Orville Greenhouse and Melba Corcoran had parts on the program.

The group will hold their December meetings one (1) week early. The 1st. meeting will be December 6 for Week of Prayer for Foreign Mission at 10:00 with salad luncheon to follow.

Those attending were Orville Greenhouse, Bulah Grimes, Mona Cook, Melba Corcoran, Anna Belle Corcoran, Velma Forbes, Edith Cross, and Lorene Rector.

MEALS on WHEELS MENU

December 5 thru December 9, 1994

MONDAY: Fried chicken breasts, whole new potatoes, buttered carrots, yogurt.

TUESDAY: Chicken casserole, zucchini & tomatoes, fruit.

WEDNESDAY: Meat Loaf with picante sauce, red beans & rice, mixed veggies, peach upside down cake.

THURSDAY: Smothered pork chops, duchess potatoes, winter mixed vegs., lime whip with apple sauce.

FRIDAY: Fried Chicken, noodles, green beans, cheese roll, margarine, fruit cobbler.

(Menus are subject to change)

We had 28 students 1st to 8th grade enter the St. Jude's Math-a-thon. They raised \$1372 for the hospital research. Among the awards they got were 18 T-shirts and 7 sports bags. 1st grade-Andrea Calverley, 2nd grade-Lacy Fowler, Kall Foster, Josh Balough, 3rd grade-Cade Sites, Jenny Gracey, Dylan Perry, 4th grade-Jana Hanson, Richard Hanson, Chase Arrington, Bailey Davis, Kim Gracey, Brian Chandler, 5th grade-Brandi Elam, Marjorie Banks, Lindsay Coffey, Lindsay Anderson, Nathaniel Quinn, David Alexander, Terri Calverley, Jodi Kay Thomas, 6th grade-Joni Perry, Becky Gracey, Trampus Fowler, B. J. Thomas, Jeremy Hanson, 7th grade-Jennifer Alexander, 8th grade-Colby Chat (from Page 1)

We need pictures for the Eastern Panhandle ad. Here is the opportunity to show off your grandchildren. If you have a new picture, bring it by the office.

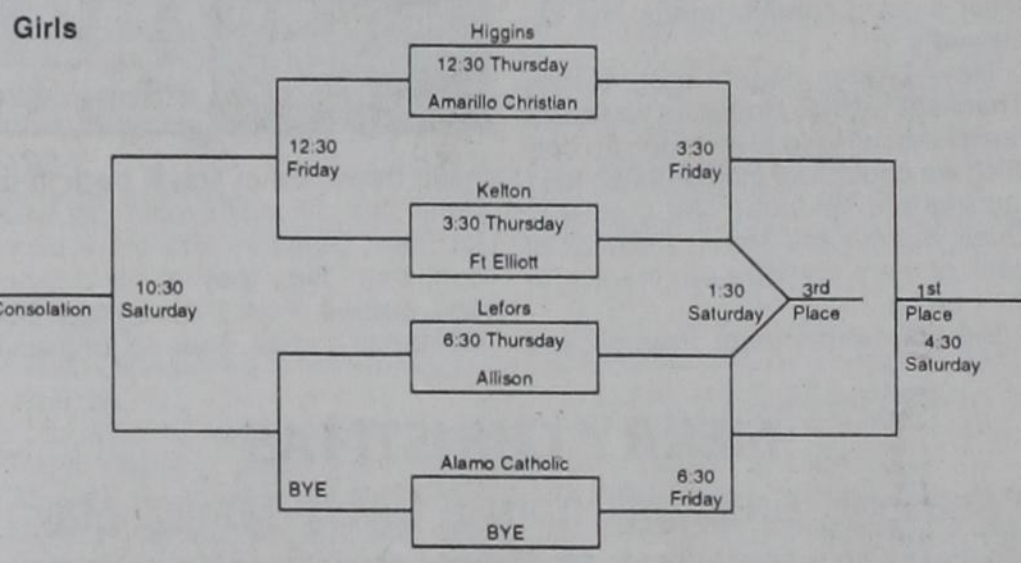
We need those Santa Letters for publication in the paper. Teachers, please schedule the writing of those letters. The Christmas Edition of the paper will be December 22.

Mrs. G. A. Martin called to check on her paper and sends her love to her friends in the Wheeler Area.

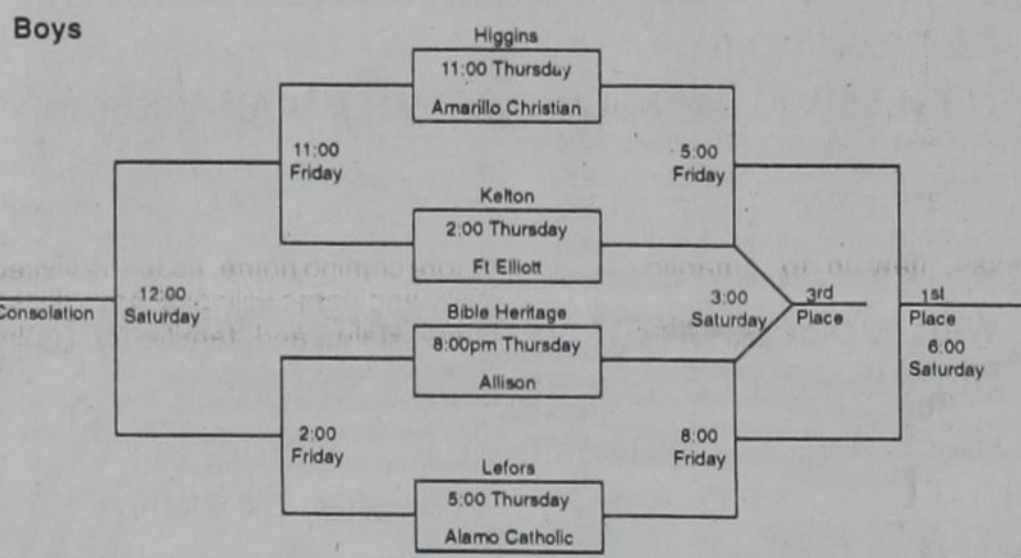
I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holidays; The Stas family did. We had dinner (lunch) at the Meriwether home in Hinton and supper (dinner) at the Arnold home in Del City. Cathi, Guy and Liz were missed.

ALLISON 1994 CLASSIC High School Basketball Tournament
December 1, 2, 3

Girls



Boys



Tourney (from Page 1)
Tournament trophies will be awarded at the conclusion of the tournament (10 boys and 10 girls). These will be voted on by the coaches.

Bottom team wears light uniform, is home on the scoreboard, and will sit to the north of the scorer's table.

This I conceive to be the chemical function of humor: to change the character of our thought.
—Lin Yutang

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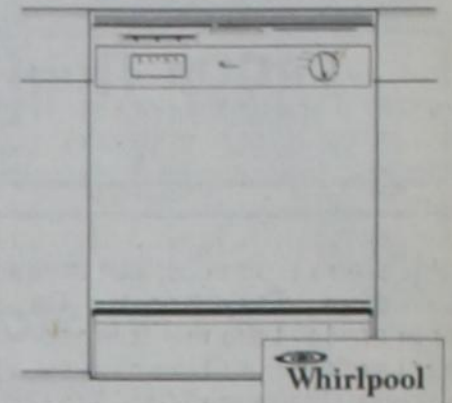
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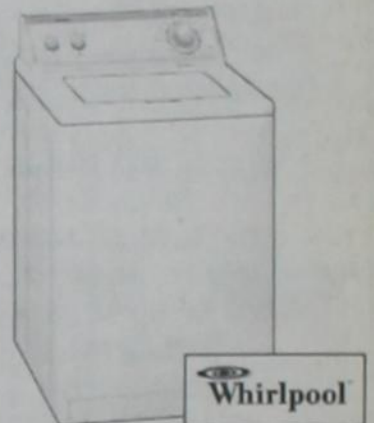
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Gageby

(from Page 3)

Eddie and Leta Meadows, Amy, Laura, and Lois Meadows went to Canyon Thursday for Thanksgiving with Leta's family, Joe and Dorothy Gill, and family.

Lajuana McElroy visited Evelyn Meek Friday. Visiting Evelyn Thursday were Jewell Holloman, Stan Pollack, (Jean was sick), Saundra Meek, Ailene Stovall, Mark and Annette Meek, Kaleb, and Jocelyn.

Lajuana McElroy from Waco, Texas, flew in to Amarillo airport

Tuesday night. Elizabeth Hale picked her up, and took her to her apartment in Canyon. Amy Siviage from Ft. Worth flew into Amarillo Wednesday morning. David Hale picked her up, and joined the others, and Boyce Crownover, and Jill Taylor for pizza before coming home. Lajuana visited Willis and Verna Fillingim. Amy visited Gaye Hale, and family, and Olaf Siviage, and Audie Siviage for the holidays. Other Thursday visitors at our house, were Dallas, Lindsey Fillingim, Chris Fillingim, J. P. and Martha Meek, Jessica Moore, Mary and Clint Newman.

Saturday dinner guests at the home of J. P. and Martha Meek included Chuck and Phoebe Hartline, Aaron, and Tamera, Don and Cindy Hartsfield, Hayden, and Glory from Amarillo, Mack and Linda Sides, Tina Hawley, Mitchell, and Dustin, Dale Sides, Suzanne Everett, Shane and Misty Everett.

Gladys Kysar visited Gageby Church Sunday. She lives in a Home at Pampa, and spent the holidays with her mom, Bert Kysar, in Mobeetie. Gladys works in Sheltered Workshop.

Elizabeth Hale and Lajuana McElroy hosted a party for young folks at our house Friday night with snacks, and fun games. Some others there were Sarita Hershman, Boyce and Jodie Crownover, Amy Siviage, Sarah and David Hale, David Helton, and Clint Newman.

Spending the holidays with Dean and Georgia Tipps were Terry and Becky Tipps, Zachray, Adam, and Casey, Iona May, Dwight Tipps, and Jimmy and Tammy Maddox, Jennifer, and Amber.

Lisa Helton and David, Doug, Matt, and Mark joined other family members at Maxey's Thanksgiving Day, and included Tom and Alice Bell Helton, Thomas and Martha Helton, Nita Evans, Gayle and Terry Lewallen, Sandy, Shea, and Shannon. No dishes to wash!

Bob and Sue Ratliff plan to visit Timm and Melody Rodgers, and Gabe in Georgia, and hope to be there for the new baby's birth.

Jeremy Childress called Fat and Wanda Thursday from Ft. Knox, Kentucky in the army. He was flying to Puerto Rico Friday to stay till about

Jan. 6.
Bill and Kyla Walker, Misty, and Dusty, and Cliff and Dorothy Walker left Friday morning to go to Guthrie, Oklahoma to Steer-tripping finals. Bill and Dusty also played some golf, and girls shopped some.

Eddie and Helen George went to Denton Thursday to visit Holly and John Paul Williams, and spent the night, coming back Friday.

Joey and Risa Keelin, and granddaughter, Shelby Ann, from Pasadena spent last week with Rosalie Keelin. Tammy and James Cobey from Goldthwaite came Wednesday to Rosalie's. Other Thursday dinner guests were Jerry Keelin, Katrina Cullers, Gene and Norma Keelin, Daniel, Kara Kay, and Tracy. Larry Taylor visited later. Joey and Risa, and family all left Sunday morning.

Some weekend visitors to Verneal and Juanita Prater were Lovie and Clinton Edge, Darlene and Greg from Austin, Clarence and Edmond Townsend from Nexa, Missouri, Wanda Prater (10 day stay) from Abilene, Mary Lou Carter, Irene Zybach, and Morris and Jeanette Jahnel from Candian.

Others enjoying Thanksgiving at the home of Bob and Debbie Kinnaman, Kirbie, and Corey were Joe Bob and Julie Kinnaman, and baby, and K. D. and Lou Dean Douthit, and Corey's friend.

Thanksgiving Day guests at the home of Earl and Shirley Jolly in Wheeler included Larry and Vickie Nelson, Keri, and Jimmy, Danny and Mary Nelson, and Danielle, DeAnn and Gary Nagel, Tanner, Ashton, and Makenzie, W. L. Jolly, Brenda and Craig Martin, Myron Jolly, Kendra, and Angela.

Saturday dinner guests at Fat and Wanda Childress were Gayle Knight, and Addie Swift.

Bill and Carolyn Welch of Byers, Oklahoma spent Thursday night, with Mae Welch in Briscoe. Visiting Mae

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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

Sunday morning was Lilly White, a niece, from Marlow, Oklahoma.
Thanksgiving Day guests at the home of Venson and Fay Smith were David and Winnie Gilmer, Davy, and Julie from Amherst, Bill and Tonya Finsterwald, and Brandon, Elva and Thurman Ring from Pampa, Patricia and Walter Hand, and Monty, Mike and Wendy Miller, and son from Amarillo.

Thursday guests at the home of Fat

and Wanda Childress were Kay and Scott Luttrell, Brandy, and Susie, Michael Hibler, Clyde and Jane Dukes, and Stacie, Jackie and Cathy Hunt, and Shelly and Shawn.

Friday Fat and Wanda Childress went to Amarillo, and shopped, and ate at Furr's.

Wayne and Pat Childress, and Amanda went to Sayre to Pat's folks, Grady and Edith Brown, on Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Day guests at the home of Bob and Genya Zybach were Ruby Zybach, Diane and Bevard Dukes, and Deidre, Andrea and Carissa, Todd Baize, Steve Zybach, Wayne and Kathy Zybach and Clay and Casey.

Thanksgiving Day guests at the R. L. and Rozena Zybach home included Mack and Gay Purcell, Josh, and April, Shane and Lori Baird, Jessica Lauren, and Charity for lunch. Later Mike and Melody Goad, Travis, Janae Goad, and Jim Goding came.

Mae Welch went to Allison Thanksgiving Day to the Domer and Hazel Miller home. Some others there were Danny and Kathy Miller, Jason, and Clint, Shawn and Melissa Miller and boys from Canadian, and Donna and Sammy Tackett from Drummond, Oklahoma. Pray for Mae. She is going to have to have Chemo or radiation for a tumor in her jaw.

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The Market for the week of Nov. 18, 1994 was spotty, with the heifers steady to \$2.00 higher and lower depending on the class. All classes of steers was steady to \$2.00 higher. Prices listed are on the better classes of cattle.

2-300# St. 100-104.00	1 St. from Sayre at 235# \$104.00
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3-400# St. 93.50-105.00	3 St. from Briscoe at 313# \$105.00
Hf. 84-90.00	1 Hf. from Shamrock at 325# \$90.00
4-500# St. 89-94.25	10 St. from Briscoe at 450# \$94.25
Hf. 77-84.50	5 Hf. from Carter at 494# \$84.50
5-600# St. 80-89.50	4 St. from Briscoe at 517# \$89.50
Hf. 70-77.75	5 Hf. from Sayre at 515# \$77.75
6-700# St. 74-81.00	1 St. from Cheyenne at 610# \$81.00
Hf. 65-70.00	5 Hf. from Cheyenne at 642# \$70.00
7-800# St. 68-75.75	1 St. from Carter at 710# \$75.75
Hf. 63-68.25	2 Hf. from Cheyenne at 730# \$68.25
8-900# St. 65-71.30	25 St. from Elk City at 826# \$71.30

Packer Cows: 37-45.00 Thin and defective \$37.00 and under

Bulls: 43-50.25 With some high yielding bulls.

Consignments for this week of Dec. 2, 1994 include E. E. Weaver with some of his good black baldie calves. Joe Frank Moad with some really nice black replacement type heifers. Joe Maddox is bringing some of his good calves from 450-700#. Be sure to call and reserve your selling spot for the week of Dec. 2, 1994.

Mobeetie News

By Melba Corcoran

Happy Birthday to Pat Childress, Vickie Nelson, Heather Hampton, Lydia Moore, Pam Thompson, Becky Wilson and Renee Joslyn on Dec. 1. To Daniel Cook, Cary George, Pam Jones, Ed Uri Luttrell, Kulani McElroy, Doris Hayes, on Dec. 2. To Amber Estes, Kayla Bateman, Dean Meadows, on Dec. 3. To Lynn Rector, Kellie Blair, Deanne Robertson, Jerry Moore and Everette Bleaker on Dec. 4. To Dena Dockins, Luke Bailey, Connie Quimby, David Jones, on Dec. 5. To Cassie Meadows, Kay Luttrell, Dennis Hefley, Earnest Lancaster, Ottis Barnes, Vernal Densberger, David Hefley and Pete Seitz on Dec. 6. To Robert Cook, Denise Moon, Betty Rains, Kay Gatlin, Rhonda Ferguson, Glenford Moon, Charles Mixon on Dec. 7.

Happy Anniversaries to Jack and Doris Hayes on Dec. 2. To Calvin and Leola Stuart and L. D. and Wanda Childress on Dec. 3. To Monroe and Jane Seitz on Dec. 7.

Remember the Old Mobeetie Association Meeting Dec. 1 at the Hospitality Room of the First State Bank at 7:00 P.M. Everyone Welcome.

Visiting Fri. with Jud and Lorene Rector was Jerry and Marjorie Rector of Amarillo and Dale and Melba Corcoran.

Lisa Barton and Dena of Reydon, OK, visited Leon and Rose Mary Dockins.

Visiting with Pete and Sue Seitz over the Thanksgiving Holiday were Barry and Terri Corcoran, Cody and Justin of Oklahoma City and Bo and Brenda Keys, Lindsey and Jerad of Reydon, OK.

Ray and Velma Forbes spent Wed. and Thur. in Canadian with Velma's brother, Norman and Carolyn Patton.

Scott and Neva Corcoran and Kayle of Kileen spent Wed. night with Dale and Melba Corcoran on their way to Colo. for Thanksgiving.

Irene Whobant Cynthia Worthington visited and shopped Wed. in Pampa.

Dale and Melba Corcoran spent Thanksgiving with Jud and Lorene Rector.

Those having Thanksgiving with Sallie May were Jackie Don and Kellie May, Peyton and Shelton of Borger, Kay Williams, Brent and Jean of Canadian, John Jay of Montezuma, KS., Billy and Cindi Newman, Chad and Toby of Elk City, Joe Shelton, Nancy Shelton, Sam and Amanda Childress and Hugh and Mae Bailey. Nancy Shelton spent part of the holiday in Pampa with Teresa, Cheyenne and Robert.

Dale and Melba Corcoran took Jud and Lorene Rector to Pampa shopping Wed.

James and Alisha Moffett, and John spent Thanksgiving in Amarillo with James and Diane Brice of Amarillo others there were Grandmother Brice of Hubble, TX, Jake and Lora Mae Moffett of Clarendon, Billy and Shelia Touchstone and Anne of Pampa, Lou Brice, Margaret Moore, Andy Brice and Amy Brice all of Amarillo.

Doyle and Bulah Grimes visited in Pampa Tues. with Rosa Brewer.

Dale and Melba Corcoran visited Mon. in Wheeler with Earl and Pauline Barnes.

James and Alisha Moffett visited over the weekend in Stratford, OK. with her sister, Fred and Darlene Smith and Jes.

Visiting during the holiday with Doyle and Bulah Grimes were Gary and Marilyn Grimes, D'wan and Kera Morales, of Amarillo, Kendra Devas of Vernon, Darren Grimes, Marvin and Kelli Grimes and Dee of Lubbock. It was Dee's first visit with his Great Grandparents.

Jap and Alice Bailey shopped in Wheeler Tues.

Jap and Alice Bailey spent Thanksgiving in Pampa with Johnny and Debbie Bailey, Matt, Mark, and Luke. There were 27 there including Judy's family, Sue's family and Julia Williams. They had a real good time.

Visiting over the holiday with Orville Greenhouse were Joe Shuman, Virginia Mixon and Doyle Greenhouse of Dumas and Miles Mixon of Borger.

Diane Jones, Nicole and Kera, Denise Scruggs and Casey Britten of Borger came and got Charlotte Coward and they all went to Canadian to Gene and Judy Coward's. Charlotte stayed to Monday.

Visiting with Ariza and Anna Belle Corcoran during the holiday was Aaron and Arica Lancaster of Amarillo, Earnest and Brenda Lancaster and Stormi, James Trusty and Pete Corcoran of Pampa.

Spending Thanksgiving with Chuck and Louise Hogan were Rob and

Gageby

David and Brenda Patterson from Sayre were eating at Maxey's Wednesday night. Brenda's son Brandon Logan, is married to Alicia (Yowell). Also at Maxey's were Mary Margaret Dodd with daughter, Diane, and Jack Cody, teachers from Graham.

Some Friday dinner guests at our house included Lee and Esther Brown and Jill, Justin, Jessica and Joanie from Skellytown, Charlie and Edie Phillips from White Deer and Mary and Clint. Lois Meadows visited later. Charlie and Edie and Lee cut some wood. The Browns planned to go on to the football game at Canyon.

David and Phyllis Hefley, went to the home of Jim and Beth Alvey for Thanksgiving dinner. Others there included Darren Hefley from Nazareth, Keith and Kristi Meek from leveland and Clifford and Pauline Hefley.

Everyone is invited to a 50th Anniversary celebration for Vernon and Betty Rowley at Bentonville, Arkansas on Dec. 17.

Felicia Otis made it to the National Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas Dec. 2 to 10. Kathy and Freddie Otis and Fallon will be going with her. They are from Alex, Oklahoma. Faye Tuckness and Carla Nall will meet Debbie Hefley and Shayla and Holly from Wiley, Colorado and Leila Ross Guffey from Bertram, Texas in Amarillo Sunday and fly to Las Vegas and come back Wed. to work. They will get to see part of her rides.

Lacy Horton is working for Canadian on call to go with the ambulance some. She is also working some at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo for her EMT course.

Joey and Risa Keelin, Tammy and James Cobey, and Shelby Ann visited Darville and Sammie Atherton quite a bit and visited Pearl Williams.

Sunday, Rosalie Keelin visited at the Gene Keelin home where they were having Thanksgiving for Norma's family, and also visited with Ruth Taylor.

Nova Powledge had her family for Thanksgiving and included Margaret Ann and Charles Hall, and Kathy from Pampa, Leonard and Teresa Powledge, Sarah and Jody.

All of Irene Keys family were at her house in Shamrock Thanksgiving Day and included Don and Bonnie Hall from Quail, Bobby and Ruth Hall from Shamrock, Patty Ann and Mack Shields, John, and Amanda, Amy and Clint Huff, Kevin and Heather Shields, and Eric, Dean and Karen Keys, and Tina, Toby, Terry, Teresa and Leonard Powledge and Jody and Sarah, Cindy Grayson and friend and Jerome and Kerri Grayson, Bo and Brenda Keys and Lindsay and Jared.

Thanksgiving Day guests at the home of Bob and Sue Ratliff and Heather and Keith were Sue Reames, Jeremy Reames, Dustin and Terri Reames, Eddie and Betty Reames, and Gerald Reames and Jared. "God be with you till we meet again."



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"Wheeler, town of friendship and pride."

Geniva Hogan, Bessie Callaway and Estelle Orr.

Dale and Melba Corcoran visited Fri. in Wheeler with Verna Corcoran, Earl and Pauline Barnes, Debbie Alexander and Joey Stone of Amarillo were also there.

Visiting Sun. with Pauline Hooker were Mac and Peggy Shelton, Loretta Mick and Jeannie Billhart of Perryton, Audrey Billhart of Borger, James Moore of Ft. Worth, Leslie Harrison of Elk City, Joe and Cindy Gorley, Bill, Mary and Gary of Quannah, Wanda Hefley, Justin and Tamra, Gene and Sue Harrison and Inez Moore.

Calvin and Leola Stuart spent Thanksgiving in Shamrock with his mother Bulah Stuart and Gerald. Dorothy Nell Westbrook came over and watched the football game. Leola also visited her cousin Vinta Weiss.

James Moore of Ft. Worth visited his mother Inez Moore and sister Wanda Hefley, Justin and Tamra.

Calvin and Leola Stuart went to Amarillo Mon. for Calvin's doctors appointment.

Dale and Melba Corcoran visited Earl and Pauline Barnes in Wheeler Sun.

Last Mon. Calvin and Leola Stuart went to Erick, OK. and took her mother, Gladys Richardson to the doctor in Elk City.

Bill Bailey of Pampa visited Jap and Alice Bailey, Mon.

Virginia Mixon and Orville Greenhouse shopped Friday in Amarillo.

Those having Thanksgiving with Bill and Lena James were Shannon and Michelle James, Ronnie, Jeannie and Dakota of Sayre, OK., Mark and Mary Thompson, Brandy, Jarad and Chad of Canadian and Billy and Kathy James, Jamey and Cody.

Bill and Lena James have been spending a lot of time in Canadian with Red and Barbara James. Barbara is under going chemotherapy and they are taking care of her while Red works.

Sammy and Sonya Tabor, Shelby and Jonah recently moved to Pateau, OK.

Visiting with Gene and Sue Harrison were Joe and Cindy Gorley, Bill, Mary

and Gary of Quamah, Leslie Harrison of Elk City, and Thelma Harrison of Carizne, OK.

Visiting Calvin and Leola Stuart over the weekend were Randy and Julie Stuart, Zack and Jesse of Amarillo.

Gene and Sue Harrison visited Mon. with Mary Margaret Quarles in Pampa.

Visiting over the holiday with Delmar and Elizabeth Newman were Robert and Cindy Newman, Justin and Jeannie of Warrenton and Joshua, a foreign exchange student from Germany, Billy and Cendie Newman, Chad and Toby of Elk City, Pat and Marletta Newman of Pampa, Terry and Martha Gardner, Shirley and Shane of Shamrock, Lisa Jae Maul of Lubbock, Chad Waldey of Okanogee, OK.

Those having Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Jeff and Margaret Seitz in Pampa were Carol Miller, Chance and Chase and friend, Justin of Neb., Larry and Liz Ann Shugart of Elkhart, KS., Shannon and Mike Jachetz and Ella of Kerum, TX., Jan and Monty Mayo and Jessica of Amarillo, Maida Allen and Ada Lou Lester of Mobeetie, Vickie Gunter, Johnny and Nancy Allen, John Erie and Trina Allen and Lauren and Bill Allen and Helen Seitz all of Pampa.

Visiting over the holiday with Ada Lou Lester were Carol Miller, Chance and Chase and friend, Justin of Neb., Vickie Gunter and Helen Seitz of Pampa, Larry and Liz Ann Shugart of Elkhart, KS., Joe Rucker of Briscoe and Marila Allen.

Ralph House spent a few days in Parkview Hospital. They are glad he is out.

Visiting over the holiday with Ralph and Leona House were their daughter, Richard and Carolyn Kidd and Richard's brother of Eureka, Ark.

Jimmy and Laura Fern Selby went to Amarillo last Mon. for Mark Frankenberg's surgery. Laura Fern also visited her brother, Butch, and Mary Wells. Mark Frankenberg was released this Tues. to come back to Wheeler.

Crystal, Cody and Cheslea Selby went to Wheeler Mon. and saw Santa Claus.

Ft. Elliott Jr. Hi. Basketball

The Lady Cougars and Cougars traveled to Higgins Monday the 28th to take on the Coyotes.



Student of the Week: Justin Hefley was the student of the week at Fort Elliott Elementary for the week of November 21-25. Justin is in the fifth grade, and the son of Wanda Hefley of Mobeetie, Texas.

The Lady Cougars defeated Higgins 31-14 to up their record to 3-0. Scores by quarters were 8-2, 18-4, 29-12, and 31-14. Leading scorers were Devin Deibel with 14, Susie Luttrell with 5, Reagan Meadows 5, Amber Estes 3, Ja'Nae Goad 2, Carissa Dukes 2, Kirby Kinman 2, and Ashley Estes 2. Also playing good defense was Julie Zybach, rebounding well was Candi Hilburn, Jennifer Maddox, and Terri Crownover. The girls play good team defense and pressed very good leading to easy shots.

The Cougars beat Higgins 35 to 11. Scores by quarters was 12-4, 21-6, 25-9, and 35-11. The Cougars are 3-0. Leading scorers were Curt Smith 13, Ty Wood 7, Travis May 5, Tanner Smith 4, Clay Zybach 2, Matt McCurley 2, Michael Hilburn 2, and Bryan Moran with 2. Again the Cougars were out sized, but more than made up for that with their hustle and defensive pressure. The press accounted for 9 layups and Higgins 6'0" player was held to 4 points by our defense. Clay did a good job rebounding and Tanner's drives through their defense gave Higgins troubles. It was a team effort as Travis and Curt hit 1-3 point each. Next game with Allison at F.E.

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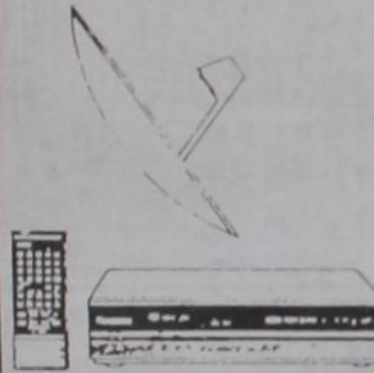
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U.S. sheep inventories expected to continue decline in 1995

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. sheep inventories are expected to decline by up to 15 percent in 1995 and total herd numbers could drop below 8.5 million head at the beginning of the year, the Agriculture Department says.

The continued decline in U.S. sheep numbers has been attributed to a phasing out of a government wool incentive program for domestic growers.

Stock sheep slaughter levels were even with the

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from Bar H Cattle Feeders at Hedley. The steer carcass was Low Prime, had a 16.0 square-inch ribeye, 0.32 inch of backfat and a 1.95 Yield Grade.

The Manager's Evaluation Contest was won by Monte Koller of Cactus Feeders, Inc. in Amarillo and the Manager's "Judge Your Own Pen" evaluation contest was captured by TCFA President Les McNeill, manager of Carson County Feedyards at Panhandle.

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American's food spending patterns show growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans spent more money, but a smaller share of household income, on food in 1992 than they did 12 years earlier, according to the Agriculture Department.

A report by USDA's Economic Research Service tracked food spending from 1980 to 1992, taking into account household size, location and income, the race and age of consumers and seasonal purchases such as ice cream in the summer and turkey during the holidays.

The study found that average annual spending on food in urban households rose 59 percent during the period, from \$985 per person in 1980 to \$1,567 in 1992. However, per capita income rose 94 percent, from \$6,916 to \$13,398, and real food-purchasing expenditures therefore declined from 14.2 percent to 11.7 percent of annual household income.

After adjusting for prices, the report said,

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279,000 people were agricultural service employees working on farms and ranches.

Hired workers made an average of \$6.46 an hour during the October survey week, an increase of 20 cents over the same week of the previous year. Workers paid on an hourly basis received \$6.17 an hour, up from \$5.94. Field workers got a 25 cent raise from 1993 to \$6.16 an hour, while livestock workers saw their wages go up from \$5.67 to \$5.82.

During the survey week, 375,000 workers received benefits. Operators provided health insurance to 182,000 workers, housing to 152,000 and meals to 71,000. Bonuses were given to 80,000 workers.

urban Americans were buying about the same amount of food in 1992 as they did in 1980.

They bought fewer fresh vegetables and fruits in 1992 than in 1980, and chose chicken overwhelmingly over beef, pork and other meats.

Spending on food away from home fluctuated through the period but ended unchanged in 1992 compared with 1980 when prices were adjusted for inflation.

The average annual per person expense for whiskey in 1992, which had held relatively steady until 1989, dropped sharply to 22.7 percent of 1980 levels

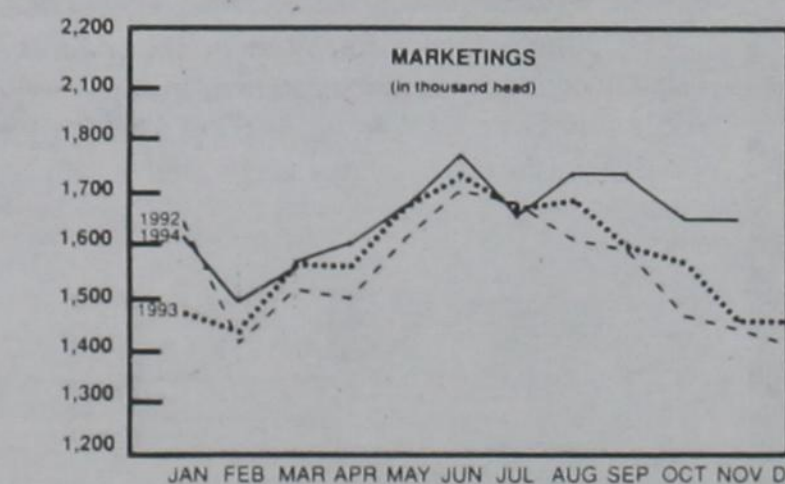
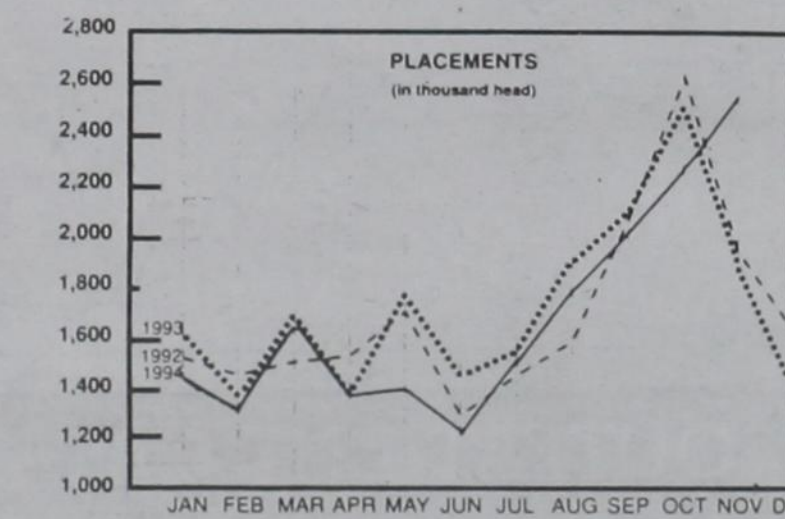
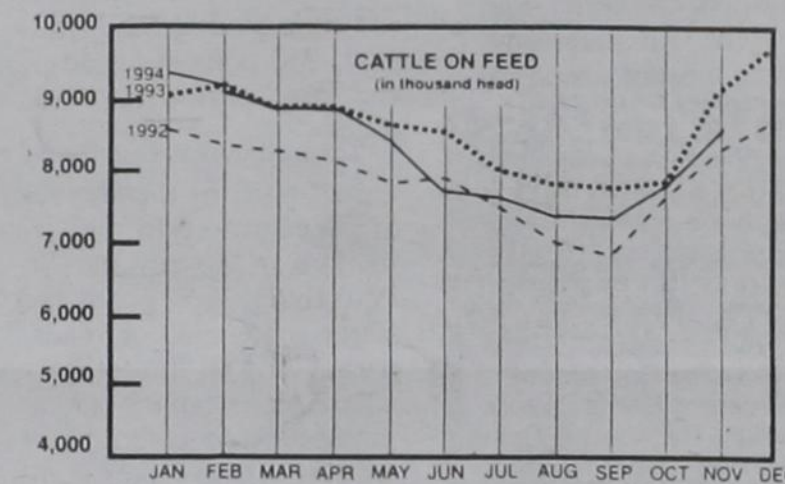
and beer purchases fell to 63.7 percent of 1980 figures.

Consumers spent 33 percent more of their 1992 food budget on ice cream than in 1980 but bought only three-fourths as much sugar and artificial sweeteners.

One-person households spent more than twice as much per person on food as households with six or more members: \$2,146 per year vs. \$878. And they spent double the percentage of their food budget eating meals out as did larger households, 42 percent compared with 20 percent, the report said.

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Young cattlemen honored for efforts

SAN ANTONIO—Young cattlemen from throughout the cattle feeding areas of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, were honored for their hard work and knowledge of cattle feeding during the annual Texas Cattle Feeders Association convention in San Antonio Nov. 14.

The young cattlemen were winners in the annual TCFA Fed Beef Challenge, a program that allows students in 4-H or FFA to gain practical experience in the commercial cattle feeding industry by feeding a pen of three steers.

Overall champion and the top scholarship winner was Jeff Weber of Pilot Point, who won a \$2,000 scholarship. Brad Hinton of Snyder won reserve champion and a \$1,500 scholarship while Ashlie Lasley

of Stratford was first runner-up and a \$1,000 scholarship winner.

Dancy Hopping of Memphis won with her record book while Clint Cooper of Matador placed second.

In the live evaluation contest, Darryn Perryman of Matador placed third.

In the Team Challenge division, where a team of two or three compete in the written exam and live evaluation, second place was won by the Wheeler team of Danny Brinkley, Andy King and John Porter. The Matador team of Talon Cruse, Kasey Parker and Cody Timmons placed third.

The live evaluation contest had the Matador team placing third.

TCFA fed beef winners announced

Cattle Feeding Country of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico has long been recognized as a premier area for producing the best fed beef in the nation. And the best of the best were named winners of the 1994 TCFA Fed Beef Challenge.

Sponsored by the Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA), the Fed Beef

Challenge offers more than \$10,000 in cash and trophies in a contest designed to let cattle feeders compete with one another in producing the high quality beef that consumers demand. A total of 33 feedyards entered 60 pens of top quality steers and heifers in the 1994 contest. The winners were recognized November 14 during the TCFA Annual Convention in San Antonio.

First place pen of steers went to Southwest Feedyard at Hereford. The pen of three graded Low Choice, had an average

ribeye area of 14.9 square inches, 0.55 inch of backfat and 2.29 Yield Grade. Second place went to Wes-Tex Feed Yard at Muleshoe with a pen that averaged Low Choice, had a 14.0 square-inch ribeye area, 0.32 inch of backfat and a 2.49 Yield Grade. Third place went to Caprock #4 at Dalhart with a pen that averaged Low Choice, had a 16.0 square-inch ribeye area, 0.59 inch of backfat and a 2.51 Yield Grade.

In the heifer division, first place went to Hartley Feeders at Hartley. The pen of three averaged Low Choice, had a 15.7 square-inch ribeye, 0.57 inch of backfat and a 2.29 Yield Grade. Second place was won by McCloy Feedlot at Morse with a pen that averaged Choice, had a 14.3 square-inch ribeye, 0.53 inch of backfat and a 2.67 Yield Grade. Third place was captured by Carson County Feedyards at Panhandle with a pen that averaged Low Choice, had a 15.4 square-inch ribeye, 0.65 inch of backfat and a

TCFA elects new officers

SAN ANTONIO—The Amarillo-based Texas Cattle Feeders Association elected new officers and directors during its "Bridge to Tomorrow" convention in San Antonio Nov. 15.

Ron Davenport of Friona was elected president; Randall "Cuppy" Graham of Roscoe was selected president-elect and James E. Herring of Amarillo was elected vice president.

The 32-member TCFA board of directors will be comprised of Jim Bill Anderson of Canadian, John Ballard of Claude, LoRenzo Bates of Farmington, N.M., Bill Carrothers of Eagle Pass, Davenport, George Driskill of Sabinal, Pat Halverson of Hale Center, Bill Irwin of Bushland, Gail Morris of Lazbuddie, Alan Smith of Amarillo and Robert Carter of Plainview.

Also Gery Donnell of Lubbock, J.B. Douglas of Muleshoe, Paul Engler of Amarillo, Graham, John F. Hughes of Bartlesville, Okla., Buck Wehrbein of Amarillo, David Winters of Del Rio, Herring and Dave Hopper of Hereford.

Also, John Josseland of Hereford, Virl LaMunyon of Perryton, Carl Menke of Friona, Don Powell of Amarillo, Bob Sims of Hereford, Steve Smola of Watonga, Okla., Bruce Thompson of Hartley and L.H. Webb of Pampa.

In addition, the two immediate past presidents of TCFA serve as directors. They are Les McNeill of Panhandle and Les Howard of Dalhart.

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Luckenbach is still the place to get away from it all

LUCKENBACH, Texas—The "sheriff of Luckenbach" stared across the bar, her rattlesnake earrings swaying in the breeze. "I've stood by Jerry Jeff in the good times and bad," she said. "And there's been some really bad times."

"But I love him, he's like a little brother to me. A blood brother."

Aside from her duties as "sheriff," Marge Mueller has been working as a bartender for Luckenbach on-and-off since 1972. She's seen a lot of musicians perform in the dancehall over the past 22 years, but none have had a bigger impact on this tiny Hill Country town than Jerry Jeff Walker.

Several years before Willie and Waylon ever "got back to the basics," Jerry Jeff put Luckenbach on the map with "Viva Terlingua!"—Jerry Jeff's breakthrough album recorded in the Luckenbach dancehall in 1973.

But Jerry Jeff's love affair with Luckenbach didn't end there. After recording two more albums in the dancehall, and even trying to buy the town once or twice, he still returns occasionally to sing and relax in this scenic town.

"It's a step back in time," Jerry Jeff said in a recent phone interview. "Once you get in there and get your car parked and get walking around ... all the modern stuff leaves you ... the malls and freeways ... and you can relax."

"There's not much to do there without interacting with other people. It becomes a sort of thing where you meet somebody from somewhere else and start having a good time."

Jerry Jeff took a step back in time recently, returning to Luckenbach one year after the recording of Viva Luckenbach in

October 1993. "No, it's a concert," Marge said to someone over the phone. "Jerry Jeff rented out the whole town. You have to have a ticket to get in after 7:00. Yes, there's some \$40 tickets still left."

By early afternoon, Jerry Jeff's fans were already descending on Luckenbach, while more leisurely tourists hadn't yet retreated back to Fredericksburg.

Among the fans was "Redneck" Decker, a radio DJ from New York who had traveled by train and cab to get to Luckenbach for the concert.

"I play a lot of Jerry Jeff at the radio station, and I wouldn't miss this for anything," he said. "Luckenbach is a small place, but it sure is big on character."

A conversation of the history of Luckenbach invariably leads to Hondo Crouch, the late "mayor of Luckenbach," who bought the place in 1971 and gave it so much of his character.

"Redneck" grins, "Hondo was a true Texas hero. He's so famous we've even heard of him in New York."

It was Hondo, in fact, who brought another New Yorker to Luckenbach.

Jerry Jeff, born Ronald Crosby of Oneonta, N.Y., learned of Luckenbach when he met musician Dow Patterson in Austin in the early '70s. Dow was married to Hondo's daughter, Becky, and it wasn't long before Jerry Jeff became good friends.

Becky said that Hondo was "an idol and father figure" to Jerry Jeff during his wilder days and that they shared a lot of common ground.

"Jerry Jeff was a believer in what Hondo believed in," she said. "Celebrating the small things in life."

Celebrating the small

things is what Luckenbach does best. At mid-afternoon things have picked up some. Tourists come and go while motorcycles kick up dust in the parking lot and guitar pickers play old country songs behind the bar. Luckenbach has been described as "Texas' smallest theme park." But how did this tiny little town become a tourist attraction? Obviously, Hondo started it all, but most would give credit to Waylon Jennings' hit song "Luckenbach, Texas (Back to the Basics of Love)."

But Jennings has never been to Luckenbach. And neither have Chips Moman or Bobby Emmons, who actually wrote the song.

How did they find out about the place? In 1973, Jerry Jeff (who already had released seven albums and written his smash hit "Mr. Bojangles") was looking for a place to record his second album with MCA records.

He didn't like recording studios, but he sure did like Hondo and Luckenbach. One thing led to another, and before long, "Viva Terlingua" was being recorded in the Luckenbach dancehall.

The album's name was taken from a bumper sticker in the bar for the Terlingua chili cookoff. When the recording was nearly finished, Jerry Jeff advertised a Saturday night concert.

Nearly 900 people paid \$1 each to jam themselves into the old dancehall and hear such songs as "Desperados Waiting for a Train," "London Homesick Blues" and "Up Against the Wall Red Neck."

After that things weren't ever the same for Jerry Jeff. Or for Luckenbach.

"I remember the morning that the trucks all pulled out from recording 'Viva Terlingua!'" Jerry Jeff said, "and Hondo and I were the last two standing there in town. I remember that moment real clearly."

"I said, 'Well, I wonder what we've done?'"

As late afternoon makes

its way to Luckenbach, they're setting up the sound in the dancehall and fans and tourists alike have nearly overwhelmed the general store where Jerry Jeff married his wife Susan in 1974. Hondo was the best man, and a small bust of him stands right outside the door, where another group of guitar pickers have gathered a small audience.

Hondo died in 1976, a few weeks after Jerry Jeff recorded "A Man Must Carry On" in Luckenbach. The album was reworked and released in '77 as a eulogy for Hondo.

But even without Hondo, Luckenbach has endured. Where there used to be just an old outhouse, they've added flushing toilets, but Luckenbach still looks pretty much the same as it always has. And the management has tried to ensure that the Luckenbach mystique remains unchanged as well.

"I think it still pretty much holds," Jerry Jeff said. "I always enjoy the same feelings when I'm there that I did before. I found that out during the 'Viva Luckenbach!' recording. It was a lot of fun again."

In October of 1993, Jerry Jeff returned to Luckenbach to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Viva Terlingua! album by recording another album in the dancehall—"Viva Luckenbach!"

The price of the concert had gone from \$1 to \$50, and the number of tickets was limited to 350 instead of 900. But it was still a big success for both Jerry Jeff and Luckenbach.

"When he recorded the album here last year, it was the best concert I've ever seen him do," Marge said. "It was just wonderful."

Luckenbach's manager, VelAnne Howle, thought the album was wonderful too: "Since the album came out, business has picked up a lot," she said. "Jerry Jeff's a big boost for Luckenbach. He makes it possible for us to make improvements."

But VelAnne quickly

added that her relationship with Jerry Jeff and his wife isn't all business. After all, she was a nanny for their kids, and traveled across the country with them in the early '80s.

An hour before the show, Jerry Jeff is doing sound checks in the dancehall, and anyone who hasn't seen him up close might peer through the windows and be surprised. With gray hair, and a couple of days' of gray stubble on his chin, he looks...old.

In fact, he turned 52 last March, but anyone who thinks he can't rock and roll anymore is going to be surprised by the end of the night.

The audience is mostly young fans from Austin or San Marcos, but there are more than a few who have traveled a long way, including a group of middle-aged men who flew in from Portland, Ore. Jerry Jeff's fans are known as the "Tried & True Warriors" after his independent record label, Tried & True Music, managed by his wife, Susan.

"We have a lot of good fans, they have a good spirit about themselves," Jerry Jeff said. "We just played at Billy Bob's (in Fort Worth), and there were 4,000 of them there. They sing along and have a good time, we have a lot of

Acreage reduction of 7.5 percent for corn will not be adjusted

WASHINGTON (AP)—Corn acreage reduction levels will not be adjusted for 1995, meaning that growers will still have to idle 7.5 percent of their acres next year, the Agriculture Department says. Under the Agricultural Act of 1949, the Secretary of Agriculture had until Nov. 15 to adjust the feed grain percentages set on Sept. 30 under the Acreage Reduction Program.

The department said the reduction is necessary because this year's bumper corn crop will create an oversupply. Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy said that conditions have not changed significantly

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Jerry Jeff kicks off the show on time at 9:00, with "Gettin' By," and manages to play "Up Against the Wall Red Neck" and "London Homesick Blues" (he'll play both of these twice before the end of the night), before a drunk aggravates him enough to leave the stage after the 10th song of the night.

About five minutes later, he's back, launching into a rousing performance of "L.A. Freeway."

By the end of the 2½ hour show, the audience, which had been laid-back and hanging out of the windows at the beginning of the show, was dancing in the aisles and pressed up against the stage while Jerry Jeff was rockin' hard.

He finished with a blazing "Hill Country Rain," to wrap up a very impressive night.

As the fans trickle out of Luckenbach, the scene looks much the same as it must have 20 years ago. The town stands quietly undemeath the moon while the night grows cool. It's not so hard to imagine why Jerry Jeff keeps coming back.

"The common thread is Luckenbach itself," he said. "It can't change really ... it is what it is."

enough since Sept. 30 to warrant adjustment of the percentage reduction.

Acreage reduction levels for grain sorghum, barley and oats will not be adjusted either. Because of low supplies, the department said, growers will not be required to idle any acres of those crops next year.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Wages paid to farm laborers in 1994 averaged \$6.39 an hour through October, up 14 cents from the previous year and 39 cents higher than 1992, according to the Agriculture Department.

During the week of Oct. 9-15, farms and ranches employed 3.17 million people, a decline from the 3.25 million people on the payroll during the same week in 1993.

Self-employed farm workers accounted for the majority, at 1.49 million, while 516,000 workers were unpaid. Farm operators hired 880,000 workers directly. The remaining (SEE AWAY PAGE 4)

Food exporters should look to Russia for new markets

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. food exporters searching for new markets should look to Russia despite that country's recent economic troubles, the Agriculture Department suggests.

The Russian market, while still forming, is largely untapped by U.S. exporters and could offer great rewards, according to an article in the current issue of the USDA publication AgExporter.

In the first five months of 1994, Russia expanded to become the fifth largest market in the world for U.S. consumer-oriented products, surpassing such countries as Korea, Taiwan and Singapore.

Also, the market for imported consumer-ready food in Russia is estimated at \$2.5 billion and predicted to grow as further economic recovery occurs.

Europe currently dominates the Russian import market, most of which con-

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sists of upscale food purchased by the wealthiest 10 percent to 15 percent of the population.

European Union nations alone account for \$1.4 billion of the total, mainly because their proximity to Russia allows for quick delivery of specialty orders.

Still, interest in American products is high and Russian producers provide little competition in the upscale food arena.

In 1993, American exports to Russia rose sharply to \$346 million from \$126 million the previous year. Snack food exports jumped from \$3 million in 1992 to \$82 million last year. Red meat and poultry exports also increased significantly.

For the first five months of 1994, U.S. food exports are estimated at \$206 million, 280 percent ahead of the same period in 1993.

Though European foods crowd most of the shelves at Western-style supermarkets in Moscow and St. Petersburg, U.S. goods are starting to make inroads, particularly in the freezers where American ice cream, pizzas and processed chicken products are prevalent.

Promotional materials are rare in Russia, and owners seem eager to put product displays in their stores.

Also, if the Russian processing industry becomes advanced enough to compete in the upscale market, additional export outlets will open up for non-brand imported ingredients, such as dried fruit, nuts, flavorings and concentrates for juice drinks.

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reduced foraging area in the northern states.

The number of Mexican calves in 1994 stood at 9.5 million head, a 3.5 percent drop from the previous year, and 1995 estimates foresee a further decline to 9.05 million head.

Mexican cattle exports to the United States in 1995 also are expected to fall off slightly to about 1.2 million head. Proposed U.S. health standards for bovine tuberculosis could result in even fewer exports.

Japan faces declining cattle inventory, with a projected 4.98 million head to start 1995, and a growing demand for beef at home. Beef imports for Japan in 1995 are forecast at 890,000 tons, a 7.5 percent rise over the previous year, to help satisfy a population that has increased its per capita consumption 35 percent since 1990 to 26 pounds.

The total number of cattle in North America as of Jan. 1 is expected to be 146 million head, up around 1.5 million head from the beginning of 1994.

Cattle in Canada should number 12.5 million head in January, 4 percent higher than a year earlier. Favorable feeder cattle prices and good pasture conditions have led to an expansion of the beef cattle herd. Dairy herds are expected to stay close to the 1994 level, the Agriculture Department said.

Larger beef herds could lead to increased Canadian cattle exports to the United States in 1995, possibly reaching 1.25 million head. Meanwhile, Canadian beef exports to the United States may go up 10 percent as that nation's beef production rises 4 percent and packers continue their aggressive marketing in Western states.

Mexico is forecast to have 30.16 million head of cattle at the beginning of 1995, 2 percent less than in 1994. The decline is attributed to drought and

Australian cattle inventory, which has been increasing since 1988, is expected to drop about 1 percent to 26.6 million head at the beginning of 1995 as drought continues to plague Queensland and New South Wales.

Herds in Central and South America will experience little change at the beginning of 1995 from the previous year, according to the estimates, except for Brazil, which has suffered weather-induced losses.

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