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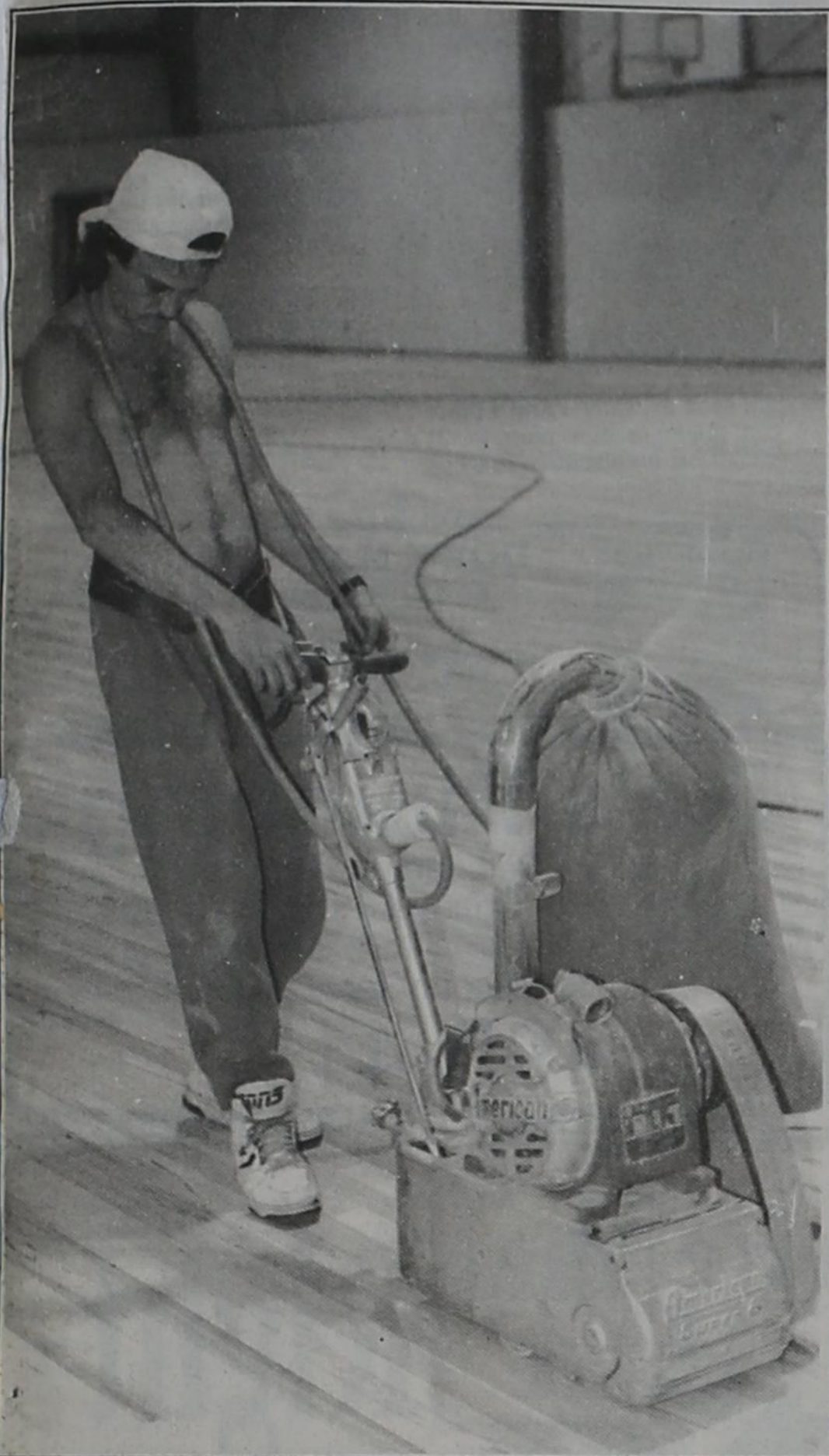
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WORKER for Witt Builder's Supply of Amarillo uses a power sander to sand the new maple floor in the middle school gym. The floor must be sanded three times before the lines are painted on and then the floor is finished. (Photo by John Cordson)

Middle school gym getting a new floor

by John Cordson

Post ISD's basketball playing area will double soon as work is completed on the new maple floor in the middle school gym. The new hardwood floor will allow the district to hold basketball games in the middle school gym, easing pressure on the high school floor which is currently the only playing surface for interscholastic sports in the county.

"Hopefully we will be in the week of the 11th," said Middle School principal Anita Jackson.

Bleachers for the gym came in January 4 and will be installed after the floor is finished. The portable bleachers will allow seating for approximately 250 people. When folded, the bleachers are only two foot wide.

The Bold Gold Middle School Antelopes will play all of their home games on the new floor after it is completed, a prospect that has Jackson excited.

Until now, the two year old facility has been used only for middle school gym classes because of the concrete floors.

Fire damages U.S. Mail truck

Blaze one of two that kept Post Volunteer firemen busy as old year ends

by John Cordson

A U.S. Mail truck bound from Dallas to Lubbock made an unscheduled stop in Post in the early morning hours of December 30 when a fire broke out in the cargo area of the truck.

According to Post Volunteer fire chief Delbert Rudd, firemen were called to the truck, which was stopped at the Allsup's on the Tahoka highway, at 3:25 a.m. Wednesday, December 30, 1992 to extinguish the fire that was located in the front portion of the truck.

Due to the location of the fire, Rudd said firemen were forced to cut a hole in the roof of the truck to reach the fire.

"We couldn't get to the fire because of all of the containers," explained Rudd. Damage was limited primarily to BBN mail (third class mailings) said Rita Reyes, U.S. Postal spokesperson from Dallas. Most of the BBN on the truck was completely destroyed with the parcels on the truck receiving water and smoke damage. According to Reyes, the first class mail on the truck received only smoke damage.

"We're trying to salvage what we can (of the remaining BBN)," said Reyes. Probable cause of the blaze has been listed as originating from an ember or ash that fell among the truck's cargo at the time it was being loaded in Dallas, this according to Reyes.

After firemen had extinguished the fire, they assisted in down loading a replacement truck with the remaining cargo and the shipment continued on to Lubbock.

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Post Volunteer firemen responded to a grass fire Thursday, December 31 north of Post on FM 211. According to Rudd, the small fire was contained in a pasture along the county road. No other damage was reported.

Well known Garza Co. rancher named to ASC committee

Ida Mae Wilks, a well known Garza County rancher, was named to the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee by delegates to the county ASCS convention, held December 17, 1992. Local administrative area (LAA) boundaries were set by the ASC committee in compliance with changes required by the Food Security Act of 1985. LAA's help provide farmers with effective farm program administration through local representation. The delegates also elected Donald McLenon and Dale Cravy to one-year terms as first and second alternates to the county committee. Terms begin January 1, 1993.

Mrs. Wilks has farming and ranching interest in the northeastern part of the county. She is a retired ASCS employee and brings her considerable ASCS background to the committee. Mr. McLenon has farming and ranching interest in the eastern part of the county. Dale Cravy has cotton farming interest in the northeastern part of the county.

The county ASC committee is responsible for local administration of government farm programs such as the Acreage Reduction Program, Price Support Programs and Agricultural Conservation Programs. The county committee and operates under the guidance of the State ASC committee and applicable Federal laws and regulations.

Icy roads interrupt two trips

Freezing rain and icy roads that gripped the area New Year's eve caused a pair of automobile accidents south of Post on Highway 84.

According to DPS, the first occurred at approximately 1:50 a.m. January 1 when 1992 Chevrolet Blazer headed northwest on Hwy 84 spun out of control and rolled 14 miles south of Post. Occupants of the vehicle included driver Steven Owen of Abilene and three other passengers. There were no injuries reported.

The second accident also occurred 14 miles south of Post. A 1990 Chevrolet van also headed northwest on 84 spun out of control.

The van, driven by Chanthachon Zongsaphay, skidded on the ice at approximately 3:30 a.m. and rolled. Zongsaphay and his family, are from Clovis. Again, there were no injuries reported.

Both groups spent the remainder of the night at the Post Nazarene Church.

Christmas tree recycling effort getting good results during city's initial try

Organic mulch being offered to Post residents

by John Cordson

Post city officials are optimistic about the response to the city's initial effort at recycling Christmas trees. The recycling effort is being done to keep the Christmas trees out of the Post and Garza County landfill, which is nearing the end of its useful life.

"We're real pleased with the response considering this is the first time we have offered this," said Post Mayor Jim Jackson.

The city has set up a collection point for the trees in the lot next to the fire hall. Once collected, the trees are chopped into an organic mulch with the city's new chopper. According to Jackson, Post residents are more than welcome to the mulch.

"Anyone needing the chips just has to call the city and let us know," said Jackson. "We'll make arrangements to bring them out to the site" where they are needed.

Not all trees are making it to the collection point. Jackson said some

have been found in the allies and a few are still being found at the landfill.

Jackson said the tree recycling program is just one of the ways the city of Post is attempting to stretch all of the usefulness out of the landfill. He asks residents to help by following the rules on what to dump where at the landfill, including a place for wood and another for metal.

He said so far the response has been good and that the landfill has just passed



POST MAYOR Jim Jackson (left) and City Manager Bob Turner (right) inspect a few of the Christmas trees that have been brought to the city's recycling center next to the fire hall. The city chops the trees into an organic mulch that can be used in gardening and landscaping. (Photo by John Cordson)

an inspection from the Texas Water Commission, the governmental body that is responsible for code enforcement at landfills in the state.

"Currently we are in full compliance" with all the regulations, said Jackson. Jackson said that with proper management of the Post and Garza County landfill, the current pit will be operational until sometime late summer of 1993 or early fall.

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NEWS BRIEFS

American Legion membership drive

Veterans are encouraged to contact Commander Jack Alexander or Adjutant JG Ault for an application to join the American Legion. Veterans are urged to join the legion to protect their rights. In the past, the American Legion has fought for and obtained veteran's benefits such as the WW II G.I. Bill.

Stock Show entries due

Entry cards for the Garza County Junior Livestock Show are available at the Extension office in the courthouse. Exhibitor and parent signatures are required. Cards and fees must be turned in to Diane Graves, GCJLA Secretary, by 5 p.m. Friday, January 8. 4-H Pee-Wee Rabbit Show entries are also due at this time.

4-H parents meeting Jan. 7

The Garza County 4-H Parents Association will meet January 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the show barn for a pot-luck supper. Guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Martha Couch, District 4-H Specialist. All parents of 4-H'ers are urged to attend.

GCJLA workdays set

Garza County Junior Livestock Association members will spend the next two weekends cleaning up at the show barn in preparation for the livestock show later this month. January 9 and 16 have been designated as workdays at the show barn. All GCJLA members are encouraged to be there at 9 a.m. to assist in the preparations for the stock show.

VFW fish fry and dance

VFW Post 6797 will have a fish fry and dance Saturday, January 9. The fish fry runs from 5 to 7:30 p.m. It includes all you can eat for \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Take out orders will be available. There will also be a dance after the fish fry featuring the music of Tommy Reed and Texas Class.

For more information call 495-3785.

Chamber seeking citizen of the year

The Post Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for citizen of the year. If any one knows of someone deserving of this honor they are urged to send that person's name along with a short description about why they are being nominated to the chamber office. Nominations should be sent to: The Post Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 610, Post, Texas 79356. Deadline for nominations is January 15, 1993.

Lamb shearing for GCJLA

Lamb shearing day has been set for Saturday, January 16 at the show barn. Hours for the shearing will be between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

EPC waste management meeting

The Extension Program Council is sponsoring a waste management (recycling) information meeting January 14, at 7 p.m. in the Garza County Courtroom. All EPC members, city council, county officials and other interested persons are encouraged to attend.

PMA looking for business of the year

The 1992 Business of the year is being sought by the Post Merchants Association. Any one who knows of a business deserving this honor should send that business name, along with a short description about the business being nominated to the PMA at P.O. Box 610, Post, Texas 79356. Deadline for nominations is January 15, 1993.

Annual chamber banquet Jan. 30

The annual Post Chamber of Commerce banquet is scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 1993. The place and time will be announced later.

The Post citizen of the year and business of the year will be honored at the annual banquet. For more information on the banquet, contact the Post Chamber of Commerce at 495-3461.

Commodities distribution

The commodities distribution are held on the third Tuesday every month at the Service Center on the Snyder Highway. The center will be open for the distribution from 9 - 12 and from 1-3 p.m.

Christian school cookbook available

"Holy Chow", the new Christian school cookbook is currently at the printers and will soon arrive at the school in Post shortly after the new year. The school is offering gift certificates for the book. They may be obtained by contacting a teacher at the school or by coming by the FBC office at 402 W. Main.



Signs of the season

CITY WORKERS are busy the first week of 1993 taking down Christmas decorations on Post's Main Street. Frank Flores (top) unhooked one of the banners, this one on the corner by Danish Imports. Co-worker Johnny Torres (behind the banner) works on the bottom of the banner (Photo by John Cordson)

Law enforcement

New Year's activity keeps local law officers busy

New Year's activity kept local law enforcement officials busy January 1. Officers responded to a report of a fight early January 1 which resulted in the arrest of a single individual. In another case a man was arrested for possession of stolen property.

(Activity report)
January 1, 1993
 Received report of fight on South Ave G approximately 2:00 a.m. Arrested 1 white male (31 years of age) for disorderly conduct. Referred to city court. Several others were treated at Garza Memorial Hospital, no further arrests.

Texas Highway Patrol Trooper Ramsey, on a routine traffic stop ran a warrant check for a stolen gun. The gun was stolen from Harris County in Houston. The 27 year old white male was arrested for Possession of Stolen Property and remains in custody.

January 4, 1993
 Report of criminal mischief (painting of walls and doors) to Collier Drug, Manna Square and McCrary Franklin Building. After an investigation, two juveniles admitted to committing criminal mischief to buildings. The juveniles will repaint the building for restitution.

Commissioner's Court appoints Preston Poole County Attorney



Preston Poole
 Garza County Commissioners appointed current county attorney Preston Poole to the position for two years. The appointment became necessary when Chris Wyatt, who was elected to the position, resigned before taking office.

Poole will serve for two years until the next general election when voters will decide on who fills out the remaining two years of Wyatt's term.

Poole was appointed during the commissioner's January 1 swearing in ceremonies at the Garza County Court House.

TFB Vice President Bob Stallman of Columbus and TFB Secretary-Treasurer Billie Ray Huddleston of Celina.

Also attending will be TFB State Directors Aubrey Rasor, Gruver; Leland White, Tahoka; C. H. Dowdy, Wichita Falls; and Steve Vance, Texarkana.

Other TFB State Directors attending include Bill Tullos, San Angelo; Leo Williams, Ranger; Harlan Huffman, McGregor; Russ Arnold, Trinity; Tommy Walker, Uvalde; Tryne Menger, Tynan; and David Krebs II, Portland.

Other voting delegates will include Don Early, Bangs; John Baker, Temple; Bob Currie, Kennard; Anton Haner, Tarpley; Joe Doby, Washington; Obert Sagebiel, Cuero; and Mike England, Mercedes.

Texas F. B. sending 21 delegates to conv.

Texas Farm Bureau will send 21 voting delegates to the 74th annual American Farm Bureau Federation meeting in Anaheim, Calif., January 10-14.

Farm and ranch families attending the annual meeting will have the chance to hear the latest marketing strategies, learn about timely issues that affect their operations, meet other farm families from across the country, and enjoy the distinctive sights of southern California.

More than 300 voting delegates representing 50 states and Puerto Rico will also discuss and adopt policy positions to guide the nation's largest general farm organization in 1993.

TFB President S.M. True of Plainview will lead the Texas delegation, which also includes

Page applications

Individuals interested in serving as a page or intern in Washington, D.C. have less than two weeks to get their applications into Congressman Charles Stenholm's office.

Completed applications must be submitted in person or postmarked by January 15, 1993, to be considered for either position.

Pages perform a variety of duties, including delivering packages to offices within the Capitol complex, and answering telephones in the Members' Cloakrooms. The pages answer directly to the Director of Page Services and they are paid a monthly salary, which covers basic living expenses.

Pages are housed in supervised dormitories and study junior level curriculum at the U.S. Capitol Page School.

Page positions are open to students in the 17th Congressional District who will be juniors in September 1993. Pages must have a "B" average in four major courses, excluding electives.

Four interns are selected to work in the Congressman's office for one month intervals in June or July.

Interns are involved in the daily operation of the Congressman's office and will help research constituent inquiries.

College students from the 17th Congressional District or those attending college inside the district, teachers and administrators are eligible for the internship program. The interns are paid a one-month stipend to cover basic living expenses.

Page and intern applications and information can be obtained by contacting Elaine Talley in the Abilene district office at 915-673-7221.

Applications are due by January 15, 1993. They will be forwarded

to a Selection Committee who will notify finalists by February 22, 1993. Interviews for all positions will be held in Abilene on March 13, 1993, and selections will be made at that time.

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Ten Free Trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January 1993.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are the Sugar Maple, White Flowering Dogwood, Pin Oak, White Pine, Red Maple, Birch, American Redbud, Silver Maple, Red Oak, and Colorado Blue Spruce.

"These trees were selected to provide benefits every season of the year: lovely spring flowers, cool summer shade, spectacular autumn colors, and winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds," John Rosenow, the Foundation's executive director, said.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's "Arbor Day" news magazine, The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care, and a membership card.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to TEN TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 1993.

Espy tabbed for Ag Secretary

Saying U.S. Rep. Mike Espy (D-Miss) is receiving only "high marks" from the agricultural community, Texas Farm Bureau president S. M. True praised the nomination of the Mississippi congressman as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Espy, a four-term congressman from rural Mississippi and a member of the House Agriculture and Budget committees, has been selected by President-elect Bill Clinton to head the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"I'm not sure he's too acquainted with Texas agriculture, in particular, other than the fact that our state and Mississippi have an awful lot in common when it comes to growing cotton, soybeans, cattle and some of the grain crops," said True, a grain, cotton and cattle producer from Plainview. "We do share some of the problems,

though, such as water. And I think we can relate to him pretty well because of his involvement in these issues in Mississippi."



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Janel Jones Texas Te

Janel Jones, daughter of Ruby Jones, 1,200 Texas Te students to receive science degree during graduation ceremony 19, 1992 in the Lubbock Coliseum.

Jones, a 1989 graduate of High School, was a member of the Agricultural Community's Board of Review and the 1992 fall semester time, graduates obtain agricultural education.

Litter can

It was on New Year's Day that the first litter cleanup in Texas was held. Since then, the Texas Department of Transportation's anti-litter slogan has become the state's battle cry, it's also a lot of money.

According to TxDOT, the state has saved \$4.7 million per year in litter cleanup costs. Clark, director of the Division of Travel and Transportation, said, "It's been proven again that just picking up litter will not solve the problem. Changing people's behavior produces results. This is the message with Texas."

Between 1979 and 1992, litter in Texas was increased 15 to 20 percent even though the campaign was in progress. Expenditures were state began to realize savings—even taking

Annual High Plains irrigation conference

Texas Panhandle continually seek to improve irrigation management efficiency. For the annual High Plains Conference as the practical information use and the new stemming directly innovation in the field.

The January 7 conference will be held at 8:30 a.m. with refreshments and a Texas A&M Extension Center, West Blvd. Modern program are Extension Newton of Deaf Smith County. Robert Harris of who will conduct program.

At 9:30 a.m., Leon Neff, Irrigation Specialist will review factors that affect irrigation efficiency. Those who farm near Midland will have a chance to see how the market operation.

Answers to questions will be given during the right procedure and water applications by Michael Hickey, Extension Chemist of Lubbock County. Extension Management, Ann Soward, Extension for center pivot irrigation. Special Agriculture Commission will review of water rights status and domestic, industrial use.



JANELL JONES

Janell Jones graduates from Texas Tech in Dec. ceremonies

Janell Jones, daughter of Darrell and Ruby Jones, was among the 1,200 Texas Tech University students to receive her bachelor of science degree during the afternoon graduation ceremonies, December 19, 1992 in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Jones, a 1989 graduate of Post High School, was one of the first graduates to earn a degree in Agricultural Communications after Tech's Board of Regents approved the curriculum and degree during the 1992 fall semester. Prior to this time, graduates obtained a degree in agricultural education with a

specialization in communications.

While at Tech, Jones participated in a variety of activities and organizations. She served as the Collegiate FFA president, vice-president and Ag. Council representative; Secretary of the Student Agricultural Council and public-relations chairperson for the Collegiate 4-H club. Jones was also a member of Tech's livestock judging team and participated in activities of Block and Bridle, Caprock Collegiate Cattlewoman and National Agri-Marketing Association.

Litter campaign seven years old

It was on New Year's Day seven years ago that the first "Don't Mess with Texas" commercial was aired. Since then, the Texas Department of Transportation's tough-talking antilitter slogan has not only become the state's most popular battle cry, it's also saved Texans a lot of money.

According to TxDOT estimates, the state has saved a total of \$7.1 million in litter expenditures since the slogan hit the airwaves in 1986.

"What's more impressive is the annual estimated savings is now \$4.7 million per year," says J. Don Clark, director of TxDOT's Division of Travel and Information. "It's been proven over and over again that just picking up the trash will not solve the litter problem. Changing people's attitudes and their behavior produces much better results. This is the goal of Don't Mess with Texas."

Between 1979 and 1985, the cost of picking up litter along highways in Texas was increasing at a rate of 15 to 20 percent every year. Once the campaign was implemented, the expected growth of litter expenditures was curtailed and the state began to realize an annual savings—even taking into account

the cost of administering TxDOT's comprehensive antilitter program.

This program includes Don't Mess with Texas, Adopt-a-Highway, partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc., and the annual Governor's Community Achievement Awards which reward local cleanup, recycling, and beautification efforts.

This good news complements a survey conducted by the Institute for Applied Research, Sacramento, California, which found that visible roadside litter in Texas decreased by 72 percent between 1985 and 1991. This reduction made Texas the cleanest jurisdiction measured by the institute, which has conducted some 50 surveys in the United States, Canada, and Bermuda.

"We're happy that most folks are heeding our message," says Clark, "but some just don't seem to care. It takes everyone, pulling together, to make Texas a safer, cleaner place."

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Annual High Plains irrigation conference set

Texas Panhandle growers must continually seek methods to improve irrigation management and efficiency. For more than two decades, producers have looked to the annual High Plains Irrigation Conference as the place to get practical information on irrigation use and the newest technology stemming directly from research innovation in the field.

The January 7 conference starts at 8:30 a.m. with registration, refreshments and exhibits at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo West Blvd. Moderators for the program are Extension Agent, Dennis Newton of Deaf Smith County who will lead the morning session and Robert Harris of Moore County who will conduct the afternoon program.

At 9:30 a.m., conference chairman, Leon New, Extension Irrigation Specialist of Amarillo will review factors involving irrigation efficiency. Growers will have a chance to hear Karl Johnson, who farms near Morse, Texas, describe how he manages his irrigation operation.

Answers to questions on selecting the right product, determining correct amount and time of fertilizer applications will be provided by Michael Hickey, Extension Soil Chemist of Lubbock. Steve Amosson, Extension Economist-Management, Amarillo, will describe various methods of paying for center pivot systems. Larry Soward, Special Counsel to Texas' Agriculture Commissioner, from Austin will review current conflicts of water rights statewide and describe situations of apportionment for domestic, industrial and agricultural use.

Riley Pennell earns masters degree

Riley Pennell, a 1987 graduate of Mineola High School, received his Master of Business Administration December 19 from the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Novis Pennell of Mineola and grandson of Mrs. Rex Welch of Post.

He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in May of 1991.

Birth Announcements

John Dylan Bratcher

Ronnie and Deann Bratcher of Loop announce the birth of a son, John Dylan. He was born on December 21, 1992.

Dylan is welcomed at home by Mike, Kelcee and Jordan.

Paternal grandparents are Glen and Ann Bratcher and Maternal grandparents are Don and Allene Ammons.

L.V.N.'s meeting January 11 in Lubbock

Licensed Vocational Nurses Association of Texas - Division 18 of Lubbock will meet Monday, January 11, 1993. The meeting will be held in the Arnett room of St. Mary's Hospital. Hours will be from 7 to 9 p.m.

Installation of officers will be held at the Meeting. Connie Hodges, R.N.B.S.N., will install the new officers. Hodges is the R.N. nurse advisor for Division 18.

All board members are urged to be present at 6:30 p.m. for a board meeting. All newly elected officers are urged to be present for the Board Meeting and to be installed.

Featured speaker for January will be P. Malek - Ahmadi, M.D. He will speak on "Electrode Convulsive Therapy." One (1) continuing education credit hr. will

be given.

All nurses are urged to start the new year by attending the meeting of Division 18. The group meets each second Monday of the month. All meetings are held in the Arnett room of St. Mary's Hospital.

Information on laws concerning L.V.N.'s of TX will be passed on and discussed at the meeting.

Division 18 is here to help L.V.N.'s with continuing education. Each meeting is approved for one (1) C.E. hour. Division 18 will also be having two three hour workshops per year. By attending our meetings and workshops, participants will be well-qualified for license renewal.

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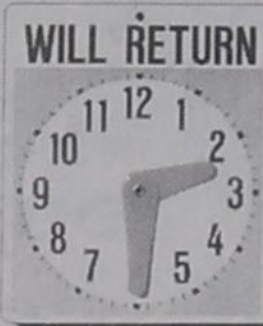
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By Deana Gunn

10 Years Ago

January 2, 1983

Amy Mason, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Mason, celebrated her 4th birthday.

Jane Redman was the lucky winner of the Atari Video Computer in a drawing held at United.

Miss Tammie Diane Gunnels, granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Punk Peel was selected to be a finalist in the Annual 1983 Miss Northern Texas National Teenage Pageant held in Clarendon, Texas.

20 Years Ago

January 4, 1973

Winner of the First Baby Contest is David Gonzalez, 8 3/4 lb. son of Mr. & Mrs. Ventura Gonzalez of Justiceburg. Little David was born New Years Day at 6:53 a.m. in Garza Memorial Hospital.

Patti Nelson, who is in the United States Air Force, stationed in Monterey, Ca., and attending language school, visited over the holidays with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Ellwood Nelson and her grandmother Mrs. Ben Mathis.

Dennis Mason of Andrews visited with relatives here and helped in Cotton harvest.

The possibility of organizing a junior chapter of historians here was discussed at the Garza County Historical Survey Committee's first monthly meeting.

30 Years Ago

January 3, 1963

James Reese (Jim) Hundley Sr., a fixture on Post business scene since 1919, announced his retirement from active duty at Hundley's Men's Wear.

Victor Hudman was elected president of the Retail Merchants

Association.

A goodbye party was held for Mr. & Mrs. J.T. Curb, pioneer residents of Garza County for 48 years.

Jan Herring, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clint Herring, a senior high student at Greenbrier College in Lewisburg, West Virginia enjoyed a holiday vacation.

40 Years Ago

January 1, 1953

Garza Tractor and Implement Company Manager Earl Rogers shows the New Golden Jubilee Model Ford Tractor.

Pat Pattison, head coach of the Lubbock Westerners, is the guest speaker for the Booster Club's annual football boy's banquet.

Mr. & Mrs. L. O. Ticer and family had A/3C Charles Fox and A/3C Ernest Reeves from Reese Air Force Base as Christmas guests.

The Trailblazer Boys Organization went on an all-night camping trip. Members enjoying the outing were Wilburn Wade, Kenneth Rogers, Willie Parker, Troy Holly, Lewis Holly, Gary Hamilton, Charlie McDonald, Charles Kilpatrick, Lyndell McDaniel, Corky Ammons and Rev. J.C. Holman, Nazarene Pastor.

50 Years Ago

January 7, 1943

Henry Bartlett left for Athens, Georgia, to begin preliminary training at the United States Navy Pre-Flight School at the University of Georgia.

Marshall Mason a retired furniture dealer is appointed Head of the Garza County War Bond Committee

Mrs. A.W. Bouchier was the hostess to the members of the Needlecraft Club.

Now Showing at the Garza Theatre for the first time in history, a full-length feature film presented by the United States Government, "World at War."

Texas oil industry has seen ups and downs

Railroad Commissioner looks at the past ten years

by James E. (Jim) Nugent
Commissioner, Railroad Commission of Texas

For those in the oil and gas business in Texas, 1992 provided an interesting benchmark for reflection. It marks the twentieth anniversary of what many called the "best of times."

The Best of Times

In 1972, Texas produced more oil and gas than in any other year, before or since. Pumpjacks from the Panhandle's high plains to the piney woods of East Texas pulled more than 3.4 million barrels of crude a day from the ground, more than 36 percent of all domestic oil production in the U.S. oil and gas wells together spewed forth 26.3 billion cubic feet each day, a whopping 44 percent of all U.S. production.

Judged by today's superheated market standards, the commodity prices which fueled the production surge 20 years ago sound ridiculously small: \$3.48 per barrel of oil and 16.4 cents per thousand cubic feet of gas. Nevertheless, in today's dollars Texas producers in 1972 earned \$30 million a day at the wellhead for oil and almost \$11 million a day for gas.

The Worst of Times

Although 1972 was a year of great promise for the Texas oil

industry, the bloom was short-lived. A few short months later, the Arab oil embargo ushered in two decades of tumult which delivered blow after blow to struggling oil and gas producers. Ask almost any Texas producer and he can pick a period within the 20-year span where he bottomed out in his own personal "worst of times."

The aftermath of the embargo brought the phrase "energy crisis" into the everyday American vocabulary. Many blamed the huge run-up in oil prices on the oil companies. Anti-big oil sentiment in Congress spawned ill-conceived legislation from which the industry has yet to fully recover. The Windfall Profits Tax drained the lifeblood from new exploration and production activity while failing to generate the expected federal revenue.

The Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 extended federal price controls to gas sold in the intrastate market; created a complex set of gas categories, prices, and filing regulations; fostered market disruptions and inequities; and depressed drilling. The Fuel Use Act, also passed in the crisis atmosphere of the late 1970's, prohibited the use of natural gas by new power plants and industries.

International jolts to energy markets didn't end with the Arab oil embargo. With the Iranian Revolution in 1979 and again with the Persian Gulf War of 1990, the United States faced oil supply disruptions from the Mideast and consequent price spikes in gasoline, heating oil, and other crucial petroleum products. The economies of all the Western industrialized nations suffered.

Certainly the most far-reaching of these energy crises was the oil price collapse of 1986, triggered by a Saudi decision to increase market

share by releasing a tidal wave of cheap oil toward American shores. Domestic prices plummeted, and shock waves reverberated through the Texas economy, eliminating jobs, disrupting lives, and devastating financial institutions and entire communities.

Without question the events of the past two decades seriously weakened the oil industry, not only in Texas, but across the nation. Investment in domestic energy exploration and development dried up. Virtually every measure of oil and gas reserve replacement reflects the downturn. Since 1985 alone, the United States has lost nearly 1.8 million barrels per day of domestic crude oil production.

1992: The Aftermath

Year-to-date numbers in Texas for 1992 yield some striking comparisons to 1972. Although the average price per barrel for crude oil has more than doubled from 1972 to \$17.74 in inflation-adjusted dollars, the production rate in 1992 is half of what it was 20 years ago; only 1.68 million barrels a day versus 3.44 million barrels a day. Daily oil revenues to producers are almost even at \$29.8 million in 1992 versus \$30.1 million in 1972, in real dollars.

Natural gas prices and production in the state reflect similar trends. Although gas markets have shown healthy price increases over the last several months, the average price per thousand cubic feet for the year is \$1.14 in inflation-adjusted dollars, compared to \$.41 in 1972. Daily gas production stands at 15.1 billion cubic feet, a far cry from

1972's 26.3 billion cubic feet per day. Only in daily revenues to gas producers does the trend seem higher with the 1992 average a \$17.2 million in inflation-adjusted dollars compared to \$10.8 million a day twenty years ago.

Far from bolstering this vital economic sector, government policies continue to contribute to the energy industry's decline. Costly new regulations, adverse tax policy, and bans on exploration in promising areas of Alaska and offshore have forced oil and gas producers to pursue more economically attractive opportunities overseas. In 1991 the major oil companies realized 7 percent of their total earnings from outside the U.S., while 61 percent of their capital expenditures were made overseas.

Here at home, the cost of environmental compliance is skyrocketing. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates complying with its environmental regulations costs Americans \$11 billion a year, or 2.1 percent of the Gross National Product, versus only 0.9 percent in 1972. For the decade of the 1990's, EPA projects the total cost at \$1.6 trillion. This figure does not take into account costs associated with amendments to the Clean Air Act, which could add another \$25 to \$40 billion each year. The American Petroleum Institute estimates that for the petroleum industry alone environmental expenditures will rise from about \$8 billion per year to \$20 billion per year by the end of the decade.

Cotton sales brisk despite holiday season

Despite a holiday-shortened week, sales of Texas/Oklahoma cotton rebounded to their highest level in three weeks as 48,629 bales were traded on TELCOT during the four trading days ended December 31.

Slight advances in New York cotton futures prices allowed buyers to cover their basis risk during the week and meet producers' asking prices for cotton listed on TELCOT. Holiday doldrums helped subdue trading interest to just 22, 359 and 28,973 bales on the electronic marketing system in the two previous weeks.

A look at average prices received by producers for cotton sold on TELCOT confirms buyers have been more willing to pay prices listed in the system's Firm Offer program. On December 24, when only 1,528 bales changed hands, cotton traded for a premium of 1,115 points over the adjusted world price (AWP). This coincided with a futures market that closed marginally mixed.

More than 20,000 bales were sold on TELCOT on December 28 as cotton traded for a premium of 1,185 over the AWP while futures closed at or within 10 points of

contract highs in the three nearby months. Similar results were reported on the electronic system on December 29, although the futures market recoiled to close down slightly.

High quality cotton continues to dominate trading. Predominate grades sold each day continue to be 21, 31, and 41 followed closely by or occasionally exceeded by grades 22, 32, and 42. Somewhat surprising is the fact that 50 to 60 percent of daily sales on TELCOT consistently are bales with premium micronaire of 3.5 to 4.9. However, these are not bringing the highest premiums over the AWP.

The only significant international news during the week was a report that indicates China is becoming more realistic in its own crop estimate. Data released by the country's state statistical bureau suggested China's cotton crop will be just over 21 million bales, nearly in line with USDA's recent projections. However, the report should not have much of an impact on the U.S. cotton market since the date had already been factored into traders' considerations.

Although it may not have an immediate impact on the market,

another development late this week was the final acreage reduction program (ARP) level for the 1993-94 cotton crop. Late on December 30, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) was lobbying for a 10 percent ARP, while USDA was sticking with its previously-announced 7.5 percent.

A source close to the departmental negotiation described it as a "war of wills" with OMB claiming a 10 percent ARP would save money even though it would not meet the stocks-to-use ratio mandated by the 1990 farm bill. At press time, the final ARP had not been announced despite the December 31 deadline.

Export sales of U.S. cotton for the 1992-93 marketing season increased a net 32,400 running bales during the week ended December 24. It was a sharp decline from the previous week when export sales increased a net 107,800 bales.

Buyers this week were: Colombia, 10,800 bales; Brazil, 9,700; Taiwan, 6,400; Mexico, 5,900; and South Korea, 4,400.

The Texas cotton harvest was ahead of last year but was slightly behind the five-year average as of

December 27, according to the state's agricultural statistics service. The agency reported 94 percent of the crop had been harvested, compared to 90 percent at the same time in 1991 and the 96 percent average.

U.S. 1991-92 cotton under government loan increased 74,536 running bales during the week ended December 22, USDA said. Outstanding loans for the current season now are 3,436,457 bales.

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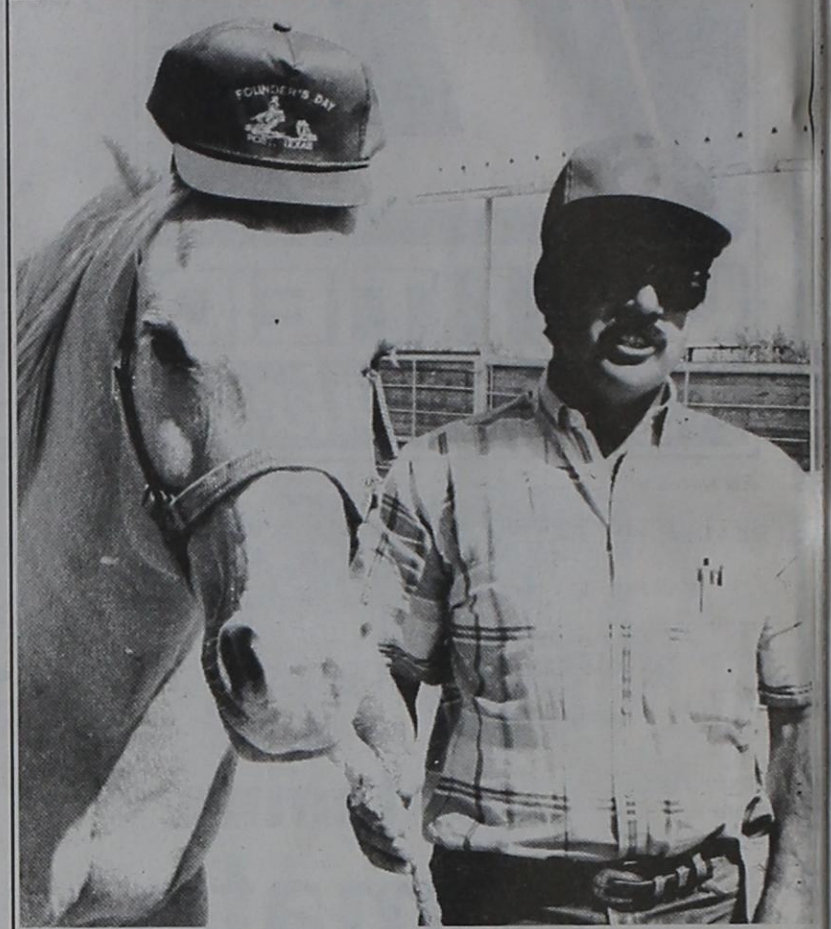
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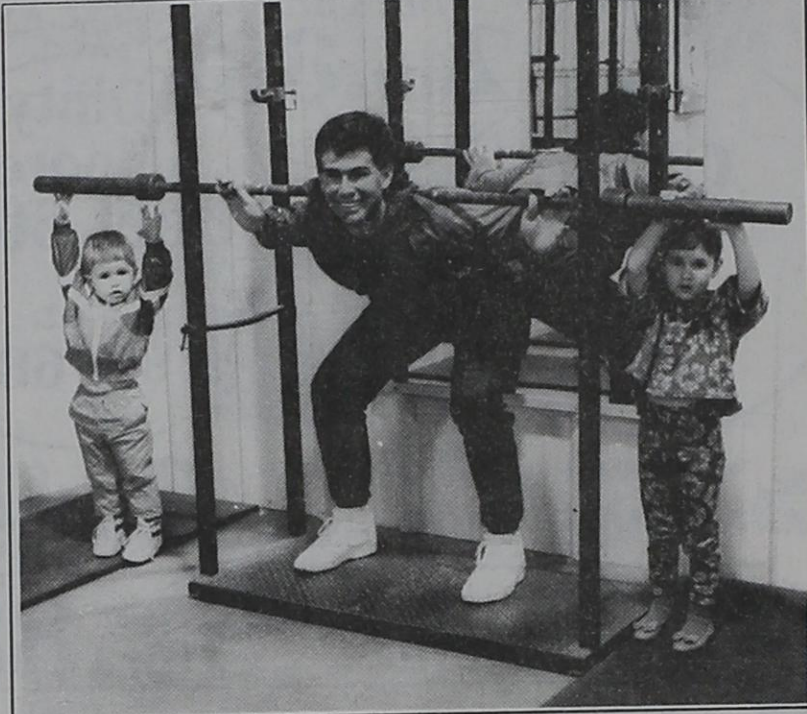
PMA clown contestants participated in the Post Merchant's Associations clown costume in August. The contest was held at the Garza Theatre. Pictured (l-r) Kaylee Farguhar, Amanda Lopez, Brody Whitley, Jake Fluitt, Ashton Smith, Ethan Bilbo, Stiffi Norman, Andrew Fumagalli, Stage Norman, Joseph Cramer and Dustin Cramer.



FOUNDER'S DAY Ranch Rodeo co-chairman Larry Mills showed off one of the special caps that were available to ranch rodeo participants at the October event.



DR. BOBBY BAIN was named the new school superintendent for Post ISD. Bain and his wife Bobbie moved to the community from Bowie.



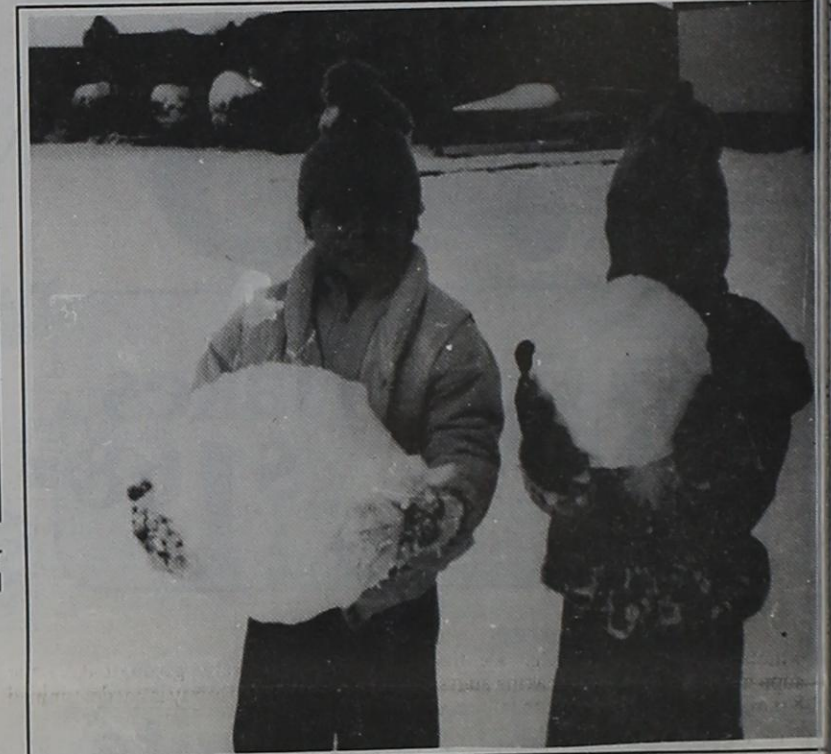
AMERICAN GLADIATOR competitor Dale Redman got ready for February competition with the help of his children Reid (left) and Rachel (right)



BOBBIE JO DAVIS turned hard for home while competing in the junior flag race at the 1992 Post Stampede Rodeo.



DAVID MORROW (standing) and David King were featured at the Post Art Guild's Christmas recital.



AN EARLY JANUARY SNOWSTORM provided Miranda Palmer (left) and Brant Whisenhunt an opportunity to frolic in the white stuff. The January 17 and 18 storm dumped close to seven inches of cold wet snow on Post

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Bill and Maury Shiver

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Kind of animal: Cow
Breed: Cross Brahma/Hereford
Color: Brindal, Bald-faced
Sex: Female
Age: Approx. 4 years old
Size: 850 pounds

Brand Marks, Identifying Characteristics: Rocking "R" Brand on left hip, cropped under right ear, under half crop on left ear, faded brand (possibly) number "8" on the left hip, and, on the 23rd day of December, 1992, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of (Notices of Posting of Estray), Garza County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in Garza County, Texas, for the owner of said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 8th day of January, 1993, said estray will be sold at public auction/sheriff's sale at Place of all sales held in Garza County Courthouse, Post, Texas.

Witness my hand this 23 day of December, 1992.
Kenneth M. Ratke
Sheriff of Garza County, Texas
(Designee of Sheriff of Garza County, Texas)

Post Housing Authority is needing to hire an inspector for the 1991 CIAP program. All information will need to be obtained from the office. Contact person is Delores Redman, 709 Caprock Drive, 495-2233. Applications will be taken through January 31, 1993.



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF SUBMISSION FOR PRE-CLEARANCE

The public is hereby notified that a complete and duplicate copy of a Submission for Pre-clearance to the Justice Department of the United States pursuant to Section Five of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 is available for inspection. This document is submitted to the Justice Department for the purpose of their pre-clearance of ward boundaries beginning in 1993. This document is available for public inspection in the office of the City Manager in the Municipal Building between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on each Monday through Friday.

The public is invited to review that document and submit comments to the Justice Department in the Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530. This document will be available for inspection for a period of sixty (60) days.

Notice of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

The George R. Brown Partnership, 4700 First City Tower, Houston, TX 77002-6792 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation, City of Post S.A. "A" WF-1 Unit lease, Well Number B-39-CP. The proposed injection well is located in Post, Texas in the Garza Field, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3054 to 3108 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/445-1373).

Trail Blazers Lunch Menu

Thursday, January 7
Meat loaf, potato salad, boiled okra, tossed salad, hot rolls, margarine, lemon cake, choice of beverage

Friday, January 8
Tuna noodle casserole, cowpeas, carrot raisin salad, cornbread, orange sections, choice of beverage

Monday, January 11
Salisbury steak, green peas, cauliflower, cornbread, margarine, peach pie, choice of beverage

Tuesday, January 12
Green chili chicken casserole, red beans, tossed salad, cornbread, fruit salad, choice of beverage

Wednesday, January 13
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Home Economics

I don't know when I have observed so much insurance advertising. Newspaper flyers and telephone solicitations have really increased in the last few months. Some companies are easy to recognize; others are not. Some of these offers are similar to what we've seen for years; other look too good to be true. I'm afraid that they are.

Recent television news shows have frightened many consumers with their exposure of insurance fraud. They like to expose companies which take money paid in good faith and then refuse to pay benefits or completely go out of business, but they don't always give us good information about how to avoid being bilked by one of these unscrupulous businesses.

Family Economics Specialist Joyce Cavanaugh has listed some sources which we can access to find out what we need to know about purchasing insurance. In the public library reference section Standard and Poor's, A and Best, and Moody's will give the ratings of companies. In Texas the State Board of Insurance can report if a company is licensed to do business in the state. The Austin office number is (800) 252-3439 for complaints. For licensing and financial information the number is (512) 463-6501.

If you would like to have information about a company which has a policy that is interesting to you, give the State Board of Insurance a call. If you would like to write a letter, the address is in the Consumer Resource Handbook. If you do not have a copy, call the office and I'll give you the address.

New laws affecting Medicare supplemental insurance policies passed in 1990 require all of these policies to follow given patterns of coverage. These patterns are designated as Plan A, which is certain, and Plans B-J, which provide certain other coverages.

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standardized plans, then determine which plan best suits your needs. Then price shop for the best deal. The only difference between companies should be the price. The legal standardization of these policies should simplify as well as regulate the sale of these policies.

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For more information about Medicare supplemental policies call me at 495-2050 or come by the Extension Office.

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Breakfast- Student holiday
Lunch- Student holiday

Tuesday, January 12
Breakfast- Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk
Lunch- Corn dogs, french fries, pork 'n beans, cookies, fruit, milk

Wednesday, January 13
Breakfast- Dry cereal, toast, peanut butter & jelly, fruit, milk
Lunch- Burritos w/sauce, fried squash, mixed vegetables, cake, milk

Thursday, January 14
Breakfast- Malt-o-meal, toast, sausage, orange juice, milk
Lunch- Chicken, whipped potatoes, green beans, jello w/topping, homemade rolls, milk

Friday, January 15
Breakfast- Graham crackers with peanut butter & jelly, fruit, milk
Lunch- Fish, macaroni & cheese, sweet peas, cole slaw, fruit cobbler, cornbread, milk

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Monday, January 11
Breakfast- Cream of wheat, fruit, milk
Lunch- Meat loaf, au gratin potatoes, blackeyed peas, applecrisp, milk

Tuesday, January 12
Breakfast- Muffins, sausage, juice, milk
Lunch- Beanie weiners, carrots, corn, cornbread, cake, milk

Wednesday, January 13
Breakfast- Fruit pie, sausage, milk
Lunch- Turkey, yams, green beans, roll, cake, milk

Thursday, January 14
Breakfast- Waffles, syrup, ham, juice, milk
Lunch- Beef/macaroni, mixed vegetables, fried okra, roll, fruit, milk

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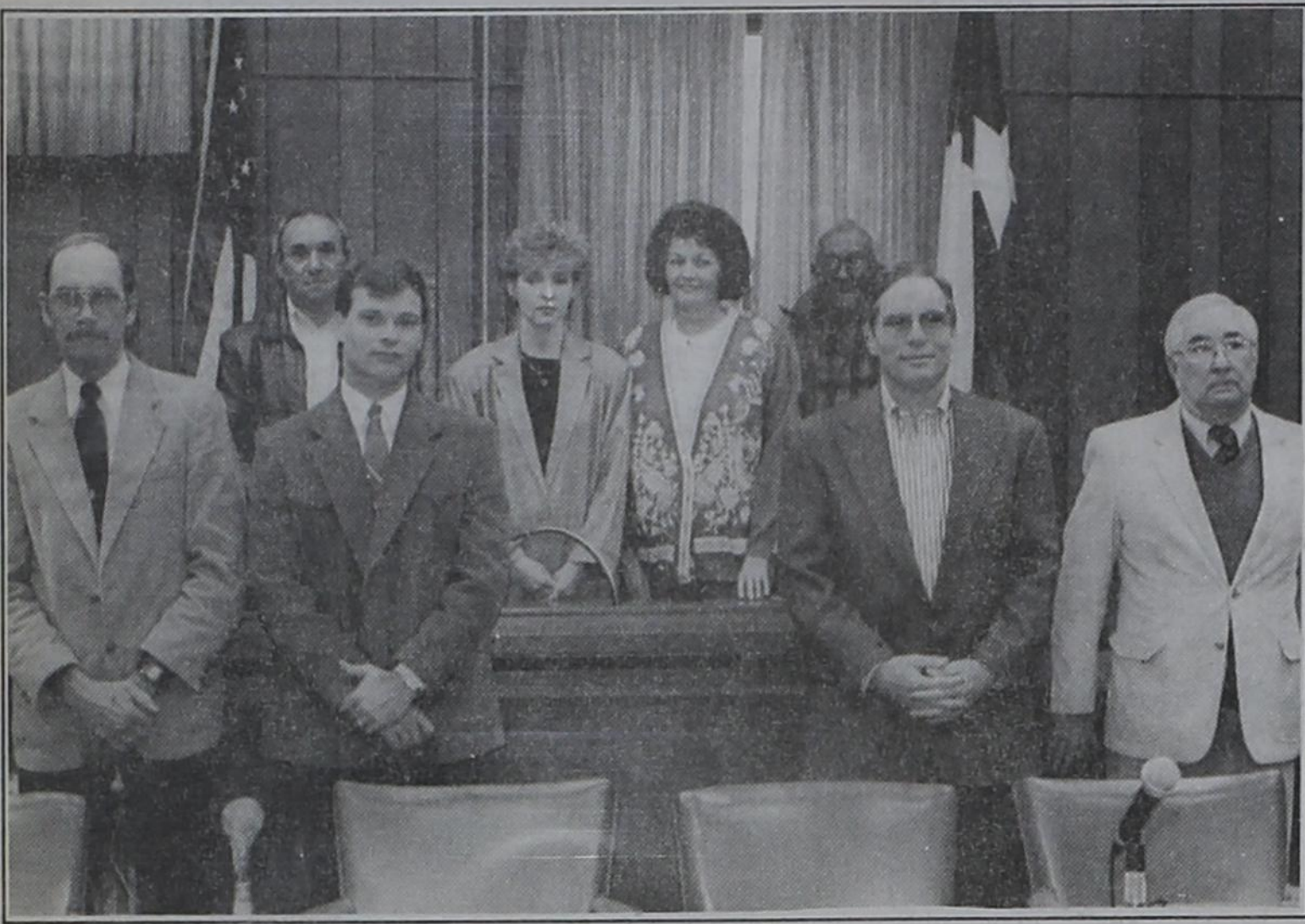
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County officials sworn in



GARZA COUNTY OFFICIALS brought in the new year Friday, January 1 with swearing in ceremonies of office holders elected in the November general election. Taking the oath of office were; (l-r) front row Lonnie Gene Peel, constable; Kenneth Ratke, sheriff; Lee Norman, county commissioner and Preston Poole, county attorney. Back row; John Valdez, county commissioner; Laura "Chita" Hataway, tax assessor-collector, Rheba Propts, public weigher and Leroy Deming, constable. (Photo by John Cordsen)

Turning town into movie set no easy task

Turning the town of Groom and the city of Plainview, Texas, into the fictional town of Rustwater, Kan., for Steve Martin's newest motion picture, "A Leap of Faith," was a matter of simple movie magic: some road signs, billboards and made-over storefronts.

But turning lush, green roadsides, pastures and a cornfield into drought-stricken movie sets for only four weeks took some scientific sleight-of-hand and feverish work by two faculty members at the Texas A & M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Amarillo.

"How can I make my cornfield show stress and turn brown?" is just the opposite of the type of questions they usually get, said Dr. Brent Bean, agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Dr. Clay Salisbury, plant physiologist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. But that was just what the visitors from the Texas Film Commission and Paramount Pictures needed.

"About February, a location manager (from the studio) came by and wanted to know what (crop) conditions would be like in April," Bean recalled. "We told them up front we'd be looking brown unless we got record rains," Salisbury said. Normally the Texas Panhandle has lower rainfall than other parts of the Midwest, he noted.

The plot of Martin's movie, in which he portrays a traveling evangelist, called for parched, brown countryside. But before shooting began, the counties where the studio had arranged to film this summer had experienced one of their wettest springs in many years. Everything around was lush and green.

"We told them that if we did get unusual rains, they'd better be prepared to artificially create the

conditions they needed," Salisbury added. At the request of the film commission, Bean and Salisbury undertook that task.

The studio was thinking about filming wheat under stress, but shooting schedules were delayed past wheat harvest and cornfields were substituted. Bean and Salisbury suggested several possible locations, from which fields at Groom were selected.

"We had no information on how to deliberately make things look bad," Salisbury said. "You rarely find a (chemical) compound that's designed to make a cornfield or pasture look bad."

So he and Bean put out some demonstration plots using various combinations of herbicides on the different turf and crop situations. Bean said they tried 70 plots in corn, 70 in sorghum, 12 in pasture and 12 on turf.

The project offered its share of challenges, the crop scientists said. All the chemicals had to be properly registered by the Environmental Protection Agency for use on the particular crop. The treatments had to be safe for people in the treated areas. They had to be cost effective. And they couldn't have any lasting effect on the grass or crop.

"We had to get the look they wanted, it had to stay that way during the time they'd be shooting the crop and revival tent scenes, and then as soon as (the film crews) left, the fields had to recover so they wouldn't have to pay the farmer for a lost crop," Bean recalled, chuckling.

"Of course, the studio wanted to hold filming costs down. And they didn't want to have to buy the farmer's field, or the fields around it, for years on end," Salisbury said.

The two scientists wanted to get a realistic effect with their treatments.

"In drought stress, you always have some areas where there is moisture," Salisbury said. "You don't have everything dead, so you should have green intermixed with brown" on the pastures and roadsides.

In the cornfields, the trick was to make the bottoms of the plants brown, get the bright green out of the tops, and create more wilt, they explained. It took them until July to come up with the right combinations for each situation.

Once they had the chemical combinations identified and the proper application times determined, one more concern bothered the pair. Everything was based upon shooting the critical field scenes during a particular four-week span in July. The chemicals had to be applied the proper number of days before each scene was shot.

If bad weather or other conditions upset that schedule, the fields couldn't be re-treated with proper results. The scientists wanted an emergency plan that would give a drought appearance within one to two days, even if it destroyed a small amount of the crop.

As an "insurance policy," Bean and Salisbury didn't chemically treat a few rows along the back side of the cornfield. They had found in their experiments the proper appearance could be obtained in 48 hours by cutting off a stalk, then standing it in place by inserting a small metal rod, such as a welding rod, into the severed stalk and its stump.

With the proper camera angle, a few rows of the severed corn would suffice in an emergency, they decided.

Fortunately, they never had to resort to that. The film crew, the cast...and the crops...all performed on cue.

Texas 4-H shows impressive growth

Texas's largest youth organization has grown even bigger-reaching more than half a million young people this year.

The state 4-H and youth development program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service recently reported a membership of 561,734 youth between the ages of five and 19.

"This is about an 82 percent increase over the past three years," said Dr. Nelson Jacob, 4-H and youth development specialist. "Since 1989, enrollment has climbed from 308,000 at a rapid pace.

"I think the increase reflects the soundness of the educational programs we have in place," Jacob said. "We offer an educational program tied to practical experiences, which captures the minds of young people."

A cornerstone of the program's success are the 4-H projects, which are based on current research and offer a variety of learning opportunities designed for young people in specific age groups, said Dr. Lynne Thibodeaux, assistant director of the state 4-H program. These projects help children develop the life skills necessary to become more productive individuals.

"Various programs are presented throughout the state by county Extension faculty and well-trained volunteers who lend tremendous support and leadership to 4-H," she said. "Also, donors have provided grants and other support that make it possible to launch programs that address such critical youth problems as literacy."

New 4-H initiatives in Texas schools that supplement classes in life sciences also have helped boost membership. School courses in food science, health, the environment, science and technology, agriculture, horticulture, home economics and other areas have been enhanced by 4-H program materials.

Young people enroll in 4-H by joining a community or school 4-H club, by participating with a group on a short-term project or by enrolling in a 4-H school curriculum enrichment project. Members can choose from over 40 science and technology and life skills projects.

Latest figures show that 4-H continues to appeal to a wide range of youth--preschool through 12th grade, rural and urban and all ethnic groups. Almost 65 percent of 4-H members live in cities and suburbs;

about 25 percent live in towns; and 10 percent live on farms and in rural areas. Children 8 and younger make up 29 percent of the membership; 48 percent are between the ages of nine and 11; 10 percent are 12 or 13; and 13 percent are 14 and older.

The consumer life skill projects are growing in popularity as well as the small animal projects, which are inexpensive, fun and educational, Jacob said. Health projects have seen a significant increase, and outdoor education projects that involve outdoor cooking, shooting sports and the environment are becoming more popular.

"In the future, we're likely to see a significant increase in the youngest group, ages 5 to 8, who are called 4-H Clover Kids," he said. "Right now, Clover Kids programs are based primarily in schools, but eventually this group will expand to club-type environments."

"The opportunity for youngsters to communicate with others from various backgrounds, for teen leaders to teach younger members and for families to work together with their children are a big part of 4-H's success," Jacob said.

Young people in 4-H learn how

to make decisions, solve problems, set goals, be sociable and deal with failures and setbacks through positive and productive activities, Thibodeaux said. Parents also benefit by spending quality time with their children, which increases communication within the family.

The afternoon session on communication begins at 1:25 p.m. Moderator, Robert Harris will outline requirements for obtaining two continuing education units which will be offered during the conference to private and licensed commercial and non-commercial applicators who complete the training.

"This annual conference offers a unique forum for discussing issues of interest and concern to producers, scientists, and suppliers involved in irrigated agricultural production systems," said Leon New, conference chairman.

Jim Hayes, an agricultural chemical supplier from Clarendon will talk about commonly approved chemicals, their use and safe handling. C.E. Williams, Panhandle Groundwater District Manager from White Deer will address the importance health and safety issues and the state and federal concern about potential pollution of surface and ground water.

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