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Lost oil and gas revenue put strain on Garza County

by Bill Galusha

In 1907 when Post City was first born and Texas was first realizing the importance of oil, an ambitious man by the name of C. W. Post believed there was oil under the Caprock. He was so convinced that he contracted for a hole to be drilled in search of the elusive crude.

In 1911 Post drilled his first hole in search of oil about 100 yards west of the original city limits of Post City. The hole was about 2,500 feet into the Caprock before being abandoned at a cost of \$25,000. No oil was found, but the idea lived on in Post. C. W. Post died in 1914 before oil was discovered in West Texas.

The fathers of Post City were also convinced there was oil beneath them. They formed a company and named it Post Development Company. The group got together in Collier's Drug Store in an effort to "stop others from getting rich in our own back yards," said Scotty (George Samson). With an initial investment of \$100 each the company leased 29 sections of land, the year was 1919. In an effort to raise more capital, shares were sold in the company.

The first official company business was to drill a well on the T. E. Payne land just south of Justiceburg. The first venture was declared a failure after the company invested over \$100,000. Oil was finally located on

the Payne land in later times. The original oil lease included nearly all the south half of the present day Rocker "A" field.

The next field successfully explored and drilled was that of J. M. Boren. Boren accumulated approximately 10,000 acres from his neighbors and friends. He hired a couple of drillers who after many trips to Ranger for what they called fishing tools, began drilling in 1924. Boren oil well number 1 was located about three miles east of Justiceburg. After many mishaps and delays the well pumped it's first oil in 1926.

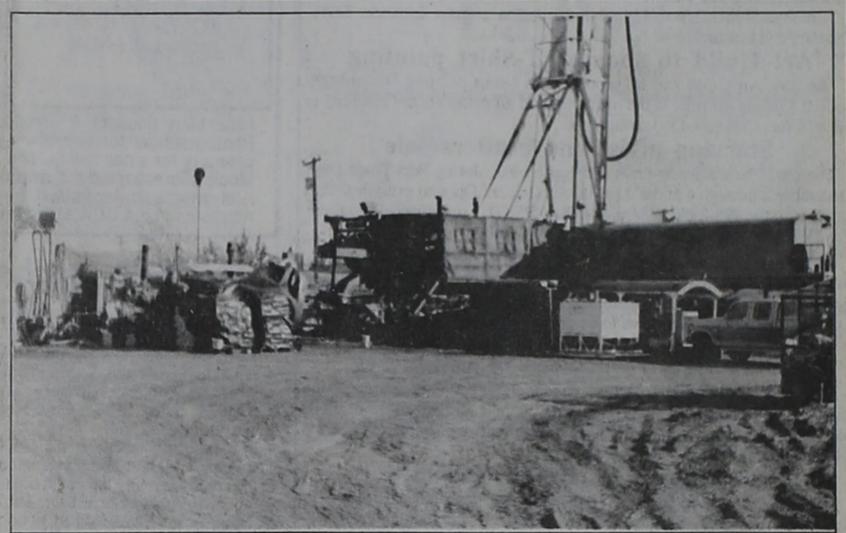
In order to sell the oil, a pipe line was laid to the railroad crossing in Justiceburg. The oil was then hauled by tank car to Lubbock. At that time oil was selling for \$1 a barrel, though the operator deducted 50 cents per barrel from the royalty to cover the cost of the pipe line. The well settled out at an average of 27 barrels a day. A few more wells were drilled on the lease and estimates of their production was around 26 barrels per day. The wells produced oil until 1932 at which time they were abandoned.

A historical marker was eventually erected in 1967 along highway 84's right-of-way giving tribute to the first oil wells in the County. The marker was affixed to a miniature oil well. A few years later oil was discovered in

several other locations in Garza County. In the spring of 1945, two attempts were made to extend the "Garza Field." Several rigs were brought into the area and made several attempts to bring the black crude to the surface. The result was a mild oil boom that lasted until the early 1950's. During this period the major portion of oil was on the Post Estate and the K Stoker properties.

Shell Oil secured oil leases south of Post on the U Lazy S Ranch and drilled the first successful deep well in 1957. In 1958 the Paul Teas Oil Company drilled wells and the Shell Oil Company also drilled deep wells on the K Stoker and Kirkpatrick ranch east of Post. Many other companies and wells followed, one of which is the George R. Brown Company. Many tax dollars were brought into Post and Garza County from oil and gas revenue. The George R. Brown Company alone has put well over a million dollars into the Post School District's property valuations for tax purposes.

Post and Garza County have long depended on its natural resources, oil, cotton and cattle as its primary source of revenue. Since the late 1980s the Texas oil industry has suffered a decline. Post has felt the loss in many ways. Last year alone the Garza County has lost over 80 million dollars in oil and gas revenues.



Dispatch photo by Bill Galusha

Lost oil and Gas revenues in Garza County last year were over \$80 million dollars. This new well in the west side of Post is being drilled by the George R. Brown company.

Juvenile facility expected to bring new revenue to Post

by Bill Galusha

Monday, November 28 the Commissioners Court and the City Council met with three men from different corporations to discuss the building of a juvenile facility in Post. Robert O'Viterna of Aguirre, James M. Parkey of Corplan and Michael W. Harling. They are architects, development consultants and financiers.

Viterna first approached Judge Giles Dalby with the idea of building a juvenile facility last month. The facility would be completely planned, financed, and constructed with no charge to the city. The land to put the facility on and a commitment to operate it are the two things needed by the county/city. The city owns 40 acres of land on the northeast side of the city that they have made available for the facility to be constructed.

Attending the meeting was the city council, members of the school board and the commissioners court. The county probation officer was also

present. Questions of operation, financing and economic input to the community as well as questions concerning the safety of local residents were put before the three man team.

Of concern to Bobby Bain, Post ISD Superintendent was the affect on the local students and safety of the community. The facility will furnish all schooling of the juveniles on a contract basis. The juveniles will have no access to Post or the local students. When the juveniles have completed their interment they will be returned to the county that sentenced them. Most of the residents will be short term, with sentences ranging from a few months to possibly one year. The offenders will for the most part not be of a violent nature.

With Garza County losing millions of dollars yearly from lost oil and gas revenue, of great interest to the city and the county was the economic advantage of having the facility here. If the facility were to house 100 juveniles it would require

approximately 60 employees. Many of those employees would require special training to work with juveniles but approximately half would not.

All hiring will be done by the county and as many employees as possible would be hired locally. People will be needed to cook, clean, council, repair and maintain the facility. Food will be needed to feed the juveniles, clothing will be needed, laundry facilities will be needed to wash linens and clothing. Many things will be needed to keep the facility operating. "It is possible new businesses may be built for the things that are not available locally now," said Mayor Jim Jackson.

With the complete safety of the community assured and the final input to the community recognized, the county gave the team their unanimous approval for the group to do a "Feasibility Study." The purpose of the study is to determine the amount of beds needed and the chances of filling the facility. The study will be conducted and the results brought back before the county/city January 9.

Commissioners consider juvenile facility

by Bill Galusha

Garza County Commissioners Court met in regular session Monday, November 28. Representatives from Yellow House Machinery addressed the court concerning leasing John Deere road maintainers. Yellow House maintains now is the best time for the county to lease. "With John Deere losing several government contracts the prices will never be lower," they stated.

Commissioner Lee Norman

suggested that before the leasing would be cost effective several machines would have to be leased. By trading in the machines enough money would be generated to pay for a year or two of the lease, "but we have to figure what we are going to do after that. We will still have to pay and right now we don't have the money in the budget," Norman added. Yellow House will be assessing the value of the counties machines and reporting back to the

commissioners on Wednesday. The major topic of discussion was Acquire. Acquire is the company that approached the county with the request for land to build a juvenile facility. "I'm not sure exactly how many employees they will need at first, but I imagine they will need 40 or 50," said Judge Dalby. The commissioners court went into recess until 4p.m. Tuesday afternoon to have a joint meeting with the city council.

Lions club Toys for Tots applications available

by Bill Galusha

The Lions Club of Post is currently requesting applications for their Annual Lions Club Queen Contest. The applicant must be either a junior or senior in high school and must fill out an application. The applications can be picked up from any Lions Club member or by calling Glen

Brown, Lions President, at United Supermarket 495-3217, or his home 495-4076.

The applicant must write an essay in 250 words or less, on why they would like to be Queen. The essays will be read and judged by an independent judge and the winner will be awarded a \$300 scholarship to be used at the college of their choice.

The Lions are also having their annual "Toys for Tots" Christmas toy give-a-way. Applications to receive toys can be picked up at the SPS office at 215 W. Main. The deadline for the return of applications is December 1, 1994. *No late applications will be accepted, or reviewed.* For more information call 495-2891, or see a Lions Club member.

Bathroom gutted in fire

by Bill Galusha

Early Wednesday morning between the hours of 2 and 2:30 a.m. the fire alarm was sounded. A space heater operating in the bathroom at 409 W. 10th was placed too close to the door. The door was ignited and clothing or other articles on the floor caught on fire.

"It pretty much gutted the bathroom. The commode was broken and the rest was virtually ruined," said Delbert Rudd of the Post VFD. Two fire trucks were dispatched to the scene along with a dozen firemen. The blaze was extinguished in less than two hours.

Medicine Show gets name change

The Tower Theatre is proud to announce a brand new version of an old classic. The Cecil Caldwell Medicine Show will no longer be playing at the Tower as the Medicine show. Cecil Caldwell will still be the headliner and the same top notch country music will be heard.

The newly formatted show will be renamed *Cecil Caldwell's Country Review*. "It will be a new show but the music will still be the "same good ole country music" everyone enjoys hearing," said Wanda Mitchell. The first performance of the Country Review will be Saturday, December 3 at 7 p.m.

Truck rolls over on Hwy

by Bill Galusha

Tuesday, November 22, a North bound Kenworth truck overturned on highway 84 South of Post. The driver of the truck sustained no injuries. Kyle Edwards, DPS Trooper investigated the accident.

"He was traveling North when his left wheels dropped off on the shoulder. When he tried to correct it his load shifted and he turned over in the median," said Edwards. The truck was loaded with sheet-rock material such as joint compound and spackling.

The driver sustained only minor scrapes and bruises and refused medical attention. Lubbock Wrecker, was called by Edwards to up-right the overturned vehicle. "I call them all the time. They come out at any hour and do the job quick. They're the only wrecker service I use when a big semi is turned over," Edwards added.

The wreck was in the median and the road was not closed until the wrecker arrived. "They arrived within an hour and the truck was back on it's wheels 30 minutes later," Edwards said in closing. No citations were issued.

"Sorry Wrong Number"



The Garza Theatre is proud to announce a Christmas celebration plus a hilarious comedy by Jack Sharkey and Leo Scars, *Sorry Wrong Number*. The comedy will be directed by Alison Hoefler and will star from (L-R) back row Rob Faulkner, Rick Fay, and Karen Petty. In the front row from (L-R) Cassie Coker, George Green, Joan Fariello and Jay Fox.

The show will play nine performances only, December 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, 1994. Curtain times: 7:45 p.m., - Sunday Matinee - 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and children 6/12 \$4.50. For reservations and tickets call 1-800-946-3706.



Four Garza County 4-H'ers participated at the District 2 4-H Food Show recently in Levelland after having won their respective divisions on the county level. Barrett Scrivner won third place at district with his Shrimp Gumbo in the Junior II Main Dish division. Other Junior II winners at the county 4-H Food Show who advanced to district competition were; Matthew Ramsey - Nutritious Snacks and desserts; LaRinda Ledbetter - Fruits and Vegetables; and Camille Blevins - Breads and Cereals. Senior 4-H'er Secret Bilbo advanced with her Nutritious Snack and dessert entry.

Chamber wants new members

by Bill Galusha

The Post Chamber of Commerce is having a membership drive. The chamber was formed in the City of Post to promote existing businesses and to encourage and develop tourism and economic development.

Post relies heavily on tourism and the tax dollars they generate.

The goals of the chamber for 1995 are: to rebuild confidence in the chamber, to actively and aggressively promote tourism, to work with existing businesses and the Chamber of Commerce, to work with all entities for the betterment of Post, to stay in close contact with Austin and

Washington to be sure Post is kept in front of their minds when grants and etc. are disbursed and to keep Post as an example of what can be done in a small town with cooperation and hard work.

"The Chamber of Commerce has a heavy agenda for 1995 and in order to implement all the plans we must have the assistance of everyone interested in the growth and development of Post," said Jim Plummer, President.

For more information on joining the Chamber either as a private citizen or a business call 495-3461 or come by the chamber office at 1048 Broadway.

Post Notes

Two man scramble scheduled

There will be a 2 man golf scramble at the Caprock Golf Course in Post December 10 and 11. The cost will be \$80 per team which includes cart, green fee and mulligan. To enter contact Bill Shumard at 1-806-495-2259.

Baptist choir to present Christmas special
First Baptist Church Sanctuary choir will present "A Christmas Suite" Sunday, December 11 at 6 p.m. Selections will include *Joy to the World, The First Noel, O Holy Night, Ding Dong Merrily on High* and more. Everyone is invited to come and experience the true meaning of X-Mas.

Memorial Scholarship fund established
The Larry King Haynes II Christian Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established and contributions or memorials can be made at Norwest or Citizens Banks. For further information contact LuAnne Terry, secretary and treasurer.

Art Guild to sponsor T-Shirt painting
The Post Art Guild will be sponsoring a t-shirt painting December 9 and 10. Glenda Morrow will be the instructor and all materials are included in the \$28 fee. Call 629-4393 to sign up.

Starving artist and crafters sale
There will be a starving artist and crafters sale during Post Trade Days December 2 through 4 at the Algerita Art Center. Open to everyone. Call Jane Mason at 495-2980 or Marie Neff at 495-2051 for more information.

Xi Delta Rho and 4-H begin raffle sale
Xi Delta Rho chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and members of Garza County 4-H will be selling raffle tickets for groceries at United. All proceeds will go to the Senior Citizens Center. Drawing will be held downtown December 3. You do not have to be present to win. For more information contact Karen Palmer, Meg Nelson, Ila Workman or Jody Butler.

Garza Theatre in need of volunteers
The Garza Theatre is in need of volunteers to serve as ushers for the plays. They would like to encourage individuals, organizations or clubs to call 495-4005 or 1-800-846-3706. Excellent opportunity to see the plays and be involved in the community.

Santa Claus to arrive at Manna Mall
Santa Claus will be at Manna Mall Saturday, December 3 from 9-11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Pictures will be available and donations for the U-Can-Share drive will also be collected. The event is sponsored by Gamma Mu sorority.

Fund established to benefit Gordon
A benefit fund has been established at the First National Bank of Post for Linda Gordon. All donations will assist Gordon with incurred medical expenses.

Service Officer available in courthouse
The Garza County Service officer will be available at the Garza County Courthouse 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. the third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. For an appointment or information call Ann Stelzer at 327-5301 after 6 p.m.

FBC seeking Senior Adult Choir members
The First Baptist Church would like to extend an invitation to anyone ages 55 and over to come and join or Senior Adult Choir. Our Choir meets on Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. A pot-luck lunch will follow rehearsal on the first Wednesday of the month.

Xi Delta Rho establishes scholarship fund
The Xi Delta Rho chapter of Beta Sigma Phi has established a memorial fund to be used for scholarships for local graduating high school seniors. To make a donation to the scholarship fund call Karen Palmer at 495-2023 or Jaynie Dickson at 495-3422. Both can be reached during the evening hours.

Post Cares in need of food donations
Post Cares is in need of non-perishable food items. Please bring donations by 222 E. 8th or call 495-2060 for pick-up service.

Commodities distribution
The commodities distribution are held on the fourth Friday of 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. The commodities distribution will continue at the Service Barn until further notice. Commodities will be distributed in Southland on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Christmas parade entries sought
The Post Chamber of Commerce and Post Merchants Association are seeking interested citizens and organizations to enter their floats in the lighted Christmas parade to be held December 3. Prizes will again be offered for first through third places. For more information contact Wanda Mitchell at 495-3461.

Trade Days December 2-4
Old Mill Trade Days will be held this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 2-4. The park will remain open until 8 p.m. Saturday evening. Special Christmas events are scheduled...Santa, surrey rides, caroling and more!

Caprock Ladies Golf Association
The Caprock Ladies Golf Association will hold their weekly meetings every Wednesday night at 6 p.m. at the Caprock Golf Course. Any woman who enjoys playing golf or would like to learn the game is encouraged to attend.

STARMAKER to debut at Tower
STARMAKER, a television talent showcase hosted by Steve Davis and Jane Prince Jones, will kick off its first show with a live television taping at the Tower Theatre in Post Friday December 2.

The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. and a pre-show starting at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from the Chamber of Commerce at 806/495-3461 or the Tower Theatre box



Lillie Hart accepts a certificate on behalf of the Caprock Photographers for first place in the invitation and newsletter category for small towns. The award was presented by JoAnn Mock who accepted the award at the Texas Association of the Arts awards in Austin last week. Lewis and Maxine Earl also represented the CCA at the Austin conference.

Local 4-H youths participate in annual district Gold Star Banquet

Thirty-two outstanding members of 4-H Clubs across the South Plains were honored Monday, November 21, at the 37th annual district Gold Star Banquet in Lubbock.

In addition to receiving the Gold Star Award, highest honor presented at the county level by the youth organization, the youths heard Dr. Paul Vaughn, professor and head of the Department of Agricultural Education and Communications at Texas Tech University, caution them about their use of three particular "four-letter" words.

4-H is the youth development program of the Extension Service, an educational arm of the Texas A & M University System.

Joining the youths at the event at the Koko Palace were parents, government officials, Extension Service faculty, fellow 4-H'ers, educators and community leaders. The event has been sponsored each year by 11 area electric cooperatives: Bailey County, Caprock, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Lamb County, Lea County, Lighthouse, Lyntegar, Midwest, South Plains and Swisher.

In those 37 annual banquets, 1,447 winners have been honored with the Gold Star Award in the presence of more than 13,200 guests.

This year's audience was welcomed by Billy Harbin, general manager of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative. Kurt Hess of Borden County, South Plains District 4-H Council member, responded. Cade Shepard of Hale County, district council president, was master of ceremonies. Jody LeBlanc, Hockley County 4-H'er, gave the invocation. Dinner music was by pianist Nicki Riggs, Mitchell County 4-H'er. Sarah Hamm of Terry County, council secretary, introduced special guests.

The awards were presented by Dr. Kathy Volanty and Dr. Bob Robinson, Extension Service district directors. Recipients were introduced by 4-H'ers

Karmen Pohlmeier of Castro County, council first vice president, and Julie Hancock of Yoakum County, council second vice president.

Other 4-H'ers on the program were Shayla Wallace and Seth Pennell, Garza County; Jason Marshal, Lynn County; and John Busby, Scurry County.

Vaughn told the Gold Star winners that the way they use three particular "four-letter" words can determine their success or failure in life. "All three happen to begin with the letter F," he told them.

"The first two are 'fair' and 'free'," he said. He urged the youths to think about what they mean and how they can be used.

"The U.S. Constitution guarantees freedom to all," Vaughn said. "That's what has allowed this nation to rise to the greatness it has achieved."

"But the Constitution doesn't say anything about the word 'fair,'" he noted. He said that too many people today say they aren't being treated fairly, that their Constitutional rights are being violated by that. He cited the experiences of a list of people who weren't treated fairly by their peers or society, but rose above that to succeed in life: merchant F. W. Woolworth, author Zane Grey, composer and pianist George Gershwin, scientists Albert Einstein and Thomas A. Edison, and industrialist Charles Goodyear.

"All were treated unfairly, but they took the opportunities guaranteed by their freedom to become successful," Vaughn said.

"The third (four-letter) word is 'fail,'" Vaughn told the youths and guests. "The victors in life aren't those who go undefeated. The victors are those who won't quit."

"You have the attributes you need to succeed. The opportunities (to succeed) are free. Don't sit back and complain that things aren't fair, because that's the surest way to fail."

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Thursday, December 1
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Friday, December 2
Roasted chicken, scallop potatoes, spinach, tossed salad, ranch dressing, wheat roll, frosted cake, choice of beverage.

Monday, December 5
BBQ chicken, corn cobbets, green beans, tossed salad, thousand island dressing, choice of beverage.

Tuesday, December 6
Taco salad, lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, onions, pinto beans, tortilla chips, taco sauce, apricots, choice of beverage.

Wednesday, December 7
Baked ham, navy beans, carrots, tossed salad, French dressing, cornbread, pineapple cobbler, choice of beverage.

Post Schools

Monday, December 5
Breakfast: Oatmeal, sausage, toast & jelly, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets & cream gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pudding, milk.

Tuesday, December 6
Breakfast: French toast sticks, syrup, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Sloppy joe on bun, slaw, fried okra, blueberries, milk.

Wednesday, December 7
Breakfast: Malt-o-meal, bacon, toast & jelly, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Nachos, pinto beans, salad, sliced peaches, milk.

Thursday, December 8
Breakfast: Donut, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Bean 'n meat burrito w/sauce, fried squash, mixed greens, apple cobbler, milk.

Friday, December 9
Breakfast: Dry cereal, toast & honey, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Cheeseburger, hamburger salad, French fries, orange, milk.

Around Town

Clubs and organizations in and around Garza county

Xi Delta Rho

Xi Delta Rho met in the home of Melinda Mason on November 14. Members present enjoyed a meal of chicken enchiladas, beans, chips, dips and pound cake.

Plans were made for the Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas party.

Post Head Start Raffle

Post Head Start parents and teachers are selling Raffle tickets to raise money for this year's Christmas gifts for the Head Start children in Post. The Raffle consists of 6 prizes which will be raffled on December 21, at United Supermarket at 1:30 PM. The prizes are: Lego Building Blocks, a Power Ranger Watch, a jewelry box, a fishing rod/reel, an afghan jacket and a children's easel.

If you would like tickets, please contact any Head Start parent or teacher at 495-4037. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Head Start will also be selling tickets at United Supermarket at later dates. Please go out and purchase one and help support the local Head Start Program.

We would like to thank all of the people who purchased baked good during the Head Start Bake Sale on November 12. Thanks to all the people in our community who care.

Tax 'n Facts

by Terri S. Cash, CPA

MAKING YOUR GRAND-CHILDREN RICH

For those with more retirement assets than they need or with a family business, it's often tempting to save on estate taxes by leaving assets to the grandchildren. But the giving must be structured carefully to avoid the generation-skipping tax: a whopping 55 percent levy on gifts and bequests in excess of \$1 million that go to grandchildren or others in the second generation.

Where many givers get stuck is with a trust—especially an insurance trust—that may appreciate substantially. The best way around that is with direct giving while the grandparents are alive. For instance, the proceeds of the life insurance can be protected from the tax if a gift-tax return is filed annually exempting the premium on the policy. Stock in the family business can be given to grandchildren over the years, again filing an annual exemption election if the gift is going into a trust or if it is more than \$10,000. The advantage of the early giving is that the gift has not yet appreciated.

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Monday, Thursday, December 1 at 3:45 p.m. the scouts will meet in United's parking lot to commemorate the beginning of the annual food drive.

Arts & crafts fair

On December 1-3 the Community Action Network (CAN) will sponsor its annual Winter Arts & Crafts Fair in the Courtyard of the University Center. The sale will run from 9 AM - 6 PM on Thursday and Friday, and from 10 AM - 4 PM on Saturday. The fair is open to the public and there is no admission fee.

For more information contact CAN in the Student Activities Office at 806-742-3621.



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U-Can-Share food drive off to good start

Although the U-Can-Share food drive won't officially begin until December 1, Post has already collected approximately 950 cans. A check last week with Mrs. McDougale of PHS's Future Homemakers of America showed that the students in high school have brought almost 800 cans and have extended their food drive through the end of this week. Homeroom classes are competing for a pizza party for the most generous class.

Together with the food collected during the Blue Knights Motorcycle Poker Run, the total of cans collected to date is approximately 950. Collection boxes will be set up at various merchants around town.

Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts will meet in front of United Supermarket at 4 p.m. December 1 to assist Glen

Brown, store manager, and his employees fill a truck with collected cans marking the U-Can-Share kickoff.

Beginning Monday, December 5, Cub Scouts and Brownie Girl Scouts will be distributing empty U-Can-Share bags to homes around town. They will then return on Saturday, December 10 to pick up the bags with any items residents have donated.

Tuesday, December 6, a section of United will be converted into a "jail" to hold "prisoners" for U-Can-Share. Well-known citizens including Mayor Jackson, Glen Brown, Giles McCrary, Jim Plummer, Marita Jackson, Jay Pollard, Paul Jones, Jim Graham, Darryl Smith, Theresa Harp and others will be "arrested" by Sheriff Ratke and must stay at the United "jail" until they can raise at

least \$100 "bail" by phone for the U-Can-Share program. The money raised will go towards purchasing necessary items not donated for the Christmas food boxes.

If anyone has information regarding families in need of food boxes, please call 495-2517.

Manna Square
by Jan Crawford

Welcome to beautiful MANNA SQUARE! Thanks to the creative hand of Shelley Johnston, no wonder Santa has chosen MANNA SQUARE to visit with all the children this coming Saturday! Gamma Mu will help guide St. Nick from the rooftop to the foyer. So, boys and girls, young and old, come browse through the wonderland of shops and fill your list!

VICTORIA'S ATTIC & TEA ROOM has the best selection of Angels in town...they'll be gracing many homes this holiday season! In addition to Vicki's daily luncheon menu, catering for that intimate dinner or your club or sorority is a special treat. Major credit cards accepted and layaway available.

JUST FRIENDS is really on the ball! They have a great selection of Christmas CDs and cassettes and Oprah's Cookbook is a must for all of us who love to cook and eat well. I hope Santa brings me one!

When you set your next appointment with Melinda at THE NAIL SHOP you will really feel the lady of leisure. Visions of sugar plums will dance in your head... it looks like a Winter Wonderland in miniature!

CHANNEL 31 offers you great inspiration this holiday season. The true meaning of Christmas shines through their Gospel programming and live televised services. The station looks forward to sending your Christmas messages in a special way.

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The once busy train depot now stands silent as the trains pass through without stopping. In the early days of Post, as many as 10 car loads of passengers a day came to Post looking for a new life.

Trains just whistle as they pass

by Bill Galusha

C. W. Post was man of vision, a man of dreams. He carved an oasis out of the wild and desolate country side of West Texas. He was by some accounts a genius of a business man. He held Patents on plows and farm machinery, he made rain when the skies were clear and he expanded on a new farming technique called dry land farming. His most notable venture was his sorghum, wheat and molasses concoction he called Postum, for this he was to become wealthy and famous.

C. W. Post is responsible for the streets, the water and the very existence of Post. It was a hard life, miles from the nearest railroad and some would say an eternity from civilization. Post was not easily diverted, he knew what he wanted and was not afraid to speak his mind in defense of it.

In 1907 Post City was chartered. Legend has it that even the horses and mules were counted on in the vote. No time was wasted. Streets were planned, buildings were erected and stores were opened. A hotel, a blacksmith, a restaurant and a stable, all the essential needs of a new town were built. The first buildings were erected from native stone, discovered in a quarry while building a road. But not all things could be found in nature, many things had to be carried by wagon train and mule.

The nearest rail head was 70 miles away in Colorado City. Food, lumber, even water had to be transported by wagon across the barren landscape. The journeys were hazardous and lengthy, Post knew if he was to make

his town work, a railroad was needed.

Post owned stock in a small private railroad in the east and was aware of what it would take to persuade them to build a spur into Post City. Goods was the major factor in enticing a railroad, money was the key. Post had stockmen build pens on the Caprock. Newspaper ads were taken out to entice immigrants to come to Post. The stage was set.

It was rumored that C. W. Post made a \$50,000 investment in the railroad to help in building the spur from Lubbock to Post City. Whatever the reason in 1909 the track was started from Plainview to Lubbock. Not all parties were anxious to see the railroad come to Post City. The T&P Railway tried in vain to stop the construction of the Santa Fe. In October of 1909 papers were filed to halt the crossing of the Santa Fe Railroad over the T&P Railway tracks. This was eventually solved by building a bridge over them.

In August of 1911 track laying was completed. All work was finished and the line turned over to the operating department in December of 1911. Post City was now connected to the rest of civilization by rail, the major mode of transportation of the time.

The stock pens were erected on top of the Caprock, the steam engines of the day were unable to make the steep climb up the Cap with a load of cattle. Five additional team tracks were constructed in Post City to handle the heavy flow of traffic that was

anticipated. The train in an effort to ease the climb, backed down the hill, no way of turning around was possible at the time, Post was the end of the line.

During the first few years train loads of materials arrived daily, everything that was needed to build a city and sustain life arrived by train. Emigrants arrived by the car load. Some days as many as 10 car loads arrived in a single day. Seed, livestock, farm implements and personal belongings streamed into Post City.

In the beginning the steam driven trains pulled 30 to 40 cars and considered it a full load. When steam was replaced by Diesel power, trains were capable of pulling 200 cars. Many men were needed to handle such large and manual operations. Where railroads went, so did the workers. The railroad was the life blood of the west, in many cases an entire town sprung up or died with the arrival or departure of the railroad.

Soon man was being replaced by machine. Track laying machines replaced to 100 or more needed to pick up the track and place it. Mechanical drivers took the place of the two man teams of sledge hammer drivers. Then highways, and automobiles replaced transportation and soon trucks began replacing the trains. Crews were cut back and wages were lowered. Towns began to disappear.

Though the train no longer stops in Post, the tents and the crews are gone, the residents have remained. Descendants of the founding families have continued on with C. W. Post's dream of an oasis in the wilderness of West Texas. The friendly, family atmosphere of Post City remains today to be one of its main attractions.

Saved by a yardstick

When the north wind blows, temperatures fall and Texans turn on their heaters. Unfortunately for hundreds of Texas residents, trying to stay warm this winter will cause more heat than the needed - heat from an unwanted house fire.

"Each year, the number of fires rises as the temperature falls," said Michael E. Hines, executive director of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP). "Because many of these fires are caused by carelessness with home heating equipment, we strongly urge everyone to take care of their heaters and fireplaces."

The TCFP recommends these actions to help prevent heating fires:

- Keep at least 3 feet clear around all types of space heaters.
- Have all heating equipment checked by a qualified technician, before you use it this season, if possible.
- Have your fireplace chimney inspected each year by a qualified chimney cleaning service.

• Read and follow the directions for your heating equipment.

- Never leave children alone with a heater or fireplace while it is in use.
- If your heating equipment is unsafe and cannot be repaired, ask for help.

• Test your smoke alarm and your carbon monoxide detectors frequently. According to Hines, most fires caused by home heating equipment are preventable. Prevent the ones you can.

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Sports

LCJHS wins over seventh grade boys

The seventh grade boys basketball won a hard fought victory over Lubbock Christian JHS November 28 with a score of 29-23. This game brings their season record to 2-0. Their next game will be the All Saints Tournament December 1-3.

Individual Scoring: Ramon Jefferson 10, Luis Leos 4, Chris Saldivar 6 and Braden Conner 9.

JV have big victory over Smyer 46-26

The JV boys basketball beat Smyer 46-26. The Antelopes gained control of the game in the first quarter and held control throughout the game.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS: Perez 0-3-13, Terry 0-1-7, Hair 0-1-7, Josey 0-0-6, Childers 0-2-4, Hart 0-0-2, R. Perez 0-2-2, Pena 0-0-2, Loredo 0-0-2 and Saldivar 0-0-2.

Boys varsity wins over Lorenzo

The Post boys varsity basketball won over Lorenzo with a 75-64 score. Post started out dominating the game in the first half with the half time score being 32-25. In the third quarter Lorenzo took a point lead over Post for the quarter but Post came back in the fourth.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS: Bain 2-7-21, Lawson 2-0-8, Ashley 0-0-4, Terry 0-0-4, Bird 0-3-7, Simpson 2-5-17 and Reed 0-0-16.

Seventh grade girls win 23-6

Post seventh grade girls basketball beat St. Joseph November 21 with a score of 23-6. Post started out the first quarter with an 8-2 lead and was ahead throughout the entire game.

Independent Scoring Post: Kelci Hart 2, Angela Trevino 2, Amy Line 8, Stephanie Looney 6, Selicia Hernandez 2 and Lauren Webb 3. Other team members are Candi Reed, Erin Gregory, Camie Payne, Courtney Bratcher and Jackie Davis.



Cody Bain #24 jumps for the ball in the Smyer game last Friday night. The Antelopes played a good game, but couldn't get the win. The Lopes were leading until the fourth quarter.

Girls eighth grade win

The eighth grade girls played Lubbock Christian J.H.S. on November 28. Post triumphed over LCJHS by a margin of only one point, with the decision coming right down to the wire.

The first quarter saw Post leading 10-7 but by the end of the second quarter Post's lead was taken over by LCJHS with a score of 15-19. Post continued to trail by 1 or 2 points for most of the game. At the end of the fourth quarter the Post Antelopes kicked into high and finished with a 1-point lead. "The girls did a great job, they hustled throughout the game," said coach Gordon.

Individual Scoring: Post Jennifer Strawn 4, Kasey Hardin 4, Rachel Jones 4, Torrie Foster 13, Kresten Webb 6 and Becca Stelzer 5. Other team members were: Kendle Jefferson, Hannah Jefferson, Pam Chapman and Tash Gilbert.

Seventh grade beats St. Joseph in narrow victory

Post seventh grade boys basketball had a narrow victory over St. Josephs November 21 with a score of 28-26. The second quarter saw St. Joseph taking charge with a 3-point lead, but in the third quarter Post came back and held on to the lead the rest of the game.

Individual Scoring: Billy Crawford 6, Ramond Jefferson 4, Luis Leos 8 and R.T. Todd 2.

Eighth grade whips LCJHS

The eighth grade boys basketball easily dominated Lubbock Christian JHS with a score of 42-26. Post took charge of the game early in the first quarter with a 5-point lead. In the second quarter LCJHS had their only leading quarter ending the quarter leading by 2 points. In the second half Post took charge and held the lead the rest of the game. Season record 1-0.

Individual Scoring: Charly Bell 2, Brent Justice 2, Clell Knight 8, Terry Foster 2, Daniel Fluitt 6, Raymond Perez 12, Albert Armendariz 4, Joey Ward 4 and Matt Cooper 2.

JV boys basketball beat Lorenzo

Post JV boys basketball won over Lorenzo in an overtime game December 22 with a score of 50-43. Their season record is 2-0.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS: Perez 0-0-2, Terry 0-2-12, Hair 0-2-2, Josey 6-1-13, Childers 0-0-4, Hart 1-3-10, Perez 0-0-0, Pena 0-0-0, Loredo 1-0-5, Saldivar 0-0-0, Goen 0-0-0, Pennell 0-0-0 and Wilks 0-0-0.

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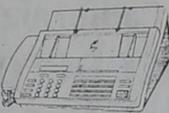
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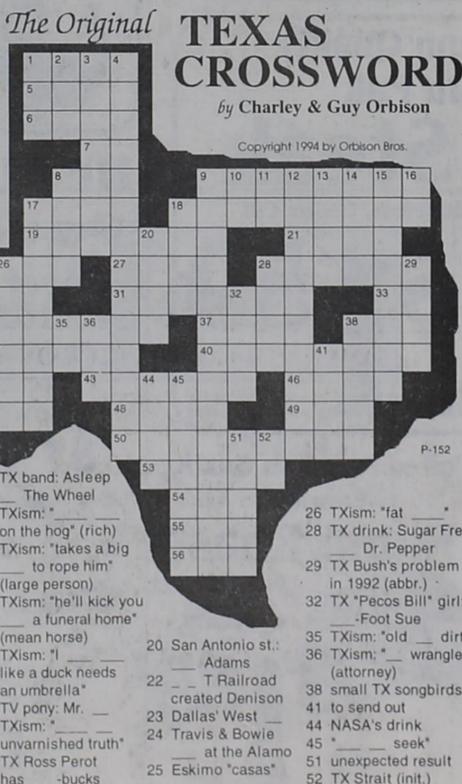
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- 1 "Don't ___ with TX"
 - 5 TXism: "fits like sardines in ___"
 - 6 TX Dr. Pepper rival: Coca-___
 - 7 TXism: "mighty fine"
 - 8 TX ___ Don Baker
 - 9 Oilers cross it for a score (2 wds.)
 - 17 Huntsville's Houston statue weighs 25 ___
 - 18 briefly referred to TXism: "looks like ___ ridden hard and put up wet"
 - 21 women got to ___ in TX in 1918
 - 22 UT ___ School
 - 27 Prairie ___ Museum is in Eagle Lake unit consisting of two feet
 - 30 King Arthur's roundtable "cowboy"
 - 31 TXism: "there's more of them than there are ___ TX"
 - 33 "best little puzzle in TX" (abbr.)
 - 34 led 1st French expedition to TX: Seur ___
 - 37 TXism: "costs an arm and ___"
 - 38 TXism: "dance with ___ brung ya"
 - 39 "___ you will if you won't"
 - 40 Galveston has 1st ___ church in TX
 - 42 TX Hobby: 1st woman to get Distinguished Service Medal (init.)

- DOWN**
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 - 2 TX Cibolo Trail has 3 distinct ___ systems
 - 3 TXism: "booze parlors"
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 - 10 TX Buddy Holly epitaph: "Rave ___"
 - 11 TX band: Asleep ___ The Wheel
 - 12 TXism: "___ on the hog" (rich)
 - 13 TXism: "takes a big ___ to rope him" (large person)
 - 14 TXism: "he'll kick you a funeral home" (mean horse)
 - 15 TXism: "I ___ like a duck needs an umbrella"
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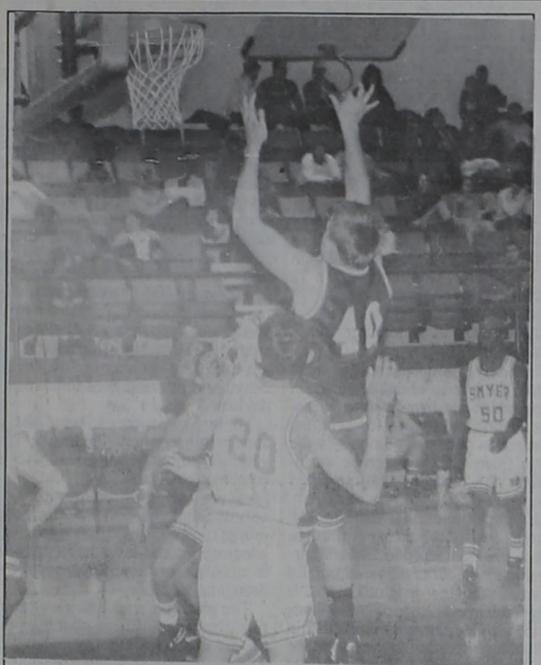
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Russ Bird #40 goes for the basket at the point in last Friday night's game with smyer. Bird scored four points in the game.

Living on the Edge of the Caprock

Making the most of real Christmas trees

If you are still one of the people that have yet to make the transition to artificial Christmas trees, then perhaps a few words on "real" tree care and selection will be of value before you head to your favorite tree lot to enjoy hot chocolate, Christmas tunes and the annual selection process.

Before you make that all-important selection of your tree, give some thought to where in your home the tree will be placed. If the tree is to be in a place for all to see and examine each and every side, then a full, heavy needled tree will be in order. However, if you choose to "build" your tree in a nice corner, then perhaps you can get by with a little thinner tree. Pay careful attention to overhead lights and low ceilings that can prematurely dry out your tree.

When you've arrived at your favorite tree lot, pay careful attention to the freshness of your potential selection. Hold a branch about six inches from the tip between your thumb and finger. Pull your hand towards the end of the branch and count the needles that come off in your hand. Excessive needle shed might be an indication that your tree could be prone to early death from age and stress.

Lift the tree a few inches of the ground and allow it to fall back on the base, close inspection to the area beneath the tree could reveal a large number of shed needles. In this case keep shopping lest your tree be wind-blown and naked before you get it home.

Your prospective tree should have a fragrance and good green color - avoid trees with faded, dry needles.

If you buy your tree several days before it is to be decorated and set up, store the tree in a garage or on a cool porch where it has sun and wind protection until it is time to decorate. If the tree is to be stored several days, make a straight cut across the base of the trunk about an inch from the end. This will allow the tree to take up more water through the newly exposed vascular tissue. Store the tree upright with the bottom of the trunk in a container of water.

When the tree is moved to the house for decorating, make another fresh cut about an inch above the original cut.

Make sure to use a tree stand that will hold plenty of water.

Cut trees are thirsty and are prone to stress. Depending on the size of the tree, they may absorb from two pints to one gallon of water per day. Make sure to provide plenty of fresh, clean water every day.

When you've chosen that "just right" spot in your home, make certain to place the tree away from heat sources such as fireplaces, radiators, heating vents and television sets. Do not use

combustible decorations and check electric lights and cords as well as all connections before you put them on the tree. Don't use lighted candles or worn frayed cords on your decorations. Lastly, be careful not to overload your electrical outlets just for the sake of "one more set of twinkling lights."

A Christmas tree's useful life can continue after the holiday season. The

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boughs can be removed and used for mulch. The tree can also be set upright in the yard and used as a bird feeder with food attached. If you have a fireplace, the needles add a pleasant aroma to the house when burned as wood or kindling.

After your tree has run its useful life, make certain to dispose of it properly. Be aware of recycling centers in the area that will take your tree. Remember, county road ditches are not tree disposal sites.

Back when...

10 years ago
November 28, 1984

Constable Election Invalid

After canvassing the Constable votes in precincts two and four, it was brought to the Garza City Commissioners court that the two declared constables, Deb Palmer and Bruce Ledbetter should not be recognized as constables due to Article 6.06A of the Election Code. (Because they were write in candidates, and failed to receive votes from 50 percent of the total number of people voting.)

20 years ago
November 28, 1974

Snyder oilfields have lady roughneck

Although she works at a man's job as an official roughneck, Dee Johns, 20, of Snyder is no woman's libber.

"I think women ought to have the opportunity to do any kind of work that a man does if they can handle it, but I'm not a woman's libber," said the pert young lady roughneck.

30 years ago
November 26, 1964

Seventeen items for reducing the school budget were studied by the

board of trustees of the Post ISD at a special meeting last Thursday night.

The items, compiled by Supt. Barry B. Thompson at the board's request, would result in savings ranging from \$1,000 to \$21,650.

40 years ago
December 2, 1954

Seven hundred and eighty two men, women and children were fed at the Post Lions Club's pancake supper last week. Tickets sold at 50¢ each.

50 years ago
November 23, 1944

Luke Field, Arizona

Albert Franklin Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard of Post, has successfully completed his flight training at the Army Air Forces Advanced Flying School, Luke Field, Arizona.

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Varsity boys lose to Smyer

Boys Varsity lost out to Smyer with a 49-55 score. Post ended the first half with a 6-point lead and fell off in the last half of the game, giving up

the most points in the last quarter. INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS: Bain 0-5-13, Lawson 0-3-5, Ashley 0-0-2, Bird 0-0-2, Simpson 1-4-13, Reed 0-4-9 and Crawford 0-1-3.

Girls lose to LCJHS 21-29

Post seventh grade girls basketball lost to Lubbock Christian J.H.S. with a final score of 21-29. Post got off to a slow start in the first half. In the second half they fought hard to regain their losses, but were unable to gain the lead.

Individual Scoring: Camie Payne 2, Courtney Bratcher 2, Amy Line 4 and Stephanie Looney 13. The other players were: Candi Reed, Kelci Hart, Erin Gregory, Angela Trevino, Jackie Davis, Selicia and Lauren Webb.

Ninth grade loses to LC

The Post ninth grade boys basketball lost to Lubbock Christian with a score of 30-50. In the first they played well and ran well in the offense but missed several shots inside the lane. Defensively in the second Post gave up many second and third shots.

ANTELOPES Hernandez 4-1-9, Perez 4-0-8, Gomez 2-3-4, Woods 1-0-3, Patschke 1-0-2, Navarro 1-0-2, Moore 0-1-1 and Haney 0-1-1.

Their next game will be Ralls, December 5 at Post.

Diabetes - dangerous but manageable

Diabetes is the fourth leading cause of death by disease, and affects some 14 million Americans. Diabetes is a serious disease, but it can be managed with treatment. Physicians of the Texas Medical Association encourage you to learn more about it during November, which is National Diabetes Month. Diabetes affects the way the body uses food and causes sugar levels in the blood to be too high. With diabetes, food cannot be turned into energy correctly.

Type I diabetes occurs most frequently in children and young adults and requires the patient to receive regular doses of insulin. These regular doses of insulin are needed because the pancreas of someone affected with Type I, or insulin-dependent diabetes cannot produce insulin. Of the 14 million Americans suffering from diabetes, about 1 million of those have type I diabetes.

Symptoms of type I diabetes include: frequent urination, excessive thirst, extreme hunger, dramatic weight loss, irritability, weakness and fatigue, and nausea and vomiting. This type of diabetes is not preventable, and is be-

lieved to be caused by any of several different viruses.

Type II diabetes usually occurs later in life. Those at most risk for this type are over 40, overweight and have a family history of diabetes. People of Native American, Hispanic or African-American descent have an increased risk.

Type II diabetes usually occurs less suddenly and can be characterized by any of the type I symptoms. Additionally, symptoms may include: recurring or hard-to-heal skin, gum or bladder infections, drowsiness, blurred vision, tingling or numbness in hands or feet, and itching.

Diabetes can be serious and possibly even fatal. Each year, more than 150,000 people die from diabetes and its complications. Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness in people ages 25 to 74. Diabetes also greatly increases the risk of leg amputation, kidney disease, heart disease and stroke. If you exhibit any of the symptoms associated with diabetes, please see your doctor. Remember, although diabetes is not curable, but it can be controlled through treatment.

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Rabies cases on the rise in Texas; hunters should take precautions

Rabies cases in animals are spreading at a surprising rate this year in South and West Central Texas, and state officials are warning hunters in particular to be alert for unusual animal behavior in the wild.

The fall hunting seasons are expected to send more than one million hunters into the Texas brush, increasing the chances that people who don't take simple precautions may be bitten and infected.

"Use a little common sense," advises Dr. Dale Rollins, wildlife specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in San Angelo.

"If you do encounter a fox, coyote or any other animal exhibiting unusual behavior, stay away from it. This behavior could include activity during daylight or showing no fear of humans. If you're a quail hunter, make sure your bird dogs have current vaccinations."

Rabies carried primarily by coyotes and dogs has been found in four new counties in South Texas this year, indication that the disease has continued moving north to within a county of the San Antonio metropolitan area.

Meanwhile, rabid gray foxes have turned up in 12 new counties in West Central Texas and appear to be spreading north and east toward San Antonio, Austin, Abilene, Fort Worth and Dallas.

Rabies is a viral disease that is almost always fatal, but human deaths in Texas continue to be few. Since 1990, three persons have died from exposure to rabid animals in Texas; none died during the 1980s.

Even so, the seriousness of the two rabies epidemics in Texas led Gov. Ann Richards in July to declare both to be state health emergencies. State authorities are moving to increase public awareness of the problem and to urge vaccinations of pets and livestock.

In the gray fox rabies epidemic, 215 rabid animal cases have been reported this year through mid-September. Tom Green County with 69 confirmed cases and McCulloch County with 67 lead the state. No other county comes close.

Dr. Keith Clark, director of the Texas Department of Health's Zoonosis Control Division, attributes the increase directly to a loss of fur markets over the last five years. The relaxed trapping pressure has led to a virtual explosion in all fur-bearing numbers.

"When there's a population explosion in any species, problems occur," said Clark. "Nature's way of keeping a population healthy is spatial separation. When overpopulation occurs, rabies and

other diseases flourish; it's harsh but very effective."

"South Texas has received a lot of attention because the coyote strain readily infects dogs and can be transmitted from dog to dog. For every single exposure to a wild animal, we have five from a domestic animal."

"While the number of rabies cases are almost equally divided between coyotes and dogs, over 90 percent of the human exposures are from the dogs. Simply put; the more people and unvaccinated dogs in an area, the more chance of exposure."

In all, 71 canine rabies cases have been reported this year, with half of them found in three counties: Kleberg, 13; Webb, 12 and La Salle, 11.

Clark said that fox rabies cases were virtually unheard of in Texas prior to 1946, when an outbreak from Louisiana crossed into Shelby County. The disease was almost forgotten by the late 1970s, but a small pocket remained in the rough country in Val Verde, Real and Uvalde counties.

After fur prices fell in 1988, the resulting fox population explosion triggered the current outbreak, Clark explained.

"Once rabies hits an area, it kills off the susceptible animals, and the area remains relatively trouble free until populations again boom," he said.

"As a rule, though, the subsequent outbreaks rarely equal the initial one. Unfortunately, problems quickly occur in neighboring counties. For example, the Tom Green-McCulloch County episodes probably are on the decline. Neighboring counties will be the next areas hit, but Tom Green and McCulloch counties will probably be relatively rabies-free for at least the next two years."

Clark admits the rabies increase is alarming, but added that caution tempered with a little common sense can save people a lot of grief.

"Vaccinate all your dogs and cats annually," he advises. "In fact, all domestic animals receiving regular human contact should be vaccinated, including saddle horses and show stock. By law, all rabies vaccinations in Texas must be performed by a licensed veterinarian."

Clark's department is working on an oral vaccine that would immunize animals in the wild and try and stem the rabies tide. The project involves cooperative efforts with, among others, Texas Animal Damage Control, the U.S. Army, the Texas A&M University School of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M at

Kingsville, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Rhone-Merieux, Inc.

Baits laced with the vaccine are air-dropped over a wide area where they are eaten by coyotes, dogs, foxes and other carnivores. Clark said the technique has been successful on red fox in Canada and Europe. An initial test project, using bait without vaccine, yielded promising results with coyotes in South Texas.

Research on the baits is still under way, Clark said, but the health department hopes to have the coyote bait deployed by February and the bait for the foxes out by next fall.

If the vaccine baits work, Clark said, rabies on an epidemic scale could be a thing of the past within five to seven years.

Texas counties in which canine rabies were found during 1988-1993 were Brooks, Cameron, Duval, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, La Salle, Nueces, Starr, Webb, Willacy and Zapata. The four new counties added to the list this year were Dimmit, Frio, Live Oak and McMullen.

Texas counties in which fox rabies were found during 1987-1993 were Bandera, Brewster, Concho, Crockett, Edwards, Irion, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Medina, Menard, McCulloch, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Schleicher, Sutton, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Uvalde and Val Verde.

The 12 counties added in 1994 were Bexar, Brown, Coke, Coleman, Crane, Lampasas, Mason, Mitchell, Regan, Runtels, San Saba and Sterling.

Pheasant season begins December 10, population distribution spotty

As West Texas prepares for the opening of the 16-day pheasant season beginning Saturday, December 10, hunters can expect a "boom or bust" kind of hunting season, according to Texas Parks & Wildlife Department officials. In areas where pheasant numbers are down, they are way down; and on the few survey routes that counted high, they were very high. In other words, the population distribution is "spotty" this year, but find the right place and the birds could be flushing like coveys of quail.

As TPWD conducted the population surveys in late October and early November, some of the highest numbers were recorded in the northern and western portions of the Panhandle. In the counties of Dallam, Hartley, Deaf Smith, Sherman, Hansford and Ochiltree, the pheasant survey resulted in more than 44 birds per route, with a couple of routes counting more than 100 pheasants.

Just south of those counties, the population shows a significant drop. Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Gray, Carson, Randall and Armstrong counties averaged less than five pheasants per route.

In the South Plains region, (from Parmer county, south to Cochran, east to Crosby, and north to Briscoe county), it has been another good year for cotton and a less than average year for pheasants. Based on 24 survey routes conducted in 12 South Plains counties, the 1994 census resulted in 3.2 birds/route. This represents a 72 percent decline compared to the 1993 figure, (11.3 birds/route), and the 1994 count was 70 percent less than the 5-year average.

Generally, the more acres that are in cotton, the less acres that are in grain crops which are beneficial to pheasants as food and cover. However, the decrease in pheasant numbers in the South Plains this year can be attributed to the drought conditions this summer, compounded by extremely high temperatures that reached 118 degrees F in some areas. A drought affects pheasant reproduction and survival in a number of ways, especially in areas with few irrigated crops. It may result in a shortage of green plants which provide carotenes and Vitamin A that are important to the hen in the egg-laying process. A drought can also reduce the amount of weed seeds that

are available, which can be important before grain crops become available in the fall. But more importantly, a drought can limit insect production. Insects are an excellent source of protein and calcium for the nesting hen and are the primary dietary component for pheasant chicks during the first 8-10 weeks of life. Temperatures in excess of 100 degrees, especially for extended periods, reduce the hens ability to keep adequate moisture around the eggs during incubation. As a result, the eggs may be lost due to dehydration or nest abandonment by the hen.

The highest concentrations of pheasants in the northern Panhandle this year are probably associated with a combination of rank cover, (i.e., playa lake), and irrigated grain crops. Not only does this situation provide a good mix of food and cover, but it provides adequate ground-level humidity that is critical for next success under drought conditions.

The pheasant season begins Saturday, December 10, and continues for 16 days, concluding December 25. The bag limit is 3 cocks per day with a possession limit of 6 birds.

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September 7, 1977. He preceded her in death October 24, 1993. She was a housewife and a Baptist. Survivors include one son, Melvin Lee of Post; one daughter Alonia Gidney of Amarillo; two brothers, James Johnson of Happy and Willis Johnson of Gonzales; five sisters, Nonie Mae Butler of Houston, Maggie Combs of Amarillo, Lenonia Clay of Yoakum, Ila Mae Thornton of Gonzales and Susan B. Bolton of San Antonio; five grandchildren and 11 grandchildren.

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Cathy Hill of Post was the winner of the raffle for \$200.00 worth of groceries. The board thanks everyone who purchased tickets. Proceeds from this promotion will buy library supplies. Librarians Jeanette Bell and Virginia Babb are in the process of inventorying the library. The end result will be that the entire collection will be computerized. This will ease access for local patrons and also enable us to more easily help other libraries with the Inter-Library Loan Program. The short term result of the inventory is that duplicates and older or damaged books are for sale in greater numbers than usual. The price is 10¢ each. Some recent acquisitions to the collection are: *Kennedy Women* by Laurence Leamer, *Insomnia* by Stephen King, *Happy Endings* by

Katherine Stone, *Seafire* by John Gardner, *Pearl in the Mist* by V.C. Andrews, *WildHorses* by Dick Frances and *Maltese Angel* by Catherine Cookson. Followers of the Simpson trial and Carolina murders will be especially interested in books by Patricia Cornwell. Her knowledge of forensic science is vast and current. She thoroughly researches her material. For Body Farm, her newest, she visited that facility in Knoxville, Tennessee, and even paid to have experiments run to make her story more factual. Each book stands alone, but characters to reappear from earlier books. Library hours are: Monday from 9 AM - 12 Noon and 2 PM - 6 PM; Tuesday from 2 PM - 6 PM and 7 PM - 9 PM, and Wednesday through Friday from 2 PM - 6 PM.

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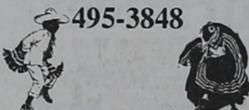
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From the Pulpit
Should we support public prayer in school?

Over the past few weeks we have heard much debate concerning prayer in our public school system. The debate has become so prominent that news releases have been issued from the executive branch of government concerning this tense topic. These were to assure the public that our leader is at the pulse of the matter, even though no official position has been taken. The question that we must ask ourselves is this: should our government take legislative action to place prayer and Bible study in the classroom? To better answer this question, we must first understand the roots of America.

"Train up a child in the way he should go..." (Proverbs 22:6a). The founders of the American educational system understood this truth and made it law. The Puritan settlers of New England were the earliest colonists to insist on common schools. They initiated the first college (Harvard, 1636) and the first printing press on American soil.

Prayer was not only included in the education of early Americans, but it was also an integral element in the cultivation of the mind, body and spirit for productive and meaningful existence. God was acknowledged as Creator, as Founder, and Perpetrator of the universe, of man, and of all that was worthy of study. Prayer was, in short, the key to learning, because it provided contact with the ultimate source of knowledge.

Three hundred years have, of course, brought many changes. Now, school oriented prayer is constitutionally prohibited. But, of course it is all part of "growing up." Progress. Separation of church and state. "HOGWASH!" It is simply degeneration thinly disguised as freedom.

It could not have happened at a more opportune time. The modern family is no longer a reliable source of moral and spiritual values. The most powerful media forms—the strongest influences on countless number of young lives—are monopolized by liberal promoters of anything that is contradictory to the Word of God.

Our educational system is at liberty to propagate anything from demonology, to homosexuality, to illicit sexual gratification; however, schools can not convey the power of the Holy Spirit. The Power that is able to introduce order in a chaotic existence and who can inject stability and peace that will quiet any confusion. By and far, students are instructed in the ways of man, taught to believe only in themselves and offered no alternative when human strength and understanding disintegrates. Not surprisingly, that there is a troubled and driven generation attending public school today, a generation for which suicide is the number one cause of death. A generation whose attitude is that of apathy, whose hope is depleted, and whose future is shaken because the very aspiration of success has been stripped from them due to a small minority of people who decided that prayer was a hindrance instead of help!

Prayer belongs in any setting where humans learn about life. For without the giver of Life there would be no future for this or any other generation. Denying children access to Him is the ultimate omission and a sigh of consummate ignorance.

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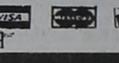
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