

City cuts insurance cost, okays cable change

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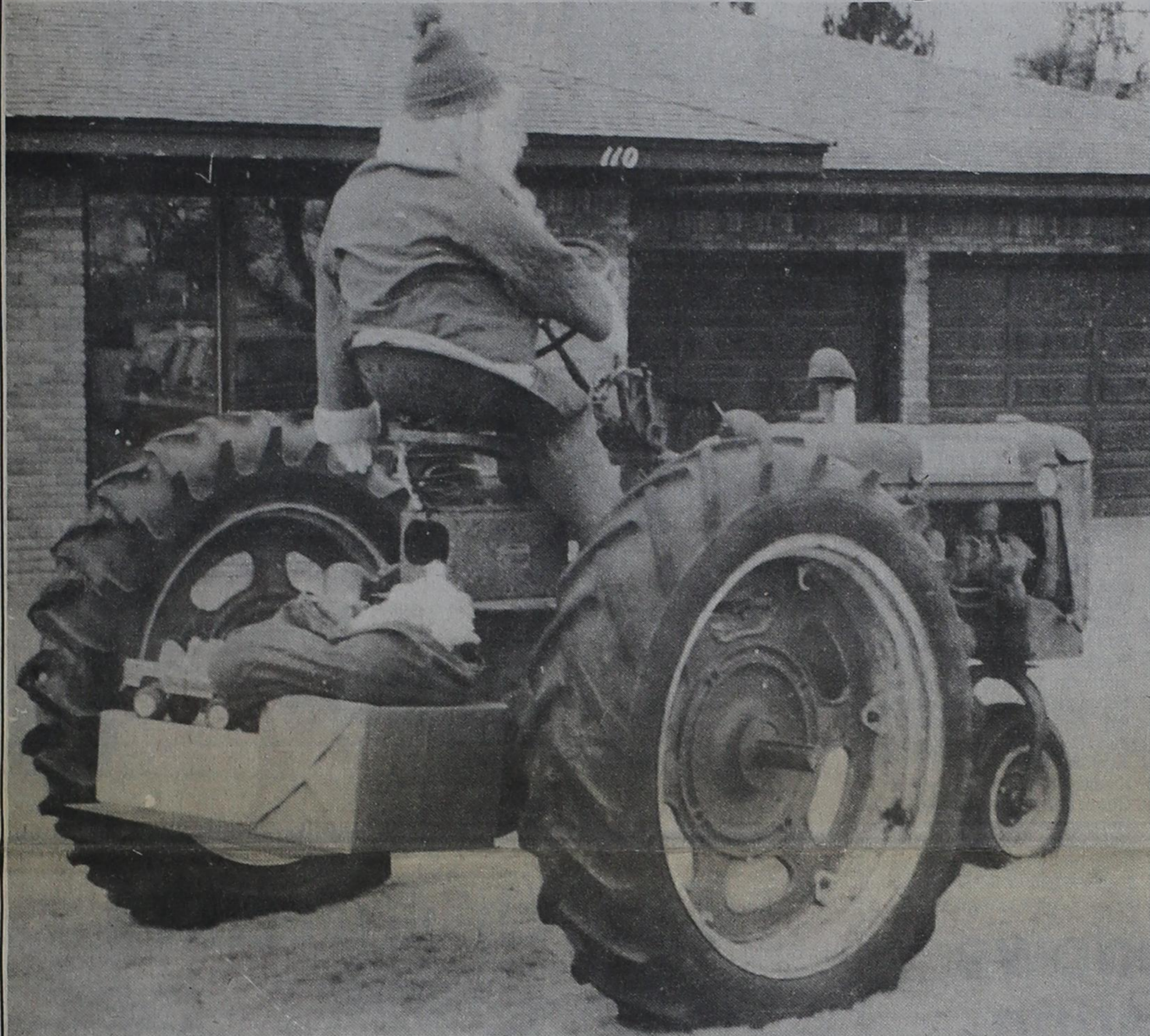
The Castro County News

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Chores almost through



THE WORK IS ALMOST THROUGH for the young man on the tractor, who is planning to make an early visit to some county families this week when volunteers gather Friday to help distribute food and toys to needy families gathered through the efforts of the county

Ministerial Alliance and the Dimmitt and Hart volunteer fire departments. The tractor-drivin' man, who farms north of Dalhart, pulls in a few last-minute selections before putting the tractor in the, uh, garage at the home of Charles and Sue Summers.

Dimmitt's City Board of Aldermen pared about \$6,000 off the city's liability insurance bill while examining ways the city could be self-insured—or get by with as little insurance as possible—during the city's meeting Monday night.

Since Oct. 1, the city has been paying almost \$3,100 a month for general liability insurance to the Texas Municipal League general risk pool. The aldermen, who have looked at ways to cut insurance costs for almost a year since they learned TML would raise rates, voted Monday to cut the liability premium to just over \$2,550 per month.

The city is currently paying another \$3,800 monthly to TML for other insurance.

The cut came from raising the city's deductible on liability claims to \$10,000. The board could have raised the deductible to \$25,000, but that would have saved the city only \$50 more per month.

Aldermen ordered City Manager Reeford Burrous to look into a revenue bond fund similar to what has been developed by the city of Arlington that could raise sufficient funds to meet any current insurance needs, plus build up a reserve for the future.

Arlington's plan will save that city about \$400,000 a year, and allow the city to cover up to \$1 million in a single claim almost immediately.

The city's insurance tab could have totalled over \$80,000 for the next year, a figure aldermen found hard to swallow.

"\$80,000-plus is a ton of money to be putting out, and I think we have other options that are just as good or better," said Alderman Don Sheffy, who first broached the revenue bond idea.

"It's all a big gamble anyway," said Alderman Jack Thompson. "I would just as soon put that money in the bank."

"\$80,000 is a pretty good annual loss," said Alderman Harold Hyman.

Mayor Wayne Collins said the revenue bond plan "makes more sense than just setting aside cash. When the bond is paid off you would have that in reserve. With no catastrophic loss the city could be significantly better off."

Aldermen will study the revenue bond proposal, plus look at possible legislative help on the state and national level that could lead to tort reform and a lessening of insurance costs in the near future.

The aldermen granted their okay to a change of ownership in the local cable television system from Lewis Communications to Universal Cable Communications, Inc., of Dallas.

Lewis Communications had purchased the local system about two years ago from Dimmitt TV Cable Co. Lewis is selling its cable companies in Texas, Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado to Universal, which currently has 12 systems, and is involved in the cable construction business.

Jay O'Neal, who is the president and principal owner of the company, said he anticipated no major changes in the local system, and said "we might see rates creep up through the years. Our monthly rate could be \$15 in a couple of years. That is what they are paying in Hart, which we also purchased, right now. They might creep up but we see no major changes."

O'Neal said the company would be looking into "major things coming off the satellite" for additional programming in the future, but added "scrambling makes the programs more expensive for us, because we must have equipment to receive and descramble the programming."

Aldermen gave their blessing to the change of ownership, which operates under a 20-year franchise granted in 1984.

McGruff visits RES

"What do you say when someone hands you a strange pill or a funny-looking cigarette?" McGruff asked.

"NOOOO!" answered Richardson

Elementary School students this week as McGruff, the crime-fighting dog, visited the local school as part of the crime prevention efforts of the Dimmitt Police Dept. and the Castro County Sheriff's Office.

McGruff also visited the Dimmitt Lions Club Tuesday, where his handler, Tucker Schumacher, and RES Counselor Alice Moore explained McGruff's efforts to educate children about some basic facts.

"When we started working with Kindergarten kids, we found out many of them didn't know their last name," Moore said, "besides knowing their home address or telephone number. When you asked them where their house was, they'd just say 'over there.'"

Now, McGruff is helping kids learn their last name, phone number, address, and their parents' names, as well as saying "NOOOO!" to drugs, playing with

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1:1

By Don Nelson

Things to do today:

1. Without fail, take canned food, money or toys to the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, Thriftway Supermarket, McCrory's, or to the fire stations in Dimmitt or Hart for the Christmas drive for local needy families.

Distribution of the Christmas boxes will begin Friday.

The Castro County Ministerial Alliance and the volunteer firemen, who are coordinating the drive, are screening a long list of needy families.

At last report, there appeared to be enough canned food, but the drive needed more toys and money. If you can give something, no matter how small the contribution, please do so. We don't want anyone in our county to have to do without this Christmas.

You won't get any public recognition for your contribution to the drive. You'll simply be making it a better Christmas for those among us who are less fortunate—and for

yourself, by experiencing the real essence of the Christmas spirit.

Small World (continued):

The new parent company of Dimmitt TV Cable Co. is Universal Cable, Inc., a Dallas-based firm which has purchased the local cable system from Lewis Communications, Inc.

One of the men who has been in and out of Dimmitt several times in recent weeks to help seal the deal, meet with the Board of Aldermen, etc., is one Al Williams of Gunnison, Colo., who is Universal Cable's vice-president for operations.

Al is a big ol' friendly guy who was raised in Pampa. He and I found ourselves in Globe, Ariz., at the same time about 25 years ago. He worked for the local cable company and I was with the newspaper there. His wife Sandra rode with Verbie and me to Dimmitt once to visit her aunt and uncle here (I wish I could remember who they were).

Anyway, one Christmas some of us were trying to figure out a way to pipe holiday music around the town, and had only about half as much money as we needed to do a decent job of it. We bought some cheap little outdoor speakers and some wire, but ran into problems on the front end — reproduction, amplification, continuous play, supervision, and that ever-nagging one of cost.

We were about to give up on the project when Al came to the rescue, with an idea none of us had ever heard of before.

"All we need is a TV set," Al said. "It doesn't even matter if the

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Chamber elects new officers, makes plans

What are your dreams for Dimmitt? In what ways would you like to see the community improve immediately? What would you consider to be workable short-term goals for the town? Long-range goals?

Members of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce asked themselves these questions at their annual membership meeting last Thursday night, and drew up a blackboard full of ideas on which to base the chamber's 1987 plans.

Gathering in their newly finished meeting room, chamber members also elected officers and directors for next year, established a new "associate board," and heard reports on membership, budget and the past year's activities.

In a board meeting before the

general membership session, chamber directors elected Doug Pybus to be president of the CoC next year. Pybus, manager of Thriftway Supermarket, will succeed Gene King, who has served as chamber president two years.

Elected vice-president for 1987 was Garland Coleman, owner of Coleman's Healthmart Pharmacy, who will succeed Chuck Braafladt. Don Nelson, publisher of the *Castro County News*, was elected to succeed Carol Schroeder as secretary.

Elected as new chamber directors by the general membership were Stan McDaniel, owner of Dimmitt Motor Co., and Richard Stahl of the American Fructose Corp. Gene King, Dimmitt Independent School District business manager, and Don

Sheffy, owner of Sheffy's Western & Casual Wear, were re-elected to new terms on the chamber's governing board.

Named to the new associate board were Garner Ball, Horizon Seeds dealer; Harry Jones of Steere Tank Lines; Danny Newton, owner of Newton Electric; Bob Towler, local John Deere dealer; Reta Welch, real estate agent; and Rick Wright, farmer.

Newly elected officers and directors will begin their terms after the chamber's annual Citizen of the Year Banquet Jan. 22.

King commended those who provided supplies and volunteer labor for finishing the chamber building's meeting room, which now boasts a



NEW OFFICERS of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce study the ideas presented during a "brainstorming session" at the organization's annual meeting last Thursday night. From left are Doug Pybus, new president; Don Nelson, secreta-

ry; and Garland Coleman, vice-president. The newly elected officers and directors will begin their terms after the annual Citizen of the Year Banquet in January.

Weather

[Readings recorded at 7 a.m. daily for the preceding 24 hours.]

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Sunday	52	27	
Monday	60	27	
Tuesday	57	28	
Wednesday	55	27	

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News to observe early deadlines

The *News* will observe early deadlines next week for its Dec. 25 edition.

All society and general sports news should be submitted by Friday, with general news and advertising deadlines moved up to 12 noon Monday. The *News* will be printed a day early, next Tuesday, so area readers may receive their Christmas edition on Christmas Eve.

The *News* office will be closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 25.

Early deadlines will also be observed for the Jan. 1 edition.

Next week's issue of the *News* will include community Christmas cards for Dimmitt and Nazareth, letters to Santa Claus from county children, and a look back at the major stories of 1986.

On the Go

with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Geneva Justice's home has been looking a lot like Santa's workshop lately. She has been busy making stage decorations for daughter Avie's kindergarten program coming up tonight at 7 in the high school auditorium. Geneva has decorated giant boxes for packages. She loaned Avie a four foot stocking. The children in Avie's early childhood class helped her stuff it. Patricia Acker, Keenon Doss, Jerry Inman, Julio Silva, Jeremy Simpson and Jeremiah Torres were all pleased to wad up paper to stuff the stocking. Jack Gfeller and Logan Cartwright provided the cheering section along with teachers Avie, Gloria and Debbie.

Each kindergarten class at Richardson (seven of them) will be singing and entertaining. Come give them lots of support and Avie promises you will go home with a happy heart and a grin as big as Texas.

Avie and Ronna Lewis, Geneva Justice, Carol Lantz and Walter Maynard attended the annual WT Madrigal Dinner. Dinner, music, customs and entertainment were straight from 16th century England. They had a delightful evening.

The whirl of social activities for the Holidays has begun! The Open House in the beautiful home of Stanley and Geneva Schaeffer was spectacular with all the beautiful decorations and delicious food. Other hosts were Carole Dyer, Murna and Jack Miller and Mary and Jimmy Cluck.

The Winter Concert presented by the sixth grade, junior high, and high school bands was entertaining. All the bands sounded good to me. I went with Irene Carpenter to hear her great-granddaughter, Tisha Rice, who was playing in the sixth grade band. I especially enjoyed the Christmas songs played by the high school band. Cheryl Corkran, the new assistant band director, surprised Todd Parker, the band director, by singing "Happy Birthday" to him and later a birthday cake was presented to him.

The combined choirs of Dimmitt FBC and Littlefield FBC drove to Amarillo and performed in the center court at Westgate Mall on Saturday afternoon. The "Young" brothers, Richard and George, directed

the choirs. Some people sang along with us as they passed by and we were singing familiar Christmas songs. We saw several friends and relatives who came to the mall to hear us sing: Bob and Sue Caddell; Joe and Joyce Higgs and Brian from Canyon; J.C. Cox (Irene Carpenter's brother); Debbie Murdock; Janice Mooney Davis and family (Mauzee Youts' granddaughter); and my relatives, Bill and Mary Lynn Lankford, Lauren, Kevin and Neely Lankford, Adria and Matt and David; Dorothy Hopson's mother, Mrs. Jewel of Hereford; and several friends from Dimmitt.

Sunday night the combined choirs performed in the FBC in Dimmitt. The Christmas Musical was titled "Repeat the Sounding Joy." A fellowship followed the service where the kitchen committee served cheese balls, barbecued party weiners, cake, candy and punch from a pretty table decorated with a pretty red and green candelabra. We visited with Sherrie Cole, daughter of Rev. Ken and Roberta Cole, after the concert. Sherrie is a student at Wayland Baptist University. We also visited with Tammy Stanford, daughter of Johnny and Janet Stanford. Tammy is band director at Happy High School.

Oma Stokes gave me a report on her two brothers who live in Lubbock. Dr. Carl Page had emergency surgery last Thursday at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. The upper lobe and middle lobe of his right lung was removed. Another brother, Ira Page, has a heart problem but he is better now. Elaine Gardner is the head nurse on one floor at St. Mary's Hospital. Elaine is the daughter of J.C. and Maxine Gardner, former Dimmitt residents.

Bryce and Darlene Dowell are the proud grandparents of a baby boy, Brandon Christopher Dowell, born Saturday, Dec. 13, weighing 8 lbs. Kris and Teri Dowell of Dallas are the parents and Florence Carpenter of Lubbock is the great-grandmother.

Susie Reeves was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens for lunch and a day of bridge. Susie won high score and Jo Gregory won second high. Others playing were: Fern Dickey, Edith Graef, Era Heckerson, Ber-

nice Hill, Johnnie Vannoy, Neva Hickey, Emily Clingsmith, Elizabeth Huckabay, Virginia Crider and Oleda Schumacher.

Susie Reeves visited her daughter and family, Linda Powell, at Tom Beene near Sherman during the Thanksgiving holidays. They went to McKinney, Dennison, Blossom, Sherman and Plano visiting and shopping. Linda's daughter, Jana, played two basketball games while Susie was there and she enjoyed watching her granddaughter play.

Christmas is a good time to hear from friends and relatives. The Murdocks received word from Jimmy and Betty Ruth Bradley of Weatherford. Also, Sue and Larry Rawls from Bronte. Rocky Rawls, their son, is head basketball coach at Bronte and his team is winning. Scott and Ginny Rawls are in Merced, Calif., where Scott is associated with a burglar alarm company.

The Singing Group met in the home of Alvin and Frances Frazier on Friday evening. After singing many songs with Alvin, Frances and Connie Ivey at the piano, the group enjoyed pick-up foods and coffee. Others enjoying the evening were: Ed and Betty Freeman, Coy Dunn, Mary Lou Frazier, Oleta Sanders, Irene Carpenter and Mary Edna Hendrix. Some of the group went out to the Canterbury Villa to sing for the residents on Saturday evening.

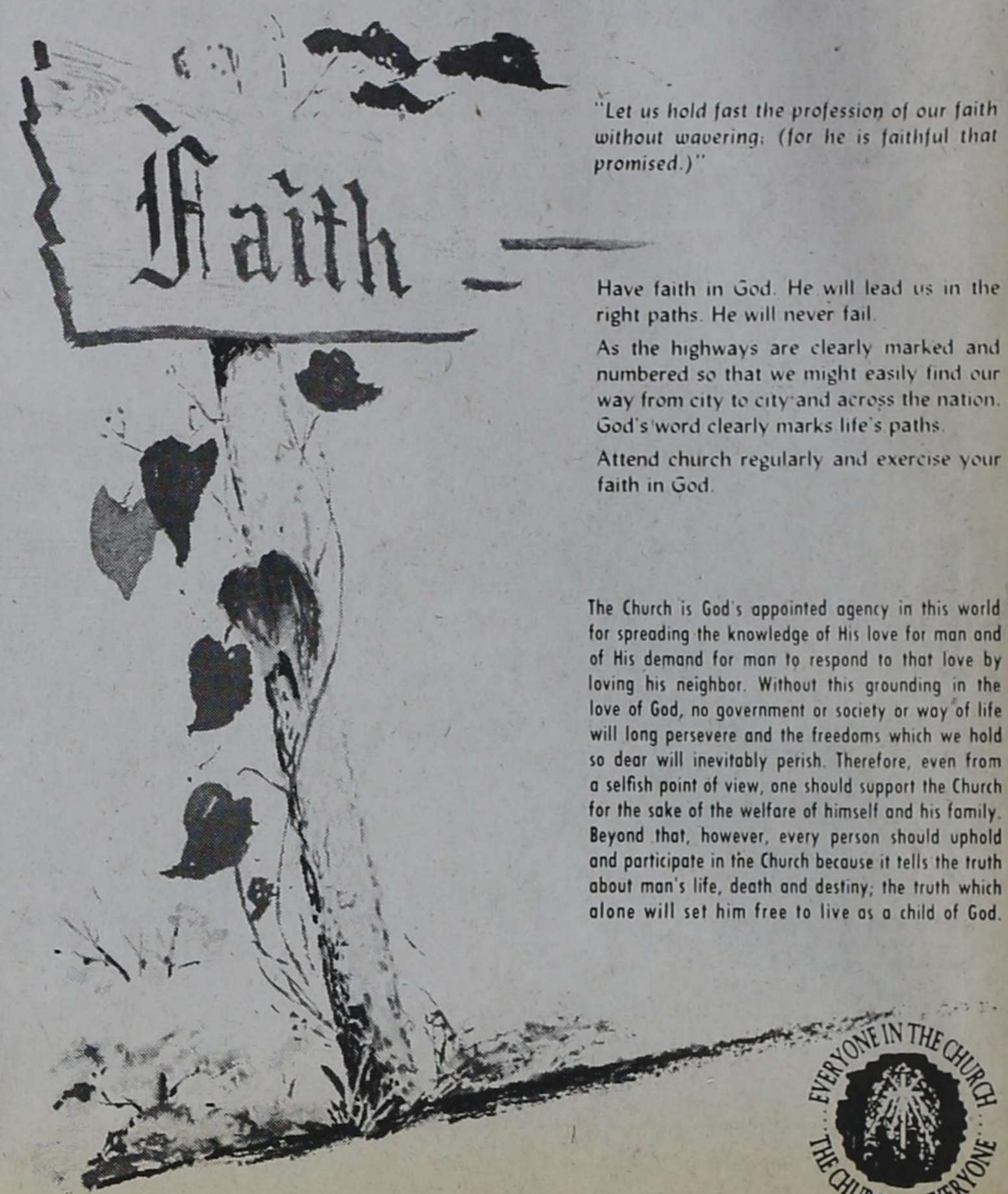
Several have asked about the new building at the museum—it will be the new home for some old machinery that has been restored for the younger generation to see.

Out of town visitors at the museum during Open House were: Debbie Murdock and Paula Price from Amarillo; Ty and Nicholas Gray from Lubbock (Jackie and Edd McLeroy's grandsons); Verlyn Harris of Lubbock (Susan Hanners mother); Rhonda Murphree of Friona (the Percy Parsons daughter); Kim and Steven Pond from Plainview (Kim is the daughter of Jerry and Carolyn Watts); Lee Ann Kramer of Kingsville (daughter of Glenn and Mona Merritt); Thalia Fulkerson of Tulia (mother of Kay Gfeller); Troy and Lynna Cloer of Tulia (my sister and her husband); Pati Wilhelm of Nazareth; and Jim

Faltz of Bedford. Pearl Raper visited with Annie Lee Miranda of Earth recently. They had been classmates in school

and Annie Lee moved back to Earth three years ago and this was the first time they had seen each other in 46 years. Pearl was not aware that

Annie Lee had moved back to Earth until she saw her name in an obituary for Annie Lee's mother in the Amarillo paper.



"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering: (for he is faithful that promised.)"

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Attend church regularly and exercise your faith in God.

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

Church Directory

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. Norman McCutchen, Pastor
302 SE 2nd
Sunday—
Sunday School 9:45
Morning Worship 11:00
Evangelistic Service 7:00
Wednesday—
Mid-Week Service 7:00

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Ken Cole, Pastor
1201 Western Circle Drive
Sunday—
Sunday School 9:45
Morning Worship 11:00
Training Union 6:00
Evening Worship 7:00
Wednesday—
Prayer Meeting 7:30
Choir Rehearsal 8:10

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
501 SE 3rd - 647-2402
Rev. Kenneth Carroll, Pastor
Sunday—
Sunday School 10:00
Morning Worship 11:00
Evening Worship 6:00
Wednesday—
Wednesday Service 7:00

LEE STREET BAPTIST
Phone 647-2300
Sunday—
Sunday School 9:45
Morning Worship 11:00
Training Union 6:00
Wednesday—
Mid-Week Services 7:30

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
Pastor Vernon Navill
309 NW 4th - 647-3403
Sunday—
Sunday School 10:00
Morning Worship 11:00
Evening Worship 6:00
Wednesday—
Wednesday Service 7:00

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
600 Western Drive - 647-5478
David Keller, Minister
Sunday—
Bible Study 9:45
Morning Worship 10:50
Evening Worship 7:00
Wednesday—
Bible Study 7:00

LA ASAMBLEA CRISTIANA
"Full Gospel" - 400 NE 5th
Pastor Ruben Velasquez
Sunday School 10:00
Morning Worship 11:00
Sunday Night 7:00
Wednesday—
Wednesday Night 7:30
Friday—
Friday-Prayer 7:30

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC
Nazareth - 945-2616
Sunday—
Sunday Morning Masses 9:00
Saturday—
Saturday Night
Obligation Mass 7:30
Week Days—
Morning Masses 7:30
Baptism—last Sunday of each month.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
CATH
Rev. Norbert Choong, Administrator
Tuesday—
Evening Reconciliation 7:00
Evening Mass 8:00
Sunday—
Sunday Morning Mass 11:00

CHURCH OF CHRIST
SW 4th at Bedford
Sunday—
Bible Study 9:30
Morning Worship 10:30
Evening Worship 6:00
Wednesday—
Bible Class for all 7:30

NEW HOPE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. James Alexander, Pastor
Sunday—
Sunday School 10:00
Morning Worship 11:00
Evening Worship 7:30
Wednesday—
Mid-Week Services 7:30

SUNNYSIDE BAPTIST
Bently Gwyn, Pastor
Sunday—
Sunday School 10:00
Morning Worship 11:00
Training Union 6:00
Evening Worship 7:00
Wednesday—
Prayer Service 7:30

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Hart
Steve Ulrey, Pastor
Sunday—
Sunday School 10:00
Morning Worship 11:00
UMYF 5:00
Evening Worship 6:30

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
Vernon O'Kelly, Pastor
110 SW 3rd - 647-4106 or 647-4107
Sunday—
Sunday School 9:45
Morning Worship 10:45
MYF, Jr. Hi & Sr. Hi 5:30
Evening Worship 6:30
Wednesday—
General Meeting
WCS, Morning 9:30
Choir, Night 7:30

IGLESIA DE CRISTO
E. Lee and SE 3rd
Evangelista - Jose Valdez
Sunday—
Bible Study 9:30
Morning Worship 10:30
Evening Worship 6:00
Wednesday—
Bible Classes for all 7:30

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Culto de predicacion 6:00
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Sunday—
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Morning Worship 11:00
Training Union 6:00
Evening Worship 7:00
Monday—
W.M.U. 4:30
Tuesday—
Brotherhood 7:55
Wednesday—
Prayer Meeting 7:30
Friday—
Sanctuary Choir

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Norbert Choong, Administrator
1001 W. Halsell - 647-4219
Saturday—
Evening Mass 6:00
Sunday—
Morning Mass 8:00
Morning Mass 9:30
Morning Mass 11:00
Wednesday—
Friday 8:00
Reconciliations—
Friday 7:00

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Western Circle Drive
Edward D. Freeman, Pastor
Sunday—
Church School 10:00
Common Worship 11:00
Wednesday—
Bible Study 7:00

LA IGLESIA DE DIOS DEL PRIMOJENITO
East Halsell St.
Sunday—
Sunday School 10:00
Sermon 11:00
Lord's Supper and Feet Washing 11:30
Evening Worship 7:30
Wednesday—
Wednesday Services 7:30

Plastic storm windows reduce winter heating

If you're looking for a way to reduce winter heating costs without a big investment, interior plastic storm windows may be the answer.

Windows make up between 5 and 25% of the exterior wall area in most homes, according to housing specialist Dr. Susan Quiring.

Since single- and double-glazed windows have a low insulation value, the amount of heat loss

through them can be significant.

For older homes, a new aluminum and glass storm window may cost up to \$45.

"Although storm windows can be a good long-term investment in the house, the same amount of energy can be saved by seasonal use of an interior plastic storm window you can install yourself," Quiring said.

According to the specialist, the

procedure involves applying double-stick tape to the window trim or wall to hold the plastic in place. Then press a slightly oversized piece of plastic against the tape without stretching.

Use a hair dryer to heat the plastic and cause it to shrink. The heat-shrinking eliminates all the wrinkles and leaves a clear, taut, interior storm window that can be removed in the spring.

It typically costs \$1 to \$2 per window to install plastic storm windows, and kits which will cover one to five windows are available at home improvement centers.

The interior plastic windows have an advantage over placing plastic on the outside, since, they eliminate the cost for nails and the nail holes that are left on the house.

Quiring cautioned homeowners to check the effects of double-stick tape on their walls and woodwork before installing the windows.

Area residents named outstanding young men

Four men from Dimmitt have been selected as *Outstanding Young Men of America for 1986* and will have their complete biographies listed in the annual awards publication, *Outstanding Young Men in America*.

The men listed include Johnny Kent Merritt, Lee Virgil Cole, Jr., Sergio Velasquez and Marlos A. May.

The program seeks to recognize the achievements and abilities of men between the ages of 21 and 36. These men are being honored for their outstanding civic and professional contributions to their communities and states, as well as to their nation.

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IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THAT PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT, look no further than the Dimmitt Animal Shelter, where Animal Control Officer Charles Whitman has a couple of presents waiting—a

male mixed St. Bernard, and a female Chow. The dogs need to be claimed before Dec. 22, and both need rabies shots. Fees are negotiable. To inquire about the dogs, call Whitman at 647-4545.

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is called an "assignment." The assignment method of payment can save you time and money. Under this method, the doctor or supplier agrees that his or her total charge for the covered services will be the charge approved by the medicare carrier.

Each year doctors and suppliers are given the opportunity to sign agreements that make them "Medicare-participating" doctors and suppliers. If they do sign such an agreement, it means they have agreed in advance to accept assignments on all medicare claims.

Medicare pays the doctor or supplier 80% of the approved charge after subtracting any part of the \$75 annual deductible that you have not met. You are responsible only for that part of the \$75 deductible that has not been met and for the remaining 20% of the approved charge.

The names and addresses of "Medicare - participating" doctors and suppliers are listed in the "Medicare - participating Physician/Supplier Directory." The directory may be reviewed at all Social Security offices and at State and area office of the Administration on Aging.

If payment is made directly to you, the doctor or supplier can bill you for the actual charge even if it is more than the amount approved by Medicare.

Contact the Plainview Social Security office if you have any questions about this or other Social Security matters. Our address is 1401-B West Fifth and our telephone number is 293-9623. Appointments can also be arranged if desired.

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Dimmitt students to graduate WT

Four Dimmitt students are among the 373 West Texas State University students scheduled to graduate tonight at 7:30 in the WT Fieldhouse.

The local candidates include Layne Myatt, BBA in accounting; Lori Rickenbrode, BBA in marketing; Lee Seman, BS in mathematics; and Jerry Vera, BBA in finance.

LSBC food drive today

The Lee Street Baptist Church will conduct a food drive today from 5 to 7 p.m. in Dimmitt.

Youth from the church will collect canned foods or donations to buy canned foods for needy persons. Residents who would like to specifically be contacted may call 647-5495, 647-2528 or 647-5329.

PAC meet set today

A Parent Advisory Council meeting will be held this afternoon at 5:45 p.m. in the Richardson Elementary School west cafeteria.

All interested parents of Chapter 1, Migrant, and Bilingual/ESL students, pre-Kindergarten through grade 12, are encouraged to attend.

A program will be presented by Cristina Mireles' fourth grade music classes from Dimmitt Middle School. Refreshments will be served by DMS CVAE students. A door prize will also be awarded.

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The Gonzales Family—Larry, Susie, Stacy, Josh and Ysela wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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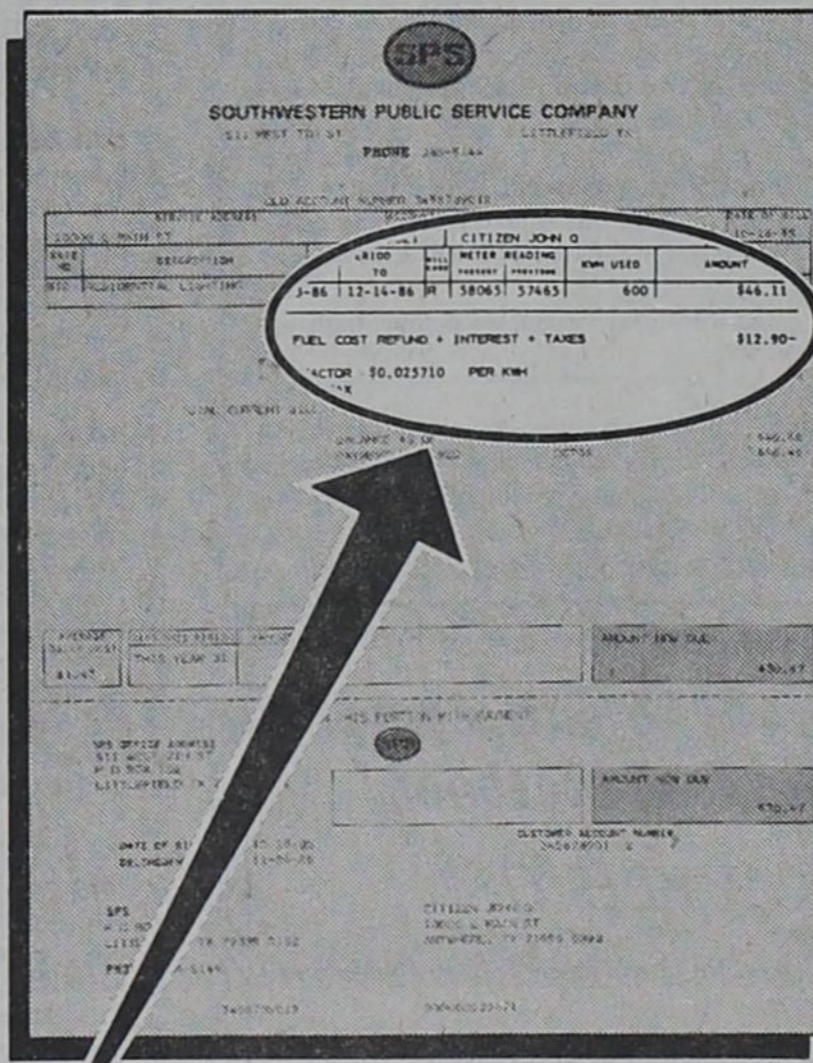
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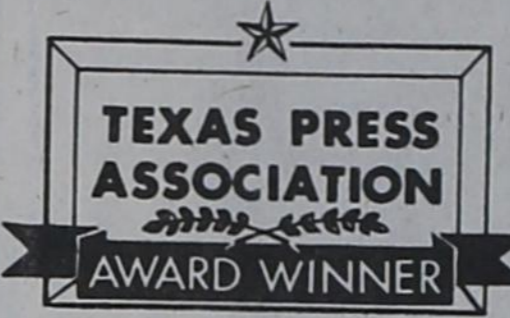
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 12-11-3tc

13 - LOST & FOUND

FOUND: Nice coat after AFS dance Nov. 14. 647-4226. 13-13-1tx

FOUND: Pair of glasses on West Grant. 647-2524. 13-13-1tx

14 - CARDS OF THANKS

THANKS!

To the best co-workers at City Hall, Dr. Lee and Brenda, great nurses and hospital, my family and friends for prayers, visits, cards, flowers and calls. God bless.

My Love,
 Ferne
 14-13-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks to all who were so kind to me during my recent illness and hospitalization—to all the pastors for their visits and prayers, others of you who visited me, those who sent cards and gifts of food or offered prayers, and especially the Plains Memorial Hospital nursing staff and Dr. Murphy. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. Your kindness is appreciated.

LURLINE POPE
 14-13-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all our friends and relatives for their kindness, prayers, flowers, cards, food and help given us during the loss of our husband and father, Luz Garcia.

We would also like to thank Dr. Murphy and the hospital staff for their effort.

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CARD OF THANKS

The Castro County Museum would like to thank the following persons and City and County officials for helping with the dirt work in connection with the Museum's new Farm Machinery Building being constructed:

City of Dimmitt: Edd Wilson and Jeff Robertson, Commissioners of Precincts 2 and 3, respectively; Dimmitt Ready Mix Co.; Robertson Dirt Co. and Jerry Cartwright.
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SPECIAL THANKS

The meeting room at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office has just been completed. We owe its completion to several local community-minded businesses and some hard-working volunteers. Thank you to... Walt Hansen (Dimmitt Thriftway) for the carpet, The First State Bank and American Fructose for our paneling, and Marvin Bryant of Bryant's Sales and Service for donating a portion of the lights and installing all of them. Volunteers who completed the work in a one-week period with three work nights were: Dick Schacher, Chuck Braafladt, Jim Killingsworth, George Sides, Charles McLean, Don Sheffy, Bill Conyers, Roger Malone, W.J. Hill, Doug Pybus, Jerry Heller, Marvin Bryant, Gwen Bryant, and lastly Jimmy Evans, the project instigator. A finished meeting room for the Chamber has been a goal since the building was purchased in 1983. This project is more proof of why living in a small town is good. You can bet Save & Gain, or Amarillo National Bank never asked to pay for or help with a meeting room for Dimmitt.

We appreciate these people who have generously given both time and money to the Dimmitt Chamber and to its community.

Most Sincerely,
 DELORES HELLER
 Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce
 14-13-1tc

1 - REAL ESTATE, HOMES & LAND

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14—CARDS OF THANKS

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts, cards, calls, visits, flowers and food brought in during our time of need. Especially to Dr. Murphy and the staff at Plains Memorial Hospital, also the Home Health Nurses.

Love,
ELIDA GONZALES AND FAMILY
14-13-1tc

15—LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Dimmitt is hereby notifying Gloria Robles who is the current owner of the property which is located at 608 Andrews in Dimmitt, Texas, (Addition Miller, (Block No.(s), 11 Lot No.(s), West 40' of 11 East 20' of 12), that you are currently in violation of City Ordinance No. 386, and that said Ordinance primarily deals with the obligations of property owners within the City of Dimmitt to provide continual maintenance of said property. This City Ordinance states in part that it is illegal for any firm, person, or corporation, who shall own or occupy any lot or lots in the City of Dimmitt, Texas, to allow weeds, rubbish, junk, brush, or other unsightly, objectionable, or unsanitary matter to accumulate or grow on said lot or lots. Ordinance No. 386 also states that if the property owner fails to abate this problem within ten (10) days of the 2nd publication of this notice within a ten (10) day period in any newspaper in Dimmitt, Texas, the City of Dimmitt may take appropriate action to abate this problem, and it further states that all expenses associated with this abatement may be assessed to the property or real estate in question. The City of Dimmitt is hereby taking this opportunity to fulfill its legal requirements in accordance with the terms and conditions of City Ordinance No. 386. The City of Dimmitt will take appropriate action to resolve this problem in a timely manner.

-s-Reeford Burrous
REEFORD BURROUS
City Manager
City of Dimmitt
15-12-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

Castro County Commissioners Court will take bids on one (1) new automobile for the Castro County Sheriff's Department. The vehicle must have the following features:

REQUIRED SPECIFICATIONS FOR NEW 1987 AUTOMOBILE FOR OFFICIAL USE BY THE CASTRO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

1. 4 door sedan
2. Largest available engine in "police package" vehicle
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12. Heavy-duty split bench seat in front
13. Cloth upholstered seats
14. Single key locking system
15. Speedometer calibrated in 2 MPH increments from 0-140 MPH
16. Power steering with forward-mounted external oil cooler
17. Heavy-duty suspension with heavy-duty high rate front and rear springs, extra control 1 3/8 inch shock absorbers, heavy-duty front and rear police stabilizer bars
18. 2-speed windshield wipers with washers
19. 5 steel-belted "police" radial tires of appropriate size
20. Automatic overdrive transmission with first gear lockout feature to prevent holding vehicle in first gear
21. External, front-mounted transmission oil cooler
22. Heavy-duty 15-inch wheels
23. Air conditioner with manual temperature control
24. Bumper rub strips
25. Electronic digital clock
26. Complete tinted glass
27. Left and right remote control rear-view mirrors
28. AM/FM-cassette sound system with front and rear speakers
29. Speed (cruise) control
30. Tilt steering wheel
31. PAR 46 spotlight mounted in customary location on driver side
32. Exterior and interior of vehicle to be blue in color
33. Body side moldings
34. Full light group

Bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 22, 1986.

The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

-s-Mrs. M.L. Simpson, Jr.
MRS. M.L. SIMPSON, JR.
Castro County Judge
Castro County, Texas
15-12-2tc

Ministerial Alliance

There will be no meeting of the Castro County Ministerial Alliance Tuesday.

Vernon O'Kelly, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt, will be the benevolence chairman for January.

Norman McCutcheon will lead the Ministerial Alliance in a study of I Thessalonians 3:6-13 on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 10 a.m. in the Assembly of God Church.

SPS offers electrical safety tips for Christmas

Electrical safety is important all year — especially during the holidays. To help assure that your family has a safe and happy holiday season, Southwestern Public Service Company offers the following electrical safety tips.

Treat Christmas trees with care.

Place live trees in tree stands or other containers with water reservoirs, then water frequently. Place trees away from heat sources such as wall heaters or fireplaces that could cause trees to dry out. And make sure trees don't block doorways or frequently used pathways in your home.

After the holidays, dispose of Christmas trees safely. Don't try to burn branches in the fireplace; evergreens can burst into flames unexpectedly.

If you prefer an artificial tree, choose one that is certified fire-resistant and never put electric lights on a metal tree. If the lights

should malfunction, you could get a dangerous electric shock from touching any part of the tree. Instead, illuminate an artificial tree with colored floodlights or spotlights.

Make sure Christmas lights are in good repair. Buy only those that are safety-certified by recognized test-

ing agencies like Underwriters Laboratories (UL). Then, before hanging lights on your tree, check for frayed or bare wires, loose connections, damaged plugs or sockets.

When decorating the tree, position bulbs so they are not touching branches or needles. Use fire-resistant decorations, not lace, paper or other flammable items on your tree.

Remember to turn Christmas lights off before you leave the house or go to bed for the night.

Hang lights in their proper places. Don't use indoor lights outside. These lights are not waterproof and could short-circuit in rainy or snowy weather. Don't string outdoor lights inside, either. Outdoor lights burn hotter than indoor lights and can create a fire hazard if hung on a Christmas tree.

Be especially careful when hanging outdoor lights on rooftops or in tall trees. Stay clear of electrical lines and make sure neither you nor your decorations come into contact with those lines.

Buy safety-approved electrical gifts. When buying electrical toys or appliances, look for labels certifying that the items have been approved by a recognized safety testing agency.

Don't overload electrical circuits. During the holidays, people often plug in extra lights, appliances and portable heaters and run extension cords throughout their homes. Overloading electrical wiring can cause the circuit to overload and start a fire.

EEP interferes with export sales of sorghum

The Export Enhancement Program of the 1985 Farm Bill is an obstruction to export sales of US grain sorghum, according to the National Grain Sorghum Producers Association.

"Congress intended the EEP to increase export sales to help offset lower prices," said NGSPPA Executive

Director Elbert Harp. "Instead, the program has been administered in such a way that it not only eliminates all assistance for sorghum sales, but actually subsidizes other grains in competition with sorghum."

The Foreign Agriculture Service of USDA has set guidelines for the

administration of EEP funds which prevent the application of the program to sorghum sales. To qualify for EEP assistance, a sale must meet the following criteria.

1. EEP must be targeted to the unfair trade practices of subsidizing exporters. Foreign Agriculture Service has singled out customers of the European Community and subsequently ruled that sorghum does not qualify because the EC does not export sorghum. Therefore, substantial EEP subsidies are being given to barley, wheat and corn to fill the feed grain markets which might otherwise buy sorghum.

2. EEP must not be used where it will impact on the sales of countries which owe a substantial amount of money to the US. This rule prevents the use of EEP to enhance sales to countries which buy from Argentina. Argentine sorghum is US sorghum's biggest competitor.

3. EEP must not impact on non-subsidizing export countries. Since Australia does not openly subsidize exports of sorghum, this FAS criterion

prevents EEP from being used for sorghum sales to any country which buys from Australia — US sorghum's second major competitor.

"While precautions have been taken to protect competitors, the EEP has alienated some of our best customers," Harp said. He cited a recent visit with Taiwanese feed manufacturers who have been loyal customers of US feed grains, because they have never bought from the European community, they are not eligible for the EEP bonus program. The Taiwanese were angry because their livestock producers are at a disadvantage in marketing their product in competition with producers which get the EEP subsidies.

"The net result," Harp said, "is that the EEP, on one hand, is selling subsidized US grains in competition with US sorghum and, on the other hand, is alienating our established customers. A program which was intended to help, has become one of our most difficult problems."

Nutritionist gives holiday dieting tips

If you're dreaming of a "lite" Christmas that won't require a New Year's resolution to lose unwanted pounds, nutritionists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service suggest the following guidelines.

Substitute ingredients to reduce fat and calories. Use low-fat dairy products and cut back on the sugar and fat in holiday cooking. Many recipes can be adjusted without a noticeable difference in taste.

Change cooking methods to reduce fat. Start by staying away from fried foods. Steam, bake, boil or broil instead of frying. Use low-calorie, non-stick aerosols or non-stick pans that require no fat for

cooking. If you're making gravy for a holiday feast, skim off the fat.

Eat more fiber. Fiber will satisfy your appetite without adding a lot of calories. Eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains and cereals so you won't want to fill up on rich desserts and other high calorie dishes.

Eat slowly and reduce the size of your portions. Since it takes about 20 minutes before your stomach will feel satisfied take at least that much time to eat your first helping. Then, perhaps you won't feel the need for seconds or thirds.

Do some "calorie baking." If you anticipate a big splurge at one meal or party, save up some extra calories by eating nutritious, low-calorie meals for several days in advance. Then treat yourself to the special occasion without worrying about extra calories.

The extension nutritionists add that these practices are appropriate year-round and when coupled with regular exercise, can help you stay within a healthful weight range.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

HOPE IT'S A MISTAKE!

A greyish-blue coat w/hood was taken from the Nazareth Community Hall Saturday night during the Maines Bros. Dance. Has gloves in one pocket and a payment slip from Michaels (with my name on it) in the other pocket. Please Return, it's a Christmas Present! Call 647-4652 or 945-2273. Ask for Barbara. 12-13-1tc

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Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Nelson

Nelsons to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Nelson of Dimmitt will be honored on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday with a reception in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donny Nelson, 2 1/2 miles southeast of Dimmitt on Highway 194.

The event is being hosted by the Ronny Nelson family of Denton and the Donny Nelson family of Dimmitt and will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Nelson married the former Alma Brock Dec. 20, 1936, in McLean. The couple have lived in Dimmitt for 50 years. He is a retired farmer. They are both members of the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ. Friends of the couple are invited to attend the reception.

Nazareth By Virgle Gerber, 945-2669

Nazareth Holy Family parishioners congratulate Rev. Stanley Crochiola, former pastor, on being made a Monsignor Sunday evening in Canadian where he has been retired for several years. Bishop LeRoy Matthiesen of Amarillo, several area priests, and a nephew and brother from New York were in attendance. The Canadian parish honored him with a reception along with their annual parish Christmas dinner. Those attending from here

were Rosemary and Leonard Wilhelm, Leonard and Julia Birkenfeld, Al and Patsy Huseman, Rudy and Mary Litsch and Ernie and Florene Brockman.

Christine Braddock is home to recuperate from surgery on her hip and arm.

Dale and Linda Leinen and their three sons of Oklahoma City, Okla., spent the weekend in Dimmitt with Florene Leinen. They attended mass at Holy Family Church Sunday morning and visited their grandmother, Meta Stork, and other relatives.

Lucille Drerup spent several days in Levelland with her family, John, Carol and Sean Gary.

The dinner at the Senior Citizens Center on Sunday was enjoyed by 50 some members and guests.

Helen Backus was honored on her 75th birthday with a mass in Holy Family Church on Friday evening and a dinner at the home of Arnold and Catherine Huseman on Sunday.

A bridal shower honoring Lori Burnam, bride-elect of Jimmy Huseman was held Sunday afternoon at the home of Viola Kleman.

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Boys Ranch suit fund is underway

The annual drive to provide the 390 young residents of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch with a new suit or clothing package is underway and anyone who wishes to donate to the fund may mail contributions to the Ranch office, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Tex., 79174. Donations may also be presented at the offices at 600 West Eleventh Street in Amarillo.

The purchase of new clothing for the boys through the Christmas Suit Fund has become a favorite way of Christmas giving among friends of the boys who contribute \$45 for this purpose. Special discounts by Amarillo merchants and differences in clothing prices for younger and older boys make the average cost of \$45 possible. The suits replace those that have been worn out or outgrown. In many cases, these are the first new suits some boys have ever known.

"Many of the Ranch's boys are now shopping for the clothes of their desires in Amarillo stores, and the job of trying to outfit each one is tremendous," said Ranch president Roy E. Turner. "In addition to clothing packages for the younger boys, the new suits will be worn by graduating seniors next spring." Turner added that a new suit is the best Christmas gift a boy can receive because it is a year-round reminder of those who care about him.

Tech awards local students scholarships

Six county students attending Texas Tech university were among the 350 recognized during the 59th Annual Pig Roast for the College of Agricultural sciences.

More than \$250,000 in scholarships were announced during the dinner. Recipients included:

Senior agricultural economics major Greg Odom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Odom, \$1,000 Clayton Fund Scholarship;

Freshman ag economics major Tod Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bradley, \$300 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Endowment Fund Scholarship;

Junior ag education major Roxanne Gabel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Gabel, \$400 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Endowment Fund Scholarship;

Senior ag economics major Danelle Schmucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schmucker, \$500 Farmland Industries Scholarship;

Junior agricultural engineering major Francis Kern, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kern, \$2,000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Association Scholarship;

Freshman ag economics major Michael Huseman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Huseman, \$600 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Endowment Fund Scholarship and the \$1,000 Panhandle-South Plains Fair FFA Scholarship.

Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden

Mrs. Floid Ivey was showered with birthday cards on her birthday Wednesday and Mokey and Katy Ivey, Paula, Karen and Jimmy of Easter, had supper with her and Mr. Ivey Wednesday night. They enjoyed turkey and dressing with all the trimmings which Sharon Sadler had helped her prepare. Their daughter, Hazel Pruitt and her granddaughter, Dawn Merriott of Lamesa came to spend the day with them Sunday. She was celebrating her 85th birthday.

L.B. and Teeny Bowden attended the 5th annual kidney patients Christmas party at the Holiday Inn Ballroom at 1-40 and Ross in Amarillo Sunday. The annual event is sponsored by the Panhandle-Area Kidney Patients Auxiliary, Inc. The dialysis center staff, hospital dialysis staff and their families, the dialysis patients and their families, transplant patients and home dialysis patients and their families attend the affair each year. This year about 200 attended. There are only five

families still dialyzing at home from this area.

.25 of an inch of moisture was recorded Monday morning from a sleet shower followed by rain. A trace was received from light snow which began Wednesday evening.

31 attended the Wednesday night family supper at the church in spite of the snow. 16 of these were children and youth who will present a program Sunday night at 6. They practiced for the program following the supper while the adults had intercessory prayer groups and watched the film in the "Focus on the Family" series. Pat and Sheri Elkins and Judy Damron had charge of the meal with Gerald and Chris putting up the tables.

Gale and Verna Sadler spent the day Saturday with Martin and Susan Lefevere and Ryan of Brownfield. They are former Sunnyside residents.

Hershel and Retha Wilson helped out with the Christmas Cantata at the Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt Sunday night.

Sharon Sadler brought Mrs. Floid Ivey to visit with L.B. and Teeny Bowden Monday morning the 15th. She has wanted to see the dialysis process, and they also wanted to bring them a big apple cake for the

holidays.

Hershel and Retha Wilson met her sister, Wanda and James Collins of Ropesville in Lubbock Friday. They shopped and had dinner together.

Wayne and Bonnie Ferguson and their daughter, Tammy and Jerry Jeffcoat and Junior Wilson and his son, Scott, all of Ropesville, spent the day with Hershel and Retha Wilson Saturday. The men hunted pheasants.

Dr. Myles Sadler of Lubbock and Greg of Lubbock, and a friend and his son hunted at the Gale Sadlers Saturday but Gale and Embree Roy Sadler were not home so they didn't get in a visit.

Eddie Waggoner had three hunters in from Fort Worth, but he didn't hunt with them.

Francis King of Amarillo came down Saturday morning to go pheasant hunting with Billie and Marshall King. Mary didn't come because Francis got here about day break.

Mickey Waggoner and his son, Jason hunted pheasants with Larry Sadler Sunday.

Coby, Matt and Hal Gilbreath had several friends in from various places for pheasant hunting over the weekend.

Let's Dance!

The Catholic Daughters Society will sponsor a Christmas dance Friday, Dec. 26, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall.

Music will be provided by LYXX and admission will be \$3.50 per person.



The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church will sponsor a Christmas dance Dec. 26 from 7:30 p.m. to 12 midnight at the Expo building in Dimmitt.

Music will be furnished by Z93, and admission is \$3 per person.

All proceeds will benefit the church building fund.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER 18 — Jacalyn Thompson, Nick Hand, Deryl Clevenger, Dustin Ramaekers.

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Hart schools honor roll is announced

The second six weeks' honor roll has been announced for Hart High School and Hart Junior High School.

Honor students include:
 Seniors—Risha Ammons, Mike Beanes, Sandra Carrasco, Martin Castillo, Julie Davis, Joey Flores,

Jesse Guerrero, Shelly Heck, Judy Steiert, Gwen Wilson, Joel Wilson, Irma Ybarra;
 Juniors — Daniel Lacy, Jaime

Lopez, Carmelo Medrano;
 Sophomores — Andy Castillo, Shandi McLain, Alice Perez, Alex Urbina;

Freshmen—Blair Brown, Miguel Morales, Sally Rios, Imelda Rosas, Dalia Zambrano;
 Eighth—Brandon Ammons, Joel Carrasco, Barbara Corrales, Stephanie Davis, Maria Galvan, Shelly Knox, Roger Medrano, Eloisa Reyna, Amy Velasquez;
 Seventh—Jolene Balko, Angelica Diaz, Marea Thompson, Carlos Velasquez.

ACS honorariums are lasting gifts

The holiday season is a time to remember and honor friends and relatives and a contribution to the American Cancer Society to honor someone can make a wonderful holiday gift, according to Kathy Welch, memorial chairperson for the Castro County unit of ACS.

"A gift today may spare others tomorrow," Welch said. "The American Cancer Society's Honor Program allows community members to share the holiday spirit and to help in the fight against cancer."

Contributions to ACS are used to sponsor the organization's attack on cancer through balanced programs of research, education, patient services and rehabilitation.

"Many people are aware of our memorial program to remember a lost loved one, but we also have an honor program to celebrate with family and friends," Welch said.

"We have a card that is sent to the honoree with a special message, 'Merry Christmas, Seasons Greet-

ings, etc.," and a note that says that a donation was made in their honor to support the ongoing research and services."

"The funds are also used locally to support our efforts in educating our community on cancer awareness and to help serve our cancer patients," said Val Davis, president of the local chapter of ACS.

Anyone wishing to donate to the ACS may fill out the coupon below and mail it to the American Cancer Society, c/o Kathy Welch, First State Bank, Drawer 929, Dimmitt, Tex., 79027.

Contributions should include the name and address of the honoree and a short special message to be included in the card.

The ACS is the largest source of non-governmental cancer research funds in the country. The current ACS research investment in Texas alone is more than \$6 million in grants at hospitals, universities and medical institutions.



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Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Hudson

Couple to be honored on 60th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Hudson of Earth, former Dimmitt residents, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children Sunday afternoon.

The reception will be held in the Party Room of the Earth Citizen's State Bank from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

The couples children are Wendell and Monte Smith of Plainview; Mervyn and Jonisue Cearley of Lo-

vington, N.M.; Buddy and Jeri Byrnes of Clovis, N.M.; and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Hudson of Amarillo.

Mr. Hudson wed the former Blanche Morris Dec. 21, 1926, in Plainview. The couple were residents of Dimmitt in the late 1920s and 1930s. Their three daughters started school in Dimmitt.

The Hudsons have eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchild-

Students raise \$300 for Special Olympics

Over \$300 was raised for the Special Olympics Games by students at Dimmitt High School during a contest to buy links for the "Chain of Love."

The local chapter of the Office Education Association sponsored the fund raiser for the games which are scheduled to be held July 3, 1987, through Aug. 8, 1987, on the campus of Notre Dame University

in South Bend, Ind.

The senior class at DHS won the contest with contributions of \$54.14. The sophomores finished second with contributions amounting to \$37.16. Several clubs and organizations and individuals and local businesses participated including Dimmitt Thriftway, Killingsworth's, Kittrell Electronics, and Parsons Rexall Drug.

Kitchens need fire extinguishers

A fire extinguisher may not add much to your home's decor, but could keep your kitchen, or the whole house, from going up in flames.

The combination of heat and flammables, such as grease, make the kitchen a prime location for fire hazards, according to Dr. Peggy Owens, a housing specialist with the Extension Service.

Owens says that small fires in pots and pans can be extinguished simply by replacing the lid to cut off the oxygen supply. Baking soda poured from the box will also put out small fires.

But a home fire extinguisher is still the best insurance against the spread of a small fire into something that could threaten the entire house.

According to the specialist, a small carbon dioxide extinguisher is ideal for small kitchen fires because it sprays a fog which smothers the fire and evaporates without making a mess.

Next best is a dry chemical extinguisher, which also will deny grease

fires the oxygen needed to burn, but will require cleanup of the spray powder afterward.

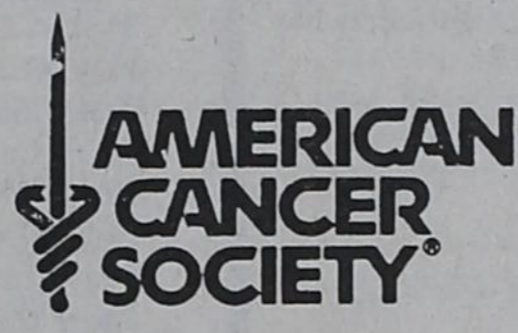
Both types of extinguishers are superior to using water or an extinguisher with a water-base agent as the fire-fighting material.

"Spraying or throwing water on grease or electrical appliances is very dangerous since water causes the grease to splatter and spread," said Owens.

Putting water on electrical equipment not only creates the risk of shock, but can also short out the appliance and ruin its future usefulness.

Once you have a kitchen fire extinguisher, study the directions so you know how to use it. Periodically check the expiration date to make sure the contents are still good.

Also check to see if the fire extinguisher must be discarded after use or can be refilled. Then place the extinguisher in a kitchen location away from the stove area so you can get to it in an emergency.



The holidays are a time to honor someone dear. Wish a loved one a happy holiday with a gift to the American Cancer Society. Your honor gift today could be a gift of life tomorrow.

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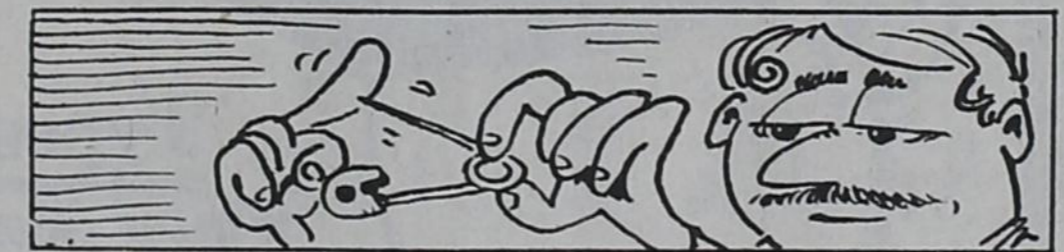
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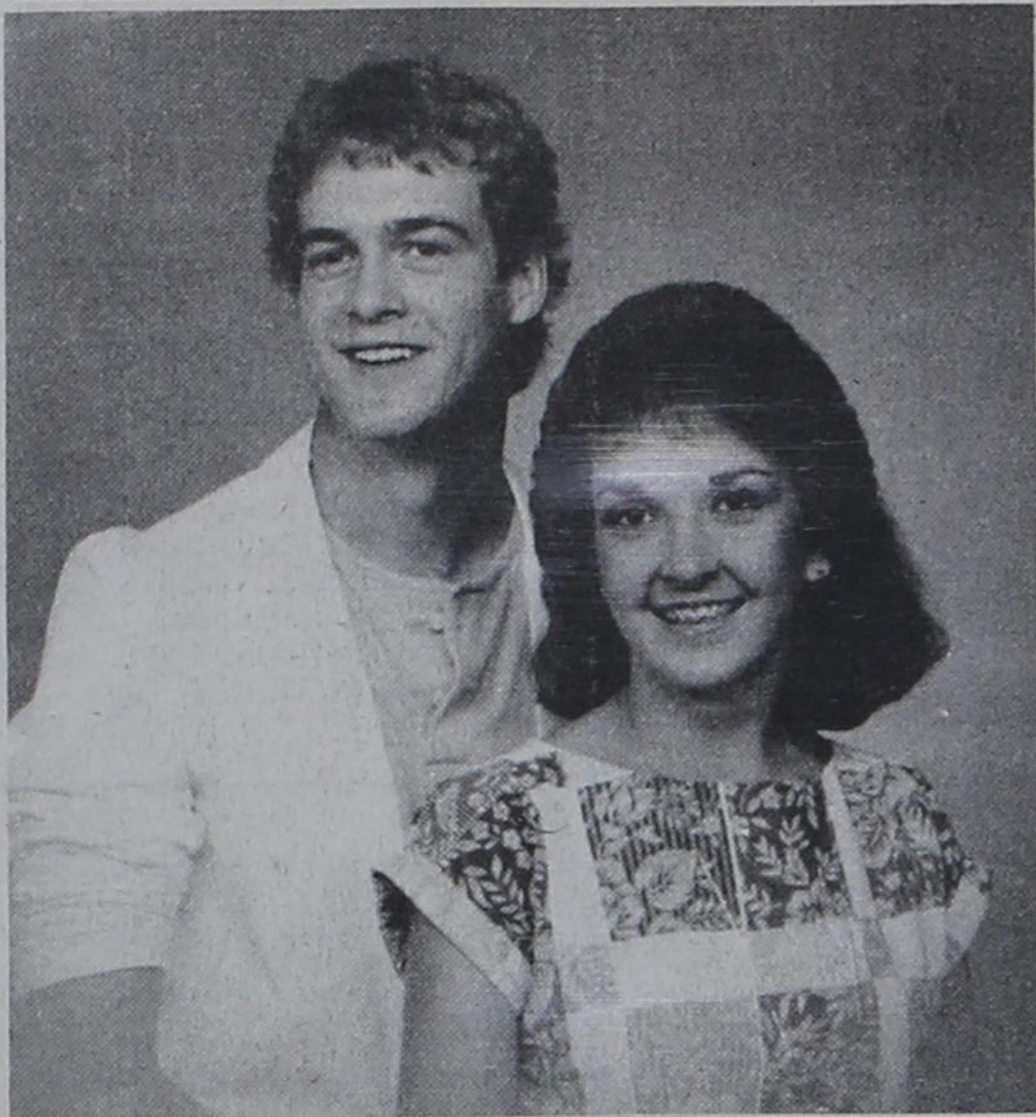
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Johnny Schmucker and Kim McNeely

January vows set

Kimberly Marie McNeely and Johnny Schmucker will exchange wedding vows Saturday, Jan. 31 at 3 p.m. in Holy Family Church in Nazareth.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gail Wilson of Olton and the late Lewis McNeely. Parents of the prospective groom

are Ray and Mary Lou Schmucker of Nazareth.

McNeely is a graduate of Olton High School and will graduate from the American Commercial College in March, 1987.

Schmucker is a 1984 graduate of Nazareth High School and is attending Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Henry Wilhelm is named Big Brother of the Year

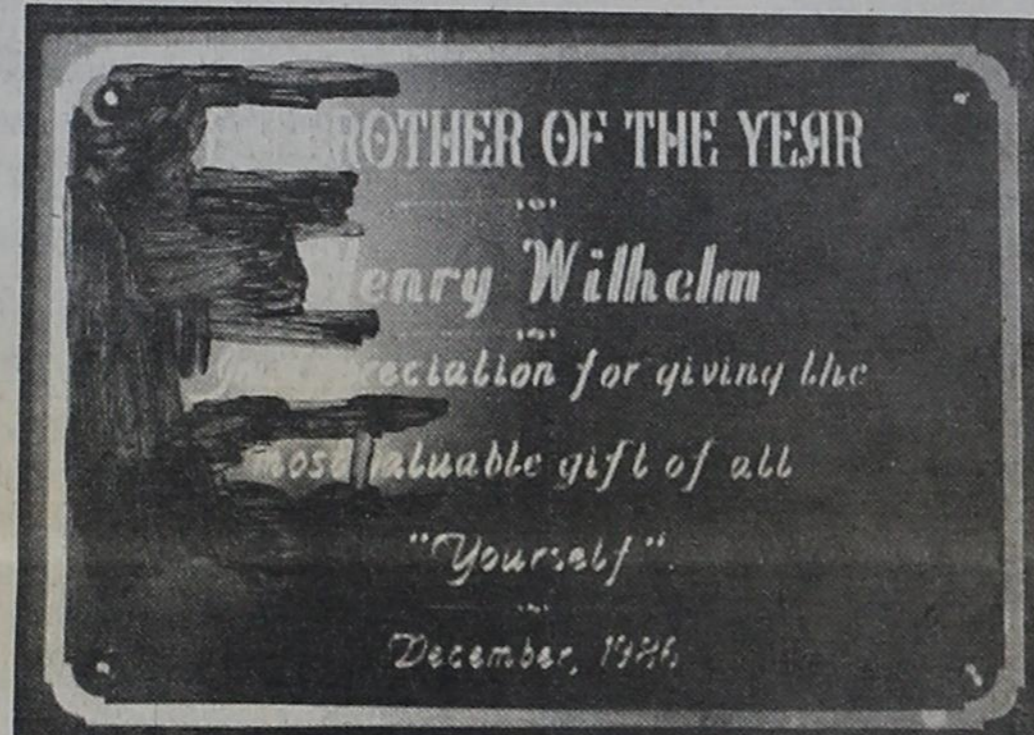
Henry Wilhelm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Wilhelm of Nazareth, has been named the "Big Brother of the Year" by the Amarillo chapter of Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Wilhelm mixes in time with his "little brother," Matthew Jella, 8, around the custom farming work he does with his parents. Matthew helps with some chores, from helping with wheat to milking cows, besides learning how to skate, the pair's favorite way to spend time together during the week.

Wilhelm earlier said his interest in Big Brothers resulted from the death of one of his younger brothers, Robert. "I thought that I missed someone," Henry said.

Wilhelm is the oldest of eight children, so being a big brother was almost second nature to him, although he "forgot how much energy an 8-year-old has."

"I think he is nice and fun to be with," Matthew said. "He is a farmer and is always busy but he always seems to have time for me. He is always there when I need someone to talk to. I think he is the best Big Brother in the whole world. I'm glad he won Big Brother



of the Year because, to me, he is real special.

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Lions looking for adolescent drug cure

Although lifetime drug use is down slightly, nearly two-thirds of all U.S. youth try an illicit drug before they graduate from high school. Even more disturbing, over 92 percent have experimented with alcohol by graduation day, and 40 percent with drugs other than marijuana.

Clearly, drug abuse among youth continues to pollute our school systems, seeping into every city, every community and every classroom.

However, hundreds of communities are working together to prevent drug and alcohol experimentation through the Lions-Quest "Skills for Adolescence" program. This life skills curriculum, designed for junior high and middle schools, takes a steady and positive approach to adolescent development and drug awareness.

Experts note that lifelong patterns of drug use are generally established between the ages of 12 and 20. In fact, drug experimentation usually begins around age eleven and a half — a number which continues to drop each year.

Prevention and awareness programs such as "Skills for Adolescence" must reach youth before permanent drug abuse habits are established. Researchers say prevention techniques are most effective during early adolescence.

However, "Skills for Adolescence" is not a typical drug program. It's a class designed to build self-esteem and self-awareness, developing students' positive feelings about themselves, their family life and their community.

Classroom activities include role playing exercises that teach students how to handle negative peer pressure and build communication skills. They also learn how to set goals and make responsible decisions. These types of interpersonal skills, experts contend, help students discover they don't need drugs or alcohol to feel good about themselves — preventing drug dependency before it begins.

With the help of local Lions Clubs, "Skills for Adolescence" is now in place in over 847 schools across the United States and Canada. It will soon reach over

133,000 students and their families with its positive message.

Family involvement is one of the unique features of the Lions-Quest program. Through a series of related workshops, parents learn about the curriculum, even participating in some typical classroom activities. They are urged to play an active part in reinforcing skills and the ideas learned by their children during class.

In addition, the course focuses on building the family unit, as well as establishing an anti-drug message in all aspects of a student's life.

The "Skills for Adolescence"

course is officially endorsed by the National PTA, the American Association of School Administrators and the National Federation of Parents for Drug-Free Youth, among others. It's a joint venture of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service club organization, and The Quest National Center, a curriculum development organization based in Columbus, Ohio.

Involve your community in preventing adolescent drug dependency. Contact your local Lions Club for information on Lions-Quest "Skills for Adolescence" in your area.

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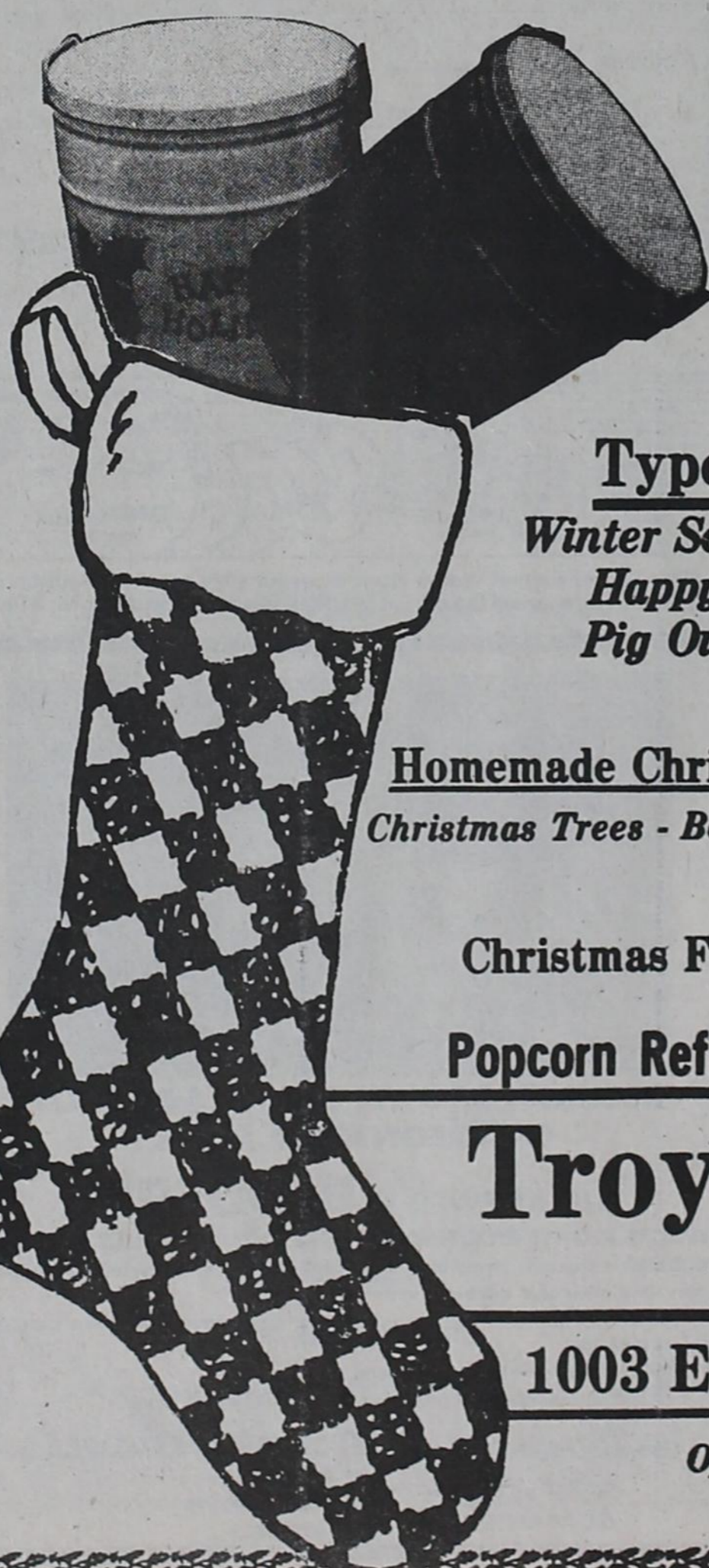
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AFS looking for host family, students

"It was the best experience of my life," said Owen Viles, former AFS student at Dimmitt High School from New Zealand, back in Dimmitt earning money during a holiday from school.

"It has been the best experience of my life," said Einar Sigurdsson, an Icelander attending DHS this year through the AFS program.

"Everyone tells me my AFS experience is just beginning," said Tiffany Braafladt, a DHS senior

who visited Norway last summer through an AFS program.

The three met Thursday with members of the DHS Interact and Key clubs in an attempt to stimulate some interest in a "host" family in Dimmitt next year, and to spark

some of the students at the meeting into considering an AFS program.

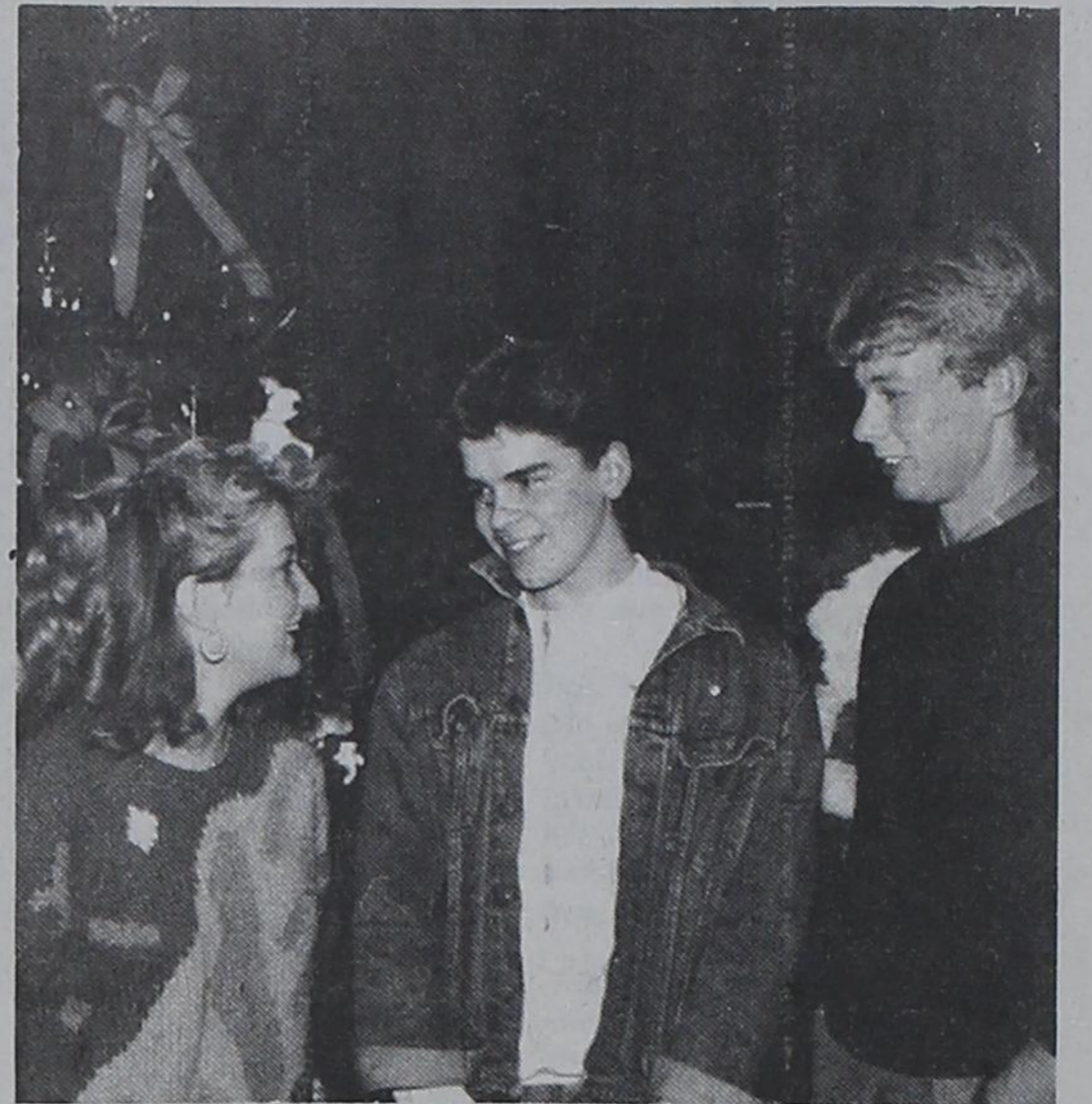
"I think it's the best thing you can do for yourself, to go to another country," said Viles. "It's a greater challenge than going to college. You can do almost anything you want—you can change your whole personality if you want. To go off and live with another family is a terrific experience. It broadens your horizons and opinions."

Einar was almost an old hand at AFS — his sister had been an exchange student in Italy, and his family has hosted three AFS'ers.

"This is a great way to learn the language," Einar said, "to get to know the United States and its history. I began making some very good friends beginning with orientation, and there were people at our orientation from all over the world. We became one big family."

"When I went to Norway, it wasn't that I learned so much, but I made so many friends through AFS," Tiffany said. She told about her experiences in Norway during the summer, and urged students to "think about getting into AFS, and go as far away as you can. Sometimes you're not able to go, but if you have someone stay with you, hosting a student is the next best thing."

Persons interested in hosting an AFS student for the 1987-88 school year are urged to contact any AFS host family or call Marty Benton at 647-2311 or Hazel Nelson at 647-4359.



TIFFANY BRAAFLADT, EINAR SIGURDSSON AND OWEN VILES ... They shared their AFS experiences with the Dimmitt High School Key Club and Interact Club last Thursday.



Police Calls

Approximately \$500 in property was reported stolen from a 1970 Ford pickup Nov. 8.

According to police, Robert Ortiz of Dimmitt reported that his pickup had been parked at Gerry's First Place in Dimmitt and was not locked. Reports state that a feed yard thermometer valued at \$400 and a quilted blanket valued at \$100

were removed from the unlocked vehicle sometime on Nov. 8.

Sharon Ewing told police that someone removed the decorative wheel rims from her Chevrolet Suburban sometime Friday or Saturday.

Police also investigated a report of criminal mischief at 309 E.

Jones. Carolyn Copeland reported that someone had damaged the right rear taillight on her vehicle.

Investigations by police revealed the taillight had been struck with some object.



Frank and Kathy Welch of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, born Sunday at 2:45 a.m. in Plains Memorial Hospital at Dimmitt. Jonathan Wade weighed 3 lbs. 14 oz., and was 17 1/2 inches long. He has an older sister, Kristin Nicole Welch. His paternal grandmother is Juanita Howard of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are James and Pat Mankins of Vega. Jonathan's great-grandparents are Mary Lou Webb, Mrs. M.L. Welch and Mrs. A.O. Smith.

OUT OF TOWN
It's a girl for Keith and Brenda Acker of Dimmitt. Kayla Lynn Acker was born Dec. 9 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed 6 lbs., 5 1/2 oz., and was 18 1/2 inches long. Kayla's grandparents are Margie Acker of Dimmitt and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Lowrey of Vega.

Kris and Teri Dowell of Dallas are the parents of a son, Brandon Christopher, who was born Saturday in Baylor Hospital there. He weighed 8 lbs. and was 21 3/4 inches long. Grandparents are Bryce and Darlene Dowell of Dimmitt and Joe and Lynn Sharp of Richardson. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Florence Carpenter of Dimmitt.

Turkey shoot on tap Sunday

The Sunnyside Lions Club will sponsor a turkey shoot Sunday south of Sunnyside.

The shoot will begin at 2 p.m. with cash prizes being awarded.

Proceeds from the turkey shoot will go to benefit the Lewis Jurado family.

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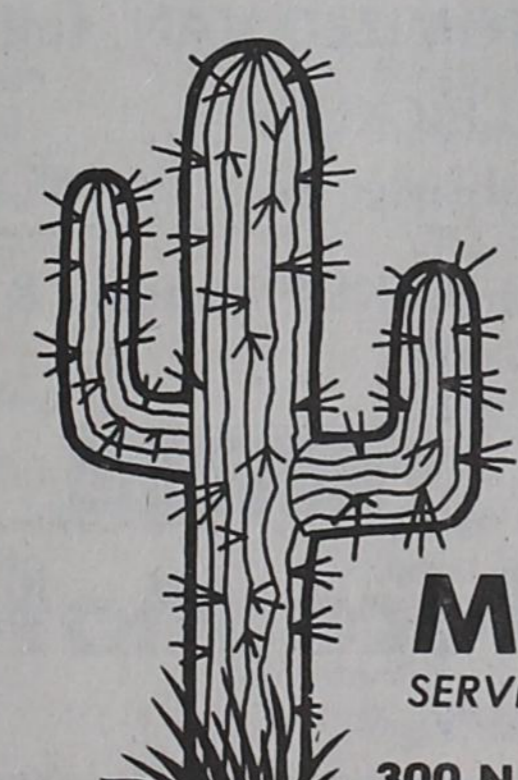
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Sports

Whodat?

Herd upends Bobcats

If you were looking for a wide-open, high-scoring game with old-fashioned, in-ya-face defense, it was all there in the Dimmitt-Hereford game Friday.

Unfortunately for the varsity Bobcats, it was a makeshift team made up of varsity and freshman players, who won 74-38 over the Hereford JV.

The varsity Bobcats, who had dumped Hereford by 24 points just two weeks before, fell 52-51 Friday at Middle School gym as David Manchee, who scored the first and last points of the game, hit a 20-foot jumper with six seconds left to give the Herd a one-point win.

En route to the loss, their third-straight defeat, the Bobcats squandered a 16-point second half lead as Hereford's Brad Smith, with 14 second-half points, and Todd Weaver, who scored 15 of his 21

points in the second two periods, teamed together to outscore the whole Bobcat team, 29-27, in the last two quarters.

After a slow first quarter, with the teams tied at eight at the end of the period, the Bobcats broke open the game late in the second quarter, outscoring the Whitefaces, now 3-8, 8-3 in the last minute to claim a 24-19 halftime lead.

The Bobcats then went on a 17-5 tear in the third quarter to claim a 41-25 lead before Smith, who had just one point in the first half, and Weaver began their second-half surge to close the gap to eight points by the end of the period, 41-33.

Hereford never got closer than three points until late in the game, as the Bobcats were still answering basket-for-basket. With a minute left, Hereford claimed its first lead

since the first half on a 15-foot bank shot by Weaver, but Warren McDonald scored on an 18-foot jumper to give Dimmitt a 51-50 lead with 18 seconds left.

Hereford called time with ten seconds left, and worked the ball to Manchee in the corner, who calmly sank the long-range shot with six seconds left.

Dimmitt called timeout with four seconds left, but mishandled the ball and never got a final shot.

In the preliminary contest, five varsity Bobcats and three freshman team members ganged up on Hereford's sophomores, 74-38. Brad Buchanan and Justin Shultz led the "FV" squad with 16 points each, while Blaine Gregory, Cary Buchanan and Paul Dannevik each hit for 12 points in the walk-over.

In Amarillo Friday, the Dimmitt Bobbies were outrebounded 44-14 by Caprock, who picked up a 65-47 win. Kristi Petty and Molligay Waggoner each scored 10 points for the Bobbies.

Harris Picks

Here are the picks in this week's state championship games from the Harris Rating Service:

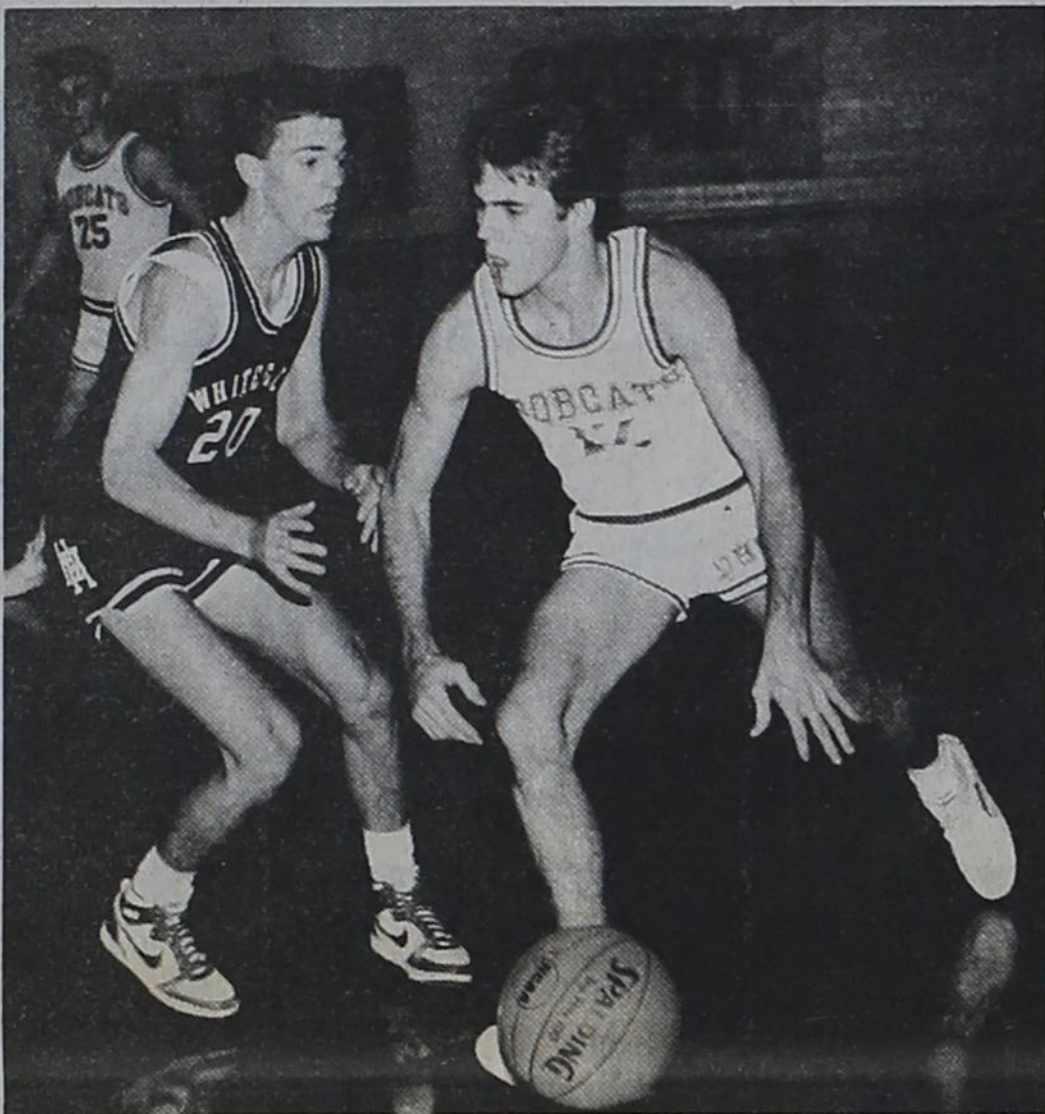
5A — Plano and La Marque — PICK 'EM; 4A — McKinney over West Orange-Stark by 6; 3A — Jefferson over Cuero by 7; 2A — Shiner over Mart by 6; 1A — Burkeville over Throckmorton by 1.

Volleyballers setting up mixed league

A mixed volleyball league will be started in Dimmitt in January.

Interested players are asked to go by the old Junior High gymnasium on Wednesday or Friday nights or call Sal Ortiz, 647-3653, or contact Richard Presas at Dimmitt Thriftway.

All interested players are invited to join.



DIMMITT'S JEREMY WARREN (12) drives the baseline against Hereford's Kevin Hansen (20) late in the first quarter of the Bobcat-Whiteface game Friday at Middle School Gym. Waiting to help in the background is Scott Hill (25). Hansen and the Whitefaces took a 52-51 win in the contest.



JAMES ALEXANDER (24) ties the game at 2-2 with an inside drive during the Dimmitt-Hereford contest Friday at the Middle School gym. Alexander scored Dimmitt's first basket over Hereford's David Manchee (30), who had just scored Hereford's first basket, and would score just one more

time — the game's last basket to give the Whitefaces a 52-51 win. Waiting for a possible rebound are, from left, Jeremy Warren, Kevin Hansen of Hereford, Dimmitt's Warren McDonald and Marc Bennett (23), and Kent Walterscheid of the Whitefaces.

Week's schedule

Thursday - Saturday — Nazareth Swifts @ Reese AFB Tournament, Lubbock.

FRIDAY — Hart @ Kress, Swiftettes, JV Swiftettes @ Floydada, Plainview @ Dimmitt.

MONDAY — Dimmitt @ Morton, Hart @ Amherst.

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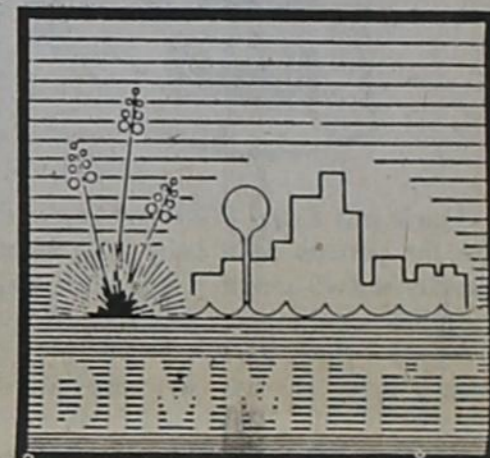
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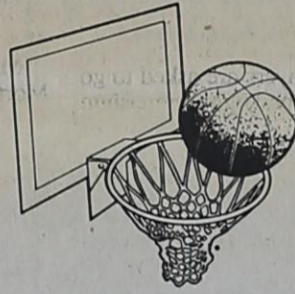
SEASON RECORDS

Bobcats:

56, Paducah 49
70, Morton 79
72, Hereford 49
Pampa Tournament:
39, Tascosa 64
61, Plainview 57
64, Big Spring 41
(Consolation)
57, Canyon 46
Pioneer Classic:
54, Nazareth 51 (OT)
78, Tascosa 69
57, Paducah 64
(Second Place)
47, Midland Lee 53
51, Hereford 52
63, Borger 88

Bobbies:

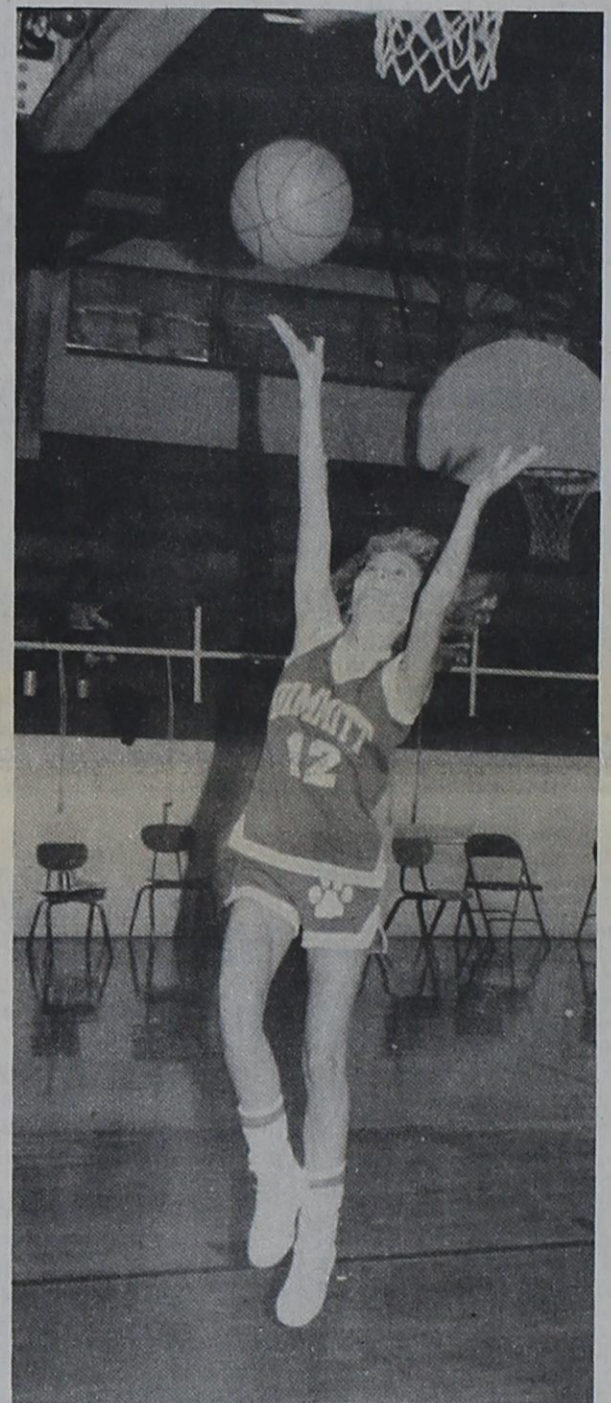
69, Paducah 46
49, Amarillo High 52
41, Hereford 39
Highland Pk. Tourn.:
62, Highland Park 26
35, Vega 64
67, White Deer 24
(Second Place)
25, Canyon 79
Kress Tournament:
45, New Deal 56
74, Alamo Catholic 29
90, Lockney 19
(Consolation)
46, Morton 52
47, Caprock 65
68, Channing 38



Remaining Schedule

Dec. 19 Plainview
Dec. 22 @Morton
Dec. 29 Caprock Tourney
Jan. 2 @Levelland
Jan. 9 Paducah
Jan. 13 @Frona (Bobbies only)*
Jan. 16 Floydada*
Jan. 20 @Muleshoe*
Jan. 23 Tulia*
Jan. 27 Littlefield*
Jan. 30 Frona*
Feb. 3 @Floydada*
Feb. 6 Muleshoe*
Feb. 10 @Tulia*
Feb. 13 @Littlefield*
Feb. 17 @Frona (Bobcats only)*

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Girls, JV 'Cats take Tuesday wins

Dimmitt took all three games from Channing at the Middle School gym Tuesday, with the Bobbies blowing open a close game in the second half by almost shutting the Lady Eagles from the floor, while the JV Bobcats ran past the varsity Eagles, 66-51.

The JV Bobbies won their game, 72-36.

The Bobbies were 68-38 winners over Channing, but you would have thought it would be a long night when Channing claimed a 13-7 lead with 2:50 left in the opening quarter. Nadine Gauna, who had 10 points in the game, hit her first bucket with 56 seconds left in the period to tie the score at 13 before Channing hit two free throws with seven seconds left to give the Eagles a 15-13 lead.

That's when Channing's stage-coach turned into a pumpkin, and the Bobbies blasted to an 11-point lead.

Five lead changes marked the first 3:18 of the second quarter before Sydelle McDonald put the Bobbies ahead to stay with a steal, layup and free throw to make it a 20-19 game.

Channing would hit just two more field goals, one with 2:20 left in the first half, and another with 6:09 left in the game, and committed 20 turnovers in the last three quarters, but free throws kept the Eagles within striking distance. Baskets by McDonald, Gauna, and Kristi Petty helped the Bobbies to a 30-19 lead with 3:09 left in the half, and Channing never got closer than seven points the rest of the game.

After claiming a 32-23 halftime lead, the Bobbies reeled off six unanswered points, but got into dangerous foul trouble. The Bobbies picked up nine fouls in the third quarter after being whistled down eleven times in the first two periods. Linda Saenz, Petty, McDonald and Gloria Gauna all picked up their fourth foul in the quarter, and Channing responded with 10 straight free throws while failing to hit a basket.

Channing wasn't so successful in the fourth period, though, as the Eagles scored just five points, while Molligay Waggoner scored 10 of her game-high 14 points in the last period to lead the Bobbies to a romp. Dimmitt picked up just one foul in the quarter.

The JV Bobcats surged to a 15-0 lead en route to their seventh win of the year, 66-51 over the varsity Eagles, who are now 1-9 on the year, their only win coming over the Hartley JV.

Five straight turnovers by Channing and 9-of-13 shooting by the Bobcats aided their effort, as Emilio Arce hit eight points and Mark Wells added six to give the Bobcats a 19-6 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Channing never got closer than 11 points the rest of the way as the Bobcats shot 60% from the floor for the first half and ended up hitting 48% for the game.

The JV boys turned the ball over only 13 times while forcing 17 Eagle mistakes. Dimmitt's mistakes led to nine Channing points, while the JV Bobcats picked up 16 points off the Eagle give-aways.

Mark Wells led Dimmitt with 21 points and 13 rebounds, while Emilio Arce had 18 points and 10 credits.

Hart duo named A-SP

Hart's Johnny Washington and Brett Ritter have been named to the Class 2A All-South Plains team announced Tuesday by the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*.

Washington, who picked up over 1,000 yards and scored 15 touchdowns for the Longhorns, was named to the offensive unit, while Ritter was tabbed for the defensive secondary.

SPORTS from the Pressbox

When Jim McMahon arrived at the Chicago Bears training camp for the first day of practice with a can of Budweiser in his hand, coach Mike Ditka, I'm sure, had some idea of what he was in for.

When people look at McMahon, it is like seeing a painting of Abraham Lincoln giving the Gettysburg Address, speaking into a wireless microphone. Something is wrong with this picture. Quarterbacks are not supposed to be six feet tall with bad eyesight. They're not supposed to watch more cartoons than game films, and they definitely don't yell and throw things at their offensive lineman, let alone the coach. Oh yes, he even enjoys mooning helicopters.

I'm sure all of this has you confused and somewhat shocked, and if so, you are precisely where Jim McMahon wants you. The only thing he does better than confusing the public is confusing the opposition's defense.

Most people want to know whether his outrageous acts and comments are truly his own personality or whether he is just trying to pad the image.

McMahon does admit that he does certain things purely for the shock value, enjoying the reaction he gets from people. He also loves playing games with reporters. For example, if he said his diet consists exclusively of carrots, raw oats and alfalfa, the next day the whole country will be talking about Jim McMahon's Horse Diet.

Though he is a comedian off the field, on the field, he is all business. He will do anything it takes to win, evidenced by the fact that the Chicago Bears have won 27 of the last 31 games for which he has started, with the "coup de grace" coming in the form of the most lopsided Super Bowl victory in N.F.L. history.

McMahon may be outrageously confident and full of himself, but those are traits on which he has no monopoly. The Bears as a team were an extremely confident bunch of misfits, after all, they did record the Super Bowl Shuffle on November 22, two months before their Super Bowl dream was actually realized.

The question now is, "Can the Bears repeat as Super Bowl Champions?" This is a feat which has eluded even the finest of Super Bowl Champions and may even elude the '86 Bears. But judging by the way they played last season, I sincerely doubt it.

BASEBALL TRIVIA

Q. Name the National League Manager with an 0-1 record.

A. Ted Turner of the Atlanta Braves. In 1977, Turner was asked to leave the Braves dugout after he had declared himself manager.

Q. How many times has the American League won the All-Star Game?

A. Twice

Q. Where is the Tennis Hall of Fame located?

A. Newport, R.I.

Q. Who led their respective NFL conferences in rushing during the 1985 season?

A. Gerald Riggs — Atlanta Falcons with 1719 yards and Marcus Allen — L.A. Raiders 1759 yards.

Q. What manager lost the most All-Star Games?

A. Casey Stengel — six

Scoreboard

NEW DEAL TOURNAMENT

LADY LONGHORNS 70, LOCKNEY 20
Hart 17 20 18 15 — 70
Lockney 4 4 2 10 — 20
H—Gwen Wilson 29, Cynthia George 12, Robbie Sarabia 11, Cindy Knox 10.

LONGHORNS 43, LOCKNEY 34
Hart 8 14 9 12 — 43
Lockney 10 6 12 6 — 34
H—Brett Ritter 16, Paul Ramirez 10.

LONGHORNS 45, HAPPY 43
Hart 9 13 12 11 — 45
Happy 13 11 8 11 — 43
H—Paul Ramirez 16, Brett Ritter 12.

HAPPY 59, LADY LONGHORNS 32
Hart 4 11 10 7 — 32
Happy 7 19 11 22 — 59
Hart—Robbie Sarabia 10.

NEW DEAL 70, LONGHORNS 59
Hart 22 20 6 11 — 59
New Deal 19 18 21 12 — 70
H—Brett Ritter 20, Junior Washington and Paul Ramirez 13.

LADY LONGHORNS 54, KRESS 50
Hart 13 12 10 19 — 54
Kress 8 13 17 12 — 50
H—Gwen Wilson 21, Robbie Sarabia 11, Cindy Knox 10.

FRIDAY

SWIFTS 61, SLATON 48
Nazareth 16 13 12 20 — 61
Slaton 11 12 8 17 — 48
N—Kenny Kern 26, Todd Hill 16, Craig Huseman 11.

SLATON 45, SWIFTTETTES 32
Nazareth 8 8 6 10 — 32
Slaton 14 14 8 9 — 45
N—Traci Hill 14, Sheila Acker 8.

CAPROCK 65, BOBBIES 47
Dimmitt 14 15 11 7 — 47
Caprock 18 17 11 19 — 65
D—Kristi Petty and Molligay Waggoner 10.

CAPROCK 49, JV BOBBIES 27

DIMMITT "FV" 74, HEREFORD JV 38
Hereford 4 12 6 16 — 38
Dimmitt 20 18 10 26 — 74
D—Brad Buchanan and Justin Shultz 16, Blaine Gregory, Cary Buchanan and Paul Dannevik 12.
FG: 36/72—50%.
FT: 2/10—50%.
FLOOR PLAY: B. Buchanan 13R, Gregory 14R, Dannevik 11C, C. Buchanan 15C.

HEREFORD 52, BOBCATS 51
Hereford 8 11 14 19 — 52
Dimmitt 8 16 17 10 — 51
D—James Alexander 22, Warren McDonald 11, Jeremy Warren 10.
FG: 24/56—42%.
FT: 3/4—75%.
FLOOR PLAY: Warren 7C, McDonald 6C, Alexander 4R, Marc Bennett 8R, 6C.

TULIA TOURNAMENT
JV BOBCATS 76, HIGHLAND PARK 33
Dimmitt 19 18 14 17 — 76
Highland Park 12 8 2 11 — 33
D—Mat Bradley 15, Emilio Arce 13.
FG: 32/84—38%.
FT: 12/22—55%.
FLOOR PLAY: Mark Wells 5R, Bradley 10C.

JV BOBCATS 69, NAZARETH 24
Dimmitt 6 13 30 20 — 69
Nazareth 4 6 5 9 — 24
D—Mark Wells 14, Brac Wardlaw 13, Emilio Arce 10.
FG: 31/76—41%.
FT: 7/15—47%.
FLOOR PLAY: Wells 7R, John Shultz 8C.

TULIA 47, JV BOBCATS 45
Dimmitt 8 15 3 19 — 45
Tulia 12 7 16 12 — 47

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D—Emilio Arce 13, Reagan Frye 10.
FG: 18/48—38%.
FT: 9/14—64%.
FLOOR PLAY: John Shultz 7R, Reagan Frye 8C.

JV BOBBIES 62, HIGHLAND PARK 21
HP 4 10 2 5 — 21
Dimmitt 15 14 16 17 — 62
D—Kalinda Dutton 13, Lori Gidewell 11.

JV SWIFTTETTES 46, JV BOBBIES 25
Nazareth 7 14 14 11 — 46
Dimmitt 10 5 8 2 — 25
D—Kalinda Dutton 11; N—Daria Leavitt 18.

TULIA 39, JV BOBBIES 39
Tulia 10 11 8 9 — 37
Dimmitt 4 8 14 6 — 37
D—Shelly Nutt 10.

MULESHOE TOURNAMENT

8TH GIRLS
Friona 27, Dimmitt White 21
D—Sharia Jackson and Renea Harman 6.

Farwell 27, Dimmitt White 26
D—Missy Montaivo 8, Sharia Jackson and Renea Harman 6.

DIMMITT PURPLE 40, FARWELL 20

DIMMITT PURPLE 32, LITTLEFIELD 17
D—Renee Josselet and Michelle Smith 14.

DIMMITT PURPLE 32, FRIONA 14
D—Renee Josselet 12, Michelle Smith 11.

MONDAY

9TH BOBCATS 37, LITTLEFIELD 35
Littlefield 6 8 8 13 — 35
Dimmitt 8 9 12 8 — 37
D—Justin Shultz 14, Randy Nutt 12.

9th BOBBIES 48, LITTLEFIELD 38
Littlefield 4 16 8 10 — 38
Dimmitt 8 17 10 13 — 48
D—Kara Schulte 20, Rebecca Rodriguez 12.

TUESDAY

JV BOBBIES 72, CHANNING 36
Channing 9 8 10 9 — 36
Dimmitt 16 14 27 15 — 72
D—Kalinda Dutton 17, Trisha Zimmer 12.

BOBBIES 68, CHANNING 38
Channing 15 8 10 5 — 38
Dimmitt 13 19 18 18 — 68
D—Molligay Waggoner 14, Sydelle McDonald 11, Nadine Gauna 10.

JV BOBCATS 66, CHANNING 51
Channing 8 12 14 17 — 51
JV Bobcats 14 18 17 17 — 66
D—Mark Wells 21, Emilio Arce 18.

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Muleshoe 12 11 15 25 — 63
Hart 15 10 15 17 — 57
H—Gwen Wilson 24.

LONGHORNS 78, MULESHOE 65
Muleshoe 15 7 14 25 — 63
Hart 18 22 14 24 — 78
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consuming activity that requires learning accounting procedures." Computerized decision aids refer to the use of microcomputers to help address specific questions, said the economist. Such questions might include these: Should I participate in the government program? How much can I pay for feeder cattle? How much machinery capacity do I need to get spring planting completed with 15 working days?

"Having a computer can enable a producer to get information quickly for more informed decisions," McGrann said. "Such decisions can help prevent mistakes, reduce risk and increase farm or ranch income."

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service provides microcomputer software that can help address many of the decisions faced by Texas producers. To acquire a software catalog, contact Jeanie Grogan, Special Services Building, Room 105, Texas A&M University, College Station, Tex., 77843-2468; or call 409-845-3929.

"With current microcomputers and decision-aid software, producers need only a few days to learn operating skills to make the computer a profitable decision tool," McGrann said.

To effectively use computers in management, however, requires increased knowledge of economics and finance, he added. Computer operation skills are a small part of profitable computer use in management.

Because producers need more in-depth management training for effective computer use, the Extension Service has developed special intensive shortcourses which are taught at the Stiles Farm Foundation computer training center. The Stiles Farm is located a mile east of Thrall on US 79 in Williamson County.

For information on these shortcourses, contact your county extension agent or call 409-845-8792 for a brochure and registration form.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service also has training programs throughout the state organized by county agents and extension specialists.

Sarpalius explains county sales tax bill

By State Sen. BILL SARPALIUS

One of the least understood provisions in the tax bill passed during the summer was the one that allowed counties to impose a half-cent sales tax in exchange for lowering property tax rates.

Little was known about the provision because it was overshadowed by the tax bill's primary purpose, which was to raise the state sales and motor fuels taxes. The county sales tax has begun to attract attention only recently as a number of counties debate the merits of implementing it.

A case in point is Potter County, where the commissioners are considering levying the tax. The advantages of the tax seem too good to resist, yet many residents appear suspicious of it because it represents the first sales tax for a county.

Perhaps a closer look at the tax, and the history behind it, is in order. Such in-depth study might help residents in counties considering the tax better understand what they are facing.

The county sales tax provision was included to give counties, and cities, an opportunity to roll back

property taxes. The idea was to spread the burden of local government to all who use its services instead of balancing those local budgets strictly on the backs of property owners.

According to the provision, a county that chooses to implement the half-cent tax in return must reduce property taxes by an amount generated by the new sales tax. From then on, property taxes could be increased only when sales tax revenue failed to grow while excessive growth in sales tax revenues would mandate further property tax reductions.

In Potter County, implementation of the new tax would cut the average property owner's tax bill in half, an awfully tempting proposition. At the same time, some legitimate questions about the tax are being raised by county residents.

Could the county quickly raise the property tax back up after adopting the sales tax? No, the tax bill specifically prohibits such action. Property tax increases will be tied to sales tax revenue.

What would happen if Potter County adopted the tax and Randall

County didn't? Would merchants in Randall County have an unfair competitive advantage because their goods would cost less?

That's a much tougher question, and one each county considering the tax must address. Anytime items for sale in an adjacent county are even slightly cheaper there is a risk of lost business.

These questions, though, point out the single best aspect of the county tax provision. No county sales tax can be levied without voter approval. That means you, the taxpayer, have an opportunity to judge the proposed tax thoroughly and the final say on whether they pay it. Also, an election to rescind the tax can be called at almost any time.

It was because of the voter-approval safeguards that many of the representatives in this region supported the provision. Each of us realized the tax wasn't going to be perfect for every county, but we also knew it just might be the only way to lower alarmingly high property taxes in a few.

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The representative will meet with residents today in the commissioners' courtroom.

Presbyterian happenings

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, and every Sunday, there is a Sunday church school class for everyone at 10 a.m. The adult Bible class will meet at the manse. All other classes will meet at the church.

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Senior Citizens

Castro County Senior Citizens Center is located at Third and Jones in Dimmitt and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. including the Domino Center. Quilting, crafts and table games are daily activities.

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Aerobics class will be at the Center today and Monday at 5 p.m.

An evening of table games will be held Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

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County agent lists fertilizer considerations for small grains

Because small grains such as wheat and oats are high in protein, they need a considerable amount of nitrogen fertilizer to realize their potential for both forage and grain yield, said Seth Ralston, county agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Small grains can range from 25% protein early in growing season to about 18% in the spring. Winter pastures may yield from 1,500 to 8,000 pounds or more of high protein dry matter per year, depending on location and management. This means that from 34 to 298 pounds of nitrogen are removed or redistributed by grazing, said Ralston.

The effect of nitrogen removal through grazing also can be viewed in pounds of beef gain. On stocker cattle, a rule of thumb is one pound of beef gain per 10 pounds of dry matter removed. If .36 pounds of nitrogen are required to produce 10

pounds of dry forage, the 36 pounds of nitrogen can produce 100 pounds of beef gain, Ralston added.

Most winter pastures are making above average growth this fall due to favorable soil moisture conditions. If stocking rates are adequate to use this abundant growth, then nitrogen loss will be greater than normal and producers will need to consider higher topdressing rates.

If small grains are not grazed and used only for grain production, nitrogen use prior to the jointing stage will be limited. Only 20% to 30% of the total nitrogen used in ungrazed fields is taken up prior to jointing.

Ralston advises producers to evaluate fields as growth begins in late winter or early spring. If tiller numbers are low, apply the topdress early. If growth is good and tiller numbers are adequate, topdress applications can be delayed as late as the jointing stage.

To determine just how much nitrogen to apply as a topdressing, a farmer needs to use soil test information on residual nitrogen along with his projected yield based on condition of the crop, soil moisture availability, amount of fertilizer applied preplant and amount of nitrogen removed by grazing. With good soil moisture available across most of the state, yield potential will be higher than normal. Ungrazed wheat will use about 1.7 pounds of nitrogen per bushel of yield.

Nitrogen fertilizer has become more economical the past year, and producers should be able to get cheaper yield responses in small grains, notes Ralston. Source of nitrogen has little to do with yield response, so use the source that can be applied most efficiently and economically. To reduce leaf burn with high rates of liquid nitrogen, consider using dribble nozzles.

ASCS News

By CHARLEY HILL
County Executive
Director

1987 FARM PROGRAM

Sign up for the 1987 farm program is underway now through March 30.

Advance payments are authorized for deficiency and diversion. The advance payment will be 50% cash and 50% CCC-6's.

Maximum limit is \$50,000 per entity.

Liquidated damages will apply for non-compliance with program provisions.

An acreage reduction requirement is in effect for 1987 wheat, feed grains and cotton:

Wheat — maximum permitted, 72.5% of base, no paid diversion;

Feed grains — maximum permitted is 80% of base—optional paid diversion 15% of base. If you go the additional 15%, the maximum permitted would be 65%;

Cotton—maximum permitted is 75% of base, no paid diversion.

The 50-92 program will be in effect for 1987. Acres that are planted to sugarbeets or vegetables will not be eligible for payment under the 50-92 provision.

1986 COTTON LOAN PROVISIONS

The regular cotton loan program for 1986 is the same as it has been for several years, except the loan value of each bale will be reduced by the 4.3% Gramm-Rudman adjustment. After the cotton has been placed in the loan, it may be repaid in cash at the rate of 80% of the original loan amount or repaid with commodity certificates based on the adjusted world price. As in the past, you may sell your equities to cotton buyers. Upon maturity, you can forfeit the cotton to CCC for loan settlement.

ley, oats, or upland cotton, farmers must have participated in the 1986 acreage reduction program for the crop," Hill said. For the other crops, the acreage for disaster payments is limited to the 1985 acreage of the crop.

The payment rate is the county loan rate for the crop, or an average market price for crops without a loan rate, according to Hill. Payments will be limited to \$100,000 for program crops and \$100,000 for non-program crops.

"We encourage farmers to organize their production data as quickly as possible so they will have the necessary information when they apply for the disaster payment program," Hill said. The final date for filing disaster payment application is Jan. 30, and program applications are not on a first-come, first-served basis.

County farmers eligible for disaster payments

Recently-enacted farm legislation authorizes USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service to compensate eligible producers in disaster-affected counties for losses of 1986 crops caused by drought, excessive heat, floods, hail or excessive moisture, including Castro County.

Charley Hill, county executive director of the ASCS office in Dimmitt, said the 1986 disaster payment program will provide generic commodity certificate payments on program and non-program crops. For this disaster program, the program crops include wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton, rice, peanuts, soybeans and sugar beets. Non-program crops include commercial crops.

Eligible counties are those in which producers are eligible to receive Farmers Home Administration emergency disaster loans for crop

losses in 1986 caused by inclement conditions. For non-program crops, the county must have been designated on or after July 1, 1986. Hill said FmHA loans are available in Castro County, and county producers, therefore, are eligible to apply for the program.

Eligible producers who apply for the disaster payment program must furnish ASCS with acreage and crop production reports, and, under certain conditions, provide evidence of their actual yields for 1983, 1984 or 1985 for all crops except wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton, rice, peanuts, and certain kinds of tobacco. Hill said the county ASC committee will use the acreage and production data reports to determine the eligibility for non-program crops, including soybeans and sugar beets.

"To qualify for disaster payments on wheat, corn, grain sorghum, bar-

Local cities receive October rebate checks

Dimmitt's November sales tax rebate check was down by just over \$4,000 for sales made in October and reported to State Comptroller Bob Bullock by Nov. 20.

Dimmitt's check is for \$11,936, down from \$16,112.85 last year. For 1986, Dimmitt has received \$179,748, up 9% from 1985.

Rebates were higher in Hart and Nazareth, with Hart receiving a check for \$1,672, over \$500 more

than last December's rebate, while Nazareth is getting, \$1,151, \$12 more than last year. For the year, Hart and Nazareth are running 5% behind 1985 for-the-year totals.

In Hereford, sales were off by \$800 from 1985 for the month, with sales for the year 1% above 1985 figures. Other cities include Muleshoe, down 14%; Friona, off 6%; Tulia, down 6%; Amarillo, up 2%; Canyon, up 7%; Lubbock, off 2%; Littlefield, down 7%; Plainview, up 7%.



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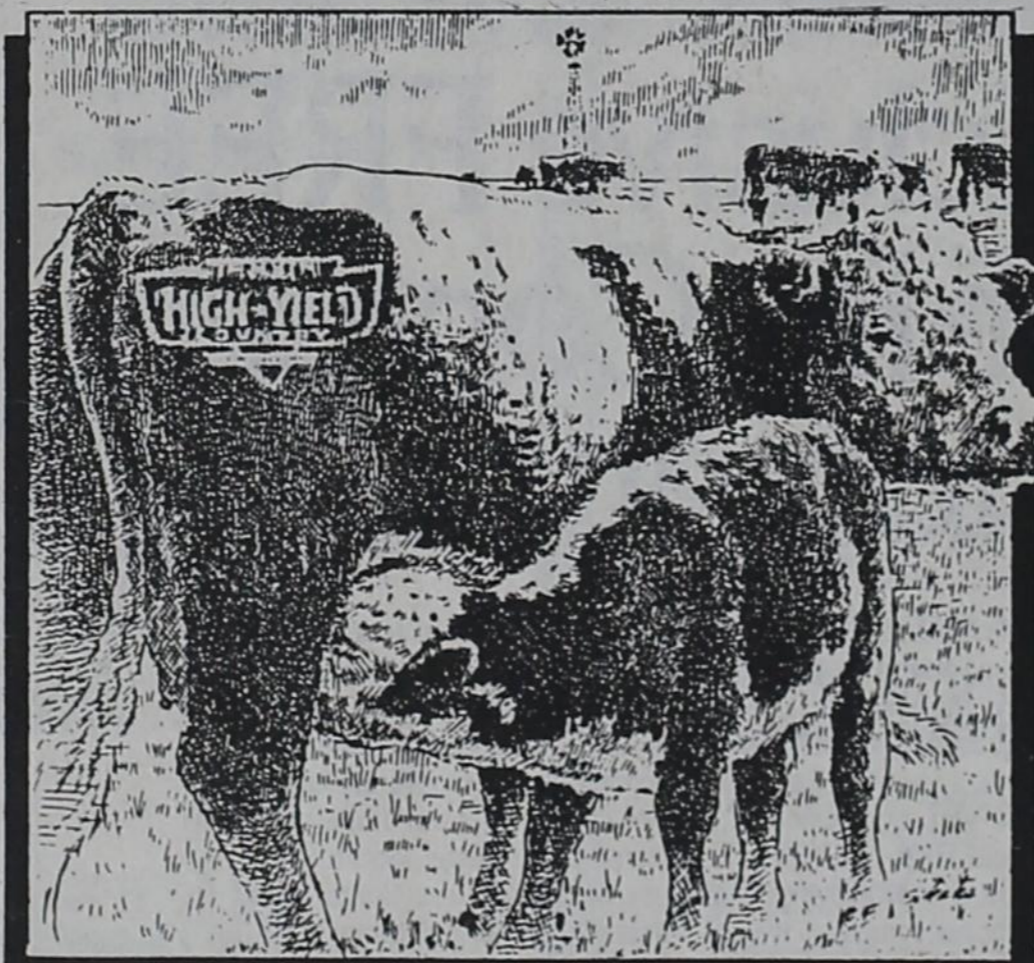
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HPUWCD received its second \$1 million from the Texas Water Development Board to continue the

pilot Agricultural Water conservation Loan Program within its service area. HPUWCD has 120 days from Dec. 5 to loan the money to area producers. After 120 days, funds not allocated must be returned to the TWDB.

"Applications are being processed on a first-come, first-served basis," said loan program

coordinator Becca Williams. "We encourage people to take advantage of this program now, because the pilot program will end next September."

"At this time of year, between harvest and planting, many landowners and operators may be considering making changes in their farming operations that involve up-

grading their irrigation equipment," said A. Wayne Wyatt, district manager. "Many of these changes will involve the purchase of new equipment designed to conserve irrigation water. We invite producers who are considering the purchase of water conservation equipment to check into the District's loan program."

Funds from the first loan from the TWDB were available from May 30 to Sept. 30. With these funds, HPUWCD approved loans for more than \$445,000 to 21 farmers who purchased more than \$620,000 worth of agricultural water conservation equipment, including center pivot sprinkler systems and surge valves.

Thus far, three loans totalling \$76,326 have been approved out of the second \$1 million, two in Hockley County and one in Parmer County, to purchase center pivot sprinkler systems. The district charges its individual borrowers the same interest rate paid to TWDB, currently 6.75%.

Any farmer with land lying within the HPUWCD service area is eligible to apply for a loan for

center pivots, surge systems, furrow dikers, soil moisture monitoring, computer software and laser land leveling equipment.

More information, including a copy of the HPUWCD guidelines and loan application forms, may be obtained from Williams at HPUWCD at 2930 Ave. Q in Lubbock or by calling 762-0181.

Cotton certificates are new hot topic

The US Dept. of Agriculture's cease and desist order on issuance of all cotton first handler certificates as of Dec. 11 is now competing for "hottest topic" status in area gin offices and coffee shops with evolving information on the disaster program.

Farmers with little or no cotton to sell remain more interested in the disaster program while those fortunate enough to have made a crop this year focused on what the absence of first handler certificates might do to the price of loan equities and free cotton.

Over the objections of Plains Cotton Growers, the National Cotton Council and others, Daniel Amstutz, deputy secretary of agriculture, earlier ruled that when the US adjusted world price for the base cotton quality rose above the loan repayment rate for that quality, no more first handler certificates would be authorized for any quality.

On Dec. 11 the AWP for Strict Low Middling 1-1/16 cotton was announced at 45.11 cents per pound, over a cent above the 44-cent LRR. The "coarse count" adjustment was announced at 1.43 cents. Both will remain in effect through today, when the figures will be recalculated. First handler certificates are issued as a means to keep US cotton competitive in world markets. Their value equals the amount by which the AWP, as announced each Thursday, falls below the LRR. The LRR remains constant at 80% of the loan for each individual quality.

PCG has unsuccessfully argued that first handler certificates should continue to be issued on cotton qualities which, unlike the base and higher qualities, still have an AWP below the redemption rate. Otherwise, PCG contends, those qualities will not be competitive.

For example, with the base quality AWP at 45.11, the AWP for SLM one-inch cotton miking 3.2, with the coarse count adjustment figures to 33.78 cents, while the LRR for that quality is 36.08. So, PCG says, whatever the relationship between the AWP for other qualities and their LRR, that quality should receive a first handler certificate worth 2.3 cents per pound. Lower qualities would earn certificates worth well over twice that amount, PCG points out.

"Failure to continue these certificates when justified can't be good for the marketing of our High Plains crop," says PCG executive vice president Donald Johnson. "But the adverse effect may be mitigated by the fact that the lower qualities now in the loan still can be redeemed at the world price with existing certificates."

The latest development on the disaster program has been a call for producers to file as soon as possible ASCS Form 574 on low yielding and failed acres. The national announcement to that effect put a "Tentative" Dec. 15 deadline on filing, but the state ASCS office at College Station has assured PCG

that producers who don't have the information needed by that date will be given additional time, at least until Jan. 5.

Even so, ASCS is urging producers to file 574's, production records and other pertinent information as early as possible to help USDA meet time constraints imposed on the program.

The period for filing actual payment applications remains Jan. 12 through 30.

The major concern in agriculture and the government remains the almost-certain insufficiency of funding under the \$400 million cap stated in the law. Efforts to secure the commitment of additional funds are continuing, but nothing new has developed.

TDA looking for 'missing' grains

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture is asking depositors in a defunct Hereford grain company to contact TDA's Amarillo office in an effort to determine how much grain should be stored in the elevator.

TDA suspended the license of P.C. Grain Company in October after it was found to be more than a million pounds short of grain, according to Angela Lamb, Amarillo district supervisor. After the shortage was covered, the company continued operation.

"Later, TDA was notified that the elevator's bonding firm went out of business, which automatically invalidated the elevator's license," Lamb said. "Someone has expressed an interest in buying the elevator

and working out the problems. One of the problems is that the quality of the grain is poor. But before the grain can be taken over by new ownership, we must determine exactly how much grain is supposed to be in the elevator."

"Before leaving grain with an elevator, all farmers should check on the status of the elevator's license. A valid license lets the depositor know he is protected because the elevator is bonded and insured."

"Each depositor should also be sure to get a receipt for the total deposit and a weight ticket for each load. Because it is a negotiable instrument, the receipt should be kept in a safe place."

HOSPITAL NEWS

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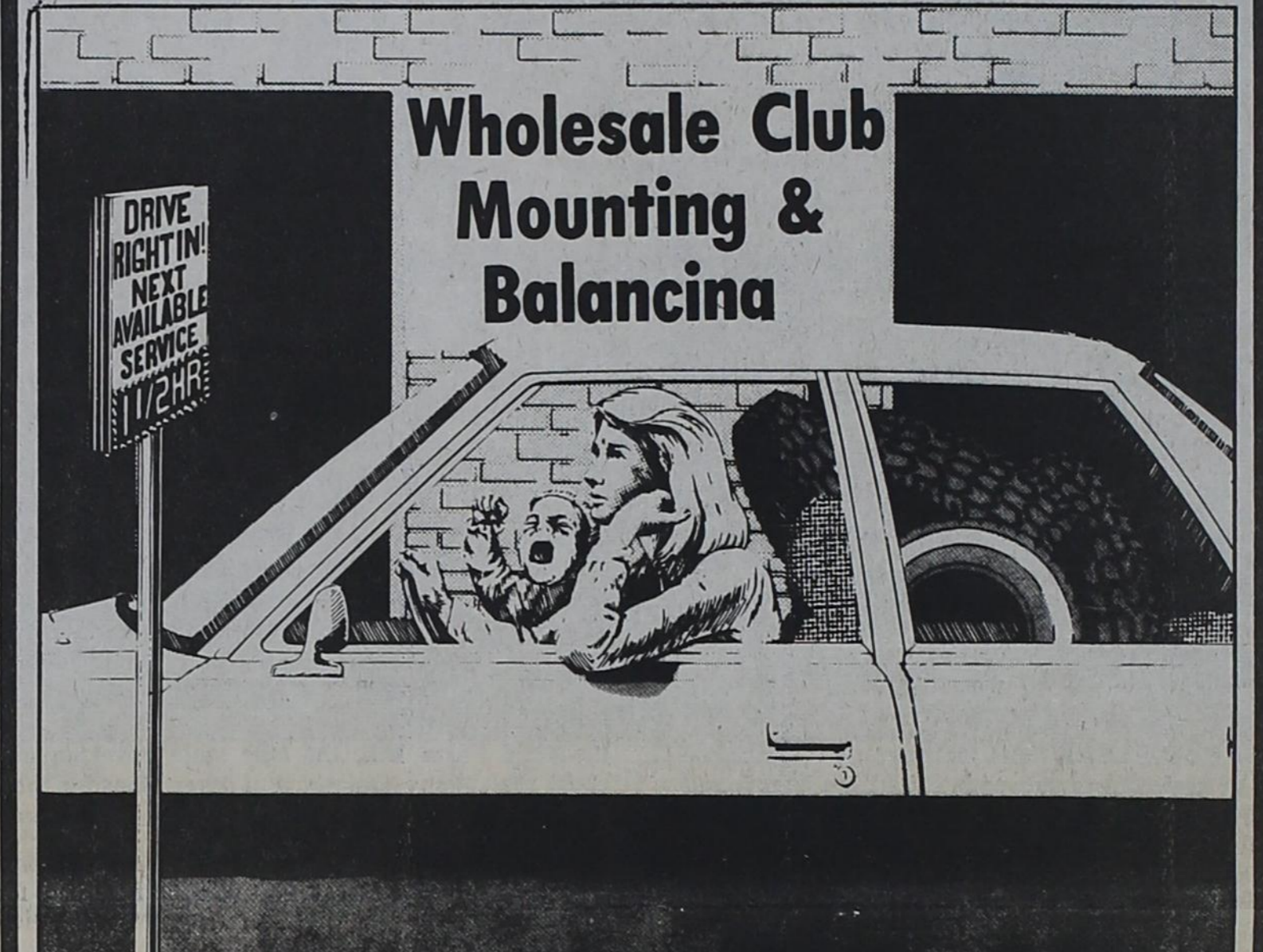
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GOODYEAR INDEPENDENT DEALERS

Moeller outlines state, national plans

State Deputy Agriculture Commissioner Mike Moeller told a group of local farmers Friday that chances seem to be improving for at least a few changes in the 1985 Farm Bill during the 100th Congress, which opens for business Jan. 20.

Moeller, former head of the Texas Farmers Union who joined Commissioner Jim Hightower's staff last year, told the group that continuing farm failures and problems under the current farm program, changes in the makeup and leadership of Congress, and the Iran arms scandal all have a major bearing on new looks at the present bill.

"With (Vermont) Sen. (Patrick) Leahy heading the Senate Agricultural

Committee and with Rep. (Jim) Wright (D-Fort Worth) as the new House speaker, I believe we will have at least some changes in the farm bill," Moeller said. Moeller said House Ag committee chairman Kika DeLaGarza "may be willing to look at some changes (in the farm bill) since Jim Wright is going to be the speaker of the House."

The lobbying effort undertaken by the state over the past four years under Gov. Mark White may be somewhat diminished, as Gov.-elect Bill Clements has indicated the state will not have a lobbyist serving in the nation's capitol, but TDA and others plan to have at least one person or organization lobbying House and Senate members on certain issues, including changes in the

farm bill. Clements, however, has indicated he will not tinker with the Texas Dept. of Agriculture's budget, and the Legislative Budget Board has condensed the TDA budget into clumps of items, lessening the chances of line-items being taken out of the budget. TDA's budget has tentatively been increased by just over 3% for next year.

Moeller also said the state's top nuclear waste-dump fighter, Steve Frischmann, will be keeping his job at least until August, and may be kept to serve on a state oversight committee Clements has pledged to establish.



MIKE MOELLER (left), state deputy commissioner of agriculture, met with Carl King (right) and about a dozen other area farm leaders during an informal session Friday at K-Bob's Steak House in Dimmitt. Moeller addressed possible changes in the 1985 Farm Bill, the role state government could play in any changes, and other plans for the Texas Dept. of Agriculture over the next four years.

More about

(Continued from Page 1) suspended ceiling, new light fixtures, paneling and carpet. Paneling was provided by the First State Bank, American Fructose Corp. and the Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.; new light fixtures were installed by Bryant's Sales & Service, with Marvin Bryant donating his labor and some of the fixtures; and the carpet was donated by Thriftway Supermarket and Walt Hansen. Jimmy Evans of the First State Bank spearheaded the finishing project, which was completed this month by a large crew of volunteer workers.

"I'm proud of all of you, and you should be proud of yourselves—we've gotten an awful lot done," Chamber Manager Delores Heller told members in her manager's report. Main projects completed during the year, she noted, were the CUFUPU clean-up campaign, the county-wide celebration upon the arrival of the Texas Sesquicentennial Wagon Train (in which 18 county organizations helped), procurement of new Christmas decorations with financial help from the city and county governments, and the annual Harvest Days celebration.

King reported that the chamber signed up 20 new members during the year and lost 17 for a net gain of three. Of those members lost during the year, he said, five went out of business, seven dropped for financial reasons, three moved and one died.

Heller explained why the chamber will not sponsor a Christmas Home Lighting Contest this year:

"We've got so many well-lighted homes here now that judging and placing them would only make some people mad," she said. "Last year the judges told us, 'Don't ask us back next year. This is impossible, to say that any one home is better than any of the others.'"

Michael Carr, executive vice-president of the Hereford Chamber of Commerce, conducted the "brainstorming session," in which members formed round-table groups to come up with ideas to propose.

"Sometimes we may not like something about our town, but we get used to it and come to accept it," Carr said. "But tonight I'd like to

Chamber...

challenge you to look down the road 10 years or more. I'd like for you to be able to look back in 10 years at some of the chamber's accomplishments, and be proud of them."

He suggested that the discussion groups come up with lists of immediate goals and problems, short-term goals, long-range goals, and "dreams."

Ideas proposed and discussed at the end of the brainstorming session included:

IMMEDIATE GOALS

- * Have traffic lights installed at Jones and Broadway, Broadway and Halsell, and on Bedford at East Second and West Second.
- * Bring more Hispanic leadership into community activities.
- * Clean up the animal-pens area near South Lake.
- * Work for increased control of weeds in the city and along highways, either with sterilization of the soil or regular mowing.
- * Address the problem of people who work here but don't live here.
- * Provide activities and entertainment facilities for teenagers and children.

SHORT-TERM GOALS

- * Provide a welcoming service for newcomers.
- * Form an organization involving both the public and the schools.
- * Establish the Home Rule form of government for the City of Dimmitt.
- * Organize a YMCA or similar organization or facility.
- * Work to retain existing businesses.
- * Organize a promotion that would encourage more shopping at home.
- * Establish an employment service of some type.
- * Work for a truck bypass from Highway 86 to the South Lake cutoff.
- * Encourage the establishment of more businesses and industries that aren't related to, or dependent upon, agriculture.
- * Capitalize on pheasant season by providing such services to hunters as bed-and-breakfast lodging throughout the city, guide service, coordination of hunting leases, mo-

tor-home and camper facilities and perhaps dormitory-type accommodations.

* Work to get a Chevrolet or General Motors facility here again.

* Make a concentrated effort to take advantage of tax-supported services, such as those provided by the Extension Service, Government Procurement Office, etc.

* Continue the chamber's programs of continuing education for members, and organize educational programs for local elected officials.

LONG-RANGE GOALS

- * Establish a public park around South Lake with fishing, walking paths, bike paths, rest and picnic areas, etc.—and no animal pens.
- * Actively encourage and support any new industry, such as a soft-drink bottling plant, cereal manufacturer, any enterprise resulting from a new invention, or any fabricating business that has a potential market in Texas and the Southwest.
- * Retain the CUFUPU city beautification project.
- * Work toward getting a new jewelry store and a new motel/restaurant to locate here.
- * Work toward control of the odor from the city sewage treatment plant.
- * Do "everything we can" to encourage and help young people to stay in Dimmitt.

DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE

- * A public fishing lake.
- * A retirement center.

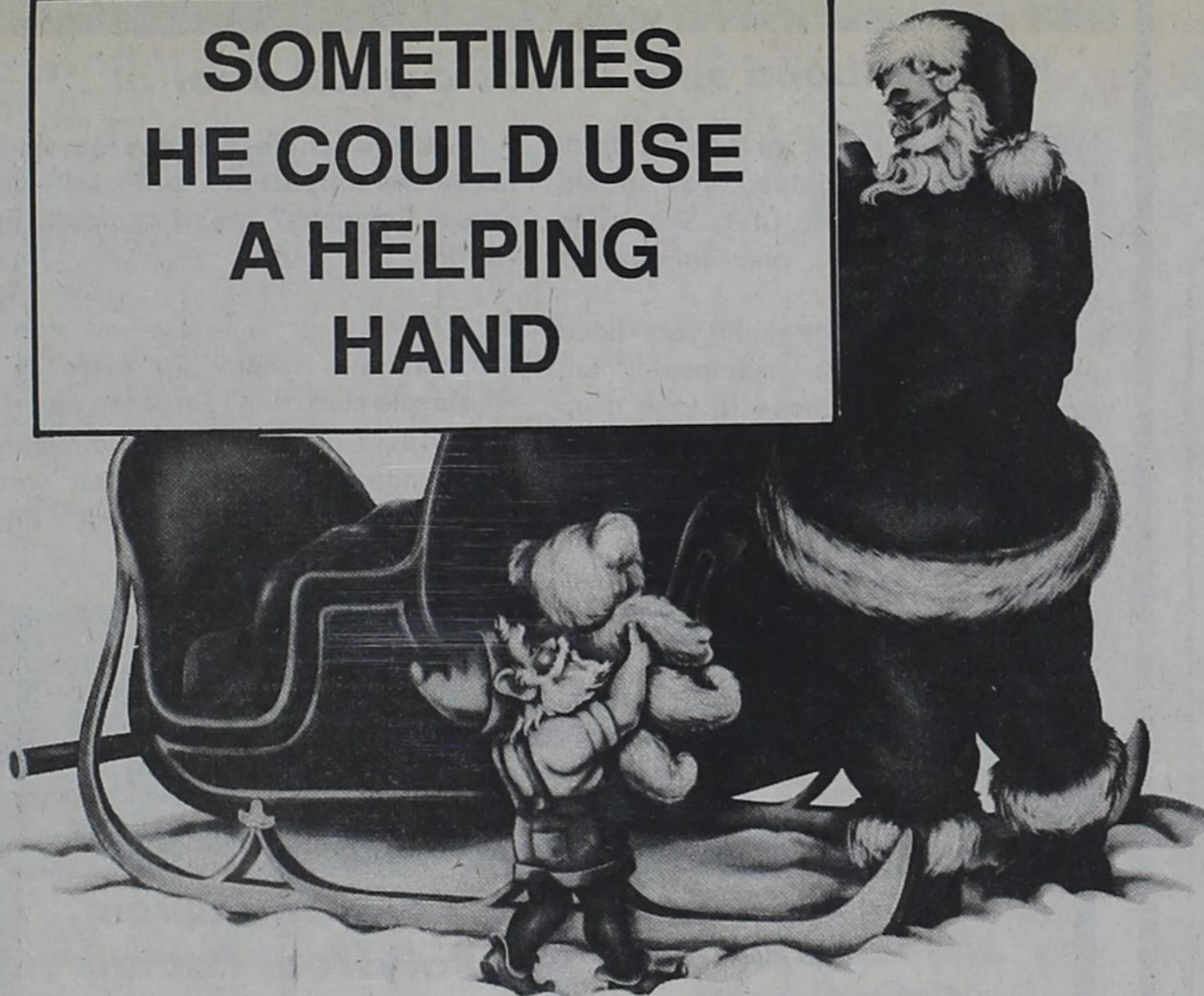
The chamber's board of directors will consider these ideas when it draws up the organization's 1987 plan of action next month.

SS rep here today

A representative of the Social Security Administration will be at the Castro County Courthouse from 10 a.m. until 12 noon today to meet with persons with problems or questions about Social Security or Medicare.

Many questions about Medicare claims may be answered by calling 1-800-442-2620, while Social Security matters may be handled by calling 1-293-9623.

SOMETIMES HE COULD USE A HELPING HAND



Wouldn't it be sad if Santa missed someone in our county this Christmas?

It could happen. It *shouldn't* happen, but it could.

You can help make sure Santa finds everyone in our county. You can do it by donating canned food, toys or money to the local Christmas drive for the needy.

The drive is being coordinated by the Castro County Ministerial Alliance and our local fire departments. They're compiling the list of needy families. Service clubs, the Chamber of Commerce and local businesses are chipping in with money, manpower and services.

But your help is needed, too, if this worthy effort is to succeed.

The distribution of toys and food will begin Friday. So if you haven't made your donation of canned food, money or toys yet, please do it today.

Together, we can make it a merry Christmas for *all* our people—the children, their parents, the elderly.

What it will take is *giving*. By *you*. *Today*.

That's what Christmas is all about, isn't it?

To give Santa a helping hand, take canned food, toys or money to the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office, Dimmitt Thriftway Supermarket, McCrory's, or the Hart City Hall. (Special curbside parking is reserved for donors at the Chamber of Commerce office, and the other receiving points all have special barrels inside the building.)

If you want to give a check, make it out to the Ministerial Alliance.

If you know of any needy individual or family in our county, contact your church office or the fire department in Dimmitt or Hart.

Help make it a good Christmas for *all* our people—and for yourself—by giving to this special Christmas drive.

And, please—do it *today*.

Please give what you can—today!

Babbling Brooks
By JOHN BROOKS

In reply to an earlier column of much less edification, liberation, and readership, that ran, unbelievably, in this newspaper, we turn our microphone to Owen Viles of New Zealand, former AFS student at Dimmitt High School, who is spending his summer this winter in Dimmitt with the Doug Pybus family.

"In reply to your front page article concerning yours truly I would like to make several passing remarks.

"To all those Texans in Dimmitt who wish to learn correct English pronunciation in the Queens English, practiced by artisans in New Zealand, I will gladly teach you. This will have the dual effect of making it easier for me to understand you and give you a chance to practice for when you come to New Zealand to watch us defend the Americas Cup in 1989-90.

"To Don Nelson, may I take the opportunity to point out the correct spelling of Fibriry. It's actually spelled FEBURARY. I'm sure your English teacher would not be impressed that a newspaper man could make such a glaring mistake. Also I wouldn't want to worry too much about our blokes not understanding each other. When you've won 36 out of 37 races, who's worried about communication troubles.

"To all interested readers who follow the Cup may I say on behalf of the New Zealand team that its been a pleasure racing you Americans but it looks like a NZ-Australian final without you—the first time in 135 years."

Sorry 'bout that, chap. I really hope we haven't disturbed you too much—my phone didn't even ring on this one. We'll try harder next time to get things right for you. And don't beat us too bad in that little canoe race down there.

And, by the way, all of us Arizonans, where education has always been top-notch, learned to spell it FEBRUARY. No "I's." Just like our current administration. They just run over everybody, then holler that they didn't see a thing.

Speaking of Arizona—when we race our yacht outside of Auckland in three years, we are planning a nuclear-powered yacht. Okay?

Anybody have any idea on what to get an unborn baby for Christmas?

A close friend of mine is going to be blessed any day now, and I would like to buy blue, but don't want to make her mad, cuz MJ wants a girl.
Any ideas?

So much for the Irving Cowboys. Didja see the picture of the Dallas fans wearing sacks over their heads?

My, how things change. Wonder what dear old Tom is going to do after the season? Trade for, what was that guy's name, Hoganbloom?

Any ol' way, the Irving Cowboys is in serious trouble, and it should be interesting to see what will happen in Big D.

Fearless Babbling Forecast: Bum Bright will not sit idly by and watch the Cowboys cower. Look at what he did at the school down there between Austin and Houston.

Speakin' of football, HBO may be worth \$10 a month next year. HBO could win the right to broadcast some NFL games, and ESPN might, too. The TV contracts are up for grabs, and it's winner-take-all. Ya think HBO, owned by Time-Life, ain't gonna throw some bucks around?

'Course, there are no commercials on HBO, so I wonder who's going to pay for the whole thing when it's said and done?

Probably the same people who support our federal government, God rest its soul, so well.

RES program is tonight

Kindergarten students from Richardson Elementary School will present their Christmas concert tonight at 7 o'clock at the Dimmitt High School auditorium.

A variety of seasonal songs will be performed, and there is no charge for admission.

Obituaries

Truvis Campbell

Funeral services for Truvis L. Campbell, 74, of Dimmitt, were held Friday at the Fourth and Bedford Streets Church of Christ, with Dale Wells, former minister, officiating, assisted by Ronnie Parker.

Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Flemins Funeral Home.

Mr. Campbell died Dec. 10. He was born in Waco and had been a Dimmitt resident since 1947. He was a retired farmer. He married Cleo King on Nov. 8, 1932 in Clovis, N.M. He served on the board of trustees of Abilene Christian University, and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Carolyn Wiseman of Dimmitt and Marilyn Ginn of Denton; five sisters, Almeda Hoyle of Garland, Juanita Puckett of Lubbock, Annie Calvert of Dimmitt, Sue Campbell of Waco and Charlyne Murphy of Abilene; a brother, D.L. Campbell of Waco; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Gary Webb,

Richard Moore, Don Moore, J.H. Myatt, Bill Gregory and Lonnie Bell.

Honorary pallbearers were Carroll Webb, Olan Moore, Woodrow Killingsworth, Trellis Summers, Jim Killingsworth, Jack Miller, Don Gregory and Edmond Hunter.

Irene B. Harsh

Irene B. Harsh, 88, of East Wenatchee, Wash., formerly of Dimmitt, died Nov. 19 in a convalescent center in East Wenatchee after a lengthy illness.

Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in East Wenatchee.

Born Irene Blanch Davis on Dec. 17, 1897 at Sullivan, Ill., she was married to Harold L. Harsh on Aug. 8, 1918, at Decatur, Ill. The couple made their first home in Sullivan, and later lived in Oreana, Ill., Madison, Ill., East St. Louis, Ill. and Decatur where her husband held pastorates in the Baptist church. He preceded her in death in 1966.

Mrs. Harsh moved to Dimmitt in 1968 to be near her son Jim and his family. She moved to East Wen-

atchee in 1979.

She was a member of the Eastmont Baptist Church where she had served as a substitute Sunday school teacher. Her hobbies included quilting, crocheting, singing and playing the piano.

She was preceded in death by two sons, six brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include two sons, James R. Harsh of Mesa, Ariz., and Harold L. Harsh of Welton, Ariz.; three daughters-in-law; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

FBC sets live manger

The youth of Dimmitt's First Baptist Church will have a live manger scene Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 to 10 p.m. at the church at 1201 Western Circle Drive.

The church will also hold a Christmas Eve service at 11:45 p.m. Wednesday, and all interested persons are invited to attend.

Market development helps US commodities

With the current stockpile of agricultural commodities in the US and this nation's capacity for excess production, market development plays a key role in maintaining market share and in expanding commodity demand.

"This is particularly true for commodities that depend heavily on the export market, such as wheat, rice, feedgrains and cotton," said Dr. Roland Smith, an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Therefore, it's important to build a favorable reputation by consistently supplying quality products."

The export embargoes in the past certainly have hurt this nation's position as a consistent supplier, said the economist.

Foreign market development activities vary, depending upon the acceptance of the commodity in that country, said Smith. Activities may include market analysis, information for decisionmakers, technical information, educational programs and point-of-sale promotion.

"For example, through the use of demonstrated milling and baking practices, Japanese consumers developed expanded demand for wheat flour products over time,"

Smith said. "Now, wheat is used extensively in Japan—even to make buns for its own hamburgers. Market development is most successful when it is geared to specific countries and situations."

Market development is an important tool to improve competitiveness of Texas agriculture, adds the economist. However, it takes time and money. The tradition of tastes and preferences in a country overseas cannot be changed quickly. Persistent presence is required to make changes in these habits.

Conducting market development activities is, for the most part, a joint venture of producers, marketing firms and the US Dept. of Agriculture. Many producer groups have approved check-off programs to support market development activities for both domestic and foreign markets.

"In the past, farmers generally have considered only their protection costs," Smith said. "Now, more are recognizing that without a market, production is unsuccessful. Supporting market development activities as groups of producers is the only feasible way to have market impact."

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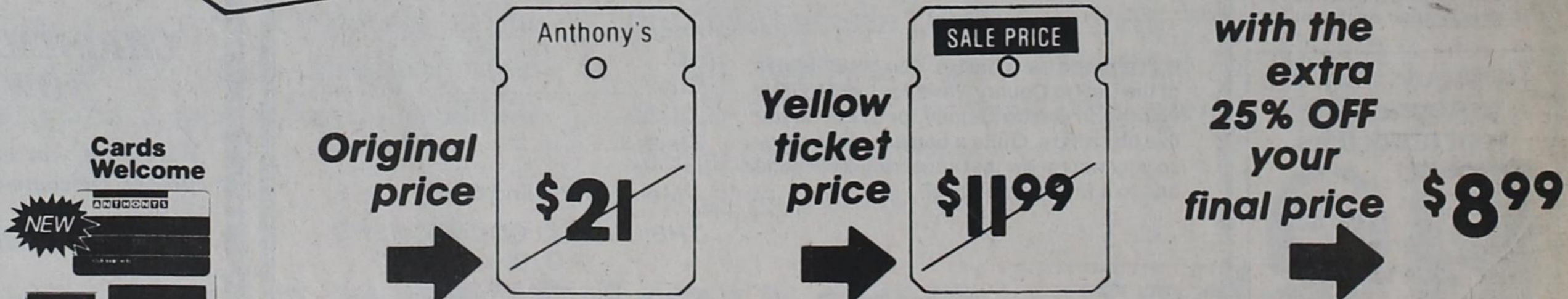
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