

'92 could be banner year, planners say

By DON NELSON
Publisher

1992 could be a banner year for Dimmitt industrially. That's the feeling of Wayne Collins, chairman of the Economic Development Committee.

One of the most likely prospects is an agriculture-related plant that would employ approximately 265 workers and would create opportunities for more related jobs and alternative crops, Collins said.

The EDC worked long and hard during '91 to put together an attractive package for the potential new industry, and even went to the State Insurance Board for a workers' comp reclassification (negotiated by Representative Pete Laney of Plainview) that would enhance Dimmitt's position in a fierce bidding contest with a large city in another state.

As a result, those who would establish the new plant have committed to locate it in Dimmitt when and if financing is approved, Collins said.

The reopening of the former Dimco vegetable processing plant by M.W. Carrot, Inc. is another positive indicator of Dimmitt's potential.

M.W. Carrot processed vegetables here this year but needed financing to renovate the plant and enlarge its operation. The EDC assisted M.W.'s owners, Larry Malamen of Hereford and Glenn Odom of Dimmitt, in getting a state-backed loan of \$868,000 approved under the new Texas Ag Finance Authority to refurbish the plant.

M.W. is now ready to enlarge its operation significantly. Collins—who also serves on the Panhandle Regional Planning

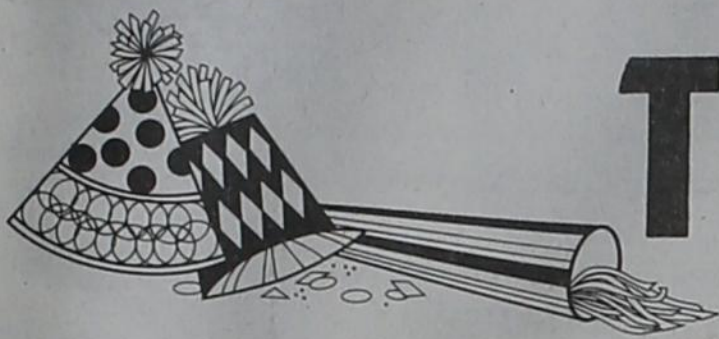
Commission—said the EDC is currently in contact with individual investors who are ready to put \$500,000 to \$2 million into projects that would employ 12 to 35 workers.

Also, a motel chain will conduct a feasibility study here soon, Collins said. That study could lead to construction of a new motel here—a major benefit for both current and prospective industries and businesses.

The EDC—a branch of the Chamber of Commerce which contracts with the City of Dimmitt on development programs—has been active the last four years, not only contacting and negotiating with potential new industries, but setting the stage to give the Dimmitt area an edge in landing such industries.

One of the EDC's main projects has been the creation with local governing bodies of an Enterprise Zone, a large land area where new

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Happy New Year!



WHAT WILL THE NEW YEAR BRING, wonders 13-month-old Drew Higgins of Hart, as he says goodbye to 1991 and turns the pages on his calendar to January 1992. Higgins is the son of Daniel and Kathleen Higgins of Hart.

Photo by Deana McLain

Beet harvest bogged down

\$10 million could be lost

Thousands of acres of sugar beets under contract to Holly Sugar Corp. of Hereford are buried in mud right now, and the crop could stay there.

And buried in the mud along with the beets is approximately \$10 million which farmers will lose if the beets are not harvested.

Early freezes in November and wet weather during December have forced officials at Holly Sugar Corp. to make a decision about closing down their plant. If that happens, approximately 15,000 acres of sugar beets will not be harvested this year, according to a local grower.

Edd Ramaekers, a grower representative for this area, said a decision on whether to keep the Holly factory open was to be made Tuesday afternoon.

"The freeze has caused all of the problems. The 0-degree freeze (in early November) froze the top of the beet down to about two inches or so below the ground. That caused problems with stockpiling the beets," said Ramaekers.

"After the first of November, we had about a 10-day supply of beets piled, but the juice started running out. That's why we had to go on a limited harvest. Even at that, we could have gotten the beets out of the field, but then the wet weather set in."

"Basically, the hard freeze we had at the first of November has caused problems with processing the beets at the factory, and that forced us to stay in a restricted harvest, which means we limited harvest to what the factory can slice

each day," said Dennis Printz, agricultural manager at Holly Sugar in Hereford.

The freeze caused a problem with the beets which Ramaekers referred to as "dextren." He said "dextren got into the beets after the freeze and caused the beets to plug up filters as they were processed through the plant, slowing down the whole process."

The three-inch wet snow which fell in the area on Christmas Day caused more problems for the growers.

Ramaekers said Holly officials had agreed to keep the plant open if the growers could deliver 3,000 pounds of beets by Wednesday. But the snowfall bogged down the fields in mud, and rainfall early

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MW Carrot to prod Dimmitt's economy

There's a carrot hanging out in front of Dimmitt's sluggish economy—M.W. Carrot, Inc., to be exact—and local economic developers hope it's enough of a stimulus to get the economy moving.

The vegetable processing firm is expanding its operation in Dimmitt, thanks to a Texas Agricultural Finance Authority loan guarantee, providing a guarantee on \$781,200 of a total loan of \$868,000 provided by People's Bank and Trust of Borger.

The loan guarantee program is the brain-child of Texas Dept. of Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry, and is designed to stimulate "value-added" industry in the state.

M.W. Carrot's corporation stockholders are Larry Malamen of Hereford, president, and Glen Odom of Dimmitt. The firm has another facility in Hereford, which has been in operation since 1982. That facility processes carrots, turnips and squash for "fresh-pack" marketing.

The Dimmitt facility will also process carrots, turnips and squash, as well as pumpkins. Malamen noted that some will be prepared for

fresh pack, but the majority of production here will be tailored more to the needs of firms that market canned or frozen foods, and soup companies.

After employing around 20 in the Dimmitt operation last year, Odom said that this summer the company expects to employ from 60 to 80 in the processing facility alone, with additional workers on

the harvesting equipment and driving trucks.

In the future, Malamen said they hope to add some other processing lines. He revealed that equipment is now being worked on for processing miniature peeled baby carrots, also known as "carrot nuggets." The product will even have distinctive packaging by 1993.

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By Don Nelson

Most of us don't fully appreciate the work that Dimmitt's Economic Development Committee is doing for our area, or realize the impact this committee is likely to have on our future.

Stories in this issue tell of the fruit that the EDC's efforts have already borne, and of other fruit still ripening on the economic tree.

Formed in 1987, the EDC has developed into a thoroughly professional group of savvy people who know how to speak the lingo and put together the package proposals that potential industries need. They've developed the Enterprise Zone, made contacts with key state agencies and financial sources, and have methodically set up a "development structure" that is enabling Dimmitt to leave other, less organized, cities behind in the industrial bidding competition.

They're working now on a prison proposal to present to the state. And I'll bet that Dimmitt's presentation will be among the best and most thorough submitted.

(A year or two ago, a company chose a city other than Dimmitt for its location. But afterward, its representatives still came to Dimmitt just to see the town that had submitted the most professional-looking proposal that they received.)

Dimmitt has always enjoyed a reputation for being a progressive city. The people who make up the

Economic Development Committee are carrying on that tradition and building on that reputation, with the help of cooperative city and county governments.

Mayor Wayne Collins also wears the EDC chairman's hat. (And it's (Continued on Page 16)

Candidate deadline extended

Jan. 10 at 5 p.m. is the deadline for filing as a candidate for all state and county offices, subject to the March 10 Primary elections. Hopefuls may contact the county clerk's office for more information on filing procedures.

The deadline was extended from Jan. 2 due to delays in confirmation of new voting district lines at both the state and county levels. A candidate who is moved, by virtue of the new district lines, into a different precinct will not have to meet residency length requirements in order to file.

County offices that come up for election this term include commissioners for Precincts 1 and 3, sheriff, county/district attorney, tax assessor-collector, and constable.

Nominations are due for citizen awards

Nominations for the Chamber of Commerce's "citizen" awards will be accepted through Monday.

Nomination forms may be picked up at the Chamber office in Dimmitt, or by calling 647-2524 and requesting one.

Nominations will be accepted for "Citizen of the Year," "Citizen Through the Years," and "Teacher of the Year."

The winners will be announced at the Chamber's annual awards banquet on Jan. 16.

The theme for the banquet will be "Unmask Your Pride For Dimmitt" and entertainment will include the presentation of an original skit written by Linda Maxwell and vocal entertainment by Neil and Jan Bryan. Don Nelson will serve as master of ceremonies. Richard Stahl is banquet chairman and Sue Stahl is in charge of the decorations.

The banquet is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt, and the meal will be a steak dinner catered by the Methodist Men of Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church.

Tickets for the banquet are \$14 per person and \$10 for students. Ticket sales begin today (Thursday).

Weather

Readings recorded at 7 a.m. daily for the preceding 24 hours.			
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Monday	58	29	
Tuesday	54	27	.05
December Moisture			2.61
1991 Moisture			23.58

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Fitzgearld to run for county sheriff

C.D. Fitzgearld of Dimmitt has announced his plans to run for Castro County sheriff, subject to the March Democratic primary.

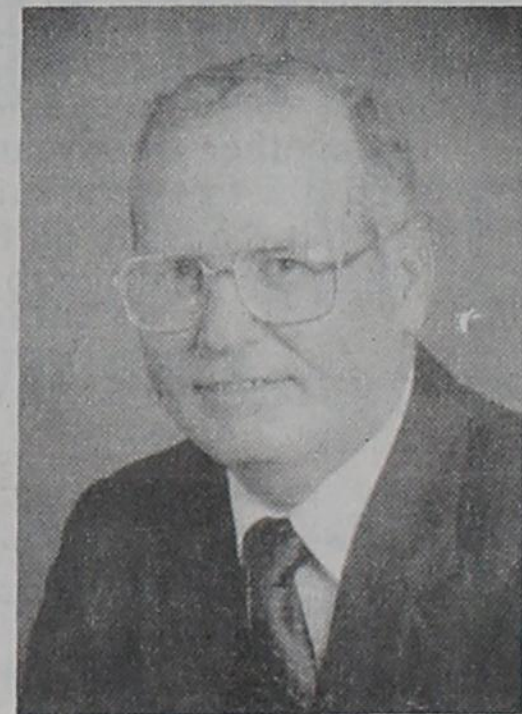
Fitzgearld recently retired from the Texas Dept. of Public Safety, after serving 24-1/2 years.

A graduate of Hereford High School, Fitzgearld started working for the Texas Dept. of Public Safety's driver's license division in June 1967 and served 24 years as the local driver's license examiner.

He has received the "Advanced Certification," "Deputy Custodian of Records" and "Instructor Certification" from the State of Texas. He graduated from the Homer Garrison Police Academy in Austin in October 1967.

"I feel my 24-1/2 years with the state qualify me for this job," Fitzgearld said. I have had a good deal of experience with the law and its enforcement. I have a real concern for our county and its people, and I would really appreciate the opportunity to serve all of them.

"Your trust and support will truly be appreciated, and if elected, I will



C.D. Fitzgearld

do my very best to serve each of you to the best of my ability."

Fitzgearld and his family moved to Dimmitt in December 1967. His wife, Linda, is employed with the First State Bank of Dimmitt. The couple has two children, Crystal Howell of Oklahoma City, Okla. and Curt Fitzgearld of Gruver. They have three grandchildren.

On the Go Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Happy New Year!
The "Sheffy Clan" gathered at Mrs. Ted Sheffy's home the Sunday before Christmas for "pick-up" foods.

Present were the Rick Wallace family of Tulia, the Kevin Malone of Hart, Richard and Tommie Bills and the Randy Bills Family of Earth, Kristi Sheffy of Dallas, Karla Sheffy of Denver, and several from Dimmitt including Bob and Mildred Sheffy, Rex and Dorothy Sheffy, Kenneth and Ruth Jackson, Don and Karen Sheffy and Karrie, the Johnny Vick family, the Scott Sheffy family, Nancy and Amy Fuller and Mrs. John Merritt.

On the Sunday before Christmas Rhoda Mays and family went to Amarillo to celebrate with her son, Bill Mays. They enjoyed Christmas dinner and many other festivities. Special guests were the grandchildren, Sabrina and Scott Hiett, Corey and Wesley Mays, Shayne and Brandi Mays and Eric and Tara Mays; great-granddaughter Jennifer Hiett; and Jo Beth Bates.

Jack and Jan Edwards, David and Holly celebrated Christmas on Saturday with Jack's family in Tahoka.

Some of the college kids who were home for Christmas were Carla Pybus, daughter of Doug and Cheryl Pybus; Scott and Barry Hill, sons of W.J. and Sara Hill; Kristi and Tim Sims, daughter and son of Dr. James and Glenda Sims; and Kelly Howell, son of Jimmie and Sue Howell.

Bay and Bobbie Baldrige celebrated Christmas early with their family. Those present were Kevin and Sheril Hucks, Tyler and Heather, all of Pampa; Maxine Williamson of Walsh, Colo.; and her brother, Kelly Williamson of Santa Fe, N.M.; and Gary, Vicki and Kevin Baldrige of Dimmitt.

Larry Foster of Lubbock spent Christmas Day in Dimmitt with his mother, Kathleen Foster and his grandmother, Gladys Leeth.

Members of the First Baptist Church enjoyed a carol candlelight service on Sunday evening. Paul Kenley and Richard Young sang "That Beautiful Name" and Ricahrd sang "Little Yeshua." Everyone sang Christmas carols. Everyone was given a candle and Bro. Paul lit the big candle as Jerry Annen and Garner Ball lit their candles from the big candle. Then they lit everyone else's candles. It was a very impressive service.

On Christmas Eve, a very special "Lord's Supper" service was held at the First Baptist Church. This was a "Silent Lord's Supper" with not a word spoken. It was another impressive service.

On Saturday evening, a few of the Centennial Singers went to Canterbury Villa to sing Christmas carols for the residents during their supper hour. Richard Young led the group and Deanne Clark was the pianist. Others singing were Ed and Betty Freeman, Ruby Wood, Irene Carpenter, Nancy Buchanan, Tami Griffith and Mary Edna Hendrix. Tanner and Jared Griffith gave Christmas cards to the residents.

Marion Oakley of Kansas City was at Canterbury Villa to visit his

mother, Melvina Oakley and his dad, Arthur. Quinfred Oakley and family and his sister Sara and family of Amarillo spent Christmas Day with their parents.

Ray and Barbara Bain held an open house on Saturday evening, but it was foggy and raining, so I didn't go. They served delicious pick-up foods at the bank on Monday. Santa was serving punch and cookies at his table. A toy train served as the centerpiece.

E.D. and Grace Morgan came home for the Christmas holidays. They work with the "Retired Baptist Men's Organization," and they build churches and minister to the community.

Bennie and Vee Gollehon of Baytown came to Dimmitt early to help Oleta Gollehon get ready for the Christmas holidays.

Susie Reeves was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center, for lunch and a day of bridge. Fern Dickey won high score and Helen Braafladt won second high. Others playing were Mary Small, Johnnie Vannoy, Edith Graef, Dede Mc-Lauren, Ina Rae Cates, Bernice Hill, Neva Hickey, Elizabeth Huckabay and Louise Mears.

Loren Vandiver of Houston and Craig and Kay Vandiver of Midland were guests in the home of their parents, Dr. Charles and Esta Vandiver, over the Christmas holidays.

Decimae Dennis of Midland came in early to celebrate Christmas with her mother, Geneva and her brother Edgar, and her nieces Connie Gilbreath and Debbie Underwood and their families, including the little ones, Chauncey and Dennis.

On Dec. 15 during the morning service at the First Baptist Church, Debra Ball and Janie and Julie May sang "Happy Birthday, Gentle Savior." The little girls are daughters of Marlos and Rebecca May.

Ed and Betty Freeman drove to Denver on Dec. 23 to spend Christmas with their daughter, Sally Ortiz, and her family. Their daughter, Carol Walker of Minneapolis, had flown into Denver that morning

and was also present to celebrate Christmas.

After supper, Sally took them to see the Christmas lights at the county-city building, the Botanical Gardens and the zoo. They each featured a unique lighting scheme.

On Tuesday, their daughter, Susan Gose, and her son, Sherman, drove in from Huron, S.D. The family attended the Christmas Eve candlelight service at the First Unitarian Church, then went to Sally's and opened presents.

The family observed two of their traditions this year-putting together a large jigsaw puzzle and playing a game of Monopoly. This year's champion was Carol.

They were joined on Christmas Day by their grandson, Terry Trieu and his wife, Krys and their son, Tai Trieu.

The Freemans returned to Dimmitt last Thursday to find more snow and colder weather than there had been in Denver.



DOES THAT SIGN SAY 'STEAK HOUSE'?
... It was hard to tell after the big Christmas snow

Nazareth

A good crowd enjoyed both performances of the Nazareth Christmas Pageant this year. It was held in Holy Family Church. We thank our 100 parishioners who took part in the pageant. It really gives one the true meaning of Christmas.

We also thank the decorating committee who spent a lot of time decorating Holy Family Church. It truly was beautiful.

Funeral mass for Charles Birkenfeld, 46, who died Dec. 14. Burial was in Holy Family Cemetery. Our sympathy to his mother, Lorene and his son, Chuck.

Our sympathy to the family of Kate Hankins, 94, of Plainview, who died Dec. 25. Funeral mass was read in Holy Family Church with Msgr. Harold Waldow of Amarillo officiating. Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery where her husband, Bill Dirks, and her son, Raymond Dirks, are buried. Survivors include a daughter, Sylvia Hoelting of Plainview; two sons, Jerry Dirks of Canyon and Lawrence Dirks of Sallisaw, Okla.; a brother, Ambrose Seurer of Hinton, Okla. and two sisters, Anna Muncy and Cecelia Porter of Hinton, Okla.; 10 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and 27 great-great-grandchildren.

The family of Paul and Lillian Venhaus celebrated an early Christmas on Saturday evening. Father Neal Dee celebrated mass in their home on Saturday afternoon for family members present. Those attending were Ed and Eileen Gerber

and sons, all of Perry, Okla.; Harold and Kay Venhaus and family of Hobbs, N.M.; Jimmy and Nelita Collins of Farmington, N.M.; Smitty and Analeen Lane and girls of Shallowater; Greg and Mary Lou Venhaus and family of Friona; and Joe Venhaus of Nazareth.

Max Acker hosted Christmas dinner for part of her family including H.D. and Myrtle White of Amarillo and their son, Neil of Plainview; Kenneth and Barbara Acker of Lubbock and their exchange student from Belgium; Jim and Grace Kalka of Amarillo; and Max's brother, Paul Pohlmeier, who is a resident of the Veterans' Home of Amarillo. Max left on Monday to visit her son, Tom Acker and his family in LaRange.

Spending the holidays with Raymond Annen were Bob and Rubye Musser and David, Trina and Lance McClung of Fort Worth; Second Class Petty Officer James Garrett and Malia Garrett of Oceanside, Calif. (James recently returned after serving aboard the Ranger in Desert Storm); Wayne and Gladys Gipson and Denise and Courtney Hutton, all of Roswell, N.M.; Bud and Delynda McLain and children Whitney, Cameran and Matthew, all of Dimmitt; Faye and Marcia Spencer, Laura and Tommy Rodgers, all of Amarillo; and Claude, Brenda, Howie, Mac, Cody and Saige Annen, all of Nazareth. Patsy

By Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Warren of Hart also visited with the Annen family on Christmas.

I'm sure most families in Nazareth had a special get-together sometime during the holidays, as

did the family of Virgie Gerber, who celebrated on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Rick Gerber and his family of Austin were the only family members not present.

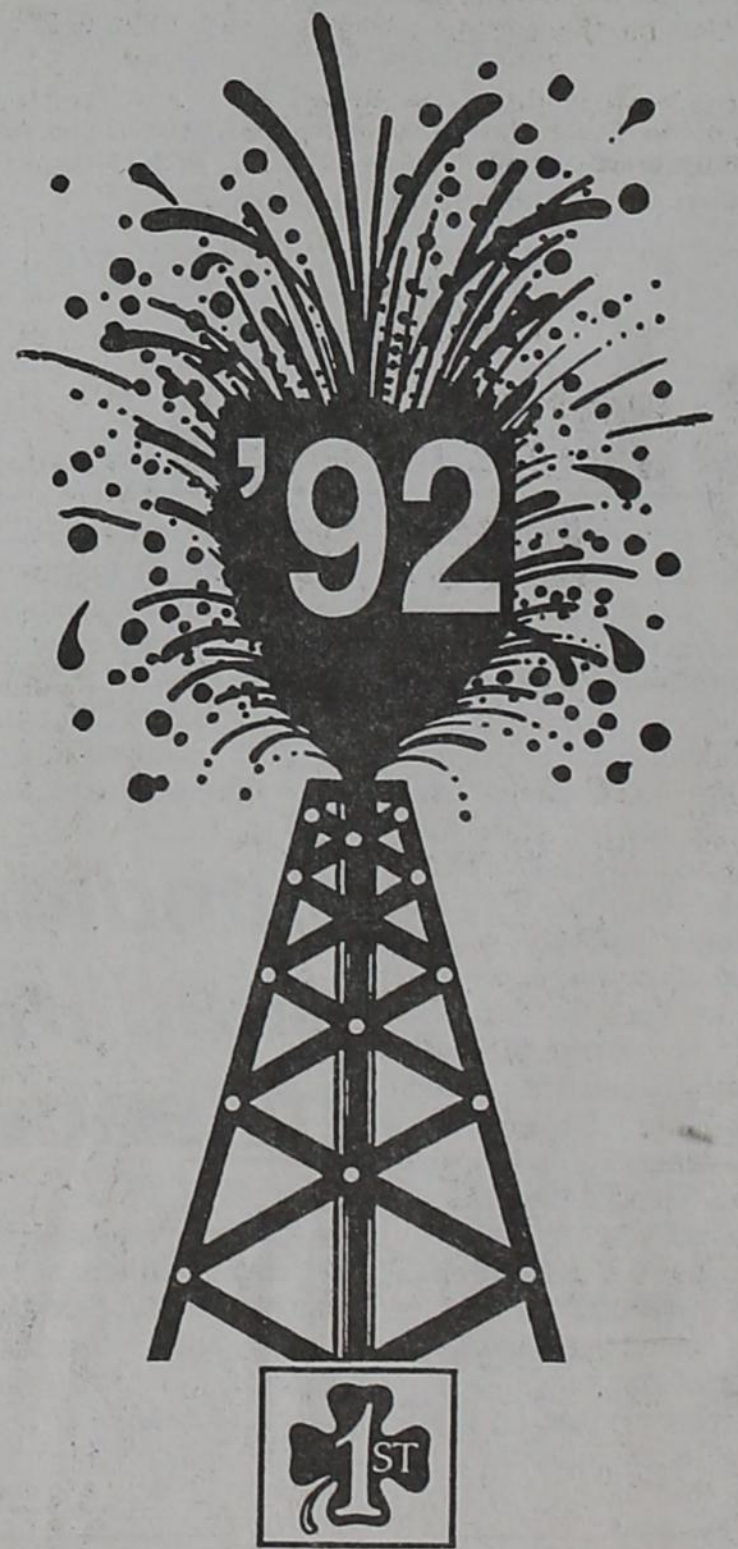
The 30th was her 30th!

Happy Birthday, Keri!

Love, Dad

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!





A BLANKET OF WHITE covered trees and other foliage on Christmas Day as a three-inch snow fell across the area. The "magic" Christmas snow was a surprise to everyone — including weather

forecasters. The moisture started falling as a light rain, then changed to sleet and finally to huge snowflakes on Christmas afternoon.

Photo by Deana McLain

Irrigation conference to be held in Lubbock

The biggest statewide irrigation event ever held has been planned for Jan. 14 and 15 at the Lubbock Civic Center.

It will include a trade show with irrigation industry representatives and suppliers and technical conferences addressing water issues in Texas as well as all aspects of irrigation management.

The Texas Irrigation Conference and Trade Show is being jointly sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the new Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association (TAIA).

Those attending the show and conference should register in advance by obtaining forms from their local county Extension agents. Pre-registration must be received by Jan. 7 at the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association, 1608 - C North University Ave., Lubbock 79415, to receive a discounted early registration price. Early registration is \$20 for the entire event or \$15 for the second day only. After Jan. 7, registration will be \$30 for the whole event and \$25 for the second day only. The fees cover the trade show and conference and a catered lunch on the second day.

TAIA will have its first general membership meeting at 4 p.m. on Jan. 15 at the conclusion of the irrigation conference.

The trade show will open at 5 p.m. on Jan. 14 with a reception in the Civic Center mall area. On display will be the latest equipment and information for well drilling, pumps, engines and motors, supply lines and irrigation system components.

"This is a great opportunity for producers and irrigators to see what the market has to offer and spend time with equipment manufacturers and their representatives," said Dr. Rose Mary Seymour, agricultural engineer and irrigation specialist with the Extension Service.

The trade show will continue all day on Jan. 15, concurrently with the educational conference.

The technical conference will open at 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 15 with general sessions. Featured speakers will be from the Extension Service, Texas A&M University and the

Texas Well Drillers Board. Technical workshops will run concurrently in the afternoon.

The first general session will deal with groundwater and well production. It will address a growing concern of many parts of Texas which are dependent on groundwater for irrigation. Topics will include groundwater hydrology and well yield, proper well construction and well treatments.

The second general session will focus on economics and water policy. Topics include the economics of irrigation, pumping plant efficiencies, and groundwater law and regulation.

The afternoon concurrent sessions will address center pivot irrigation, furrow irrigation management, drip irrigation, corn and sorghum irrigation management, chemigation, surge irrigation, cotton irrigation management and irrigation water management.

The organization of TAIA has been developing during the past year through a committee of persons involved in irrigation. It is a non-profit association and its objective is to enhance agricultural irrigation in Texas. It is a member of the national irrigation association. Membership is open to individuals, firms and corporations active in agricultural irrigation.

Farm Credit Bank names new CEO

Arnold R. Henson will become chief executive officer of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas on Jan. 1, 1992.

Henson, a 20-year veteran of the 10th Farm Credit District, will succeed Donald R. Rogge, who announced his retirement this fall after 30 years with the bank.

Since 1988, Henson has held the position of senior vice president and chief financial officer of the bank. In that capacity, he has been instrumental in a number of national Farm Credit issues.

Henson served on the national committee charged with developing a process for the Farm Credit System to repay federal assistance provided through the 1987 Agricultural Credit Act.

In 1991, he was the 10th Farm Credit District's representative to the national committee which guided the development of a system for ensuring on-going financial monitoring of all Farm Credit Banks.

He also helped negotiate a settlement over funds that had been set aside for ailing Farm Credit Banks, resulting in a \$2.5 million savings for the 10th District.

A native of Grapeland, Henson is a graduate of Sam Houston State

University. He joined the Federal Land Bank of Houston's accounting department in 1972. Since then, he has held positions as assistant vice president, assistant treasurer, associate treasurer and vice president/treasurer.

The 10th Farm Credit District comprises the Farm Credit Bank of Texas, headquartered in Austin; 50 Federal Land Bank Associations which make long-term agricultural loans in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas; and 18 Production Credit Associations in New Mexico and Texas that make short-term production loans.

Get All A's in Safety



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Texas Coalition for Safety Belts

Corn growers to meet in Dimmitt on Jan. 14

The Texas Corn Growers Association will hold its 19th annual meeting in Dimmitt on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

The meeting will be held at the Castro County Expo Building in Dimmitt and will begin at 9:30 a.m. A free lunch prepared by members of local Women Involved In Farm Economics will be served to guests.

Carl King, executive director of the Texas Corn Producers Board, said US Rep. Bill Sarpius will be a keynote speaker, addressing "critical issues facing agriculture and the general economy."

Also confirmed as a speaker is State Rep. Jame E. "Pete" Laney of Hale Center, who will touch on key state issues. Also on the agenda

will be State Sen. Bill Sims of San Angelo.

John Ford, a former under secretary of agriculture, will discuss the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) negotiations as well as the North American Free Trade Agreement. Ford also will address federal farm legislation.

King will report on recent corn grower activities, including efforts to obtain Sec. 18 temporary permits to use certain pesticides vital to High Plains corn production.

Weldon Davis, TCPB chairman, will discuss his organization's activities during the past year, including progress made in fighting aflatoxin and other problems which have plagued corn producers down-

state. He and Elbert Harp, TCPB consultant, will discuss the "Texas Supreme" food corn program.

Also scheduled to appear at the meeting is Dr. Pat Morrison and other Texas A&M extension and research officials and others working to develop better disease and insect control for corn.

TCPB ethanol promotion efforts will be discussed by board member Lois Wales.

Special cash door prizes will be available during the meeting.

Weight Loss Surprises Researchers

WASHINGTON --A nutrition organization was hopeful that a nutritionally complete "hi-tech" food tablet would help erase world hunger problems, until a study revealed that one of the ingredients could cause significant weight loss.

Although other studies and scientists may not agree, researchers in Europe found that the ingredient, a natural plant colloid, actually caused people to lose weight, even though specifically instructed not to alter normal eating patterns, according to one study published in the prestigious *British Journal of Nutrition*. Researchers in an earlier study had speculated that the weight loss was due to a decrease in the intestinal absorption of calories.

While the project of National Dietary Research, aptly named Food Source One, would not be used to successfully fulfill its original goal, the formula which has since been improved with other natural colloids has been a windfall for some overweight people. A Daytona Beach, Florida woman fighting a weight battle for 12 years used the product on the recommendation of her physician and lost 30 pounds. She stated, "Not only have I lost 30 pounds but my cholesterol has dropped from 232 to 143. I have two closets full of clothes which have not fit me in two years that I can now wear." In a separate report, a telephone interview revealed that a Wilmington, North Carolina pharmacist lost 14 pounds in 3 weeks on the product and was never hungry.

Food Source One tablets are part of National Dietary Research's comprehensive plan to bring a rapid end to obesity in this country. A variety of nutritionally sound diet plans, specially prepared by NDR, accompany each bottle and provide a natural, drug free alternative for confronting the problem of obesity.

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Happy New Year and best wishes for the coming year.

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Police Calls

More than just Christmas spirit seems to have gotten into some people during the past week, with three cases of assault, three cases of criminal mischief, two thefts, two DWI's, a case of disorderly conduct, and one case of public intoxication.

A 31-year-old Amarillo man was jailed on charges of DWI, but was also named as a suspect in an assault around 2 a.m. Christmas Day. A 51-year-old Dimmitt man told officers that the suspect allegedly tried to stab him and an 18-year-old man with a butcher knife during an argument.

Around 7 p.m. Dec. 23, a 16-year-old Dimmitt youth and another male, reportedly assaulted another 16-year-old Dimmitt youth, striking him on the left side of his face with their fists.

Assault/family violence charges were listed against a 20-year-old Dimmitt man after he allegedly struck his wife in the face, causing her to bleed. The incident was reported around 1:57 a.m. Sunday. The suspect had left the scene by the time officers arrived.

Four youths, ages 16 and 17, were charged with criminal mischief Dec. 23 around 11:52 p.m. after Howard Smithson of Dimmitt gave police a description of a pickup that had damaged some Christmas lights and garland at his home. The damage was estimated at only \$22, but an examination of the pickup allegedly turned up eight 16-ounce cans of beer. One of the 17-year-olds was booked on criminal mischief charges, but the other 17-year-old reportedly told police he was 16 and was released to his parents, as were the two 16-year-olds, who were referred to juvenile authorities.

Lorenzo Rodriguez of Dimmitt told police that someone had damaged his pickup Saturday evening, and estimated the cost of repairs at \$355. The damage apparently had been done with a shovel found in the front seat of the pickup. Broken were the windshield, a sliding glass window, and a side mirror. The driver's side door was also scratched.

Glen Snitker of Dimmitt told police that someone had broken the antlers off of a yard ornament at his home. The damage was reported around 11:25 p.m. Christmas Day.

Ollie Mae Baker, 59, of Dimmitt told police that she suspects a 35-year-old Dimmitt man of taking items from a car she owns without her permission. She valued the tires, wheels and turn signal lens at a total of \$230. She reported the theft around 1:30 p.m. Dec. 23.

Town & Country Store reported

a gas skip around 8:35 p.m. Dec. 24. The driver of a black Ford Bronco drove off without paying for \$16-worth of gasoline.

A 30-year-old Friona man was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest around 12:17 a.m. Monday at the Star Dance Hall.

A vehicle reported beside the road around 9:30 p.m. Christmas Day was occupied by a 36-year-old Bovina man who was charged with public intoxication. The vehicle was in the ditch along South US 385.

A 19-year-old Earth man was stopped for DWI early on Christmas Day.

Bank program rated success

First State Bank of Dimmitt loaned out approximately \$23,000 in the Christmas 6% loan program, instituted for the first time this year.

Bank Vice President Joe Josselet said, "It was a good program and was very well received."

He reported that \$25,000 had been earmarked by the bank for use in the program, with loans offered through Dec. 24 to local customers for use with local merchants.

"The surprise was the wide variety of businesses that turned the scrip loan money back in to us," Josselet said. "It benefited nearly every merchant in town."

Josselet said the bank was glad to have a chance to give local shoppers a break on interest rates and make happier holidays for the local economy.

The special loans, in amounts up to \$1,000, were made at a 6% interest rate, with the stipulation that the funds be spent with local merchants. The loan funds were issued in special scrip "money" that was honored by local businesses.

A restaurant once warned: "Customers who consider our waitresses uncivil ought to see the manager."

Bartlett pears are the most popular pears in the United States.



'ANDRE THE GIANT SNOWMAN?'—He may not be quite as tall as the seven-foot-plus Andre the Giant, but this snowman comes close. He was created from the three-inch snowfall which fell here on Christmas Day, and he was dressed up with a "bucket" hat, "ribbon" scarf and a broom.

Photo by Anne Acker

MS group will meet

The local Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will hold a meeting next Thursday (Jan. 9) at 7 p.m. at the home of Howard Smithson, 1000 W. Lee in Dimmitt.

Persons with MS or who have relatives affected by the disease are invited to attend the meeting.

For more information, call Fred Bolton at 647-3730 or Delores Heller at 647-2655.

It is always the secure who are humble.

—G.K. Chesterton

King Louis XVI popularized the cultivation of potatoes in France by wearing potato flowers in his buttonhole.

Veterans benefits declined in 1990

Expenditures for veterans' benefits in Castro County declined 4.8% during fiscal 1990, according to a report recently released by the US Office of Information and Management Statistics.

Expenditures in the county were \$318,435 during 1990 compared with \$334,604 in fiscal 1989.

Veterans' benefits accounted for .9% of direct federal spending here during fiscal 1990, compared to .8% of total local federal spending during fiscal 1989.

These figures do not include various veterans' loans that are guaranteed by the federal government.

Americans have considered it appropriate to provide compensation and benefits for veterans since before the US became a nation. The first known statute providing for veterans benefits was enacted by the Pilgrim colony of Plymouth in 1636.

On the local level, veterans' benefits fell into three categories: compensation and pensions, readjustment and vocational rehabilitation and insurance and indemnities. By far, the largest of these expenditures in Castro County during fiscal 1990 were pensions and other compensation, which amounted to \$284,522. This amounts to 89.4% of total local veterans' benefits.

Expenditures for readjustment and vocational rehabilitation in Castro County were another \$1,345 during fiscal 1990, which accounted for .4% of direct spending for veterans' benefits. Total spending for insurance and indemnities in Castro County was \$32,568, which was 10.2% of the local total during FY 1990.

The proportion of veterans in the population has declined consistently since 1960 and it is expected to continue to do so.

The 1980 census provides the most recent comprehensive information regarding the characteristics of veterans on both a national and a local basis. Data regarding veterans from the 1990 Census is not expected to become available before the latter part of 1992.

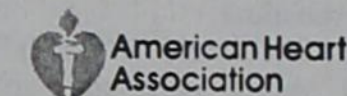
There were 782 male veterans and 33 female veterans living in Castro County in 1980. Some 7.7% of the county's total population were veterans in 1980.

Veterans of World War II were the largest single group of veterans in Castro County in 1980. Approximately 363 or 44.5% of all veterans in Castro County served during that conflict. Veterans of the Vietnam War comprised the second largest group in Castro County with 204 or 25% of county veterans having served during that conflict.

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DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

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People

Double-ring ceremony unites Rios, Salcido

An informal, double-ring ceremony performed at the First State Bank of Bovina united Mary Salcido (Linville) of Dimmitt and Paul Rios of Friona in marriage on Dec. 21. Charles Greene officiated at the nuptial service.

The bride is the daughter of Maria Estrada of Friona. Mother of the groom is Maria Rios of Friona.

Music performed during the ceremony was coordinated by Joe Pressas, friend of the couple.

The bride wore a formal-length ivory gown with a lace-trimmed train. The bodice was designed with a vee neckline accented with pearls and lace. The gown featured a bow and a bustle.

She carried a bouquet of cream roses accented with burgundy lesantheus and peach carnations.

Veronica Estrada of Dimmitt, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaid was Amanda Kelly Rios of Hereford, daughter of the groom.

The maid of honor was outfitted in a formal-length hunter green gown which was designed with a neckline which plunged in a vee pattern in the back. The gown was highlighted with a bow and bustle at the waistline.

The bridesmaid wore a tea-length velvet burgundy-colored dress. The bodice was fashioned with a lace overlay.

The attendants carried bouquets of cream-colored roses with burgundy-colored lesantheus and peach-colored carnations.

Best man was Tony Rios of Levelland, brother of the groom.

Following the wedding, the couple was honored with a reception at the First State Bank of Bovina.

Decorations included ivory and hunter green pearlized balloon bou-



MR. AND MRS. PAUL RIOS
... She's the former Maria Estrada

quets and arrangements of garland and wedding bells which hung from the ceiling.

The bride's three-tiered wedding cake was decorated with arrangements of fresh baby's breath, greenery and burgundy roses. The cake was topped with a Precious Moments bride and groom figurine.

The bride's table was covered with a hunter green tablecloth and lace overlay with hunter green accent designs.

The groom's chocolate cake was frosted in ivory icing and was decorated with baby's breath, greenery and burgundy roses.

Serving cake to guests were Inez Estrada, sister of the bride; Maria Estrada, sister-in-law of the bride; and Shirley Aldridge, friend of the couple.

The registry table was covered with a lace tablecloth and held a centerpiece of cream roses and burgundy lesantheus.

After a wedding trip to Cloudcroft, N.M., the couple have made their new home in Dimmitt.

The bride attended Friona High School and owns Maria's Restaurant in Dimmitt.

The groom also attended Friona High School. He is employed by Excel Corp. of Friona.

Who's New?

Plains Memorial
It's a girl for Herman and Manuela Caldera of Dimmitt. Their daughter was born at 9:47 p.m. on Dec. 18 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz., measured 19-1/2 inches long and has been named Yesenia Caldera. She joins older siblings Ysela, Herman Jr. and Daniela. Maternal grandparents are Cesario Polenda of Eagle Pass and the late Daniel Polenda. Paternal grandparents are the late Amado and Amada Caldera. Yesenia has a great-grandmother, Martha Gallardo.

Nicholas and Mary Cortez of Hart are the parents of a baby boy, Joe Luis, who was born at 10:27 a.m. on Dec. 20 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 8 oz. and was 21-1/2 inches long. He has five older siblings including Frankie, Esmeralda, Gabino, Missy and Juan. Paternal grandmother is Louisa Cortez of Mexico. Maternal grandparent is Tomasa Tenorio of Hart.

Raul and Paula S. Jackson of Dimmitt are the proud parents of a baby girl, Elizabeth Marie Jackson. Elizabeth Marie was born at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt at 9:47 a.m. on Dec. 20 and she weighed 6 lbs. and measured 19 inches. Her paternal grandparents are Lauro and Paula Jackson of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Felix and Paula Sanchez of Dimmitt. Her great-grandparents are Concepcion Singletary of Pharr, Baltazar and Guadalupe Alcala of Hart and Melquarez Sanchez of Earth. She has a great-great-grandmother, Paula Moreno of Lubbock.

It's a boy for Mickey and Carole Bishop of Dimmitt. Their son, Jeffrey Mark, was born at 11:50 p.m. on Dec. 23 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed 6 lbs., 9-1/2 oz. and measured 19 inches at birth. He has a big brother, Jeremy, who is eight years old; and a big sister, Jaci who's six. His paternal grandparent is E.E. Bishop of Hereford. Maternal grandparents are Herb and Elizabeth Vogel of Hereford.

Dr. Vaughan-Wrobel is honored

Dr. Beth C. Vaughan-Wrobel, R.N., of Arkansas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vaughan of Dimmitt, has been named president of Sigma Theta Tau International, an organization of 160,000 nurse leaders in 58 countries.

Dr. Vaughan-Wrobel took office on Nov. 15 at the group's biennial convention in Tampa, Fla.

She will serve as president through 1993.

"Nurses are involved in health care in a much broader perspective than ever before. They play a primary role in the prevention of illness, public health, improving the quality of life of people with chronic conditions and in decreasing the financial burdens. Nurses can make health care more accessible to the public," said Dr. Vaughan-Wrobel.

"It has only been in the last five years that nurses have expanded, in significant numbers, out of the hospital setting into home health, hospices, community health and industry. But it is still the public's perception that nurses are solely hospital-based caregivers. This view prevents the recognition that nursing research can cut health care costs.

"For instance, Dorothy Brooten's work (at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing) with low

birth weight babies enabled infants to leave the hospital early, decreasing costs by thousands of dollars, and which also improved the quality of family life. Thelma Wells' research (at the University of Rochester) on urinary incontinence will prevent countless numbers of older women from needing surgery or from being placed in nursing homes," Dr. Vaughan-Wrobel added.

As leader of an organization that has a profound impact on future and present direction of the world of nursing, Dr. Vaughan-Wrobel intends to assist in the development of new leaders from the ranks of nursing support nursing research breakthroughs that bring renewal to degenerating systems of health care.

Dr. Vaughan-Wrobel will continue with her positions in Arkansas while serving as president of Sigma Theta Tau International, a volunteer office. She is currently associate dean of academic programs at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Nursing and she serves as assistant director for nursing education in the Arkansas Area Health Education Program. She also is associate director of nursing for the Rural Health Center at UAMS.



Dr. Beth C. Vaughan-Wrobel

Crime Watch sets meeting

The Sunnyside Crime Watch is becoming active again and has planned a meeting for today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Sunnyside Baptist Church.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

A sign in a jewelry store once told customers: "Ears pierced while you wait."

Square dance lessons set

The Dimmitt Promenaders will sponsor square dance lessons starting next Thursday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

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Carter and Elliott wed

Tim and Jennifer Elliott are home in Dimmitt after exchanging wedding vows Dec. 21 in a private ceremony at the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt with Rev. Vernon O'Kelly, pastor, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carter. She is the granddaughter of Lora Patterson of Dimmitt and Russel O'Brian of Friona.

Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Don Elliott of Tyler, formerly of Dimmitt. He is the grandson of

Evalina Chandler of Tulia and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Turner of Justin.

The couple was honored with a reception after the wedding. It was held at the bride's home.

The bride holds an associate of arts degree from South Plains College and is working on her bachelor of science degree in education at West Texas State University in Canyon.

The groom attended South Plains College and is self-employed.



My mother always told me patience is a virtue — not a male virtue, but a virtue, nonetheless. Oh, I hear you guys grumbling out there, "Here she goes on another male-bashing tirade." But this time, I can prove it. I can prove women are more patient than men.

I offer into evidence a typical male/female trip to town. He has errands. She has errands. He drops her off. At no point does he relinquish the vehicle, because that would mean he would be waiting for her, and men NEVER wait. They have no patience.

He always says, "I'll be back in 20 minutes." Twenty minutes to a man is a term like "dog years." It has no real basis in the space-time continuum. Twenty minutes can last anywhere from a half-hour to three days. Time is not relevant for the man. He has the vehicle.

She sits in a department store front window passing the time by rediscovering the contents of her purse or making Oragami out of old deposit slips.

Just as she's about to be mistaken for a window dummy and redressed, he returns. He will innocently ask, "Was I longer than 20 minutes?"

She, remaining calm and pleasant throughout, (and I know the women will back me up on this) comments that though the seasons did change during his absence, she didn't mind waiting.

Put the boot on the other foot—leave a man waiting in the bank,

the broker's or the barbershop for a Ben Hur 20-minute stretch, and he won't travel with her again for at least two or three presidential administrations.

A man has no patience! He'll never have to suffer the agony of being abandoned at the grocery store with his butter dripping out the botton of the bag. Man does not thumb through magazines in a waiting room or count ceiling tiles in a lobby. He paces back and forth like a caged wild animal. He rants, raves and issues proclamations that, by thunder, he'll get out of there if he has to charter a plane.

Still not convinced? Take the shoes—the navy and white pumps in a box in the back of her closet. She got them on sale at the end of the season last year. They practically gave them to her. She didn't really have anything to match them, but what a bargain! She can't wear them now, of course. They're meant for Spring, but she can wait. After all, she has patience!

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Church Happenings

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

We thank the following people who helped translate and type the church bulletins during 1991: Mary Lou Lumbra, Mary Helen Flores, Guila Silva, Connie Martinez, Frances Anes, Shirley Brockman, Corina Montalvo, Susie Flores and Cindy Enriquez.

We also thank the following new volunteers: Denicia Barrios, Gracie Abrego, Angie Sandoval, Dora Espinosa, Eva Abrego, Diana Anes and Christy Salinas.

The office of migration and refugee services of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Family Services will present a national teleconference, "Making Room: Pastoral Planning for Newcomers" on Tuesday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's Hospital's staff development conference room, which is adjacent to St. Mary Nicholes Hall.

Panelists will include Rev. Richard Ryscavage of USCC; Doris Meissner of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Rev. Joseph Fitzpatrick of Fordham University; Bernard Cardinal Law of Boston, Mass.; and Ms. Sadako Ogata, of the United National High Committee for Refugees.

There is no cost for attending the conference and a light lunch will be offered to those in attendance.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday school classes will meet Sunday morning at 10 a.m.

"The Epiphany of the Lord" will be the subject of Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Communion Service on Sunday, Jan. 5, at 11 a.m. New officers were installed at the service.

The mid-week service will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m.

TRLA gives bonus advice

The Texas Rural Legal Aid, Inc. office in Plainview reminds workers who have an end-of-year bonus included in their work contracts to request the bonus at this time.

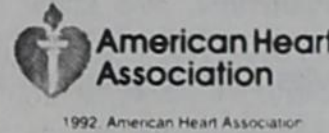
"If a bonus is a part of the job contract, don't let yourself be pushed aside with stories of a bad harvest or of no money to pay," a TRLA spokesperson advised.

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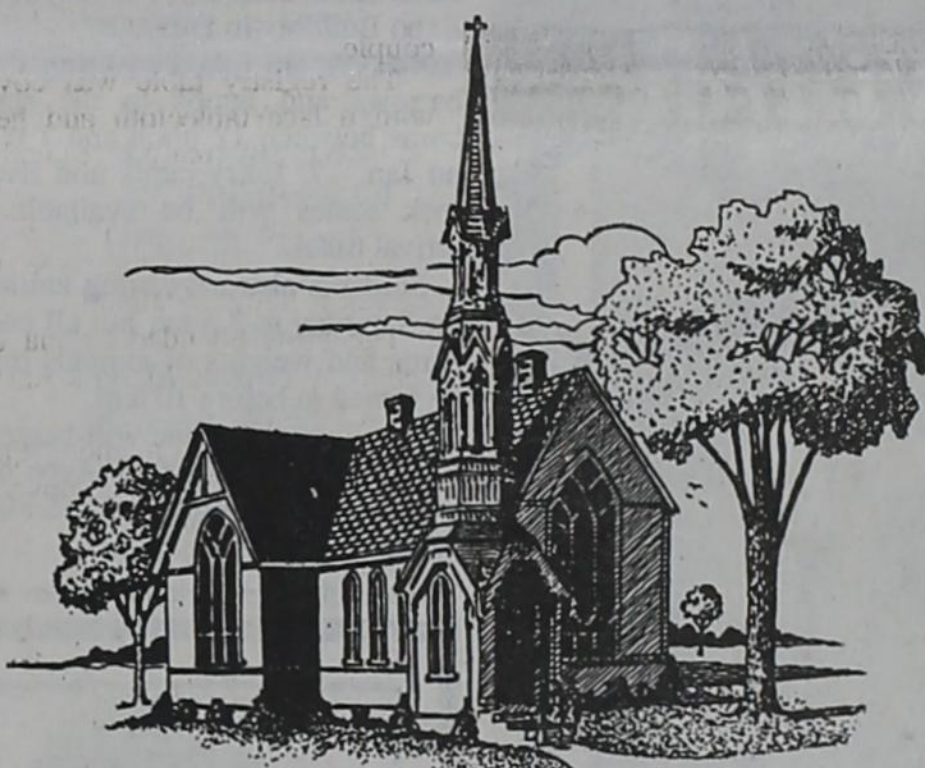
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Sports

Bobcats win Caprock Tourney

If the Bobcats' performance this weekend in the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament is any indication of things to come, Class AAA teams in the state had better look out.

The Bobcats blew past three bigger schools, then edged Class AA-AAA Lubbock Estacado in the championship semifinals and came from behind to beat Lubbock Monterey for the championship of the 23-team tournament. It was the first time a Dimmitt team had captured the championship since 1983.

Miguel Saucedo, who scored 100 points in Dimmitt's five tournament games, was named the tourney's most valuable player.

"I'm just tickled to death with the way the kids performed in the tourmanet. It's a pretty good honor to win a tournament with 23 teams entered, especially since most of the teams are Class AAAA and AAAAA schools. We had to play

five games to do it, and everyone really came through for us," said Bobcat Coach Ken Cleveland. "I'm hoping this will really get us going and that it will be a springboard for success the rest of the year."

The Bobcats opened the tournament last Thursday by thrashing Lubbock Dunbar, 75-50, paced by Miguel Saucedo's 24 points.

The Bobcats jumped out to a 14-7 lead after the opening stanza, then continued to add to that lead as the game progressed.

"It's always good to win that first game in a tournament like this one," said Cleveland. "Dunbar has a lot of good athletes and we just played well and were able to come up with the win."

Coronado proved to be a little more of a challenge for the Bobcats, but a strong second-quarter effort enabled Dimmitt to carry a 35-22 lead into the dressing room at halftime. Coronado attempted a

comeback late in the fourth quarter, but Dimmitt's halftime lead was too great and the Bobcats held on for a 60-47 win. Saucedo again paced the Bobcats in scoring with 21 points.

Up next for the Bobcats was Levelland, a team which Dimmitt has lost to twice this season. But Coach Cleveland and the Bobcats didn't let that fact bother them.

"I told the kids we were not out for revenge before the game started. I told them not to worry about the two games we had lost to Levelland—just think about what we had to do to win, and play up to our abilities. We did that and it all fell together for us."

The game started off similar to the two previous Dimmitt-Levelland games, with the Bobcats ahead by a point after the first quarter, 10-9. But defense and perseverance paid off for the Bobcats in the next three quarters, as they outscored the Lobos 24-8, 16-6 and 26-10 to claim a decisive 76-33 victory.

That victory moved the Cats into the championship semifinals against Lubbock Estacado.

The Bobcats had beaten Estacado, 73-51 for the consolation championship of the Plainview Pioneer Classic earlier this season, and they knew that Estacado was a team to be reckoned with.

"Estacado had some players (in Saturday's game) that they did not play in Plainview. We knew we would have to play well to beat them. It was a close game all the

way and we just happened to hit a few key free throws down the stretch and were able to pull out the win," Cleveland said.

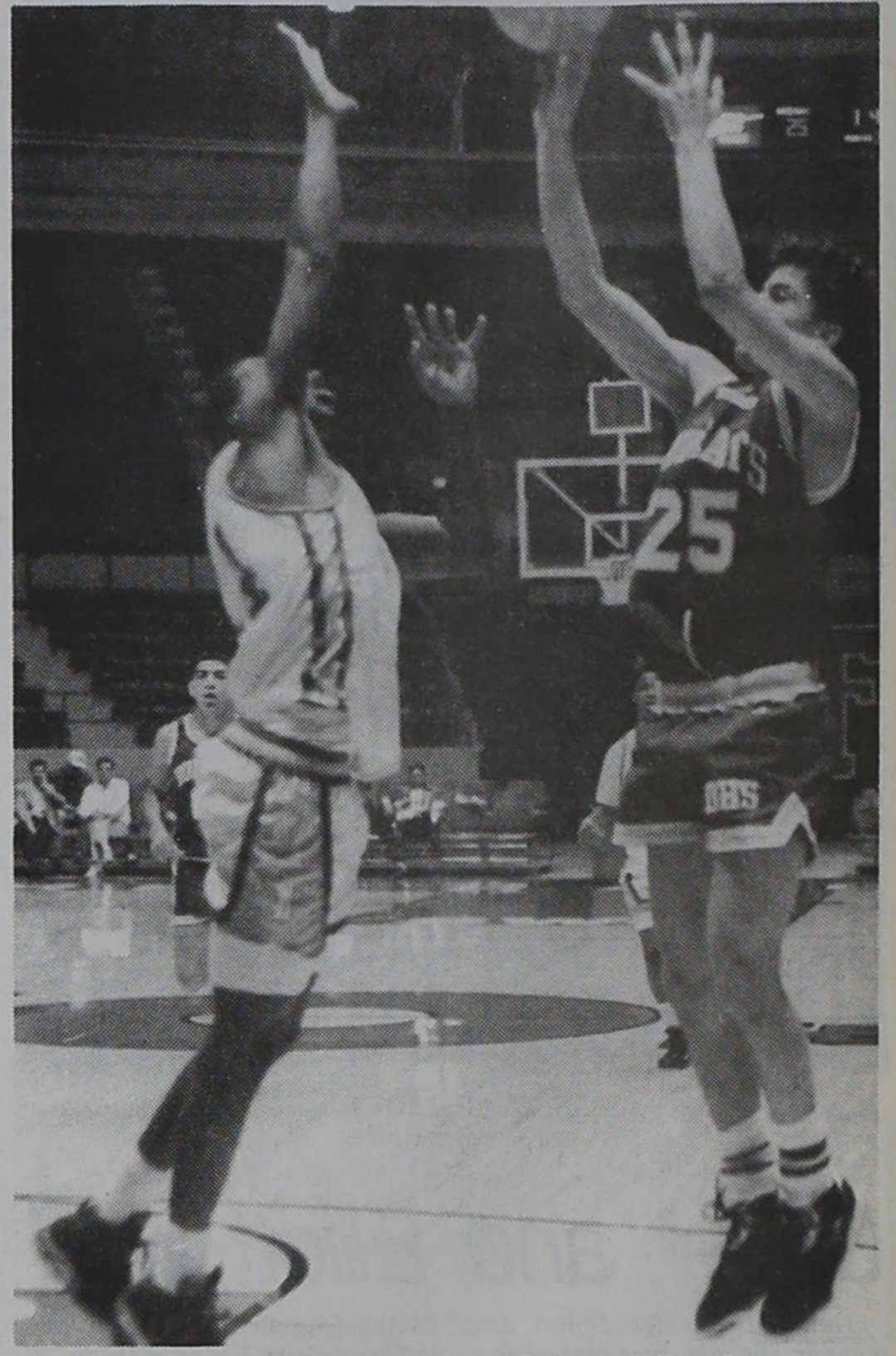
Dimmitt picked up an early 17-14 lead, then added another three points to that margin as time expired in the first half. The Bobcats carried a 34-28 lead into the third period, but lost a point off of that lead when Estacado outscored them 17-16 in that stanza. Estacado gained another point on Dimmitt in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough to snatch the victory. Dimmitt held on for a 75-71 win and a berth in the championship.

The Bobcats were led by Lincoln Stewart's 23 points. Saucedo scored 19 and Richard Newman added 18 for Dimmitt.

Dimmitt had its hands full Saturday night in the championship game against Monterey, and they had to come from behind in the final two minutes to claim the 53-50 win and the title.

"We were behind 50-47 with 1:30 left, and we were still down by a point, 50-49 with 30 seconds left. Then Miguel (Saucedo) scored, we managed to get the ball back, and then Miguel was fouled. He hit two free throws to give us a 53-50 lead. They (Monterey) went down and got off a three-point shot, but it was off," Cleveland recounted.

Saucedo tossed in 17 points for Dimmitt while Stewart added 12 and Arce contributed 11.



BUZZER BEATER—Dimmitt's Miguel Saucedo (25) nails a shot as the buzzer sounds ending first-half action in the Dimmitt-Estacado game Saturday morning in the championship semifinal round of the Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock. His basket gave the Bobcats a 34-28 halftime lead. He scored 19 points in the game, and finished with 100 points in the tournament (over five games) to earn "Most Valuable Player" honors. Dimmitt topped Estacado 75-71, then beat Lubbock Monterey 53-50 Saturday night to earn the tournament championship. Photo by Deana McLain



LINCOLN STEWART (14) scores the first two points of the game against Lubbock Estacado Saturday morning in Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. The teams battled for the right to advance into the championship finals of the 23-team Caprock Holiday Tournament. Stewart scored 23 points to pace the Bobcats to a 75-71 victory over Estacado. The Bobcats went on to beat Lubbock Monterey in the finals to claim the tournament championship. Photo by Deana McLain

4-H stock show, clinic are scheduled Jan. 18

The Castro County 4-H Club will sponsor a livestock clinic and stock show Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

4-H'ers are asked to bring their barrows and lambs to the show barns between 12 noon and 7 p.m. on Jan. 17. Entry cards and livestock scales will be available at arrival time.

Students also may bring animals on Saturday at 8 a.m., but all entry cards and weights of animals must be turned in before 10 a.m.

The livestock clinic will begin at 8:30 a.m. with classroom-type discussions on "Home Care and Management for show Barrows."

The clinic on lamb care will

begin at 9:30 a.m. with a discussion of "Home Care Management for Show Lambs," followed by a demonstration on shearing and showmanship at 10.

At 10:30 a.m., a discussion of care and management for show steers and heifers will begin. A demonstration on dressing and showmanship for steers will begin at 11 a.m.

The 4-H livestock show, which is open only to 4-H livestock exhibitors, will begin at 1 p.m. with the heifer show. Steers will be shown at 1:30 p.m., lambs will be exhibited at 2:30 p.m. and barrows will be paraded through the show ring at 3:30 p.m.

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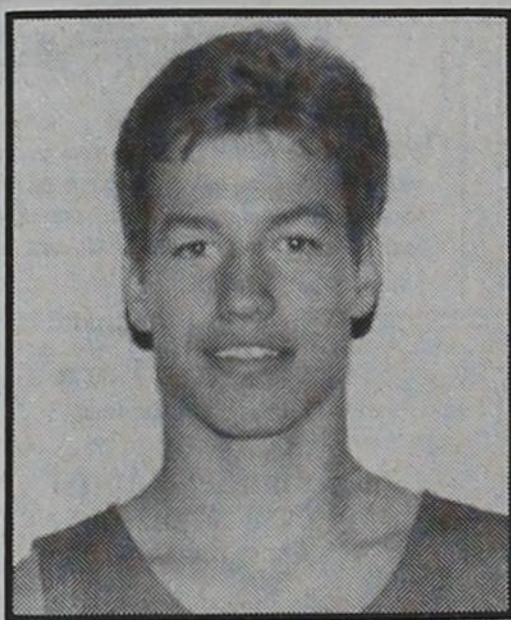
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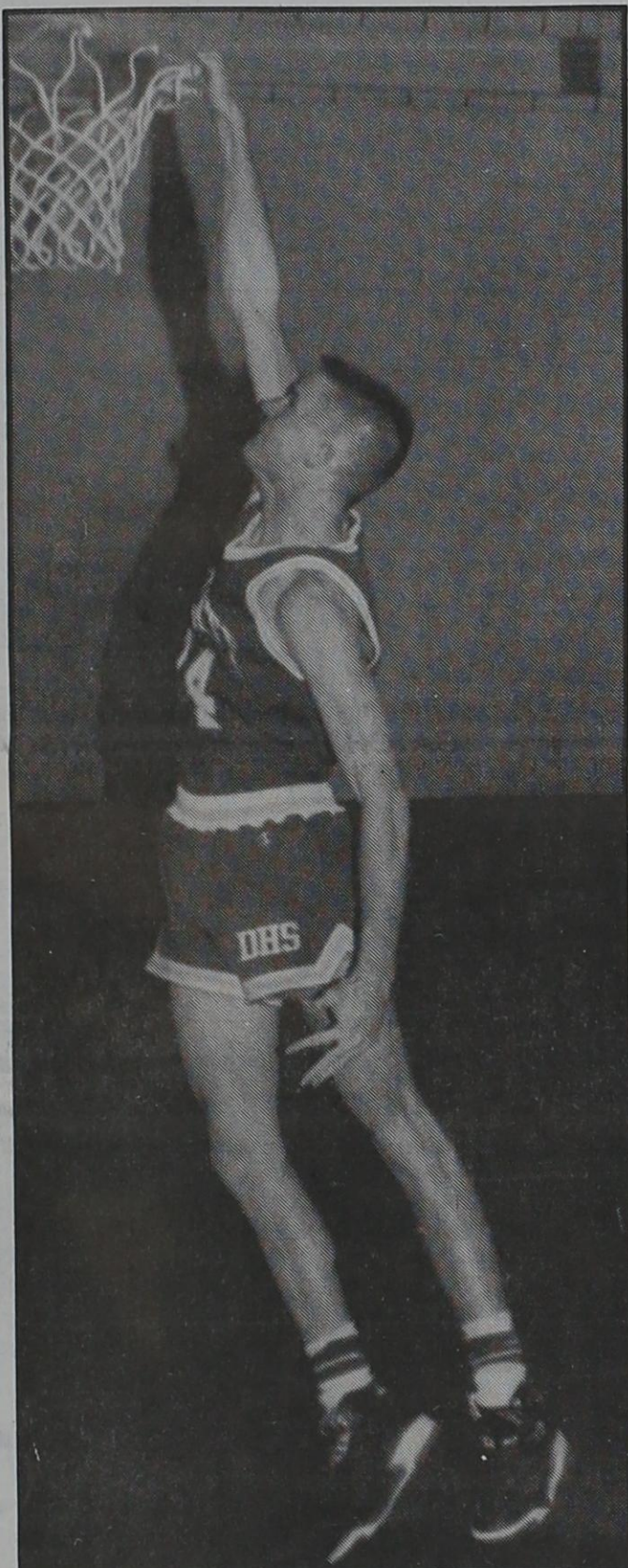
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Bobcats:

104, River Road 56
56, Levelland 59
67, Palo Duro 58

Borger Tournament:

69, Palo Duro 51
50, Amarillo 63
65, Borger 61
(Third Place)

Pioneer Classic:

47, Levelland 52
77, Slaton 75
73, Estacado 51
(Consolation)

81, Hereford 49
65, Slaton 49
64, Plainview 48
74, Randall 69

Caprock Tournament:

75, Dunbar 50
60, Coronado 47
76, Levelland 33
75, Estacado 71
53, Monterey 50
(Championship)

Season Record: 16-3

Bobbies:

68, River Road 53
37, Levelland 38
60, Palo Duro 45

Queens Classic:

64, Nazareth 36
49, Canyon 33
45, Randall 50
(Second Place)

Levelland Invitational:

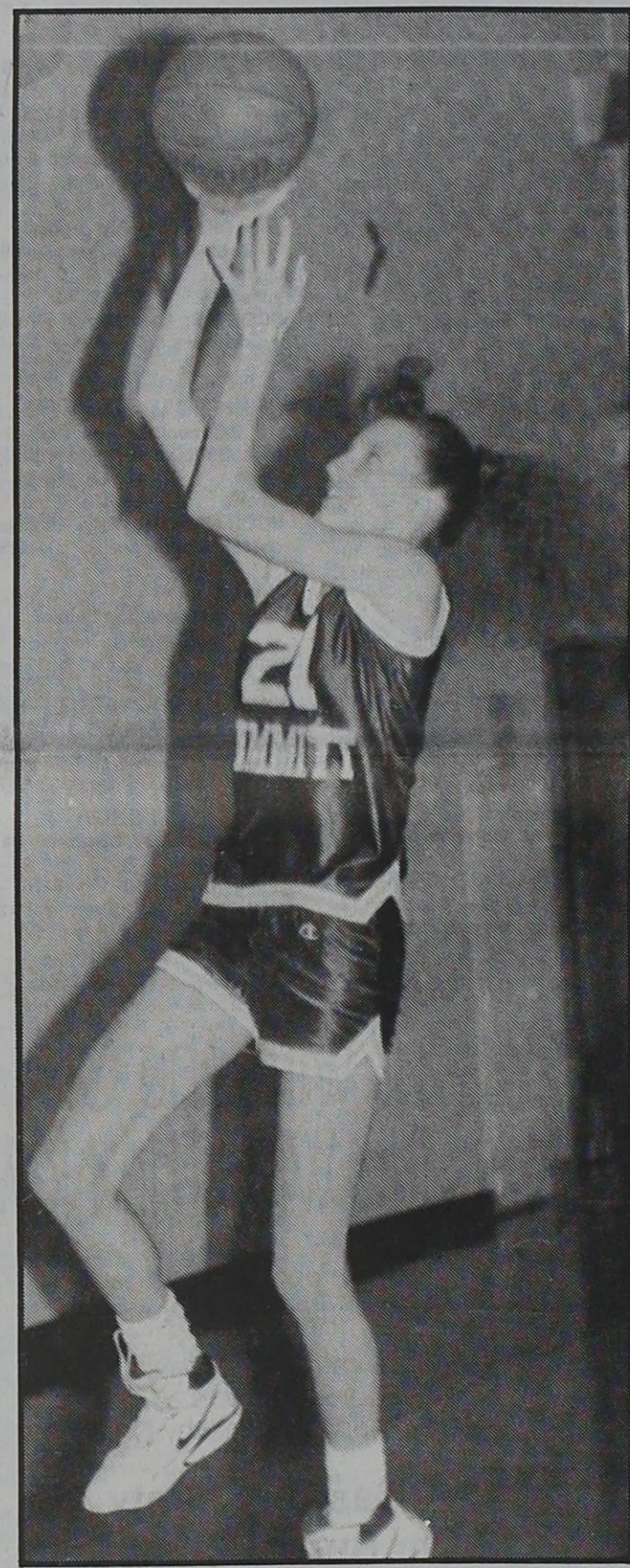
30, Denver City 22
40, Amarillo 43
47, Plainview 54
(Fourth Place)

44, Monterey 50
71, Estacado 45
39, Clovis 41
29, Randall 56

Caprock Tournament:

69, Midland Lee 56
36, Stephenville 48
52, Cooper 39
27, Tulia 36

Season Record: 9-9



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Hart, Nazareth teams to compete in Sudan Tourney

Basketball fans from Hart and Nazareth will keep the road to Sudan hot this weekend as the cities' high school boys' and girls' basketball teams fight for the championship of the Sudan Booster Club Holiday Classic.

The boys' tournament features 12 teams from across the South Plains area, including the Longhorns and Swifts. The girls' 14-team tournament bracket includes the Lady Horns and the Swiftettes.

Today's (Thursday) games pit the Longhorns against Sudan at 9 a.m., the Swiftettes versus Farwell at 10:30 a.m. and the Lady Horns against Muleshoe at 3 p.m. Nazareth's boys' drew a first-round bye, and are scheduled to play their first game tonight (Thursday) at 8

p.m. against the winner of the Crosbyton-Muleshoe game, which is scheduled for 12 noon today.

If the Swiftettes beat Farwell this morning (Thursday), they will play Portales at 6:30 p.m. today. If Nazareth's girls continue to win, they will advance to the championship semifinal game, which is scheduled for Friday night at 7. If the Nazareth girls lose to Farwell, they will play in the consolation semifinal game Friday at 3:30 p.m.

If the Lady Horns win their first round game, they will play either Whitharral or Olton at 12:30 p.m. Friday. If the Hart girls lose to Muleshoe in the first round, they will play the loser of the Whitharral-Olton game at 9:30 a.m.

The winner of the Hart-Sudan

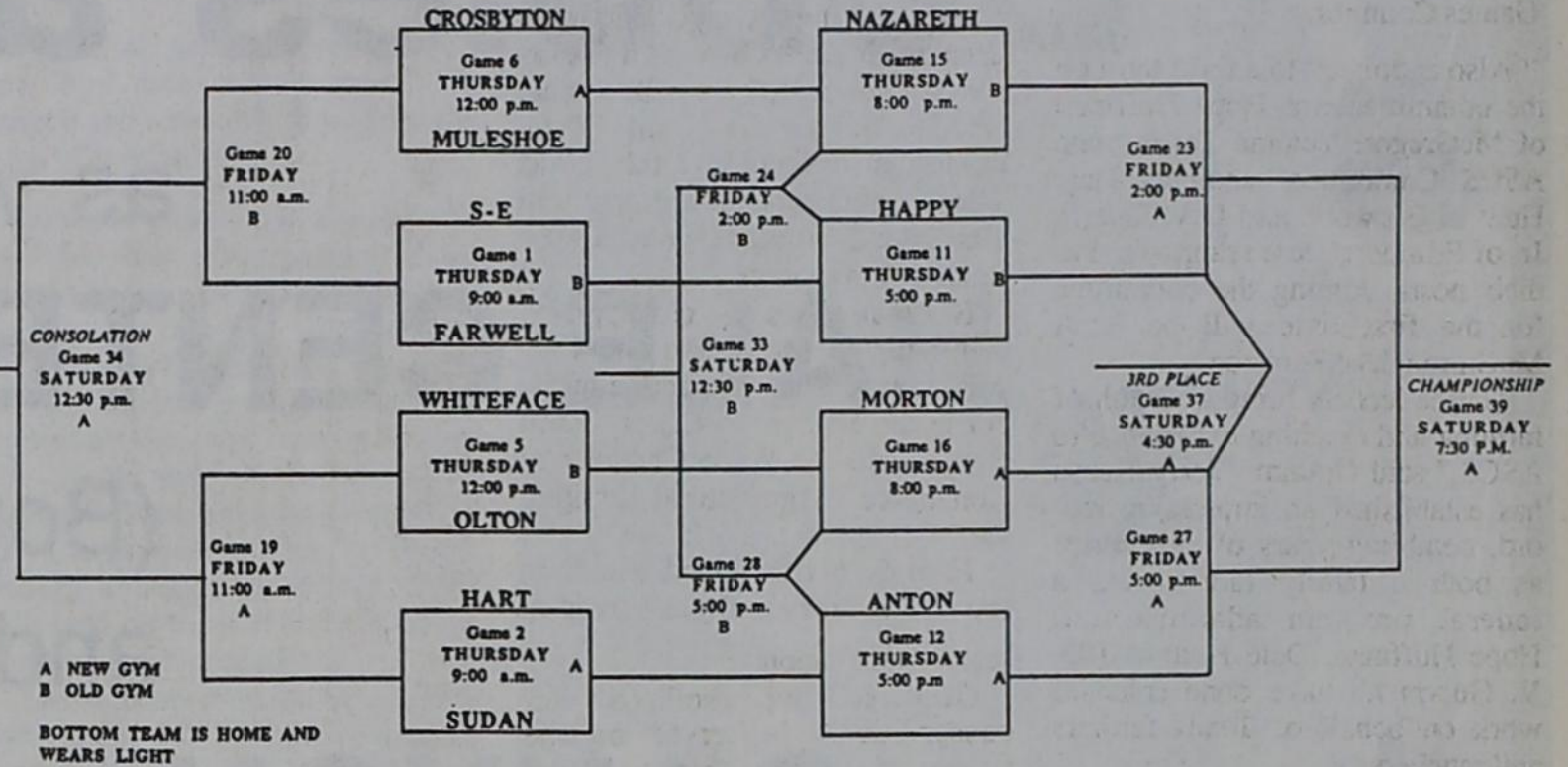
game will play Anton today at 5 p.m. If the Swifts win their first game, they will play Friday afternoon at 2. If the Hart boys lose to Sudan, they will play Friday morning at 9 against either Whiteface or Olton. If the Swifts lose their first game, they will play Friday at 2 p.m.

Saturday's boys' schedule begins with the fifth place and consolation games, both scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m.; the third place game at 4:30 p.m. and the championship game at 7:30 p.m.

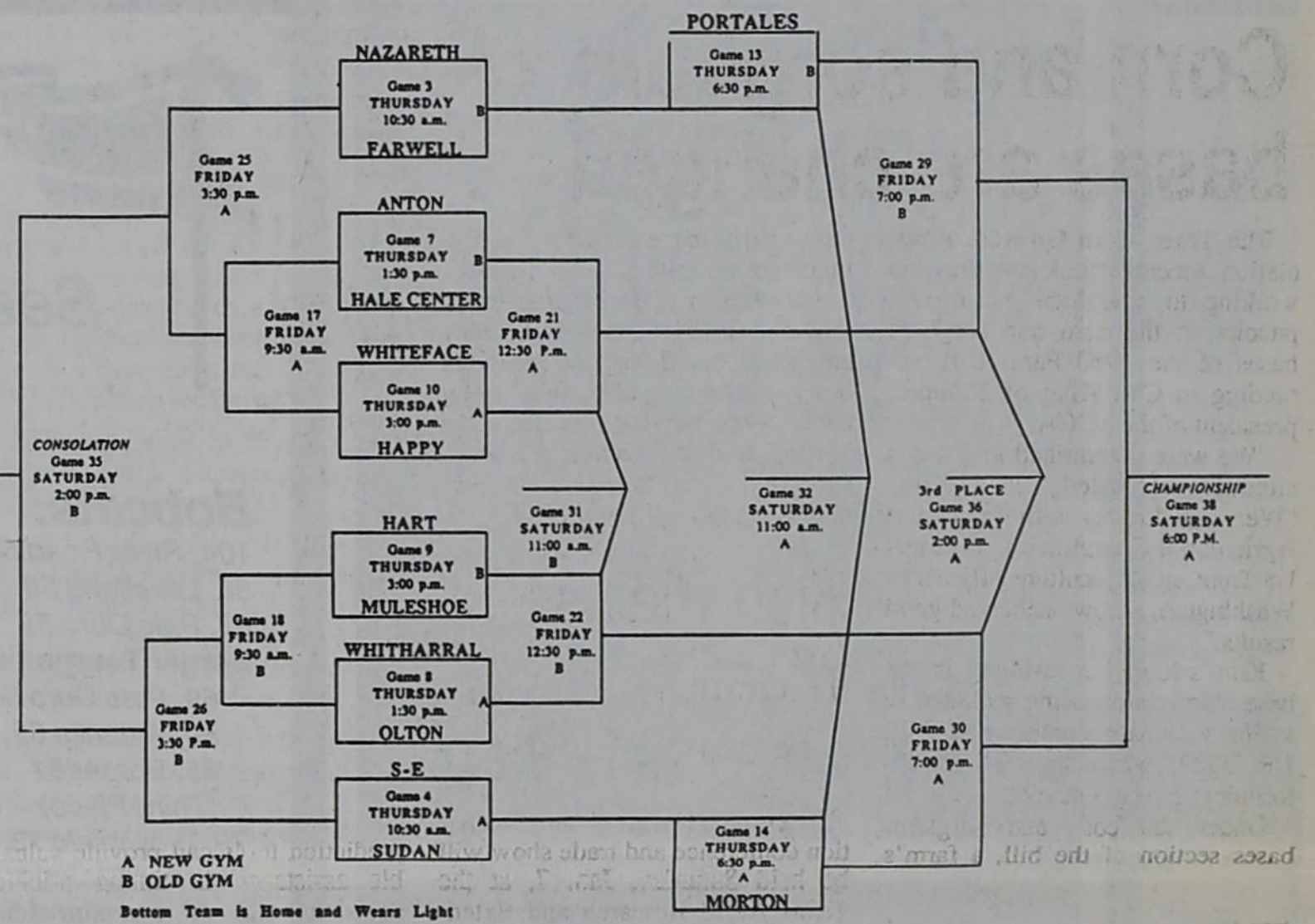
The girls' bracket on Saturday includes the consolation championship and the third place game, both scheduled to start at 2 p.m.; and the championship finals, which are set for 6 p.m.

Sudan Booster Club Holiday Classic

Boys' Bracket



Girls' Bracket



Scoreboard

CAPROCK TOURNAMENT BOYS' BRACKET

First Round
 Bobcats 75, Dunbar 50
 Dimmitt 14 20 20 21 — 75
 Dunbar 7 12 13 18 — 50
SCORING: D—Miguel Saucedo 24, Armando Arce 14, Lincoln Stewart 10; D—Jackson 19.

Championship Bracket
 Bobcats 60, Coronado 47
 Dimmitt 12 23 9 16 — 60
 Coronado 12 10 5 20 — 47
SCORING: D—Miguel Saucedo 21, Richard Newman 10; C—Scott 17.

Championship Quarters
 Bobcats 76, Levelland 33
 Dimmitt 10 24 16 26 — 76
 Levelland 9 8 6 10 — 33
SCORING: D—Miguel Saucedo 19, Lincoln Stewart 12, Armando Arce 11; L—Dawson 10.

Championship Semis
 Bobcats 75, Estacado 71
 Dimmitt 17 17 16 25 — 75
 Estacado 14 14 17 26 — 71
SCORING: Lincoln Stewart 23, Miguel Saucedo 19, Richard Newman 18; E—Lethridge 20, Sanders and Haynes 14.

Championship
 Bobcats 53, Monterey 50
 Dimmitt 18 7 17 11 — 53
 Monterey 16 10 15 9 — 50
SCORING: D—Miguel Saucedo 17, Lincoln Stewart 12, Armando Arce 11.

GIRLS' BRACKET

First Round
 Bobbles 69, Midland Lee 56
 Dimmitt 17 15 17 20 — 69
 Lee 7 14 10 25 — 56
SCORING: D—Michelle Schumacher 16, Wendi Ethridge 23, Michelle Garcia 10; ML—Crisp 16, Grafa 13.

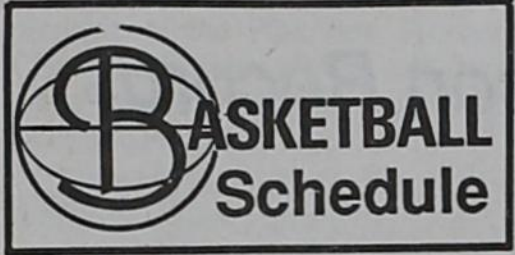
Championship Bracket
 Bobbles 36, Stephenville 48
 Dimmitt 16 5 0 15 — 36
 Stephenville 10 12 14 12 — 48
SCORING: D—Wendi Ethridge 9, Tory Matthews 8; S—Groves 15, Green 18.

Consolation Quarters
 Bobbles 52, Cooper 39
 Dimmitt 10 17 16 9 — 52
 Cooper 11 13 7 8 — 39
SCORING: D—Wendi Ethridge 18, Michelle Schumacher 15; C—Edwards 17.

Consolation Semis
 Bobbles 27, Tulla 36
 Dimmitt 6 4 6 11 — 27
 Tulla 13 10 7 6 — 36
SCORING: D—Wendi Ethridge 10, Michelle Schumacher 7; T—Kandy Smith 10, Chapman and Katie Vanzee 7.

SATURDAY
 Swiftettes 37, Spearman 34
 Nazareth 8 15 5 9 — 37
 Spearman 10 11 7 6 — 34
SCORING: N—Jill Pohlmeier 12; S—Townsen 10.

Swifts 49, Spearman 34
 Nazareth 11 15 4 19 — 49
 Spearman 4 14 8 8 — 34
SCORING: N—Travis Schulte 13, Michael Schmucker and Johnson 12; S—Pipkin 15.



TODAY: Swifts, Swiftettes, Longhorns and Lady Horns in Sudan Tournament.

FRIDAY: Swifts, Swiftettes, Longhorns and Lady Horns in Sudan Tourney; Bobcats vs. Hale Center in Dimmitt.

SATURDAY: Swifts, Swiftettes, Longhorns and Lady Horns in Sudan Tourney.

TUESDAY: JV and varsity Bobbies and Bobcats vs. Canyon in Dimmitt; JV and varsity Swifts and Swifts vs. Farwell in Nazareth; JV and varsity Longhorns and Lady Horns at Springlake-Earth.

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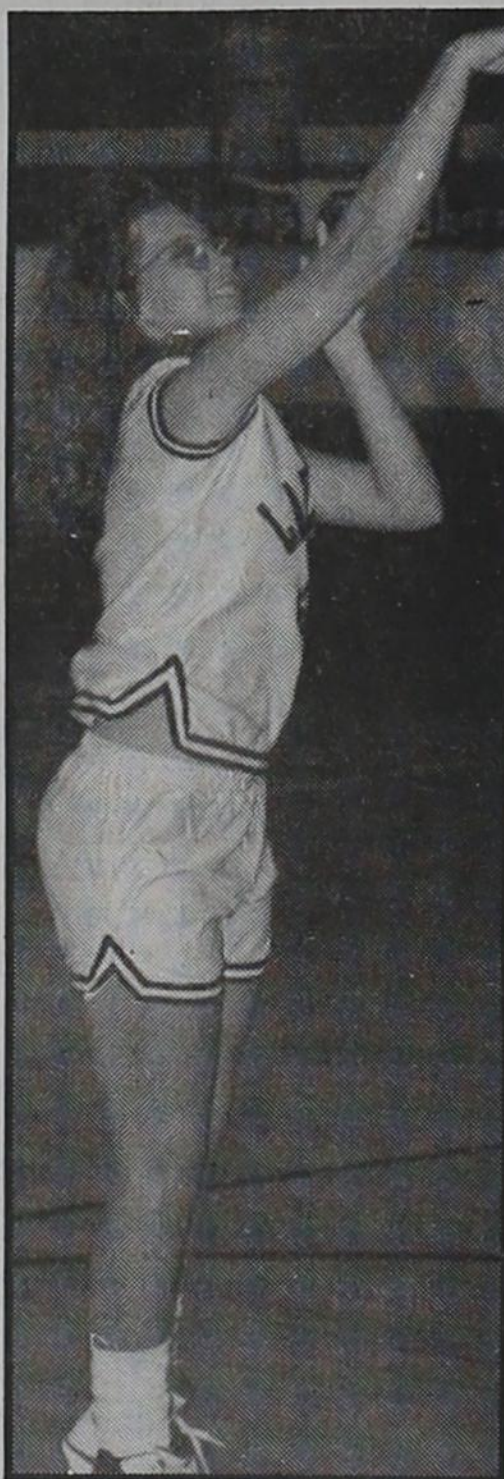
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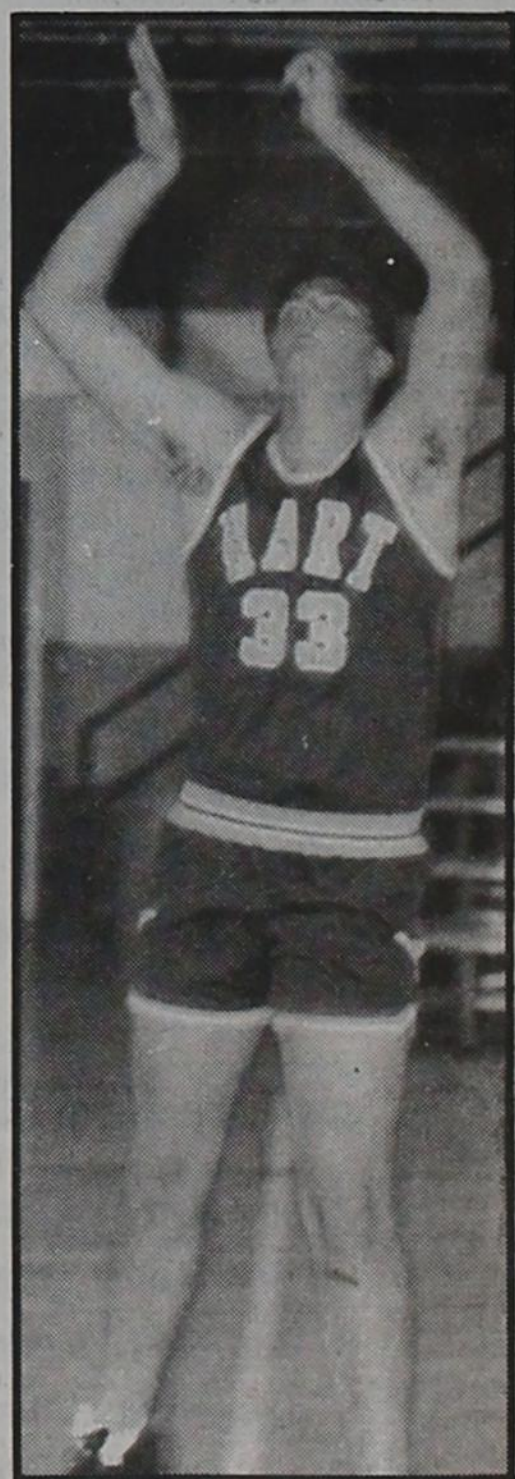
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Harris is re-elected to ASC committee

Jerry D. Harris has been appointed to a seventh term as chairman of the Texas State Committee of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), according to US Sen. Phil Gramm.

Harris is a cotton and grain sorghum producer in Dawson and Gaines Counties.

Also appointed to a third term on the committee was Hope Huffman of McGregor. Veteran Texas State ASCS Committee members Dale Hunt of Garwood and D.V. Guerra Jr. of Edinburg were reappointed to their posts. Joining the committee for the first time will be Scott McGarraugh of Perryton.

"These leaders bring a wealth of farming and ranching experience to ASCS," said Gramm. "Jerry Harris has established an impressive record, combining years of experience as both a family farmer and a federal program administrator. Hope Huffman, Dale Hunt and D.V. Guerra all have done splendid work on behalf of Texas farmers and ranchers."

Harris is a member of the National Cotton Council, the Lamesa Cotton Growers, the Texas Food and Fiber Protein Commission and

the Texas Cotton Ginners. He is active in cotton ginning, warehousing and marketing, as well as operating a 7,000-acre family farm and serving on the board of trustees of Lubbock Christian University.

McGarraugh operates an 11,000-acre spread over Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hansford, Gray and Roberts Counties in Texas as well as Texas and Beaver counties in Oklahoma. He is active in the Texas Wheat Producers Association, the Texas Wheat Producers Board and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

Huffman raises row crops, grains and cattle in McLennan and Coryell counties. She is an active member in the McLennan County Farm Bureau and the Waco Chamber of Commerce's Agricultural Committee.

Hunt is a recognized leader in the rice industry and has served as search Foundation.

Guerra is active in soil and water conservation. He served on the Governor's Task Force on Rural Development and was named "Man of the Year in Agriculture" by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association.

Corn and sorghum bases are changed

The Texas Corn Growers Association recently took the lead in working to straighten out discrepancies in the corn and sorghum bases of the 1990 Farm Bill, according to Carl King of Dimmitt, president of the TCGA.

"We were determined to get this situation corrected," said King. "We work directly with key House Agricultural Committee figures and US Dept. of Agriculture officials in Washington, and we achieved good results."

King's lobbying resulting in the base clarification being included in a House-Senate compromise bill, HR 3029, which is part of the technical corrections bill.

Under the corn and sorghum bases section of the bill, a farm's

permitted acreage for corn and sorghum are combined.

Interchange of these crop bases will be permitted, with deficiency payments based on the program base for each crop as established by the five-year moving average.

King said the technical corrections bill "has helped a lot" in improving the 1990 Farm Bill.

High Plains irrigation conference set

The annual High Plains Irrigation conference and trade show will be held Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West in Amarillo.

The conference opens at 8:30 a.m. with registration and the trade show.

Extension irrigation specialist, Leon New, will chair the annual event, which is co-sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association, Panhandle Economic Program and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"This conference is a way for producers to see new innovations in equipment and technology on display and to hear from irrigation specialists, growers and other industry experts on issues of interest and concern to farmers, researchers and suppliers in the region," according to New.

Technical sessions in the morning and afternoon will feature timely information on irrigation systems, considerations for purchasing center pivots, water management for efficient crop production, pumping equipment performance, chemigation and potential changes in water rights and the law.

Of special interest for High Plains growers is the discussion by Maurice Rimkus of Uvalde County, a grower who is attempting to maintain individual rights and ownership of underground water in the Edwards Aquifer.

Dumas grower, Harold Grall, will present the producer's perspective on managing irrigation costs. David Bowers of Pampa will review the decisions necessary for investing in center pivot irrigation systems.

Two continuing education credits are being offered to private and licensed commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators who complete the conference training.

The first practical phonograph was invented in 1877 by Thomas Edison.



NATURE'S NATURAL FLOCKING—This evergreen tree received a "natural" flocking on Christmas Day when three inches of snow blanketed the region. Giant snowflakes fell on Christmas afternoon, and at times the falling moisture resembled cotton balls.

Photo by Anne Acker

Marketing workshop planned in Muleshoe

The use of futures and options markets to manage agricultural price risk will be taught at a multi-county workshop in Muleshoe Jan. 21 and 22.

It will include 12 hours of training and will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the Bailey County Coliseum, located on the west side of Muleshoe on US Highway 84. The sessions include information on cattle, grain and cotton.

A farmer may not be able to control and how and when he prices. Market information and price prediction tools can provide valuable assistance in timing pricing decisions and in marketing and production planning, according to an agricultural economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"With potential returns to improved marketing decisions, farmers should invest more time and money in obtaining and analyzing market trends," said Dr. Jackie Smith, Extension Service economist and marketing specialist, who is the instructor for the course. Other instructors will be Dr. Steve Amoson of Amarillo, Extension Service economist; and Dr. Mark Waller of

College Station, Extension Service grain marketing specialist.

Materials will include an introduction to how futures markets operate and how to use them; use of commodity options as price insurance; how to determine local market price from futures and options prices, and working with a broker. Also, estimating break-even price, and setting marketing objectives and market prospects for each commodity.

The workshop fee of \$50 includes catered meals each day and workshop materials. Spouses may attend at no additional charge.

Registration deadline is Jan. 13, and those interested should contact the county Extension office or call Smith at 1-746-6101.

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Tree orders are being accepted now

Orders are now being accepted for windbreak seedlings through the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District's 1992 program.

The trees should be delivered in March, 1992. There is a good selection of trees available and prices are \$65 for 50 potted trees and \$25 for bareroot trees.

The trees are from the Texas Forest Service. There are some trees from Colorado which are available for \$55 for 30 potted trees and \$25 for 50 bareroot trees.

For more information, contact the Soil Conservation Service at 114 W. Belsher in Dimmitt or call 647-4324.

The ancient Egyptians cultivated the wild watermelon. Pictures of the fruit have been found in the older of the pyramids.

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Centennial Memories



A SALUTE TO AMERICA—This float, sponsored by the Nazareth branch of the American Legion and Auxiliary won the top prize in Nazareth's Labor Day parade, which was held in September as part of the county's Centennial celebration. The

parade was one of the highlights of a day-long celebration which included a barbecued dinner, games and a performance by the county's Centennial Singers.

Photo by Anne Acker



TILE LAYING PARTY — Centennial Plaza Project Chairman Robert Hawkins (foreground) gets a helping hand from Bill Birdwell and Dale Winders (right) in fitting red-granite commemorative tiles along a walkway. In background is

Willis A. Hawkins. The Centennial Plaza was designed by Robert Hawkins and was constructed on the northwest corner of the courthouse in Dimmitt.

Photo by Don Nelson



QUILT BLOCKS donated for the Centennial Quilt project of the Friendship Quilters' Guild depict various aspects of Castro County history over the past century. Members of the Quilters' Guild showing off some of the quilt blocks which were

included in the finished product are (from left) president Claudine Langford, Jackie McLeroy and vice president Yvonna Hays. The finished Centennial quilt is on permanent display at the Castro County Museum.

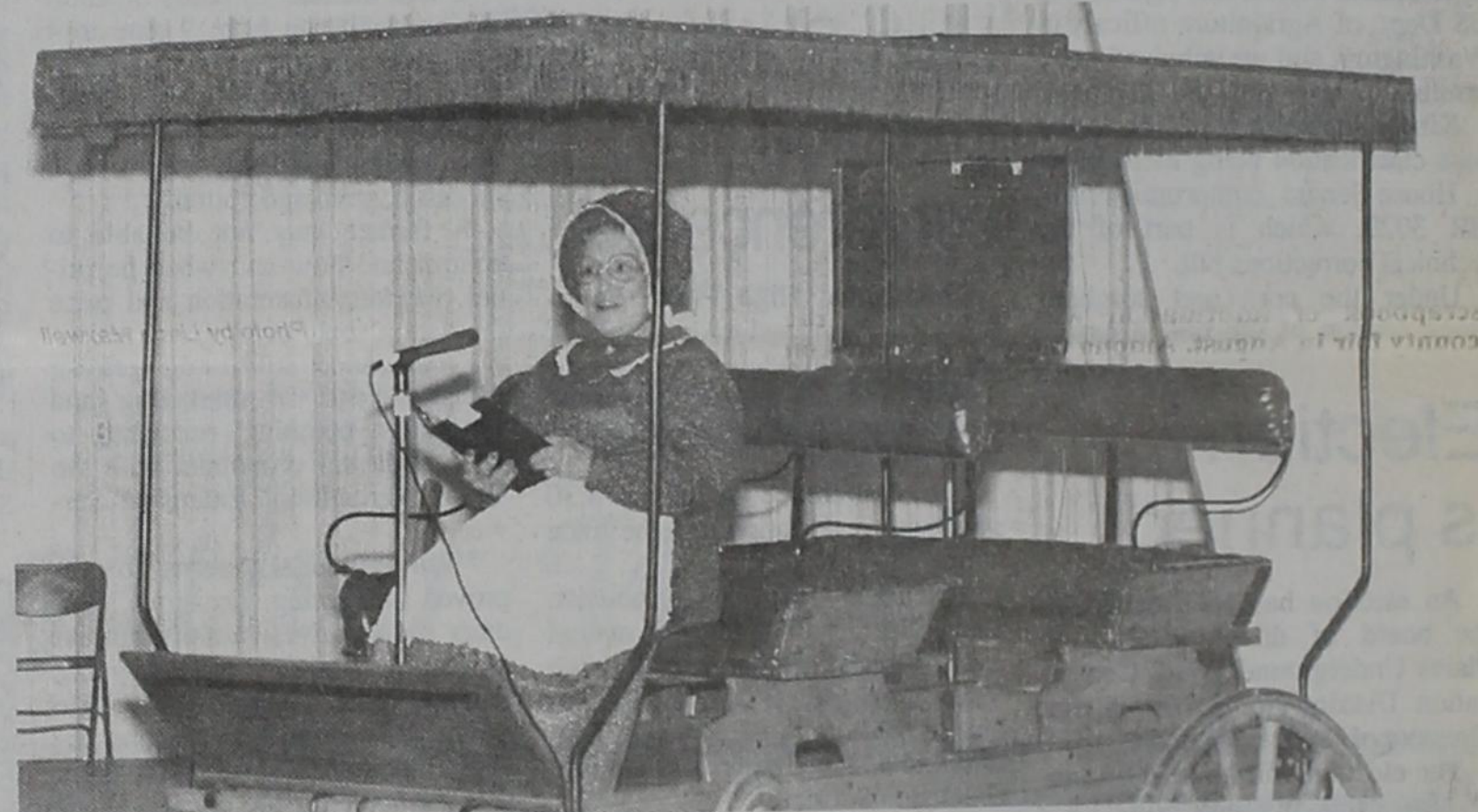
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THE FIRST PLACE FLOAT entered in the Hart Days '91 parade this year was this one by Hale County State Bank of Hart. Featured on the float is Miss Hart '91, Shea Bennett. Hart residents cele-

brated the county's 100th birthday this year during their annual Hart Days celebration with the parade and a host of other events, including the Miss Hart pageant.

Photo by Deana McLain



'AUNT MAGGIE GOLLEHON,' portrayed by Oleta Gollehon, climbs aboard a surrey to relate the early-day history of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt during the church's Centennial Service of Remembrance in June. The church was organized in June, 1891, and it celebrated its centennial in

conjunction with the county's 100th birthday. Present and former members and guests enjoyed a catered barbecue dinner and a program that included special music by Zelda Ellison, and distribution of copies of the church's new Centennial Family Album.

Photo by Don Nelson



MR. ABBOTT HAD A HABIT—Christine Lee (Terri Loudder, left) gets the low-down on a story about George Abbott from Maggie Carter (Jan Bryan) in a skit performed in the county's Centennial Pageant in August. Bryan sang the tale of "Mr. Abbott's Habit" in a song written by Loudder. Abbott was a longtime farmer and rancher in Castro County in the early 1900s.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



CENTENNIAL PLAZA DESIGNER
... Robert Hawkins of Hart



SERVING UP THE SAUSAGE at Nazareth's German Festival in July is Stephanie Dobmeier (left). The meal was the highlight of the day's activities as more than 900 people purchased plates of sausage, sauerkraut, scalloped potatoes and more. Other activities during the day included an arts and crafts show, performances by the Texas Cloggers and Centennial Singer and a dance with music by the Maines Brothers. The event was one of the county's designated Centennial celebrations.

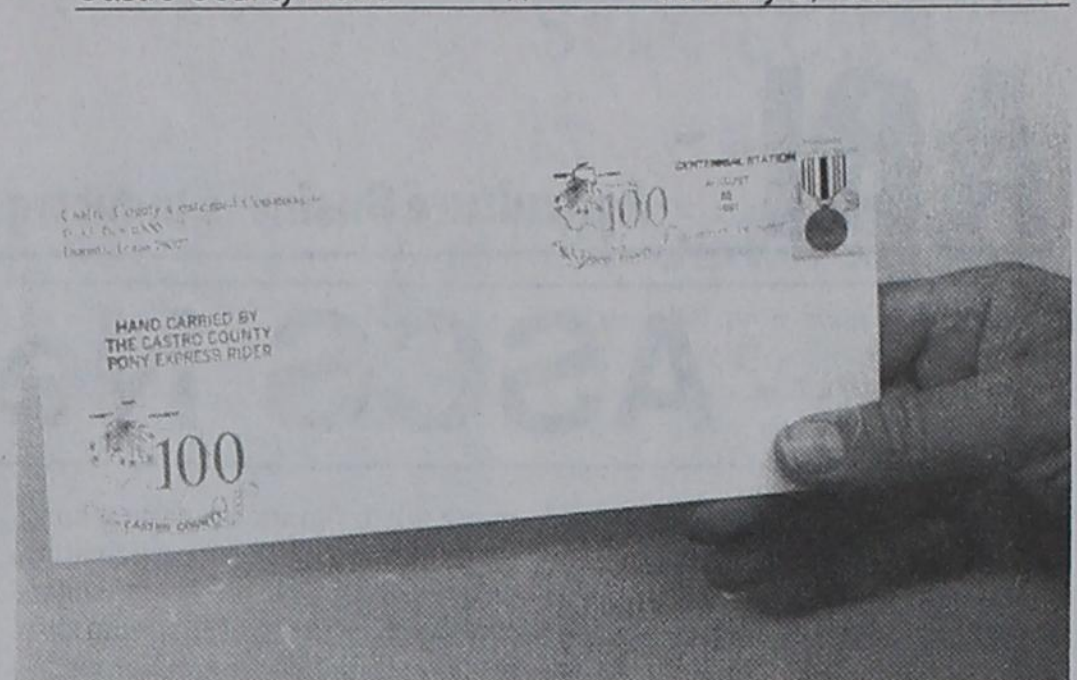
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LIGHTEN IT UP A LITTLE—Characters in a skit titled, "Mother, Mother," are instructed by the director (played by Gary Thompson, left) to try not to depress the audience. The group's antics were one of the comedic highlights of this year's Centennial Pageant, which was performed in August as part of the Harvest Days' celebration. Other

players include (from left) Kurt Webb (on floor), George Sides, Bea Acker, Wayne Proffitt and Karen Sheffy. The pageant was one of the highlights of the county's 100th birthday celebration.

Photo by Don Nelson



CENTENNIAL POSTMARK—Here's a sample of the county's Centennial commemorative postal cancellation, which was available at all county post offices during community celebrations. The cancellation shows a Centennial logo with the line, "Centennial Station," date, and post office of origin. A Pony Express Rider picked up and carried commemorative mail in the Centennial Parade in Dimmitt and at the Labor Day Picnic in Nazareth. Photo by Don Nelson



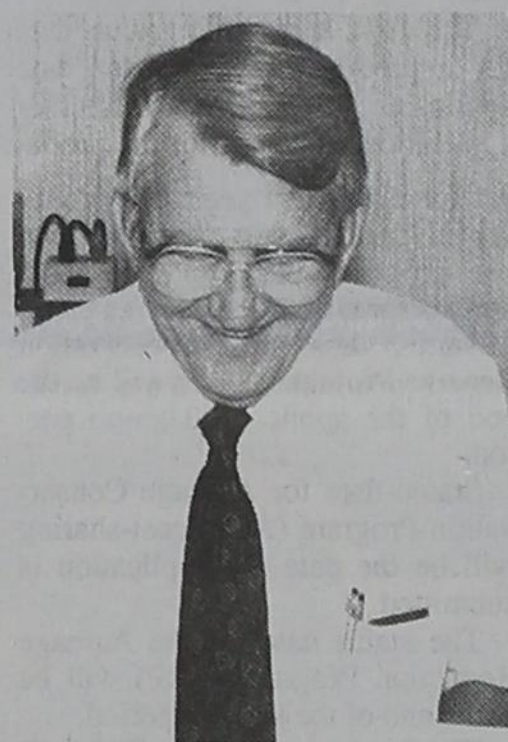
A HISTORY LESSON—4-Hers in Castro County got into the spirit of the county's Centennial celebration this year by compiling a history of 4-H in Castro County as a special project. Their scrapbook of information was featured at the county fair in August. Among those who worked on

the project were (front, from left) Julie May, Rusty McDaniel, Shaun Furr and Mac Annen; and (back, from left) Dan Matthews, Shane Furr, Janie May, Saige Annen, Wesley Mays and Jason May.

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CENTENNIAL ORGANIZER
... Bill Sava



CENTENNIAL ORGANIZER
... Don Nelson



ST. PATRICK'S FOLKLORE DANCERS highlighted the "Grand Fiesta" held in September in celebration of Mexican Independence Day, as a continuing part of Castro County's Centennial Celebration. Food, game and craft booths were available, and other performances were given by mariachi singers and the Balet Folklorico de Dimmitt.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



THE BEST OF PARADE float entered in the Harvest Days parade in August was this entry by the First State Bank of Dimmitt. The float depicted a birthday cake with "100" at the top and the

county's Centennial logo on the front and back in celebration of the county's 100th birthday.

Photo by Anne Acker



CASTRO COUNTY CENTENNIAL SINGERS
... Perform at Fourth of July celebration in Dimmitt



EDIBLE REPLICA—Brenda Bruton prepares to cut the first slice from a giant cake decorated with her winning Castro County Centennial logo entry during the annual Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce

banquet last January. Bruton's design served as the official logo during the county's year-long Centennial celebration.

Photo by Anne Acker



ANOTHER CHAPTER in Castro County's history was preserved in the form of "Vol. II, Castro County, Texas 1891-1991," published this year in honor of the county's 100th birthday celebration.

Examining the new books are (from left) Teeny Bowden, Madge Robb, Clara Vick, Norman Nelson, George Bagwell, Lynn West, Lon Woodburn and Nola Wood.

Photo by Danette Baker

ABI Agriculture Business Industry

ASCS News

By SCOTTY ABBOTT
County Exec. Director

We are presently in the process of making final 1991 wheat, barley and oat payments. Your level of participation in the 1991 wheat programs will determine your payment acres and rates.

If you participated in the triple base option, your payment acres will equal 70% of your base. If you also elected the 0/92 option of this program, your payment acres will be 92% times 70% of your base. The final payment rates for these farms are \$1.35 per bushel for planted acres and \$1.47 per bushel for Conservation Use for Pay (CU for Pay) acres.

If you received an advance payment under this option, then you need to subtract 58.8 cents from the above rates.

If you participated in the winter wheat option with no flex, your payment acres will be equal to 85% of your base times 92%. The final payment rate for these farms are \$1.25 per bushel for planted acres and \$1.40 per bushel for CU for Pay acres.

Remember that if you received an advance payment under the winter wheat option you will need to subtract 56 cents from the above rates.

Producers who participated in the barley and oats program will receive final deficiency payments in the amount of 62 cents per bushel for barley and 32 cents per bushel for oats. If you received an advance payment for barley, then you need to subtract 12.4 cents from the final rate. Advance payments were not made for oats.

1990 NL Payments for Corn & Sorghum

There won't be any 1990 "NL" payments for 1990 corn and grain sorghum due to the 12-month national average market price being above the national average loan rate.

Disaster Program

Congress has passed and the president has signed an appropriations act that provides \$995,000,000 for implementing the Disaster Assistance Program for 1990 and 1991 crop losses.

The president also has the authority to request an additional \$755 million under emergency request for 1990, 1991 and 1992 crops.

\$100 million of this would have to be set aside for program crops planted in 1991 for harvest in 1992. It is not known if the president will request the additional funds.

If the additional funds are made available, a producer could earn benefits for a crop for one year under the \$995 million appropriation and earn benefits for a crop for a different year under the \$755 million appropriation.

Under the \$995 million appropriation, you must elect to receive disaster payments on either 1990 or 1991 crop losses. Eligible disaster conditions are damaging weather and related conditions. (Damaging weather includes drought, hail, excessive moisture, freeze, tornado, hurricane, earthquake or excessive wind. Related conditions include insect infestations, plant diseases or other deterioration of a crop, including aflatoxin, that is accelerated or exacerbated naturally as a result of damaging weather occurring before or during harvest.)

Because there is only \$995 million available for benefits, all payments are subject to a national factor. We won't be able to issue payments until total benefits for 1990 and 1991 on all crops nationwide are determined. If the total benefits needed exceed the funds available, then a national factor will be applied.

Eligible crops to receive benefits

under this program are participating program crops, non-participating program crops, sugar beets, sugarcane, peanuts, soybeans, sunflowers and other non-program crops.

Yields for determining your expected production is your farm program payment yield for participating and non-participating program crops, and the county average yield for sugar beets, soybeans, sunflowers and other non-program crops.

Payment rates will be 65% of the target price for participating program crops, 65% of the loan rate for non-participating program crops, no less than 65% of the price support level for the applicable year for sugar beets; and for soybeans, sunflowers and other non-program crops, the payment rate will be 65% of the average of the remaining three years' average price after dropping the highest and lowest of the previous five years.

Producers with Federal Crop Insurance (FCIC) must have a production loss greater than 35% to be eligible for disaster benefits. Producers who do not have FCIC insurance must have a production loss greater than 40% to be eligible for disaster benefits.

As soon as additional information becomes available concerning program sign up, we will let you know.

ACP Approval Period

Castro County has funds available if you want to apply for cost-sharing on conservation practices.

We have a continual sign-up throughout the year, but we are limited to six approval periods.

The Castro County Committee has established the first approval period for Wednesday.

Practices to be considered for cost-sharing during this approval period are establishing grass, constructing terrace systems, pipeline and storage facilities for livestock on range land, sod waterways and irrigation pipeline.

Cost-shares are paid on a 50% flat-rate cost. Practices are not approved on a first-come basis, but on conservation priorities established by the County Committee. If you are interested in having a practice considered at this approval time, you need to make application at the county ASCS office.

Practice requests whose needs determinations are not received by Wednesday will be considered during the next approval period.

Wool and Mohair Requirements

The wool and mohair incentive program objective is to promote general economic welfare and a positive balance of trade, and to encourage efficient use of the nation's resources and to encourage continued domestic production of wool and mohair.

The marketing year for wool and mohair is the calendar year. The wool incentive program is available to producers of shorn wool and unshorn lambs, and to producers of shorn mohair.

To be eligible for payment on shorn wool and mohair, the wool or mohair must have been sold within the calendar year for which the application is filed, and the producer must have had beneficial interest in the animals from the time the animals were shorn up to the sale.

To be eligible for payments on unshorn lambs, the lambs must never have been shorn and they must have been sold or moved to slaughter within the marketing year for which payment is being

claimed. The producer must have owned the lambs for 30 days, and the producer must report all purchases of unshorn lambs that were not previously reported.

Beginning with the 1991 marketing year, producers of wool and mohair are subject to the payment limitation provisions.

Wool and mohair producers must file a farm operating plan within 15 days after the first application for incentive is filed.

The status date for 1991 applications is the earlier of the date the application was filed, or Dec. 1, 1991. This status date means that a partnership or other entity must be formed by this date before ASCS will recognize it for payment limitation purposes.

For 1992 and subsequent years, each program will have a status date and that status date is applicable to the first program in a program year for which a contract or application is approved for the producer, and will be used in all programs.

Wool and mohair producers must also certify that they are in compliance with highly erodible wetland conservation provisions.

Deadlines for filing applications for incentive payments also have been revised.

1988 documents should have been filed by Tuesday; while documents for 1989, 1990 and 1991 must be filed by March 2.

1992 Status Dates

Status dates have been changed for 1992.

For 1992 and subsequent years, each program will have a status date.

The first applicable status date for a producer is the status date applicable to the first contract or application approved for the producer for a program year. If a producer is participating in more than one program, the first status date applies for all programs.

Status dates for Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) will be the end of the applicable sign-up period.

Status date for Acreage Conservation Program (ACP) cost-sharing will be the date the application is submitted.

The status date for the Acreage Reduction Program (ARP) will be at the end of the sign-up period.

The first status date in effect will be the date used to determine whether individuals were husband and wife, whether an individual was a minor, shares of a corporation, trust or joint operation formed in a previous year, whether an entity or partnership was formed or whether a contribution of cash, rented land or equipment will qualify as a significant entity for 1992.

For example, if you file an application for ACP cost-sharing on Friday, the corporation will not be recognized as a payment entity for 1992.



PASSING THE MORTAR AND PESTLE—Sandy Parsons (left) and Billy Ray Lockhart (right) symbolically transfer ownership of Parsons Drug in Dimmitt, which is now known as Lockhart Pharmacy. Parsons is retiring and sold his business to Lockhart, his brother-in-law. Photo by Don Nelson

Drug store changes owners

Looking for a little more time to go fishing, Sandy Parsons, longtime pharmacist in Dimmitt, is retiring and has sold his Parsons Drug to Billy Ray Lockhart.

Lockhart comes to Dimmitt from Memphis, where he had operated a drug store since 1963. He is Parsons's brother-in-law.

Pharmacology seems to run in the family, as Sandy's father, uncle, cousin, and another brother-in-law are also in the same business. Parsons said he became interested in becoming a pharmacist basically because it was the one profession he had seen in harder times "that could at least keep its head above water."

Parsons came to Dimmitt in July of 1960 and took over the Reed Bond Drug Store, which was located where Kittrell's Electronics is now.

"We built on our present site in 1965," Parsons said.

He said he began thinking about retiring a couple of years ago, and had been talking about it with Lockhart for about a year. The local store represents an increase in volume for Lockhart.

Parsons said he plans to continue living in Dimmitt, but now will take time for his hobby of taxidermy, along with traveling and visiting family. He noted that he and his wife, Margie, also both enjoy fishing.

"Dimmitt has been real good to us, and I will miss seeing the people, but we'll still be around," Parsons said. He added that he also plans to do some relief work for vacationing pharmacists in the area.

Lockhart said he and his wife, Mary, already like Dimmitt very much and are impressed with the friendliness of the people. The

couple have two grown children, Tammy Hutcherson, who is a registered pharmacist, and Scott, who is a science teacher. They also have one granddaughter, Allison.

The Lockharts are members of the First United Methodist Church.

Lockhart said he enjoys spending time with the family pets—two Rottweiler dogs.

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DSEC names new manager

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors has named Steve Louder to the position of president and general manager of the cooperative. Louder will succeed the present general manager, Richard Montgomery, who is scheduled to retire in May.

Louder will begin his duties as president and general manager in May, managing and supervising the affairs of the cooperative in accordance with the viewpoints, objectives, and policies of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.

A Texas Tech graduate with a degree in agricultural engineering, Louder began working for DSEC in 1974 as member services advisor, then was named manager of engineering services and later became executive assistant.

Louder is very active in the Community Church of Hereford, where he serves as a Bible class teacher and a member of the Board of Elders. He also enjoys flying,



Steve Louder

snow skiing, travel, and working with computers.

Steve and his wife, Pam, and their four children reside in Hereford.



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Solar eclipse is expected on Saturday

There will be a solar eclipse on Saturday, but if you want to view it, you'll have to look fast to see anything from the Amarillo area because the eclipse is expected to begin here at sunset.

If you have an unobstructed view of the western horizon at 5:45 p.m., you may see a sliver of the sun being eclipsed before it sets five minutes later.

A solar eclipse occurs when the moon moves between the earth and the sun. The moon casts a shadow on the earth, and appears to block out part of the sun. However, the moon does not stay at the same distance from the earth. When the moon is relatively close to the earth, it casts a big shadow and the sun is totally blocked from some parts of the earth, as in the eclipse of July 1991.

Vegetable conference to stress safe food

The concern for a safe food supply and safe environment, shared by farmers and consumers, will be re-emphasized during the annual West Texas Vegetable Conference in Hereford on Jan. 14.

The conference is slated to begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Avenue C at Park Avenue. It is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, High Plains Vegetable Growers and Shippers Council, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Tech University, Texas Dept. of Agriculture, the Deaf Smith County Extension Vegetable Development Committee and the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce.

A \$25 registration fee includes lunch for those attending.

"Environmental stewardship and consumer safety are basic elements of the production and marketing of vegetables," said Dr. Roland E. Roberts, Extension Service vegetable specialist, who has coordinated the annual educational conference since 1971. "Safety and stewardship have been part of these conferences since they began in the 1960s."

Speakers this year will present research-based information to help develop profitable systems for producing safe, nutritious vegetables while protecting the environment. Private applicators and licensed commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators can obtain six continuing education units (CEUs) which are required annually by TDA for recertification. Instructions for receiving the CEUs will be explained by Ronnie Halfman, a TDA inspector at Lubbock.

Grower responsibilities under I-9 of the Immigration Reform Act will be covered by Charlean Jackson, deputy administrator of operations and programs with the Texas Employment Commission in Austin.

Resources for producing vegetables safe for consumers will be discussed by Dr. Al Wagner of College Station, Extension Service food technology specialist.

The effects of herbicides on

bean, cucumber and tomato crops will be reported by graduate research assistant Andy Williams and Dr. Paul Baumann, assistant professor of weed research at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Working with plants which are natural enemies, secreting toxins poisonous to other plants or insects to reduce competition, will be discussed by Dr. Ellen Peffley, assistant professor of horticulture at Texas Tech University.

Developments in the Texas potato breeding program will be discussed by Dr. Creighton Miller, professor of horticulture at Texas A&M University in College Station; and Doug Smallwood, senior research associate with the Experiment Station in Lubbock.

Following lunch, Ken Box of Muleshoe, president of the High Plains Vegetable Growers and Shippers Council, will conduct that group's business meeting.

The potential for expanding the Texas dry bean and pea industry will be explored by a panel moderated by Kenneth Gray of Lorenzo, marketing consultant. Panelists will be Ernie Gray of Burlington, Colo., president of the Colorado Dry Bean Advisory Board; Gary Foster of Plainview, grower and president of United Bean Marketing Cooperative; and Dr. Charles Hall of College Station, Extension Service economist.

Suggestions for interacting effectively with mass media to tell the story of food and environmental safety will be presented by Joe Bryan of Lubbock, Extension Service communications specialist. Byron White of Arlington, US Dept. of Agriculture representative, will cover ways to ensure timely payment for growers and shippers. The outlook for vegetable markets will be presented by Hall.

New driver's license requirements will be explained by Trooper Ronnie Smallwood with the Texas Dept. of Public Safety of Lubbock. The complaint process and TDA continuing education credits will be covered by Bill Rogers of Lubbock, TDA inspector.

Ag forum set in Waco

Environmental items causing concern among farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses and governmental officials will be discussed at a meeting of the Texas Agricultural Forum on Jan. 13 in Waco.

The meeting will be held at the Waco Convention center and it is one of a series of meetings held each year for leaders of government, businesses and all facets of agriculture. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:45 a.m. and will adjourn at 4 p.m.

The sessions are open to anyone and will provide an opportunity to exchange views on current issues, said Dr. Ed Smith, forum coordinator. Smith is an agricultural economist and specialist in marketing and policy with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Registration for the forum is \$25 and is payable at the door.

Officials of the Texas Water Commission, the Texas Air Control Board and the Environmental Protection Agency will lead the day's discussions. US Rep. Charles Stenholm (D-17th District) will be the luncheon speaker.

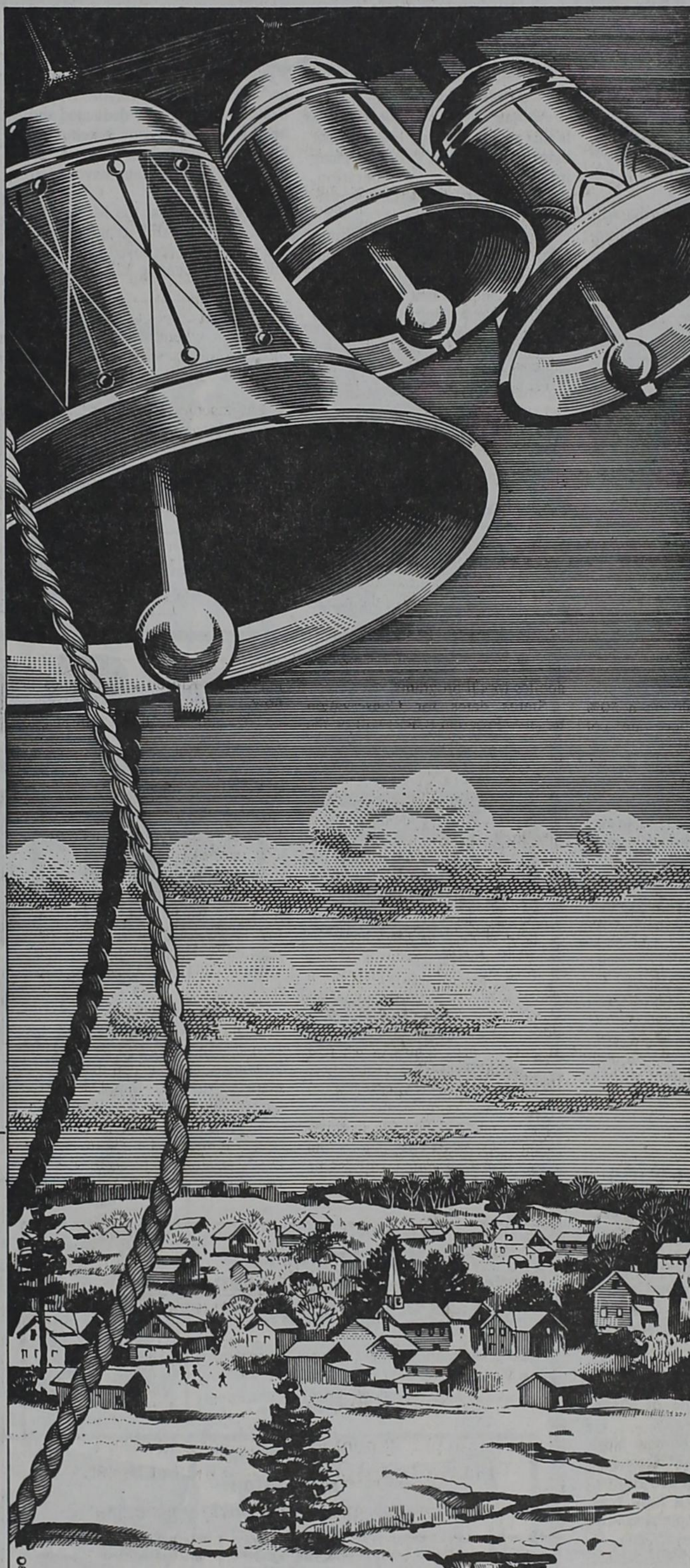
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Pustejovsky, Hillsboro producer and Texas Ag Forum chairman, John Hall, water commission chairman, will discuss his agencies role and its impact on agriculture. The role and impact on agriculture of the air control board will be explained by Gary Wallin, who heads that agency's metallurgical, mechanical and agricultural division.

At the luncheon, Stenholm will present a congressional perspective on environmental issues confronting agriculture.

During the afternoon session, EPA officials will discuss their agency's role and impact on Texas agriculture. Taking part will be John Baker, agricultural advisor to the EPA administrator; Kenton Kirkpatrick, acting director of the water management division of EPA in Region 6, and Stanley Meiberg, director of air pesticides and toxics division of EPA for Region 6.

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industries can receive tax abatement and other incentives. Also, the \$680,000 airport runway extension and the city's new 20-block paving project are important factors for both existing and new industries, Collins said.

Advantages such as these, plus a cooperative city council, give Dimmitt an edge over less progressive cities in the often-fierce race for new industry.

"The reason why I think we will continue to have success is the caliber of people here and the support of our local governments and everyone in the community," Collins said.

Because of the four-year planning and structuring efforts by the EDC and local governments, Dimmitt is on the map and in the computer files of state agencies that can steer new industry this direction.

"We got a call recently from the Texas Dept. of Commerce regarding our Enterprise Zone," Collins said. "We fit the parameters, we were told, of a large project being considered by a Southeast Texas individual. I've contacted that individual and he's sending us a packet. This would be a tremendous ag-related project that would involve a \$50 million investment and create 1,200 jobs."

The EDC also has been putting proposals together on a corn germ processing plant, a tannery and a state prison.

Collins reported "not much progress" on the corn germ processing plant idea, but Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Delores Heller said a tannery "is a possibility if we can find someone here interested."

Since Dimmitt is in the heart of the cattle-feeding industry, Collins is convinced that a tannery would be an excellent related industry. Most hides that come out of American slaughter houses are now being shipped to other countries for tanning.

The competition for state prison sites is fierce, but Dimmitt will definitely be a player. The EDC has been working almost exclusively in recent weeks to put together a package for consideration by the state.

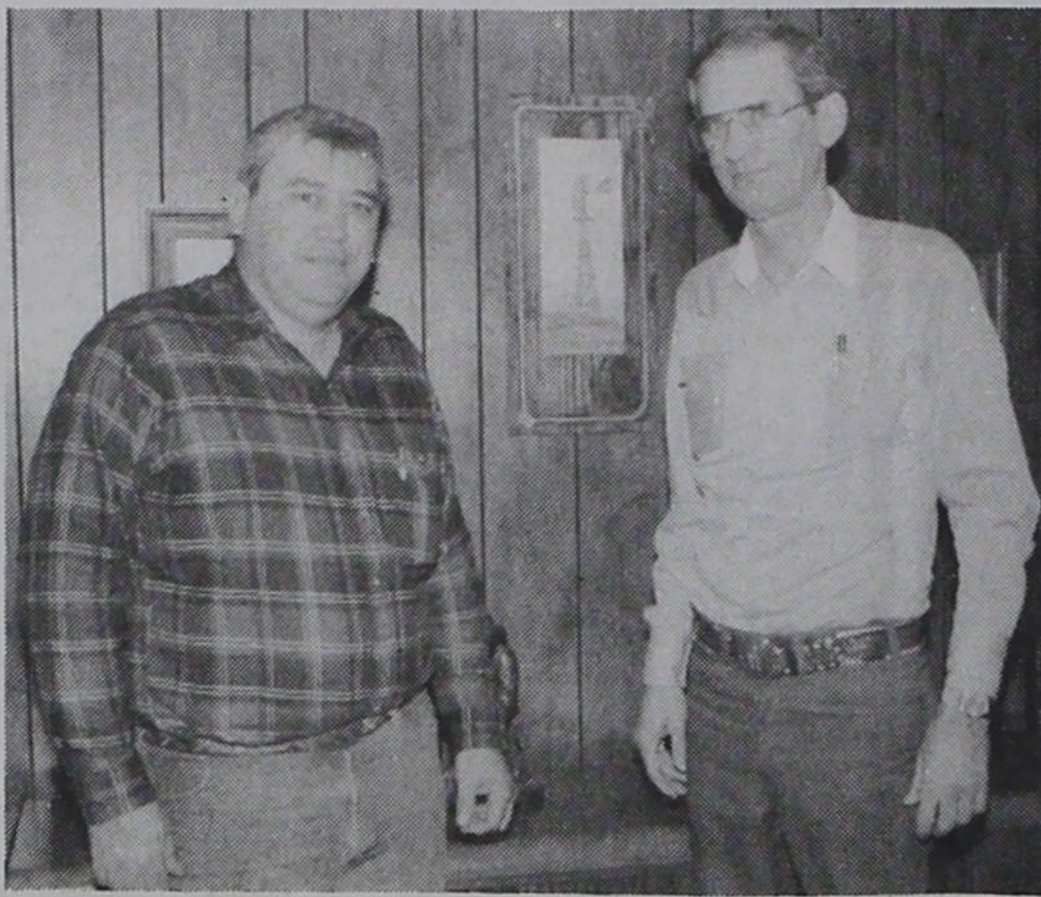
"We have the package that Lamesa used successfully, and we're going to try to put together a package that will compete with what they did," Collins said, adding that the effort of the EDC and the city council has gained the unanimous support of the County Commissioners Court.

A "prison bid" requires the commitment of a 300-acre site with utilities, all free and clear.

"It would be expensive, but we would make our money back in water and service fees," Heller said. "It would really help our hospital, too, as well as other businesses in town, and would provide stable employment for many people."

Any of these projects would strengthen Dimmitt's economic base, and one or two of them could have a truly major impact that would kick the city's population back above the 5,000 mark.

The Economic Development Committee is on the verge of one "bingo," and has its cards aligned for still others.



AN ECONOMIC BOON—M.W. Carrots will be expanding its Dimmitt operations this year, thanks to a loan guarantee program pushed by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry. Corporation stockholders of M.W. Carrot include (from left) Larry Malamen of Hereford, president, and Glen Odom of Dimmitt. Photo by Linda Maxwell

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MW Carrot

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Although the vegetable business in this area is necessarily a seasonal industry, Malamen's future plans include year-round operation, through imports and further diversification.

"We've been working on getting a frozen food processor in the High Plains area for the past six years," he said, adding that part of the reason for increasing capacity is to be able to service a freezer plant.

"Dimmitt is a good area for vegetables, because it meets the important requirements—good soil and water and quality farmers," Odom remarked. "We're always open to good growers."

The local economic climate was also rated as "very favorable" by the two men.

"The attitudes of the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Dimmitt and the Economic Development Committee have all been very positive and aggressive in working with

us," Odom said. "Mayor Wayne Collins has been very dedicated and helpful in finding out information for us and making an effort to see that our requirements have been addressed."

Odom noted that the M.W. proposal to the TAFE program was one of only six approved statewide, selected from among 12 finalists.



Violent antipathies betray a secret affinity.
—William Hazlitt

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doesn't hurt that he is a member and former president of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.) Other EDC members are Delores Heller, Ray Bain, Fred Bruegel, Don Sheffy, Jerry Cartwright, George Sides, Calvin Marsh, Reeford Burrous, Dale Winders, Lois Wales, Vernon O'Kelly and Acie Boyd.

This group is going to continue to make news as they forge progress for the rest of us.

How 'bout those Bobcats?

They knocked off some of the top teams in North Texas—of all classes—to win the championship of the big Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament in Lubbock last week. And Miguel Saucedo was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Way to go, guys!

Your New Year's predictions are as good as mine. It's just that you don't have a press. So compare mine with yours:

The commonwealth that was formerly the Soviet Union will be rent by violence and bloodshed in 1992. But not because of politics. Some of the violence will stem from ethnic feuds between the various republics, but the main cause will be hunger and the lack of an efficient distribution system for what little food is available.

The Dimmitt Bobcats and Bobbies will both advance to the state basketball tournaments.

Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan will get 35% of the vote in the New Hampshire primary. But after that, his political star will decline as he continues to trip on his own bigotry during the campaign. He will never again use the term "Zulu" in public.

David Duke, imitating fellow Republican George Bush, will attempt to stem the recession by buying four new sheets at J. C. Penney's.

Ralph Smith will catch his limit of trout at South Fork, Colo., and Elmer Berryhill will catch his limit of either trout or owls at Ruidoso. I'll be lucky if I catch a single fish in Wisconsin.

The stock market will have its ups and downs during 1992 but will end the year on an upward trend in the face of a building boom spurred by lower interest rates.

The American public will begin turning away from foreign-made products in favor of American-made ones.

President Bush will be re-elected by a narrow margin.

Congress will feel more heat than ever from the public to restructure the federal government and to cut both spending and taxes.

The government will move toward a national health-care program and federal partnership in business and industrial development.

In the face of massive unemployment in the manufacturing and high-tech industries, the farm sector will be one of the most stable industries in the country. As a result, 1992 will be better for those of us who have experienced an agricultural recession for almost a decade.

Dimmitt will get a major new industry in 1992.

Zsa Zsa Gabor will not have a birthday this year.

Alfred E. Neuman will choose not to run.

Obituaries

Otis Cowan

Funeral services for Otis A. Cowan, 81, of Lubbock, the brother of a Dimmitt woman, were held Tuesday afternoon in Resthaven Funeral Home in Lubbock with Rev. Vernon O'Kelly, pastor of Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church, and Rev. Leo Cole, a retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Mr. Cowan died at 4 a.m. Sunday in St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Huckaby and moved with his parents in a covered wagon to Lorenzo in 1914. He graduated from Lorenzo High School and enlisted in the US Army. He retired from the Army with the rank of master sergeant after 29 years of service. He moved to Lubbock in 1970 and was a Baptist. He married Irene Reynolds on Jan. 6, 1947, in Lorenzo.

Survivors include his wife; a brother, William of Yucca Valley, Calif.; and two sisters, Cleo Forson of Dimmitt and Mellie Copley of Whittier, Calif.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

William Gipson Jr.

William "Willie" R. Gipson Jr., 65, former Dimmitt resident, died Dec. 7 at the Dept. of Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Walla Walla, Wash.

Services and burial were held Dec. 10 in Weston, Ore.

Mr. Gipson was the oldest son of Willie and Ethel Gipson, longtime Dimmitt residents. He was born March 1, 1926, in Loving and had attended school at Jermyn and Morgan.

He served in the US Navy from 1943 to 1946. While a resident of Dimmitt, Mr. Gipson, who was known as "Shorty" here, worked at Earl Hembree's blacksmith shop and as a carpenter with Paul and Herman Acker. He married Polly Metcalf on Feb. 25, 1950, in Fort Worth. They lived in the Fort Worth area until moving to Oregon

in 1960, making their home on Tollgate Mountain and then moving into Weston in 1972. Gipson retired from Kay Equipment after serving 25 years. He was an outdoorsman and a fisherman. He was preceded in death by a son, Danny.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Johnny Gipson of Lubbock and Steve Gipson of Tacoma, Wash.; his mother, Ethel Gipson of Farwell; two brothers, Wayne Gipson of Roswell, N.M. and Elden Gipson of Lubbock; two sisters, Wyonna Haney of Farwell and Eudora Craft of Ruidoso, N.M.; and a grandson.

Katherine Hankins

Services for Katherine Hankins, 94, of Nazareth, died last Wednesday, Dec. 25.

Services were held Friday afternoon in Holy Family Church with Msgr. Harold Waldow, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Amarillo, officiating.

Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mrs. Hankins was born in New Market, Minn., and attended schools in New Market and Hinton, Okla. She moved to a farm near Nazareth in 1915. She married William J. Dirks in Lookeba, Okla., in 1915. He died in 1936. She married Troy Hankins in 1948 at Roswell, N.M. He died in 1971.

Survivors include a daughter, Sylvia Hoelting of Nazareth; two sons, Lawrence Dirks of Sallisaw, Okla., and Jerry Dirks of Canyon; a brother, Ambrose Seurer of Hinton; two sisters, Anna Muncy and Ceccilia Porter, both of Hinton; 10 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and 27 great-great-grandchildren.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams
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AUSTIN - The political melodrama known as Texas redistricting has both the players and audience on the edge of their seats.

Last week, a three-judge federal panel threw out Democrat-drawn maps for House and Senate seats, and ordered the state to proceed with primary elections using court-drawn maps.

Coming the day before Christmas, the ruling was a welcome stocking stuffer for minorities and the Texas Republican Party.

"It sounds like Santa may have come a day early for the Republicans," said Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

The judges closely followed the plan favored by the House leadership, but re-drew the Senate plan so extensively that some political analysts were predicting Republicans might win a majority of the 31 seats.

The judges, all Republicans, will allow the primary elections to proceed on schedule March 10, but their decision called into question the need for a Jan. 2 special session that the governor called earlier this month.

Appeal, Special Session

Gov. Ann Richards, however, said: "The special session will proceed as called...and I feel sure that the Legislature will move quickly to establish a plan that will receive pre-clearance by the U.S. Justice Department."

Justice Will Garwood, who also sits on the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, said the court ruling should be set aside if lawmakers finally draw an acceptable plan.

Political experts predicted that sometime this week, Attorney General Dan Morales would appeal to the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to overturn the court ruling and let the Legislature draw new boundaries.

In The Texas House

Early signals indicated that Speaker Gib Lewis and the House leadership were at odds with the court-ordered plan.

After all, the court's plan, except for fine-tuning in El Paso, San Antonio, Dallas and South Texas, was essentially the one crafted by the House redistricting committee.

Perhaps credit should go to redistricting chairman State Rep. Tom Uher, D-Bay City, who continued to hold public hearings and stuck to the Voting Rights Act.

When Uher didn't bend the rules to protect Democratic incumbents, caucus leaders took it into their own hands to draw up a "renegade" plan signed by 76 Democrats, a majority.

No one but the 76 ever took it seriously; now that Uher's plan has essentially been court-approved as legitimate, it should easily win approval in the special session.

In The Texas Senate

If the court found no real problem with Uher and the House plan, it found plenty of fault with the Senate's maps.

The Senate plan protected liberals, shafted conservatives and divided some 80 counties.

The court-drawn replacement has no split counties and forces several incumbents to run against each other in some pretty unbelievable match-ups.

Perhaps the most interesting, pits Senate dean Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, against Rodney Ellis, a black freshman from Houston, in a predominately black district.

Senate agriculture leader Bill Sims, D-San Angelo, is matched against trial lawyer Temple Dickson, D-Sweetwater, in a duel many experts think Sims can win.

Depending on who's talking, Republicans were strengthened in four to seven districts, including two held by Sens. Bob Glasgow, D-Stephenville, and Ted Lyon, D-Rockwall.

Other Highlights

Starting Jan. 1, Texas employers can buy workers' compensation insurance with a variety of deductibles, from \$1,000 to \$25,000, which may lower premiums.

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Groundwater found safe near feedlots

Millions of cattle raised in Texas High Plains feedlots through more than two decades have not contaminated groundwater, according to a recent study by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The well water in all feedlot wells and in farm irrigation wells appears to be suitable for irrigation, livestock watering and human consumption," said Dr. John Sweeten, an Extension Service agricultural engineer.

Sweeten and Dr. Thomas Marek, a researcher for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Amarillo, devised the study in cooperation with the Texas Cattle Feeders Association and the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District based in Lubbock and the Environmental Sciences laboratory at Texas Tech University.

The team examined well water from 26 feedlots in 1990 and expanded the study in 1991 to include wells near two typical feedlots, one of which was located in Castro County.

After the feedlot wells in the first study showed no contamination, the second trial was designed to see if contaminated underground water could be detected away from the feedlot wells. None was found.

More than 5 million head of

cattle are marketed annually from feedlots in about 26 Texas High Plains counties. The area also includes about 4 million irrigated acres of cropland and sits atop portions of the Ogallala Aquifer which reaches into Nebraska.

Sweeten pointed out that most of the feedlots have operated under Texas Water Commission permits requiring no discharge of wastewater since the late 1960's. The commission is requiring revised permits for many feedlots under 1987 rules that have rigorous groundwater quality protection criteria, he said.

The research, for the first time, shows the condition of underground water at and near High Plains feedlots, according to Wayne Wyatt, manager of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District.

"Now we have a data base to measure against in case any appreciable changes are detected in the future," said Wyatt, whose agency enforces groundwater laws in that district. "We are very pleased with the results, but the important thing is that we will continue to monitor from time to time. Then if there ever is a problem, the feedlot can correct it quickly."

The first study included samples from wells at 26 feedlots that have

a combined capacity of 730,000 head of cattle. The nitrate-nitrogen levels averaged 2.8 milligrams per liter. The US Environmental Agency's standard for human drinking water is 10 milligrams per liter.

"Once the sampling results from those wells turned out good, I felt there was no problem with contamination," Wyatt said. "But we felt that we needed a full-fledged study that would extend to include all the wells upgrade and downgrade from the feedlot."

After meeting certain criteria—such as feedlot capacity of at least 5,000 head of cattle, in operation for at least 20 years and surrounded by irrigated farmland—two "typical" High Plains feedlots in Parmer and Castro counties were chosen for the study.

At both locations, groundwater was sampled from four feedlot wells and 10-11 irrigation wells from 2/3 to 7/8 of a mile from the feed pens or feedlot runoff collection plays.

Nitrate concentrations at and around the Castro County feedlot were all less than 2.2 milligrams per liter. Nitrate levels at and around the Parmer County feedlot ranged from 2.6 to 9.5 milligrams per liter.

Sweeten said the geological makeup of the High Plains, in which the depth to the water aquifer is often more than 250 feet and layers of clay under the surface retard chemical movement, helps prevent water contamination by the feedlots.

"Though these feedlots have existed for more than 25 years, they are not causing groundwater contamination problems," Sweeten said. He added, however, that a different set of geological circumstance may lead to different contamination findings elsewhere.

More about

Beet harvest . . .

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Tuesday morning added to the problems.

With no beets or juice to process at the factory, Holly will either have to shut the plant down for this season, or shut it down temporarily and start it up again at a later date, Ramackers said, but he added that it's expensive to start the factory up. He said that Holly officials were willing to start back up if they could expect a quality beet, but the crop has suffered a lot of damage.

And now growers are faced with losing a portion of their crop to Mother Nature.

If Holly decides to shut down the plant, farmers have one main option for the rest of their crop—salvage what's left by turning livestock into the fields, allowing the animals to graze off the decaying sugar beets.

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Seven are indicted

The 242nd District Court Grand Jury meeting in Castro County Friday handed down seven indictments.

James Lee Everett, 33, of Dimmitt was indicted on aggravated sexual assault and indecency with a

child.

Jorge Olvera, 37, of Plainview was named for possession of marijuana over 4 ounces.

Escape charges were listed against Joe Reyes Jr., 20, of Dimmitt.

Dan Calvin Petty, 44, of Anton

was indicted for criminal mischief.

Melinda Dawn Moon, 17, of Muleshoe was listed for aggravated assault.

Two other charges of criminal mischief resulted in indictments, but the names of the defendants were not available pending arrests.

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