

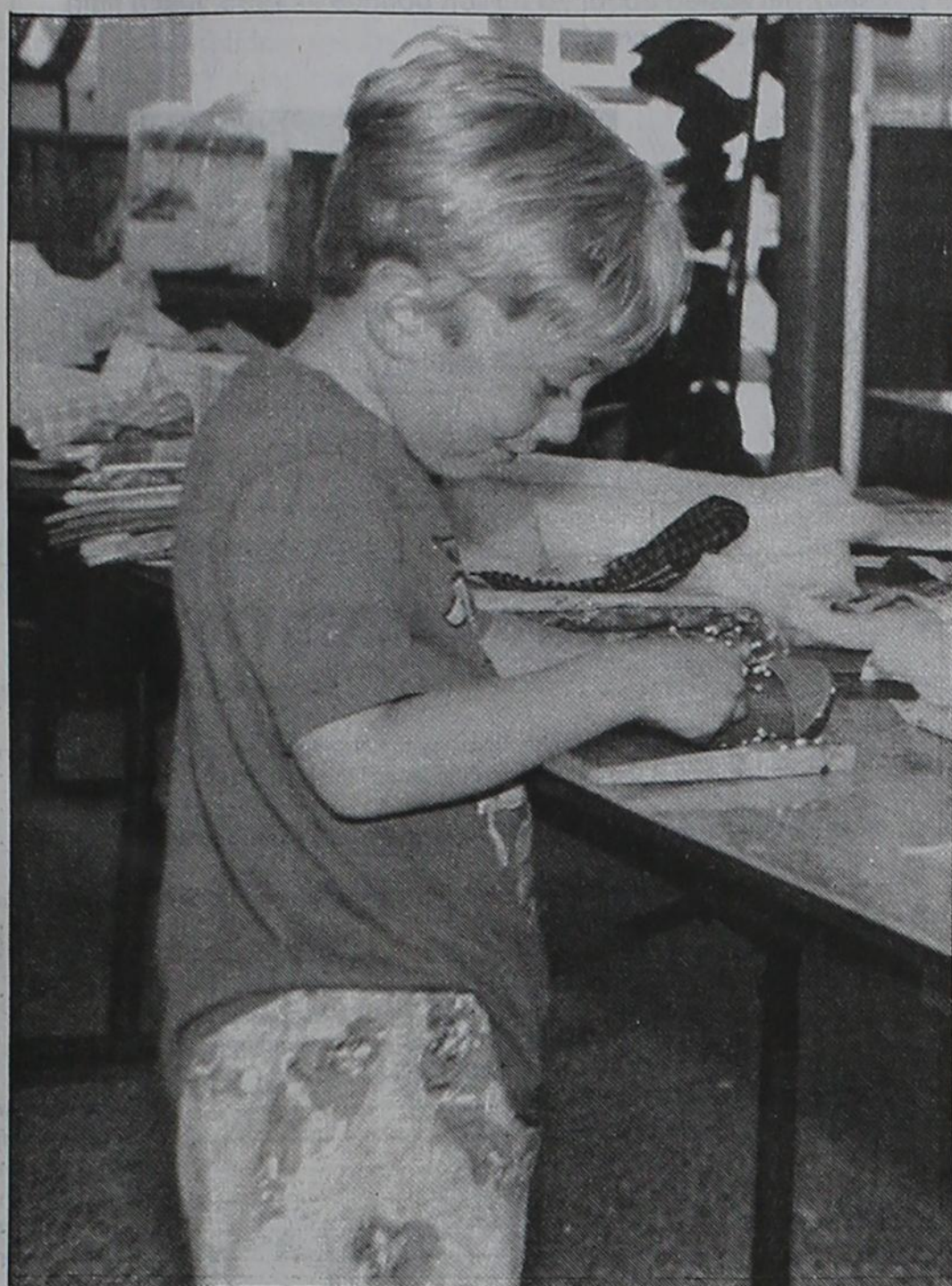
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KEEPING THE PINS STRAIGHT IS IMPORTANT, TOO. Ethan Wales, 5, son of Kurt and Tara Wales of Dimmitt, helps his mom at the Love Quilt Connection held Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt. The Friendship Quilters' Guild sponsored the project, which provided materials for construction of lap quilts for Canterbury Villa Nursing Home residents and children's quilts for donation to the Child Protective Services office.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Local elections on tap Saturday

County voters will flock to the polls Saturday to elect city councilmen, school board members and hospital district board members.

The county's three boards of education will conduct member elections and the City of Dimmitt has several council members vying for seats on its board. Two seats are up on the Castro County Hospital District's board of directors and Hart residents will vote on council members.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day.

Here's a rundown of who has filed for the local offices and where each election will be conducted.

City of Dimmitt

Dimmitt voters will cast their ballots at City Hall in the council members' chambers in Saturday's city election.

Dimmitt voters will elect one at-large council member and representatives for Places 1, 2, 3 and

4 in the May 4 elections. Council members whose terms expire this year include Don Sheffy (at-large), Gloria Hernandez (Place 2), Roy Garza (Place 1), Charles Richard (Place 3) and Roger Malone (Place 4).

Malone, Richard, Hernandez and Garza have filed for re-election, and Richard will be challenged in the Place 3 race by Henry Acevedo. Malcolm Reynolds has filed for the at-large seat.

City of Hart

Voters in the Hart city election will cast ballots on Saturday at the Hart Golden Group Building.

Hart City Council members L.C. McLain, Vickie Ethridge and Todd Pebworth are up for re-election this year and all three incumbents have filed.

City of Nazareth

Nazareth voters will cast ballots in

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Glickman hopes new provisions will ease burden caused by drought

US Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman wasn't greeted by the usual blustery dry winds on his visit to Dimmitt and Tulia Friday, but what he saw in area fields was enough to convince him that the current drought plaguing the area has reached the disaster stage.

Glickman toured parched wheat fields

south of Happy, then held a town hall meeting in Dimmitt on Friday in an attempt to evaluate the extent of the drought conditions here. He also announced additional relief measures for CRP participants approved for emergency grazing, and outlined key points in the new 1996 Farm Bill, including estimated contract commodity payment rates for 1996.

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see what farmers and ranchers in this area are going through. We have a disaster," Glickman said. "This is the second driest crop year of any in this century, depending on where you are and whether you've been lucky enough to get a sprinkle or two."

Castro County has received a meager five hundredths of an inch of moisture since Jan. 1. The cracked, dry farms in the area are void of rich topsoil, which has blown away with strong, gusty winds this spring. Dryland wheat is virtually non-existent in the area, and the irrigated variety has suffered stunted growth because of the lack of sufficient moisture from Mother Nature.

The five hundredths fell in a light shower in early February. No measurable precipitation was recorded in



Dan Glickman

January, March or April. The average moisture during the first four months is about 2.5 inches.

If the five hundredths of an inch from January through April isn't a record low for Castro County, it's close. The closest low on record to it was recorded by Edwin "Goose" Ramey in 1920, when .20 of an inch was recorded in January and not a drop was picked up over the next three months.

Glickman said he and Keith Collins, the US Dept. of Agriculture's chief economist, made the trip to this area to survey the extent of the damage caused by the drought, and to look at crops in the area.

Preliminary estimates predict the state's wheat crop to be only 34% of normal.

"We took a tour of a farm here to visualize the damage and study the impact on the livestock industry, which is being negatively affected by high beef prices and low cattle prices right now," Glickman said. "We want to see what can be done and how the 1996 Farm Bill can provide some help."

But producers say not all measures in the new farm bill are beneficial to them. The new legislation has eliminated the livestock feed assistance program, which benefits many cattle raisers whose grazing acres have been diminished because of the drought.

"It (livestock feed assistance program) was eliminated during a very inopportune time, during one of the driest spells in decades in many states," Glickman said.

According to Glickman, producers who were approved for the assistance prior to passage of the farm bill will continue to receive livestock feed protection until that authority expires, but if producers weren't signed up, they cannot receive aid.

He added that USDA is exploring new ways to cover

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US Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman:

Farmers must accept more risks

Producers will have to assume more of the risks involved with farming under the new farm bill, and although that might worry some, US Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman says it will be beneficial in the long run.

Dimmitt welcomed Glickman Friday morning for a town hall meeting at the Expo Building. The ag secretary outlined provisions of the new farm bill and addressed producers' concerns. Glickman's stop in Dimmitt was the only one in the area. In addition to discussing the new farm legislation, Glickman also assessed the current drought situation (see related story).

"This new farm bill will give us a lot of flexibility, but it will also make life a little scarier for farmers because, for the most part, they will be assuming all of the risks," said Glickman.

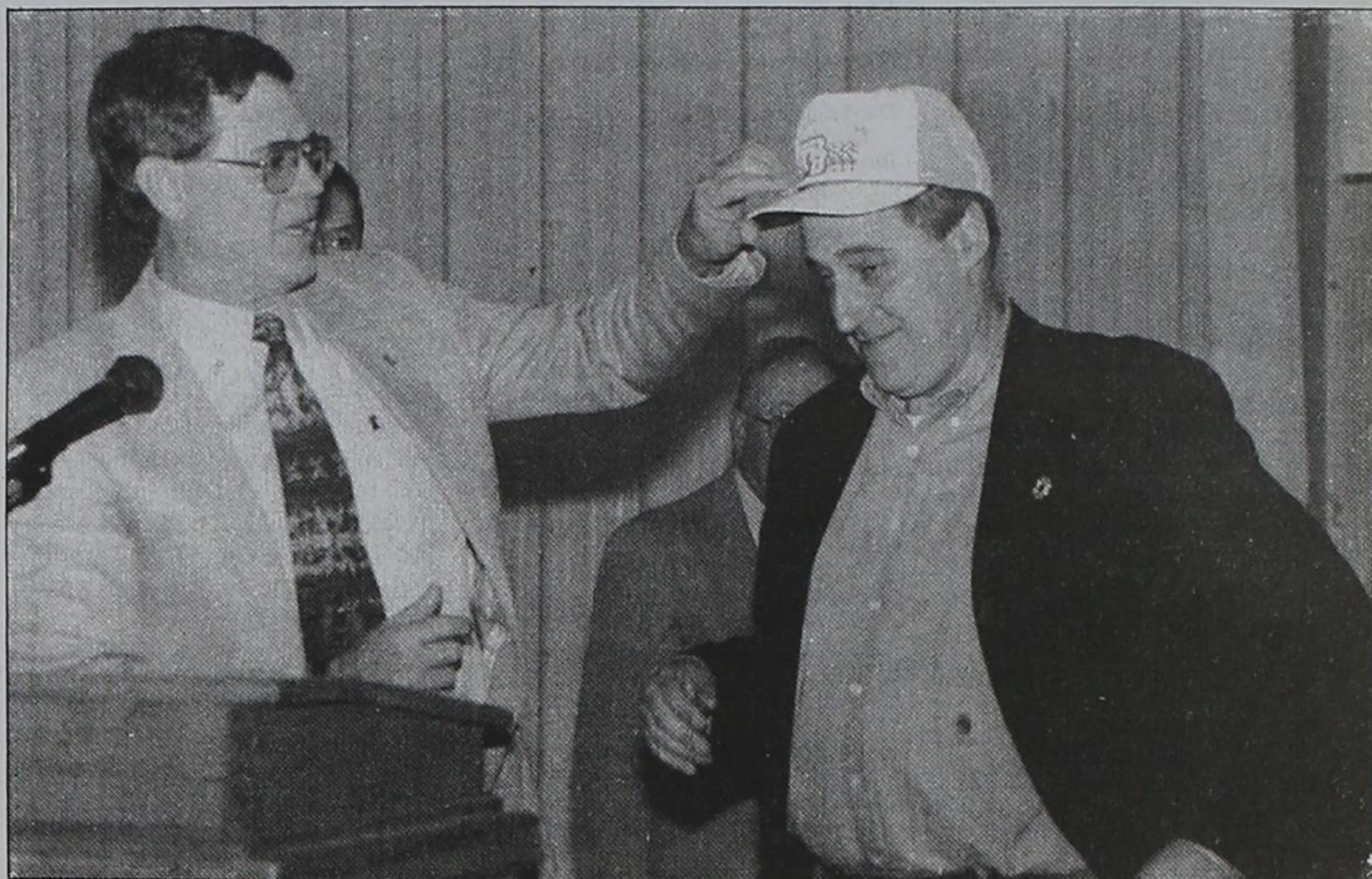
He said producers will have to develop good risk management tools. The government and producers will have to work together to find markets for products around the world and fight unfair trade barriers which keep those products out of many countries. He also stressed the need to continue with effective research to ensure the United States continue to lead the world in new technologies and products.

"I don't know whether we're having the Golden Age of Agriculture, but I believe that the long-term trends for agriculture are extremely positive given what is happening in the world," Glickman said. "We have a great demand for our products and the standard of living around the world is on the increase."

Glickman said over the next decade he expects to see higher prices for grains, but in the meantime, producers are facing tight world grain supplies, increased demand and lower production.

A round of applause greeted Glickman's comments that tight supplies would not bring about an embargo.

"The marketplace will sort these things out in terms of the worldwide situation," Glickman said. "Higher prices will affect demand to some



JERRY DON GLOVER (left) of the Texas Corn Producers Board presents US Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman with a cap bearing the TCPB logo Friday during Glickman's visit in Dimmitt. The ag secretary toured area wheat fields struggling for

life under the severe drought conditions, then he met at the Expo Building in Dimmitt with local farmers and agricultural officials to discuss the drought and new farm bill.

Photo by Anne Acker

degree. In other parts of the country we're seeing farmers responding with more acreage in corn, wheat and soybeans. We hope that by the end of the summer we won't have a major problem."

Glickman said the new farm legislation finally approved by Congress after lengthy debate, reflects major changes in farm policy, particularly

for row crops.

The biggest change is a one-time sign-up for production flexibility contracts over the next seven years. The sign-up period is scheduled to begin May 20 and will continue through July 20.

"Producers must sign up during this period to be eligible for the guaranteed payments provided for the next seven years under the com-

modity provisions of the farm bill," Glickman said. Producers who do not sign up during this period will be locked out of the program for the full seven years."

There is one exception, however. Producers will have the option to convert land which is under the Conservation Reserve Program when that land comes out of contract.

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Here are the estimated payment rates for 1996 crops

Commodity	Advance	Final	Total	Payment of 1995 Crop Refunds	Total
Wheat (cents/bu.)	31¢	31¢	62¢	25¢	87¢
Corn (cents/bu.)	12¢	12¢	24¢	N/A	24¢
Sorghum (cents/bu.)	15.5¢	15.5¢	31¢	N/A	31¢
Barley (cents/bu.)	11.5¢	11.5¢	23¢	9¢	32¢
Oats (cents/bu.)	1¢	1¢	2¢	1¢	3¢
Upland Cotton (cents/lb.)	3.875¢	3.875¢	7.75¢	1.31¢	9.06¢
Rice (\$/cwt.)	\$1.39	\$1.39	\$2.78	N/A	\$2.78

Search for PMH chief narrows

viewed six or seven of the 60-plus applicants.

"The search has been narrowed down to two, either one of whom would be an asset to our hospital district," Clark said.

The new administrator — who also will serve as chief executive officer of the hospital district—will succeed Steve Goode, who resigned in January. Gordon Russell of Abernathy, a consultant and retired administrator, has been serving as the interim administrator since Goode's departure.

At its meeting last Thursday night, the board accepted the resignation of Sherry Whiteaker, R.N., a certified nurse practitioner who has been dividing her time between the Medical Center of Dimmitt and the Hawkins Memorial Clinic at Hart.

The Texas Tech University Medical Center in Lubbock took over the Hart clinic's operation April 12, with an agreement to send its lab work and refer its Hart patients to Plains Memorial. The local hospital district established the Hart clinic more than two years ago, but it had operated at a deficit ever since its opening.

"The people at Hart all seem very happy about their clinic situation now," Clark said. "I'm pleased

with the way it has turned out."

A search is underway for a replacement for Whiteaker at the Medical Center of Dimmitt. As a certified rural health clinic, the facility must have a physician assistant or nurse practitioner on duty most of the time.

Meanwhile, negotiations are continuing between the hospital board and Dr. D. S. Patel, longtime Dimmitt surgeon. The board gave Dr. Patel 90 days' notice in February that it was terminating his employment contract, but Dr. Patel is continuing to practice at the clinic and hospital here pending the outcome of a new round of negotiations.

Employment contracts for all of the hospital district's hired physicians come up for renewal later this

month, Clark said.

The hospital district turned a profit on its operations last month with the help of Medicaid Disproportionate Share funds, according to the monthly financial report presented to the board last Thursday night.

Operating revenues in March totaled \$451,257.78, while expenses ran \$447,061.37, leaving a \$4,196.41 net earning on operations. "Dispro" funds accounted for \$32,000 of the operating revenue.

Although that \$4,196 represents a profit margin of less than 1%, it's still considered significant because it's a net-earned figure that doesn't include tax revenue. The month's

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Electrical accident injures Deaf Smith REC lineman

Quick response by the Castro County Emergency Medical Services to the scene of an electrical accident last Thursday earned the crew praise from Tommie Weemes, member services manager of Deaf Smith Rural Electric Cooperative.

At about 2:02 p.m. last Thursday, Ramon De La Cerda, 39, of Hereford, was injured when he came into contact with a live electrical wire he was working on on FM 1055.

De La Cerda, a journeyman lineman with Deaf Smith Rural Electric Cooperative, was working on an electrical pole a mile south of Dimmitt Feed Yards on FM 1055 last Thursday at 2:02 p.m., when he had an "electrical contact" with a 7,200-volt power line, according to Weemes.

Weemes said De La Cerda suffered electrical burns, mainly to his hands. He was belted to the pole, so he didn't fall. Three of his co-workers were able to bring him down off the pole.

The Castro County Emergency Medical Service responded to the scene within minutes and the victim was reportedly conscious when they arrived. Within an hour and 15 minutes, the victim had been transported to the University Medical Center's burn treatment center in Lubbock.

Weemes praised the team's quick response.

"We are really fortunate to have all the EMT services available that we have," Weemes said. "They made good time getting to him, starting the fluids and IV, etc."

De La Cerda was treated at the scene by local emergency medical personnel, then was transported by medical helicopter to the burn treatment center in Lubbock.

According to Weemes, De La Cerda was responding well to treatment and is expected to undergo further treatments for several weeks.

Weemes said this was the first such accident by a Deaf Smith REC lineman since 1948.

Pray for rain

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	93	47	39
Friday	71	39	49
Saturday	82	40	40
Sunday	94	47	47
Monday	63	31	31
Tuesday	63	32	32
Wednesday	80	39	39

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Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.

Nazareth Elementary wins district UIL competition

Nazareth Elementary School students walked away with the district UIL literary championship last week, earning several gold medals and placing in a host of events.

First-place winners included Ross Birkenfeld in third grade spelling; Jamie Lynn Birkenfeld in third grade Ready Writing; Brock Birkenfeld in fourth grade Number Sense and Spelling; Eric Schilling in fifth grade Dictionary Skills and Spelling; Zac Morris in fifth grade Listening Skills; Carson Gerber in fifth grade Number Sense; Blake Birkenfeld in sixth grade Calculator Applications and Number Sense; Ky Wilcox in sixth grade Listening Skills; Mandy Hoelting in sixth grade Maps, Graphs and Charts; Mark Birkenfeld in seventh grade Calculator, Dictionary Skills, Science, Number Sense and Spelling; Brooke Moyers in seventh grade modern Oratory Reading; Jill Schulte in eighth grade Calculator Applications; Mindi Ethridge in eighth grade dictionary skills; Jill Schulte in eighth grade Number Sense; Karen Wilhelm in eighth grade Oral Reading; and Cameron McLain in eighth grade Maps, Graphs and Charts.

Here's a list of Nazareth students placing at the meet:

SECOND GRADE
 Creative Writing: 4. J'Lae Merritt, 5. Alan Gerber.

THIRD GRADE
 Oral Reading: 5. Garrett Klemm, 6. Jason Wilhelm.
 Spelling: 1. Ross Birkenfeld, 2. Jamie Lynn Birkenfeld.
 Story Telling: 3. Orin Schulte, 4. Ross Birkenfeld, 6. Melina Braddock.
 Ready Writing: 1. Jamie Lynn Birkenfeld, 3. Ross Birkenfeld.

FOURTH GRADE
 Art Contest: 3. Brock Birkenfeld, Brett Hoelting and Andrew Brockman.
 Number Sense: 1. Brock Birkenfeld, 5. Kimberly Brockman, 6. Brett Hoelting.
 Oral Reading: 2. Lindsey Wood.
 Spelling: 1. Brock Birkenfeld, 3. Misty Burton, 5. Tanya Herring.
 Ready Writing: 5. Brock Birkenfeld, 6. Tanya Herring.

FIFTH GRADE
 Art Contest: 2. Ross Schulte, Kristi Ramaekers and Shane Klemm.
 Dictionary Skills: 1. Eric Schilling, 2. Tyler Ehly, 5. Kody Huseman.
 Listening Skills: 1. Zac Morris, 3. Ross Schulte.
 Maps, Graphs & Charts: 3. Shane Klemm, 4. Zac Morris, 6. Shelby Wilhelm.

Senior parents to plan grad party

Parents of seniors at Dimmitt High School will meet today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at the DHS Library. Plans will be discussed for the senior party that will follow graduation exercises. All senior parents are urged to attend.

Music Memory: 2. Justin Myers, Craig Birkenfeld and Nicole Acker.
Number Sense: 1. Carson Gerber, 5. Craig Birkenfeld.
Oral Reading: 2. Teri Ramaekers, 5. Kristi Ramaekers.
Spelling: 1. Eric Schilling, 2. Kody Huseman, 3. Craig Birkenfeld.
Ready Writing: 4. Eric Schilling

SIXTH GRADE
Calculator: 1. Blake Birkenfeld, 3. Miranda Burton, 5. Daryl Pohlmeier.
Dictionary Skills: 6. Megan Schilling.
Listening Skills: 1. Ky Wilcox.
Maps, Graphs & Charts: 1. Mandy Hoelting, 2. Blake Birkenfeld, 3. Marsha Black.
Music Memory: 3. Jason Birkenfeld, Miranda Burton and Mandy Hoelting.
Number Sense: 1. Blake Birkenfeld, 5. Daryl Pohlmeier, 6. Trinity Robb.
Oral Reading: 2. Mandy Hoelting, 3. Blake Birkenfeld.

SEVENTH GRADE
Calculator: 1. Mark Birkenfeld, 2. Lindsey K. Gerber, 3. Tara Klemm.
Dictionary Skills: 1. Mark Birkenfeld, 2. Whitney Hoelting, 3. Brooke Moyers.
Impromptu Speaking: 2. Mark Birkenfeld, 4. Lindsey K. Gerber, 6. Nicole Huseman.
Listening Skills: 3. Jason Huseman, 4. Adam Schulte, 5. Holly Myers.
Modern Oratory Reading: 1. Brooke Moyers, 2. Nicole Huseman, 3. Shawna Gerber.
Science: 1. Mark Birkenfeld, 3. Lindsey M. Gerber.
Number Sense: 1. Mark Birkenfeld, 2. Lindsey M. Gerber, 3. Whitney Hoelting.
Oral Reading: 1. Sage Annen.
Spelling: 1. Mark Birkenfeld, 6. Whitney Hoelting.
Ready Writing: 5. Brooke Moyers.

EIGHTH GRADE
Calculator: 1. Jill Schulte, 3. Mindi Ethridge, 6. Stanton Wethington.
Dictionary Skills: 1. Mindi Ethridge, 2. Karen Wilhelm.
Impromptu Speaking: 2. Mindi Ethridge, 3. Karen Wilhelm, 4. Dawn Ramaekers.
Listening Skills: 2. David Verkamp, 3. Sara Schulte.
Maps, Graphs & Charts: 1. Cameron McLain, 2. Jill Schulte.
Modern Oratory Reading: 2. Stanton Wethington, 4. Clay Hoelting, 6. Cameron McLain.
Number Sense: 1. Jill Schulte.
Oral Reading: 1. Karen Wilhelm.

DARE recognizes graduates

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program in Dimmitt recently held an awards program at Dimmitt Middle School. Certificates and T-shirts were given to the 118 sixth graders who successfully completed the course. Also, Jeremy Bishop was honored for having the top DARE essay. He was awarded a ribbon and a certificate, as well as a DARE jacket. He is the son of Mickey and Carole Bishop of Dimmitt.

Obituaries

Sylvia Herring

Funeral services for Sylvia Ida Adeline Herring, 73, of Grand Prairie, the step-sister of a Hart woman, were held Monday afternoon at Brown's Grand Prairie Funeral Home Chapel.



Burial followed at Southland Memorial Park in Grand Prairie. Mrs. Herring died last Thursday at Dallas Medical Center. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Al Garry Herring of Dallas; three brothers, J.A. McClain of Rotan, Andrew Johnson of Hillsboro, and Charles Eldon McClain of Azela; a step-brother, Willie Gene Howerton of Fort Worth; two step-sisters, Geraldine Cook of Grand Prairie and Sarah Reyes of Hart; and two grandchildren.

Arthur Wear

Funeral services for Tolbert Arthur Wear, 79, of Goodwell, Okla., and formerly of Dimmitt, were to have been held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church of Texhoma, Okla., with Rev. Terry Davidson, pastor, officiating.

Burial was to be in the Elmhurst Cemetery of Guymon, Okla., under the direction of Dawson-Welch Funeral Home of Texhoma.

Mr. Wear died Saturday in Memorial Hospital of Texas County in Guymon after a lengthy illness. He was born April 30, 1916, in Bonham. He married Ellie Montgomery on Sept. 27, 1937, in Blossom. They lived in Dimmitt from 1947 until the mid '60s. They moved to Gruver in 1973 and to Texhoma in 1978, and most recently to Goodwell. Mr. Wear was a farm laborer and a Baptist. While living in Dimmitt, he had worked for Dale Carmichael, Carl Bruegel and W.L. Harris, and he had been a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; five daughters, Lorine Robinson of Emory, Kathryn Wells of Gruver, Florence Wells of Manvel, Melba Robertson of Amarillo, and Debbie Hornsby of Spearman; two sons, Glendon Wear of Buffalo, Okla., and Elmer Wear of Dumas; two sisters, Bonnie Couise Beason and LaRue W. Allison, both of Amarillo; a brother, James E. Weaver of Amarillo; 30 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Lung Association.

Without discipline, there's no life at all.
 Katherine Hepburn

Goldie Thompson

Funeral services for Goldie Thompson, 84, of Dimmitt, were held Friday afternoon in Ivey Chapel of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt with Rev. David Fletcher, pastor of Northwest Baptist Church of Amarillo, and Rev. Benny Wright, pastor of Sunnyside Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Thompson died April 23. She was born Feb. 11, 1912, in Jack County, moving to Wheeler County with her parents in 1918. She graduated from McLean High School in 1930. She married Edgar Thompson on March 18, 1934, in Sayre, Okla. They farmed near Magic City until 1946, when they moved to the Plains. They farmed for several years in the Finney Switch community, then lived in Tulia where Edd did carpenter work. In 1951, they moved to the Sunnyside community and farmed on her father's section, living in a house they built on the southeast corner of the property. Mr. Thompson died in 1975.

A homemaker and an artist, Mrs. Thompson was a member of Sunnyside Baptist Church and served as Sunday School secretary for many years.

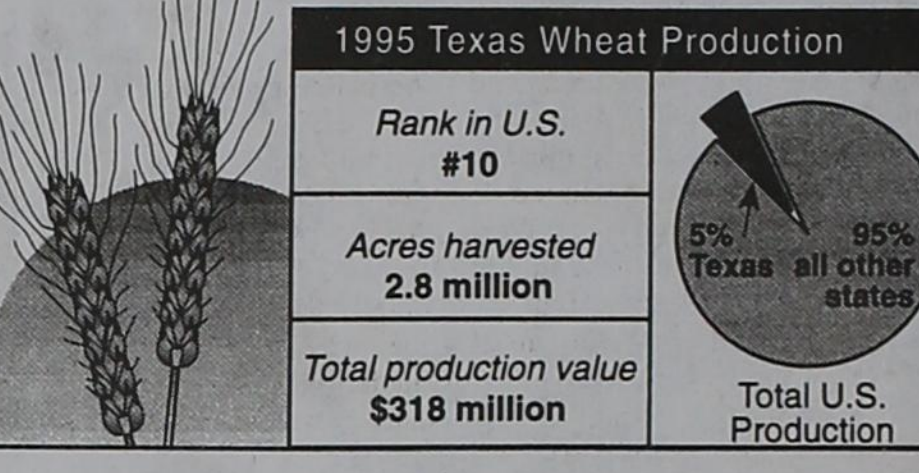
She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, L.B. Bowden. Survivors include a niece, Glenda Bill of Amarillo; and a nephew, Luther Thompson of Hobbs, N.M.

Pallbearers were Luther Thompson, Lance Loudder, Doug Loudder, Larry Sadler, David Sadler, and Coby Gilbreath.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

AGRIFACTS

WHEAT
 About half of the state's wheat acreage is grown on the Texas High Plains, where more than a third is irrigated. Most of the wheat grown in Texas is of the hard red winter varieties, planted in September and October. Producers only harvested about 76 million pounds in 1995, just a little above the 1994 crop.



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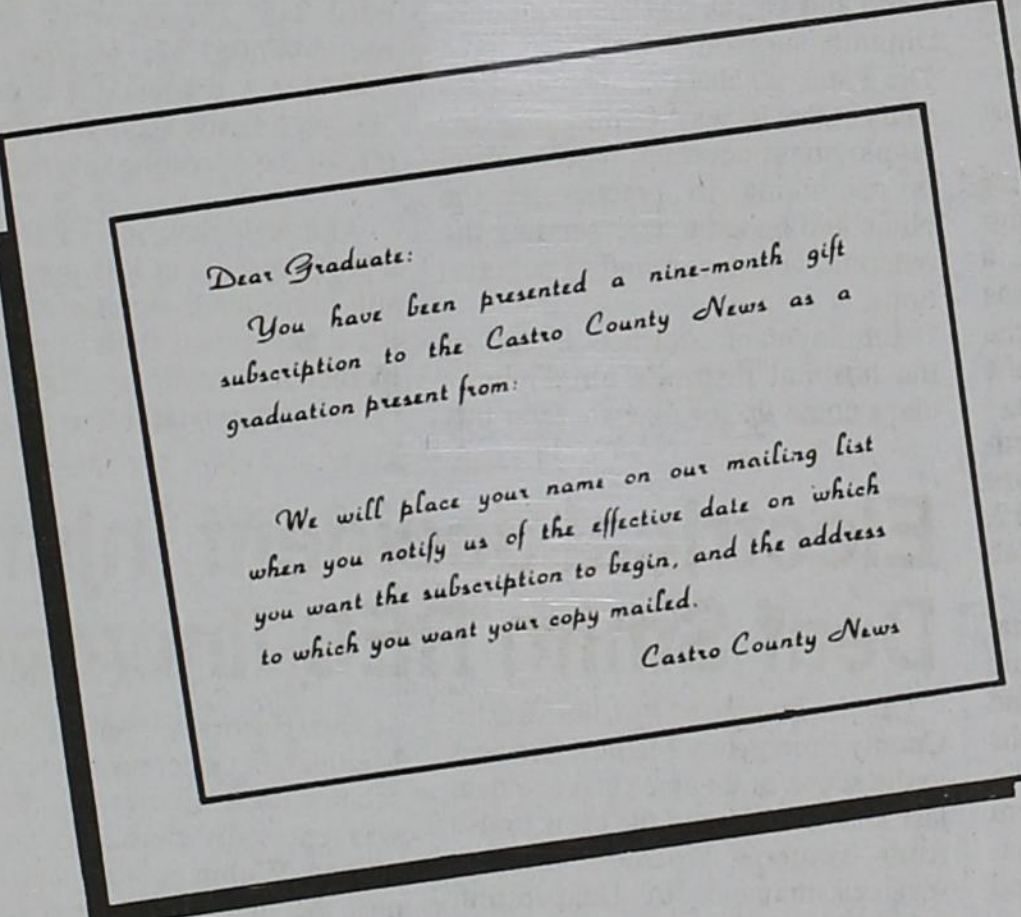
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- this Kessler was a Rockets 1st rounder
- TX Orbison tune
- TXism: "me casa ___ casa"
- "Lone Star" author: ___ Fehrenbach
- one-sixtieth of a minute (abbr.)
- this Toby was TX Ranger mgr. right after Valentine
- Houston AM radio
- TX Pecos Bill was a ___ folk hero
- Fort Bliss location: Mesa
- cotton bundles
- TX offense "driving ___ toxicated"
- TX claim: "no brag, just ___"
- Coleman museum has vintage ___ War planes
- Winnboro's "___ Trails Festival"
- big Valley purchase: ___ citrus
- King Ranch is bigger than this state (abbr.)
- TXism: "he's ___ squeaks when he walks" (miser)
- TXism: "jump ___" (escape)
- TX pest: fire ___
- one who runs away to "get hitched"
- duties of a "go-fer"
- TXism: "ugly as homemade ___"
- ___ -Marcus ___ and vigor
- "JFK" director Stone (init.)
- branding iron burn
- personal retirement fund
- nickname of Astro Hall of Famer Jimmy Wynn
- TXism: "sells like dogs at the State Fair"
- Nolan Ryan status (abbr.)
- this Alfred was nominated for president in Houston in '28 (init.)
- TX author King (init.)
- TX eatery: Steak and ___
- TX Gary Morris was in "Miserables" on Broadway
- Louisiana is on TX's ___ border
- religious affiliation of ACU in Abilene
- Priscilla Davis' ill-fated lover Farr
- golf course of '93 Jimmy Johnson Classic (3 wds.)
- TXism: "tall hog ___ the trough"
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- vitamin Bz
- it's desired by TX teens (2 wds.)
- between Lamb and Floyd Counties
- TX Roddenberry's Star Fleet enemies
- mineral not in TX
- TXism: "wises up on"
- TXism: "___ as hens teeth"
- "don't go away in a ___"
- longtime pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas: ___ Criswell
- TXism: "my bigger half" (___ band)
- OJ's judge Lance
- Hewlett computer printer co. (abbr.)
- ___ gallon hat
- advertising sales guy
- actor Robert De ___
- TX Bush's S.Ct. justice Thomas was chairman of this govt. agency (abbr.)
- Ron Kirk won Dallas' last ___ election
- Progreso mascot: Fighting Red ___
- Rangers opponent: ___ Yankees

On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

On April 21, Molly Scott was honored with a surprise birthday party at the Kabuki Restaurant in Amarillo. The celebration was planned by her children and her husband, Ben. They enjoyed a Chinese meal and presented Molly with gifts and cards.

Those attending were Sid and Flora Davis of Buckeye, Ariz., who were visiting in the Ben Scott home; Estelle Davis and Justin Hogue of Hereford; Carrie Sheffy of West Texas A&M University in Canyon; and Krystal, Klay, Anessa, Ben Jr., Robert Nelson and Lois Scott, all of Dimmitt.

Bobbie Damron celebrated her birthday with friends in Hereford at the Sirolo Stockade. Those enjoying the special occasion were Clyde Damron, Lawrence and Vernice Green, Charles and Rena Richard, Andy and Oleda Schumacher, Agnes Schilling, Florene Leinen and Edna Reinart.

Out of town visitors at the museum last week were members of the Arney Home Demonstration Club, including Katie Mae Gauden and Myrtle Ellen Fortner of Amarillo, Ronnie Wilhelm and Ann Kern of Nazareth, Aurelia Schoonenberger of Happy, and Louise Witkowski of Hereford.

The Thursday Bridge Club met at the Senior Citizens Center with Louise Mears acting as hostess. She served a delicious dump cake and ice cream for dessert. Bernice Hill and Emily Clingsmith served fresh fish and all the trimmings for lunch.

Dugan Butler finished with the high score and Clingsmith was second. Others playing were Cleo Forson, Edith Graef, Johnnie Vannoy, Loranel Hamilton, Elizabeth Huckabay, Helen Braafladt, Dede McLaren, Virginia Crider, Opha Burks, Ina Rae Cates, Neva Hickey, Alma Kenmore and Bill Thornton.

A good crowd attended the spring cooking school, "Affairs to Remember," which was held at Rhoads Memorial Library on Tuesday. Kay Davis presented the program, offering several recipes and presenting trends and tips for successful stress-free parties. This cooking school is co-sponsored by Southwestern Public Service Co. and the Castro County Extension Service.

The Friendship Quilters Guild of Dimmitt held a "Love Quilt Connection" workshop Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center with about 25 attending. They made lap quilts which will be donated to Canterbury Villa Nursing Home and Child Protective Services. Machines were furnished by the Amarillo New Home dealer. A Waco dealer furnished the batting for the

quilts. Members of the Quilt Guild furnished other materials and labor and other women came to help sew, cut, pin or do any other work needed. A covered dish lunch was enjoyed at noon.

The Hereford Community Concert Association presented the London Piano Duo with David Nettle and Richard Markham on Sunday afternoon at the Hereford High School Auditorium. These young men are from England and they are very talented. They tour with their two Steinway Concert Grands. They have made four major tours in the United States and traveled a total of 22,000 miles.

Some of the more familiar songs which they played were *Fantasia on Greensleeves*, *Popular Song* and *Scenes from West Side Story*. There were about 15 people from Dimmitt attending the concert.

The Hereford Association has planned its concerts for next year and they include *Little Eagles of Siberia*, *Max Morath* and *The Dodge City Cow-Boy Band*.

Amy Gilliland told us they are holding their drive for next year's season memberships, and anyone who needs tickets can contact Ed and Betty Freeman in Dimmitt.

Joyce Aury of Rocky Ford, Colo., Floyce George and Irene Carpenter have returned from a "wonderful trip." They went through Wichita Falls and visited Brandi Rice, who is a student at Southwestern University. They ate at Red Lobster. Then they went on to Fort Worth to visit Irene's sister-in-law, Mary and Gene Pittman, and they all ate breakfast at a fun place which included a restaurant and a gift shop that had everything.

Dallas was the group's next stop, and they spent the day with O.B. Carpenter, who took them out to eat at Red Lobster. Then they went to Richardson, Plano and Allen where they visited Irene's nephews and their families, Paul and Sue Parker and children and David and Eddie Parker, who came over from McKinney. The women drove from Dallas, through Abilene, to Anson, where they said the bluebonnets were beautiful. In Anson they visited Irene's cousins, Vera Bagley and her sister, Ruby Faye of Abilene, and their brother, Weldon Cooley, who came in from O'Donnell. They ate lunch together before coming back to Dimmitt, and Joyce went on to Rocky Ford.

The Children's Choir from First Baptist Church in Dimmitt presented a musical Sunday evening at the church.

The musical, *Hans Bronson's Gold Medal Mission*, was directed by

Debra Ball and her assistants, Tami Griffitt and Wayne Proffitt.

The opening skit was performed by Sally Stahl and Rae Odom. The second act featured *Olympic Fever*, with the choir performing and Kelsey Welch doing a solo.

Then Cliff Wright performed a solo during the next scene, *Hans Bronson*.

Inside Story featured solos by Alexis Proffitt, Welch, Amber Bell, Sheena Ehly, Shae Odom and Rae Odom.

Those performing solos during the scene, *The Colors of His Love*, were Jenna Steinle, Ashley Irons, Laura Rasor and Hayli Wise.

Wise also performed a solo entitled *I is Me*, and Irons took her solo during *Pass Over Me*. *The Blueness is Newness* was performed by Haley Heard and Alicia Heard. Tami Griffitt performed a solo during *Basic Four*, and Proffitt performed one in *Better than Gold*.

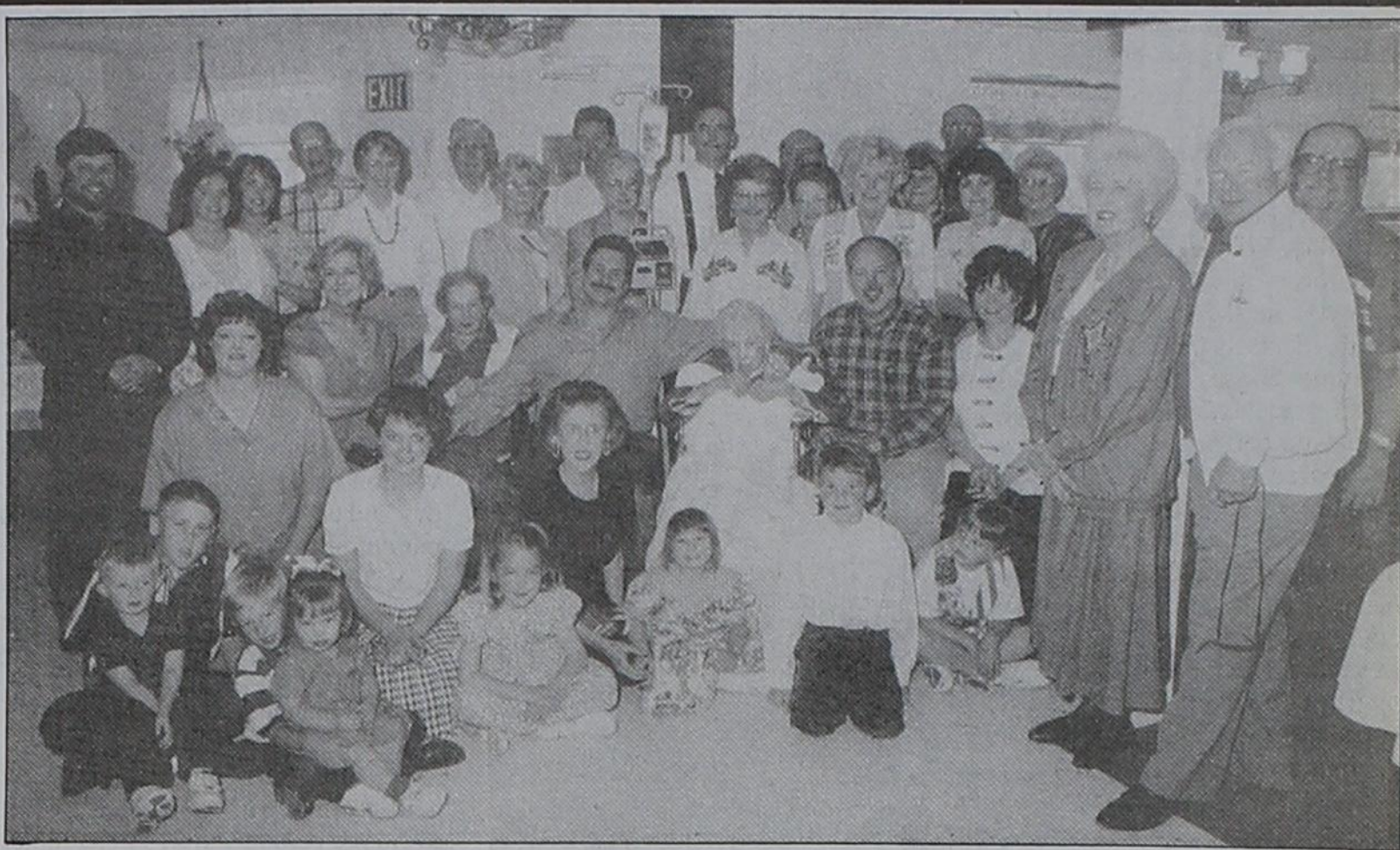
The cast of characters included Tami Griffitt as Mrs. Finch, Cliff Wright as Hans Bronson, Alexis Proffitt as Gracie; Amber Bell as Faith; Kelsey Welch as Hope; Wayne Proffitt as Frank Lee, Kyle Ray as Frankie and Jared Griffitt as Timmy Thompson. Members of the Olympic Color Guard were Stuart Sheffy, Daniel DeLeon, Cynthia Barrera, Chris Perez and Nicole Heard. Councilpersons were Cheryl Pybus, Debbie Annen and Walter Maynard.

Members of the choir were Jimmy Armstrong, Fernando Aguero, Daniel DeLeon, Sheena Ehly, Alicia Heard, Haley Heard, Ashley Irons, Rae Odom, Chris Perez, Stuart Sheffy, Sally Stahl, Natasha Williams, Hayli Wise, Lindsey Wood, Reyna Aguero, Cynthia Barrera, Israel DeLeon, Michelle Gonzales, Brittany Heard, Nicole Heard, Crystal Lopez, Shae Odom, Laura Rasor, Brandy Smith, Jenna Steinle, Marissa Williams and Casey Wood.

Susan Freeman Gose flew from Huron, S.D. to Amarillo (via Minneapolis, Minn., Cincinnati, Ohio and Dallas) on a 12-hour trip to visit Ed and Betty Freeman.

On Friday Ed attended the District I Rotary convention at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. Betty and Susan attended the state P.E.O. convention at the Radisson Inn. Betty was one of a number of Golden Girls who have been members of the International Philanthropic and Educational Organization for 50 years or more. She was initiated into the sisterhood in 1946 in Ketchikan, Alaska, and has been an active member in Tacoma, Wash., Ipswich, S.D., Fergus Falls, Minn., Tulsa, Okla., Hominy, Okla., Canadian and Hereford.

Susan, Ed and Betty were hosts at the banquet at the Radisson on Fri-



A LARGE CROWD OF FRIENDS and relatives from Arizona, Colorado, Oklahoma, California, Maryland, Virginia and Texas were on hand to help Matilda Olsen celebrate her 100th birthday on April 20. Those pictured who helped her celebrate are Coby Gilbreath, Pam Schaffer, Jan Strahan, Don Knecht, Josie Knecht, Wayne Hunnicutt, Ruth Hunnicutt, Donald Wayne Hunnicutt, Nancy Mullins, Steven Bloyd, Betty Jones, Lee Bailey, Reta Bailey, Pat Jones, Kay Holleman, Ricky Wortes, Shana Wortes, Carol Bailey, Mary Rowdon, Jack Rowdon,

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day evening and about 650 guests from Texas and other states were present.

Susan returned to Huron on Sunday evening and spent a few hours in Minneapolis with her sister, Carol.

Susan is principal of an elementary school in Cavour, S.D., and also belongs to the P.E.O. in Huron. She enjoyed visiting Dimmitt and going with Ed and Betty to their reading class for English as a Second Language in Mrs. Batencourt's room on Friday morning.

She was impressed with the quilt-making group at the Senior Citizens

Center on Saturday afternoon and service at the Presbyterian Church.

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Head Start plans early registration

Registration for the next Head Start program will be held Friday, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Richardson Elementary School Library.

The Head Start program is a pre-school early childhood developmental program. To qualify, children must be four years old on or before Sept. 1 and the family must meet income guidelines which are pre-established. Head Start also helps children with special needs.

When registering a child for the program, parents are asked to furnish the child's birth certificate, the family's income verification, federal assistance verification, the child's up-to-date shot records and a copy of a parent and child's Social Security cards.

RES plans pre-registration

Parents of children who will be entering kindergarten at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt next fall are asked to pre-register their child Friday at the school's library.

The pre-registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and parents must provide school officials with a copy of their child's birth certificate, shot record and social security number.

Children entering kindergarten next year must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 1996.

Back Talk Chiropractic Care Questions & Answers

I have arthritis pain in my hands and arms. My friend said a chiropractor gave her relief from similar pain. How does that work?

There are several types of arthritis. With most types the patient experiences pain and stiffness in the joints. Chiropractic manipulation can be beneficial in several respects. Cervical spine manipulation can increase the circulation into the upper extremities thereby improving mobility of the joints. Manipulation can increase the production of a hormone in the body called endorphin. Endorphins can block out pain in the body. A chiropractor, by affecting the joints of the spine with the adjustment, stimulates nerve pathways that decrease pain.

My eight-year-old son fell off a slide and landed on his back two weeks ago. Now he is complaining of numbness in his upper legs. Could his back be seriously injured?

Yes. Weakness or numbness in the extremities can frequently be a sign of damage to the nerves or an injury to the discs that separate the vertebrae. A child with these symptoms should be taken to a doctor

that specializes in musculoskeletal injuries. A chiropractor would perform neurological and orthopedic examinations, would x-ray and may also order other testing procedures. Failure to seek treatment with these symptoms could lead to permanent disability.

I can sleep comfortably on one side but when I turn over, my shoulder and neck hurt. I have no problem when standing or sitting. Is this a spine problem?

This sounds like a problem that involves the spine; but may only be due to the mattress or pillow. Symptoms like these could also be caused by a disease of an internal organ that is referring pain to the spine. A chiropractor should be consulted in this instance. They will be able to ascertain the cause of the problem. If the chiropractor finds that the pain is caused by an underlying disease, he should refer the patient to an appropriate medical practitioner.

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Mitzie Heller and Bryan Alexander

Pair plan July wedding

Jerry and Delores Heller of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mitzie Dee, to Bryan Lee Alexander, son of Roy and Judy Alexander of Levelland.

The couple plan to exchange vows on July 20 at 4 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

A 1994 graduate of Dimmitt High School, the bride-elect is a sophomore at Texas Tech University, majoring in elementary education.

Presently employed at Scott Tractor in Lubbock, the prospective groom is a 1992 graduate of Conroe High School, and attended South Plains College.

Their future plans include farming in the Levelland area after the first of the year.

District VFW convention will be held in Dimmitt

Charles S. Pearson, former state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) will be the guest speaker at the District 13 VFW convention, which will be held Saturday and Sunday at the post home in Dimmitt.

Registration for the district convention will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday and cost is \$10 per person or \$20 per couple.

A "Loyalty Day" program will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, followed by a social and cocktail hour from 6 to 7 p.m. A country and western dance is planned that evening from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

On Sunday, registration will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. and cost is \$7.50 per person and \$15 per couple. Sunday activities include a memorial service at 9 a.m., followed by a joint meeting with the VFW and Auxiliary at 9:30 a.m. A welcoming address will be offered by Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins and Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld. A meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. The day's

activities will conclude with a luncheon at 12 noon.

District officers include George R. (Bob) Clark, commander; Ron Wilfong, senior vice commander; Jim Swinney, junior vice commander; Joe Bob Mann, quartermaster; and Jose Ambriz, adjutant. District Auxiliary officers are Anita Vardeil, president; Deanna Duke, senior vice president; and Linda Dutton, junior vice president.

Pearson is a life member of Motor Transport Post 1533 in San Antonio and he was state commander during 1990-91, and he earned All-American honors.

After serving as state commander, Pearson served a two-year term (1992-94) as a member of the National Council of Administration, representing Texas on the national level.

Pearson has been a VFW member since 1971 and has served at various levels of his post, district, department, state and national levels.

He served in Vietnam with the Air Force. During his 20 years of military duty, 1961 to 1981, he earned the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal and two Meritorious Service Medals. He was discharged from the Air Force as a Master Sergeant.



Mandy Davis and Matt Gfeller

June wedding planned

Leslie and Frances Davis of Hart announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mandy, to Matt Gfeller, son of Ronnie and Kay Gfeller of Dimmitt.

The pair plan to wed June 15 at 6 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt. They will reside in Dimmitt following the wedding.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Dimmitt High School, and is a freshman at Texas Tech University.

The prospective groom is a 1991 DHS graduate, and attended West Texas State University. He is self-employed in farming and ranching near Dimmitt.



Mary Bradley

Bradley earns science award

Mary Bradley, daughter of Gene and Shari Bradley of Dimmitt, has been named a United States National Award winner in science.

Bradley, a Dimmitt Middle School student, was nominated for the award by Rose Ball, science teacher at the school.

Bradley's picture and biography will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's official collegiate yearbook, published nationally.

She is a member of the basketball and track teams and was on the UIL Science team. She is in band and is active in 4-H. Her hobbies are playing basketball, riding horses and roller blading.

She is the granddaughter of Dent and Bessie Bradley and G.L. Willis, all of Dimmitt.

ICC plans celebration

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt has planned a full slate of activities in celebration of Cinco de Mayo Sunday at the church's community center.

A variety of Mexican food will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and cost is \$3.50 per plate. Among the foods offered will be enchiladas, gorditas, chalupas and tacos, along with sides of rice and beans and drinks. The food will be served by the Guadalupe Women's Society.

Afternoon activities include a volleyball tournament, magic show, Mexican Bingo, ring toss game, face painting, Coke walk, cake walk, tropical juice drinks, impersonations of famous people like the Blues Brothers, Selena and Gloria Trevi, and a dance routine called "Macarena."

The celebration is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

Museum group to meet today

The Castro County Museum Association will meet today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. at the Castro County Museum, on West Halsell in Dimmitt.

The monthly meeting is open to all interested persons.



What's cooking?

In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of May 2-9.

DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, savory peas, fruit fantasy, hot cheese rolls and milk.

FRIDAY: Hamburger on a roll, Mexipinto beans, hamburger salad, fruited gelatin, peanut butter cookies and milk.

MONDAY: Poor boy steak, baked potato, southern collard greens, orange wedges, cornmeal yeast rolls and milk.

TUESDAY: Southern fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, Mexicali corn, tossed salad with dressing, hot wheat rolls, cowboy cookies and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Barbecued beef on a roll, Mexipinto beans, potato salad, haystack finger salad, yellow cake and milk.

THURSDAY: Lasagna with ground beef, broccoli with cheese sauce, carrot and raisin salad, fresh watermelon, garlic bread and milk.

FRIDAY: No school.

(Items designated with an asterisk will be served to students in pre-kindergarten through the second grade.)

HART

THURSDAY: Stromboli (elementary) or grilled cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pick-

les, potato chips, cookie and milk.

FRIDAY: Burrito (elementary) or corn dogs, corn on the cob, peaches, Rice Krispie bar and milk.

MONDAY: Pizza (elementary) or lasagna; corn, salad, peaches, sliced bread and milk.

TUESDAY: Turkey and dressing, green beans, sweet potatoes, fruit salad, cranberry sauce, bread, pumpkin or pecan pie and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Burritos or corn dogs, corn on the cob, pickles, Rice Krispie bar and milk.

THURSDAY: Pork rib patties on a hoagie bun (elementary) or hamburger, tomato, pickles, lettuce, French fries, fresh fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: No school.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: Chili dogs, green beans, peaches and milk.

FRIDAY: Fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls, Jell-O and milk.

MONDAY: Ham, fried okra, cornbread, black-eyed peas, pears and milk.

TUESDAY: Baked potatoes with chili and cheese, bread, broccoli, fruit cocktail and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Corn dogs, corn, cherry crisp and milk.

THURSDAY: Nachos, pork and beans, rolls, applesauce and milk.

FRIDAY: No school.

Naz Lions plan broom and mop sale

The Nazareth Lions Club will hold its annual broom and mop sale Sunday at the Nazareth Community Hall.

All products sold during the fund raising project have been made by the blind.

Proceeds from the sale will be used for various Lions Club projects, according to Dean Johnson, president of the Nazareth Lions.

Anyone interested in purchasing items may do so Sunday morning, or by contacting Joey Waldo at 945-2231 to have your order delivered.

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**Margie Durbin
Durbin earns
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Margie Durbin of Nazareth has been named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy.

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Durbin, a Nazareth High School student, was nominated for the national award by Brenda Schulte.

Durbin's picture and biography will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Durbin is the daughter of Paul and Joan Durbin and the granddaughter of Loretta Durbin of Amarillo.



Two Dimmitt people have joined the US Army under the Delayed Enlistment Program at the US Army Recruiting Station in Amarillo.

Signing up were Claudia D. Medrano, daughter of Miguel Medrano of Dimmitt and Juana M. Czebey of Coronado Road Lot 3, Hoberford; and Victor Everett, son of Noah and Fidela Everett of Dimmitt.

Everett is a senior at Dimmitt High School, and will report to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., for military basic training on July 16. Medrano, also a DHS senior, will report to Fort Jackson, S.C., on Aug. 28.

The Delayed Enlistment Program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

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**Pioneer walk
planned Friday**

Five second grade classes at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School will hold their annual May Day Pioneer History Walk on Friday at 9 a.m. and again at 10 a.m., and the public is invited to attend.

The program will start with an exhibition of dancing on the stage in the west cafeteria. Then audience members will be invited to "follow the footprints" to the P.E. building to view 25 booths displaying various aspects of pioneer life, including travel by covered wagon, feeding chickens and making beef jerky.

Teachers of the participating classes are Mary Jo Brown, Darlene Collins, Pat Evan, Sue Rita Myatt, and Cathy Thames.

The program will be performed at 9 and repeated at 10.

**Follies theme
is announced**

Return to Vaudeville is the theme for the 1996 production of the Follies, and the variety show will be performed June 29 and 30.

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a planning meeting next Thursday, May 2, at 4:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office. Representatives from each civic organization are asked to attend the meeting and offer input and ideas.

Open auditions for the Follies will be held May 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on May 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Carlile Theater in Dimmitt.

Anyone planning to participate in the show should attend the auditions, which will be open to individuals of all ages.

For more information contact Shelly Nutt, Chamber executive director, at 647-2524.

**Fellowship
to hear Brock**

The speaker for May for the Dimmitt Flame Fellowship will be Marejohn Brock of Hooks.

She will speak Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library. A spokesperson of the group said the 7:30 meeting time is different from past meetings.

Brock and her husband are the overseers of the congregation which was founded by her grandfather in Avery, and which is now pastored by their son, Jim.

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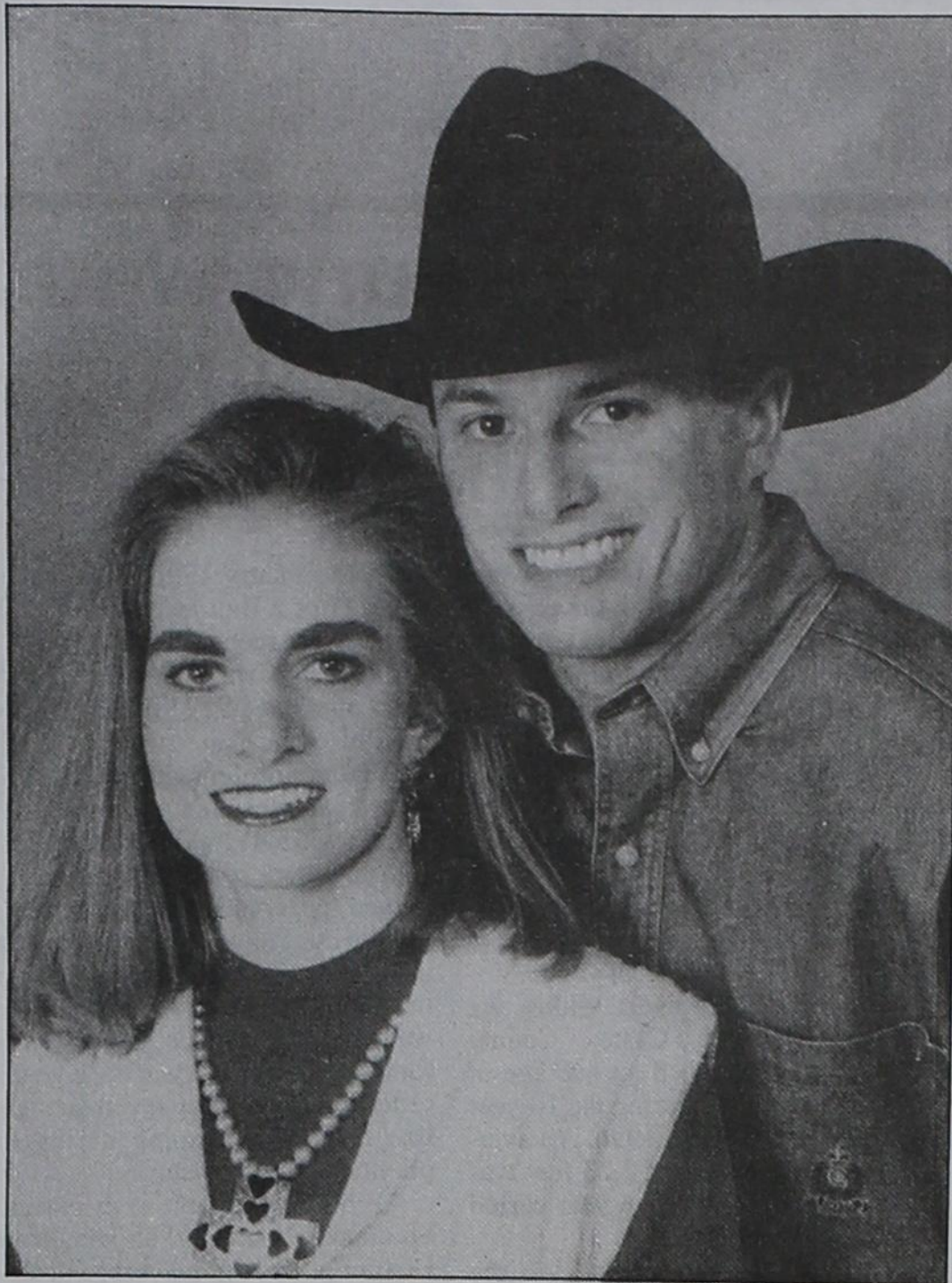
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Dana Louise Schulte and Troy Anthony Johnston

Engagement announced

Floyd and Dorothy Schulte of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Dana Louise, to Troy Anthony Johnston, son of Sandra Johnston of Shamrock.

The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of Nazareth High School, and obtained a bachelor of science degree in merchandising from Texas Tech University in 1994. She is currently employed by FirstCare Southwest Health Alliances in Amarillo.

The prospective groom is a 1989 graduate of Shamrock High School and holds a bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics from Texas Tech University, graduating in 1994. He is a sales representative for West Texas Equipment Company in Amarillo.

The pair plan to wed June 22 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

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NEW BRANCH MANAGER for First Bank, Dimmitt Branch, is **Chaun Gunstream** of Dimmitt. He was promoted to the position recently, taking over from Morris Wilcox, who has become executive vice president of First National Bank of Lockney's new branch in Silverton.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Gunstream is branch manager

Chaun Gunstream is the new branch manager of First Bank, Dimmitt Branch, beginning his new duties recently. He had previously been loan officer at the bank for three years.

The previous branch manager was Morris Wilcox, who had worked on getting this branch opened up. The branch will celebrate its third anniversary in Dimmitt in June. Wilcox left to take a position as executive vice president for First National Bank of Lockney's affiliate

bank in Silverton.

A native of Muleshoe, Gunstream is a 1988 graduate of Muleshoe High School. He completed his bachelor's degree in finance from Texas Tech University in December of 1992. Many summers he was employed at First Bank of Muleshoe. His father is now president of that bank.

Gunstream said his wife, Lisa, is also a native of Muleshoe. She is employed as a math and science teacher at Nazareth High School. The couple have a daughter, Devin, 14 months.

Gunstream said the thing he likes about the banking profession is "working with people and helping them solve their problems, and seeing them through tough times."

The local branch has five full-time employees and one part-time, and is looking for a new loan officer.

In planning for the future, Gunstream said, "Hopefully, we'll keep growing."

Some Mayan Indians played a game that resembled basketball around A.D. 700 to 900. The object of the game was to hit a rubber ball through a hoop with their elbows or hips. Mayan ball players wore thigh guards and a thick, protective belt when playing.

County ground water levels are declining—3.22 feet in 1995

Castro County's ground water levels are dropping with the passage of each year, and the current drought will only create more problems.

Ground water levels in the county declined an average of 3.22 feet in 1995 in 91 privately-owned wells in the observation well network maintained by High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.

This represents a decrease of 341,630 acre feet of water in storage in the Ogallala Aquifer last year.

Ground water levels within the Water District's Castro County service area declined an average of 1.73 feet annually during the 10-year period from 1986 to 1996. An average annual decline of 2.23 feet was recorded during the five-year period from 1991 to 1996.

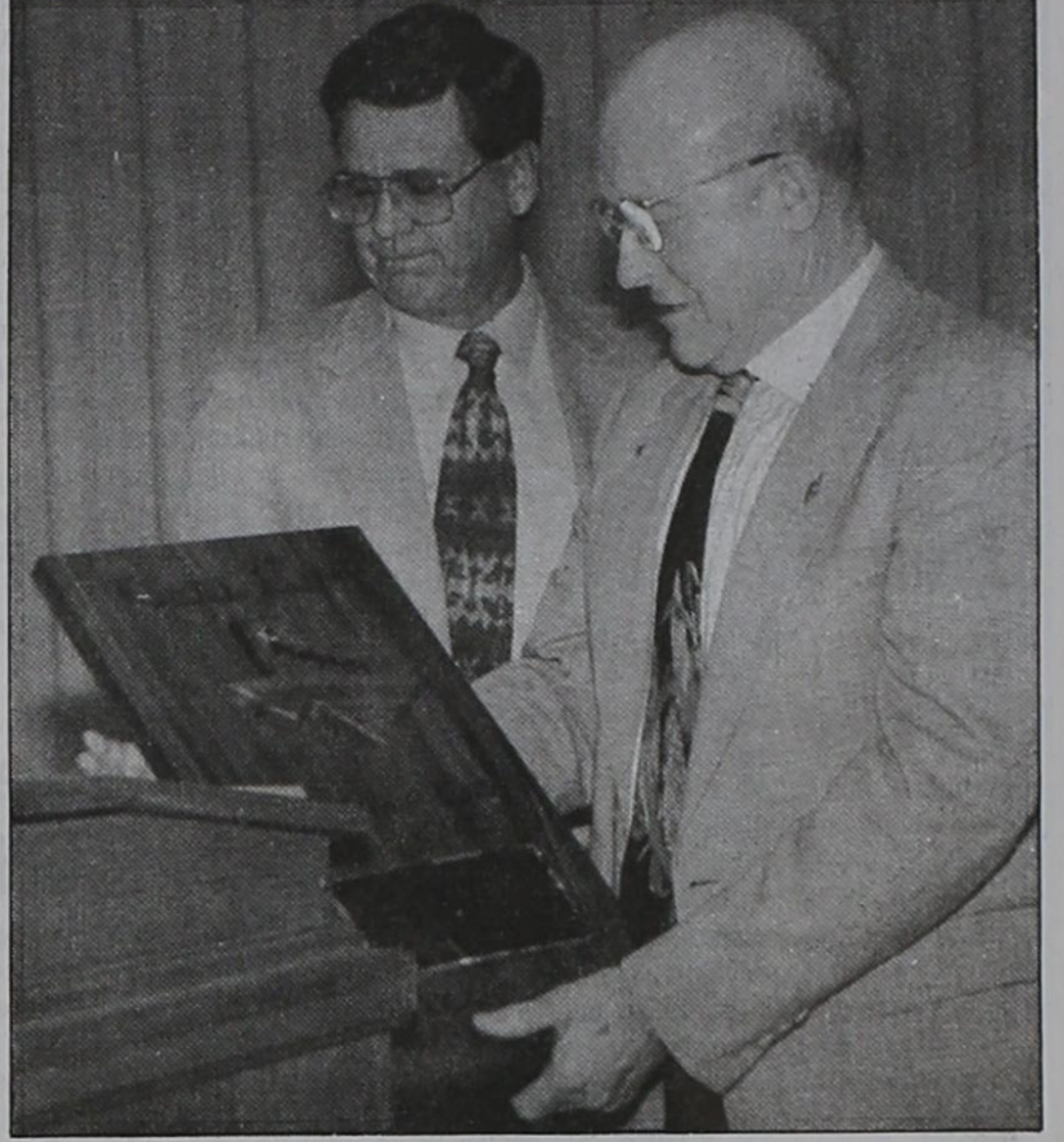
Ground water levels in the Ogallala Aquifer within the 6.7 million acre High Plains Water District service area had an average decline of 1.91 feet from January

1995 to January 1996. This decline was .24 of a foot less than the 2.15 feet decline recorded for 1994.

This represents a net decrease in 1995 of about 1,989,900 acre-feet of ground water in storage in the Ogallala Aquifer within the Water District service area. An acre foot is equal to 325,851 gallons of water.

A network of 1,196 privately-owned observation water wells is used to determine the annual change in the quantity of water in storage in the Ogallala Aquifer. The depth-to-water measurements are taken in January and February of each year in order to allow water levels to stabilize from the pumping during the previous growing season.

All of the 15 counties or portions of counties making up the Water District recorded an average decline in depth-to-water levels in 1995, ranging from 3.41 feet in Parmer County to .51 of a foot in Potter County.



CARL KING (right) of Dimmitt accepts a special plaque from **Jerry Don Glover**, chairman of the Texas Corn Producers Board, Friday morning. Glover presented King, former TCPB chief, with the plaque in appreciation for his years of service and dedication to agriculture. King was instrumental in organizing the TCPB as well as the Texas and American Corn Grower Associations.

Photo by Anne Acker

Cotton Talks

By SHAWN WADE

Passage of a provision addressing problems associated with implementation of new farm credit provisions provides relief for affected producers.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, the legislation will allow processing of farm operating loan applications that were held in limbo until passage of the new Farm Bill.

The measure was sponsored by Rep. Larry Combest (R-Lubbock) to provide leeway for both producers and the Farm Service Agency Ag Credit office in dealing with loan applications that were already being processed. Final determinations on these loan applications will be based on rules in effect prior to April 4, 1996.

Combest said that while the short-term effect of the measure will provide relief for producers in 1996, the underlying problem still exists.

Combest is now preparing legislation that will more precisely define loan delinquency and prevent the

unfair exclusion of producers who have the ability to repay loans.

"The problem we faced was that the new farm credit provisions automatically classified many producers as ineligible based on situations that occurred many years ago," explained Donald A. Johnson, PCG executive vice president. He said the FSA Ag Credit office "is often the lender of last resort for producers who need help rebuilding their financial situations."

Johnson adds that the issue is not whether reforms need to be implemented to weed out the habitually delinquent borrower.

"Hopefully, these changes can be made without unfairly penalizing producers who act in good faith and who should not be judged based on outdated financial information that in many instances does not reflect their current ability to take out and repay a (FSA Ag Credit office) loan," Johnson said.

The program sign-up period begins May 20. The one-time sign-up will end July 12.

Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR

Life-Long Learning



There were two times in my life when I felt that I pretty much knew what needed to be known. The first was when I was 16. The second was about the time I turned 30.

Some learning years have passed since then and I've gained a little wisdom in the passing of those years. For example, I've learned that my mother is not nearly as ignorant as I thought when I was 16. I also know now that though I was moderately successful at age 30, fortunes can come and go quickly. Riches are

fickle, but knowledge will be your servant until you die.

Therefore as I grow older I'm becoming more of an advocate of life-long learning. I now understand the value of acquiring knowledge. "What you think" will never be a very good substitute for "what you know." What you know can never be taken from you.

I'm aware that some folks get paid very well for just saying what they think. A few are fortunate enough to travel around the world and tell others what they think.

Personally I find it easier to sell what I know. Oh sure, I throw in some opinion from time to time, but I get paid for what I know. When I started focusing my efforts on knowing more about a specific subject than most folks, my paydays improved.

I don't know it all. In fact, I know only a little about the areas I've studied the most. However, I need to know more, and that knowledge coupled with the desire, is what life-long learning is all about.

Yearning to Learn

Recently I watched a television program where several business owners discussed their journeys toward success. As they detailed their struggles, each mentioned a period of intense study, or a time when they acquired knowledge at an accelerated pace.

One described his study of the competition by saying he "had to know exactly what they were doing." Another described her experience as "... my only chance to overcome my early failures was to get a lot smarter, real quick."

Later in the same show, all of these bright men and women admitted they were still learning. One summed up the feelings of the group with this statement: "You better be learning every day. As fast as the rules of business are changing, if you aren't learning every day you'll soon be out of the game."

Learning Opportunity

On May 14, business owners will have a great opportunity to continue their life-long learning process. The Amarillo Chamber of Commerce is holding its fifth annual Business Connection Trade Show. This one-day event allows area businesses to showcase their products and services.

We will once again provide solid learning opportunities by bringing in quality speakers to address current business issues. This year's lineup includes workshops and seminars in the areas of "Exporting Basics," "Surfing the Internet for Profit," "Business Growth," "Health and Fitness," "Win-Win Negotiation" and "Leadership Styles."

Some of these sessions will run concurrently, so check with the Chamber for times and registration details. All workshops are free, if you have an admission ticket. The tickets are also free. You can pick up tickets at the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce (10th and Polk) or our office at the West Texas A&M University Small Business Development Center (1800 S. Washington, Suite 209) or any of the nearly 200 area businesses which will have booths at the show.

John Wooden, retired coach of the UCLA basketball team, made this statement a few years ago. He said, "It's what you learn after you know it all that counts." Don't miss Business Connection '96—you might just learn something.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Marts*. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.



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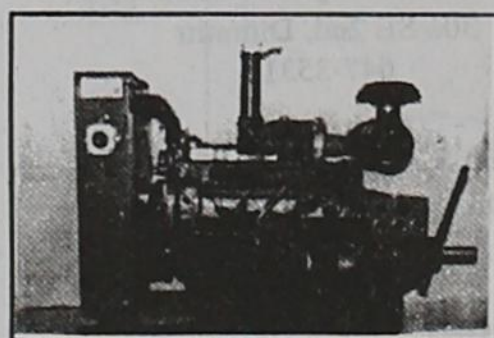
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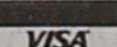
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Farm Service Agency Update

By TRISH ELLIOTT
FSA County Executive Director

The new Farm Bill was signed by President Clinton on April 4, and although we do not know many details yet, we have been told that we should be receiving information soon.

Signup will be held from May 20 through July 12. We plan to have a meeting at the Expo Building on May 21 to explain the provisions of the new Farm Bill. Please plan to attend.

New ag credit manager

Edward C. Luebken became the manager of the Ag Credit office in Dimmitt on March 3. Stop by and welcome him to Castro County.

The Ag Credit office is housed in the building with us (FSA) in the former FmHA office.

FSA disclaimer

Our office recently mailed out information for the boll weevil foundation.

Castro County FSA is neither for nor against the process, and the mailout was for information purposes only.

CRP early release

Producers with CRP contract expiring on Sept. 30, have been notified that they can request early release of part or all of their CRP acreage. Requests were due at the FSA office by April 26.

CRP early out

CRP contracts on less environmentally sensitive lands which have been in effect for at least five years will be eligible for early termination.

Approved contract terminations on eligible land will become effective 60 days after the producer's request is received in the FSA office. Pro-rated CRP annual rental payments will be paid through the effective termination date.

Producers seeking to make their CRP acreage eligible for 1996 market transition payments created by the 1996 Farm Bill must file a request to terminate their CRP contracts by May 31.

More details will be announced later.

CRP extension

Producers whose CRP contracts

are due to expire on Sept. 30 will be allowed to extend their contracts for one year at the same per-acre payment rate. Participants must sign a request by May 31 at the FSA office to modify eligible contracts.

CRP grazing

Because of the extremely dry weather conditions, Castro County has received an extension for emergency grazing of CRP acreage through Sept. 30.

The extension will cost producers 25% of their annual rental payment per acre grazed. Producers approved to graze CRP acreage through March 31 will be required to pay an additional 15% fee to continue grazing the land. The payment can be made at the time of sign up or can be withheld from the annual payment.

This authorization could be terminated prior to that time if the State FSA Committee determines that conditions have improved sufficiently.

The State Committee must review conditions each month beginning in May. Should it decide that conditions have improved sufficiently, producers will be notified, then will have 10 days to remove livestock from the CRP acreage.

Foreign investors

Agricultural land that is bought or sold by foreign investors must be reported to the local FSA office within 90 days of the transaction. Failure to file in a timely manner could result in a substantial penalty.

Spouse's signature authority

A husband and wife can sign documents on behalf of one another for FSA and Commodity Credit Corp. Programs in which either has an interest unless written notification denying a spouse this authority has been furnished to the FSA office.

Spouses may not sign on behalf of each other for powers of attorney to others.

CRP insurance update

The crop insurance linkage requirement has been changed with passage of the new Farm Bill.

Producers now may maintain linkage by either of the following: obtaining at least the CAT level of insurance protection on economically

significant crops; or signing a written waiver relinquishing eligibility for emergency crop loss assistance in connection with the crop, except emergency loans.

The new Farm Bill also permits insureds with carryover policies to cancel insurance at the CAT level or to allow producers to enroll in crop insurance at the CAT level although sales closing and cancellation dates have passed.

CAT applications for spring planted crops with a sales closing date after Jan. 15, 1996, will be accepted through today (Thursday).

The extended "open season" period will cover all our insurable crops except wheat and barley.

Failed acreage

If your wheat has failed because of the dry weather, report the acreage and file an application for disaster credit with the FSA office.

Failure to report this failed acreage could result in a loss of program benefits and/or crop acreage base credit.

Small grains certification

We are in the process of mailing post cards to schedule appointments for certifying small grains. If you need to change this appointment, please let us know.

Loan availability dates

The following 1995 crops must be signed up by May 31 to qualify for the loan program: corn, \$2.24 per bushel; sorghum, \$3.59 per hundredweight; and cotton, 51.8¢ per pound.

Weevil recall election topic of meeting

A meeting to discuss a recall election for the High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation will be held in Plainview Monday at 8 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview and all interested producers are encouraged to attend.



AG SUMMIT MEETING—US Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman (left) visits with State Farm Service Agency Executive Director Harold Bob Bennett of Hart (center) and Texas Corn Grower Association President Carl King of Dimmitt Friday morning be-

fore a town hall meeting in Dimmitt. Glickman toured area farms, then spoke to a large crowd about the drought situation and key points of the 1996 Farm Bill.

Photo by Anne Acker

1996 Farm Bill affects rural development policy

Claiborn Crain, Texas Rural Development Acting State Director, was in Washington, D.C., recently for a US Dept. Of Agriculture Rural Development State Directors Policy Meeting. One of the main focuses of this conference was to brief state directors on the 1996 Farm Bill comprehensively, and more specifically to discuss the key components of the rural development title of this new law.

Scholarship deadline is extended

Catholic Life Insurance is extending the 1996 Leadership Scholarship application deadline to June 3, with five non-renewable scholarships for \$1,000 each to be awarded for the coming school year.

The Leadership Scholarship Program is designed to help offset tuition expenses of Catholic high school and college students.

To be eligible for one of the scholarships, students must be a Catholic Life Insurance member for at least one year before the application deadline, be entering their junior or senior year at a Catholic high school or attending a Catholic college or university. Scholarship selections will be based on scholastic achievement, leadership qualities, and community service. The recipients will be announced in August.

Catholic Life Insurance is the nation's 10th largest fraternal benefit society. Founded in 1901 by a Catholic priest, the Society offers financial services and fraternal benefits to nearly 60,000 members living in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

There are three main components of the rural development title that the Farm Bill addresses: the Rural Community Advancement Program (RCAP), Distance Learning and Telemedicine, and the Fund for Rural America.

RCAP, patterned on the President's initiative to reform the delivery of rural development programs, is the core of the Farm Bill's rural development initiatives. RCAP fundamentally changes federal rural development programs. It puts in place a grassroots approach to rural economic development that will enable state and local officials to identify needs locally, and find flexible and innovative ways to meet their needs.

There are three categories of RCAP funds: Rural Community Facilities, Rural Utilities, and Rural Business and Cooperative Development. They can be used for any combination of grants, direct loans, or loan guarantees. RCAP permits transferring up to 25% of the funds it gives to states from one category to another, as long as no more than 10% of any category's funds are transferred from the accounts nationally.

In addition, under RCAP, a Rural Venture Capital Demonstration Program has been authorized that guarantees loans made to rural businesses. This program will help demonstrate the usefulness of loan guarantees in attracting private investment in rural business enterprises.

The Farm Bill also authorizes the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan Program at \$100 million annually. This new program, originally proposed by President Clinton in the 1996 budget, allows the Secretary of Agriculture to provide Distance Learning and Telemedicine services to rural areas.

USDA successfully started link-

ing rural America to improved education and medical services when the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 created the Distance Learning and Medical Link Grant Program. Since then, USDA has funded 90 projects totaling \$27.5 million.

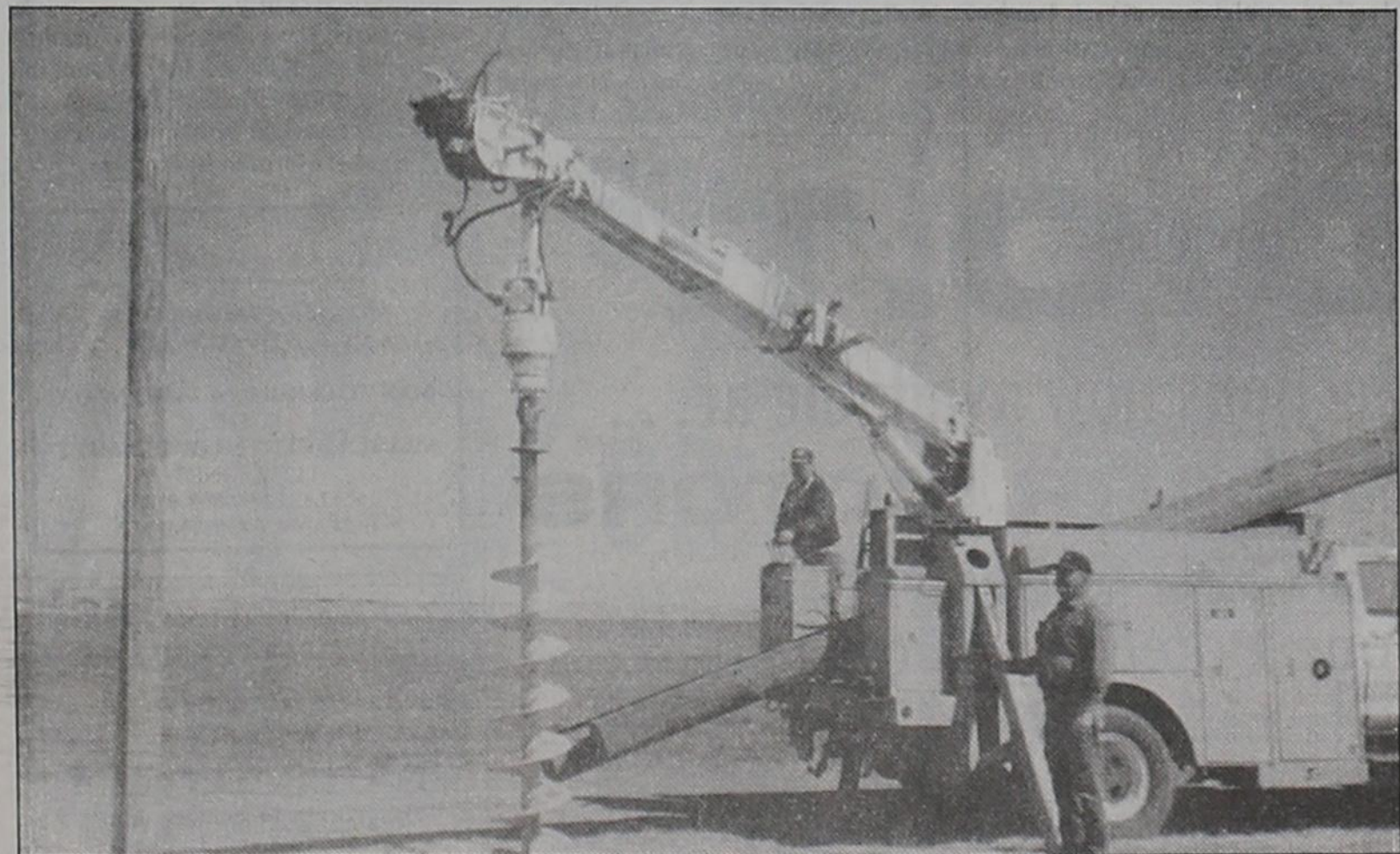
"Advanced technology is the key to closing the information gap between rural and urban areas, and telecommunications is critical to ensuring that rural areas remain economically viable in the information age," Crain commented.

The Fund for Rural America will continue the Administration's work to expand economic opportunities for rural Americans. The 1996 Farm Bill allocates \$100 million per year, beginning Jan. 1, 1997, to the Fund for Rural America. The funds are split equally among three areas: rural development, research, and an amount to be used at the discretion of the secretary for research or rural development.

The Secretary can use the Fund for Rural America for a range of rural development activities, including Rural Business Enterprise Grants, direct loans, loan guarantees, grants to water and waste projects, Distance Learning and Telemedicine loans and grants, Self-Help Housing, and rural housing preservations.

Finally, with the passage of this legislation, the Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD) mission area will now be called Rural Development.

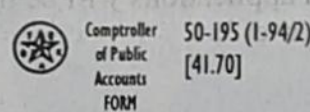
"While this is our second recent name change, I believe our old name was too long, cumbersome and confusing—especially for the people that we will serve," said Rural Development Under Secretary Jill Long Thompson. "I am hopeful that this name change will simplify the work of all Rural Development employees and decrease confusion about the mission area."



NEW R.V. PARK—Ted Stubblefield (foreground) and Jerry McGuire install a utility pole for the new recreational vehicle park at the Castro Memorial VFW Post east of Dimmitt. VFW members also have installed water lines and planted 56 sapling

trees to border the park. Basic construction of the park was completed last week. It has eight spaces to provide electrical and water hookups for Dimmitt visitors' motor homes, travel trailers and custom vehicles.

Photo by Sylvia Stubblefield



Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the value placed on your property
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the cancellation of an agricultural appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- any action taken by the appraisal district that adversely affected you.

Informal Review

If you have any questions, you may contact the Castro County Appraisal District at 204 SE 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, TX 79027, or telephone (806)647-5131.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the appraisal district staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the appraisal district to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. The hearing will be informal. You and the appraisal district representative will be asked to present evidence about your case. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 204 SE 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, TX 79027.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. If the appraisal district has appraised your property at \$1,000,000 or more, you must file a notice of appeal with the chief appraiser within 15 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

More information

You can get more information by contacting the Castro County Appraisal District at 204 SE 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, TX 79027 or phone (806) 647-5131. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, TX 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline
On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines
For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.



RIBBON CUTTING FOR WESTWAY TRADING Corp.'s Dimmitt operations expansion was held last Thursday morning, followed by an open house and luncheon. Attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony are: (front, from left) Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins, Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce member Carole Dyer, Chamber member Deanne Clark, employee's family member Connie Navarro, terminal manager of Dimmitt operations David Darnell, administrative assistant Denise

Schilling, Chamber member Mary Lou Schmucker, employee Scott Heck, employee Salud Mendoza, and Chamber Executive Director Shelly Nutt; and (back, from left) visitor Jay Biediger, Westway salesman Vance Cash, office manager Tammy Wilhite, employee Oscar Navarro, liquid blend plant sales manager Fred Bruegel, employee family members Ben and Ray Darnell, Chamber member Mike Huseman, employee Raul Jackson, and Chamber member Don Nelson.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Goldie Thompson, 84, died in her home at 11:15 p.m. April 23 after a long battle with cancer. Sharon Sadler and Donna King were staying with her at the time. She had been having around-the-clock care for almost a year. Others who had helped with her care were Violet Sharp of Hart and Mona Acker of Nazareth.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 26.

Goldie Bowden was born in Jack County on Feb. 11, 1912, and moved to Wheeler County with her parents in 1918. She graduated from McLean High School in 1930, and married Edd Thompson, who lived down the road, in 1934. They farmed near Magic City until 1946, when they moved to the Plains. They farmed for several years in the Finney Switch community for Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Britain, then lived in Tulia, where Edd did carpenter work.

In 1951, when her father, C.H. Bowden, a widower, retired from farming, they moved to the Sunnyside community. They built a house on the southeast corner of her father's section. They farmed there until Edd's health forced him to retire. He died in 1975. Goldie continued to live in this house the rest of her life. They had no children.

Her mother died in 1941, her father died in 1952, and her brother, L.B. Bowden, died in 1988.

In 1965, Goldie attended china painting classes with a group of friends and eventually bought her own kiln. In 1972, she took oil painting lessons from Mrs. Bonnie Swinney of Lubbock, who came to the community for weekly lessons. Then from 1982 to 1992, she took lessons from Audell Thomas of Kress. After she developed a tremor, Goldie had to give up painting, and turned her interest to the outdoors, raising chickens and a garden and working on her lawn.

She was a member of the Sunnyside Baptist Church from May 20, 1951, until her death, and had served as Sunday School Secretary for many years. She had worked hard all her life, and had been healthy until recent years. She will be missed.

Survivors include a nephew, Luther Thompson of Hobbs, N.M.; a niece, Glenda Bill of Amarillo; two sisters-in-law, Teeny Bowden of Sunnyside and Verna Thompson of Hobbs, N.M.; and several cousins, nine of whom were present for the funeral.

Luther's son, Mike and wife Susan, and the son of Glenda Bill also had dinner with us and attended the services with us. Several from the community attended.

LaVern Preston spent some time with Teeny Bowden Thursday afternoon and brought food, and took more to Goldie's house for dinner Friday.

Clara Vick ate dinner with Teeny Saturday and spent the afternoon with her. She brought large strawberries and grapes.

Glenn and LaWanda Wilson returned home from Oklahoma City Saturday after Glenn had heart surgery on Wednesday. He is doing fine.

Rev. Benny and Joyce Wright went to Lubbock Sunday afternoon to help her father, Bryan Jones, celebrate his 84th birthday.

Lillian Carson attended a shrimp boil in Hereford April 20 at the home of her brother, Hilrey Aven, and wife, Mary Lou. Others who came were: a sister, Ruth Brown of Dimmitt; another sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bacon Jones of Lubbock; Maurice and Joe Edd Carson of Hale Center; a sister-in-law, Clodell Aven of Hart; Melvin and Cathy Aven of Plainview, and their daughter, Joycelyn and Rowdy Welch and Colt of Canyon; and Zolma and Gene, Mary Lou's sister and husband of Canyon.

Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Our sympathy to the family of Lucille Schacher, 85, who died Monday, April 22, after a brief illness. She was a lifetime Nazareth resident. Mass of Christian burial was read Wednesday morning at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth with Father Neal Dee, pastor, officiating, assisted by Deacon Jerome Brockman. Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Florence; three sons, Edwin Schacher and Bob Schacher, both of Nazareth, and Eugene Schacher of Lazbuddie; five daughters, Catherine Hochstein, Leona Maurer, Georgiann Kleman and Margie Albracht, all of Nazareth, and Rosalie Davis of Los Altos, Calif.; 48 grandchildren; and

79 great-grandchildren.

Greg and Christina Hoelting, Mary Lou and Natalie Schmucker and LaDawn, Taylor and Chelsea Schulte recently returned from San Antonio, where they attended the wedding of Anna Hoelting and Charlie Hanneman.

Greg and Christina flew to San Antonio several days earlier to help Anna prepare for her big day. Others arrived on Friday including Billy, Debbie and Melanie Russell from La Grange, Denis and Judy Hoelting, Leroy and Colette Hoelting, Marvin and Carol Hoelting, Dale and Denise Parrish and children, and Tim Hoelting, all of Colorado.

On Friday evening everyone was treated to a four-course rehearsal dinner at the El Meardor Mexican Restaurant. Each guest was asked to read the special verse which Anna had written inside each place card. Several toasts and stories were shared.

On Saturday everyone attended the beautiful wedding at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. Taylor Schulte served as ring bearer and Chelsea Schulte and Melanie Russell were flower girls.

The reception and dance were held at the banquet room and courtyard of the Witt Museum. The weather was perfect and they enjoyed visiting with many cousins from the Austin, Dallas and Houston areas, and meeting Anna's and Charlie's friends. Following the Nazareth tradition, Charlie pushed Anna through the courtyard in a wheelbarrow.

On Sunday the family met for brunch before everyone headed for home. They brought home many good memories of the very happy occasion.

Francis and Betty Wilhelm attended a reunion of the Midwest Chapter of the 30th Infantry Division in Branson, Mo., recently. There were 34 people in attendance from five states. Several were men who fought side-by-side with Francis at the Battle of the Bulge and while crossing the Rhine River. Many stories were shared and relived—some sad and some funny.

The group attended four shows in Branson including "The Dixie Stampede," "Shoji Tobuschi Show," "Lawrence Welk Show" and the "Tony Orlando Show."

Francis and Betty and two other couples stayed a day longer to see the Roy Clark show and Country Tonight. All the shows are spectacular with beautiful costumes and unbelievable lighting.

From Branson they drove to Olpe, Kan., to see Nub and Mary Hoelting and had an enjoyable visit with them.

LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier have returned from a trip to Colorado City, where they visited with their family, Tom and Brenda Conrad. They enjoyed watching Brett Conrad pitch a winning ball game for his school, and also enjoyed a drive to Cripple Creek.

In Center, Colo., they visited with Pam and Lynn Bogle and their family. LeRoy and grandson, Terrell,

even caught enough fish for a fish fry.

Congratulations to the girls' doubles team of Robin Schulte and Carie Wethington, who will advance to the state tennis tournament in Austin next week. Good luck also to our track winners who will be competing at state including Casey Hoelting, Melinda Schmucker and the girls' mile relay team of Tanya Wethington, Misti Ball, Melinda Schmucker and Trina Johnson.

Brandi Rice inducted into Phi Eta Sigma

Brandi Rice, daughter of Danny and Shelly Rice of Dimmitt, was recently inducted into Phi Eta Sigma, a national college scholastic society for freshmen at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

Rice is a freshman nursing major and she graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1995.

The goal of Phi Eta Sigma is to encourage and reward high scholastic attainment among freshmen at institutions of higher learning.

City-wide garage sale planned June 1

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is making plans for its annual city-wide garage sale, which will be held on June 1 this year.

On that day, residents throughout Dimmitt are urged to plan their own garage sales opening at 8 a.m.

"This annual event has become

one of the Chamber's most popular activities, drawing people from miles around and adding money to our local economy," said Shelly Nutt, executive director of the Chamber. "There will be more than 100 garage sales in Dimmitt on June 1."

Those planning to hold a garage sale on June 1 should register with the Chamber. For a \$10 registration fee, each sale will be featured on a map, which will be handed out to shoppers at the traffic light in downtown Dimmitt. Maps also will be offered at other locations around town. Those registered with the Chamber also will receive a yard sign designating their sale as an official participant of the "Original Garage Sale Day."

Booths will be available around the courthouse square for \$15, and each space is 15 x 15 feet.

Those wishing to sign up for the event should contact the Chamber at 647-2524.

Local merchants will be participating in the day's festivities by having sidewalk sales on June 1.

Junior high netters win

Dimmitt junior high tennis players won matches in a dual with Muleshoe recently.

Winners included Natasha Vasquez and Kristina Moczema in girls' doubles, Rachel Harman in girls' singles and Amanda Saucedo and Rachel Harman in doubles.

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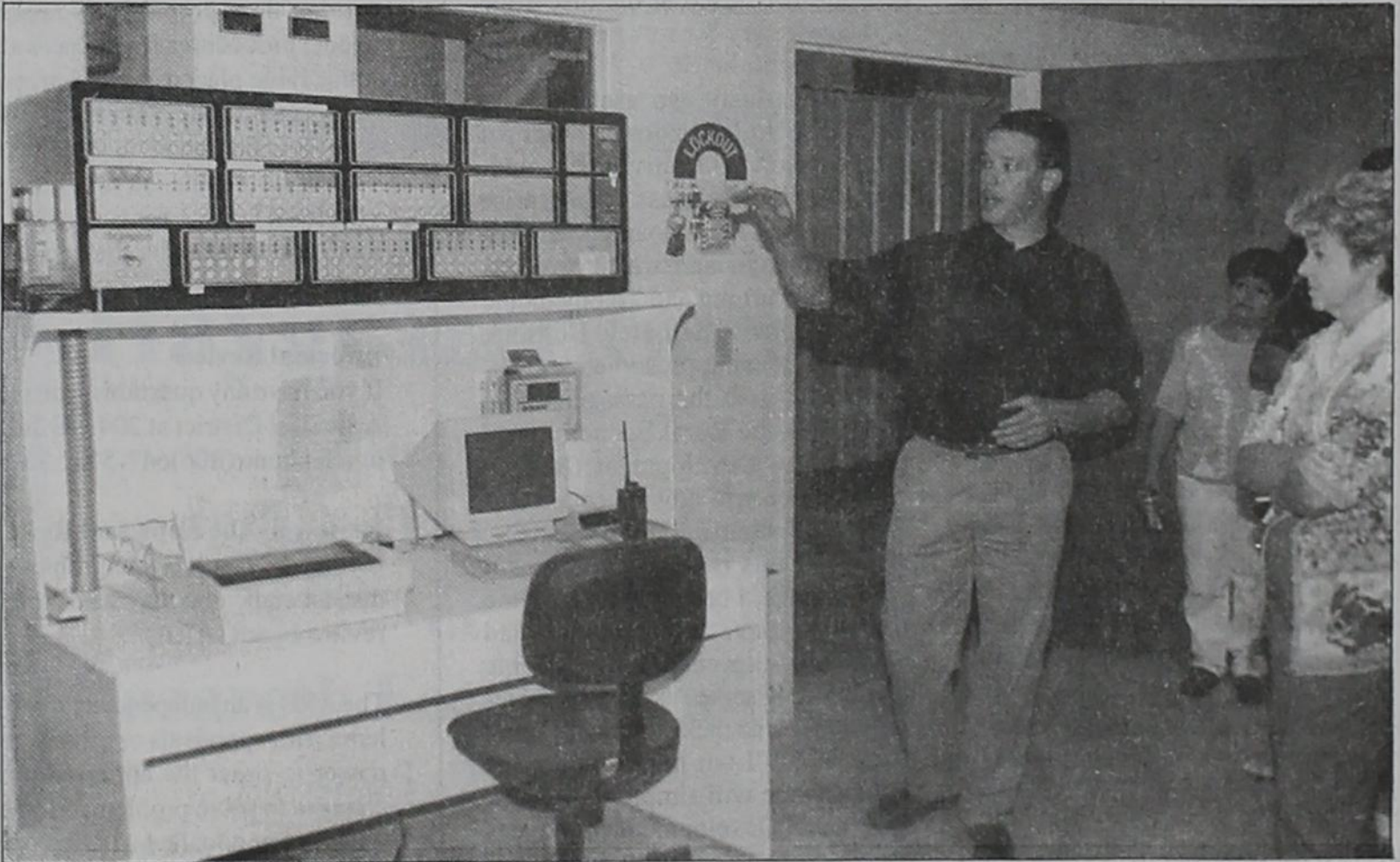
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THE LOVE QUILT CONNECTION, held Saturday at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center, attracted more than a dozen participants. It was sponsored by the Friendship Quilters' Guild. Working on a quilt is Ina Cleavinger of Dimmitt (right). Threading a serger is Brian Welker of Sewing World in Amarillo,

which provided machines for use by the quilters. Project participants worked on lap quilts that will be donated to Canterbury Villa Nursing Home residents, and child-sized quilts that will be donated to the local Child Protective Services office.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

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Glickman hopes new provisions . . .

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losses on forage crops under the non-insured assistance program, and he said it should provide some assistance for struggling producers.

Damage at roadside Crime Line offers reward

Castro County Crime Line is offering a reward of \$100 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for damage done to "Roadside Park" just south of Dimmitt at the intersection of US 385 and FM 194.

Investigating Sheriff's deputies say the damage was done sometime between April 5 and April 8. Repair costs were estimated at \$143,72.

Six litter barrels and a sign post were damaged and a sign was stolen. A vehicle was driven on the grass, and a large quantity of broken beer bottles and other trash was left on the ground.

Anyone having information on the incident may call the Castro County Sheriff's Office at 647-3311 or Castro County Crime Line at 647-4711. Those calling in do not have to give their name. A number may be assigned to insure anonymity. The reward may be paid through a drop system.

Another measure of relief Glickman mentioned concerns the payment reduction on CRP acres which are being grazed.

Previously, a 25% payment reduction was assessed on CRP acreage utilized for emergency grazing. Participants could elect to either have their CRP annual rental payment reduced by 25% or pay the reduction in advance.

Glickman said the new payment reduction will be 5% for each month or part of a month that the emergency grazing authority is used, but the reduction cannot exceed the 25% payment reduction previously assessed.

"This new payment reduction provides more flexibility to producers because they can determine the number of months the livestock graze the CRP acreage," Glickman said. "My decision is in response to the continued severe drought plaguing the Southwest, and my concern that the CRP repayment reduction may be too severe considering the quality of cover on CRP acreage."

Glickman said the provision should help some producers who may want to graze their CRP and wait to see if it rains or other market

changes come about.

Glickman added that each state's Farm Service Agency State Committee will evaluate weather conditions in that state to determine whether the emergency grazing provisions should continue. The emergency grazing authority will expire on Oct. 1, or when the emergency situation no longer exists. He said precautions would be taken to ensure that the acreage won't be overgrazed, and to protect wildlife habitat.

When the first long-distance telegraph cable was laid in 1844, it was strung on wooden poles and the necks of broken bottles for insulation.

More about

Local elections on tap . . .

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a mayoral election this year, and that office, currently held by Ralph Brockman, is the only one up for election.

Since Brockman is unopposed, the city has decided to take advantage of new laws and not hold the regular election on Saturday. Brockman will retain his mayoral seat.

Dimmitt ISD

Voters casting ballots in the Dimmitt School Board election will do so at the Dimmitt Middle School Auditorium Saturday.

Positions on the Dimmitt School Board which will be on Saturday's ballot are the representatives from Districts 3, 6 and 7; as well as one from District 5 to fulfill an unexpired term.

The District 3, 6 and 7 seats will be for three-year terms while the District 5 seat, which was vacated by Frank Welch who moved out of the district, will be to fulfill the balance of a term—about a year.

Current board members filling the seats due to expire are Steve Buckley, District 7; Albert Acevedo, District 3, and Debbie Annen, District 6. Acevedo was filling a term vacated by Gracie Abrego, then he moved out of the district and also had to vacate the position.

Annen and Buckley have filed for their respective seats, while Avery Thrasher has thrown his hat into the ring for the Place 5 seat and Chevo Lumbrera has filed for Place 3. Write-in candidate Anita Saenz Gauna will be vying for the Place 5 seat in addition to Thrasher.

Hart ISD

Voters residing in the Hart School District will elect two board members this year.

Board members whose terms are due to expire are Lester Aven and Danny Carson.

Prospective candidates who have filed are Coy Myrick, Zenita

Rowland, Ismael Carrasco and Roy Gonzales. Neither incumbent filed for re-election.

The school election will be conducted at the Hart Golden Group Building.

Nazareth ISD

Nazareth School Board seats currently held by Henry Ramaekers, J.C. Pohlmeier and Carroll Gerber will be up for grabs this year.

Those who have filed are incumbent Carroll Gerber and newcomers Julius Birkenfeld, Dan Gerber, Vicky Kleman and Derwin Huseman

The home economics room at Nazareth High School will be the site for Saturday's election.

Hospital District

The Castro County Hospital District board terms of Bill Clark and Teresa Lindsey are due to expire this year.

Both incumbents have filed for re-election.

The election on Saturday will be conducted at Dimmitt City Hall.

In a remote mountainous region of Indonesia, researchers found another member of the marsupial family in 1994, a new species of tree kangaroo. The animal has black and white panda-like patterns in its thick fur and is about the size of a medium dog.

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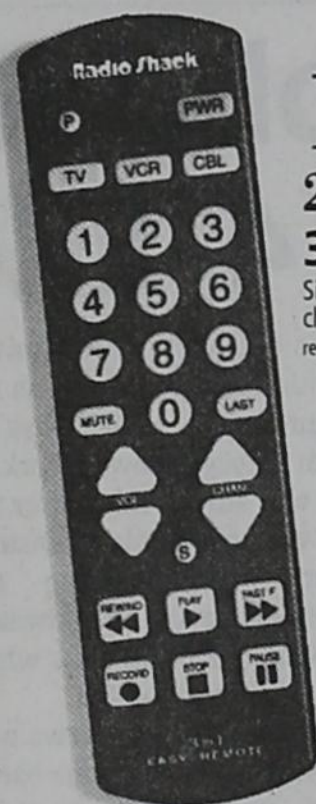
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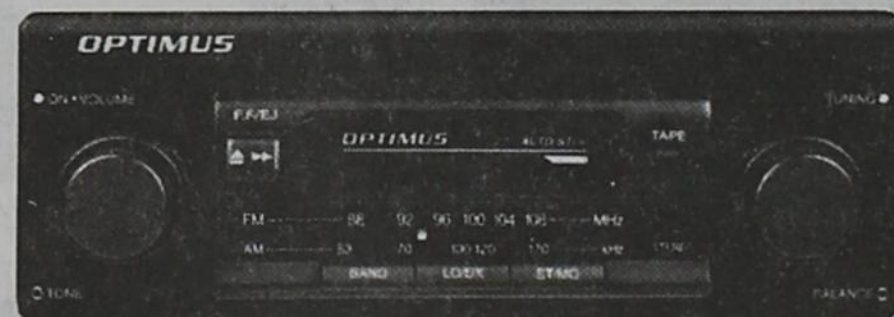
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Larra wins TABC/Reebok Cleveland Scholarship

Last year, the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches and the Reebok sporting shoe company initiated a college scholarship in memory of the late Ken Cleveland, who was one of the founders of TABC as well as one of the winningest coaches in the nation during his long career at Dimmitt High School.

This year, a Dimmitt High School senior has been named the winner of the second TABC/Reebok Ken Cleveland Memorial Scholarship.

He is Joe Larra Jr., an honor student who was named the Most Valuable Player in District 2-AAA this year.

"I'm real excited," Larra said after learning he had won the \$500 scholarship. "I think it's a real honor, especially considering where it comes from and who it represents. It's unbelievable."

Larra will accept the scholarship Saturday at the TABC's annual awards banquet in San Antonio. He will be accompanied by his coach, Alan Steinle.

Coach Cleveland's wife, Libby, is scheduled to make the presentation. She will be accompanied by her granddaughter, Caitlin Buckley.

Larra is the son of Joe and Mary Ann Larra. Joe Sr. is a farm worker, and Joe Jr. is the oldest of four boys in the family.

Larra, 5-9, was a three-year starter for the Dimmitt Bobcats. As the point guard on offense and the rover in the Bobcats' full-court defense, he averaged 15.1 points, 4.7 assists and 3.2 steals per game his senior season. The Bobcats were ranked sixth in the state in Class AAA in the TABC's final regular-season poll in March. After the season, the district's coaches

chose Larra as 2-AAA's Most Valuable Player.

According to Coach Steinle, the TABC/Reebok Cleveland Memorial Scholarship is one of three presented annually by the coaches' association, and is open to all senior basketball boys in the state. The other two are the Sandra Meadows Memorial Scholarship for girls and the Carl Leevy Memorial Scholarship for boys or girls.

Coach Cleveland was killed by lightning in New Mexico on May 16, 1993, less than a month after being inducted into the TABC Hall of Fame. He was 57 at the time, and had coached 29 years at DHS. His teams won 10 regional and three state championships, and he produced 31 all-staters here. He was one of the 10 winningest high school coaches in the nation at the time of his death.

"I had the privilege of knowing Coach Cleveland personally when I was a freshman in Dimmitt High School," Larra wrote in his scholarship application letter. "Although I was only 14 years old at the time, I could see and feel the pride and dedication Coach Cleveland stood for in basketball. I would take that same Cleveland pride in receiving this scholarship and use it in furthering my education to achieve my goals."

"It would be an honor to be selected as the winner of the Kenneth Cleveland Memorial Scholarship, considering it represents a man of truth, honor, and dignity."

Larra, a National Honor Society member, said he will probably attend West Texas A&M or Eastern New Mexico University after graduating from DHS.

FIRST PLACE MAJOR League Girls team in Dimmitt Kids, Inc. basketball is the team sponsored by First United Bank. Team members include (front, from left) Jenna Steinle and Rae Odom; and (back, from left) Elaine Steinle, coach, Nora Sifuentes, Sharla Kenworthy, Courtney Norman, Bianey Saucedo, Caitlin Buckley, and Beth Buckley, coach.

Courtesy Photo



Beck and Bryan finish fourth in regional tennis

Brad Beck and Jimmy Bryan were unseeded in the Region 1-AAA tennis tournament, but that didn't stop the duo from knocking off a ranked team.

Beck and Bryan won their first two matches to advance to the semifinal round in the tournament before they were beaten by Edward Leija and Martin Morin of Reagan County. That forced the Dimmitt pair into the third-place game against Bradley Waters and Burce Churchwell of Brownfield, and the Brownfield team took that match, forcing Beck and Bryan into a fourth place finish.

Beck and Bryan opened the tournament last Wednesday with a 6-3, 6-1 decision over Matt Dudensing and Michael Breed of Abilene Wylie. The quarterfinal round went to Beck and Bryan, too, with the duo claiming a 7-6, 6-3 victory over fourth seeded George Kirland and Justin Esquivel of Denver City.

Leija and Morin proved to be a road block Beck and Bryan couldn't hurdle, however, and the Reagan County pair claimed the win, 6-2, 6-2, and a spot in the championship match. Leija and Morin lost the regional championship to a duo from Abilene Wylie, but rebounded to win the playback over Waters and Churchwell to advance to state.

Beck and Bryan headlined a list of Dimmitt netters competing in the regional meet, but they were the only two to reach the semifinal round.

In girls' singles, Amber Langford beat Krista Ham of Slaton, 7-5, 6-0

in the first round, but lost her quarterfinal match to Whitney Bassham of Colorado City, 1-6, 6-7.

The girls' doubles team of Kami Hand and Kristin Doss posted an easy victory in their first-round match with Alexis Morrow and Shannon Lowery of Springtown, 6-1, 6-0, then ran into a tough Abilene Wylie team in the quarterfinals.

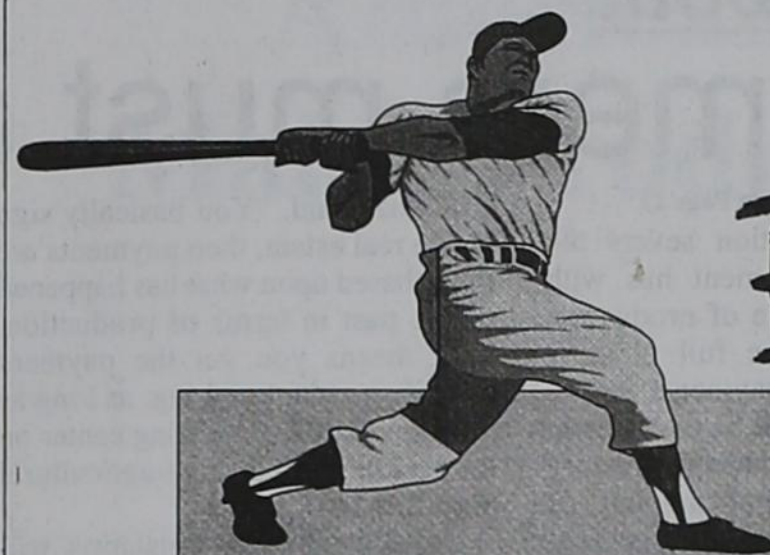
Hand and Doss took the first set from Abilene's Stephanie Osborn and Sunny Wu, 6-4, but lost the next two sets, 5-7, 1-6, and were eliminated from the tournament.



OUT OF TOWN

Kevin and Leslie Shaw of Dimmitt are the parents of twin boys, Jake Austin and Jared Wayne, born April 17 at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. Jake was born at 3:05 p.m., weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces, and was 19½ inches long. Jared was born at 3:10 p.m., weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces, and was 20½ inches long. Big sisters are Randi, 7, and Lindsey, 5. Grandparents are Linda and Thurman Calcote of Wheeler and Jerry and Marion Shaw of Estancia, N.M. Great-grandmothers are Mattie Garner of Shamrock and Medena Shaw of Estancia.

Michael and Camille Bezner of Dalhart are the parents of a baby girl, Madeleine Claire, who was born at 9:47 p.m. on April 3 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Grandparents are Ronnie and Carole Farris and Jody and Kay Bezner of Dalhart. Maternal great-grandparents are Myrna Cowser of Dalhart and Loyd and Augusta Farris of Hart.

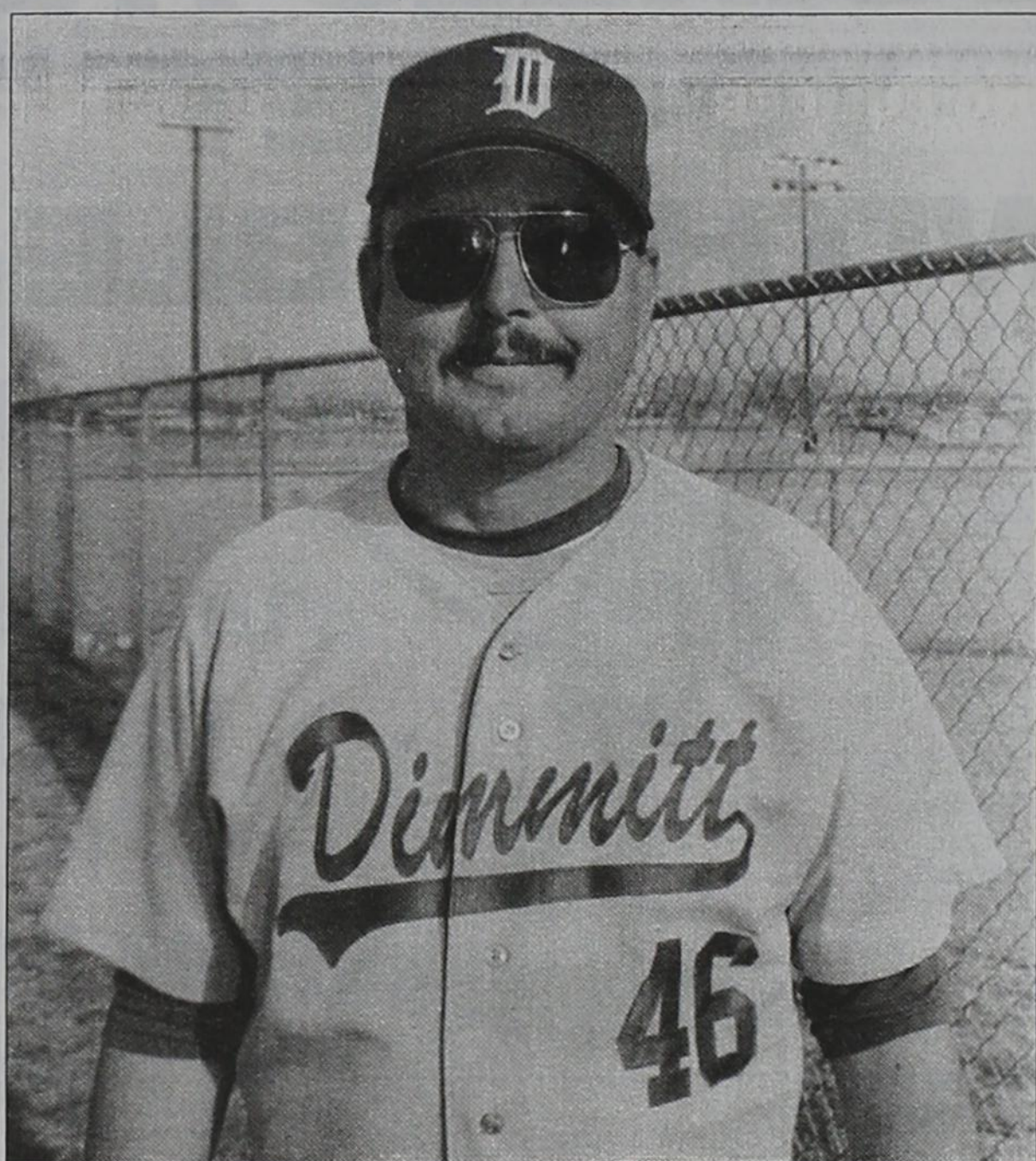


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property-tax revenue of \$32,158.24 kicked the total net revenue for March to \$36,354.65.

The hospital district has experienced a couple of years of heavy expenditures and some major operating losses while it changed directions with the establishment of rural health clinics, hiring of doctors,

diversification of services, major construction and remodeling, etc.

But now, Plains Memorial Hospital, the Home Health Agency and Medical Center of Dimmitt all are operating at full strength—the latter two in new facilities—and with the leasing of the Hart Clinic to UMC, the district's financial picture is expected to continue improving.

During the first 11 months of the current fiscal year (which started May 1, 1995), the district has shown a deficit of \$1.042 million in operations, but \$1.175 million in property-tax revenue has left it in the black by \$133,213.

Russell reported at last Thursday night's board meeting that the hospital is working on contracts with two more Preferred Provider Organizations that have members in Castro County. He was given a lead on another PPO that has members in the Hart area, and said he'd start working on it.

The hospital district will send a four-person team to a "Health Find" in Austin this month to interview prospective new physicians. Team members are Clark, Dr. Leon Joplin, Linda Rasor, R.N., and Trudy Jackson, R.N.

Clark said 16 or 17 candidates are available for '96, "some with very good resumes," although 60 or more hospital districts will be competing for them.

The local district did not register for a companion "Pro Find" event during which physician assistants and nurse practitioners will be available for interviews.

Canterbury Villa to observe national nursing home week

Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt has planned several events the week of May 12-18 in observance of National Nursing Home Week.

Corsages will be made for all the ladies residing at the home in honor of Mother's Day.

On Thursday, May 16, an open house will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and all friends and relatives are invited to stop by and visit with the residents and see the improvements which have been made in the home.

Special musical programs are being planned that week, also.

"Our residents are really enthused when out-of-the-ordinary events are planned," said a spokesperson for the home.

Extra snacks will be served during the week and residents will be able to enjoy some time outdoors as the spring flowers begin to bloom.



US SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE Dan Glickman (third from left) was greeted with a standing ovation in Dimmitt Friday morning. Glickman held a town hall meeting in Dimmitt to discuss the new farm bill and to talk about how the current drought is affecting the agricultural industry. Ag leaders on hand Friday included (from left) Ray Joe

Riley of Hart, chairman of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Committee; Keith Collins, US Dept. of Agriculture's chief economist; Harold Bob Bennett of Hart, FSA state director; and Jane Allison, FSA district director.

Photo by Anne Acker

More about

Farmers must accept risks . . .

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The new legislation severs the relationship government has with farmers on the issue of production risks. There will be full planting flexibility and the payments for the next seven years will be based upon each individual producer's history divided by the total amount of money which can be spent on programs, according to Glickman.

"Payments run with the land, they are no longer tied to production,"

Glickman said. "You basically sign up the real estate, then payments are made based upon what has happened in the past in terms of production. That means you get the payment even if you plant nothing, as long as you don't build a shopping center on the land or use it for non-agricultural purposes."

He said the new legislation will offer no stock buffers by the government to help stabilize supply and demand, and the government has no

authority to limit production, regardless of how large stocks go.

"Government's role in stockholding or supply management is essentially eliminated," Glickman said. "Government spending levels are set, regardless of how low prices are. Payments will be the same if wheat is at \$6 a bushel or \$2 a bushel. Those payments are set under current law."

Glickman expects a more volatile market over the next seven years.

"I think we'll see more volatility in pricing of farm commodities because the government is not involved anymore," Glickman said. "Prices will go up and down more rapidly. That means USDA and the government will no longer deal with the risk—farmers will have to assume more of the risks of the volatility."

Another big change in the new bill is in the catastrophic crop insurance coverage.

Producers are no longer required to purchase catastrophic crop insurance to receive contract payments under the new farm bill. But those who do not purchase the insurance must sign a waiver of eligibility for any disaster payments or emergency

crop loss assistance.

Glickman said USDA will provide farm base and yield notices to producers, and those bases will be used for computing commodity payments under the bill.

Advance 1996 payments will be made to producers 30 days after the contract is approved. Final 1996 payments will be made around Sept. 30. Advance 1997 crop payments will be made either Dec. 15 or Jan. 15, 1997, at the producer's option, Glickman said.

"The payments going out on this bill are front-loaded. The largest payments to producers will come in the first couple of years. Payments decline steadily after 1998 to a level in 2002 of about 60% of what they are this year."

"This year farmers nationwide can have about \$2.5 billion in government payments in their hands by the end of July, \$5 billion by the end of September and \$8 billion by December, if they exercise their early payment option for next year's crops. That is significantly more than what would have been paid out had the old farm bill been extended."

League-leading Floydada hands Bobcats 8-7 loss

If is a huge word. Rudyard Kipling wrote verse about the word. You can't have ands or buts without ifs.

And, the Dimmitt Bobcats were left with several ifs after an 8-7 loss Tuesday at league-leading Floydada.

The loss dropped the Bobcats to 3-5 in District 2-AAA, barely clinging to playoff life. If (there's that word again) they win Saturday at Muleshoe and at home Tuesday against Shallowater, and if (yes) they get some help, they could still end up in a playoff.

That is, if they don't end up in a flat-footed tie only with Friona. That would end it for Dimmitt, no ifs about it. But, if Dimmitt wins out, and if the Bobcats get some help, they could salvage the season.

Right now, Floydada is alone in first at 6-2. Muleshoe beat Friona, 16-9, and Littlefield edged Shallowater, 2-0, on Tuesday. Muleshoe, Friona and Littlefield are tied for second at 4-4, while the Bobcats and Mustangs are tied for fifth at 3-5. All six teams are not only still in the hunt but could end up in no worse than a first-place tie with the Whirlwinds, who have clinched at least a playoff for the playoffs.

Of course, if Zack Matthews' 370-foot shot had bounced on over the fence, the Bobcats would have been no worse than tied. Instead, his sixth-inning shot hit on top of the chain link fence bounced back onto the field, holding Matthews to a double. He was left stranded at second to close out the inning.

Pitcher Jason Nino, who went six innings for the Bobcats, had a couple of ifs, too.

"If my arm and brain had worked together, we would have won," Nino said. He was referring to his play on a bunt in the fourth inning. Floydada had a runner on first when the ball was bunted back to the mound. Nino started to go to first, but instead threw indirectly toward second. The ball sailed into the outfield, setting up a two-run inning for the Whirlwinds.

The loss, though, can't be blamed on Nino or anyone else. The Bobcats rallied once from a two-run deficit and a three-run backlog to take the lead, but came up just short.

Dimmitt had baserunners in each of the first two innings but couldn't score. Floydada, meanwhile, combined a walk, single and error in the bottom of the first for a 1-0 lead.

In the top of the third, Manuel Velasquez led off with a single up the middle. Ramiro Gauna was hit by a pitch, and Dwayne Espinosa hit into a fielder's choice, forcing Gauna at second. The throw to first was bad, and Velasquez scored to tie the score at one.

Luis Nino then singled to center, hitting the fence on one hop, scoring Espinosa standing up for a 2-1 lead.

Floydada struck for four runs in the bottom of the frame to take a 5-2 lead.

Dimmitt came back to take the lead at 6-4 in the top of the fourth. Richard Carpio singled, and Jason Wooten reached on an infield grounder. Jason Nino then singled, and Velasquez drew a bases-loaded walk to make it 5-3.

Gauna struck out, then Espinosa reached on a grounder to make it 5-4, scoring Wooten.

Nino then reached on an error and Zeke Nino walked, forcing in another run to make it 6-5.

That set the stage for the mis-played bunt and another home run for the 'Winds, making it 8-6 after four.

Neither team scored in the fifth or sixth, but Dimmitt almost rallied back to take the lead in the seventh.

Carpio walked to open the frame, stole second and went to third on an overthrow. He scored on a single to left by Wooten to make it 8-7.

Velasquez then walked on a 3-2 pitch. One out later, Espinosa walked to load the bases, but Matthews came up just short on a long drive to left to end the game.

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GENERAL ELECTION
(ELECCION GENERAL)

**SAMPLE BALLOT
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)**

CITY OF DIMMITT, TEXAS
(CIUDAD DE DIMMITT, TEXAS)

MAY 4, 1996
(FECHA 4 DE MAYO, 1996)

INSTRUCTION NOTE: (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION:)
Vote for the candidate of your choice by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name.
(Vote por el candidato de su preferencia marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato.)

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
DISTRICT ONE
VOTE FOR NONE OR ONE
(CONCEJAL PARA LA CUIDAD)
(DISTRITO NUMERO UNO)
(VOTE POR UNO O NINGUNO)

ROY GARZA

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE
TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM
VOTE FOR NONE OR ONE
(CONCEJAL PARA LA CUIDAD COMPLETA)
(PARA LLENAR LA DURACION DEL CARGO)
(VOTE POR UNO O NINGUNO)

MALCOLM REYNOLDS

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
DISTRICT TWO
VOTE FOR NONE OR ONE
(CONCEJAL PARA LA CUIDAD)
(DISTRITO NUMERO DOS)
(VOTE POR UNO O NINGUNO)

GLORIA HERNANDEZ

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
DISTRICT THREE
VOTE FOR NONE OR ONE
(CONCEJAL PARA LA CUIDAD)
(DISTRITO NUMERO TRES)
(VOTE POR UNO O NINGUNO)

HENRY ACEVEDO
 CHARLES RICHARD

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
DISTRICT FOUR
VOTE FOR NONE OR ONE
(CONCEJAL PARA LA CUIDAD)
(DISTRITO NUMERO CUATRO)
(VOTE POR UNO O NINGUNO)

ROGER MALONE

SAMPLE BALLOT

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE
NAZARETH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

MAY 4, 1996

Instruction Note: Vote for the candidate of your choice by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name.

FOR FULL THREE YEAR TERMS
VOTE FOR 1 TO 3

- Julius Birkenfeld
- Vicky Kleman
- Derwin Huseman
- Danny Gerber
- Carroll Gerber

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Hart Independent School District
School Trustee Election
(La Eleccion Para El Sindico De La Escuela)

**SAMPLE BALLOT
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)**

MAY 4, 1996
(FECHA 4 DE MAYO, 1996)

Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name.
(Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada corrida por poniendo una "X" en el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato.)

VOTE FOR 2 PLACES OR LESS
(VOTE POR 2 LUGARES O MENOS)

- Zenita Rowland
- Ismael Carrasco
- Coy Myrick
- Roy Gonzales

GENERAL ELECTION
(ELECCION GENERAL)

DIMMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
(DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE DIMMITT)

MAY 4, 1996 (4 DE MAYO DE 1996)

**SAMPLE BALLOT
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)**

INSTRUCTION NOTE: (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION:)
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VOTE FOR ONE
(VOTE POR UNO)

TRUSTEE, Place 3
(Regente, Lugar 3)

CHEVO LUMBRERA

VOTE FOR ONE
(VOTE POR UNO)

TRUSTEE, Place 5, (Unexpired Term)
(Regente, Lugar 5, Duracion Restante Del Cargo)

AVERY LEE THRASHER

VOTE FOR ONE
(VOTE POR UNO)

TRUSTEE, Place 6
(Regente, Lugar 6)

DEBBIE ANNEN

VOTE FOR ONE
(VOTE POR UNO)

TRUSTEE, Place 7
(Regente, Lugar 7)

STEVE BUCKLEY

GENERAL ELECTION
(ELECCION GENERAL)

CASTRO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
(DISTRITO DE HOSPITAL DEL CONDADO DE CASTRO)

MAY 4, 1996 (4 de Mayo de 1996)

**SAMPLE BALLOT
(BOLETA DE MUESTRA)**

INSTRUCTION NOTE: (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION:)

Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. You may vote for a write-in candidate by writing the name of the candidate on the line provided and placing an "X" in the square beside the line. (Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato. Usted puede votar por un candidato que esta eligible para recibir votos por insercion escrita por escribir el nombre del candidato el la linea provista y marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado de la linea.)

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(Directores - Vote por ninguno, uno o dos)

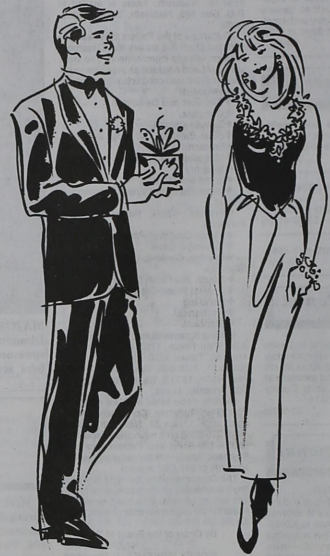
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