

Good cotton harvest winding down



A HOST OF HEAVENLY ANGELS sing with praise and joy at the coming of the savior during a scene from Nazareth's Christmas pageant. Holy

Family Church will present its Christmas pageant Sunday and Monday at 8 p.m. in Holy Family Church.

Nazareth Christmas pageant: a unique tradition is revived

Holy Family Parish in Nazareth will present its Christmas pageant Sunday and Monday at 8 p.m. in Holy Family Catholic Church.

The pageant depicts the story of Christ's life beginning with the "Annunciation" and continuing through the first 12 years of Jesus' life to his return to the Biblical town of Nazareth. The pageant story is told through songs, narrations and acting.

The Christmas pageant, a dream of former Holy Family pastor Father

Stanley Crocchiola, was first presented in 1972. The pageant was presented each year through 1982.

Father Brendan Sherry, pastor of Holy Family parish, encouraged parishioners to re-establish the tradition of the Christmas pageant this year.

The choir performs under the direction of Sharon Brockman, who took over the directing of the choir after the sudden death of Donna Birkenfeld in 1974. Birkenfeld was the originator and director of the

first two pageants. Accompanists will be Winifred Wagner, Marsha Hoelting and Alma Conrad.

Norma Schacher, Doris Hatla and Delese Ellison have taken over the script and stage directing for this pageant. The lighting and sound systems will be handled by Ralph Brockman and Jimmy Hoelting. Costume designers are Judy Lange, Nellie Wilhelm, Matilda Anderle and Artie Huseman.

Everyone is invited to attend the pageant, and admission is free.

With cotton harvest in the county winding down, farmers are faced with the problem of whether to sell their crop or put it into the government loan program.

The decision has been easy for most farmers — it will be the government loan.

"The quality of this year's crop is better, so the loan price is higher," said Clay Davis of Flag Farmer's Gin. "We've got the best grade cotton in this area that we've had in three or four years. Most of the farmers in this area will go with the loan program."

Scott Rice of Hart Producers Co-op Gin said the majority of farmers in his area will also go with the loan. He said they're doing it because of the price.

"Most farmers will get 46 or 47 cents a pound on the loan price. Some will get 53 cents a pound and higher, but the average is about 46 cents," Rice said.

The quality of this year's crop is better than last year, according to most gin managers, and yields are averaging 1 to 1-1/2 bales per acre.

"We're going to have a better year than last year," Davis said. "The season has been good so far. We won't have to string out harvest until February like we did last year. Most of the crop in this area is off the stalk and all of it should be stripped by the end of the week. I think we've got one customer that still has 15 acres in the field."

"We're hoping to get through before Christmas," said Jim Brad-

ford of the North Gin. "Most of the farmers here have already finished stripping, but we've still got some modules out. The quality has been good. Our yields have been running from 1 to 1-1/2 bales with some fields yielding 2 bales and over."

Randall Small of Castro Co-op Gin said his customers' harvest is only 2/3 finished and they've still got three weeks of ginning left on the books.

"Things here are going slowly. We'll be out by the first of the year IF the weather holds out. We've

got about 800 acres left on the stalk now," Small said. "The crop looks real good. The grades are a little better this year and we didn't lose much to hail. We were really fortunate."

Rice said most of his customers have finished stripping, but there are still a few acres left.

"If the weather holds out and we have good luck, we'll possibly finish up in two to three weeks," Rice said. "Our quality is pretty good, but it's not near as good as last year."

Today's the deadline for 'Community Card'

Today (Thursday) at 1 p.m. is the deadline for getting your family's signature on the Community Greeting Card in the Christmas edition of the News.

To participate, compute the amount you would normally spend on Christmas cards to local friends, and donate that amount to the community card project. When you donate, sign your family name the way you want it to appear on the community card.

Three colorful community greeting cards will appear in next week's issue.

Dimmitt's community card project is sponsored by the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Sign-

ups are being taken at the First State Bank of Dimmitt. You should make your check payable to the Hospital Auxiliary Fund. Proceeds from the project will be used to buy special equipment for the hospital.

In Hart, make donations to the Hart Cemetery Fund at the Hart Bank. Donations will be used through the coming year for upkeep and beautification of the cemetery.

In Nazareth, donations should be made to the Holy Family Cemetery Fund and left in boxes provided at the church or at Home Mercantile. Community card proceeds will go for upkeep of the parish cemetery.

(The newspaper does not take names or donations for the signature lists.)

County shows \$213,000 loss

Although the county government operated at a \$213,000 loss in fiscal 1988, it's in better financial shape than the figure indicates, according to the annual audit report.

Doug Ware of the accounting firm of Brown, Graham & Co., PC, said that this was less than half the

loss anticipated in the 1988 budget; that virtually all precincts and departments finished the year "under budget"; and that the county still had a cash reserve of \$1,060,000 at the end of the fiscal year Sept. 30.

The county had \$340,000 more revenue in fiscal 1988 but \$462,000 more in expenditures, Ware reported. The commissioners' court has adopted a 27% property tax increase for fiscal 1989 to reverse this trend.

The loss of more than \$120,000 in federal Revenue Sharing funds was a major factor in the operating deficit, Ware said. Expenses that were paid with Revenue Sharing money must now be paid out of the county's general fund, he explained.

Another factor was the cash purchase of a lot of major equipment during the year, Ware said.

"Instead of buying their equipment on time payments and paying 10% or 11% interest, the county is now paying cash and saving the interest," Ware said. "They'll probably show losses as long as they do

this, because a government can't depreciate out equipment purchases the way a business can. So the cash purchases look bad on the balance sheet at first, but the county does better in the long run. These are long-term purchases of equipment that will last for many years."

The audit report showed that the county government had \$2,063,718 in total revenue in fiscal 1988, compared with \$1,723,000 the previous year. Total expenditures were \$2,276,000, compared with \$1,814,000 in fiscal 1987.

After operating at a loss of \$90,000 in fiscal 1987, the county started fiscal 1988 with a fund balance of \$1,273,569 on Oct. 1, 1987, and ended the fiscal year with a fund balance of \$1,060,406, Ware reported.

On precinct - by - precinct operations during the year, Ware said, "all precincts had higher revenues and lower expenditures than anticipated."

"Precinct 1 had revenues of \$430,000 and spent \$405,000. (Continued on Page 11)

King addresses 4,000 at rally in Montreal

Carl King of Dimmitt spoke to a rally of 4,000 farmers in Montreal, Quebec, Canada last week.

"It was the biggest crowd I've ever spoken to," he said. "It was really something."

King was invited by L'Union des Producteurs Agricoles and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture to represent the new American Corn Growers Association which he helped organize last year.

The rally of farmers from throughout the world was held in conjunction with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) talks in Montreal. Farmer representatives from 26 countries—including the US, Canada, 17 European Economic Community farmer organizations, Sweden, Peru, Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Uruguay, Brazil, India, Argentina, Mexico, Tunisia, Egypt and Zaire—were there for the rally.

The GATT talks involved 96 countries that are members of GATT and another nine countries that comply with GATT trading rules.

The assembled farmers conducted a silent march in the Quebec capital, then rallied at the Palais des Congres to demand that any cuts in export subsidies not harm the finances of family farms.

"For far too long, the producer has been left out of international negotiations and trade agreements,"

King said after his return. "I think it would be fair to say that we strengthened and enhanced the process at GATT by gaining consideration for the international producer."

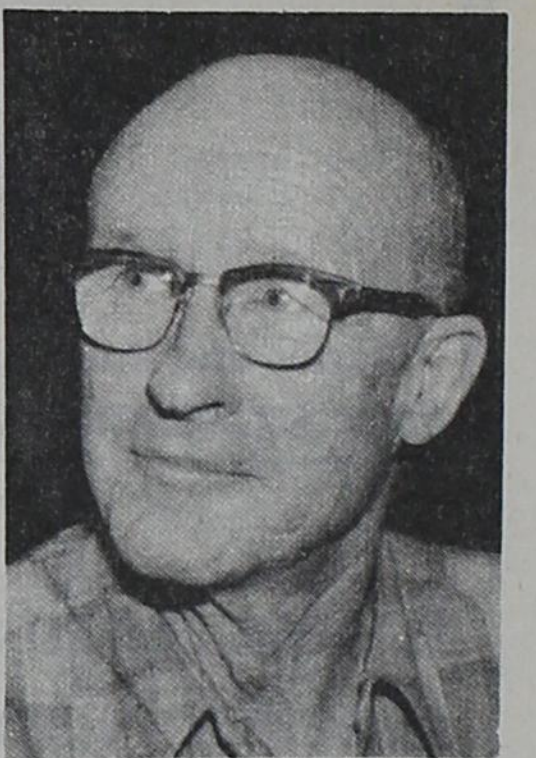
The farmers and virtually all member countries opposed President Reagan's proposal to eliminate all agricultural export subsidies ("de-coupling"). Because of the Reagan Administration's stand, the US was virtually isolated in the GATT talks, King said.

"We're in favor of phasing out export subsidies as long as the rest of the world will do the same," King explained, "but the European Economic Community won't stand for it. Many countries have almost broken their treasuries with farm subsidies to protect their producers, then have sold their surplus commodities on the international market at below the cost of production. In the long run, that policy is bad for farmers everywhere."

While in Montreal, King was interviewed by three television networks. The interviews were sent by satellite all over the world. One 15-minute segment appeared on the Cable News Network in the US. Also, newspapers and agricultural journals from around the world carried reports on the international farmers' rally.

In his speech to the 4,000 farmers assembled in the Palais des Congres, King said:

"The American Corn Growers



Carl King

Association's goal is to first have a better working relationship with our northern neighbor, as well as farmers and government representatives throughout the world.

"The American Corn Growers Association supports a supply management program for corn with major changes to the 1985 Farm Bill to be made in 1989. We are calling on the US Congress not to wait until 1991 to correct the major problems of the '85 Farm Bill.

"We are not for the so-called 'de-coupling' of farm programs. (The ACGA stance) is contrary to the US administration's goals at

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Weather

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SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS — Dimmitt High School Girls' Chorus will perform Wednesday at 11 a.m. on KACV-TV, public television for the Panhandle. The ensemble is one of 17 local high

school and college groups to participate in the "Music of Christmas" programs, broadcast from KACV's Amarillo Studio.

Fiesta dinner to be served

The Child Protective Services Board will serve a holiday Mexican fiesta dinner Sunday at noon in the Expo Building.

Serving hours will be 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and the cost will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. The dinner is open to the public.

Money raised through the event will be used to help buy Christmas gifts and clothing for abused children who are in foster care.

The county's volunteer board serves as a liaison between local governments, foster families and the state Child Protective Services program to provide care for abused children.

Holiday Calendar

TODAY—Deadline at 1 p.m. for signatures on Community Greeting Cards for Christmas edition. Dimmitt residents sign up and donate at First State Bank; Hart residents at the Hart Bank; Nazareth residents at Holy Family Church.

SUNDAY—Public Fiesta Dinner sponsored by Children's Protective Services Board, Expo Building, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Adults \$4, children under 12 \$2.

SUNDAY—The children's choir

of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt will present its annual Christmas program at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. The "Inn Kaper" tells the story of where Jesus was born and the events surrounding his birth in a most unique way. There will be speaking parts, singing solos and group singing. Everyone is invited to attend this special program and enjoy the fellowship of being with fellow Christians at this Christmas season.

On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Pete and Mary Dove celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 26. All four of their grandchildren and their spouses were there including Roy and Joyce Dove of San Antonio, Barbara and Bob Thompson of Hartley, Peggy and Gary Beebe of Bayfield, Colo., and Jerry and Debbie Annen of Dimmitt. There were 13 of 17 grandchildren with six of their spouses attending and 15 of 21 great-grandchildren.

In all there were about 95 guests including many relatives from Colorado, New Mexico and Texas.

The family enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner after the reception.

Son-in-law Jerry Annen and Grandson Jim Dove made a video tape of the reception and dinner.

Many pictures were taken of the different families and the families together. It was a very enjoyable weekend for everyone involved.

Another big weekend has come and gone for the pheasant hunters and once again the weather was cold and snowy.

The day started early with a breakfast at the Expo Building sponsored by the Kiwanians Club.

Ed, Kim, and Hanna Watson from Austin were here for the pheasant hunt. They came in Friday and left Sunday. They were visiting George and Carolyn Sides.

Cliff Davis and a friend from Pecos and Coy Davis and friend from Red River, cousins of Debra Ball, were here for the pheasant hunt and visited with Garner and Ysleta Ball and Debra.

Oleta Gollehon spent much time cooking for the pheasant hunters who were visiting in her home. Bennie Gollehon and friend from Baytown and Russell Bolin of Dallas stayed with her.

Jouvada Curtis of Garland spent several days with Morgan and Geneva Dennis. Decima Dennis came up from Midland for the Thanksgiving holidays to join in the fun. Edgar Dennis was there on Thanksgiving day.

Don and Verbie Nelson attended the performance of Handel's *Messiah* Saturday night in Lubbock. It was performed by the University Civic Chorale with members of the

Lubbock Symphony, in the University Center at Tech. Their daughter, Connie Nelson-Daniel, is a member of the chorale. They said it brought back memories; Don performed in the *Messiah* there and Verbie was a violinist in the symphony when they were students.

A beautiful bridal shower was given for Kim Hargrove and Todd Hatla in the home of Mary Nell King Saturday. The serving table held a beautiful Christmas arrangement and many of the hostesses and guests wore their pretty Christmas dresses. Sue Rita Myatt was there with her baby and Ronda Wise's little one was dressed in red and white with "Santa Loves Me" on her seat. Todd's grandmother, Joy Diebert, and her cousin, Linda Goen and son David were here from Littlefield. David took pictures during the morning. Joy is Maxine Tidwell's sister.

Phyllis Mooney held a piano recital for her students in the Fellowship Hall at the First Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon. About 25 talented students participated. Many Christmas songs were played from the youngest, Carol Summers; to the oldest, Chad Ellis.

Sunday night the Methodist children presented "Wise Guys and Starry Skies" at the First United Methodist Church. The main characters were Bradi Rice, Cory Lust, Andrew Teaschner, Emily Roberson, Carrie Sheffy and the narrator was Kyle Wise. Many talented kids and some who sang solos participated. A reception was held in the

Fellowship Hall with many Christmas cookies and red punch. Santa Claus made his appearance later with the delight of the children as he gave out candy canes.

Katy Collins was given a "Happy Birthday" shower recently for her 80th birthday. She received 83 cards and had a wonderful time reading them!

Gerald Alldredge from Albuquerque visited his sister, Jonalyn Jones and family of Hart, and his father, John Alldredge of Dimmitt recently.

Susie Reeves and Joyce Rickerd of Dimmitt and Tony and D.D. Saunders of Lubbock spent their Thanksgiving Holidays in Dumas with Larry and Linda Powell.

Jean Christian was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center for lunch and a day of bridge. Susie Reeves won high score and Johnnie Vannoy won second high.

The week of prayer for Foreign Missions was held in Irene Carpenter's home on Monday with Roberta Cole giving the program and a brunch was enjoyed Tuesday morning in the Fellowship Hall at the First Baptist Church with Maxine Tidwell bringing the program on Lottie Moon. Special guests were from the New Hope Baptist Church and the Hispanic Baptist Mission. On Wednesday Grace Morgan gave her testimony as a missionary. The other meetings were cancelled due to the snow and ice.

On Monday night Dec. 5 Oma Dee Heard entertained her quilting club. Each guest brought a salad. After their meal, gifts of materials were exchanged. Jackie McLeroy led the group in several games, including playing Christmas carols with pipes that Ed had made. It was a fun time. Guests were Twila West, Ara Morrison, Nell Humphrey, Claudine Langford, Marie Perrin, Carolyn Moke, Doris Lust, Tommie Nesbitt, Shirley Wise, Sandra Bagwell, Luay Casares, Jackie McLeroy and Oma Dee.

Tuesday afternoon Oma Dee Heard went to Littlefield and visited with a long-time friend, Minni Denger. She drove to Lubbock and picked up long-time friend Ruby Spencer and they went to the Lutheran Nursing Home and visited Oma Dee's great aunt, Lilia Eavers, who turned 97 on Dec. 7, but Oma Dee couldn't go that day as she and Pam took Jennifer White to Amarillo to see another doctor.

Friday night Hank Greene and M. Mitchell from close to Dallas

came for the pheasant hunting. Dan and Danny entertained hunters from Dallas, Plainview, Portales and Elida, N.M. There were 12 hunters. Saturday night Oma Dee and Helen McMillon fixed supper and on Sunday they fixed lunch for everyone before they all went home.

Helen McMillon, Tammy and Oma Dee Heard went to Lubbock Sunday afternoon.

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The Chamber of Commerce is blessed with two full-time employees who are crackerjacks — Executive Director Delores Heller and Secretary Leasa Thomas. But two people, no matter how good, couldn't start to do all the things the Chamber of Commerce does. Most of the planning and work on these projects, and many others, is done by volunteers who pay dues for the right to work, and who donate their professional skills and serve on committees to make our community better.

At the chamber's annual membership meeting last Thursday night, members heard reports on such projects as trade promotions (remember the city-wide garage sale?), efforts to attract new business and industry, tourism and public relations (want to buy a Dimmitt cap or cookbook?), the July 4 celebration, the biggest community banquet of the year, the Harvest Days celebration, downtown art and decoration, beautification, ribbon cuttings, fun breakfasts and many other projects. And all members attending gave their ideas for improving our town.

We salute the people who are doing the committee work this year that makes the wheels turn on all these community improvement projects. There are more than 100 of them, holding down 164 spots on 16 different committees. Together, they're the heart of our town.

The work of these committees is coordinated by the chamber's officers and directors. The officers this year are Doug Pybus, president; Garland Coleman, vice-president; Don Nelson, secretary; Gene King, Don Sheffy, Carol Schroeder, Richard Stahl, Stan McDaniel, Garner Ball, Danny Newton, Danny Rice and Bob Towler.

Last Thursday night, members elected Reta Welch and "Wally" Wallace to serve on the board next year, and the board elected new officers for 1989: Garland Coleman, president; Richard Stahl, vice-president; and Don Nelson, secretary-treasurer. The "heart" of the town continues to beat.

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Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden

K.R. Norrell of Levelland, father of James Norrell, underwent an angiogram in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Tuesday to try to determine what was causing his severe headaches. They think medication can handle the problem. He was dismissed Wednesday but is still very weak.

Betty Rose Loudder had triple bypass surgery recently. She was moved to a private room from ICU Wednesday and a little scare Saturday, she had a real good day Sunday, walking with help.

Rev. David Fletcher talked to Toots by phone Wednesday and she had fallen again, but she just lost her balance, and was not hurt.

Three inches of snow was received Wednesday night and Thursday and a trace Saturday night. .15 of an inch of moisture was in the gauge, but it was a wet snow. It wasn't falling straight down, but due southward with the

high wind.

Billie and Emma Jean King kept their grandson, Lance King, Wednesday through Saturday while Marshall and Kaye King of Earth stayed with Lincoln in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He was admitted with a temperature and swollen knees.

Gerald and Pat Elkins and Ezell and Verba Sadler, and Natalie Lawson of Olton attended the presentation of "The Living Christmas Tree" in the First Baptist Church in Plainview Saturday night. Natalie spent the night with Pat and Gerald and came to church with them Sunday morning.

The church service Sunday night was "Talent Night," which started out with congregational singing with Phyllis Mooney at the piano. Then the pastor, David and Debra Fletcher, Hadley, Haley and Harmony sang as a family, using a tape. Gerald Elkins sang four solos

during the program. He and Verba sang three duets, Pat Elkins read a poem and Verba gave two readings. Ezell Sadler played two solos on the fiddle and Phyllis played a piano solo. Teeny Bowden quoted the 11th chapter of Hebrews, with a little help from the Bible. After the program, a fellowship followed with Teeny and Clara Vick showing slides and three notebooks of pictures and told of their trip to Italy. Coffee, hot chocolate and cookies were served.

Vallie Taylor of Glendale, Ariz. called Verba Sadler Sunday night to say that her brother, Mark Louder, was admitted to the hospital today and the doctors told them that he had a form of cancer that was very fastspreading and fatal.

Ezell and Verba Sadler attended the Hereford Rock Club Christmas party Monday night.

Truman and Mildred Redwine of Cotton Center visited with Elizabeth Worthington Wednesday after visiting with Weldon and Irene Bradley of Dimmitt. Truman is a former resident.

Sharon Sadler and Stacy Norman, Jeremy and Joshua went with Tex and Norma Conard to Lubbock Thursday to spend the day with Carrie Sadler, who had a day off.

Jodie Riley spent Friday night in Dimmitt with his grandmother, Edna Rily. He has one more test at Tech before coming home for the holidays.

Patrick Brown visited with Teeny Bowden Saturday afternoon. He did some pruning for her Friday afternoon and treated the cuts Saturday afternoon and did some repair jobs from the November wind damage.

Samantha Wilson was on the Springlake-Earth "A" honor roll for

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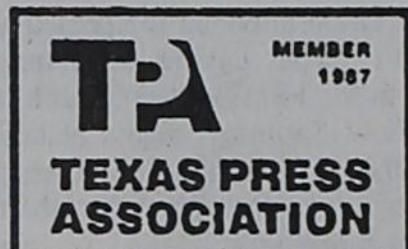
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1—Real Estate, Homes & Land

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE

All real estate advertised in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination."
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12—Notices

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15—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
 NO. PR 1927

THE ESTATE OF IRIS BALLARD, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

Notice to all persons having claims against the Estate of IRIS BALLARD, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of IRIS BALLARD, Deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 31st day of October, 1988, in the proceedings indicated below my signature hereto, which proceedings are still pending, and that I now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same to me, at the address below, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law.
 My residence and mailing address is C.G. Ballard, Route 4, Box 24, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.
 -s-C.G. BALLARD
 C.G. Ballard
 Independent Executor of the Estate of IRIS BALLARD, Deceased
 15-13-1tc

BID NOTICE
 The Castro County Appraisal District is accepting bids on behalf of Castro County, Dimmitt ISD and the City of Dimmitt for residential property described as Lots 3 and 4, Block 25, Original Town of Dimmitt. Sealed bids must be received by December 21, 1988, at 5 p.m. at the Castro County Appraisal District, 204 SE Third (rear), Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Castro County, Dimmitt ISD and the City of Dimmitt each reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive formalities. Further information may be obtained at the Appraisal District, 204 SE Third, (rear), Dimmitt, Texas 79027. 15-12-2tc

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15—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
 New rules and regulations from the Texas Department of Health Division of Solid Waste Management. For all city and county officials solid waste managers and interested persons.

The revision to the criteria for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills were published in the Federal Register on August 30, 1988.

These revisions entitled "Criteria for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills" will be published under Title 40 Code of Federal Regulation, Part 258.

A brief summary of the rules follows:

1. Open burning will be prohibited.
2. 24-hour access control will be required on all sites.
3. No discharge of water from a landfill will be permitted unless it is in accordance with the Clean Water Act.
4. Liquids will not be allowed to be accepted at a landfill to include vacuum truck waste.

The city of Dimmitt has installed a new gate at the landfill site to comply with these rules and signs have been posted. The landfill site will be patrolled by the City Police Dept. and a \$200 fine will be imposed on any person caught in the landfill after the gate is locked. 15-12-2tc

15—Legal Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE WATER UTILITY SERVICE IN DEAF SMITH AND CASTRO COUNTIES

Coronado Water, Inc. has filed an application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity with the Texas Water Commission to provide water utility service in Deaf Smith and Castro Counties. The proposed service area is approximately five miles South of Hereford, Texas and generally bounded by Highway 385 on the east, Section line 83 on the South and Section line 93 on the West. The total area being requested includes approximately 436.46 acres.

Persons who wish to intervene or comment should write the Rates Section, Water Utilities Division, Texas Water Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 within 30 days from the date of this publication or notice. No public hearing will be held unless a request for hearing is received. Only those individuals who submit a written request to be notified of hearing schedules will receive notice if a hearing is scheduled. 15-12-2tc

Check mail-order gift foods for safety

There's nothing like coming home from work and finding a package on your front porch to help you get in the Christmas spirit.

But if that package contains food and is marked "perishable" you may have to be a grinch and throw it away for safety's sake.

Whether the food is safe will depend on what it is, how cold it is, and how it was packaged. Mail-order food companies typically freeze perishable food solid so that overnight delivery in cold weather guarantees that it will still arrive cold. But what can't be guaranteed is having someone at home to receive the food and refrigerate it.

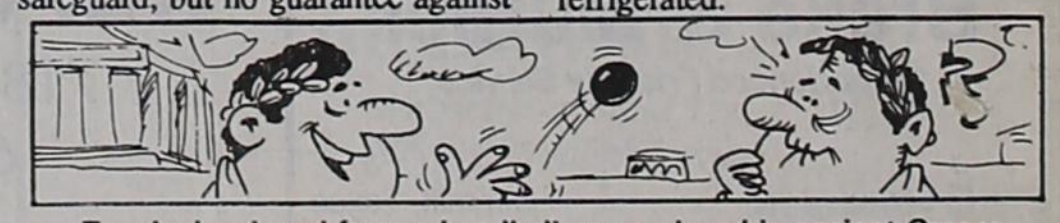
In Texas, you can't count on cold weather either and perishables that sit in a delivery truck, mail box or on the front porch on a warm December afternoon may quickly thaw and become hazardous.

A tabulation of calls received by the US Dept. of Agriculture's national Meat and Poultry Hotline during the 1987 holiday season showed that the greatest number of calls about mail-order foods concerned smoked or smoked and vacuum-packed hams and turkeys.

Many consumers don't understand that just because meat has been smoked, doesn't automatically mean it's cooked. In addition, all meat—cooked or uncooked—should be shipped with an ice source to keep it at or below 40 degrees Fahrenheit, just like a refrigerator.

Consumers should also check the label to see if the product contains preservatives. When a product is cured, such as a cured ham, the preservatives will aid in protection against spoilage if it is left out for a short length of time. Thorough reheating before serving is an added safeguard, but no guarantee against

the bacteria that cause food-borne illness. If you have any doubt about a fresh or a cured food, discard it. Consumers should look for the following before eating mail-order food products:
 * Fresh or cooked meat, poultry or fish should arrive frozen or still hard in the middle. If never frozen, it should be cold to the touch.
 * With the exception of dry-cured hams, baked hams and most canned hams need refrigeration and should arrive cold.
 * Hard, dry sausage, such as pepperoni and hard salamis don't require refrigeration. Thuringer summer sausage and others do. If the label says "keep refrigerated," the sausage should be cold.
 * Cheese should not contain mold, unless the mold is part of the product, such as blue cheese.
 * Cheesecake should be frozen solid.
 If the food product requires refrigeration and isn't frozen or cold, don't serve it. The food could give your family the unwanted "gift" of the flu-like symptoms that come from a food-borne illness.



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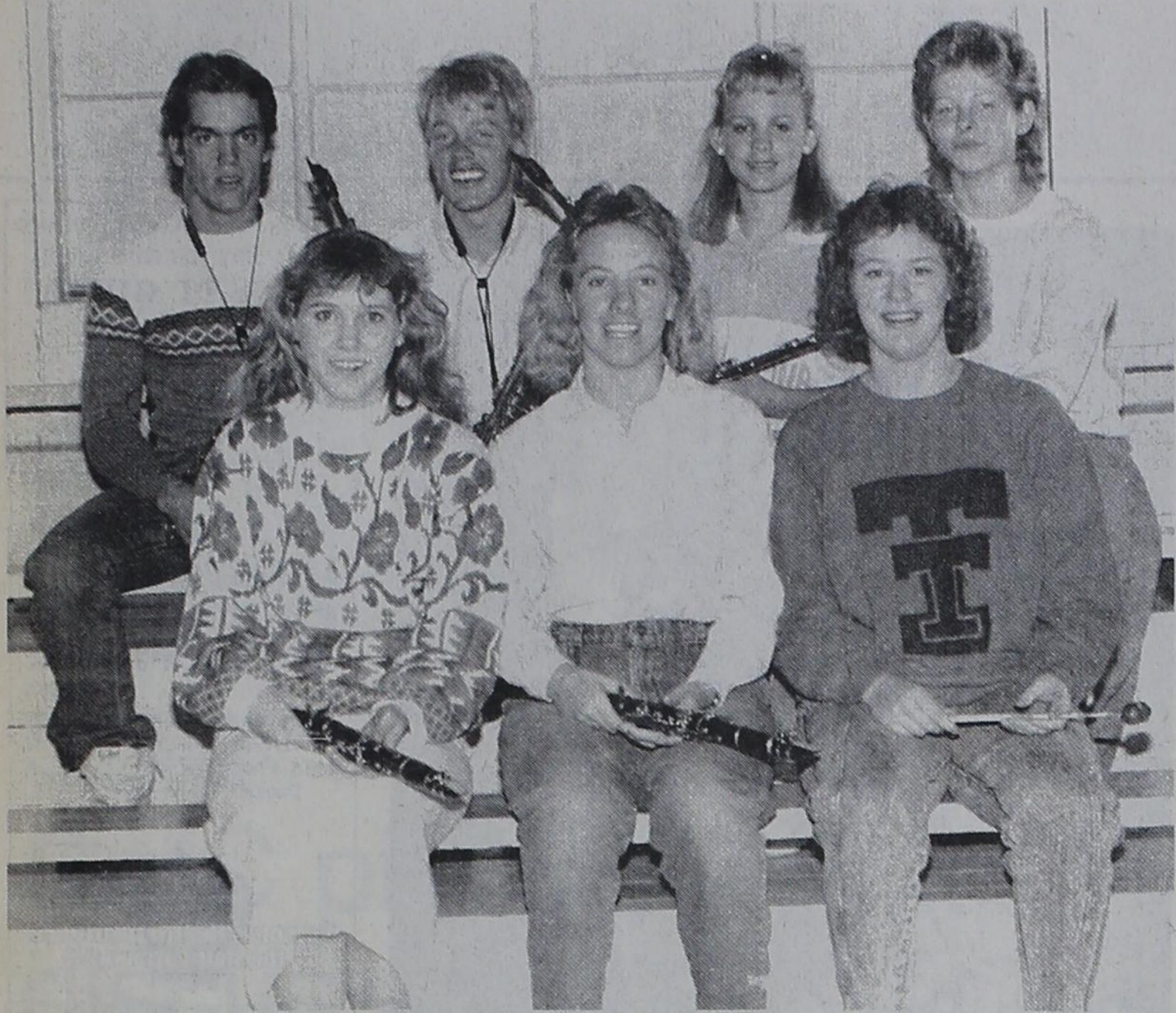
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ALL-REGION BAND MEMBERS from Nazareth High School this year included (back row, from left) Rusty Schacher, sixth chair saxophone; Lee Kleman, first chair saxophone; Marcia Hoelting, third chair flute; Jodi Johnson, 13th chair trumpet. Seated in the front from the left are Janay Johnson, 10th chair clarinet; Kirsten Birkenfeld, sixth chair clarinet; and Kalina Pohlmeier, first chair bells. The band members competed with other Class A and AA schools Dec. 5 at Panhandle.

Nazareth

By Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

A sincere thank you to members of the 4-H Club who distributed very attractive plates of fruit, candy and cookies to the Senior Citizens of Nazareth.

Catherine Hochstein is home to recuperate after having major surgery last Wednesday at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Vincent Pohlmeier is also home after having several weeks of radium treatments at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. We wish him a speedy recovery also.

Members of the arts and crafts club enjoyed dinner in Dimmitt and also the arts and crafts show at the Expo Building.

Francis and Betty Wilhelm traveled to Denver to visit with Doug and Alice Wilhelm and their girls, Betsy, Camille and Ellen. While there they also visited the Marvin Hoeltings, the Dennis Hoeltings and the Harry Flannigans. Betty Wilhelm helped with the

American Legion Auxiliary's Gift Shop at the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo. The Auxiliary supplies all the hospitalized veterans with gifts for their families and gift wraps at no cost.

Congratulations to Dwayne and Jolene Schulte on the birth of a son, Brady Joe, Dec. 9 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He has two brothers, Jerat and Stacey. Grandparents are Gilbert and Dolly Schulte and LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier. Great-grandmothers are Meta Stork and Ann Schulte.

Florene Leinen hosted a delicious Christmas dinner for her family Sunday. Those attending were Meta Stork, LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier, Denny and Dolores Heiman, Virgie Gerber, Evelyn Hill of Lubbock, Virgil and Viola Pohlmeier of Tulsa and Dale and Linda Leinen and sons of Oklahoma City. The Nazareth Senior Citizens were treated to Christmas dinner at the Center Sunday. The meal was catered by the Nazareth Band Mothers and was enjoyed by all who attended.

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Police Calls

Yard lights at three Dimmitt homes were reported vandalized Saturday and Sunday nights.

Jim Ritter, 703 Oak St., notified city police at 10:40 p.m. Saturday that he had heard a loud noise in his front yard and when he looked out he saw a late-model Ford pickup occupied by two persons pulling away from his home. Upon inspecting the yard, he said, he discovered that the glass on his yard light had been broken out, possibly with a chunk of ice.

Richard Schacher, 715 Maple St., reported to city police Sunday that someone had driven onto his front yard Saturday night and had broken three panes out of his yard light and damaged the light sensor. He said the incident occurred between 9 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, and estimated damage to the light at \$35.

Carol Lantz, 707 W. Cleveland St., reported Monday that someone had broken three panes from her yard light and had damaged some Christmas lights that were wrapped around the pole. She told police she thought the incident occurred between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday while she and her husband were

away from home. She estimated damage at \$35.

Willie James Lewis, 207 NW Seventh St., received emergency treatment at Plains Memorial Hospital shortly before 1 a.m. Monday for a gunshot wound to his upper left thigh.

City police and hospital attendants reported that the 22-caliber slug entered the outside of Lewis' thigh and lodged under the skin of his inner thigh, near the crotch.

Lewis told police that he had dropped a pistol while playing with it, and that it had discharged when it hit the floor.

At Lewis' home, officers recovered an FIE Armerius single-action, eight-shot revolver, which they said had a single spent shell casing in the firing chamber. The revolver belonged to Mary Cornelius Martinez, the Police Dept. reported.

Officers said there were conflicting reports of the incident from Lewis and witnesses.

After being treated and X-rayed at the hospital, Lewis was advised to see a physician Monday to have the slug removed from his thigh.

Johnny Ethridge, 701 W. Cleveland, reported to city police Monday that approximately \$200 had been stolen from his home, apparently in two separate burglaries.

The money was in three personal "penny banks" and a zip-lock bag in three different rooms of the home, he said.

Ethridge said the burglaries occurred sometime between Dec. 1 and 12.

He told police that while his daughter was staying home from school because of illness Monday, a black male rang the doorbell three times at about 2 p.m., then went to the rear of the home and looked into a window. She estimated the suspect's height at 5-9 and his weight at 135, Ethridge reported.

Rocky Salinas, an employee of Thriftway Supermarket, notified city police Saturday at 8:55 p.m. that someone had marked the windows and tires of his pickup with white shoe polish while the pickup was parked on the store's parking lot. Police advised him to ask his fellow employees if they had seen anyone around his pickup and to notify the Police Dept. if he got any names.

During the past week, local officers jailed one person for DWI (violation of probation), one for DWI, no driver's license and no insurance, one for burglary of a building and one for issuance of bad checks.

The county jail population stood at 21 Tuesday.

What's Cooking

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Dec. 15-23.

DIMMITT
THURSDAY—Pizza, fried okra, corn on the cob, Jello and milk.
FRIDAY—Beef tacos with cheese, pinto beans, shredded lettuce, peach cobbler and milk.

MONDAY—Mexican fiesta, buttered rice, lettuce and tomato salad, fruit salad, milk.
TUESDAY—Sandwiches, potato chips, pickles, apples and milk.

WEDNESDAY—No School!
THURSDAY—No School!
FRIDAY—No School!

HART
THURSDAY—Enchilada casserole, tortillas, tossed salad, corn, pineapple cake and milk.
FRIDAY—Chicken strips, yeast rolls, whipped potatoes, green beans, apple cobbler and milk.

MONDAY—Cheeseburgers, salad, french fries, peaches and milk.
TUESDAY—Corn dogs, vegetarian beans, salad, cherry cobbler and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Turkey and dressing, sliced home-made bread, green beans, corn, cake and milk.
THURSDAY—Sandwiches, salad, potato chips, cookies and milk.
FRIDAY—No School!

NAZARETH
THURSDAY—Frito pie, cauliflower, cornbread and syrup, pears and milk.
FRIDAY—Turkey and dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, hot buttered bread, fruit salad and milk.

MONDAY—Manager's Choice, corn, tossed salad, hot rolls, brownies and milk.
TUESDAY—Tacos with lettuce and

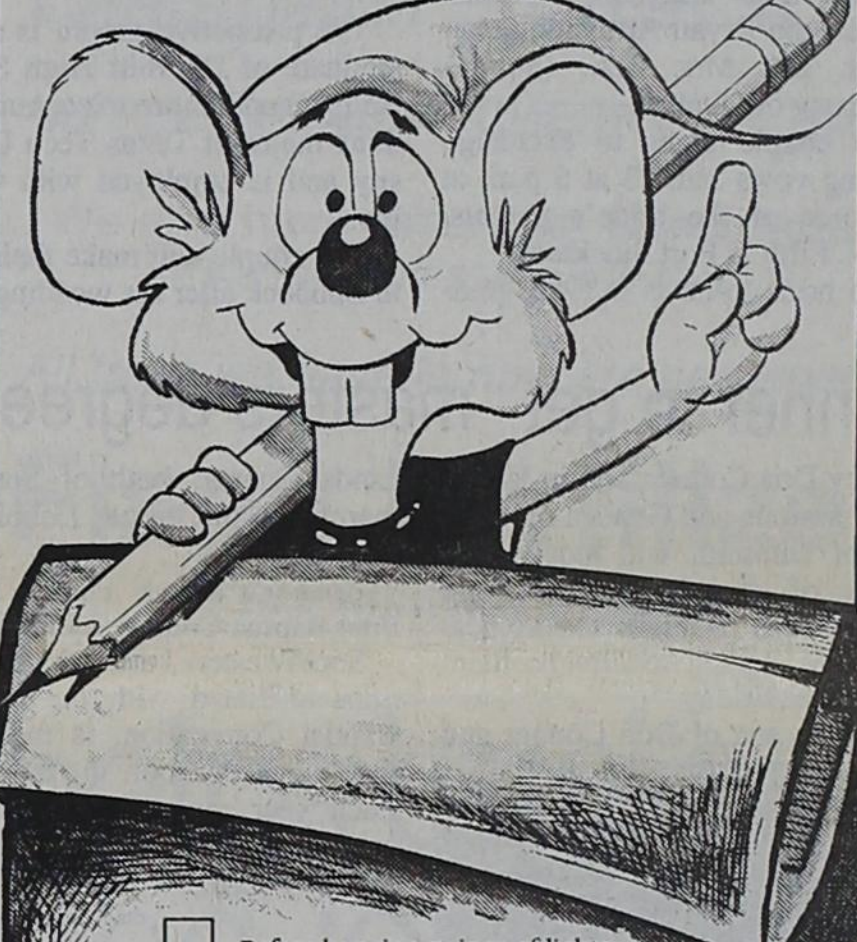
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cheese, pork and beans, hot rolls, pears and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Sandwiches, potato chips, carrot sticks, peanuts, apples and milk.

THURSDAY—No School!
FRIDAY—No School!

Check Safety To Make The Holidays Bright



- Before hanging strings of lights, spread them on the floor and check for frayed or bare wires, cracked insulation, loose connections, and damaged plugs or light sockets.
- Check extension cords for wear or damage and don't run them across walking areas.
- Test lights before putting them on the tree. Unplug them before making repairs or replacing bulbs.
- Overloading circuits with too many lights can cause fire. Follow manufacturer's instructions about the number of lights allowed on one circuit.
- Choose a fresh, green tree, trim its base and keep it in plenty of water. If the needles are brown and break off easily, it could be a fire risk.
- If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it has been tested for flammability by Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Place your tree away from the fireplace or other heat sources and out of the traffic pattern.
- Never string lights on a metallic tree. Light strings with damaged insulation can electrically charge a metallic tree. Instead, shine unattached colored floodlights or spotlights on the tree.
- Always turn off lights before leaving home or going to bed. You'll save money and be safer, too.
- Never use lighted candles on a tree or near evergreens. And don't burn evergreens in the fireplace.
- Do not use inside lights on the outside. All outside lighting equipment, including lights, cords and plugs, should be waterproof and made for outdoor use. Also, hang sockets downward and don't leave a socket empty.
- When hanging lights on the rooftop or in tall trees outdoors, stay clear of electrical lines. Make sure you or your decorations don't come in contact with them.
- Should you receive a CB radio or television this Christmas, let a qualified serviceman install the CB base unit or television antenna for you. This delicate job is best left to the professionals.
- Be sure electrical toys are tested for safety. Look for the UL mark.

Wishing You A Safe, Happy Holiday



Presbyterian Happenings

There is a Sunday school class for everyone at 10 a.m. Sunday. The adult Bible class will meet at the manse. All other classes meet at the church.

"Mary's Visit to Elizabeth" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the morning worship service at 11 a.m.

Deanne Tackitt will give a recital Sunday at 5 p.m.

Morning prayers are Wednesday at 6:30.

Senior Citizens

MONDAY—Stew, cornbread, salad, dessert, tea and coffee.

TUESDAY—Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

WEDNESDAY—Pork chops, potatoes and gray, broccoli, salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

THURSDAY—Green chili casserole, beets, vegetable sticks, salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

FRIDAY—Closed for Christmas Dec. 23 to Jan. 1, 1989.

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People



Rebecca Sue Northcut and John Bryan Armstrong

Wedding is set

Mr. and Mrs. M.G. Northcut of Fort Stockton announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Sue, to John Bryan Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. (Sonny) Armstrong of Dimmitt.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows Jan. 13 at 5 p.m. at the home of the bride's parents, 900 W. Fifth in Fort Stockton.

The bride-to-be is a 1985 graduate of Fort Stockton High School. She is employed at the Sunset Inn Hotel.

The prospective groom is a 1982 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He is a sophomore telecommunications major at Texas Tech University and is employed with Qualex Inc.

The couple will make their home in Lubbock after the wedding.

Conner to get masters degree

Stacy Don Conner, son-in-law of Roger Malone and Geneva Malone, both of Dimmitt, will receive the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during commencement ceremonies Friday.

Conner, son of Don Conner and

Linda Conner, both of Slaton, is married to the former Debbie Malone.

Conner's home church is the First Baptist Church in Plainview.

Southwestern, one of six seminaries affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, is the largest theological school in the world. Each year more than 5,000 men and women train for ministry at Southwestern.



Stacy Don Conner

The Company Store in Hart will be open Sundays from 2-5 p.m. beginning Nov. 27 for your Christmas shopping convenience.

PMH to hold health care class

A continuing education course entitled "Health Care Aide-Nursing Assistant" will be offered in Dimmitt in January.

Sponsored by Plains Memorial Hospital and Amarillo College, the course is good for 72 clock hours. Anyone interested in signing up for the class should call Kim Hunter at 647-2191 or Mitzie Brockman at 647-2191 or 945-2246.

The course will run from Jan. 9 to 13 and from Jan. 16 to 19 and is \$70.

Upon completion of the course, student will be able to perform necessary nursing skills of a non-licensed entry-level health care person and to care for a patient in a nursing home in a private home or as a sitter in a hospital. They will also be able to administer basic life support (CPR).

Merritt is sworn in as an attorney

Johnny Kent Merritt, formerly of Dimmitt, has been sworn in as an attorney at law by the Honorable Patrick Pirtle, associate justice of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Merritt's swearing in follows his successful completion of the Texas Bar examination and his graduation from the Texas Tech University School of Law. Merritt graduated cum laude from Texas Tech in May as a member of the Order of the Coif (top ten percent of his graduating class).

While attending Tech, Merritt was a member of the Texas Tech Law Review and served as its note editor during the 1987-88 school year. He was also the author of a casenote that discussed fractional mineral reservations which won the "Best Casenote Award of 1987."

Merritt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Merritt of Dimmitt. He is married to DeNise Dobbs, daughter of Geneva Malone of Dimmitt.

Merritt has begun practicing law with the Amarillo firm of Whittenburg, Whittenburg & Schacter.



Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Bradley

Two local students are honored

Two Castro County students have been named "Outstanding Young Men of America" for 1988.

The students honored are Rex V. Acker and Joe Brad DuLaney.

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

Elder is honored

Bessie Ruth Elder of Dimmitt has been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

Elder, a student in the School of Health Sciences at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford was chosen because of her academic achievements, services to the community and leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

ICC Happenings

Even though it was snowing over 250 people turned out for the annual feast and Christmas party at the Expo Building Saturday. We thank the organizers and their helpers including Paul Garcia, Connie Martinez, Guila Silva, the Cursillistas, Guadalupanas, the Charismatic Prayer Group and the Senior CYO for making it a success. We are thankful to Santa Claus (Jesse Lopez) for his presence.

We will have a Christmas Youth Dance at the Expo Building on Friday from 9 to 12 p.m. Scotty will be the DJ. Admission is \$3.50 per person and \$6.50 per couple.

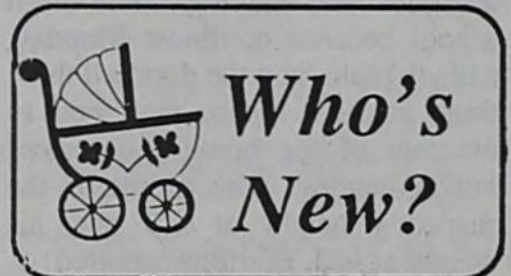
Next Thursday and Friday confessions will be heard from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Confessions will also be heard Friday from 7:30 to 8 p.m.

Anniversary reception set

Weldon and Irene Bradley of Dimmitt will be honored with a reception celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday.

The reception, hosted by the couple's children, Omata, Carl, Molly and Lee, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt.

Friends of the couple are invited to attend.



OUT OF TOWN
It's a boy for Norris and Luanna Cole of Austin. William Tucker was born Saturday in Austin, weighing 9 lbs., 1 oz. He has an older sister, four-year-old Joanna.

Robert and Becky Jones of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Allison Lynn, born at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed 5 lbs., 15 oz. and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Lois Garrison of Albuquerque, N.M. and Carolyn Jones of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Eunice Brown and Everett Garrison, both of Osborne, Kans.; and Tina Rawlings of Dimmitt.

Ministerial Alliance

Norbert Choong will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Luke 2:8-20 Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the rectory of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

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Parents should plan holiday activities children can enjoy

During the Christmas season, magazines are filled with pictures of clean, beautifully dressed, calm, smiling children happily playing with their Christmas toys.

That may be one reason why parents become frustrated or even angry when their children fuss, whine or misbehave during holiday celebrations.

Young children will respond differently to Christmas activities depending on their age. Parents can save themselves a lot of grief by knowing what is normal and predictable behavior from young children and planning their family activities accordingly.

Parents should consider the following suggestions:

* Babies under 12 months can easily feel overwhelmed by too many toys, relatives or foods. Give the baby plenty of rest and time alone with you.

* Toddlers will be lovable and cute, but not too involved in Christmas. Some toddlers will be fearful of strangers, including visiting relatives. Child-proof your Christmas decorations since toddlers will want to touch hot lights, pull on electrical cords and handle decorations that arouse their curiosity.

* Two-year-olds will be excited about the lights and decorations. They can't anticipate, so they can't wait to open gifts or eat the cookies and they may throw tantrums to

prove it. Two-year-olds are just as likely to play with the box as the toy inside and since they don't share well yet, they will often hit and grab toys.

* Three-year-olds will love gifts, both the box and the gift inside. They're more likely to have a sunny disposition on Christmas and be able to play with other children so getting together with relatives may be easier. Parents may still want to limit the extent of activities, however. Any three-year-old who has been too excited for too long is capable of fighting and acting up.

* Four-year-olds can remember well and anticipate activities. They love the holidays, including parties and events, especially if they're not

too long. They can participate in decorating and other simple projects in advance of Christmas. In general they should get along

with the visiting relatives, but may sometimes be rude and uncooperative when tired or overextended.

* Five-year-olds will show marked improvement in behavior because they are beginning to set their own limits. This is an ideal year to read about Christmas to them. Since they like to help and do things alone, it's also a good year for projects. This may also be the first year for really liking Santa.

Wherever a child is developmentally, parents should try to enjoy that stage and let it help determine family activities at holiday time.

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'HERE, YOU TAKE IT'—Instead of giving out a prescription, pharmacist Garland Coleman (right) receives a gavel after being elected president of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. Handing over the gavel is Doug Pybus, who has served as

president two years. Coleman was elected by the chamber board following the annual membership meeting last Thursday night, and will take office at the annual banquet Jan. 26.

CofC picks directors, discusses year's goals

Members of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce reviewed their past year's work, held a "brainstorming" session to gain ideas for future goals, adopted a lean budget and elected new directors and officers last Thursday night.

Elected to three-year terms as directors during the annual membership meeting were "Wally" Wallace, owner of Wallace Motor Co.; Reta Welch, homemaker and businesswoman; Don Nelson, Castro County News publisher; and Carol Schroeder, teacher and owner of Seale Florist.

They will join Gene King, Don Sheffy, Richard Stahl, Stan McDaniel, Garner Ball, Garland Coleman, Danny Newton and Danny Rice on the chamber board, along with outgoing president Doug Pybus, who will serve as an ex-officio member during the coming year.

After the membership meeting, the new board elected Coleman as the CofC president for 1989 and Stahl as vice-president. Coleman is the owner of Coleman Pharmacy, and Stahl is plant comptroller of American Fructose Co. and co-owner of the Ruskin Racquet Club.

Nelson was re-elected board secretary. Pybus appointed Executive Director Delores Heller to serve as

treasurer.

Members adopted a 1989 budget of \$52,425, which is \$325 less than the 1988 budget and \$528 less than actual 1988 expenditures.

"We were on a close budget last year and will be on an even closer one this year," Heller said. She reported that the chamber lost 37 members during the year after having gained 112 in a membership drive two years ago, and that these losses were reflected in a decline in dues income.

The chamber showed a net operating loss of \$1,312 in 1988, Heller said, but most of this loss was created by major purchases of souvenir supplies and will be offset as these items are sold. The promotional items include souvenir caps, pins and "Taste of Castro County" cookbooks.

Members heard brief reports from spokesmen of 12 standing committees: Retail Merchants, Tourism and Promotion, July 4 Fireworks, Fun Breakfasts, Banquet, Industrial Development, Beautification, Christmas Lighting, Government and Education, Harvest Days, Downtown Decorating and Dimmitt Dynamos.

Chamber-sponsored activities carried out by these committees

during the year included the city-wide garage sale, pheasant management meeting, Christmas Open House, July 4 fireworks show, the Bobcats' state tournament sendoff breakfast, annual banquet with "outstanding citizens" award programs, presentations and package offers for prospective new industries, business survey contracted with Wayland Baptist University, work on a "free enterprise zone" offering tax abatement and other incentives for new businesses or industries, the annual clean-up campaign, downtown Christmas decorations, Harvest Days celebration, "windowrama" decorations downtown, ribbon cuttings for new and remodeled businesses, and "welcome wagon" packets for new residents.

In their "brainstorming session," members said they would like to see the chamber work to secure another restaurant and motel, a recreational vehicle park, a bed-and-breakfast service for visitors, bus service and a truck bypass route, and study the cost and feasibility of reopening the local movie theater.

They also suggested the chamber pursue more youth programs and facilities, pending the outcome of the current study being conducted by the YMCA, and said they would like to see teenagers utilized more to help improve and promote the community, perhaps through a "Youth Dynamos" group.

A "longest tail feather" contest was suggested as a way to help promote pheasant hunting here. Also, it was noted that a federal grant is available to finance a study on the feasibility of promoting waterfowl hunting here.

The ideas were categorized as "immediate," "short term" or "long term" goals, and will be reviewed by the chamber board in formulating the coming year's work program.

Hart honor students named

Hart Junior High and Hart High School have named honor students for the second six weeks of school.

On Hart's "All American" Honor Roll (students with all A's) are juniors Martha Chavez, Miguel Morales, Sally Rios and Saul Salas; sophomores Stephanie Davis, Eloisia Reyna and Carlos Rodriguez; eighth graders April Bennett and Christi Neinast; and seventh graders Kristi Davis and Adrian Mendoza.

Students on the "All Achievers" Honor Roll are:

Seniors — Carolina Barretero, Jesus Berumen, Rayla Black, Larry Brown, Ware Brown, Andy Castillo, Elvira Centeno, Albino Garza, Heather Hunsaker, Steve Lee, Ramon Longoria, Henry Martinez, Victor Salas, Sonia Sarabia and Alex Urbina.

Juniors — Blair Brown, David Carrasco, Oscar Castillo, Isabel Dominguez, Angelica Guerrero, Connie Gutierrez, Anel Montemayor, Isreal Ramirez, Heather Ritter, Robyn Truelock.

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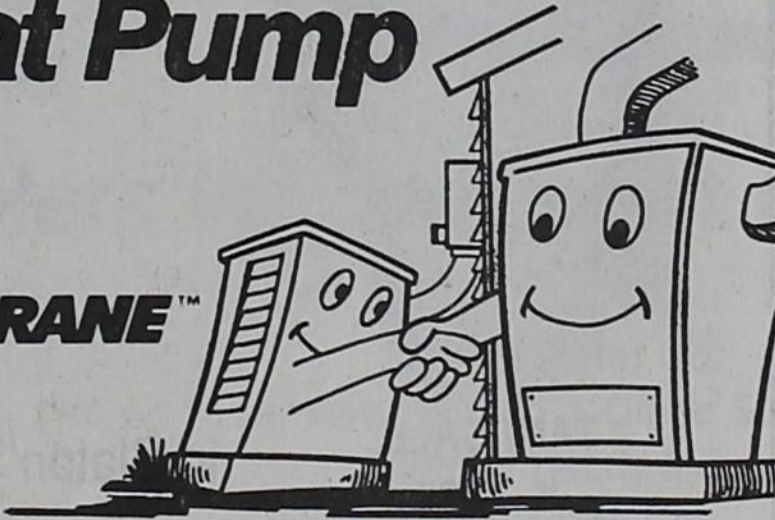
Freshmen—Jolene Balko, Angelica Diaz, Angie Dyer, Coby Emery, Jason Ethridge, Richard Garcia, Brack Jones, Maricela Minjarez, Rudy Ramirez, Dennis Ringler, Carlos Velasquez.

Eighth Grade—Debra Barefield, Dusty Hunsaker, Belia Medrano.

Seventh Grade — Jason Aven, Trevor Davis, Jamie Ethridge, Maria Galven, Vincent Lopez, Carina Martinez, P.J. Ramirez, Fred Reyna, Ruth Rodriguez.

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Sports

County teams enter tournament action

The Nazareth Swifts and Dimmitt JV Bobcats will be trying for the tournament trophy at Slaton this weekend while Hart's Longhorns will be on the road competing in the Bovina Tourney.

Slaton Tournament

Nazareth's Swifts and the Dimmitt Junior Varsity will compete in the Slaton Tournament this weekend.

The Swifts open the tournament against Slaton tonight (Thursday) at 8:30 and the Bobcats take on Post at 5:30.

Dimmitt was asked to play in the tournament to replace Quana, who is still involved in football, according to Coach Allan Steidle.

"Slaton's tough," said Nazareth Coach Rolland Shippy. "They haven't lost a game yet this year. We beat them last year in the tournament, but they've got most of their kids back.

If the Swifts win today, they'll take on the winner of the Dimmitt JV and Post matchup Friday at 8:30 p.m. If they lose, they'll face the Dimmitt JV-Post loser at 4 p.m. Friday.

In other opening round games, Hale Center takes on Canyon and Roosevelt will face the Slaton JV.

The consolation championship game will be played at 3:30 Saturday while the third place game is scheduled for 5 p.m. and the finals are slated to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Bovina Tournament

The Hart Longhorns want to capture their first tournament trophy this year in the Bovina Tourney this weekend, but it won't be easy.

The Longhorns will take on Adrian today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. in the first round. If they win, they'll take on the winner of the Bovina-Three Way game Friday at 8 p.m. If Hart loses, they'll face the Bovina-Three Way loser Friday at 2.

In other matchups today, Boys Ranch and Vega tangle at 2 p.m. and Amarillo Christian meets Farwell at 11 a.m.

The third place game is scheduled Saturday at 4:30 and the consolation championship will be played at 1:30. The championship contest is slated for 7:30 p.m. Saturday.



HAPPY SCRAMBLERS—Jimmy Davis (foreground) and R. L. Stockstill do their best with a couple of grills full of scrambled eggs during the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club's annual Pheasant Hunters' Breakfast Saturday morning at the County Expo Building. The Kiwanians served approximately 150 hunters on the opening day of the season.

JV Bobcats second in Kress Tournament

Dimmitt's Junior Varsity Bobcats gave a good account of themselves against varsity teams last week, finishing second in the eight-team Kress Tournament.

The JV Bobcats played the Highland Park varsity to the wire in the championship game Saturday night before losing, 51-49.

"We got beat on a last-second shot," Coach Allan Steidle said. "The ball went through the hole, then the buzzer sounded."

The JV Bobcats had little trouble with the host Kress Kangaroos in the opening game, winning a 61-29 runaway as Freddie Martinez scored 13 and Miguel Ontiveros 12.

But they dropped a 15-point decision to Highland Park in the second round, 77-62. Despite the loss, Dimmitt had four players in double figures as Billy Ray Thomas scored 21, Chip Thrasher 12, Ontiveros 12 and Martinez 10.

The JV Bobcats came back and won a thriller against Amarillo Christian, 40-38, to advance to the championship game of the double elimination tourney. Chip Thrasher led the way against Amarillo Christian with 12 points.

In the championship bout, the JV

Bobcats made up the earlier difference against Highland Park and fought to a 49-49 tie before the shot at the buzzer gave HP the championship. Ontiveros scored 17 and Thrasher 13 to pace Dimmitt.

The JV Bobcats came out of the tournament with a 9-3 record. Their only losses have been to varsity teams—once to Dalhart and twice to Highland Park.

Today (Thursday), the JV Bobcats go into another varsity tournament which wasn't on their original schedule. They'll play Post at 5:30 p.m. in the first round of the Slaton Tournament. Coach Steidle's team was invited to fill in for Quana, which is still in the football playoffs.

Four Swifts are all-district

Four Nazareth Swifts have earned all-district honors for the 1988 football season.

Senior tackle Tommy Cobb was named to the all-district first team defensive line.

Named to the second team on defense were junior linebacker Bobby Kern and junior safety Brian Schmucker. Junior center Marty Gerber earned second team offensive line honors.

Kern also earned honorable mention honors for his performance at offensive tackle during the season.

Birkenfeld is all-state

Christy Birkenfeld of Nazareth has been named to the *Texas Track & Field News*' Class A all-state cross country team and Dimmitt's Renea Harman earned "Special Recognition for Underclassmen."

Birkenfeld, a freshman at NHS, led the Swiftettes to a third place finish at the state meet this year by finishing ninth overall.

Harman, a sophomore at DHS, finished 27th in the state Class AAA race.

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Scoreboard

FRIDAY

Bobbles 50, Hale Center 45
Dimmitt 8 23 11 8 — 50
Hale Center 12 8 18 7 — 45
Scoring: DIMMITT—Renea Josselet 20; HALE CENTER—Smith 21.

Bobcats 74, Hale Center 51
Dimmitt 28 15 15 16 — 74
Hale Center 13 10 4 24 — 51
Scoring: DIMMITT—Emilio Arce 20, Mat Bradley 14, Jason Long 10; HALE CENTER—Stephens 12, Smith 11, Roberts 11.

Longhorns 47, Vega 40
Hart 15 12 4 16 — 47
Vega 18 5 6 11 — 40
Scoring: HART—Ramirez 20, Lee 13; VEGA—Walker 23, Brorman and Tanck 6.

Lady Longhorns 29, Vega 59
Hart 9 10 2 8 — 29
Vega 20 16 14 9 — 59
Scoring: HART—C. Diaz 10, S. Knox 9; VEGA—Richardson 14.

JV Longhorns 43, Vega 48
Swifts 29, Slaton 95
Nazareth 6 6 2 15 — 29
Slaton 25 24 25 21 — 95
Scoring: NAZ—Wade Hoelting 11.

TUESDAY

Lady Longhorns 23, Happy 76
Hart 2 11 5 5 — 23
Happy 29 16 17 14 — 76
Scoring: HART—McLain 7.

Swifts 59, Boys Ranch 51
Nazareth 19 15 12 13 — 59
Boys Ranch 15 18 5 13 — 51
Scoring: NAZ—Kyle Schilling 15, Brian Schmucker 14, Brad Kleman 13, Scott Huseman 12.

Longhorns 47, Happy 43
Hart 12 10 14 11 — 47
Happy 6 8 12 15 — 43
Scoring: HART—Castillo 15, Washington 11.

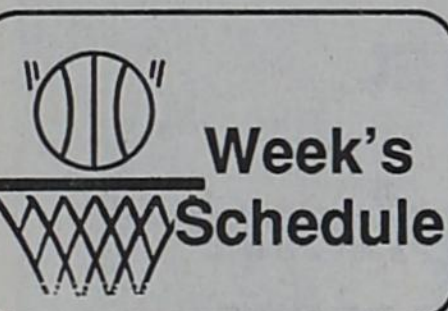
Bobcats 79, Abernathy 74
Dimmitt 23 23 14 19 — 79
Abernathy 8 23 18 25 — 74
Scoring: DIMMITT—Emilio Arce 25, Robert Ruiz 15, Mat Bradley 10, Brac Wardlaw 10.

Bobbles 75, Wilson 19
Dimmitt 22 14 24 15 — 75
Wilson 0 7 4 8 — 19
Scoring: DIMMITT—Gloria Gauna 12, Krystal Derrick 11, Renea Josselet 10.

JV Bobbles 55, Wilson 8

JV Bobcats 69, Abernathy 34
Scoring: DIMMITT—Miguel Ontiveros 18, Billy Ray Thomas 12, Freddy Martinez 10.

JV Swifts 45, Boys Ranch 36



Week's Schedule

TODAY—Swifts in the opening round in the Slaton Tournament; Longhorns vs. Adrian at 5 p.m., first round in Bovina Invitational Tournament.

FRIDAY—Swifts in the Slaton Tournament; Longhorns in the Bovina Invitational Tournament; Bobcats and Bobbies vs. Randall High School (Canyon).

Friday and Saturday—Swiftettes at Vernon against Stephenville and Vernon.

TUESDAY—Bobcats and Bobbies at Morton; Swifts and Swiftettes at Spearman; Longhorns and Lady Longhorns vs. Happy.

INVESTMENT INCOME

HERE'S A NEW TAX LAW TIP

Generally, the new tax law requires children and other dependents to file tax returns for 1987 if:

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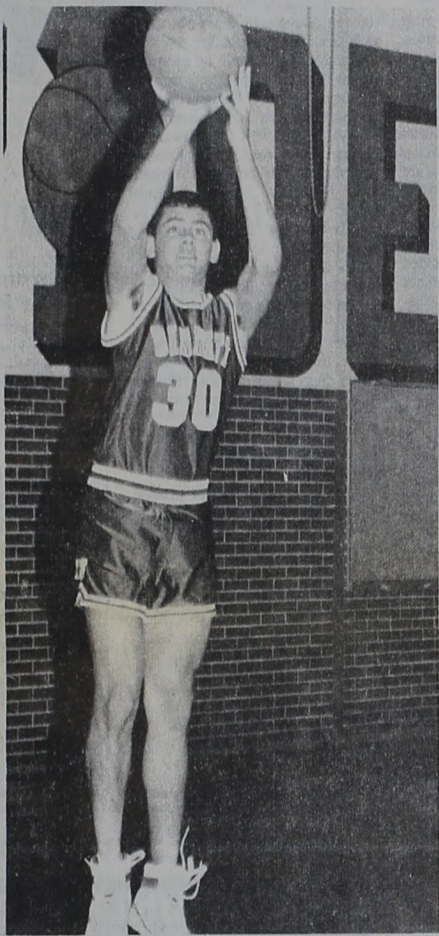
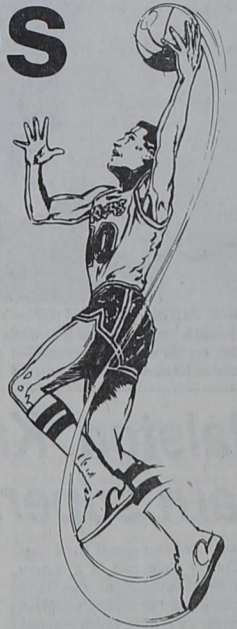
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Bobcats:

69, River Road 45
62, Hale Center 41
62, Hereford 28

Borger Tournament:

55, Borger 59
85, Frenship 71
61, Palo Duro 64
(Sixth Place)

58, Brownfield 63

Pioneer Classic:

68, Estacado 79
81, Paducah 67
52, Caprock 47
(Consolation)

79, Morton 40
74, Hale Center 51
79, Abernathy 74

Bobbies:

58, River Road 22
61, Hale Center 40
45, Hereford 44

Frenship Classic:

83, Lubbock Dunbar 35
41, Happy 40
55, Frenship 51
(Championship)

47, Caprock 48

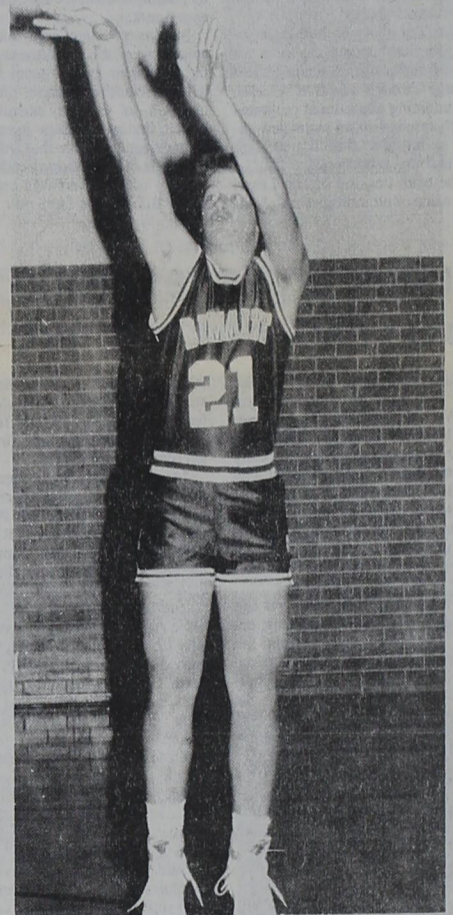
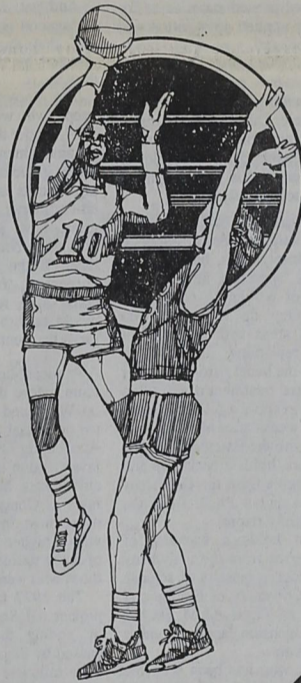
Canyon Classic:

28, Spearman 31
54, Palo Duro 41
41, Tascosa 44 (OT)
(Sixth Place)

78, Morton 22
50, Hale Center 45
75, Wilson 19

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MORE EGGS, COMING UP!—Visiting hunters go through the breakfast line while Robert Benton (right) serves up more scrambled eggs during the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club's annual Pheasant Hunters' Breakfast Saturday morning at the County Expo Building. Approximately 150 hunters showed up, starting at 5:30 a.m., for eggs, sausage, biscuits and coffee before going out.

Ralston, Knutson and team earn superior service award

Two Extension agents from Castro County were part of a quartet from the South Plains that have been awarded the agency's highest honor for its efforts which brought substantial profit increases for the area cotton industry.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service honored the team for developing a thrips management strategy through adaptive research and initiating educational programs which resulted in an estimated annual saving of \$3.5 million to High Plains cotton producers.

The team consists of Jim Leser, Extension entomologist at Lub-

bock; Allen Knutson of Dimmitt, Extension entomology agent for Castro and Lamb counties; Jett Major, Lamb County Extension agent from Littlefield; and Seth Ralston of Dimmitt, Castro County Extension Agent.

Increasing state and national awareness of the seriousness of the thrip problem led the team to initiate an adaptive research program in 1983 to validate existing research findings and to develop a management program that would fit the needs of local cotton producers.

Most of the effort was centered at the Bob Phipps farm near Flagg

in Castro County.

"Without the dedicated assistance of Bob and J.D. Phipps, we would still be in the starting gate," Leser said. "Extension and area cotton farmers owe a debt of gratitude to these two farmers."

The team clearly defined the economic pest status of thrip in cotton on the High Plains, called the biggest cotton patch in the world. Feeding by this tiny insect represented a \$44 million potential annual loss to the local cotton industry.

All thrip management approaches were evaluated for efficacy, potential negative side effects to the cotton plant and for cost effectiveness. Where thrip were a recurring problem, the use of at-planting insecticides proved superior to foliar sprays applied after cotton was up and damaged.

Temik applied at two pounds per acre, proved to be the best treatment, providing net returns of over \$49 per acre. Other systemic insecticides were either less effective, more expensive or provided lower yield increases due to their phytotoxic impact on early fruiting.

Seed treatments didn't control thrip as long as the soil-applied systemic insecticides, but low cost made this approach attractive to farmers not willing to commit as much money up front, or who farmed in areas with a history of frequent replanting. In order to maximize the benefit from a shorter residual seed treatment it was often necessary to apply a foliage insecticide three weeks after planting.

Leser, with the Extension service for 12 years, holds a bachelors and masters degree from the University of Nevada and a Ph.D. from the University of Arizona.

Knutson holds a bachelor of science degree from the University of Minnesota, a masters of science from the University of Florida and a Ph.D. from Texas A&M. He has been an Extension faculty member for eight years.

Ralston, who has been with the Extension Service for 12 years, has a bachelor of science degree from Texas A&M and a masters degree from Eastern New Mexico University.

Major holds a bachelor of science degree from Texas A&M and a masters from Texas Tech University. He has been with the Extension Service 11 years.

Trees, shrubs and lawns are thirsting for water now

Drier than normal soil conditions prevail in the southeastern portion of the Southern High Plains. Homeowners in this area are advised to give their lawns, trees and shrubs a thorough watering to protect them from water-stress damage.

Normal rainfall during September, October and November is about six inches per year, and this usually satisfies the water needs of most plants during the fall and winter. This year, during the same three-month period, the rainfall total has been less than two inches. This available soil moisture has been used up and the soil is very dry over most of the South Plains area.

Most trees, shrubs and grass grown in the area go dormant during the winter months. However, the plant remains alive and must maintain a certain amount of moisture, especially in the root system, to keep alive. If the soil around the roots is allowed to become drier than the root system, water losses will occur from the roots back into the dry soil and the plant will die.

Most Bermuda grass lawns are fairly deep-rooted and should be watered until the soil is wet to about a foot in depth. Homeowners may determine the wetted depth by pushing a metal rod or wooden dowel into the soil until it cannot be pushed further and then measuring the depth that the rod or dowel

penetrated the earth. This will provide homeowners with an indication of the depth that the soil has been wet to. The soil moisture condition should be checked at least once a month and when the top six inches of soil becomes dry, it is time to water again.

Persons with cool-season grasses, such as fescue, will need to water their lawns regularly during the winter. These grasses continue to grow and require more water in the winter months than the dormant warm-season grasses.

Mulberry and other trees that drop their leaves during winter do not require as much water during their dormant period.

These deciduous trees do require some water during winter, especially in the soil around the root zone. A good soaking now followed by light once-a-month watering of the total lawn area, including the area under the trees, should be adequate during the winter months.

Warm weather during the fall and winter can cause evergreen trees to deplete soil moisture rapidly, said Dr. Harold Kaufman, plant pathologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Lubbock.

"These trees are basically big evaporative coolers," Kaufman said. "On warm days they pump water to their needles to keep themselves cool and in doing so they can use a lot of soil moisture. Homeowners need to place a water hose at the tree's dripline and give the tree a deep watering to an 18-inch soil depth at least once a month during the winter."

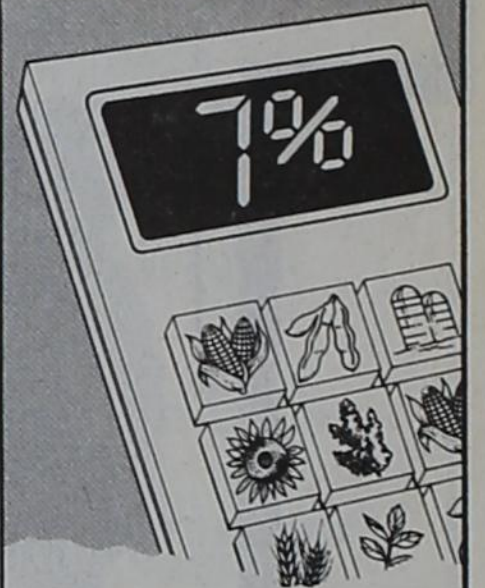
Evergreens used as windbreaks should be watered regularly, Kaufman adds.

"Usually three trees are planted where only one should be. They are too close together, and the tree roots are in competition for water. Many people only water these windbreaks once during the winter,

but the homeowner needs to be sure adequate moisture is available throughout the year. Extra watering is especially needed during low precipitation years."

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Social Security in Castro County

By TERRY J. CLEMENTS

Perhaps no recent social security issue stirs as intense feelings as does the "notch."

And yet, it is one of the least understood issues. Even those who feel that they've been adversely affected by the "notch" don't understand it.

The "notch" generally affects people who were born from 1917 to 1921. Under the 1977 Social Security amendments, which corrected a defect in the old method of computing benefits established by the 1972 amendments, members of this group have a lower benefit rate than those born immediately before them. If the defect had not been corrected, future beneficiaries could have received benefits that would have been higher than their pre-retirement earnings.

At recent hearings on the "notch" issue before the House Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, the General Accounting Office reported that its investigation showed that the 1977 amendments had stabilized benefit rates as Congress intended. Moreover, most "notch" people end up with a higher benefit rate than that of many retirees historically, and of those who were born after them.

The 1977 law was designed to protect the Social Security system by ending the unexpected drain caused by the rapid rise in benefits. That rationale still holds true. At the hearings, GAO and Social Security officials testified that any effort to change the "notch" would be costly and difficult to implement.

It would tend to extend the unintended windfall benefits to more groups of beneficiaries and would cost from \$24 to \$375 billion over the next 10 years.

Hunter urges residents to be cautious with fire

The current high fire danger and rash of range fires throughout most of West Texas is threatening lives and livestock as well as homes and other property, according to Gary Hunter, district conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service here.

"Because of the dangerous conditions, we are asking all residents and visitors to be extremely careful with any outside fires," Hunter said.

He also said that most fires are caused by human carelessness, but that two additional aspects are compounding the current problem.

"First, the current drought conditions—called the worst since the

1950's—have turned pasture grasses into volatile fuels, and when we have day-after-day of low relative humidity and gusty winds, fire danger remains very high.

"Also, thousands of acres of West Texas range land are not being grazed under the Federal Crop Reserve Program (CRP). In fire danger terms, this means that the ungrazed grasses are taller and therefore become more fuel for potential range fires."

He reminded West Texans of the "Big Country Fire" in March which burned 300,000 acres in Shackelford, Callahan, Haskell and Throckmorton counties, and other large fires in the Del Rio and Alpine areas.

"In less than two days the Big Country fire, which started north of Baird, grew to have a 56-mile long fire front. It destroyed more than \$5 million in pasture, livestock, oil field equipment and fences," Hunter said. "Miraculously only a few structures were lost, thanks primarily to superhuman efforts and cooperation of 47 fire departments, the Texas Forest Service, Texas National Guard and others who fought this huge fire."

It can happen again, maybe several times, Hunter warned, unless people use extreme caution with all outside fires.

Hunter also asked residents to remember that "even after a rain shower, it only takes a few hours for winds to dry out the grass to a dangerous level again."

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50 DHS students chalk up 579 absentee days so far

DHS Principal R. L. Stockstill told the Dimmitt School Board Monday night that excessive absences are becoming a problem at the high school. He noted that two students have 21 absences, one has 20, three students have 19 and another three have 18.

Fifty DHS students with six or more absences apiece have racked up a total of 579 absentee days for the first 12 weeks of school. 466 of those absences were excused with a note from home, and another 60 were excused with a note from a doctor, while 53 were unexcused, Stockstill reported.

Stockstill asked the board to consider a policy allowing a letter to be sent to a student's home after six absences, excused or unexcused. Absences for which a student has a doctor's excuse would not be included in that number.

Under Stockstill's proposal, the first letter would be sent at the seventh absence. After a ninth absence, another letter would be sent, and the student would be required to have a doctor's excuse for any additional absences to be excused. At the 10th absence, the home visitor would be sent to inform the parents that further absences without an excuse from a medical authority would result in a complaint being filed with county legal au-

thorities.

Board member David Schaeffer said he would like to see the first contact with parents be made a little sooner in the process, instead of waiting until the 10th absence.

"We don't make phone contact with parents every time a student is absent, because of the sheer numbers, and also because some do not have telephones," Stockstill said.

Board member Cheryle Pybus asked whether additional personnel might facilitate making contact with parents and "address the problem in a more positive way."

Stockstill said he hopes the pilot program for ninth grade students who are considered to be "at risk" of dropping out will help to encourage attendance and enlist parental support for the goals of the school.

In other business, the board passed a resolution establishing a tax abatement zone within the district. The zone is the same one established by the City of Dimmitt and Castro County to encourage economic growth.

Sara Hill, Stanley Nelson and David Schaeffer abstained from the matter and signed conflict of interest affidavits, because each of them owns property or is employed by a business in the designated area.

Classroom Teachers Association representatives asked the board for approval for an aerobics program to encourage physical fitness among all employees of the district.

The board gave permission for the CTA to use the physical education building on the Richardson Elementary campus, and specified that the CTA will select the instructor, and participants will reimburse the district for the instructor's fees.

Board members agreed to allow installation of improvements on the sound system at the middle school game gym on a "satisfaction guaranteed or no cost" arrangement through WW Communications and a consultant from Lubbock. If approved, the new system could cost \$2,000, or less if a new amplifier is not needed.

Named to the textbook committee which will review and recommend textbooks for use starting with the 1989-90 school year were J'Lynn Ryan in the area of accounting, Sue Broderson for high school art, Jan Bryan for art in grades 1-3, Ruth Bennett for art in grades 4-6, Dwight Joiner for high school choral music, Elayne Patridge for public speaking, Vicki Richards for seventh grade literature, Wilda Wright for eighth grade literature, Jane O'Kelly and Leslie Moore for high school literature, Mary Ontiveros for Spanish, Kenneth Cleveland for high school math, Katy Ivey for world geography, Army Salinas for psychology, and Supt. Robert Ryan.

In an executive session after the open meeting, the board authorized the hiring of two new secretaries—one at Richardson Elementary and one at the high school—to help handle the additional work load generated by new state requirements, Ryan reported.



DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL band members earning all-region honors recently were (back, from left) Tera Keller, fourth chair trombone; Kathy Patterson, 13th chair flute; David West, first alternate drums; Melissa Rivera, 16th chair

clarinet; Shad McDaniel, eighth chair trumpet; and (front, from left) Amber Griffith, eighth chair French horn; Kristie Salinas, fourth chair flute; Scott Heck, sixth chair baritone; Michael Acevedo, fifth chair trombone.

Tough venison could be hunter's fault

If the venison's tough, don't blame the cook. It could be due to what the hunter did—or didn't do—in the field, says a wildlife specialist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service.

"In addition to the age and sex of the animal, hunting and field dressing practices are extremely important in determining the quality of venison," says Don Steinbach.

"An undisturbed animal which is cleanly shot will yield more tender meat than a stressed animal. Field dressing the carcass as soon as possible and letting it hang for a full 48-hours will also increase tenderness by allowing muscles to stretch."

He adds that aging the carcass in cold storage just above freezing for about a week will add to the tenderness and possibly the flavor of the venison.

After that, the tenderness is up to the cook.

According to TAEX home economist Marilyn Haggard, the key to preparing tender venison is to cook it as you would lean beef.

"Most game has little fat and so is very similar to lean beef. The naturally more tender cuts, such as the loin and rib can be pan fried or roasted. But round steak, meat from the leg and the less tender cuts are best when cooked by braising, stewing or pot roasting," she says.

Haggard cautions against overcooking game meat. "It has short fibers that toughen quickly if overcooked or cooked at too high a temperature. Plan to serve it medium- to well-done rather than rare or overcooked."

Marinating venison for stir-fry, or fajitas and before pan-frying or roasting will also make it more tender. She advises marinating the

meat in an acid-based sauce for at least 24 hours.

"If you use a sauce with the venison, reduce the amount of sugar in the recipe. The natural flavor is sweeter than other meat, so sauces made for domestic meats may be too sweet," notes the home economist.

Haggard also recommends removing all visible fat before cooking, since it will exaggerate the gamey flavor. If some fat is required, ground pork or beef fat can be substituted.

"Some people like to add chunks of beef fat or bacon to self-baste and moisten venison as it roasts," she says. "If you're trying to cut back on your intake of fat, however, you'll be better off sticking to low-fat cooking methods such as

marinating and stir-frying the meat."

Both specialists agree that venison has an undeserved reputation for toughness. Yet, in a recent research study using taste panels, Texas A&M University graduate student Dan Moczygma found that venison was rated as tender as lean beef and only slightly less tender than lean pork.

When the beef, pork and venison were compared for fat and cholesterol levels, Moczygma says preliminary analyses indicated no significant differences.

"From a health standpoint that means venison, like other lean meats, can make a significant contribution of protein and other nutrients to the diet without adding extra fat," Haggard maintains.

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this GATT meeting.

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"We advocate producer referendums so the farmer can determine his own destiny for a change, and to eliminate large grain conglomerates from dictating farm policy.

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"We encourage all stewards of the land to practice soil conservation through a soil restoration program.

"The strategic reserve grain program should be isolated from the market and not counted as the annual carry-over.

"We advocate a strong energy and environment policy based upon

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Overall, Precinct 1 had a \$37,000 favorable outcome.

"Precinct 2 had revenues of \$151,000 and expenditures of \$186,000—\$1,096 more than budgeted. This was a \$13,000 favorable outcome considering the beginning balance.

"Precinct 3 had \$196,000 in receipts and \$213,000 in expenditures, and had \$34,000 more in the bank at the end of the fiscal year than was budgeted.

"Precinct 4 had \$191,000 in receipts and spent \$193,000, which was \$24,600 better than budgeted."

agriculture. We strongly support an ethanol policy so as to have cleaner air in our environment and at the same time increase usage of corn and other agricultural products.

"We believe that the world's farmers should not allow their governments to export below the cost of production. The Reagan Administration's GATT policy of trying to force the European Economic Community and other countries to remove all their agricultural subsidies is outrageous. It is designed to help the grain traders, not the grain producers.

"We cannot export our way to prosperity by giving away our surplus commodities while at the same time increasing production.

"We urge all farmers to join our efforts for a supply management concept."

Crime Line offers rewards in thefts

The Castro County Crime Line is offering \$500 rewards for information on two separate thefts that occurred on the Dan Bruton farm northwest of Dimmitt.

One of the crimes occurred in July 1986 and the other in July 1988.

In the first theft, a person or persons unknown removed from the Bruton farm a 16x15-ft. tandem trailer, red in color, bearing the brand name W-W. The trailer was equipped with an escape hatch on top, a sliding tailgate and a side door. The trailer also had four to six lights on the top. The theft occurred July 11, 1986.

In the second crime, which occurred last July 30, one or more persons drove through a barbed-wire fence to gain entry to the Bruton farm. Once inside, they broke into a boxcar that is located

on the property and took three new Goodyear front tractor tires, eight 15-inch wheels and a new set of socket tools. In the farmyard, they also took a plow cylinder and hoses, a tractor cylinder, tractor battery and other items.

The rewards will be paid in cash for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons involved in each of the two crimes.

If you know anything about either of these crimes, you are encouraged to call the Castro County Crime Line at 647-4711. You do not have to give your name. You will be assigned a number for reference when you initiate further calls. After the arrest of the suspect(s) and indictment by the Grand Jury, your cash reward will be "dropped" by Crime Line volunteers at any time and any place within the county that you designate.

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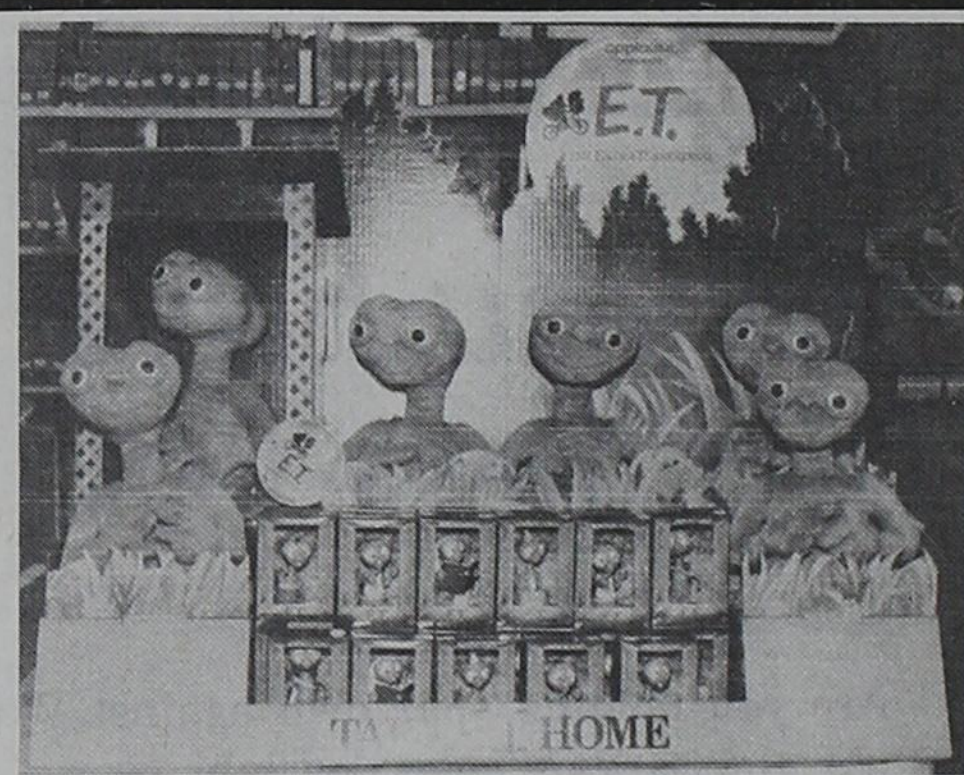
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'TIS THE SEASON — In some families, the Christmas tree goes up the day after Thanksgiving, while others wait until Christmas Eve. Here, Meredith Cleavinger (left) and Linda Moyers take the middle road as they carefully pick out their holiday trees at the Tree Shop, 214 E. Bedford St. Although stocks are dwindling, there are still plenty of trees at local outlets.

Hidden costs of the holidays can stress a family's finances

Keeping track of the money you spend on the holidays this year may be one of the best gifts you can give yourself for 1989.

Many people never get a handle on what the holidays really cost them. Every year they have trouble stretching the paycheck to the end of December and wind up with credit card bills they can't pay off in January. Even in families where they plan ahead for major gift expenses, it's easy to get caught short by the other hidden costs.

Other holiday expenses that should be watched are special contributions made at church or to charities; indoor or outdoor decorations, replacement bulbs, Christmas trees and other decorations; wrapping, cards and postage; gasoline and food away from home for shopping trips and travel expenses of visiting friends and relatives.

Many holiday expenses don't seem extraordinary, especially

when they're mixed in other items, such as normal grocery shopping, but they do add up to significant amounts of money. By keeping receipts or making a list of all holiday expenses, you can get an idea of actual costs and plan ahead for next year.

One strategy for financing the holidays is to save a portion of the total cost each month. Another method is to shift some of the expenses to other months by buying gifts throughout the year or stocking the pantry in October and November.

Any strategy for planning holiday spending can help people avoid over-extending themselves on credit. Since finance charges on credit spending are no longer totally tax deductible, families will also be money ahead when they finance the holidays on their own.

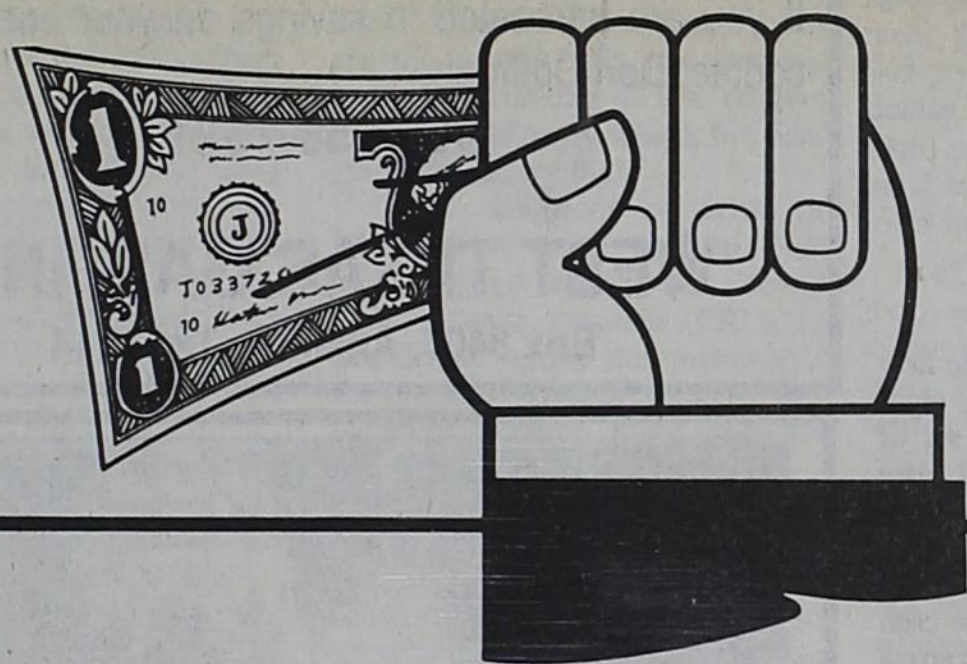
Getting a grip on holiday ex-

penses involves knowing how much you spend for gifts you buy and the cost of materials or ingredients for gifts you make. You should watch the cost of food and liquor for parties at home, feeding visiting relatives or friends, taking foods to parties and ingredients for Christmas baking.

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Obituaries

Fred Glenn

Graveside services for Fred Glenn, 78, of Dalhart, were held Wednesday in Resthaven Memorial Park with Ed Ainsworth, pastor of Agape Christian Center, officiating.

Burial followed under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Mr. Glenn died at 3:22 p.m. Monday at Coon Memorial Hospital in Dalhart after an illness.

Born in McAlester, Okla., he moved from Lubbock to Dalhart in 1978. He was a veteran of World War II and operated a trucking company. He was a Pentecostal.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred; three daughters, Marie Norrell of Clovis, Calif., Irene Land of Lindale and Ruth Zahn of Lubbock; two stepdaughters, Ca-

mille Dominguez of Clayton, N.M., and Patricia Whitman of Dimmitt; four sons, James of Courtney, Okla., Charles of Kermin, Calif., Preston of Vinita, Okla., and George of Tulsa; two stepsons, Patrick Warden of Lubbock and Johnny Warden of Amarillo; a brother, Bill of Lubbock; five sisters, Mae Dowden of Lancaster, Lee Hinkle of Waco, Gerry Sartin and Pat Strong, both of Lubbock, and Lilly Glenn of Arlington; his stepmother, Pauline Glenn of Lubbock; and 22 grandchildren.

Ky Lawrence

Ky Lawrence, 92, of Hereford, died Saturday in Deaf Smith General Hospital after a brief illness.

Services were held Tuesday in Summerfield Baptist Church with Rev. E.M. Weathers, retired Baptist

minister, officiating, assisted by Rev. Ellis Parsons, pastor.

Burial followed in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Lawrence was born in Collins County and married Winnie Kendall in 1916 in Eldorado, Okla. She died in 1967.

He moved to Summerfield in 1918 from Eldorado. He was a farmer and a rancher. He was a deacon of the Summerfield Baptist Church and was a member of the Lions Club. He organized a Baptist mission church in Conchas Lake, N.M.

Survivors include a daughter, Bea Noland of Summerfield; a brother, Wayne of Camarillo, Calif.; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be to the Summerfield Baptist Church.

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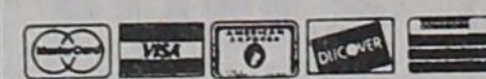
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