

TRAIN DERAILMENT--Grain loaded cars from Burlington Northern Railroad System derailed early Tuesday morning east of Sterley. Several other

cars not seen in this picture were also off the track and overturned. There was no information as to the cause of the derailment at press time. Staff Photo

County fair board organization holds first 1989 meeting

The Floyd County Fair Board met Monday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Home Economics Department at the high school for their 1989 Organizational meeting. Officers were elected and the date for the 1989 Floyd County Fair was set.

August 24, 25, and 26 were set as the dates for the fair.

Officers elected were Johnny Arjona, president; Jamie Moerbe, secretary; and Lawson Rowell, treasurer. A vice-president was not elected.

Discussion was held on the various activities and departments and the condition the building is in.

Arrangements have been made for the Jest Amusement Carnival to return.

Board members discussed letting the Lockney Club members who live in

town and need a place for their livestock projects use the rodeo arena. The 4-H members would be responsible for building their own pens. This item was tabled for further study.

Monday, February 27 has been set as the next meeting date for the board. Anyone who has ideas and is willing to help is urged to attend.

Discussion will be held on the activities for the three nights of entertainment and all other aspects of the fair.

The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. in the Home Economics Department at high school.

Those present were Jim and Kay Martin, Jamie Moerbe, Reeda Cay Smith, Lawson Rowell, Frankie Graves, Jim and Carol Huggins, Johnny Arjona, Betty and Cleatis Hayes.

Nominations still being sought for C of C awards

Nominations are still being sought for Lockney Outstanding Man, Outstanding Woman, and Outstanding Family of the Year.

The Chamber of Commerce urges individuals and organizations in Lockney to submit their nominations in each category.

Procedures for selections are as follows:

All nominations must be in the hands of David Foster by Wednesday, March 1, 1989. Nominations may be mailed to Foster at Rt. 1, Box 170, Lockney, delivered in person, or given to any member of the Chamber of Commerce. No additional nominations will be accepted after March 1.

Each organization is asked to send one representative to make up the committee to consider each person and family that has been submitted for consideration for these awards.

Lockney's 1988 Sales tax rebates are up 176.47%

The City of Lockney received a late Christmas present in the receipt of a rebate check on sales taxes collected in December.

A recently issued report concerning sales and use tax analysis shows an increase of 176.47 percent increase for Lockney over the rebate received for the same period in 1988.

Lockney received a rebate check in the amount of \$20,945.66 for the one percent city sales tax levied on sales during the month of December. The amount received at this time last year was \$7,576.23.

Total rebates to date in 1989 amount to \$23,993.61, a 149.05 percent increase over the \$9,634.07 collected at this time last year.

Floydada's rebate for the period was \$16,311.00 for an increase of 17.84 percent over the \$13,841.41 collected for the same time period last year. Floydada has shown a 15.61 percent increase in total rebates for this year. They have received \$22,646.28 in 1989 as opposed to the \$19,588.51 they received in 1988.

Rebates returned in the surrounding communities include:

- Crosbyton (Crosby County) - \$7,942.91, down 6.12 percent
- Matador (Motley County) - \$4,536.89, up 5.89 percent
- Silverton (Briscoe County) - \$2,947.90, up 4.74 percent
- Tulia (Swisher County) - \$31,384.22, up 47.65 percent
- Plainview (Hale County) - \$277,103.44, up 52.47 percent.

The selection committee will meet at the First National Bank in Lockney of Thursday, March 2, 1989 at 7:30 p.m.

Banquet ticket price announced

The tickets for the Chamber of Commerce banquet will be sold with the meal and program priced at \$7.50 per person and tickets for the program only priced at \$3.50 per person.

New chamber directors named

New directors have been elected and will be announced at the program. Officers will be elected at the April meeting of the Chamber.

The banquet will be held Friday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lockney Elementary School Cafeteria. John Erickson, of Perryton, humorist and author will be the speaker.

Southwestern Bell proposes 'Texas First' plan

Southwestern Bell Telephone proposes to install a state-of-the-art switching system in Lockney within the next five years as part of the company's "Texas First" plan to boost the state's economy.

Also, basic local telephone rates would be frozen for a five-year period, four-party service would be eliminated and some long distance rates could be



FRED BYRD

Byrd retires after 37 years

After 37 years in business in Lockney Fred Byrd has sold Byrd's Pharmacy and plans to retire.

Fred and Virginia Byrd moved to Lockney in 1952 from Lamesa. They purchased Powers Pharmacy from Payton Powers and in 1960 they built a new pharmacy on the north end of Main Street next door to the Lockney General Hospital.

Byrd graduated from Southwestern University at Weatherford, Oklahoma with a degree in Pharmaceutical.

He spent 41 months in the Army in the European theatre during World War II. He served in the 130th in the Hospital

Division. He served during the Battle of the Bulge. Upon returning home he went to work as a pharmacist.

The Byrds are members of the First United Methodist Church. He is currently a member of the Lockney Rotary Club, the Lockney Chamber of Commerce and in the past has served on the school board.

They raised two daughters in Lockney, Carolyn Simpson and Mary Ann Bobbitt.

Carolyn lives in Lubbock and has two children Cory and Kendell.

Mary Ann lives in Upper Haufford, England and has one child Lee. She teaches school at the U.S. Military base.

Mrs. Byrd returned to teaching after their daughter Carolyn graduated and married. She taught in the elementary school in Lockney until her retirement in 1986.

Byrd has always been available at all hours of the day and night and on weekends to meet the needs of his customers. All it took was a phone call and he would come down to the store and fill the needed prescription.

Byrd stated "We have enjoyed serving the people of Lockney and the surrounding area. The people have been very generous to us and we hope they will continue to support the new owner Danny Clark".

Postal inspectors warn of telephone prize scams

The U. S. Postal Inspection Service today warned the public about the increasing number of "boiler room" scams that use the telephone to pitch a variety of products, usually attached to a "free gift" gimmick.

Chief Postal Inspector Charles R. Clauson says the bogus companies flood post offices with computerized mailings notifying people "they've won

a prize," usually after offering for sale everything from vitamins to office supplies. "The operators then follow up with high-pressure telemarketing," Clauson says, "usually asking for money or a credit card number to cover shipping charges." Clauson says the best way to defend against the scams is to "Check out the company and call them back—without giving out your credit card

number or any money—and if still suspicious get in touch with a postal inspector through the nearest post office."

Just last week a promoter and 12 telephone pitchmen were arrested in the New York City area for misrepresenting the sale of cleaning supplies.

Several weeks ago four operators from Seattle, Washington and Las Vegas, Nevada, were arrested for mail and

wire fraud for offering prizes as part of a nationwide promotion.

And in Houston, William E. Gardner, 35, operator of International Direct Mail Marketing, Inc., is awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to mail fraud charges. He told those who responded to his mailings to call a Houston area phone number to claim a motorboat and outboard motor, he said was worth as much as \$500, as part of a marketing survey. The thousands who responded—by each paying more than \$120 for shipping—received an inflatable raft and motor worth \$40.

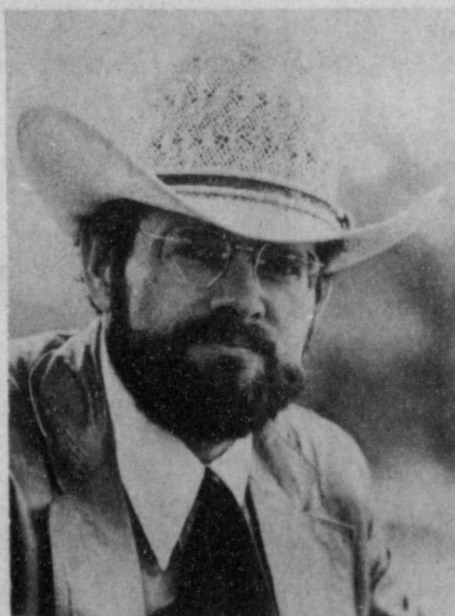
Chief Inspector Clauson says "the telephone boiler rooms have been concentrated in certain areas of the country but the victims come from all over."

If you receive, through the mail, such material as described, or if you feel you have been a victim of such a scam, please contact the U. S. Postal Inspector at (806) 762-7821.

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Chamber Banquet speaker Erickson sketched

EDITORS NOTE: John Erickson has been chosen as the speaker for the Lockney Chamber of Commerce banquet. Following is a brief biographical sketch to introduce him to the local readers.



JOHN R. ERICKSON

John R. Erickson was raised in the small Texas Panhandle town of Perryton, graduated from the University of Texas in 1966, and spent two years studying at Harvard Divinity School.

He began writing in a disciplined manner in 1967 and continued writing four to five hours a day while working full-time as a carpenter, handyman, farm hand, cowboy, and ranch manager. He worked on ranches in the panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma for almost eight years.

In 1982, after fifteen years of trying without success to place his work with New York publishers, he started his own publishing company in his garage in Perryton. Maverick Books, Inc. now ships books all over the United States and has two full-time employees in addition to Erickson. In April, 1988, John Erickson contracted with Texas Monthly Press, Austin, Texas, to publish his books.

Erickson has written more than 500 articles and 23 books,

including the biography of cartoonist Ace Reid and 11 books in his popular Hank the Cowdog series. He has produced all the Hank books on cassette tape, performing all the voices himself and composing music for the stories. John Erickson's work has appeared in the Dallas Morning News, the Dallas Times Herald, Texas Highways Magazine, Persimmon Hill, Western Horseman, and the Cattleman.

On May 4, 1985, Hank the Cowdog made his debut on national television as the star of a 30 minute animated cartoon program called "CBS Storybreak."

He has been elected to the Texas Institute of Letters and the Philosophical Society of Texas and has received the West Texas Cultural Achievement Award from the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and the Oppenheimer Award for the best humor book of 1987.

He lives in Perryton, Texas, with his wife, Kristine, and their three children, ages 5, 10, and 14.

In addition to his duties as author and publisher, Erickson has spoken to groups all over the western United States and Canada. He has spoken at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., the Institute of Texan Cultures, and a number of universities.



1989 PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS--(L-R) Jeremy Stapp, Will Taack, Kyle Keltz, and Kris Jones won top awards in the Pack 259 Pinewood Derby model car races and appearance contest held Saturday, February 11. Photo by James Huggins



EVERYBODY WINS--All 27 Lockney Cub Scouts who raced cars in the second annual Pack #259 Pinewood Derby received participation ribbons. Photo by James Huggins

Cub Pack #259 Pinewood Derby winners named

Jeremy Stapp's shiny blue car was the fastest in Cub Pack #259's Pinewood Derby, held Saturday at Lockney Junior High School. Stapp's car nosed out Will Taack's in the final race of double-elimination tournament. Kyle

Keltz's car placed third. Keltz's car was judged "best looking." Taack's car placed second in appearance, contest, and Matthew Smith's car was third. Kris Jones won the award for "Cubbiest Car."

The second annual Pack 259 Derby boasted 27 entries, model cars made by the Cub Scouts and their parents from blocks of pine wood. The derby is one of the big events of the year for the Cub Scouts.

Power lifting team places 10th in Lubbock meet

The Lockney power lifting team participated in a meet held in Lubbock at Lubbock Christian College on February 4.

The Lockney team, coached by Bert Vandiver, placed tenth in a field of 20.

Joe Luna and Tony Ascencio placed third and ninth, respectively, in the 123 pound class. Luna lifted 730 pounds and Ascencio lifted 660 pounds.

Daniel Martinez placed fourteenth in the 148 pound class. He lifted 775 pounds. Lupe Coronado placed eighth in the 181 pound class, lifting 965 pounds.

Placing seventeenth in the 198 pound division was Ruben Ascencio. He lifted 690 pounds.

In the super heavyweight division Arturo Gonzales placed fourth after lifting 1085 pounds.

Two more meets will be held for the season. They are located in Littlefield and Ralls. The regional meet will be held in Ralls on March 18.

Other teams participating in the Lub-

bock Christian meet in the order of their finishes were Andrews, Abilene, Cooper, Levelland (A), Littlefield, Ralls, Sweetwater, Pampa, Greenwood, Albany, Lockney, Lubbock Cooper, Crosbyton, Lorenzo, New Deal, Shallowater, Levelland (B), Crane, Sudan, Smyer, and Tahoka.

Entrance tests of DPS changed

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has announced that beginning on March 1, 1989, they will be giving entrance examinations and physical agility tests every Monday and Wednesday, year round instead of only during a short period just before an announced recruit school, according to Major V. J. Cawthon, Regional Commander for this area.

Major Cawthon said, "Even though a date for a recruit school has not been determined, we will begin testing all year long. This change in testing periods will allow the applicant to take the test, more so, at his convenience and will allow the D.P.S. ample time to conduct the background investigations and hold the interview boards."

Testing will begin at 8:00 a.m. on each Monday and Wednesday, except days that fall on state holidays. The tests will take most of the day to complete. Tests will be given at the Amarillo, Wichita Falls and Lubbock Department of Public Safety Offices. The application must be completed and all basic requirements must be met prior to taking the entrance exams. Employment qualifications and application forms may be picked up at the above mentioned offices or by contacting your local Department of Public Safety Trooper.

Major Cawthon stated, "The D.P.S. is actively recruiting qualified minorities and females. For an exciting and rewarding career in law enforcement, come by and see us."

The Texas Department of Public Safety is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Bob Bullock urging legislature to abolish \$25 permit fee in Texas

State Comptroller Bob Bullock is urging the Texas Legislature to abolish the \$25 annual sales tax permit fee.

"The fee is inherently unfair to small businesses," Bullock said in a letter to the House Ways and Means Committee, which is considering several bills to repeal the fee.

Bullock said the fee has generated tremendous hostility at a time "the state can ill-afford to tread on the cooperation and confidence of the business community."

He said there may have been reasons why the fee was adopted by the Legislature in 1987, but that it has been more trouble than it was worth in the small amount of revenue it has generated.

Bullock said that one benefit of the fee was that several thousand former permit holders were purged from the rolls—people who either didn't need a permit or who in fact may have used the permit to make illegal tax-free purchases.

"As someone said about Prohibition, it was a noble experiment that didn't work."

Host families sought for 1989-90

Host Families are being sought for high school exchange students from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Holland, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, France, Italy, Brazil, Ecuador, New Zealand, Australia and Japan for the SCHOOL YEAR 1989-90 in a program sponsored by the American Intercultural Student Exchange (AISE).

The students, age 15 through 17, will arrive in the United States in August, 1989, attend a local high school, and return to their home countries in July, 1990. The students, all fluent in English, have been screened by their school representatives in their home countries and

have spending money and medical insurance.

Host Families may deduct \$50.00 per month for income tax purposes.

AISE is also seeking AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, age 15 through 17, who would like to spend a HIGH SCHOOL YEAR in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, France, Spain, New Zealand or Australia or participate in a FIVE WEEK SUMMER HOST FAMILY STAY throughout Western Europe, including Ireland.

Families interested in either program should contact the State Coordinator or call Toll Free: 1-800-SIBLING.



STUDENT ASSIST PROGRAM --Top Row (L to R) - Mark Hernandez, Renee Salas, Orlando Garza and Andy Stapp. Front Row (L to R) Priscilla Beltran, Nicole McDonald, Nora Casillas, Angela Reyes, Pauline Gonzales. Not pictured Jason Johnson. The 8th grade students at Lockney Junior High are taking part in a program for language enrichment. One class period each week they work with students in the elementary school on a one to one basis in reading and writing. - Staff Photo

Eighth graders involved in student-assist program

Ten Lockney Junior High 8th graders are participating in a student-assist program for language enrichment. They include Priscilla Beltran, Nora Casillas, Orlando Garza, Pauline Gonzales, Mark Hernandez, Jason Johnson, Nicole McDonald, Angela Reyes, Renee Salas, and Andy Stapp. The pilot program was implemented in October.

Each Monday, the 8th graders spend one class period in Lockney Elementary first grade classrooms. On a one-to-one basis and in group activities, the junior high students work with first graders on writing and reading. Some of the joint eighth-first-grade activities include picture writing, singing phonics, story reading, and fluency drills. The older students have even joined first graders in eating inside a large tent and in performing Indian dances.

The student-assist program for language enrichment is based on the premise

that a student's own learning is enriched when he helps someone else learn. Ironically, in this joint project, the eighth grader benefits as much as the first grader.

Teachers involved in this language enrichment program are Terri Fortenberry, Charlene Burson, Margie Rexrode, Dani Johnson, and Linda Terrell.

Lockney School Menu

- FEB. 27- MAR. 3
- Monday**
Breakfast - cereal, milk, orange
Lunch - country fried steak with gravy, creamed potatoes, salad, hot roll, fruit cocktail, milk, cookie
 - Tuesday**
Breakfast - toast and sausage, milk, eggs, pears
Lunch - pizza (beef), buttered corn, salad, peach cobbler, milk
 - Wednesday**
Breakfast - cinnamon biscuit, pine-
 - apple, milk
Lunch - sausage, pinto beans, potato salad, cornbread, pudding
 - Thursday**
Breakfast - rice, milk, applesauce
Lunch - tuna salad, french fried potatoes, sliced bread, milk, peanut butter cookie, orange
 - Friday**
Breakfast - toast and cheese, milk, banana
Lunch - sloppy joe on bun, pinto beans with ranch sauce, milk, chips, strawberry short cake

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