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Rain, hail rips through county

Heavy rains accompanied by high winds, lots of lightning and, in some cases, too much hail, pounded the county on Friday and Saturday nights.

Officially, Dimmitt picked up 1.84 inch of rain at KDHN, the official weather observation station two miles north of town. That pushed the rainfall for the year to 9.19 inches. The city has received 8.09 inches since April 21.

At least two funnel clouds were sighted Friday night, outlined brilliantly by lightning to the west-southwest of Dimmitt. A brilliant sunset, surrounded

by storm clouds from two separate-but-merging storm systems, was a prelude to an angry storm that ripped into the city about 10 p.m.

As the storm approached, lightning lashed from cloud to ground and cloud to cloud and winds up to 60 mph blew anything not lashed down. As the storm entered the city, booming thunder and frequent lightning strikes accompanied rains which dropped visibility to near zero. A lightning strike caused a power outage in part of downtown (Continued on Page 12)

Dr. Hardee pulls out of CCCC

By DON NELSON

The rural health clinics program took another major turn Friday when Dr. Gary R. Hardee, who initiated the system here a year ago, withdrew his clinic from Castro County Community Clinics.

Dr. Hardee notified the hospital board Friday, both by letter and in person, that he was cancelling his contract with the hospital district under a 90-day, no-cause provision.

Dr. Hardee cited "divisiveness" over the rural health clinics program as the reason for his withdrawal.

"I think that it's time for all this divisiveness that's been bothering the community to end," he told the *News* this week. "I felt that it was in the best interest of my patients and the community both to resume control of my practice."

He added, "My plans right now are to stay here and make a living, just like we always have. We're going to try to give everybody the best care we possibly can."

He said he didn't know yet whether he would resume a private practice or convert his clinic to a rural health clinic independent of Castro County Community Clinics when his cancellation becomes effective in early September.

"I'm going to take another look at it before I decide," he said. "Actually, from the patient's standpoint, it won't make any difference in the quality of

care they receive, although it would be cheaper for Medicare patients if it were a rural health clinic."

Before making his decision to withdraw, Dr. Hardee had met with the hospital board in closed session Wednesday night to review his contracts with the hospital district. The board is currently in the preliminary process of drawing new contracts for hospital district employees, and Dr. Hardee has been a salaried employee of the district for the past year.

The Hardee Community Family Clinic has been operating under several different contracts with the hospital district that cover his salary, the lease of his clinic, separate leases for his laboratory and X-ray rooms and equipment, etc.

Dr. Hardee's action was the latest of several twists and turns that have occurred in the rural health clinics program since it was started here.

His became the first rural health clinic in the county last June 1 after he approached the board with the idea of converting his practice to an RHC, with the hospital board leasing his building and equipment and putting him on salary.

Dr. Hardee explained to the board that the Medicaid system, which pays doctors and hospitals for the care they provide to low-income and indigent

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New plan still sailing by Justice

Approval of new boundaries for commissioner's precincts and an election this fall is still on course, County Attorney Jerry Matthews told county commissioners Monday.

Commissioners approved routine payments during their first regular session Monday, and approved a new policy for posting items on the bulletin board at Rhoads Memorial Library.

The court also gave preliminary approval to a new repeater, antenna and radio for the Sunnyside Volunteer Fire Dept. The department is back in operation after being in limbo for several years; the radio system will allow communications between the Sunnyside department and other fire departments and law enforcement agencies in the county.

The Motorola system will cost about \$7,700 and will be bought from W.T. Services in Hereford.

Matthews told commissioners that the redistricting plan is on course for Justice Dept. approval. The plan has been okayed by one of five Justice Dept. officials which must approve the plan.

If adopted, the plan will reapportion precincts throughout the county, and the first legal commissioner election since 1990 would be held on general election day, Nov. 8.

Matthews said one change has been made in the plan; instead of a majority, a plurality is all that would be needed to win a commissioner's seat.

All four posts will be up for election if the plan is approved, with the winners in Pct. 1 and Pct. 3 elected for two year terms and the winners in Pct. 2 and Pct. 4 earning four-year terms. That would put the commissioner's races back in sync, Matthews explained.

Matthews said the county will likely sign an agreed order covering the election issues with Judith Sanders Castro, attorney for the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF). Castro and MALDEF represent Joe Crespin, plaintiff in a suit against the county in the redistricting case.

Matthews said the agreed order would be signed by the county and MALDEF, then forwarded to Federal District Judge Mary Lou Robinson in Amarillo for final processing.

"Judith said she would do an agreed order," Matthews told the court.

No cause for alarm: AM-P improves safety plans

Those sounds you are hearing from the American Maize-Products plant in east Dimmitt are the sounds of safety.

The plant alarm system was recently upgraded to improve overall safety in the plant and ensure compliance with government regulations, plant officials said.

"We have been and will continue testing them regularly," said Gary Thompson, general manager. "Because the sounds carry so far over Dimmitt, we have had inquiries as to what the signals mean."

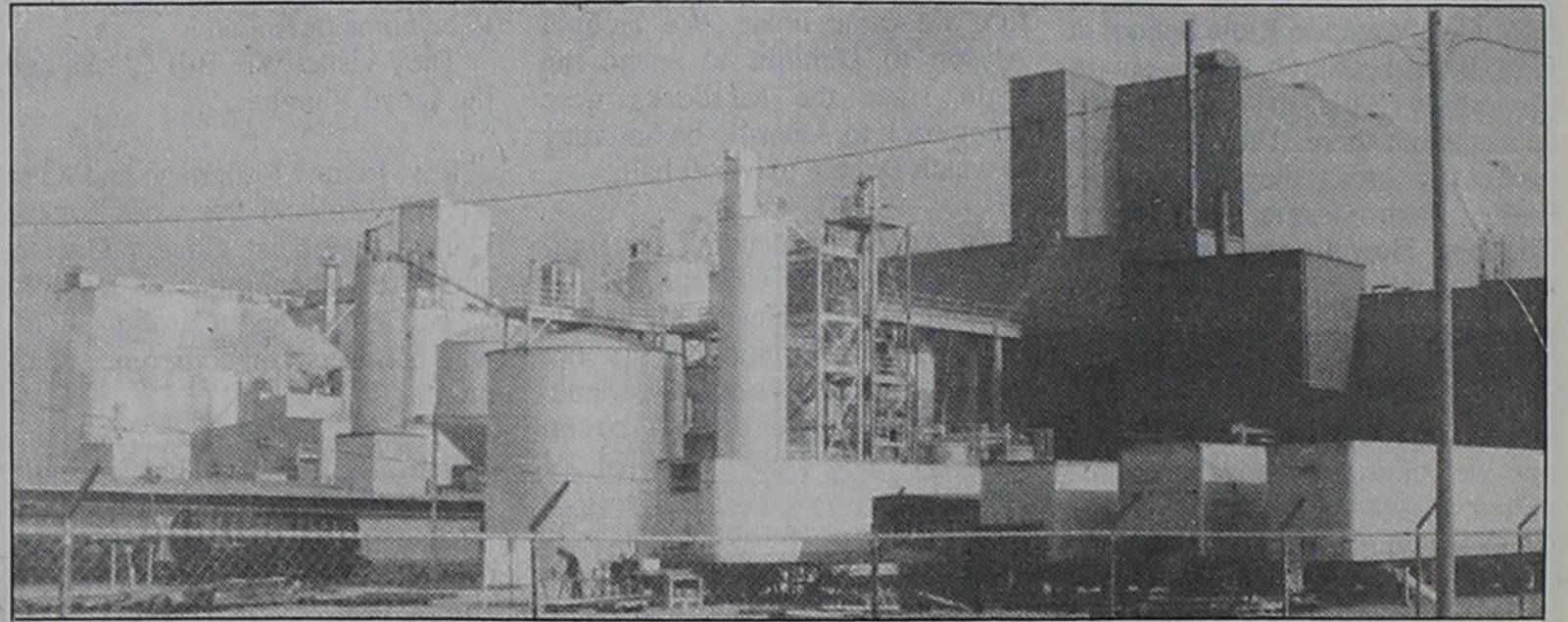
The air horn alarm is a daily occurrence and sounds briefly every five minutes while the train is in the plant. It is intended to warn the

employees to stay away from the railroad tracks until the train leaves.

Three other siren-type alarms are for specific types of emergencies and occasionally are sounded for testing and practice drills.

"Our employees are trained to quickly respond to these alarms to ensure personnel safety and plant security," Thompson said.

Thompson said the alarms are intended only for notifying on-duty employees of American Maize-Products at the plant site. Should there ever be an emergency situation that would affect the public, the company would notify the city police department, he said.



NO CAUSE FOR ALARM—A new alarm system has been installed at the American Maize-Products plant in Dimmitt. The alarm

system is designed for employee safety, and also includes emergency warnings in case of bad weather or an accident. Photo by John Brooks



WISH COMES TRUE FOR FUENTES—Rafael Fuentes (seated) returned Wednesday from a trip to Disney World in Florida provided by the Make-A-Wish Foundation in Amarillo. He was accompanied by his sister, Marisol (left), and his mother, Guadalupe.

Photo by John Brooks

Dream comes true for Fuentes

Rafael Fuentes may be considered handicapped by some, and he is—he could only visit as many places at Disney World as fast as his wheelchair could go from one place to another.

Rafael, who will be a freshman this fall at Dimmitt High School, is back after a five-day trip to Orlando sponsored by the Make-A-Wish Foundation in Amarillo. The foundation grants wishes to persons, usually young children, who have terminal or debilitating illnesses. Rafael suffers from muscular dystrophy, and his condition is expected to worsen as he gets older.

Already, he has to have more breathing treatments. The Fuentes family, including his mom, Guadalupe, and three siblings, Lorena,

Benjamin and Marisol, will begin moving today from their small apartment at the Azteca Complex to a three-bedroom house. The house was located by Panhandle Community Services, which is providing some assistance to the family. The only income for the four persons is the \$434 SSI disability check Rafael gets each month.

Several friends helped make the connection between Rafael and Make-A-Wish, including his doctor in Amarillo, PCS, Muscular Dystrophy Association and others. Make-A-Wish made sure that it granted Rafael's wish, and his choice was Disney World. Rafael said he has been in a plane before, but it will be the first time for his mother and for Marisol.

"We found out in March we would be going," said Guadalupe through an interpreter. "We want to thank everyone who helped with our application to go."

She also hopes her wish comes true.

"My wish is that Rafael loves it and enjoys it," Guadalupe said. "He feels comfortable with it and so do I. That's why I am looking forward to it."

Rafael wasn't worried about comfort—he's ready to ride some rides and get to meet Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Goofy and Donald Duck.

"I want to see everyone from *Beauty and the Beast*," said Marisol.

Board reviews tests, numbers

Dimmitt students are scoring above the national average on most standardized tests they take, according to results revealed Monday to the Dimmitt school board.

Members cruised through a light public session in just over an hour Monday, then recessed into an executive session to discuss hiring new teachers. After an hour, board members hired Luis Luna, a new teacher at Richardson Elementary School. Other new hires will wait until a special board meeting called for noon Thursday.

The test results showed students primarily need work on their math skills, but a plan is in place to address shortages that were alarming in some grades.

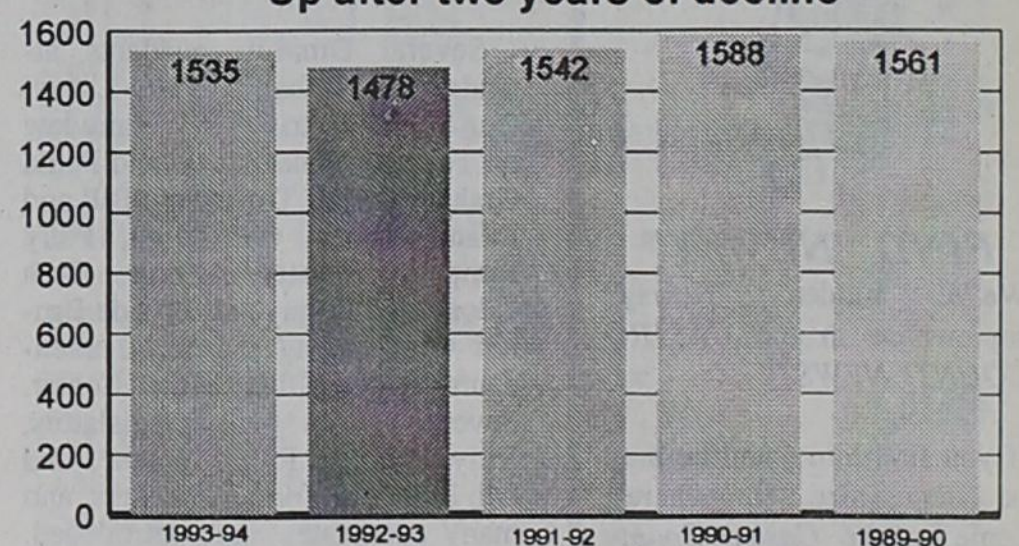
Supt. Les Miller reviewed results from the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS), Iowa

Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) and Norm-Referenced Assessment Program for Texas (NAPT). TAAS is the only mandated test at this time;

the others used to be required but won't be mandated for the 1994-95 school year.

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Dimmitt ISD enrollment figures Up after two years of decline



Weather

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

	Hi	Lo	Pr.
Thursday	97	60	
Friday	83	56	
Saturday	90	59	.02
Sunday	90	58	1.82
Monday	91	62	
Tuesday	96	64	
Wednesday	91	64	

June Moisture 1.84
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KDHN RADIO
US Weather Observer

Long distance means longer numbers for dialing

Get ready to push a few more buttons — or reprogram those automatic dialers—because the way we all make long-distance calls is about to change.

Beginning July 3, long-distance calls from Dimmitt, Hart or Nazareth to another number in the 806 area code may include the 806 area code.

Beginning next Jan. 3, you will have to include the area code on all long-distance calls you make, or

you'll get a recording saying you have to dial the area code.

"Within the 806 area code there continues to be a growing demand for telephone lines," said Larry King, GTE's Brownfield District manager. The information super-highway glut, including modems, fax machines, cellular phones and paging services, has made fewer telephone numbers available.

Until recently, all area codes had a middle number of 0 or 1; and all

phone number prefixes used middle numbers of 2 through 9. With the entire country having to dial the area code on all long-distance calls, more phone numbers can be used with prefixes including 0 and 1 for the middle number.

Other than having to get accustomed to dialing the area code with all long-distance calls, some folks may have some work to do or new equipment to buy. Some key systems, PBX systems, cellular

phones, fax machines, modems, automatic dialers, voice mail systems, pagers and beepers, burglar and fire alarms, speed calling and call forwarding may need to be changed or scrapped in favor of equipment that will work. Some systems will not be able to make or receive calls dialed the "new" way.

Officials with GTE said a new area code is not likely soon in the 806 area code, but a new area code

may be put in place in the Dallas area in the near future. That would split the 214 area code, according to Charles Watkins, regional public affairs manager.

In parts of rural Castro County, some customers may have to dial 10 digits to complete a call. Customers of West Texas Rural Telephone will have to dial 806 plus the number for all calls, and must dial 11 digits for long-distance calls.

On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Bill and Mary Lynn Lankford were invited to the Small World, Big Hearts celebration to benefit the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation at the opening of the Carole and Barry Kaye Museum of Miniatures in Los Angeles, Calif. Hostesses were Mrs. Nancy Reagan, Charles and Mary Jane Wick and Betsy Bloomingdale. There are 58 members on the committee. Bill makes miniature houses for several miniature museums and he has four in the Los Angeles Miniature Museum. He was taking a miniature tree house to be placed in the museum on this trip. He has other miniature houses in Kansas City, Dallas, and Philadelphia.

Johnnie Vannoy was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center and she served a delicious spice cake. Mary Small won high score and Alma Kenmore won second high score. Others playing were Ina Rae Cates, Cleo Forson, Edith Graef, Dugan Butler, Ferne Dickey, Louise Mears, Helen Braafladt and Elizabeth Huckabay.

Kelly Autry and his daughter, Kimbra, of Rocky Ford, Colo., came by Dimmitt on Sunday on their way to Abilene. Kelly is Irene Carpenter's grandson. They took her out to lunch while they were here.

On Thursday morning the sixth grade boys and girls took time out from their Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church to go out to Canterbury Villa to sing for the residents out there. They gave each resident a cross they had made. Elaine Heard came with them. Charlene Howell gave the devotional about a run-away boy who could come home if a red cloth was on the old Elm tree that hung over the fence where the train passed by. Dozens of red banners were on the tree welcoming the boy home just as our Heavenly Father welcomes us. Others there to sing were Irene Carpenter, Geneva Justice, Mauzee Youts and Renise Blair, pianist.

It was a fun day at First Baptist Church on Sunday. The children who had attended Vacation Bible School had charge of the morning service. They had pledged to the US flag, the Christian flag and the Bible. Songs from different groups were *The Bible is a Treasure Book*, *Trail of Treasures*, *A Treasure Hidden in a Field*, *I Love You Lord*, *A Merchant Seeking Beautiful Pearls*, *The Rich Young Ruler*, *Where Your Treasure Is There Your Heart will Be Also*, and *What a Wonderful Gift from God*. Bill Newland led the children in all these songs and Bro. Paul Kenley's sermon was titled "The Gospel According to Children." After the morning service everyone enjoyed a covered dish dinner.

Sunday evening Sherman and Tammy Aten of Floydada gave a delightful Christian concert. An ice cream fellowship followed the evening service with many freezers of homemade ice cream and cookies. I visited with Sherman concerning the Aten name. Ira Aten was the second Sheriff of Castro County and he was a Texas Ranger at one time and we have his picture at the museum as well as his gun.

I went with Wanda Murdock to Amarillo on Friday. She visited her



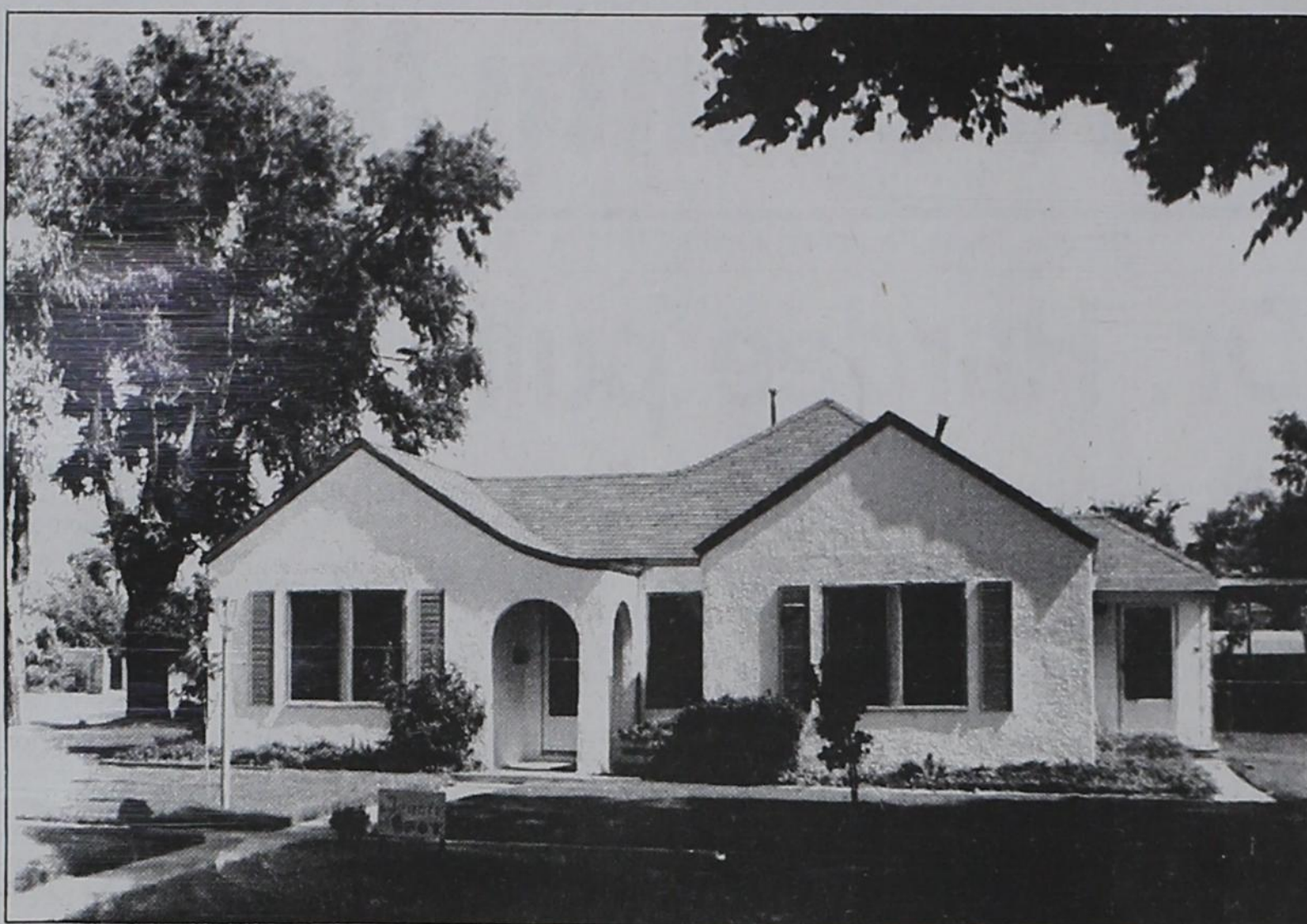
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The first two to come in and show us where they found "Newsy" in this issue will win a 2-liter bottle of soft drink. (One win per month, per family. No phone calls, please.)

Last week's winners:
Nysa Martinez
P.J. Perez



BEAUTY SPOT FOR JUNE—The home of Avery Thrasher, 410 W. Jones, has been chosen as the Beauty Spot of the Month for June by the Beautification Committee of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. The home has been fixed up and newly landscaped. Photo by John Brooks

daughter and family, Doug, Debbie and Alyson, and I visited my daughter and family Mary Lynn and Bill Lankford and their daughter, Lauren Feazell, and baby, Caleb, of Houston. Wanda brought Alyson by to play with Caleb before we came home. We brought Alyson to Dimmitt to spend the night since the Murdocks were going back to Amarillo on Saturday to watch Debbie play soft ball.

Ty Annen is spending the summer working in Chicago. He is working at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. He is enjoying his job, meeting new people and experiencing life in the big city. Ty is the son of Jerry and Debbie Annen of Dimmitt.

Out of town visitors at the museum last week were Ann Fabre of Bradenton, Fla., and Carolyn Sutton of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. They were on their way to Hereford to visit Thelma McMinn. Thelma taught school in Dimmitt during the 50's. Norma Cawthon came from Hereford, Lorene Sise-more and Leora Stayton of Amarillo. Sue Howell brought her grandsons Dustin Burnam of Amarillo, and Abnon Reed of Odessa. I had asked Madge Robb to work for me on Friday and she really had to work with all the visitors. Thanks Madge!

La Dawn Reichling of San Francisco, Calif., is in Dimmitt visiting her mother, Louise Kemp.

The family ministries of the First United Methodist Church hosted a hamburger supper Sunday night. They met in the sanctuary for a short devotional and then to the fellowship hall for the delicious supper and fellowship.

Rosetta Bellinghausen celebrated her birthday on Sunday at Sirlain Stockade in Hereford. Others enjoying this special occasion were Charles and Rena Richard, Lawrence and Vernice Green, Donald and Agnes Schilling, Andy and Oleda Schumacher, Leandra and Clara Reinart, Edna Reinart, Florene Leinen, and William Bellinghausen. Rosetta received many humorous birthday cards.

Several Dimmitt residents attended the "Thanks Pete Laney, Our Speaker" tribute in Plainview on Tuesday, June 7. Don and Paula Graham, Carter Townsend, Bill and Deanne Clark, Carl King, Polly Simpson, Scotty Abbott, Beth Odom, and Danny and Brenda Bruton were among the 2,000 attendants at the Ollie Liner Center. Seventy-seven fellow legislators, Billy Clayton, Ralph Wayne, and Gib Lewis, all former speakers, and many candidates were introduced. Sen. John Montford welcomed guests and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock was the key speaker. Pete's wife, Nelda, was honored with a birthday cake and many wishes. Speaker Laney responded to the broad expression of thanks and praise. A barbecue dinner was served, Travis Thornton entertained with music and Rhonda Harmon sang the National Anthem. Many state employees and officials were present along with Laney's staff.

If anyone remembers the beautiful gladiolas that were raised near Lazbuddie some years ago, you might remember the couple from

Holland who helped harvest the bulbs. Their name is Van Zielst, and they returned to Dimmitt last week to visit their son, Maarten and his wife, Katy, and sons, William and Andrew. They miss the area, but Wilhelmina Van Zielst wants to be home in Holland.

They visited the Bill Clarks and the Lloyd Vaughns.

Rev. Johnny Robertson and Kitty were in Midland this week for the United Methodist Church Conference. Also attending from Dimmitt were George and Carolyn Sides, who both serve on conference committees.

Bill and Deanne Clark recently attended a Combest town hall luncheon in Lubbock where Larry Combest gave an update on "what's happening in Washington." He warns to keep an eye on Korea because it is very volatile at this time.

Deanne Clark entertained her "hard to get together" bridge club recently. Sandra Potts, Martha Jo Hyman, Margaret Parsons, members, and Dorothy Hopson, guest, played. Also included in the lunch time were working girls around the town.

Sandra Potts won high and Martha Jo low.

Martha Jo Hyman has just returned from an extensive trip to Canada and the upper west coast with Shari Bradley, Jean Morris, and Jackie Byrnes.

The Percy Parsons have been to El Paso to a Funeral Director's Convention.

Chris Reynolds and Justin Whittaker have just completed a special camp and training seminar at Texas Tech with classes in science.

Sally Ortiz and her son, Andrew, and Jane Gaylord of Denver, drove to Dimmitt on Saturday after spending a week at Ghost Ranch at Abiqui, N.M., to visit for the week.

Thomas named superintendent at Ralls ISD

Former Dimmitt coach, teacher and counselor John Thomas has been named as the new superintendent for the Ralls Independent School District.

Thomas will begin his duties at Ralls on July 1.

Thomas is a native of Tahoka. He taught math and coached at Dimmitt High School, 1977-81, and was counselor at DHS, 1981-89. He moved to Lamesa in 1989 and was assistant principal at Lamesa Middle School for a year before becoming the school's principal.

His wife, Leasa, has been a kindergarten teaching assistant at Lamesa. They have three children: Leah Beth, who will be in the ninth grade; David, who will be in the sixth grade; and Sarah, age 4.

A graduate of McMurry, Thomas will guide a faculty of 59. Ralls has 740 students in kindergarten through the 12th grade.

"Professionally it's a great opportunity for me, one that I feel I need to pursue at this time," Thomas told the *Lamesa Press-Reporter*. "This has always been my ambition, to be in a central office position."

Dr. Morris Webb

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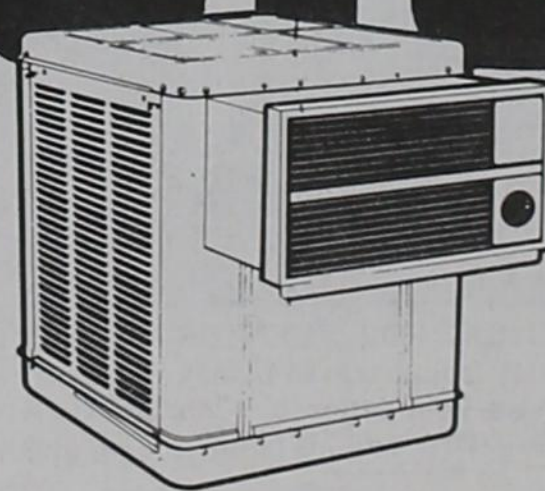
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Approaching the job market—6

Good interview skills can win employment

Editor's Note: This is the sixth of a six-week series, "Approaching the Job Market," from the Castro County Extension Office. The series' purpose is to assist those who are seeking employment. We hope you have found these articles to be beneficial. Fact sheets about each story are available at the Extension Office in the courthouse basement.

In the previous five articles in this series, we have looked at how to look your best for a new job, how to determine the available job market, and how to fill out an application. To finish this series, we will focus on having a successful interview.

A job interview is one of the most important parts of a job search because it is your chance to stand out as a friendly and helpful person. At this point, the employer already knows something about you from your application. More than likely, he or she was impressed by your application because you were chosen for an interview.

However, even if the employer invited you to the interview, you still have to do some preparation. A major goal should be to get the job you want. This means that you will need to go into the interview knowing what you want in a job, knowing you can do the job, and knowing how to get the information about the responsibilities and benefits that go with the job. This involves finding out exactly what the job requires from friends, relatives or current employees before you go on an interview. The key is "to always be prepared."

Job interviews can be very complicated if you are not properly prepared. This is where you will need all of your skills. These consist of personal skills, self-esteem, personality, personal hygiene, goals, dress and attitude.

There are various ways to pre-

pare yourself for an interview. The easiest way is through your own background or experiences. Take time and think about your experiences and talents.

KNOW YOUR STRENGTHS. This involves looking at you and examining why you think you are qualified for the job. Write down the reasons and be prepared to tell them to the employer in the interview. Practice saying these things aloud to yourself.

EXAMINE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE JOB YOU ARE SEEKING. What skills do you have that match? Practice saying these aloud so it sounds like you know the skills needed. Let the employer know what skills you have without sounding like you are bragging in the interview.

LEARN WHAT YOU CAN ABOUT THE COMPANY FROM DIFFERENT PEOPLE. Learn to pronounce the company's name and to talk intelligently about the company's products.

FOR EXAMPLE: John received a call from Johnson's Construction Company to come for an interview. He wrote down all his construction work experiences and what he did at each job. He remembered that he was applying for a cement finisher, so he looked at these experiences and matched them with the job. John plans to tell them that he helped finish the cement drive for the new bank and the cement floor for an addition to the newspaper building. Lastly, he contacted a friend who was working there and asked him about some construction jobs that Johnson's company was involved in and general questions about the company.

Another important aspect of job interviews is a person's manners. First impressions are lasting impressions. Hiring decisions are often made in the first 10 minutes of the interview, and the balance of the time is used to justify that opinion.

First impressions are almost always based on a reaction to your appearance. Remember that you cannot help whether you are tall or short, have sharp or soft features, blond or black hair, but you DO have control over how you wear your hair, the clothes you choose, and your personal cleanliness and neatness.

One thing to remember is that employers usually ask the same types of questions. This means you can prepare easily by practicing answers in advance. Here are some common questions asked at a job interview. Practice answering them in a happy, positive, confident way:

- Why are you here?
- What can you do for my business?
- Why do you want to work here?
- What kind of work are you

Nazareth sets annual festival, Suds and Sounds

The 22nd annual Nazareth German Festival will be held in conjunction with Suds and Sounds on Saturday, July 9.

An Arts and Crafts show, sponsored by Nazareth Art Club will be held in the school cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Each booth will be 8x10 with a table and two chairs. To get a booth in the show contact Lucille Drerup, Box 3, Nazareth, 79063 phone number (806) 945-2583.

The cost is \$15 per booth on a first come, first serve basis. Make checks payable to Nazareth Art Club. The Art Club asks that those wishing for a booth include information as to what will be displayed, preference of a wall or center booth, and if you will need the table or prefer using your own display. The last day to make reservations is July 2.

A German sausage meal will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall, as well as various entertainment. At 4 p.m. Suds and Sounds will get underway at the Nazareth Community Center, (the ballpark east of town on Hwy 86). Sausage sandwiches and other foods will be served. Bands will begin performing at 6 p.m. and play until 1 a.m.

Proceeds go to Nazareth Community Hall and the Deaf Program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

looking for?

- Do you know anyone who works here?
- Do you like to work with others or by yourself?
- What would you do if you did not agree with instructions you were given?
- What interests you about our product or company?
- What do you know about our company?

A question that gives most people who are looking for a job trouble is, "Tell me about yourself." This question can be answered many different ways, but here are some guidelines:

- Tell the interviewer about some things you enjoy doing and some of your goals.
- Describe your work experiences. This involves providing details of your past jobs and duties.
- Talk about your personality, your likes and dislikes without seeming too rigid or bragging.

You may ask several questions during an interview. Questions are not only helpful to you, but they also show the employer that you have enough knowledge to ask when you are not quite sure. Here are some questions that you can ask:

- What are the duties and responsibilities of the job?
- How does the job fit into the organization? Who supervises this job or who is in charge?
- What training will the company give in the beginning?
- How much travel does the job involve?
- Does the company transfer people from one job to another?
- Does the job require special union cards or licenses?
- Do you need special work permits or proof of citizenship?
- How would you (the interviewer) describe a successful person who works in this job?

Always prepare at least three or four questions before you go to the interview. Do not pull out paper during the interview to ask questions, though. Have questions firmly in your mind before you leave for the interview.

You should avoid questions that make you appear unbusinesslike, unprofessional or immature. Some questions you should NOT ask:

- When can I expect my first raise?
- I know it is already May, but will I get a vacation this summer?
- Do we work on holidays?
- Do we get a Christmas bonus?
- How many times can I be late for work after I am hired?
- How many sick days do we get each month?

Usually, questions of this nature show the employer that you are more interested in money, benefits and personal satisfaction than in helping the company. The employer wants you to be interested in getting a job done.

Here are some tips for successful interviewing:

- DO:**
- Act natural.
 - Be prompt, neat and courteous.
 - Carry out promises to return requested information, forms or other papers.
 - Ask questions about the job.
- DON'T:**
- Criticize yourself or former employers.
 - Be late for your interview.
 - It's normal to be a little nervous, but don't freeze or become tense.
 - Be impatient.
 - Be emotional and start crying.
 - Talk too much or too little.
 - Arrive unprepared.
 - Try to be funny unless it's natural to you.

After the interview is over, you still have some things to do. One thing is to telephone or write a short letter to the company thanking them for the interview. Also, you can let them know that you are still very interested in the job. Before the interview is finished, the employer usually tells you that you will be contacted within a certain length of time. However, you may contact him or her to show that you are interested in the job.

Interviewing is a task that is even more important than filling out an application for a job. Being determined to get the job you really want will better prepare you for a winning interview.

For more information on job hunting, please call 647-4115.



DIMMITT WOMEN VISIT McCLENDON — Sarah McClendon (seated, center), a 50-year Washington, D.C. news veteran, visited with Dimmitt's delegates to the annual WIFE National

Legislative Seminar and board of directors meeting last week in Washington. Visiting with McClendon are (from left) Pat Bagley, Mary Emma Matthews and Lois Wales.

Courtesy Photo

Three attend WIFE meeting

Three Dimmitt women were among the 65 persons who attended the 12th annual WIFE Legislative Breakfast on Capitol Hill on June 7.

Mary Emma Matthews, Lois Wales and Pat Bagley of Dimmitt attended the breakfast, part of the 1994 Government Affairs Conference and board meeting. During their visit to Washington, the Dimmitt women joined other WIFE members in distributing 235 packets to congressional offices contain-

ing the 1994 WIFE priorities: the 1995 Farm Bill, private property rights, energy and rural health care.

US Dept. of Agriculture administrators addressed the group twice during the week.

Grant Buntrock, ASCS director, told WIFE that with 60,000 pages of regulations, 12,000 employees and a \$700 million budget at the county level, precedence is being given to time spent in an office to comply with farm programs and the

location of offices due to reorganization.

James Radintz, of Farmers Homes Administration (FmHA) said the one-stop shopping concept for USDA "is imperative." He reminded WIFE delegates at the breakfast that FmHA is focusing on the beginning farmer and a program for the socially disadvantaged.

The group also learned about energy issues, health care reform and marketing.

Nazareth

By Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Sister Cordelia Lange celebrated her 60th anniversary as a Benedictine Nun this past weekend in Fort Smith, Ark., at the St. Scholastica Convent. Those attending were Jerry and Judy Lange and Mary Lou Birkenfeld of Nazareth; Tom and Tricia Lange, Tony and Roberta Irlbeck and Ted Irlbeck all of Hereford; Al Lange and Ann Frail of San Antonio; and Bill and Tammye Lange of Gainsville.

A dinner was hosted by the Sisters for all their guests, during which everyone enjoyed visiting, especially with the Sisters who have taught school here in the past.

The Nazareth Senior Citizens enjoyed a good roast beef dinner on Sunday at the Center. The meal was catered by the Legion Auxiliary. They served 13 guests and 26 members. We were happy to have two of our members, Meta Stork of Tulia and Helen Backus of Dimmitt, with us. Most stayed and played cards during the afternoon.

Many relatives and friends attended the marriage of Jenny Brockman and Craig Sperry Saturday afternoon in Holy Family Church with Rev. Neal Dee officiating. Reception and dance followed in the Nazareth Community Hall.

Dorothy Pohlmeier and Virgie Gerber attended the funeral mass for Charles Lee Stork, 65, on Wednesday at St. Lawrence Cathedral in Amarillo with Rev. Ed Sweeney officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery where his parents, Pete and Eunice Stork, are buried. Survivors are his wife, Beth; a son, Charles Lee Jr. of Canyon; a daughter, Pamela McRae of Henderson; a brother, J.R. Stork of Gruver; a sister, Frances Gerber of Umbarger; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was a World War II veteran.


Rylan Christopher, infant son of Chris and Kelly Gerber, was baptized Sunday June 12 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ulysses, Kan. His sponsors were Jay and Shari (Schilling) Penquite. Also attending were grandparents Fritz and Julene Gerber, and the Penquite children, Tony and Brooke.

Prayers are asked for Eric Rose, 6 year-old son of Jerry and Tricia Rose of Amarillo, who is a patient in Northwest Texas Pediatric Care Unit being treated for pneumonia.

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By Don Nelson

The courthouse square looked better than ever on Flag Day Tuesday.

In fact, it probably looked better than any other courthouse square in the country. (Hey, who around here is going to argue the point?)

The Dimmitt Rotary Club has finished lining three sides of the square with flags now for the 12 or 14 flag-flying holidays. And man, does the square look great with those 60-or-so flags waving! With

all the colors and motion, the square takes on a life of its own.

Combine the courthouse flags with the 100 or more that the Rotarians set out in front of subscribing businesses, and it's easy to see why Stephen Henry, publisher of the newspapers in Levelland and Littlefield, felt inspired to praise Dimmitt as looking like "an All-American city."

Every Flag Day, July 4, election day, parade day, etc., 10 or 12 Rotarians gather at 7 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office, where the flags are stored. Using at least four pickups, they set out approximately 165 flags by 8 o'clock.

The same crew picks the flags up about 5 p.m.

(By the way, if it rains while a Rotary flag is posted in front of your store, bring it inside until the rain has passed over, then set it back out so the Rotarians can pick it up. If it's still raining when you close for the day, notify the project chairman, Scotty Abbott, at the ASCS office or take it to the Chamber of Commerce office later.)

Wade Maynard conceived the Dimmitt flag project in 1969 while he was a member of the Dimmitt Jaycees. Nearly all the businesses in town subscribed to the service.

I was also a member of the Jaycees then. (I wish we still had a chapter here). We spent a lot of nights and weekends rigging the flags to the poles in our "office" above Cowsett Abstract & Title Co., making steel-pipe holders at C&S Equipment Co. and learning how to drill through concrete to set the holders.

We also learned a lot about flags. For instance, the first batch came with hardwood poles. And when a 4x6-ft. flag is really flapping in a 30-mph West Texas wind, hardwood doesn't bend—it snaps. So we switched to metal poles.

The first flags were set out on Roundup Parade Day, Aug. 14, 1969.

The Jaycees continued the flag project many years, then turned it over to the Boy Scouts, who later turned it over to the Rotary Club.

The Rotarians have worked hard to build the project to its present state, with nearly all new flags on poles of uniform length. And starting the "memorial flags" around the courthouse square was a stroke of genius.

The Rotary Club charges only \$20 a year for the service. I think that's less than we charged back in '69.

(Some of the memorial flags around the square are still available for sponsorship. If you'd like to sponsor one in someone's memory, contact Scotty Abbott or any other Rotarian.)

Driving to work Tuesday morning and seeing the sun climb over the courthouse surrounded by all those flags made me proud to be an American, and proud to be in an "All-American city."

Tony Bennett left his heart in San Francisco.

Garnett Holland may have done Tony one better. He once left 300 troops in St. Louis.

Garnett told us last week of his experiences as a glider pilot in the invasion of Normandy, France, on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

You've got to hear his story about bringing the troops home after the war ended in Europe a year later:

"Within a few days (after the German surrender) ... the glider pilots were all sent to La Havre to

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BEN SARGENT

CAPITOL COMMENT U.S. SENATOR KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

We need to protect property rights

For ten years, Mary Davidson dreamed of building a house for her family on a small parcel of land she owns outside Austin, Texas. But the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service refused to permit any construction. They claimed that two endangered birds, the golden-cheeked warbler and black-capped vireo, might be living on her land.

The government had never actually seen the birds, but they declared she could not build anyway. Mary Davidson had to hire expensive consultants and battle the red tape thrown up by government bureaucrats. Finally, the government gave in and allowed her to build — but only under onerous restrictions.

In one respect, Mary Davidson was lucky. A small farmer in California was recently threatened with a \$300,000 fine because he plowed desert land he owned that was zoned for agriculture. After the plowing, two dozen state and federal agents raided his property, suggesting that the Tipton kangaroo rat might have been harmed by the farm implements. The farmer promptly suffered a stroke.

The Environmental Protection Agency was created in 1970 to control pollution and protect our planet. Its initial goals were entirely laudable. The earth is our home, and it requires the most stout defense.

But as government agencies work to resolve demonstrable problems, they occasionally create new ones. We must be vigilant to insure that unintended side effects don't outweigh the positive accomplishments of legitimate government programs.

In the past, when the federal government wanted to protect a unique natural resource or to construct a new facility, it paid fair market price to the owner of any land involved. As long as federal needs were modest and land prices relatively cheap, the government could easily afford to pay for what it took, just as the U.S. Constitution stipulates.

But as government regulation increases, we are now moving towards a system of routine administrative seizure of property — or destruction of its usefulness — without compensation, particularly in the environmental area. Simply by declaring raw land or farmland as wetlands, for instance, federal authorities can unilaterally prevent its development — and decimate its value. In such cases, landowners get no compensation, even as their property is effectively seized by the government.

Some land seizures occur because of faulty administration of well-intended policy. Other confiscations are more deliberate, and still others are simply the result of bureaucratic mistakes.

I am co-sponsoring a proposal by Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole to protect homeowners, farmers, ranchers, and business owners from arbitrary government action. The Private Property Rights Act would clarify regulations concerning private property rights by forcing the EPA to show the effects of its policy on the land, the amount of compensation involved, and any alternative policies that might be more efficient and less expensive.

No government official, no matter how well-meaning, should be able to snatch private property without stating first how and why it is being done. At present, the crushing burden is on landowners to try to fight inequitable government policies. The Dole amendment would shift the burden to bureaucrats, requiring them to justify their policies.

The issue is vital to our country. The United States exists today in part because our Founding Fathers would not tolerate arbitrary control by a far-away authority over our lives and our property. The fifth amendment to the U.S. Constitution explicitly states that private property cannot be taken for public use without just compensation. We must make certain those words have meaning.

Taking of individual property by thoughtless bureaucrats is little different from stealing. If government burdens landowners with numerous regulations and costly red tape, that government action is confiscatory. As we steadily improve our environmental protections, we must insure that individual rights are protected as well.

State Capital HIGHLIGHTS By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Some Texas public school children might have to make do with last year's textbooks and some might have to share books with fellow students because of a \$100 million funding shortfall.

Texas Education Commission spokeswoman Della May Moore said seventh-graders taking a newly offered life sciences course in the fall will have to share their textbooks. Also, texts for reading, business law and some vocational courses will be the same as last year's unless local school districts can pay for new books themselves.

All but about \$5 million of the state's \$272 million two-year book budget was eaten up in the 1993-94 school year, creating the \$100 million shortfall.

After news of the shortfall was made public, Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno proposed that a set amount for school books be budgeted by the Legislature before education officials order books from publishers. In the past, Meno said, education officials made their requests without projecting the costs.

Before Meno made his proposal, Sen. Bill Ratliff, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, said guidelines for publishers set by the TEA in its textbook adoption system have driven up costs.

"I think the entire system of textbook adoption is broken ... and has to be restructured," Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, told the *Houston*

Chronicle.

Also, the \$272 million book budget reportedly did not take into account the estimated 65,000 new students who enroll in Texas public schools each year.

GOP, Demos in Labels Battle

Gov. Ann Richards' speech at the Democratic Party convention in Fort Worth two weeks ago set off a flood of criticism from the religious right wing of the Texas Republican Party of Texas, and counter slams.

Richards invited alienated Republicans to join the Democratic Party after saying the Texas GOP had been taken over by "mongers of hate" who would ban abortion and dictate what is taught in public schools.

The Texas Eagle Forum responded by labeling the governor a "Christian-basher" and an "anti-religious bigot."

The Democratic Party struck back last week by criticizing the GOP's gubernatorial nominee George W. Bush for not choosing sides between factions in his own party.

Democratic Party spokesman Joe Cutbirth said, "George W. Bush wants to lead the state of Texas, but he won't stand up to the radical right and take leadership of his own party. Mainstream Republicans and reform-minded Texans want a governor who isn't afraid to fight for Texas."

But the Bush campaign responded by saying that the Richards campaign is just trying to divert attention from the governor's record, and claimed that Richards did not participate in forming her party's platform.

Speaker Pete Laney Saluted

More than 2,000 constituents and friends from every part of Texas crowded into Plainview's Ollie Liner Center last week to pay tribute to House Speaker Pete Laney.

The mostly boots and jeans crowd included former Gov. Preston Smith, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, Secretary of State Ron Kirk, 77 legislators and former House Speakers Billy Clayton and Gib Lewis. All

praised Laney for integrity, fairness and leadership ability.

"Pete Laney brings common sense, the knowledge of working with people in both parties and getting the job done," said Bullock. "He's tight-fisted with a buck, yet he has a vision that helps every school in Texas."

The catered dinner — beans, cornbread and barbecue — was free to everyone who attended.

"Pete's a person without any pretensions. What you see is what you get," said banker John Anderson, chairman of the event.

Organizers said they wanted to thank Laney for his service in the Legislature since 1973.

Deadbeat Lawyers Peeve Parker

State Sen. Carl Parker, a lawyer himself, said he is considering introducing legislation that would keep tax-shirking lawyers from getting their licenses.

Last month, Comptroller John Sharp estimated that 3,400 of the 39,000 lawyers in the state have not been paying a \$200 annual state professional occupational tax and about 2,300 of them have never paid the tax since it went into effect in 1992.

Parker, D-Port Arthur, told reporters, "I wouldn't want a lawyer who didn't obey the law to represent me."

About \$1.3 million in back taxes is owed by the deadbeat lawyers, according to the comptroller's office.

KKK Member List Protected

The Texas Supreme Court said last week the state cannot force Texas Ku Klux Klan leader Michael Lowe to divulge the secret list of his group's members.

In a decision reached without hearing oral arguments, the court said the state was wrong to jail Lowe, Knights of the KKK grand dragon, for refusing to surrender membership lists.

The trial court had ordered Lowe to release membership lists, but the high court said the "rights to form, discuss and express unpopular views" were protected fundamental rights.

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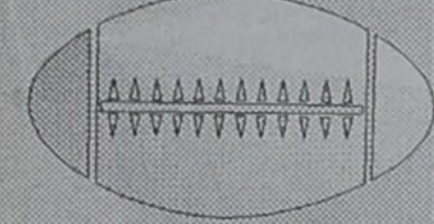
Sports

1994 DHS Football Schedules

Varsity
 Sept. 2--Springlake-Earth
 Sept. 9--at Sanford-Fritch
 Sept. 16--at Tulia
 Sept. 23--at River Road
 Sept. 30--Slaton (HC)
 Oct. 7--Floydada*
 Oct. 14--at Shallowater*
 Oct. 21--Frona*
 Oct. 28--Muleshoe*
 Nov. 4--Littlefield*

Junior Varsity
 Sept. 1--at Springlake-Earth, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 8--Sanford-Fritch, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 15--Tulia, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 22--River Road, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 29--at Slaton, 6 p.m.
 Oct. 6--at Floydada, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 13--Shallowater, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 20--at Frona, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 27--at Muleshoe, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 3--Littlefield, 7 p.m.

Freshman
 Sept. 8--Sanford-Fritch, 5:30 p.m.
 Sept. 15--Tulia, 5:30 p.m.
 Sept. 22--River Road, 5:30 p.m.
 Oct. 6--at Floydada, 5:30 p.m.
 Oct. 13--Shallowater, 5:30 p.m.
 Oct. 20--at Frona, 5:30 p.m.
 Oct. 27--at Muleshoe, 5:30 p.m.
 Nov. 3--Littlefield, 5:30 p.m.



DHS faces tough schedule

Dimmitt will face one of its toughest all-around football schedules in many years when the 1994 football season begins Sept. 2.

Dimmitt will prepare for the season with a scrimmage at Woodrow against Lubbock Cooper, then will host Abernathy. Exact dates have not been set for the late August practice sessions.

Dimmitt will host Springlake-Earth at 8 p.m. on Sept. 2 to open the season. The game will renew an old rivalry between the Bobcats

and Wolverines. The teams were in the same district for many years in the 1940s and 1950s, and continued to play each other through the 1970s.

The Bobcats will then travel for three straight games against District 1-3A opponents: Sept. 9 at Sanford-Fritch; Sept. 16 at Tulia; and Sept. 23 at River Road.

This will be one of the first-ever meetings between the Eagles and the Bobcats, while the game with the Hornets renews a rivalry carried on from when the Hornets were in District 2-3A. Tulia was moved north in the realignment last February.

Dimmitt and River Road have played each season since 1981.

Dimmitt will close the pre-conference season with the Homecoming game Sept. 30 vs. Slaton. The Bobcats and the Tigers played each

other for several years in the 1970s before the series was stopped.

Dimmitt hosts Floydada in the District 2-3A opener Oct. 7, then travels to Shallowater on Oct. 14. This is Shallowater's first year in District 2-3A; the Mustangs were moved up in the realignment.

The Bobcats will then host Frona and Muleshoe on Oct. 21 and Oct. 28, before ending the regular season Nov. 4 at Littlefield.

Baseball Schedule

T-BALL

JUNE 16: 6 p.m. Cardinals vs. Mariners; 7:15 p.m. Blue Jays vs. Cubs.

JUNE 17: 5:30 p.m. Angels vs. Mariners; 6:45 p.m. Padres vs. Cubs; 8 p.m. Rangers vs. Cardinals.

JUNE 20: 6 p.m. Blue Jays vs. Mariners; 7:15 p.m. Padres vs. Cardinals.

JUNE 21: 6 p.m. Blue Jays vs. Angels; 7:15 p.m. Rangers vs. Cubs.

JUNE 22: 6 p.m. Rangers vs. Padres; 7:15 p.m. Cardinals vs. Cubs.

JUNE 23: 5:30 p.m. Cardinals vs. Angels; 6:45 p.m. Rangers vs. Blue Jays; 8 p.m. Padres vs. Mariners.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

JUNE 16: 5:30 p.m. Orioles vs. Robins.

JUNE 17: 7 p.m. Larks vs. Falcons.

JUNE 20: 5:30 p.m. Orioles vs. Larks.

JUNE 21: 7 p.m. Robins vs. Falcons.

JUNE 23: 5:30 p.m. Falcons vs. Orioles.

MINOR LEAGUE

JUNE 16: 7 p.m. Royals vs. Mets.

JUNE 17: 5:30 p.m. Yankees vs. Expos.

JUNE 20: 7 p.m. Royals vs. Yankees.

JUNE 21: 5:30 p.m. Mets vs. Expos.

JUNE 23: 7 p.m. Expos vs. Royals.

MAJOR LEAGUE

JUNE 16: 8:30 p.m. Pirates vs. Giants.

JUNE 17: 8:30 p.m. Tigers vs. Rockies.

JUNE 20: 8:30 p.m. Braves vs. Tigers.

JUNE 21: 8:30 p.m. Giants vs. Rockies.

JUNE 23: 8:30 p.m. Braves vs. Pirates.

DFN LEAGUE

JUNE 16: 7 p.m. Nazareth at Cattle Town; 7 p.m. Bi-Wize at Sox.

JUNE 17: 7 p.m. Reds at Nazareth; 7 p.m. Dodgers at Cattle Town.

JUNE 20: 7 p.m. Reds at Bi-Wize; 7 p.m. Cattle Town at Sox.

JUNE 21: 7 p.m. Dodgers at Reds.

JUNE 23: 7 p.m. Nazareth at Sox.

Girls basketball camp begins on Monday

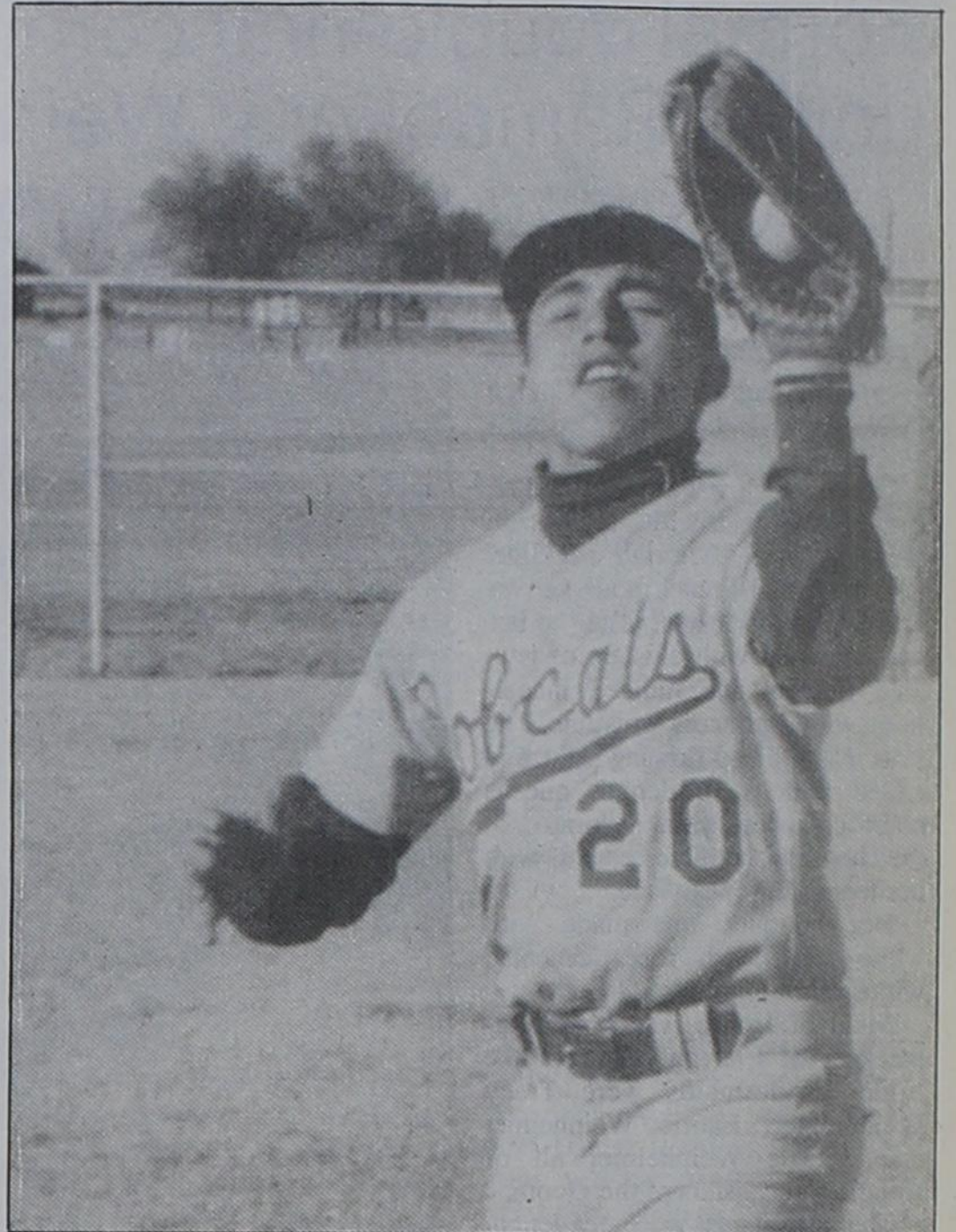
Dimmitt girls head coach Richard Wood will hold the annual Dimmitt girls' basketball camp Monday through Friday at the Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium at Dimmitt Middle School.

The camp will be held each day from 8 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$50, which includes a purple and white Baden official-size basketball.

Assisting Wood will be Nazareth coach Ritchie Tarbet and Dimmitt assistants Neila Malcom and Nita Krob.

Awards will be given including first, second and third place medals for individuals and certificates and ribbons for team awards.

Forms for the camp are available at Dimmitt Middle School and Dimmitt High School. Registration may also be made the first day of the camp.



DWAYNE ESPINOZA
 ...Named to all-South Plains baseball team

Boys basketball camp scheduled

Dimmitt Coach Alan Steinle will direct the annual Dimmitt Camp of Champs for boys Monday through Friday at the Dimmitt High School Gym.

The camp is open to any boy who has completed the third grade. Forms are available at Dimmitt Thriftway and IGA Foodliner. A \$40 fee includes a t-shirt, a week of fundamentals and fun. The camp will be held each day from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Registration forms may be returned to Steinle at 905 W. Bedford. Registration will be allowed the first day of camp.

Earth plans rodeo, events

Earth will celebrate its 70th birthday with the 50th annual Earth Rodeo, Friday and Saturday at Earth.

Events will include rodeo performances Friday and Saturday at 8:30 p.m., with a parade, breakfast at the Earth Senior Citizens, City Park activities and other events planned Saturday.

A rodeo dance featuring Slo Motion will be held each night at the rodeo arena, two miles west of Earth on US Highway 70. At the rodeo, traditional events will be featured along with wild cow milking, stick horse races and goat roping on foot for kids.

Together
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Rosalez is defense MVP at Greenbelt

Ramiro Rosalez was named defensive MVP at the Greenbelt Bowl Game held June 4 in Childress' Fair Park Stadium. He was also named the defensive captain for the North squad, which defeated the South 21-7.

Rosalez made nine tackles, knocked down a pass and sacked the South quarterback during the game.

Rosalez, a 1994 graduate of Dimmitt High School, was an all-district defensive tackle and was an unanimous choice for all-district at offensive center.

He is the son of Ramiro Sr. and Norma Rosalez.



Ramiro Rosalez

Summer league

June 6

BULLS 63, BULLETS 48
 Bulls — Carrie Wethington 15, Kim Thomas 9, Bullets—Sabrina Hawthorne 15, Katrina Acker 10.

KNICKS 70, ROCKETS 42
 Knicks — Anna Green 12, Jacy Buckley 9, Rockets—Heather Braddock 7, Anna Burtram 6.

SPURS 47, MAGIC 40
 Spurs—Melinda Schmucker 16, Amy Ethridge 11, Magic—Wendi Ethridge 18, Tiffany Wilcox and Kara Josselet 10.

LAKERS 58, SUNS 52
 Lakers — Dolores Dimas 25, Tanya Wethington 18, Suns—Suri Bossett 20, Amy Pohlmeier 10.

June 7

LAKERS 58, MAGIC 44
 Lakers—Tanya Wethington 15, Carrie Bradley 8, Magic—Wilcox 14, Josselet 9.

SUNS 89, ROCKETS 38
 Suns — Bossett 30, Pohlmeier 15, Rockets — Lori McDonald 21, Alesha Moore 7.

BULLS 61, SPURS 52
 Bulls — Kim Thomas 18, Carrie Wethington 7, Spurs — Amy Matthews 18, Amy Ethridge 13.

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 Bullets — A'lynn Garza 18, Courtney Hoelting 14, Knicks—Wendi Ethridge 20, Buckley 12.

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Espinoza named to A-J honor team

Dimmitt's Dwayne Espinoza was named to the 1994 all-South Plains baseball team named Sunday by the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*. Espinoza led a contingent of players from District 2-3A on the unit, which was made up of players from Class A, 2A and 3A. Espinoza was a sophomore center fielder for the Bobcats, who finished 13-12 and tied for third in district. He batted .412 for the season (.419 in conference action) with a .500 on-base percentage. He scored 16 runs and had 28 hits, second-high on the team. He had two triples and seven doubles. In the field, he had just three errors while making 34 putouts, high on the team. He played every inning of the 25 games for the Bobcats, tying teammate Gerald Barrios for leading the team with 158 innings played.

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People

Formal double-ring ceremony unites Ramaekers, Weinheimer

A formal, double-ring ceremony united Renee Marie Ramaekers, daughter of Ed and Leola Ramaekers of Nazareth, and James Nicholas Weinheimer, son of James and Janice Weinheimer of Groom, May 14 in Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth. Father Neal Dee officiated.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white regal satin gown with a Victorian neckline. Her dress had French pouf sleeves with rosette accents. The bodice was crowned with clusters of jeweled flowers and molded medallions with a princess waistline. The skirt was full and flowing satin, and ended with a full-length queens court cathedral train decorated at the hemline, double edged with borders of European lace.

Her bouquet was made with white and peach roses accented with strands of pearls.

Maid of Honor was Marla Ramaekers of Canyon, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Tracy Weinheimer, Laurie Weinheimer and Sherric Weinheimer all of Amarillo and sisters of the groom.

The attendants wore tea-length blue teal satin dresses with a laced bodice and princess waistline. Each attendant carried a bouquet of peach roses.

The best man was John Weinheimer of Groom, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Shane Watson of Amarillo, friend of the groom; Eric Weinheimer of Groom, brother of the groom; and Brian Ramaekers of Nazareth, brother of the bride.

Ring bearer was Owen Weinheimer, brother of the groom, and flower girl was Jaci Ramaekers, godchild and niece of the bride.

Candle lighters were Leona Wilhelm and Anita Fischbacher of Amarillo, friends of the bride.

The altars of the church were decorated with peach and teal spring flowers and bows.

Marcia Hoelting accompanied Greg and Glenda Birkenfeld who sang at the wedding.

A reception was held at the Nazareth Community Hall, and a dinner and dance followed.

The bride is a graduate of West Texas State University. She is employed with the Pampa ISD and is a first grade teacher at Horace Mann Elementary.

The groom attended WTSU and is now farming in Groom.



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Breast screening set for Monday

On Monday, June 20, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital Mobile Mammography Unit will be in Dimmitt at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 West Halsell. Exams are done by appointment only. For information or to schedule an appointment call 1-800-377 HOPE (4673) or (806) 359-4673.

The total cost of the screening is \$70. This includes the X-ray, physical breast exam, and the radiology fee for reading the mammogram. Funding has been provided by the Texas Dept. of Health to allow for free breast screenings for women who qualify.

The major goal of the clinic is the early detection of breast cancer. The clinic provides low cost screening which includes a breast

exam by a Registered Nurse trained in breast cancer detection, teaching of breast self examination, and a mammogram. Currently, the most effective method known to win the battle against breast cancer is early detection.

Early detection is best done by following the guidelines recommended by the American Cancer Society for breast cancer screening for women who have no signs or symptoms of breast cancer. The guidelines are:

1. Learn and perform breast self examination every month.
2. Have a physical examination every year.
3. Have a mammogram according to the recommendations by age: 40 — One baseline mammogram; 40 to 49 — A mammogram every 1 to 2 years; and 50 and over — Yearly mammograms.

The Book Shelf



By CINDY POTTORFF
Rhoads Memorial Library

Time to chill out in the shade with a good book. Adults can take a break and special summer activities for kids have started at the library.

Is drawing your hobby? The bookmark contest is now on at the library. Kids wanting to design a bookmark need to pick up a form at the library. June 24 is the deadline for entries. Winning bookmarks will be printed up and distributed at libraries throughout the Panhandle.

Jellybeans and reading... what do they have in common? Summer reading at the library! Guess correctly and win the whole jar! Come by the library to check it out.

Summer reading begins June 21 and ends July 30. Summer readers are asked to read 15 minutes per day, longer if they want to earn an extra prize. Children too young to read for themselves can participate by having someone read to them 5 minutes per day, longer if they want an extra prize.

Kids, want to get even with your school principal? Take the principal challenge and read in the summer reading program! For each kid who reads in the program, the principal goes up on the roof (or does whatever else he's promised in the challenge) for two minutes.

So, the more kids who join summer reading, the longer each principal has to "serve" his time. Principals from Nazareth, Hart, Dimmitt Middle School and Richardson Elementary are taking the principal challenge this year. Children in Hart can participate by joining at the grade school library in Hart on Wednesdays.

This year's summer reading party will have plenty of activities kids can enjoy.

More on summer reading later.

Come on down to the library and "check us out."



Justin Lee Nelson and Tami Lynn Fleet

Nelson, Fleet to wed

Tami Lynn Fleet and Justin Lee Nelson plan to exchange vows August 13 in Christ Church by the Sea in Newport Beach, Calif.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Janice Fleet of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Michael Fleet of Westminster, Calif. The prospective groom is the son of Donny and Wanda Nelson of Dimmitt.

The bride-elect received a bachelor of science degree in animal science and agricultural business from California State University of Fresno. She will receive a master of science degree in animal reproductive physiology from Texas A&M University this fall.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Dimmitt High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree in animal science from Texas A&M University. He is currently working within the family farming and ranching business.

The couple plan to make their home in Dimmitt after the wedding.

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Kids cooking school planned

Food and Fun!! What a combination! It's time again for the annual Castro County Extension/SPS Kids' Cooking School. This year's school will be Thursday, June 23, in the Courthouse Assembly Room. There will be two sessions, one at 10 a.m. and one at 2 p.m. You may register for EITHER.

Kay Davis, SPS home Economist, will conduct these fun "hands on learning" and tasting classes. The program will last one hour and there is no charge.

As in the past, the classes will be limited to 25 at each session so reservations are required.

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Jose and Paula Lopez

Mr. and Mrs. Lopez to celebrate 30th anniversary Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Jose Angel Lopez of Dimmitt will celebrate their 30th anniversary Saturday, June 18. The couple was married May 25, 1964 in Mexico.

They have six children: Olivia Lopez and Maricela Leivas of Canyon; Jose Angel Lopez Jr. of Salina, Kan.; Gloria Hinojosa and Ofelia Ortiz of Dimmitt; and Gerardo Lopez of Lubbock. They have six grandchildren.

Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church in Dimmitt will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, and a reception will be at 4 p.m. in the Castro County Expo Building. A dance open to the public will begin at 8 p.m.

Guajardo gets doctorate

Frank Guajardo, a 1983 graduate of Dimmitt High School, was among the 87 new physicians who earned their Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.) degrees during commencement exercises June 4 at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth.

Guajardo, the son of Juana Guajardo and the late Rafael Guajardo, earned his undergraduate degree in 1987 from West Texas A&M University.

He will begin an internship in family practice at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth.



Frank Guajardo

Who's New?

PLAINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Mayra Yesenia Hernandez, daughter of Antoni Hernandez and Naomi Moreno of Dimmitt, was born June 5 at 11:33 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz.
Grandparents are Juan and Sanjuana Moreno of Dimmitt, and Aquilia Hernandez of Mexico. Great-grandparents are Jose and Celia Alvarez of Dimmitt and Isidra Ortega of Mexico.

Brittany Rose Enriquez, daughter of Ralph and Mary Lou Enriquez of Dimmitt, was born June 4 at 5:40 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs., 8 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.
Her siblings are Ralph Adam, 13, Eric, 11, and Stephanie, 6.
Paternal grandparents are Rafael and Rafaela Enriquez of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Jessie and Gloria Reyes of Dimmitt.

Mark Andrew, son of Mari Fierro of Dimmitt, was born June 9 at 9:08 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs. and 14 oz., and was 20 inches long.
Maternal grandparent is Lydia Fierro of Dimmitt.

OUT-OF-TOWN
Kevin and Sheril Hucks of Pampa are the parents of a son, Hunter Garrett, born May 28 at Coronado Hospital at Pampa. He weighed 6 lbs., 14 ozs. and was 21 inches long. He has a sister, Heather, 9, and a brother, Tyler, 5. Grandparents are Bay and Bobbie Baldrige of Dimmitt and Johnnie and Loretta Hucks of Lockney.

Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden.

R.V. Bills, instead of coming home from Plains Memorial Hospital last weekend, was admitted to a Lubbock hospital for treatment of emphysema. He has been in and out of the hospital quite a bit lately.

One of the speakers in the church services Sunday morning was Don Graham with the Hereford Gideon Camp of Gideons International. He is with Dimmitt Agri Industries and had a guest with him. Gale Sadler brought the message for the morning service after special music by Gale and Verna Sadler, Cindy and Bob Clatt and Susan Harmon. Verna also played the piano for the group. Gregg Harmon watched after the small children.

A baby shower honoring Rosie and Lyle Louder will be held in the church fellowship hall at 7 p.m. Saturday. Everyone is invited.

.30 inch of rain was received Friday night with lots of wind, thunder and lightning. .20 inch of rain fell Saturday night, again with lots of wind as well as lots of thunder and lightning. There was some hail Friday night, but not much damage.



Ron Harris and Karla Sheffy

Sheffy, Harris ordained

Karla Sheffy, daughter of Don and Karen Sheffy of Dimmitt, graduated from Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colo., on May 27, with a master's degree in divinity. She and her husband, Ron Harris, were both ordained deacons into the First United Methodist Church in the Nebraska Conference. The annual conference and ordination was held at the University of Nebraska in Kearney Neb., on June 2.

Rev. Harris has been serving as minister of the Brady and Banner United Methodist Churches in southwestern Nebraska for the past year. He has been reassigned to the same churches. Rev. Sheffy has been assigned as associate minister of the First United Methodist

Church in Lexington, Neb., for the coming year. The couple will be living in Lexington.

TSTC names honor students

Adrian Aguilar, Adam Quiroz and Daniel Ramirez, all of Dimmitt, were named to the Texas State Technical College Amarillo Dean of Instruction's Honor Roll with a 3.5 or greater grade point average for the spring quarter.

Texas State Technical College Amarillo is a non-profit technical college, created in 1970 by the Texas Legislature. The school offers 19 technical programs, including three new programs: chemical technology, metrology, and telecommunications.

Church Happenings

Presbyterian Happenings

Sunday, June 19, is Presbyterian Men's Day and Father's Day.

Sunday Church School classes will meet Sunday at 10 a.m.

"In Christ... No Condemnation: Set Free to Live!" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday morning church worship service at 11 a.m.

"God Comes to the People" will be the subject of the mid-week Bible study Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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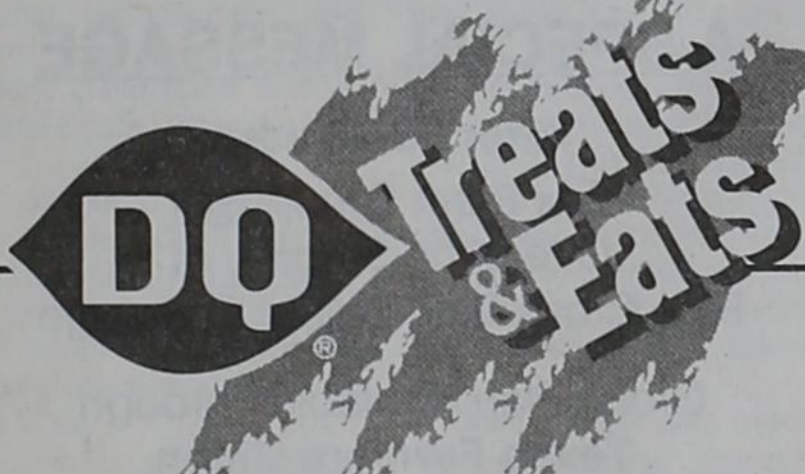
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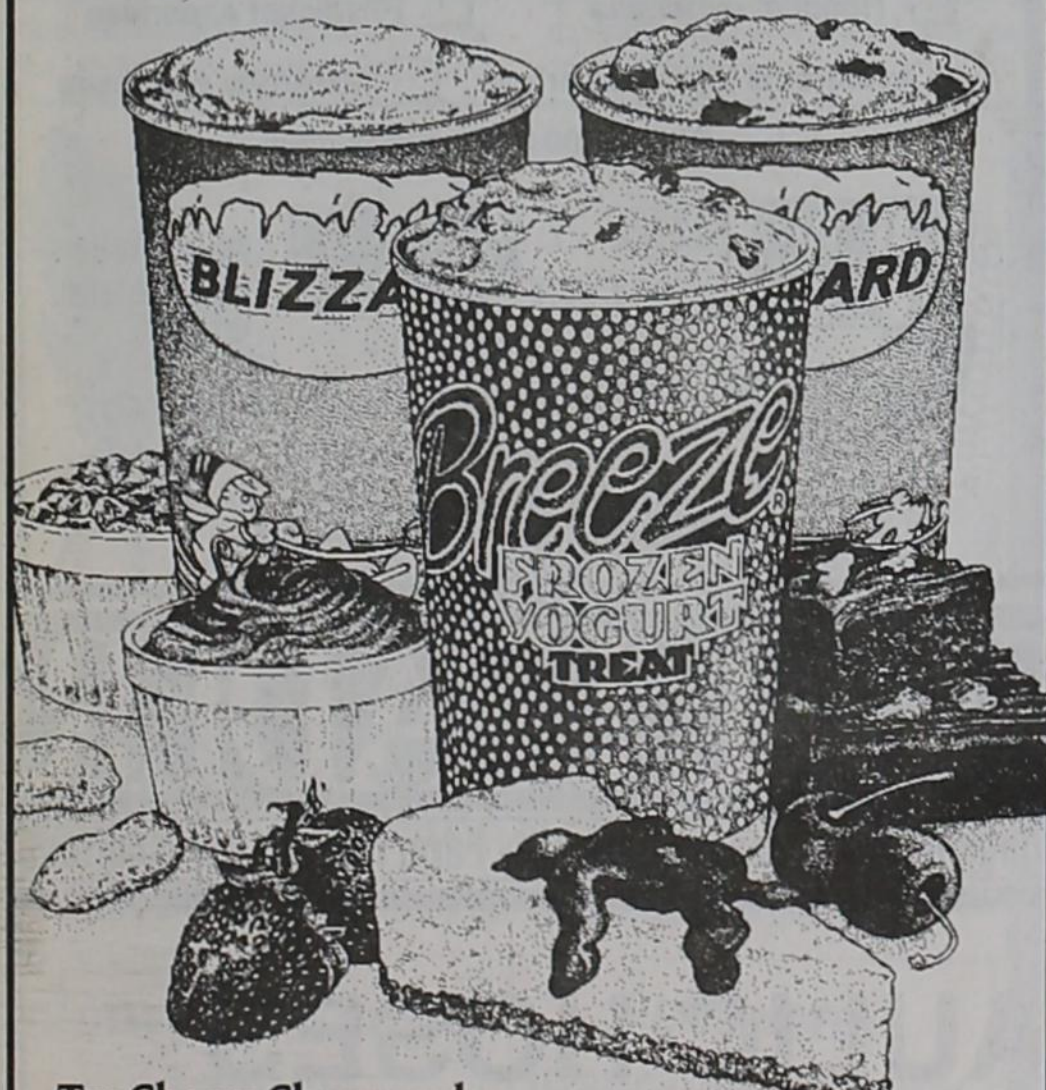
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MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS



By DON TAYLOR

Geese work

As a young man I watched huge flocks of geese migrate north and south over the Missouri farm where I grew up. Over the years I learned to love the honking sounds and watching the big V formations fly overhead.

Although I loved the geese, I remember feeling sad in the fall as the flocks traveled southward because I knew winter would soon arrive. Winter meant cold, bitter weather and more work to ensure the safety and health of our livestock.

The northbound flights of spring were early indicators that warm weather was on its way. It meant no more ice to chop or hay to feed. Spring brought new green growth, warm sunny days and pleasant activities around the farm.

I didn't know about the wonderful lessons being taught in the sky as I performed my routine chores. I just enjoyed the sights and sounds.

Geese lessons

Bill and Marty Geist, owners of Ginniss Formalwear Center in Amarillo, shared an essay with me last month. It is titled "Lessons Learned from Geese."

As I read the essay I remembered those early farm days I described above. I was also reminded that we as small business owners and managers need to be alert for business building lessons regardless of the source. I extracted several thoughts from the "Geese" essay. I think you'll agree as you read them that we can even learn from the birds.

According to the essay, as each goose flaps its wings it creates an uplift for others behind it. There is 71% more flying range in a V formation than flying alone.

The less we can glean from this information is that people who share a common sense of direction and purpose are more successful. They can work longer and accomplish more because they feed off the energy of others.

Another interesting fact is that when the lead goose tires, it rotates back into the formation and another bird takes over. This allows a fresh goose to keep up the pace while the leader takes a breather.

The message here is that shared leadership and independence gives others a chance to lead as well as follow. While being the lead goose may improve the view, the work is harder. Everyone needs a break from the routine and a fresh perspective may improve your attitude.

I also learned from the essay the reason geese honk as they fly. (It's not because they are passing another goose.) The geese in formation honk to encourage the leaders to keep up the speed.

The lesson here is to make certain our honks are encouraging. We need a friendly honk from time to time. In business, it may be a word of praise or a pat on the back for a job well done. Encouragement is a good team builder.

The final point in the essay dealt with being supportive. When an ill or injured

goose can't keep up with the flock, other geese will drop out of the formation and stay with it until it revives or dies. Then they catch up with the flock or join a new one.

The point here is that your colleagues may need help from time to time. We should stand by them in bad times as well as good.

Teamwork

You've probably guessed by now that the secret of the geese's success is teamwork. It's not really different from any business or organization. For profit, non-profit or sports related, all groups can benefit from teamwork.

Next week we'll build on the "Lessons Learned from Geese" and share more on the value of team building and teamwork. Don't miss "Geese Work Part 2" as we share the five reasons teams are successful.

You may write to Don Taylor in care of "Minding Your Own Business," PO Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

Insects of Interest

By ANDY WILLIAMS
CEA-Entomology

General Conditions

Dry conditions with very dry winds return to Castro and Lamb counties. This is the kind of weather we need to get the cotton and corn off to a good strong start. Cotton, corn and sugarbeets are all growing tremendously with the good soil moisture that was greatly improved the last couple of weeks. Scattered rainfall amounts ranged from 3-4 inches during the week of May 23-27, this improved the soil moisture profile. However, the scattered hail associated with this rainfall was an unwanted addition.

Cotton

Cotton is looking very good across Castro and Lamb counties. With the good moisture supply and hot days, the cotton is growing very rapidly. As wheat begins to dry down, thrips should be monitored closely in this young cotton. Thrips problems are more prevalent in fields that are adjacent to maturing wheat. At the present time the at-planting insecticides seem to be doing a good job at keeping thrips numbers low.

Fields that I have checked are averaging about 1 to 5 thrips per plant. The recommended threshold for this pest is an average of 2 to 5 thrips per plant, so careful frequent monitoring is important at this time. Most of the thrips seen have been adults, indicating that they are beginning to migrate from adjacent wheat fields. Check for the appearance of immature thrips which are straw colored and about 1/15 inch long, but do not have wings. This would indicate that the thrips are reproducing thus surviving the systemic insecticides applied at planting.

Corn

Corn is growing very rapidly, but with these hot dry afternoons some fields are showing signs of moisture stress. With these bright clear days with the low relative humidity, transpiration rates are exceeding the rate of water uptake by roots and translocation, so the corn begins to wilt. Wilting is one of the plant's mechanisms for reducing the loss of water and thus tolerating heat and drought. A wilted plant presents less leaf surface to the sun

than a turgid plant. When the humidity is very high, crops can tolerate high temperatures because there is little moisture lost through evaporation.

The scattered hail that took place May 25-26 shredded corn leaves throughout Castro and Lamb counties. Some producers have decided to replant while others are letting nature take its course and leaving the corn alone. When hail riddles small plants, the net effect on yield is probably about the same or slightly less than from frost. The growing point of a knee high corn plant is about at ground level, so if it was not damaged the plants will recover. Shredded leaves on young or old plants are not a total loss because the breaks are between the veins that run lengthwise in the leaves. As long as they remain green and turgid, the shredded leaves will continue to manufacture sugars. In deciding whether to replant hail-damaged young corn, look at the condition of the growing point rather than the appearance of the leaves. Some hail damage has caused the leaves to swirl and become somewhat deformed. An option a producer has is to shred these plants at that swirl. Again, the growing point is at ground level so the corn will continue to manufacture new leaves.

An average of 139 adult Southwestern corn borers were caught in area pheromone traps last week. This would indicate that first generation eggs and larvae should be monitored in the area corn. Eggs are laid on the upper and lower surfaces of expanded leaves in the whorl. Freshly laid eggs are creamy white and after 24 hours three red bands appear on each egg. Small larvae hatch from the eggs in about five days and begin feeding in the whorl. The typical rows of holes across the leaf surface associated with whorl feeders become apparent as leaves unfold.

Another leaf symptom is longitudinal, transparent areas on the leaf where young larvae feed only partially through the leaf tissue. After the larva has fed in the whorl, it crawls down the plant and bores into the stalk. Corn borer larvae

reach a length of 1 1/2 inches and have a pattern of raised dots on a creamy white body.

Corn earworms adult numbers are also on the increase across Castro and Lamb counties. Corn earworms deposit eggs on leaves and newly hatched larvae begin to feed in the whorl. Larval feeding will cause the leaves to appear ragged, but insecticide treatments are not recommended.

Continue to monitor fields for corn rootworms. If no at planting insecticide was applied in fields that have had corn after corn, frequent monitoring should take place. Rootworms cause extensive damage to brace roots and fibrous roots and may cause plants to lodge. A "goose necking" appearance occurs when lodged plants continue to grow. Dig up a few plants throughout a field and look for the creamy colored larvae feeding on the root system. Historically larvae begin to appear the first of June, but at the present time the fields I have checked that have been corn after corn with no insecticides appear to have no signs of larval development.

Upcoming-events

A multi-county (Castro and Lamb) cotton turnrow meeting is scheduled for June 28. Dr. Kater Hake, Dr. Peter Dotray, and Dr. Jim Leser will update growers on the newest developments pertaining to cotton physiology, weed control, and insect control in cotton for our area. This meeting will probably take place around Flagg. Further details will be in future newsletters.

Distribution to be held at Expo

The Panhandle Community Services' commodity distribution will be on Wednesday, June 22, at the Castro County Expo Building. The doors will open at 10 a.m.

Items to be distributed are as follows: butter, cornmeal, canned pears, apple juice, refried beans, grape juice, peas, canned pork, peanut butter, tuna, rice and raisins.

NFU seeks pricing probe for beef and soybeans

Recent large drops in the prices of fed cattle and soybeans have led the National Farmers Union to call for a Justice Dept. investigation into possible price manipulation and anti-trust violations on the part of buyers.

In a letter to Assistant Attorney General Anne Bingaman, NFU President Leland Swenson said he believes the precipitous market price drops are "a direct result of the highly concentrated, oligopolistic structure of the marketing, transportation, processing, retailing and trading industry."

Cattle futures prices have dropped 13% in just the last four weeks, according to NFU, while soybean futures went down the daily 20 cent limit several days this week. Farmers in several Midwest areas found themselves unable to sell soybeans at all to local elevators. Some farmers believe buyers simply held out until prices dropped rather than paying farmers more.

"Agriculture policy-makers in the US have been pushing the issue of more market flexibility for farmers," said Swenson. "But, as soybean farmers have once again experienced this week, many times farmers have no marketing flexibility because of the lack of market competition."

Swenson also pointed out that the slide in cattle prices of \$20 per hundredweight over the past year comes at a time when beef exports to Mexico have reportedly "surged"

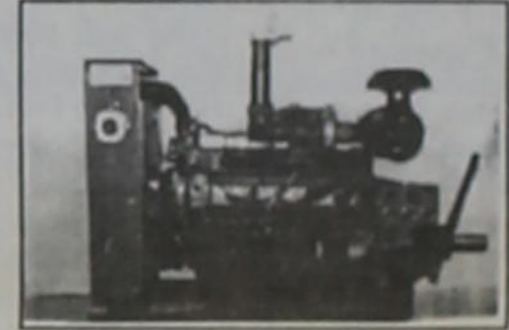
as a result of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Traders received a 20% reduction in tariffs on beef exported to Mexico when NAFTA went into effect.

All in all, Swenson says the "inequities" associated with the price drops result in economic hardship for producers and emotional stress on farm families. "Today's farmers and ranchers must be competitive business managers, but the unjustifiable market manipula-

tion results in every decision made by producers to be a make or break decision."

NFU believes anti-trust laws should be enforced to limit the control over farm product marketing, processing, retailing and trading that only a handful of firms enjoy today. In cattle, 75% of slaughtering is done by four firms. Soybean crushing is handled to a great extent by only two firms.

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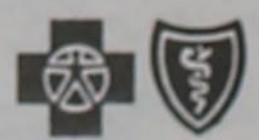
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Fed cattle numbers set new records

Fed cattle numbers set an all-time high in 1993 in Castro County and throughout the region, according to the annual Fed Cattle Survey conducted by Southwestern Public Service Co.

According to the survey, there were 660,981 head fed in the county last year. That's up from the 626,392 fed in 1992.

Castro County ranks second behind only Deaf Smith County,

which fed a whopping 921,102 head in 1993. That was up from the 843,276 fed in Deaf Smith County's 15 feedlots in 1992. Third-highest was Parmer County, with 578,274 head fed in 1993.

Overall, the area fed 6.27 million head, up from the 5.98 million in 1992 and 5.64 million in 1991. That was a million more than can be processed in the region. The area's 13 packing plants, at full capacity, can process 5.3 million head of cattle. Last year, they slaughtered 4.95 million head.

The county boasts the region's largest feed yard: Bar G Feedyard, south of Summerfield, has an annual capacity of 75,000 head. Other feedyards in the county include Dimmitt Feedyard, 45,000; Rafter 3 Feedyard, 40,000; Seven X Feed Yard, 30,000; Cluck Feed Yard and Hill Feedlot, each with 20,000; LS Feeders, 17,000; Smith Cattle Feeders, 14,000; Texzona II, 12,000; Sunnyside Cattle Co., 10,000; Beef Co., 9,000; and Bridges Cattle Company and Look Cattle Feeders,

each with 5,000.

According to the survey, there are 114 feedyards with capacities of 5,000 head or larger in the SPS service area in Texas, and parts of Eastern New Mexico, the Oklahoma Panhandle and Morton County, Kan. Ninety-six of the feedyards are in Texas; 13 are in Oklahoma and 5 in New Mexico.

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Cotton Talks



By SHAWN WADE

Preliminary marketing figures for the month of April continue to shift estimates of the weighted average price of cotton up and potential cotton deficiency payments down according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG).

PCG officials are quick to point out that the figures used to estimate final deficiency payment are still preliminary and that eight more months of marketing and price information will be included in the final calculation. They note, however, that the trend seems to be toward higher prices and that marketings are being buoyed by increased demand and shrinking world cotton stocks.

Marketing information through April shows cumulative marketings are closing the gap on marketings seen during the first four months of 1993. Through April of this year a total of 4.32 million bales have been marketed compared to 1993's total of 4.851 million bales through April.

Price also continues to inch upward with the weighted average through April rising to 65.03 cents per pound. Last year's weighted average price through April was a full 11.16 cents lower at 53.87 cents per pound. The change translates into a projected 1994 deficiency payment of 7.87 cents.

Producers who received the 6.45 cent advance payment at sign-up could expect a final deficiency payment of 1.42 cents per pound if these figures stayed constant through the remainder of calendar year 1994. Further increases in the weighted average price means producers could be called on to repay

part of their advance payments.

"We have really seen a significant turnaround in the world cotton situation in the past two years," said PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "At this time in 1992 the biggest concerns of producers were the falling price of cotton and high world stocks. Now, just two years later, we are facing the situation in reverse with climbing prices and decreasing world stocks."

Johnson adds that because of the current situation cotton producers on the High Plains are in a unique situation. On one hand they are happy about higher cotton prices and prospects for the 1994 crop. On the other, they know that historically High Plains cotton brings less in the marketplace and there is a good chance that a small deficiency payment will not adequately bridge the gap between the average price they receive and the Upland cotton target price.

Timely May rainfall has helped get the majority of the Texas High Plains' 1994 cotton crop off to a good start. Unfortunately, marginal subsoil moisture continues to threaten crop prospects according to Lubbock-based PCG.

PCG officials tracking the crop's progress say it will definitely need additional rainfall to achieve its full production potential.

"This crop is getting to the stage where it will need additional rainfall," said Johnson. "We are off to a good start as a result of the rain we received across the area in May. Now the key will be receiving additional rain to support the crop through the summer months."

Cotton meet set June 28

A cotton turnrow update meeting for producers in Castro and Lamb counties will be held at 9:30 a.m. on June 28 on the Bob Phipps farm in southern Castro County near Flagg.

If field conditions are wet, the meeting will be held at Flagg Fertilizer. The meeting will end around noon.

Three Extension specialists will report at the meeting, including Dr. Kater Hake, cotton agronomist at Lubbock, on plant development and mapping, and the area cotton crop outlook; Dr. Peter Dotray, weed specialist, on the latest weed control in cotton; and Dr. James Leser, entomologist at Lubbock, on the current cotton insect situation.

County agents J.D. Ragland and Monty Dozier and Andy Williams, pest management Extension agent for Castro and Lamb counties, will discuss the general cotton situation in both counties.

Private applicators will have an opportunity to receive two continuing education units (CEUs).

Nelson earns OSU honors

Joel Barton Nelson of Dimmitt was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the 1994 spring semester at Oklahoma State University.

Students named to the Dean's Honor Roll must carry at least 12 hours, make a 3.2 grade point (B average) or higher, have no grade below a C, and have no incomplete courses.

Paper is possible from sorghum, wheat

A study released this month indicates that making paper products from sorghum stubble and wheat straw could pay big dividends.

A second study conducted by Patrick Odell, a mathematics professor at Baylor, confirms that a facility that manufactures cardboard box paper from sorghum stalk residue could boost farmers' incomes and create jobs in the High Plains.

"We're convinced it's really economically viable," Odell said. "In fact, it's economically desirable."

The study confirms the findings of a Deaf Smith County man, Ken Rogers, who began working on the project in 1988.

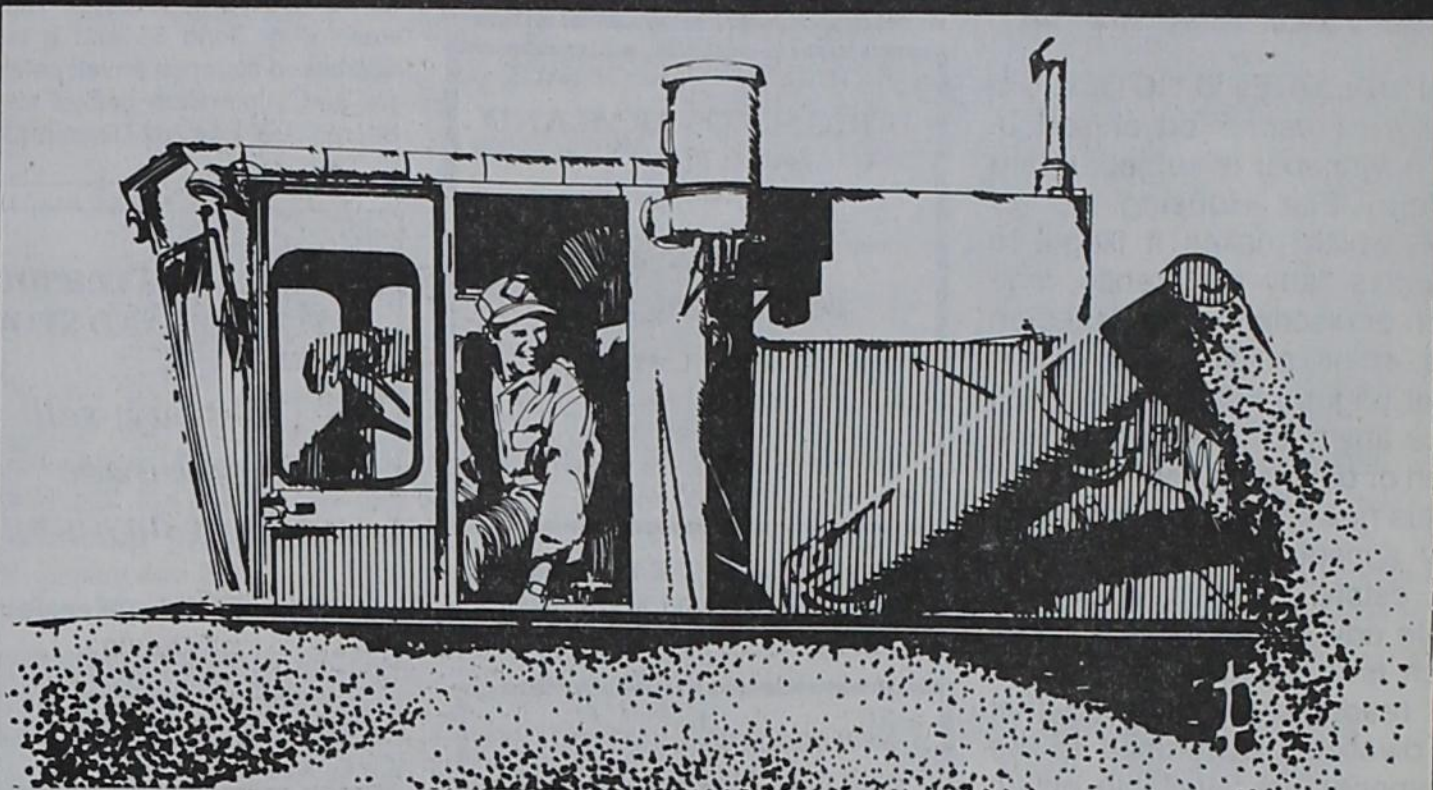
"We have actually produced some paper from sorghum stubble and wheat stalks," Rogers said. "The paper has been tested by the University of Miami (Ohio). This offers tremendous potential for the area, and we are to the point where

we are trying to put a working plant together."

The plant would cost about \$25 million to establish and would create at least 94 jobs, according to the Texas Dept. of Agriculture. Odell estimates that farmers could earn as much as \$40 a ton for stalk residue that is now either burned, plowed back into the soil, or used for animal feed and bedding.

A 1993 study by Odell indicated the best use for the paper would be corrugated paper and liner board. Corrugated paper is the fluted paper between the top and bottom liner board used to make cardboard boxes.

Odell's study also found that a thermomechanical process would minimize the chemicals needed to extract pulp from grain sorghum stalks. The process involves heating and grinding sorghum residue to separate pulp fibers needed to produce paper.



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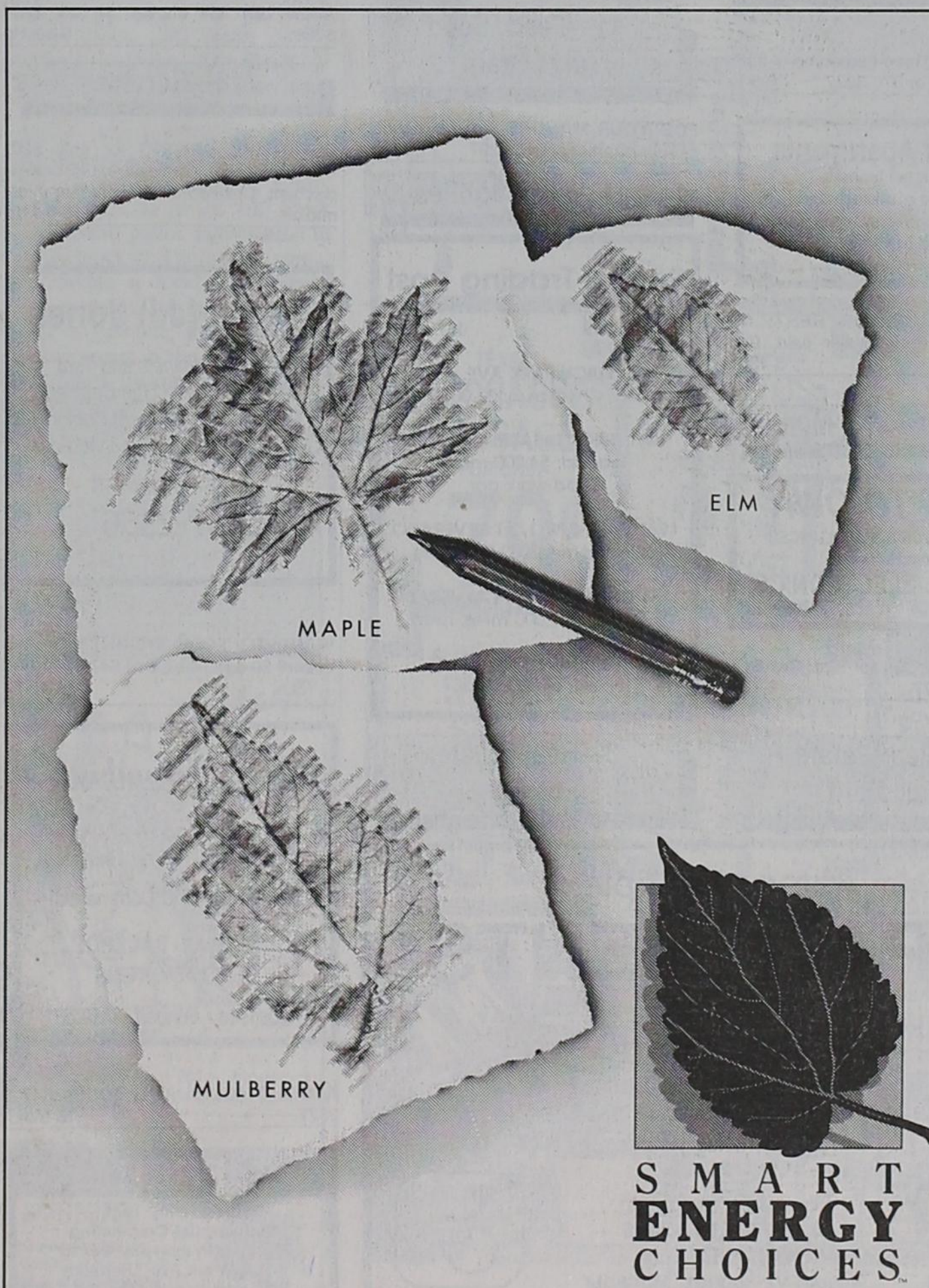
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24—Card Of Thanks

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The family of Mona Merritt wishes to express appreciation to all of you who have been so kind and thoughtful during her illness and passing. Your many prayers, cards, calls, visits, food, and memorials have been a blessing to us. Thank you for sharing in our time of loss. Sincerely
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The family of Arthur Wilcox would like to express a heart-felt thank you for everyone who sent food, flowers, and cards or just came by. And to the 911 crew who came so quickly. Also all who helped us in any way during the loss of our husband, Daddy and Granddaddy. May God bless you all.
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25—Legal Notices

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Bike-A-Thon raises \$1,093

\$1,093 was raised for St. Jude's Children's Hospital with the Bike-A-Thon held last month in the First State Bank parking lot.

Top four money raisers were Rachal Harman, who rode 18 miles and raised \$220; Stephanie Casas rode 16 miles and raised \$153; Taryn Hays rode 18 miles and raised \$137; and Mindy Maxwell rode 14 miles and raised \$122.

For being the top money raiser Harman won two video games. Casas won a walkman from Alco, and Hays and Maxwell won tummy packs from Perry's.

Other riders included Tamara Robertson, Kristen Welch, Kylie Webb, Lindsey Heard, Melanie Book, Eric Book, Susan Book and Krystal Woolbright. These children received a gift certificate from Video Magic or Pizza Hut.

A special thanks goes out to the people of Dimmitt and Nazareth for sponsoring these children, an organizer of the event said.



TOP MONEY RAISERS for the St. Jude's Children's Hospital Bike-A-Thon held last month received prizes for their efforts. Shown are (from left) Mindy Maxwell, fourth place, Rachal Har-

man, first place, and Taryn Hays, third place. Not shown is Stephanie Casas, second place. Other participants in the event received certificates from Video Magic or Pizza Hut. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Immunization clinic slated

An immunization clinic will be held Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Texas Dept. of Health, 108 SW Second in Dimmitt.

Appointments may be made by calling 647-2404. Walk-ins will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis at the clinic.

Shots offered include polio, DTP, DtAP, Td, MMR and HIB for appropriate ages and Hepatitis B for infants and high risk adolescents.

Fees will be determined by monthly income.

Police Calls

Dimmitt police are investigating a burglary which occurred Monday in the 1000 block of W. Etter.

Police have recovered much of the merchandise taken in the burglary. Someone also shot holes in a water heater door and tore up a window screen. Taken were a \$10 box of gum, a Kodak camera, a Buck knife, two cassettes, playing cards, B-Bs, a Nintendo adapter and black knife finger grooves. All but the gum were recovered.

Police are also investigating a burglary in the 200 block of W. Grant. \$215 worth of items were taken, including a radio-cassette machine and an alarm clock.

Former tenants of a house at NE Eighth and Halsell are being sought after they apparently took \$5,000 worth of sinks, windows, doors and other goods from the house.

A burglary was reported June 7 in the 300 block of SW Third. A stereo CD-cassette-radio unit and six CDs were taken.

Bicycles were taken in the past week from yards in the 600 block of NW Fifth, 300 block of W. Andrews and the 700 block of Cleveland. The bikes were each worth over \$100.

Police also investigated an assault Saturday afternoon in the 300 block of N. Broadway; a family violence episode in the 400 block of W. Grant; public intoxication in the 600 block of SW Fourth; someone leaving a local convenience store without paying for \$6.33 worth of gasoline; trespassing and evading arrest in the 100 block of NW 12th; a pickup was towed off after blocking the alley in the 200 block of NW 12th; and worthless checks were passed at local grocery stores.

Murder trial underway here

Testimony was scheduled to begin today (Thursday) in the trial of a Dimmitt woman accused of murdering her common-law husband last Oct. 30.

Martina Ramos is accused of stabbing her common-law husband, Edward D. Gonzales, 31, at about 1:10 a.m. at 603 E. Dulin in Dimmitt. The trial was scheduled to begin Wednesday with the empanelling of a jury in 242nd District Court.

Police reports said the couple had been arguing throughout the day on Friday, Oct. 29, and officers went to the house at least once to quell an argument. A call was placed to 911 at 1:10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, saying there was a fight at the house on Dulin. Three minutes later, a second call to 911 indicated there had been a stabbing.

When police and emergency care attendants arrived, Gonzales was lying on a love seat with the knife protruding from his chest. He was not breathing, and efforts to revive him weren't successful.

Four place at state meet

Three Castro County method demonstrations placed fourth at the State 4-H roundup, held June 6-10 at College Station.

Kalina Pohlmeier placed fourth with her food and nutrition educational activity method demonstration, while Tawnee Matthews and Cameron Lust were also fourth with their meat science method demonstration.

John Fuller was the ninth place high individual in horse judging.

Also competing were James Wilhite in entomology identification and the horse judging team of Fuller, Kodie Bagley and Coby Summers.

Qualifying 4-H'ers had to finish first or second in their district contest to qualify for the state competition. Over 2,000 4-H'ers from across Texas participated in the week-long competition.

Leaders attending the event were Scott and Suanne Bagley and Lucy Pohlmeier.

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LIFETIME LIONS—B. M. Nelson (left) and Joe Cowen (right) were inducted Tuesday as the Dimmitt Lions Club's first "Lifetime Members." Both were presented with certificates from Lions International by Boss Lion Mark Bruegel, and received a standing ovation from their fellow club members. Nelson has been a member of the local club since 1943 and Cowen has been a member since 1948. Both are former presidents of the

Dimmitt club, and helped the service organization found the Chamber of Commerce, build a community swimming pool, promote the city's first street-paving project, establish a hospital, finance the baseball parks and carry out many other civic projects through the years. Seated between them is fellow Lions Club member Ron Grubhke.

Photo by Don Nelson

Five attend state GOP convention

Five Castro County residents attended the state Republican Party Convention last weekend in Fort Worth.

Delegates Wayne and Darlene Collins and Deanne Clark, and alternates Ann Kern and Emma Jean King, joined over 5,000 other delegates in electing Tom Pauken of Dallas as the new state chairman. He replaces Fred Meyer, who is retiring. Susan Weddington, a lobbyist and conservative activist, is the new chairwoman.

The group heard from several candidates and officeholders, including George W. Bush, Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Phil Gramm, Commissioner of Agriculture Rick Perry, Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson, Marta Greytok, Carole Keeton Rylander, Tex Lezar and Teresa Doggett.

More about Rain . . .

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and northwest Dimmitt for about 15 minutes.

Small hail fell during the storm Friday, but didn't cause widespread damage.

Saturday night, storms moved into the city from the northwest and left a strip of devastating hail in their wake as they moved through the county. The storm ripped through Summerfield and Easter with blinding rain.

"You couldn't see anything, absolutely anything," Constable James Dobbs recalled Monday.

Lightning from the storm caused a fire on the Elbert Delozier farm eight miles north of Dimmitt. The fire threatened their house, but the wind changed direction and rain doused the flames before firefighters arrived.

Locals go to Demo state convention

The State Democratic Convention was held June 3-4 in Fort Worth and delegates and alternates from Castro County attended.

Harold Bob Bennett of Hart, a Democrat National Committeeman, attended, as did Castro County Democrat chairman Carole Dyer of Dimmitt.

Delegates included Don Kimbrell of Happy, and Don Newman, Lois Wales and Carl King, all of Dimmitt. Alternates were Carolyn Kimbrell and Colleen Newman.

The Castro County representatives attended the sessions of the convention, including the farm caucus. Don Kimbrell was elected president of the farm caucus.

State speaker of the House Pete Laney was in attendance. The gathering heard a speech by Gov. Ann Richards.

Richardson Elementary honors first graders

First grade students from Richardson Elementary were given awards for perfect attendance, citizenship, most improved and writing for the last six weeks. Students also received awards in honor roll and perfect attendance for the end of the year.

Feaster's Room Sixth six weeks

Perfect Attendance - Daniel Coleman, Chuckie Cruz, Matthew Larra, Meggie Lemons, Krystal Martinez, Mark Melendez, Kelly Reyes, Maribel Rivera, Albert Ruiz, Rudy Salinas, Roy Sanchez, Felisha Starling, Camille Vasquez, Jonathan Welch and Adam Zambrano.
Most Improved - Camille Vasquez.

Citizenship

- Jonathan Welch, Adam Zambrano, Willie Thomas, Maribel Rivera, Felisha Starling, Matthew Larra, Kelly Reyes, Chuckie Cruz, Albert Ruiz, Roy Sanchez and Meggie Lemons.
Writing - Meggie Lemons and Chuckie Cruz.

End of Year

Honor Roll - Chuckie Cruz, Matthew Larra, Meggie Lemons, Kelly Reyes, Rudy Salinas, Roy Sanchez, Felisha Starling, Jonathan Welch and Adam Zambrano.

Roberson's Room Sixth six weeks

Perfect Attendance - Jared Bell, Steven Caballero, Matthew Calderon, Lori Garza, Nicole Heard, Shawn Martinez, Maribel Montiel, Viktorya Navarro, Rigo Presas, Darrell Reyes and Stuart Sheffy.
Most Improved - Vicente Alvarez.

Citizenship

- Jared Bell, Shelley Burk, Steven Caballero, Jaime Cavazos, Lori Garza, Maribel Montiel, Viktorya Navarro, Layne Penney and Rigo Presas.
Writing - Shelley Burk, Lori Garza, Maribel Montiel, Viktorya Navarro and Layne Penney.

End of Year

Honor Roll - Shelley Burk, Maribel Montiel and Layne Penney.
Perfect Attendance - Steven Ca-

ballero, Nicole Heard, Darrell Reyes and Stuart Sheffy.

Keith's Room Sixth six weeks

Perfect Attendance - Kayla Acker, Robin Beames, Manuel Bentura, Apolonia Flores, Raul Melendez, Adam Mendoza, Jackie Ramirez, Ricky Reyes, Trisha Reyes, Jeremiah Sanchez and Michael Webb.

Most Improved - Martin Alvarez, Cory Back, Manuel Bentura, Jeremiah Sanchez and Michael Webb.

Citizenship - Kayla Acker, Robin Beames, Cindy Martinez, Jeremiah Sanchez and Michael Webb.

Writing - Apolonia Flores, Raul Melendez, Chris Perez and Ignacio Sifuentes.

End of Year

Honor Roll - Kayla Acker, Robin Beames, Apolonia Flores, Raul Melendez, Chris Perez, Jackie Ramirez and Ignacio Sifuentes.

Perfect Attendance - Robin Beames and Adam Mendoza.

Barretero's Room Sixth six weeks

Perfect Attendance - Jesus Alvarado, Carla Carpio, Jessica Delgado, David Diaz, Carlos Escamilla, Jose Lopez, Rosa Marrufo, Maria Quintana and Salud Rodriguez.
Most Improved - Rosa Maria Marrufo.

Citizenship - Jose Lopez, Rosa Marrufo, Christina Ramos, Joey Rodriguez, and Susana Ornelas.
Writing - Rosalinda Jaramillo and Joaquina Castaneda.

End of Year

Perfect Attendance - Jose Lopez and David Diaz.

Ponce's Room Sixth six weeks

Perfect Attendance - Carlos Chavez, Sonya Gonzales, Rolando Ontiveros, Kelly Ruiz, Alejandra Velasquez and Yadira Villalba.
Most Improved - Sonya Gonzales, Nayelli Reyes and Yvonne Sifuentes.

Citizenship - Liliana Aguilar, Jorge Arredondo, Carlos Chavez, Marisol Fuentes, Andrea Ortiz,

Yvonne Sifuentes and Alejandra Velasquez.

Writing - Liliana Aguilar, creative writing and Sonya Gonzales, handwriting.

End of Year

Honor Roll - Liliana Aguilar.

Myatt's Room Sixth six weeks

Perfect Attendance - Casey Alaniz, Raynee Bradley, Stephen Bueno, Angel Castillo, Ryan Miller, Callen Mixson, Jeremy Norman, Fabian Pena and Charley Saenz.

Most Improved - Angel Castillo, Chris Casas, Casey Alaniz, Casey Caballero and Jessica Perez.

Citizenship - Rosalia Saenz, Charley Saenz, Jeremy Norman, Callen Mixson, Ruby Espinosa, Orin Schulte and Estela Garcia.

Writing - Raynee Bradley, Orin Schulte, Callen Mixson, Charley Saenz and Jeremy Norman.

End of Year

Honor Roll - Raynee Bradley, Stephen Bueno, Chris Casas, Ryan Miller, Callen Mixson, Jeremy Norman, Charley Saenz, Rosalia Saenz and Orin Schulte.
Perfect Attendance - Raynee Bradley, Ryan Miller, Callen Mixson, Fabian Pena and Charley Saenz.

Matthews' Room Sixth six weeks

Perfect Attendance - Weldon Allison, Corrie Black, David Carter, Andy Garcia, Cody Lamer, Nyssa Martinez, Raul Olvera, Omar Pena, Javier Rodriguez, Amanda Rose and Elias Zepeda.
Most Improved - Corrie Black.

Citizenship - Weldon Allison, Corrie Black, David Carter, Angelica Lopez, Nyssa Martinez, April Morgan, Amanda Rose and Lesley Hinojosa.
Writing - Weldon Allison, Corrie Black, Cody Lamer, April Morgan and Elias Zepeda.

End of Year

Honor Roll - Corrie Black, Cody Lamer, Nyssa Martinez, April Morgan and Elias Zepeda.
Perfect Attendance - Raul Olvera.

More about

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be sent back to the States on a ship. They pulled me out and made me the troop commander of 600 or 700 enlisted men going back to Texas.

"I got back to (the States) with them, and they gave us a steak dinner. In about a day, they processed us and put us on a train. I signed for '1 each, Locomotive' and so many Pullman cars to put these men on.

"When we got to St. Louis, they assigned us to the back end of a

passenger train, and I turned in my locomotive and my Pullmans.

"Then when we got ready to go (the next morning), I didn't have but half of my men. They got drunk and everything else, and just didn't show up when it was time to leave.

"I sweated that out. I had all the records, but I didn't have the men. I didn't know what they'd do with me when we got to San Antonio. I thought they might put me in jail.

"When we got to San Antonio, I told the processing officer, 'I don't have but about half of my men.'

"And he said, 'That happens on every troop train — don't worry about it. All I'm interested in are the records. Just give them to me, and those guys will be in a day or two.'

"And sure enough, they all showed up eventually."

To those guys who had just won the war in Europe, I guess hitching a ride on the next troop train and catching up with their records in San Antonio was no big deal—especially when there was night life to be checked out in St. Louis!

Obituary

D.D. Crow

D.D. "Buster" Crow, 79, of Tulia, died Thursday.

Services were Saturday in First Baptist Church of Tulia with the Rev. Charles Davenport, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery by Wallace Funeral Home.

Mr. Crow was born in Castro County and lived in Swisher County all of his life. He married Opal Blair in 1947 at Dimmitt. He was a retired farmer and stockman, and horseman fore and last. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two nephews; and one niece.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society.

More about Board . . .

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The results of the NAPT showed local students in the third, fifth, ninth, 10th and 11th grades were just below the average American student in reading, while math students in the fifth grade were well below average. On the TAAS math test, third graders were in the 38th percentile and fifth graders were in the 29th percentile. Students in all grades performed well in the TAAS Reading test, with the lowest score in the fifth grade where students were in the 58th percentile. That means they were above the average student, which would be indicated by a score in the 50th percentile. TAAS writing scores were high, as were science and social studies scores.

"Our emphasis has been on reading and writing, and that emphasis is paying dividends," Miller told the board. "Now we want to hold our own in those areas and work on improving our math scores."

Miller said he is not a big believer in tests to assess students, "but that is what the state and everybody is going by, and that (improving test results) is what we'll do. I just don't believe this is the best way to evaluate students."

Dimmitt Middle School recognizes top students

Dimmitt Middle School released A honor roll lists and A/B honor roll lists for students in grades 4-6 for the sixth six weeks and the second semester. Students who earned this award are as follows:

SIXTH SIX WEEKS

FOURTH GRADE

A HONOR ROLL - Thomas Brockman, Brent Josselet, Jake Laurent, Chris Reynolds, Tanner Self, Sally Stahl, Kelsey Welch, Clifford Wright and Matthew Wright.

A/B HONOR ROLL - Lyndee Behrends, Deacon Buckley, Angela Cartwright, Teresa Flores, Jennifer Fuentes, Gabriel Garcia, Jose Garcia, Jason Harris, Ryan Hays, Sandra Jaramillo, Sharla Kenworthy, Kody Laurent, Melissa Maldonado, Eric Martinez, Saul Medrano, Georgia Mireles, Jessica Montes, Charley Nutt, Rae Odom, Alexis Proffitt, Jason Riggs, Stacy Saenz and Omar Torres.

FIFTH GRADE

A HONOR ROLL - Mary Bradley, Stephanie Casas, Laura Gil, Lisa Goode, B.J. Hill, Mandi Moore, Cherie Norman, Daniel Moore, Cherie Norman, Daniel Proffitt, Lori Schulte and Kylie Webb.

A/B HONOR ROLL - Georgina Arredondo, Heather Black, Casandra Casas, Eric Enriquez, Jeremy Furr, Olga Gonzales, Rachal Harman, Lyndsey Heard, Corey Lane, Marcus Larra, Karen Peralez, Pris-

cilla Peralta, Carmen Pineda, Amanda Rodriguez, Reyes Sandoval and Kristin Welch.

SIXTH GRADE

A HONOR ROLL - Ivan Flores, Larissa Fuentes, Holly Goode, Zackery Morgan, Michael Penney, Brittany Porter, Lupita Rodriguez and Felicia Sanchez.

A/B HONOR ROLL - Wendy Amador, Christie Bryan, Laura Cardona, Oscar Chavarria, Lilia Dominguez, Stephanie Flores, Shane Furr, Teresa Holguin, James Jackson, Vandon Jeter, Larissa Loudder, Taylor Matthews, Cameron McGowne, Sylvia Medrano, Julie Merritt, Scott Phipps, Randy Porter, Carol Summers, Justin Sutton, Ironica Traylor and Sonia Vasquez.

SECOND SEMESTER

FOURTH GRADE

A HONOR ROLL - Lyndee Behrends, Thomas Brockman, Jose Garcia, Ryan Hays, Brent Josselet, Jake Laurent, Melissa Maldonado, Charley Nutt, Rae Odom, Chris Reynolds, Tanner Self, Sally Stahl, Kelsey Welch and Cliff Wright.

A/B HONOR ROLL - Deacon Buckley, Angela Cartwright, Gabriel Garcia, Dana Gonzales, Adam Guzman, Jason Harris, Sandra Jaramillo, Sharla Kenworthy, Kody Laurent, Eric Martinez, Saul Medrano, Erika Mendoza, Georgia Mireles, Benny Pompa, Alexis Proffitt, Jason Riggs, Jennifer Robert-

son, Veronica Rodriguez, Stacy Saenz, Bianey Saucedo, Omar Torres and Matthew Wright.

FIFTH GRADE

A HONOR ROLL - Mary Bradley, Laura Gil, Lisa Goode, B.J. Hill, Mandi Moore, Cherie Norman, Daniel Proffitt, Lori Schulte and Kylie Webb.

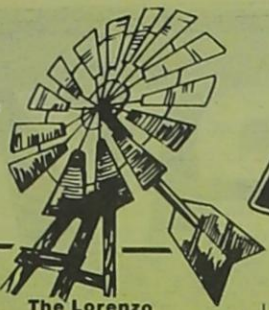
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SIXTH GRADE

A HONOR ROLL - Ivan Flores, Larissa Fuentes, Holly Goode, Van Jeter, Julie Merritt, Zackery Morgan, Michael Penney, Brittany Porter, Lupita Rodriguez and Felicia Sanchez.

A/B HONOR ROLL - Wendy Amador, Christie Bryan, Laura Cardona, Lilia Dominguez, Shane Furr, Maria Garcia, Teresa Holguin, James Jackson, Brenda Leal, Larissa Loudder, Taylor Matthews, Cameron McGowne, Sylvia Medrano, Myra Pena, Scott Phipps, Randy Porter, Samuel Prieto, Domingo Rodriguez, Keevin Sanders, Carol Summers, Justin Sutton and Ironica Traylor.

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Rick Bock, who flies for Horan Spraying of Plainview, shows interior controls of a Global Positioning System, installed on an Ag Tractor 502, that allows more accurate flight paths across fields than with conventional flagging.

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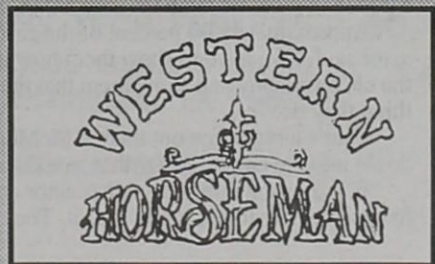
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In praise of 'Palo Duro'

CANYON — When Spanish Conquistadors entered Palo Duro canyon 450 years ago, they were the first white men ever to see it. Coronado gets credit for naming the canyon.

Palo means wood, duro means hard. He called it the canyon of hard woods. About one hundred years ago Charles Goodnight rode through the area, chased thousands of buffalo out of Palo Duro canyon and brought in over a thousand head of high grade cattle.

In 1876 Armstrong county was plotted, even though it only had 31 residents, most of them employees of the Goodnight ranch. Charles and Ann Goodnight became known as "Father and Mother of the Panhandle," since they established the first homestead and ranch in the area. The county seat of Armstrong county is Claude, named for a train engineer who pulled the first train into town. He asked that the town be named for him, since residents hadn't bothered to name the place before Claude arrived. At his request, he was brought back from his home in California to be buried in the Claude cemetery.

The first Post Office in Claude was established in 1888, with E. H. Trice as postmaster. Claude's main street is named in his honor. Several small communities sprang up in the county: Wayside, Washburn, Mulberry Flats, Fairview, Llano and Mount Pleasant. In 1965 Hollywood came to



Tumbleweed Smith

Claude to film the movie "Hud." Paramount Pictures opened an office near the Claude News and people from the county went there to apply for work as extras in the film. The town was called Vernal in the movie, which starred Paul Newman, Patricia Neal, Melvyn Douglass and Brandon DeWilde. In 1977 Hollywood came to Claude again to film "Christmas Sunshine." Perhaps the prettiest part of the Palo Duro is around Claude. The Tom Christian ranch provides a Cowboy Breakfast during the summer. For a small fee, you ride out to the canyon rim in a horse drawn wagon and enjoy the views while cowboys prepare eggs, meat and biscuits from a chuck wagon. Then you have as big a breakfast as you can eat.

Some visitors experience Claude and the cowboy breakfast while on their trip to attend the production of

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Foliar regulator in cotton tests

■ Natural spray said boosting cotton yields

By RON GOBLE

Freelance Writer

PLAINVIEW — A group of cotton farmers on the High Plains of Texas have been using a foliar spray

that produces claimed yield increases up to 30 percent and improvements in quality that brings them up to 5 cents more per pound for their lint.

The ability to hold the early squares set is a critical element of cotton growing in the High Plains region.

The cotton season here is just barely long enough to get a crop up and harvested before the season is over.

"Two applications of Symspray, a natural plant growth regulator material from Agro-K Corp., of Minneapolis, Minn., has certainly given my cotton crop a much needed boost in performance," said Cecil Richardson of Hale Center.

"Symspray stimulates the plant during normal periods of stress and gives foliage a dark green appearance after application. The material actually retards the breakdown of chlorophyll during periods of stress," reports Dr. Harry Rajamannan, president of Agro-K. "This allows for acceleration of nutrient absorption and aids the timely translocation of nutri-

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Jerry Settle will begin applying Symspray soon. So far, he says his 1994 cotton crop looks great.

South Plains

Ag News

June 17-18

EARTH RODEO — Annual event will also coincide with celebration of Earth's 70th birthday. Information is available by calling Noel Pittman or Jaci Garner at 257-2111 or 257-3365.

LEVELLAND CELEBRATION AND TRACTOR PARADE — Parade and celebration including old tractors. For information contact Preston Reeves. Day of celebrating and downtown parade.

SEAGRAVES REUNION — Day of fun and displays of old tractors as part of Seagraves Day events.

June 26-30

A&M SWINE INDUSTRY TOUR

Uncle Henry TEXAS

A profile of Dennis McMenemy . . .

By PHILLIP L. HAMILTON

Plainview Daily Herald

CANYON — In his role as Uncle Henry in the 29th season of the outdoor musical drama "TEXAS," Dennis McMenemy has some big boots to fill.

This is the second year McMenemy, who has lived in Plainview for several years, has played the principal role of Uncle Henry and the 11th year the actor/musician has been involved with the production playing nightly except Sundays through Aug. 20 at Palo Duro Canyon.

Dressed in sandals, shorts, a loose summer shirt and a pith helmet before a recent performance, the 39-year-old actor didn't look anything like his character — a stately cattle baron.

But as the sun began to go down, transforming the brilliant colors of the 600-foot canyon wall, McMenemy underwent a transformation too.

And by the time the music started and the six flags of Texas were flying over center stage — the equivalent of the curtain going up on a traditional stage — the actor had become Uncle Henry from his western-cut suit to his tall white cowboy hat and big boots.

"My boots are the biggest you have ever seen," McMenemy said. "The director has this thing about me being taller than Aunt Anna, so I have to wear these huge boots. They are like elevator boots."

But the boots McMenemy wears with the 80-member cast are even bigger. With the retirement of Jerry Williams at the end of last season after 26 seasons of playing Tucker Yelldell, McMenemy has become the senior cast member.

"Approximately 90 percent of the cast is new this year," the actor said. "We have to show them how it works. We help teach the choreography and show them that they have to project everything they do."

"That's a big space out there," McMenemy said as he looked down into the amphitheater that would soon be filled with people.

"If I say something to another actor on stage, 1,800 people have to be able to see it and hear it. They have to hear back there



Plainview actor as Uncle Henry . . .

in the corners. Everything has to be big — bigger than life."

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HENRY, from Pg

The biggest boots McMenemy has to fill may be with the audience. Uncle Henry is the narrator who tells the story of how the Texas Panhandle was settled. He must seem real with the audience as he takes them back to another time.

In a way it almost seems strange that McMenemy would be playing a role requiring him to wear boots. Before he moved to Texas in 1970, he probably hadn't seen a pair of boots.

"I wasn't born in Texas," he said. "I grew up in St. Louis. I was a city boy. I didn't move to the Panhandle until 1978."

But the boots fit well. McMenemy's interest in theater began as a child. He auditioned for his first part in 1968 - two years before moving to Texas.

"I was 14 years old and it was a junior high school show," he recalled.

The experience increased his desire to be seen on stage.

"I just kept it up through school and then in college," he said. "It's a love first and employment sec-

ond." While attending four different universities, McMenemy began doing dinner theater. He also began playing banjo and guitar in country, bluegrass and gospel band and made his first appearance in "TEXAS."

In the 1980s, the actor was seen in dinner theater production across the nation, but he maintained his local ties to the Panhandle by returning to "TEXAS" every summer.

"I think I've played every role except Calvin," McMenemy said.

After playing an old Indian for several seasons, the actor became the understudy for Williams' role as Tucker Yelldell.

"I always thought someday I'd be playing Tucker, but here I am playing Uncle Henry," he said.

After doing 60-plus performances every summer for a number of years, McMenemy began to experience burnout. Rather than walk away from the show, he decided to do something different.

"In 1990 I ask them to put me in the orchestra playing my banjo,"

he said. So for a couple of years he used his musical ability in "TEXAS" instead of his acting talents.

Last year, McMenemy decided he needed to move on to something new. So, when he was asked to sign on for another year, he declined the invitation.

"I was even thinking about leaving Plainview," he said.

But just a few weeks into the 28th season, Gene Murray, who had played Uncle Henry for years, became ill. The show's producers called on McMenemy to take over the role.

"I decided to do it," he said.

And as he begins his second season as Uncle Henry he's become comfortable in the high-profile role by realizing he doesn't have to be and really shouldn't try to be Murray.

"I have to do it my way and not try to be like him," he said. "When I try to be like him it doesn't work. I have to create Uncle Henry my way."

McMenemy says he enjoys bringing out the human quality in his character.

"He's a kind-hearted

man but it hurts him to see the railroad cutting through his land," he said. "Through the show he softens. And it's a happy ending."

The actor was hard-pressed to answer when asked what he doesn't like about his character.

"That's a good question - a difficult question," he said, giving him time to think. "I guess I don't like his cockiness at the beginning of the show. But it's just an act."

McMenemy stopped to think again.

"I guess there is nothing I don't like about him. He's standing up for what he believes."

And McMenemy is trying to do the same with his own life. What he believes in is the future of theater and he's doing something to help preserve it.

Last year he returned to Wayland Baptist University to secure his teaching certificate. And when "TEXAS" closes in August, he will begin teaching drama in Pampa.

It's a new role for McMenemy, but one he looks forward to with great anticipation.

"I've gone to school and done the practical.

Now I'm ready to settle down and teach," he said. "Most people don't get to do that. They go to school and then start teaching without ever getting that practical experience."

Just because he'll be in a new role, don't expect McMenemy to give up acting.

"I'd go crazy in the summer without anything to do," he said. "That's my personality. I have to be doing something."

Does that mean he'll continue to be involved in "TEXAS?"

"It's a possibility," he said. "Toward the end of the season, after doing more than 60 performances, you begin to wonder if you really want to come back and do it again."

He paused to think again.

"I might do Uncle Henry for many years if they will have me," he said.

About an hour later a man in a western-cut suit, cowboy hat and big boots walks to center stage.

It's not McMenemy.

It's Uncle Henry.

The actor fills those big boots for the next two hours.

TEXAS Facts

HISTORY - "TEXAS" was the idea of Margaret Harper and Bill and Margaret Moore. In 1960, Harper came across an article in "Reader's Digest" titled "As Big As All Outdoors" about Paul Green and his outdoor dramas. Harper wrote to Green and enticed him to Palo Duro Canyon, where she convinced him to write "TEXAS." Then, she spent the next five years raising funds to construct the theater in the canyon. "TEXAS" opened in 1966 with the Moores serving as the first directors.

PRODUCERS - The self-supporting show is produced by the non-profit Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation Inc. "TEXAS" revenue comes from ticket, souvenir, barbecue, concession and program sales.

CAST - The 80 salaried performers are selected from auditions held each winter in six major cities across the Southwest.

CREW - 60 people are employed as technicians, costumers and hospitality crew members.

AUDIENCE - More than 2.3 million people have seen "TEXAS" since 1966. More than 100,000 visitors travel from every state and more than 100 foreign countries to see the show each season.

WEATHER - Summer nights in the Canyon are usually cool. An average of less than two performances are canceled due to rain each year.

BARBECUE - For an additional charge, dinner is served from 6-8 p.m.

TICKETS - Available at First National Bank of Plainview or by calling 1-806-655-2181. Discounts are available for groups of 20 or more. Prices range from \$6 to \$14 for adults.

CURTAIN TIME - "TEXAS" is presented at 8:30 p.m., Monday-Saturday, through Aug. 20.

PARKING - Paved parking is available in the canyon within a short walking distance from the theater. Handicapped parking is available. Admission to Palo Duro Canyon is free after 5:30 p.m. for person attending "TEXAS."

PATIO ENTERTAINMENT - Two groups take the patio stage from 6-8 p.m. this year. Monday through Thursday Tisra Til performs, while The Prairie Dogs perform Friday and Saturday.

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The foliar treatments must be made when the plants are setting pinhead squares and then again in 10 to 14 days, says Larry Lance of HyTech Fertilizer in Plainview. The second application must be applied no later than 14 days after the first.

"Timing is very important for the material to do what it is supposed to do," Lance said. "The cost per application is only \$5 per acre broadcast, or \$3.33 per acre when banded over the row."

Jerry Settle, 48, an Edmonson farmer, planted Paymaster 145 and HS 26. His Paymaster 145 showed production gains of 17 percent over his non-treated acreage. The HS 26 showed about 5 percent increase when compared to acreage treated with the growth regulator PIX.

Settle, a cotton grower in Texas for more than 25 years, planted two 20-acre blocks of both varieties. Half of

each variety was treated with Symspray and half went untreated.

"Last year was my second season using Symspray," Settle said. "I make two applications, 14 days apart at one gallon per 20 acres. The first application is made when the plants are just beginning to square and when I can see some small blooms beginning to push."

This year, Settle is farming 800 acres all together. About 350 is in cotton and the rest planted to corn, soybeans or wheat. "Normally, we plant cotton in early May. We try to get a head start on fruit set. That's where we find our extra pounds," he said.

Richardson grows 75 acres of cotton. Last year he planted Paymaster 505, Cab CS and Paymaster 200. He saw a 24 percent overall improvement in his cotton. He harvested 2 bales per acre where he treated the plants with the foliar Symspray and 1.5 bales on the acreage that he didn't treat.

"I timed my first

foliar application just as the pinhead squares started coming on. The second application was 14 days later. Both applications were made at rates of 1 gallon per 30 acres," Richardson said.

"Not only did I see good yield increases, but the quality improved as well," said Richardson. "His treated cotton brought a 5-cent per pound bonus at the gin."

John J. Young of Halfway tested Symspray on half of his 100-acre cotton field located about 15 miles west of Plainview. He treated 50 acres of Paymaster 145 and Paymaster HS 200 with Symspray and left 50 acres as a control. At harvest time, the half he had treated produced 250 pounds per acre more than the control.

"I applied my first treatment at first square and the second 14 days later," Young said, who has been farming cotton for 10 years. "My grades and strength were exceptional with premium

mic readings of 3.5 to 4.5 and strength of 29.5."

Royce Carthel is farming about 2,000 acres this year, which includes 500 acres of cotton. "I observed the treated plants produced shorter stalks with more blooms and more fruit. The plants were fuller and yielded 50-60 pounds more per acre," Carthel said.

Last year he had 500 acres of Paymaster 145 and HS 200, short staple, Upland cotton.

"Since we barely have time to make a crop in the High Plains, setting and holding the early fruit is of great importance. The foliar spray helps us do that," the 55-year-old Carthel said. "What we really need is another 10 days of growing season, but being on the northern edge of the cotton-growing region means that we must be more efficient."

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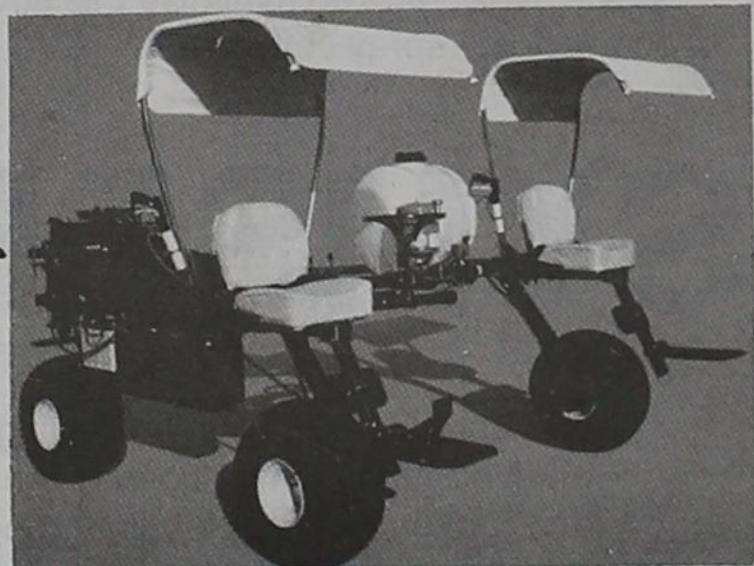
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Helium capital worrying about future going up in air

By ROY BRAGG

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AMARILLO— Take the Alamo from San Antonio, and it's no longer the Alamo City.

Take the statehouse from Austin, and it's not Texas' Capitol City.

So what happens if there's no helium left in "The Helium Capital of the World?"

That's the worry in Amarillo as Congress eyes legislation to close the 65-year-old, government-run Excell helium refinery and selling off the 32 billion cubic feet of stored helium nearby.

Not surprisingly, it's an unpopular notion — 300 jobs are at stake.

"That's a large number of jobs anywhere, but it'd have a bigger impact here than it

would in Dallas," said Tom Patterson, Amarillo Chamber of Commerce president.

But there's also a civic attachment to the facility.

"We do look to (the helium plant)," said Patterson. "We look with pride to it. It's one of the old fixtures here. It's one of us."

There's even a tourist attraction — a Helium Monument made up of four time capsules — in the middle of town.

But critics call the government helium plant a pork barrel project, saying private refiners can produce the gas more cheaply.

"Those are not competitive jobs," said Carl Johnson, head of the Arlington, Va.-based Helium Advisory

Council, an industry group pushing to end the government's involvement in the business. "You can prop them up for a while, but if it's not economically feasible, the jobs will go. That's what's happening (in Amarillo)."

Legislation pending before the House Energy and Mineral Resources subcommittee goes a step beyond what Johnson would like — it proposes reducing the helium stockpile to 600 million cubic feet by 2015 and using those proceeds to pay off the \$1.3 billion dollar debt incurred in building up the 100-year stockpile of gas.

Rep. Richard Lehman, D-Calif., is the sponsor of the bill.

Supporters of the

Excell helium refinery say that whole idea is nuts — the federal government has finally found something it does well and now it wants to bail out.

Rep. Bill Sarpalius, D-Amarillo, said the billion-dollar deficit is a mirage and represents only a paper transaction between two government agencies that could be forgiven with no effect on the nation's national debt.

Take it away, and the helium plant, which posts a \$9 million annual profit, could pay off the government's original \$252 million investment in a few years, the congressman said.

The lighter-than-air element is most famous for its use in filling balloons, blimps and dirigi-

bles. Pranksters also inhale it to alter their voices, although manufacturers say it's a deadly practice since too much can cause asphyxiation.

Because it has a low freezing temperature, it's used in hospitals to super-cool magnetic-resonance imaging equipment, Johnson said. Helium is also used in manufacturing fiberoptic cables, detecting leaks in manufactured products and in arc welding.

In its raw state, it's found mixed with natural gas in vast, underground pockets, said Bill Moore, an official with the government facility. Unless precautions are made to capture it, helium simply floats away when natural gas is

processed and burned. The gas field that stretches from the Texas Panhandle, through the Oklahoma Panhandle and into southern Kansas is rich in helium, and that's how Amarillo got to be the helium capital.

Helium production here dates back to 1929, when it was a government monopoly. In 1960, Congress enacted a law to buy as much helium as possible and store it for future strategic use in scientific projects and defense research. The same law was also intended to start a private helium industry.

Between 1961 and 1973, the government bought 38 billion cubic feet of helium and stored it in a dormant natural gas field near here.

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power needed in the labor-intensive job of ground flagging, says Roger Horan, among the first spray service owners in the Panhandle to install it.

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exactly the width of his spray pattern (about 73 feet) without overlapping — hence a near perfect spray path.

"I just don't know how we ever got along without it," claims Horan, who has worked in the spraying industry here for 36 years — most of it spraying the old-fashioned way.

"We used to utilize flagmen and hand signals to do the guidance manually," he explained.

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"At the end of the day, we can print out a record of each spray session, in fact each pass along the field, on a computer disk.

"It shows every field we sprayed," Horan said. "This is furnished to the farmer for his records."

Horan first saw a gps flight system in action a couple of years ago when he was involved in spray contracting for the Boll Weevil Eradication or Diapause program, which protects cotton farmers in the Rolling Plains area off the Caprock.

His lead pilot, Rick Bock, sprayed for that program and became thoroughly familiar with the SatLoc system, which Horan recently

purchased from the same Arizona firm which equipped planes for the Diapause program based in Jayton.

Bock now uses SatLoc daily.

In 1992, Horan's plane was equipped with a prototype of the current system. The system has been upgraded since then, a number of manufacturers have introduced one and the price has become more competitive.

Horan estimates he can already say the SatLoc equipment allows him to do 25 percent more work than before, based on time savings and efficiency.

Horan will be able to print out each flight path to scale on a clear plastic sheet. He has

ordered maps for the area, to which the overlays can be applied.

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"Texas" in the Palo Duro Canyon State Park. This year marks the 29th season for the stage presentation, which is a romantic musical about panhandle history.

It is the most attended outdoor musical in the state. Indians perch on rocks, cowboys ride the range, even a train lumbers across the terrain.

The latest sound and light technologies are used to provide realism in the prairie fire and thunderstorm sequences. The season

runs from June 8 to August 20, nightly except Sundays. Ticket prices range from 3 to 14 dollars. Reservations (806/655-2181) are recommended. When and if you go to the Palo Duro, try not to be in a hurry.

There are some beautiful and fascinating formations to see and the overall views in the 110 mile long canyon make you think about what has gone before.

(Tumbleweed Smith is Big Spring-based writer and broadcaster Bob Lewis.)

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A heavily landscaped yard, or one with a good deal of concrete or hefty tree roots, will also limit your options and make the job more difficult.

To determine water pressure, you can call your local water company. A more precise method is to measure the pressure at an outside faucet. To help you judge the capacity of your water supply, sprinkler system companies, such as Lawn Genie, offer a worksheet that includes a formula to determine how much water your system delivers in gallons per minute.

No matter what your delivery capacity at the meter, however, it's important to know that friction will reduce the output somewhat. Every fitting, turn and length

of pipe will subtract from the raw total, and you may have to upsize the piping that supplies the sprinkler system to achieve appropriate flow rates.

Plan your sprinkler system to begin inside the house, as near the water meter as possible, and exit the house through the rim joist directly above a basement wall. Just outside, you need a code-approved vacuum breaker to protect the potable water system from contaminants.

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To ensure proper flow at the sprinkler heads and uniform coverage, you can send your layout

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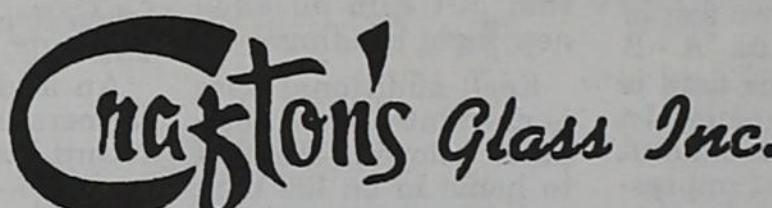
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"Accidents involving farm tractors of all sizes and brands claimed over

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accidents and fatalities rural America experiences each year."

These PSA's address three of the most common types of accidents involving farm tractors: runovers, overturns, and pto (power takeoff) driveline entanglements. Although John Deere tractors are shown in the announcements, the information on safe operation is appropriate for all tractor brands.

One of the PSA's focuses on resisting the temptation to let children (or anyone else) ride along on a tractor designed for only one person — the operator. A rider who falls from a moving tractor could experience a serious injury — or worse.

A second announcement warns farmers about the danger of attempting to bypass the normal procedure for starting a tractor. Bypass starting by

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The third PSA provides several safety reminders for tractor owners and operators. These safety messages include equipping older tractors with a ROPS (rollover protective structure) to help protect the operator should a rollover occur, wearing a seat belt with a ROPS-equipped tractor, keeping all pto and driveline guards in place and in good condition, and using proper lights, reflectors, and a slow-moving vehicle (SMV) emblem when traveling on roads.

More information about John Deere safety materials is available by writing Deere & Company, John Deere Road, Moline, Illinois 61265.

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During its 62nd anniversary celebration, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo:

- Recorded a total draw of 1,616,113 for general attendance, surpassing last year's total of 1,568,266 by 3.1 percent.

- Set a rodeo attendance record of 985,871, surpassing 1993's rodeo attendance of 973,318 by 1.3 percent. Six of the 18 rodeo performances set individual performance records.

- Established six world record auction sales marks - \$113,000 for the reserve grand champion steer; \$110,000 for the grand champion lamb; \$80,000 for the grand champion barrow; \$66,000 for the grand champion turkey; \$42,000 for the reserve grand champion lamb; and \$40,000 for the reserve grand champion barrow.

- Offered the Friday, March 4, rodeo performance on pay-per-view cable television throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and southern New Mexico. The telecast included a full length concert featuring Mark Chesnut, Tracy Byrd and Doug Supernaw.

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New ultrasound plan has promise for meat industry

COLLEGE STATION -- The meat industry's constant quest for tenderness could benefit with just a touch, says a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station scientist working with a promising automatic meat-grading technology.

The "touch" is elastography, a new form of ultrasonic measurement developed for the medical field. It could also have important implications for beef, pork and poultry producers, according to Dr. Rhonda Miller of Texas A&M University's animal science department.

Elastography compares standard ultrasonic readings with ultrasonic readings taken when meat, or any other tissue, is very slightly compressed. As Miller puts it, "It's very light compression -- really, no more than just a touch."

Miller, a meat science specialist, has been working for a number of years with the use of ultrasound to measure the amount of fat in meat and its relation to tenderness. The beef industry in particular has sought methods to replace human visual evaluation of carcasses because it can be inconsistent and relatively slow. Beef consumer also are demanding leaner products that still have the taste and

texture that fat, especially the intramuscular fat known as marbling, gives to meat.

Ultrasonic waves have been considered because they are useful for identifying the presence of tissues that vary in composition from surrounding tissues. Ultrasonic signals bounce off various meat components -- such as muscle, fat or connective tissue -- at different rates.

However, standard ultrasound technology cannot detect differences in meat components because it is not sensitive enough. Compressing the meat slightly allows for obtaining a second image. By measuring differences between the first and second ultrasound pictures, tissue softness and hardness can be determined. A team of experiment station researchers hopes to find how to automatically determine meat grades and tenderness by using this method, Miller said.

The technology was developed by Jonathan Ophir of the radiology department at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. Ophir invented the technique for such medical purposes as gauging the size of tumors -- which generally are harder than surrounding tissues -- or the extent of liver disease.

Ophir came up with a method by which different readings from non-compressed and compressed tissues could be mathematically related. The readings can be presented both numerically and as digitized images that reflect proportions of various tissues.

Shortly after developing the 3-year-old technology, Ophir served on a review panel for the National Cattlemen's Association, which was evaluating proposals for automated meat grading systems.

Miller, with fellow researcher Dr. Dale Whittaker and others, had submitted a paper on ultrasound grading. "Jonathan is very interested in having elastography used in any industry where it can be beneficial, so he called us," Miller said.

Ophir is now one of four principal investigators on the elastographic

meat grading project. The others are Whittaker, who is an associate professor of agricultural engineering at Texas A&M, and Dr. Dan Hale, a meat specialist in animal science with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Miller said the team is still working on which of 14 different mathematical approaches to comparing structure within an elastography image works best in providing a clear picture of where meat is fatty and where it's not, among other things. The team must examine a large number of variables, from levels of meat marbling to how tender the meat is, and from location of connective tissue or tissue injuries that affect meat quality.

Each mathematical approach works differently depending on the size of the area being analyzed ultrasonically.

The researchers must correlate readings from each approach with the size of the area analyzed. They also compare their elastographic data with actual sensory-panel data from human evaluators of the same met, as well as chemical and other evaluations of the meat.

Once they work out which approach or approaches provide the most useful and accurate readings, they hope to develop a prototype elastographic machine that can quickly analyze beef quality and tenderness. They envision a machine with arms that grasp and stabilize carcasses on a processing line. An ultrasonic transducer, attached to a plate that compresses the meat, would take readings from the carcass.


The 1 percent compression rate is so light and so fast that both compressed and non-

compressed readings are taken in a fraction of a second, Miller said.

The prototype probably will not be able to handle the standard 400 carcasses per hour that move through a beef plant line, Miller said, but added, "The engineers assure us that will not be a problem later."

The prototype should be finished and on-line by the end of 1994. Major funding for the project comes from the Texas Advanced Technology Program, a state-funded research program that attempts to join public and private research efforts with commercial potential. A private Texas company is also involved in the project.

The potential for elastography is enormous in the meats industry, including poultry and pork processors, Miller said.



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