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Could be ready in August

Contel installing new system

Prompted by a brow-beating administered by the Dimmitt City Board of Aldermen last year, Contel of Texas has started work on a \$1 million-plus digital switching system that could service all Contel-telephone users before Sept. 1.

Contel of Texas President William Hegman had promised city officials the company would investigate the possibility of moving the company's schedule ahead by about three years and attempt to install a digital system in Dimmitt. The system will also handle calls in Hart and Nazareth plus many rural telephone customers.

The schedule has been moved forward, while the cost has been lowered from the \$3 million estimate given by Hegman to the city aldermen last October. The digital

switch, manufactured and installed by Stromberg-Carlson, the same company who built the current mechanical switch, should be ready for testing in June, with complete cut-over to the system slated for late August.

"We will cut the entire system over at one time," said local Contel Manager Johnny Ethridge. "We will test every number before we switch over to the new system, and the testing will probably take two months."

Ethridge said the cut-over will "take about three or four hours, and we will do that at night so we have a minimum of disruption for our customers."

The switching will consist of unwiring a customer from the current mechanical switch and plugging in a module in the

new switch.

"Every private line customer will have an individual module in the switch, and, for four-party lines, each of the four lines will share one module," Ethridge said. The capacity of the switch, when it is completed, will be 2,334 lines for Dimmitt (there are currently 2,178 lines), 630 lines for Hart (current, 538 lines) and 360 lines for Nazareth (currently, there are 260 "945" lines). "If there is enough demand we will add more lines."

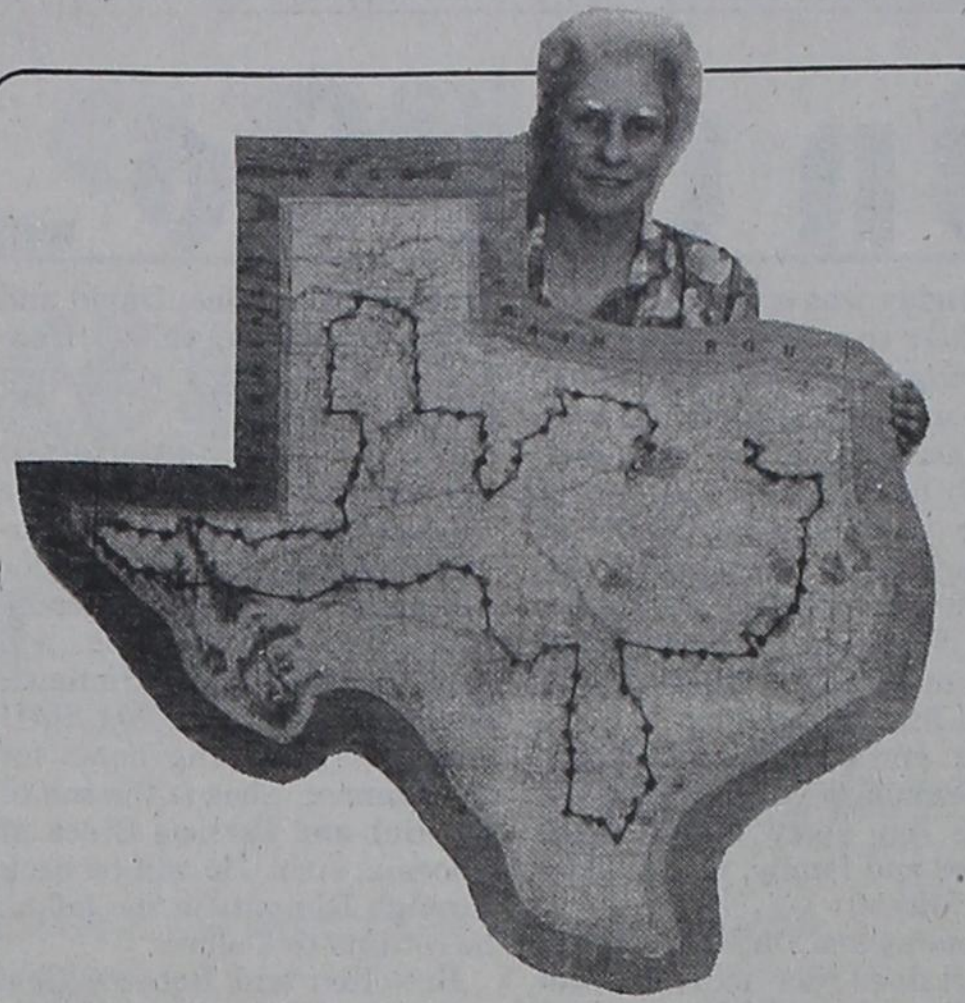
"We will also have new services available with the digital switch. There will be 300 3-way lines, and 1,000 lines for speed calling, call forwarding and call waiting. The entire system will be 100% touch-tone."

Ethridge and Dewey Peterson, Stromberg-Carlson central

office installer from Yuba City, Calif., said problems with the current system will be easier to spot and fix in the future.

"Every customer in the system is included in this computer disc," Peterson said while pointing to a record-album sized cassette. "The system will run its own trouble-shooting program and will provide us with a printout of any numbers or any part of the system that may have a problem."

"We should see a big decrease in the number of complaints and problems once we have our new system in operation," Ethridge said. Ethridge indicated Contel employees would begin dismantling the 20-year-old mechanical switch as soon as the digital switch is in operation.



TEENY BOWDEN of the Castro County Historical Commission holds the newest addition to the collection at the county museum—a complete, accurate map of the Texas Wagon Train. Lon Woodburn cut the Texas plaque from plywood and mounted a state map before giving it a mar-proof finish. Bowden traced the wagon train route with red yarn and marked each stop with red and blue map pins. A schedule for the wagon train will be mounted to the back for future reference.

Wagon Train rolls north

The Texas Sesquicentennial Wagon Train was scheduled to pull out of Dimmitt at 8 a.m. Thursday, traveling to Hereford as it winds its way on a 3,300-mile trip that will end in Fort Worth July 3.

The wagon train, sporting over 40 wagons, was earlier expected in the city at about 4:30 p.m., but Monday the schedule was changed, with the wagon train to roll into Dimmitt at about 3:45 Wednesday afternoon for its daily stop. Activities, which were set to begin at 5:30 Wednesday afternoon at the campsite between Dimmitt High School and the First Baptist Church, included a Mexican Fiesta supper, served for \$3 per plate with preparations made for up to 3,000 people; a "circuit ridin' preacher" and The Singing Farmers from Hart, sponsored by the Castro County Ministerial Alliance; "The Life and Times of Mr. Goose," performed by the Harvest Days Players; a square dance exhibition by the Dimmitt Kurlie Q's; country music provided by Jimmie Ray Davis of Hart; and welcoming ceremonies and awards for the best wagon and the youngest and oldest wagon train riders.

Activities involving the county in the wagon train began as soon as the wagon train entered Castro County from Springlake on US 385 Wednesday morning, with members of the Nazareth Senior Citizens providing fruit for the wagon drivers, outriders and others at the noon lunch break at the intersection of US 385 and FM 145.

The wagons were met south of the city by members of the Dimmitt Dynamos, who provided route maps and programs for the night's activities.

The wagon train was also presented with sesquicentennial bandanas purchased by the Lions clubs in Dimmitt, Hart, Nazareth, Easter and Sunnyside, and a copy of the *News*. Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins presented the wagon train with the keys to the city.

John Levacy of the Lubbock sectional center of the United States Postal Service was scheduled to present a sheet of commemorative postage stamps to one of the wagons on the train, while the local post office was kept busy Wednesday with special cancellations of mail in conjunction with the arrival of the wagons in Dimmitt.

"We have had requests from 27 states and Belgium for the special cancellations," said local Postmaster Bill Sava. "We have over 1,000 cancellation requests, and requests from as far away as Maine and Rhode Island." Sava said only mail that was specifically requested to be specially cancelled would receive the special stamp.

Organizations and businesses also helping with the activities include the VFW Auxiliary, Castro 4-H, Extension Homemakers, Rotary, Kiwanis, Alpha Epsilon Tau, Dimmitt Young Homemakers, Rebekahs, American Fructose, Castro County Peace Officers Assoc., Civil Air Patrol, Dimmitt Agri Industries, Contel, Dimmitt Senior Citizens, Chi Psi, Catholic Daughters Society, Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept. Auxiliary, WIFE, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Other activities Wednesday were to include booths set up by the DHS Student Council at the football practice field and a downtown balloon launch by the DHS Interact Club as the wagon train came through the city.

"The City of Dimmitt and Dimmitt Independent School District have been fantastic in their cooperation with all of the efforts, and so have all of the members of the Sesquicentennial Committee," said Chamber Manager Delores Heller.

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By Don Nelson

To our fellow Texans aboard the Wagon Train and all our other visitors during this special Sesquicentennial event: Welcome to Castro County!

We all hope our welcoming party here in Dimmitt will be remembered as one of the best you had anywhere.

You're in the "newest" part of Texas—the fabled Llano Estacado, a vast tableland that's as old as the Glacier Age, which formed it, and as new as the windmill, which was necessary for settling it.

Our land got its name (Spanish for "Staked Plains") because the first explorers had to stake their routes as they went so they could find their way back without getting lost in its endless flatness. Members of Coronado's expedition in 1541 noted that this land was "as bare of landmarks as if we were surrounded by a sea."

When Houston defeated Santa Anna at San Jacinto and forced the Mexican leader to grant Texas its independence 150 years ago, the Llano Estacado lay undeveloped—indeed, almost uninhabited. It

would remain so for almost half a century after Texas independence.

Ours was the last—and toughest—region of our great state to be settled, because there was no readily available supply of fuel or water. The first few to try settling here failed. The first to succeed was J. W. Carter, a cattleman who knew how to put his act together. He and his family had the county to themselves until 1890.

Our county was organized in 1891, with the names of some of Mr. Carter's horses used on the petition to finish out the required 150 signatures.

Growth was slow during the first few decades, with cattle, dryland wheat, kafir corn and life-sustaining gardens as the main crops.

You'll meet people during your day in Castro County who broke out the prairie here with horses, mules and breaking plows. These pioneers have witnessed—and helped bring about—a phenomenal agricultural boom in the span of a lifetime.

This revolution in agriculture stemmed from the discovery and tapping of the Ogallala Aquifer, an underground water formation as big as the state of California.

With irrigation, our farmers have coaxed dozens of crops to flourish in our sandy loam soil—wheat, corn, milo, triticale, cotton, alfalfa, cabbage, lettuce, onions, potatoes, carrots, melons, sugarbeets, cucumbers, pecans, Holland

DISD adopts ladder policy

Without much fanfare, the Dimmitt School Board approved the selection of 46 DISD teachers to the career ladder for the 1985-86 school year based solely upon their education and teaching experience in the district.

Last year, the board adopted a more controversial stance, declaring that any teacher placed on Level II of the career ladder (thereby receiving a \$1,500 bonus) must have all "A's" on their evaluation

report. At least one teacher left the district because of the action, while others, while disgruntled, accepted the move.

Beginning in the 1986-87 school year, teachers will be placed on the career ladder according to standardized scores compiled from the district's new evaluation forms. The old system has been discarded, with teachers now being evaluated by at least two dif-

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Birkenfeld captures first at state meet

Alan Birkenfeld, son of Herman and Marilyn Birkenfeld of Nazareth finished first in Editorial Writing at the University Interscholastic League Academic and Literary state meet held in Austin Friday and Saturday.

Birkenfeld, a junior at Nazareth High School qualified for the state meet by finishing first in Regional Competition.

Russell Acker, son of Jerry and Judy Acker of Nazareth finished fifth in Informative Speaking after qualifying with a first place finish at Regional.

Acker is a sophomore at NHS.

Annette Schmucker, a senior at NHS, qualified for state with a first place win in Feature Writing at Regional,



Alan Birkenfeld

but did not place in the top six finishers at the state meet.

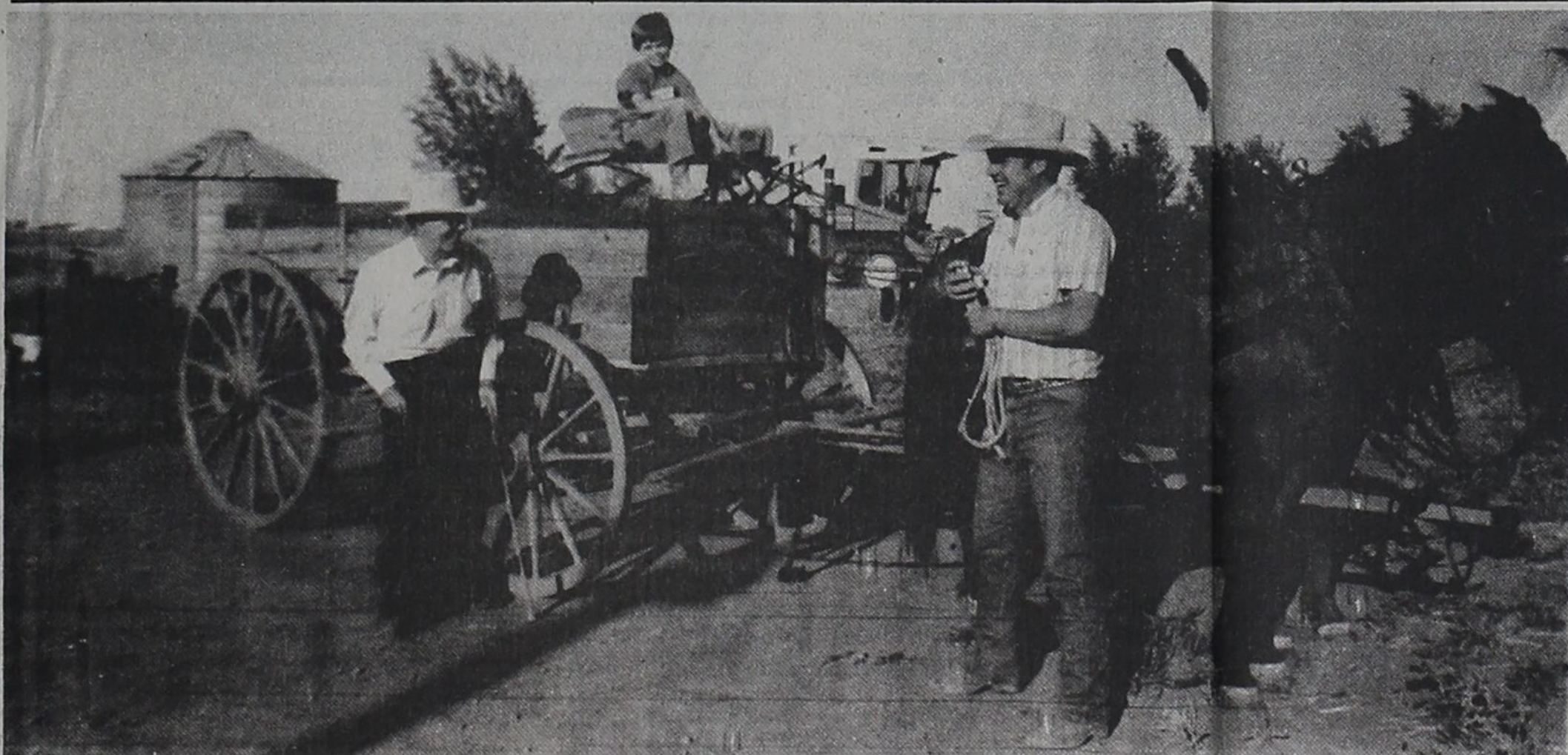
Schmucker is the daughter of Dan and Ethel Schmucker of Nazareth.

Weather

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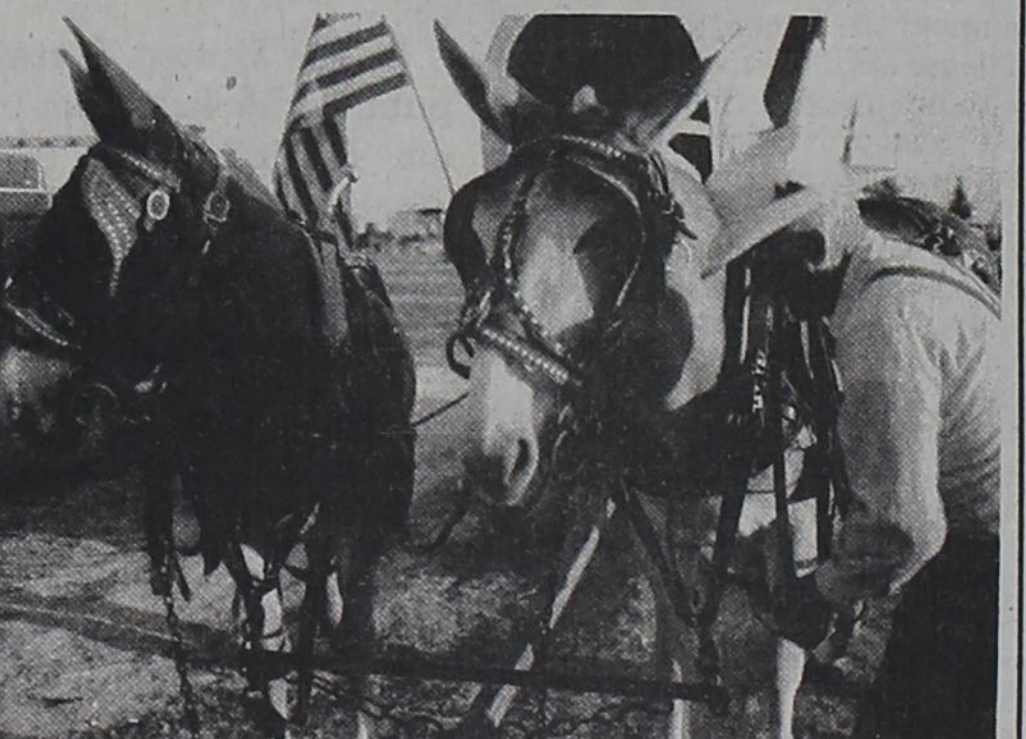
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| May Moisture |22 | | |
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LOADING UP—Raymond Annen (left), Cody Annen (on wagon) and Marvin Schulte make some last-minute checks on their wagon before taking off for Springlake Monday to join the Texas Sesquicentennial Wagon Train. Michael Schacher did most of the work on the rebuilding, while Schulte and Raymond Annen were

"technical advisors." Schulte said about 300 hours of work had been put into rebuilding the wagon. Most of the original wagon parts, including the wheels, were purchased by Schulte from Lynn Ehly.



HITCHIN' UP—Glyn Pearce, who drives the WBAP wagon on the Texas Wagon Train, gets ready for another day on the road during the train's 3,300-mile trip around Texas. Glyn's wagon was the fifth in line as the train rolled into Dimmitt Wednesday afternoon. Wagons began arriving in Dimmitt as early as Monday, and at least two local wagons, driven by Marvin Schulte and Edgar Dennis, were expected to join the wagon train on the odyssey that will end in Fort Worth July 3.

On the Go

with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Sunday was a pretty day for mothers to celebrate their day!

Madge Robb entertained her two sons and their families on Mother's Day: Ted and Jean Robb of Dimmitt and two of their children, Jan Robb of Amarillo and Larry and Tammy Robb and children, Trinity and Trey, of Nazareth, and Don and Sandra Robb came in from Idalou.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Heller of Plainview were guests of their son Jerry and Delores Heller and family, Craig, Coby and Mitzie.

Tommy and Darlene Stanton entertained his mother from Shallowater and his aunt and uncle on Mother's Day.

Charles and Mary Pitts from Amarillo were guests of his mother, Ruby Ramsey, and of course the other Dimmitt relatives, C.A. and Oleada Hance, T.D. and Phoebe Claborn, and Martha Isaacs, came by for a visit.

Morgan and Geneva Dennis invited their son and family in for Sunday dinner on Mother's Day. Edgar and Betty Dennis and their daughter Connie and Coby Gilbreath, enjoyed the day.

Teresa Lantz came in from Lubbock to honor her mother, Carol Lantz, on Mother's Day, as well as to visit with her dad, John Lantz. Teresa is employed at Texas Tech in the School Business Computer programming, working for three school deans.

On Sunday Teresa and Carol Lantz drove to Tulia with Genell Craig and Louise Mears for lunch. While they were in Tulia they saw Frank and Jane Pollard from Jackson, Miss. They were visiting Jane's sister. Frank Pollard was pastor at FBC several years ago.

Bobby and Wanda Murdock took her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Felder from Hart, to Sunray to visit W. H. Felder, Jr. and his family. Their niece, Teresa Chastian and boys, Shawn and Dereck, from Dumas, were there to enjoy the day with relatives. On their return Sunday afternoon they stopped in Amarillo to visit their daughter, Debbie Murdock.

Marilyn (Campbell) Ginn spent a few days with her parents, Cleo and Travis Campbell and was here for Mother's Day. Marilyn also visits her sister Carolyn Wiseman and family.

Dr. Charles and Esta Vandiver entertained their sons on Mother's Day. Craig and Kay from Midland and Loren has moved from Houston to Midland recently. Craig is an oil field geologist and Kay works in the office for an oil company. Loren had a promotion and is working as an accountant for Price-Waterhouse in Midland. The Vandiver boys visit with Kay and Mark Merritt and Decimae Dennis in Midland.

Recently Madge Robb and a former classmate, Hazel Marie Newland went to Electra to visit another classmate, Mildred Howard where they enjoyed reminiscing about school days. Mrs. Newland spent a few days visiting Madge in Dimmitt before they went on to Goodwell, Okla., where they attended an alumni banquet of Panhandle State College. Mrs. Newland returned to her home in Bolivar, Mo. and Madge visited her two brothers, Lloyd and Kenneth Williams, and their families in Keyes, Okla. before returning to Dimmitt.

Elvis and Joy Barker spent Mother's Day weekend in Sayre, Okla., with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lamm. They first picked up her sister Donna Aven of Tamarac, Fla. at the Amarillo Airport Friday evening and she accompanied them on to Sayre where she is spending this week with her parents. Also there were a brother and sister-in-law Gary and Twilla Lamm of Beggs, Okla., and brother and sister-in-law Jackie and Katreca Lamm and nephews Michael and Brent Lamm, all of Perryton.

My daughter, Mary Lynn Lankford, Bill and Lauren from Amarillo visited me on

Mother's Day. Sue, David and Brent Vaughan called from Dallas to wish me a "Happy Mother's Day!"

Mable Brock entertained guests from Tahoka over the weekend, Opal and Ruby Harvick. Also coming in for Mother's Day was her grandson, Shea Brock, who will spend a few days in Dimmitt. Shea has been attending SMU and he is returning home for the summer. Shea is the son of Dr. Bob and Patricia Brock of Phoenix, Ariz. He will be back through Dimmitt in the fall as he returns to Dallas.

Bro. Ken and Roberta Cole entertained members of the FBC choir on Saturday evening with a hamburger cookout in their pretty backyard. Their daughter, Sherrie Cole, was home from Wayland University in Plainview and she prepared the delicious desserts of chocolate chip cookies, sugar cookies, and brownies. Michael assisted in serving and Robert was dressed for the Junior-Senior banquet and prom. (He allowed us to take pictures of him in his grey tux.) Richard Young cooked the beans. (He said he knew exactly how to cook red beans!) Others enjoying the food and fellowship were Carol and John Lantz, Mauzee Youts, Wayne and Faye Mohon and her father, Walter Maynard and Wyette, Joel Worthington, Alice and Molly Young, Irene Carpenter and Mary Edna Hendrix.

The deacons at FBC honored the widows of the church with a lovely banquet on Thursday evening. Troy Kirby, chairman of the deacons, welcomed the guests and Rev. Ken Cole offered a prayer. After a delicious meal of Teriyaki chicken, tossed salad, and baked potato that was catered by K-Bob's and served by the deacons, and a delicious apple cobbler made by Sandra Bagwell, Dr. Charles Vandiver introduced the deacons who in turn introduced the widows at their

table. The pretty tables of candles and flowers were decorated by Bobbie Baldrige and Charlene Howell. Richard Young entertained the widows, the deacons and their wives with several musical numbers.

Virginia Crider was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center for lunch and a fun day of bridge. Emily Clingsmith won high score and Faun Welker won second high. Others playing were Elizabeth Huckabay, Jean Christian, Susie Reeves, Oleda Schumacher, Louise Mears, Era Heckerson, Jo Gregory, Alice Collyer, and Dude McLaren.

Dorothy Elder was hostess to the Friday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center for lunch and a day of bridge. Emily Clingsmith and Oleda Schumacher were the high scorers. Others playing were Betty Renfro from Amarillo, Polly Holland, Anita Morris, Cletha George and Ruth Coleman.

Mrs. Junia Green of Lamesa called her sister, Beral Hance, to tell her how the entire town went all out to welcome the Sesquicentennial Wagon Train.

Several weeks ago, Junia and other members of the Museum Board decided to make quilt blocks about Texas and to have a quilt by the time the wagon train arrived. The response was great. Colors to be used on each was the choice of red, white and blue. They received enough blocks for two quilts and 28 extra blocks. They could use paint, embroidery or applique. The extra blocks were put

together and hung on the museum wall.

Junia was on the board of three to select the best wagon

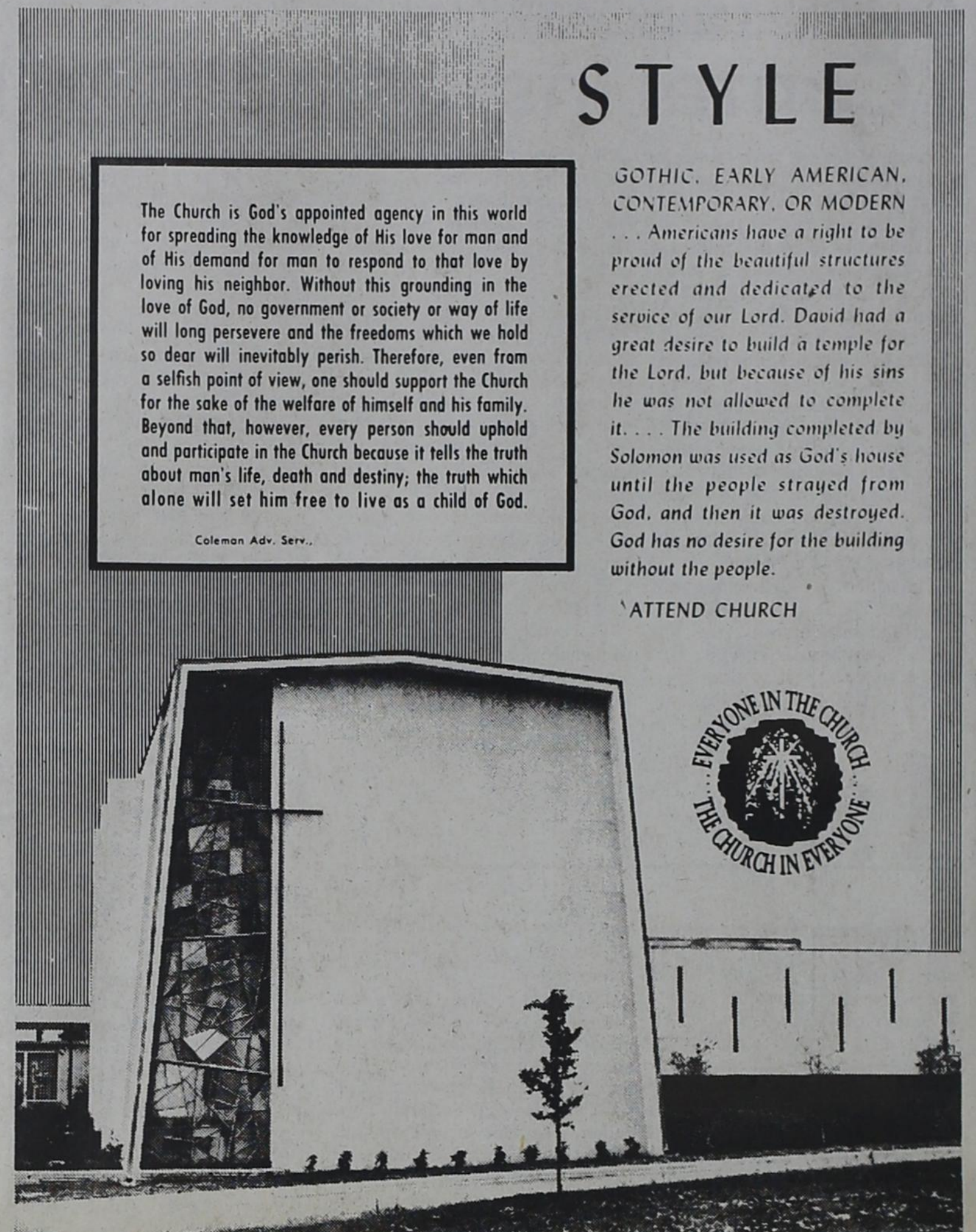
and they chose the one from Denton. She said it was hard to make a choice. Anyway, many of those on the wagon train

went to the Lamesa Museum to see the Texas quilts. Could we make a Texas quilt for our museum?

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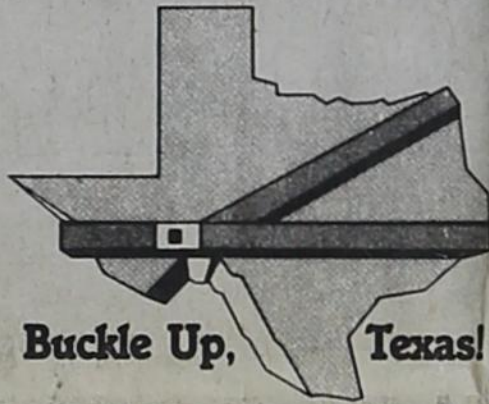
GOthic. EARLY AMERICAN. CONTEMPORARY. OR MODERN... Americans have a right to be proud of the beautiful structures erected and dedicated to the service of our Lord. David had a great desire to build a temple for the Lord, but because of his sins he was not allowed to complete it... The building completed by Solomon was used as God's house until the people strayed from God, and then it was destroyed. God has no desire for the building without the people.

ATTEND CHURCH



The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

Coleman Adv. Serv.



We Salute

Public School Week

This week has been observed as Public School week in Dimmitt. It has been an excellent opportunity for parents and others interested in the schools to visit the classrooms and pay tribute to the fine educational system that we have.

The importance of the Dimmitt School System to this community can hardly be overemphasized. The school system is devoted to producing the most important "crop" that is produced in our community — the young men and women who receive their education in these school rooms and leave better prepared for life.

Our school is an integral part of our community and is actually the focal point for community activities during the biggest part of the year. School activities involve not only the students but their parents, their relatives, and those who enjoy watching school events and activities.

In the United States the development of the public schools and an insistence upon the part of our forefathers to bring education within the reach of everyone has been the largest single force toward making this country have the highest standard of living ever known.

Schools contribute to the quality of life and the type of education that our children receive will indeed determine the future of this nation.



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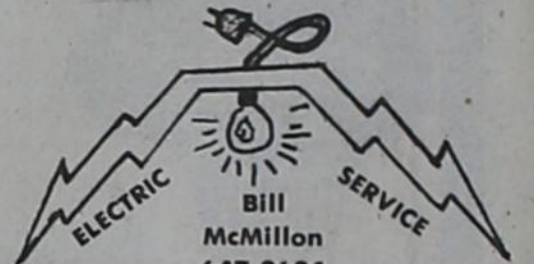
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126 N.W. 12TH—3 BR, 1 bath, LR, kitchen, dining, corner lot. GOOD BUY!

701 PINE—One of the goodies, 3 BR, den/FP, kitchen, dining, 1 1/2 bath, large utility, 2 car G, nice corner lot. Price is reduced for you!

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1601 SUNSET CIRCLE—Charming floor plan, good quality, elite location, 3 BR, 2 bath, den/FP, large kitchen, dining, utility, built-ins plus, sun room, 2 car G, LARGE corner lot, satellite.

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12—NOTICES

LISTEN TO 1090 KKYN. 12-32-14tc

AMARILLO COLLEGE Vocational Nursing Program, Dimmitt Extension has a new class beginning June, 1986. All interested please contact Allan Bradley at Plains Memorial Hospital, 647-2191 or 647-3202 prior to May 30, 1986. A high school diploma or GED is required. 12-32-4tc

IF ALCOHOL is causing a problem in your life, call Al-Anon, 647-5730 or 647-3747. 12-17-tfc

13—LOST & FOUND

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14—CARDS OF THANKS

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CARD OF THANKS

We thank you for the love and concern expressed by your many kind acts of sympathy after our sudden loss of husband, father, grandfather, E. B. Noble. You have comforted us at a difficult time and we are very grateful. EVELYN NOBLE RICK NOBLE DAVE NOBLE FAMILY JAN ROBISON FAMILY 14-34-1tp

14—CARDS OF THANKS

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We wish to thank all who supported us during the illness and loss of our husband, dad, father-in-law and granddaddy, whom we loved very dearly. Your numerous expressions of love, support and kindness have helped us to continue with strength and peace throughout this trying time and will always be remembered.

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What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth public schools for the week of May 19-23.

DIMMITT

MONDAY—Barbecue on a bun, buttered potatoes, dill spears, onions, prune cake and milk.

TUESDAY—Steak fingers with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, honey butter and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Enchilada casserole, whole kernel corn, lettuce and tomato salad, crackers, fruit and milk.

THURSDAY—Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, pickles, onions, peanut butter bars, ice cream cup and milk.

FRIDAY—Burritos, pinto beans, corn on the cob, fruit and milk.

HART

MONDAY—Pizza, tossed salad, buttered corn, cake and milk.

TUESDAY—Steak fingers, hot rolls, green beans, creamed potatoes, apple cobbler and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Cheeseburgers, salad, pork and beans, pickles, mixed fruit and milk.

THURSDAY—German sausage, yeast rolls, pinto beans, potato salad, peach cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY—Corn dogs, ranch style beans, cole slaw, peanut butter cake and milk.

NAZARETH

MONDAY—Corn dogs, cauliflower, pears, pudding and milk.

TUESDAY—Manager's choice, fried okra, carrot sticks, hot rolls, apple cobbler and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Chicken pie, mixed vegetables, cole slaw, hot buttered bread, peanut butter chews and milk.

THURSDAY—Chili crispitos, corn, peaches and milk.

FRIDAY—Ham, pinto beans, applesauce, cornbread and syrup, blueberry cobbler and milk.

Sunnyside

In the Sunday morning worship service wives as well as mothers were honored. All were pinned before the service started with small corsages made by Kathy Gwyn. Judy Damron's "Followers" Sunday School Class presented them with book markers with three ribbons. Verna Sadler's preschoolers presented cards they had made to Teeny Bowden, who was the only wife who was not a mother, and Phyllis Bridges and Joni Stewart who tied for the mother who had the most

children present. Gerald Elkins, Gale Sadler and Rev. Bentley Gwyn sang a special Mother's Day song.

The community is involved with the Sesquicentennial Wagon Train in three different ways — helping by buying a mile of axle grease, taking food to Springlake and attending the activities there, and attending the activities in Dimmitt.

Teeny Bowden attended a called meeting of the Castro County Historical Commission at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt Tuesday afternoon to make the final plans for the requested field trip of the historic places of the county with the three teachers and 25 students on the wagon train.

L. G. Elkins of Olton, father of Gerald Elkins, was moved from the Hale Center Hospital to a nursing home there Monday, the 12th.

Gale and Verna Sadler were honored by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harmon of Dimmitt with a dinner out in Lubbock Friday night as a graduation gift. Greg and Susan Harmon of Albuquerque joined them. They were in Lubbock for Greg to take his CPA exam.

Slick and Toots Holbrooks became great-grandparents again the 4th when a 7 lb., 1 oz.

boy was born to Kevin and Becky Henderson of Denver. He was named Atrellue Lyden. The grandparents, Ronald and Freda Henderson of Colorado Springs visited with Slick and Toots Saturday and Sunday.

Willie Mae Sadler worked on the quilt of the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary at the senior citizen's center in Dimmitt Tuesday afternoon.

Stacy Norman of Farmington flew to Lubbock Friday night where she was joined by Larry and Sharon Sadler, Laura and Matthew for a banquet at Carrie Sadler's church honoring their high school, college, and nursing students Friday night. Carrie is one of the two nursing students of her church who is graduating. Tex and Norma Conard of Dimmitt accompanied them. Stacy came home with them. The Sadlers, except for Carrie, spent Mother's Day with Tex and Norma in Dimmitt.

Ezell and Verba Sadler returned home from Breckenridge Monday night after the Loudder reunion the 25th-27th at Hubbard Creek Lake. Larry Sadler and Randy Powell and a friend of Albany attended the reunion the 25th.

The farmer who pulled onto the road in front of Larry was in a

pickup instead of on a tractor as reported last week.

Rev. Bentley and Kathy Gwyn, Cheryl and Holly visited with his dad, Bentley Gwyn Sr., in Tulia Saturday afternoon.

Sharon Sadler entertained in her home Friday morning with a party.

Patricia and Cheryl Powell came by from Sul Ross University Friday night to spend the Mother's Day weekend with Ezell and Verba Sadler. Verba and Patricia visited with Teeny Bowden Saturday morning. They all went to David and Gay Sadler's Sunday since they couldn't come home for Mother's Day.

Dwayne and Roxie Loudder of Flagg visited Sunday afternoon with Alton and Betty Loudder.

Mrs. Ruby Oler of Happy spent the weekend with her daughter, Emma Jean and Billie King. Marshall and Kay King, Lance and Lincoln had supper with them Sunday night.

Jimmy Cluck is recovering from surgery performed last Friday at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. Eddie Waggoner visited with Jimmy this weekend and reported that Jimmy is doing well.

Nazareth

A special Diocesan Field Mass was celebrated Sunday evening at the farm of Florene and Ernie Brockman, celebrating St. Isidore's Feast and Soil Conservation Week.

Virgil Birkenfeld and a friend Marine from Camp Geiger, N.C. spent several days with Virgil's parents, the Jerome Birkenfelds.

Smitty and Analeen Lane and family of Shallowater and Greg and Mary Lou and family spent Mother's Day with the Paul Venhaus family.

The Roger Schilling family, Kenny Schulte family, Tom, Jim and Bill Hoelting families and Sylvia Hoelting spent Mother's Day evening in Plainview with Kate (Granny) Hankins.

The families of Meta Stork spent an enjoyable day at the home of LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier on Mother's Day.

Gene, Susie, Natalie and Jenny Gerber of Odessa spent the weekend here with the Vincent Braddock families and Albert Gerber families.

Leonard and Alvina Gerber, Josephine and Fred Ball and Harold Gerber attended the funeral mass for Carl Gerber, 24, at the Catholic Church in Dalhart on Monday afternoon.

Albert and Virgie Gerber and Meta Stork visited in Hereford with Donna Hamby who is recuperating from foot surgery.



MAY 15—Nicholas Ramos, Mark Hoelting, Patty Payne, Reno Montiel, Carolina Coronado, Kelly Bagley, Cindy Edwards.

MAY 16—Mark Cluck, Elaine Fewell, Ron Griffith, Becky Lee, Alan Jeffcoat, Mindy Hoelting, Bryan Kern, Serena Birkenfeld.

MAY 17—Mick Gerber, George N. Book, Charles Heck, Danene Lane, Nicandra Pefez, Kathy Sammann.

MAY 18—Woodrow Killingsworth, Brett Sheffy, Ted Averitt, Mike Rankin, Glenn Backus.

MAY 19—Cory Hoelting, Vicky Lange, Norma Schacher, Erlene Fritz, Robert Schacher, Amanda Rodriguez, Mary Reyna, Mark R. Lopez, Gary Bruegel, Jean Petty.

MAY 20—John Webb, Guy Leatherwood, Holly Waggoner, C. A. Hance, Joe Langford, Alice Anthony, Danna Ralston, Ronald Rickett, Patti White, D. L. Cleaver, Rachel Ayala, Louise Jones, Aaron Hart, L. J. Rice, Allison Martinez, Genevieve Montemayor, Karen Gerber, Jim Hoelting, Tom Hoelting, Larry Ball.

MAY 21—Tara Kleman, Tracy Drerup, Henry Wilhelm, Clint Hoelting, Dan Petty, Gary Langford, Lee Norris.

Wakefield earns degree

Stephen Lewis Wakefield of Dimmitt was among the students receiving degrees recently at Georgetown College in Georgetown, Ky. Wakefield, the son of Yvonne Wakefield, completed his undergraduate work with a major in music education.



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Babysitting workshop set for June

The Castro County Extension Service office will sponsor a babysitting workshop June 3 and June 4 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon for all interested children ages 9 through 12.

Extension Agent Teresa Criswell will cover several topics, including the role of the babysitter, child development, child care, and safety and emergencies. Youths attending the clinic will need to bring a sack lunch, and may register by calling the office, 647-4115, or dropping by in person before the May 28 deadline.

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People



Jackie Anthony and Greg Odom

August wedding planned

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anthony of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jacqueline Louise Anthony to Greg Glenn Odom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Odom of Dimmitt.

The couple plan to exchange wedding vows Aug. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

Friends of the couple are invited to attend.

The bride-elect is a 1981

graduate of Dimmitt High School. She is attending Texas Tech University in Lubbock majoring in Home Economics. She will graduate in May with a bachelor's degree.

The prospective groom is a 1983 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He is a senior at Texas Tech University majoring in Agriculture Economics. He is employed with B.A.S.S. Corporation Chemical Division.

The couple plan to reside in Lubbock after the wedding.

Dimmitt students named to WTSU Leadership Board

Two students from Dimmitt have been selected for the 1986-87 Leadership Board at West Texas State University.

Sergio Velasquez, a junior business management major and Janet Lynn Welty, a senior English education major were chosen for the Board on the basis of submitted applications and interviews conducted by the current board.

The Leadership Board organizes a two-day conference each fall and a day conference each spring to help develop the leadership potential in WTSU students. They also arrange the All-University Honors Banquet each April.

Velasquez, son of Miguel and Sabina Velasquez of Dimmitt, is active in the Residence Hall Association and is president of Guenther Hall.

Welty is president of the Returning Students Organiza-



Sergio Velasquez

tion, a member of Student Senate, president of Kappa Delta Pi, a nominee for WTSU Woman of the Year and is an inductee of Who's Who.

SS rep here today

A representative of the social security administration will be working in the Castro County Courthouse in Dimmitt today from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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Retirement reception to honor Joyce Hunter

A retirement reception honoring Joyce Hunter, teacher at Lucky U Christian School, will be held Thursday, May 29, at 8:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. Hunter taught at Lucky U for 22 years before deciding to retire.

A book of notes is being prepared to present to Mrs. Hunter. Former students or parents of former students are asked to write a note of thanks or a note of recalling a special memory on a 3" x 5" card and mail it to Wanda Nelson, Box 1037, Dimmitt, 79027. Notes should be received by Monday, May 26.

Chamber Singers to perform Sunday

Hereford's Chamber Singers will present their annual spring concert Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Hereford High School Auditorium.

Admission is \$2 per person. The Chamber Singers, who have been singing together since 1974 and have presented concerts in England and Romania as well as across Texas, will present music celebrating the Texas Ses-

quicentennial and reflecting on the many peoples of Texas over the past 150 years.

Among the selections will be "Deep In the Heart of Texas," "Don't Fence Me In," "The Boll Weevil Song," "San Antonio Rose," a country-western medley and a men's chorus performing "Streets of Laredo," and more.

Everyone is invited to attend.

PMH Auxiliary members receive awards at brunch

The Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary hosted its annual awards brunch Tuesday morning in Rhoads Memorial Library.

Service awards were presented to volunteers with 100 hours or more of service. Lucille Drerup was presented with an award for clocking 2,800 hours.

2,500 hour bars were presented to Reta Welch and Irene Blanton.

2,300 hour bars were given to Mary E. Matthews and Welch. Sue Miller received a 2,000 hour bar.

The 1,300 hour bar was presented to Nell Ingram.

Cleo Guerra and Ruby Wood each received 1,000 hour pins.

800 hour bars were presented to Dorothy Elder, Beral Hance,

Guerra, Susie Bradford, Ingram, Grace Lust, Wanda Murdock, and Doris Wylie.

500 hour bars were given to Mildred Bradford, Lorann Hamilton and Era Heckerson.

200 hour pins were awarded to Bea Hawkins, Heckerson, Connie Ivey, Claudine Langford, Lois Waggoner, Laura Broadstreet.

Clocking 100 hours were Broadstreet, Waggoner, Dorothy Cook and Frances King.

The Auxiliary members worked a total of 5,088 hours this year. They have worked 37,100 hours since the organization has been in existence.

Hostesses for the brunch were Mary Edna Hendrix, Wood, Mattie Seale, and Murdock.



HOSPITAL AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Bea Hawkins, Laura Broadstreet, Lois Waggoner and Dorothy Cook were among Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary members who received awards at the annual awards brunch Tuesday.



ALPHA CHI OMEGA installed new officers for the coming year at their annual Founders Day celebration, held May 5 in the home of Mrs. Jack Miller. New officers seated from left are Bobbi Wooten, vice president; Kim Hays, president; Ronda Wise, secretary; and Janet Mays, treasurer. The Founders Day reception was based on the Texas Sesquicentennial theme with members exchanging "Texas" gifts. A diaper shower was also held for Suzan Sanders.

Sausage makes simple meals nutritious treats

By PHYLLIS DISHMAN

With spring here and summer soon upon us, simple meals become the order of the day. One of the easiest meats to use is sausage, which not only adds wonderful flavors to traditional dishes but increases their nutritive value as well, points out Dimmitt's Dorothy Hopson.

She and her husband manufacture Hopson's Country Style Sausage. Since the 1940's, V.C. Hopson has made this smoked sausage treat for family gatherings and July 4th picnics. This family recipe, handed down by his father, Lee, and his uncle, Earl, is now

available to the public as well.

Seasoned ground pork is stuffed into natural pork casings and hung in the smokehouse to absorb a unique hickory flavor. Consumers can boil, grill, skillet simmer or bake the fresh meat—Hopson recommends baking it at 350 degrees for 45 to 60 minutes. Only top hogs, those under 300 pounds, are butchered for this delicacy.

Served with pinto beans and cornbread, it becomes the focal point of a traditional Western meal. Baked in the oven with carrots, potatoes and onions, smoked sausage lends its distinctive flavor to a skillet supper.

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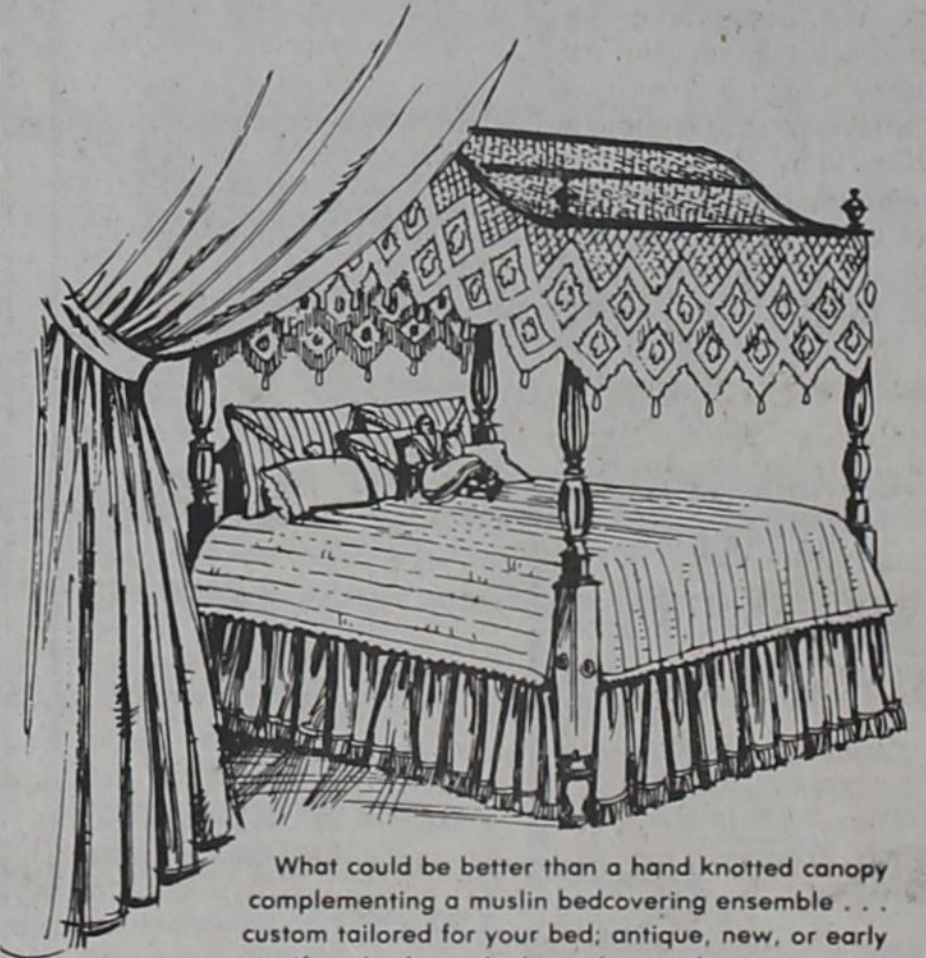
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Essay, poster winners earn rides

Nine Castro County students were rewarded for their essay-writing and poster-making efforts Wednesday as they joined the riders of the Texas Wagon Train.

The contest was sponsored by the County Sesquicentennial Committee.

Winning essays were written by Dimmitt students Amy Beck and Deena Richards; Hart students Imelda Rosas and Melinda Wilson; and Nazareth pupils Lorealea Acker and Missy Brockman.

All but Brockman were among the wagon train riders Wednesday. Brockman's place was taken by the second-place winner from NHS, Philip Durbin.

Poster winners, who also rode the wagon train, were Ricky Herring, Dimmitt; Brandy Key, Hart; and Trampas Ball, Nazareth.

Second-place winners, who received Sesquicentennial paperweights, included Paul Axtell, Susan Waggoner and Rachel Salinas of Dimmitt; Durbin, Kristin Brockman and Bobbie Kern of Nazareth; and Hart students Julie Davis, Blair Brown and Becky Lee.

Third-place winners, who received commemorative bandanas, included Denea Hanes, Jennifer Harris and Ron McKay of Dimmitt; Cynthia George, Leticia Ybarra and Rosalinda Gonzales of Hart; and Jaimye Bingham, Zac Hatla and Wayne Wilhelm of Nazareth.

Also riding in the wagon train are Jean Morris of Dimmitt and Linda King of Hart, each of whom won drawings held recently, and Judy Acker, who was selected to ride by the Nazareth Senior Citizens, and Mayors Wayne Collins, Joe Bailey and Tom Hoelting, who were joined by County Judge Polly Simpson as the Wagon Train rolled into Dimmitt.

Here are two of the winning essays, both on the theme: "I'm Proud To Be a Texan."

I'm Proud to be a Texan

By AMY BECK

There are many reasons to be proud to be a Texan. One reason is because of the things we have that other states don't. Another is because of the history and historical things that we have inherited. We also have NASA to be proud of.

We have many things in Texas that other states don't have. The land has a little bit of each kind of land. It has the Plains, some mountains, the desert, some forests, hills, and the Gulf coast. It is the second largest state and is the only state to have been a separate nation. We also have a few armadillos. Texas is the only state that sells Country Baskets at Dairy Queen.

In Texas we can be proud of the history and historical things we have inherited. We have the Alamo where many Texans died for other Texans' freedom. We also have San Jacinto where we won the war for independence. We have many famous people to be proud of like Sam Houston, the first president of Texas. Davy Crockett came to help us fight and died at the Alamo. Lyndon Johnson, the thirty-sixth president of the United States was born and raised in Texas.

We can be proud of NASA, the space center in Houston.

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COUNTY SESQUICENTENNIAL CHAIRMAN Linda Maxwell (left) honored winners of the Dimmitt Middle School essay contests and other winner Friday, including Denea Hanes, Paul Axtell, Deena Richards, who won a wagon

ride, DMS teacher Jean Morris, who won Dimmitt's drawing for a wagon ride, and Amy Beck, who also won a free wagon ride, Susan Waggoner and Jennifer Harris.



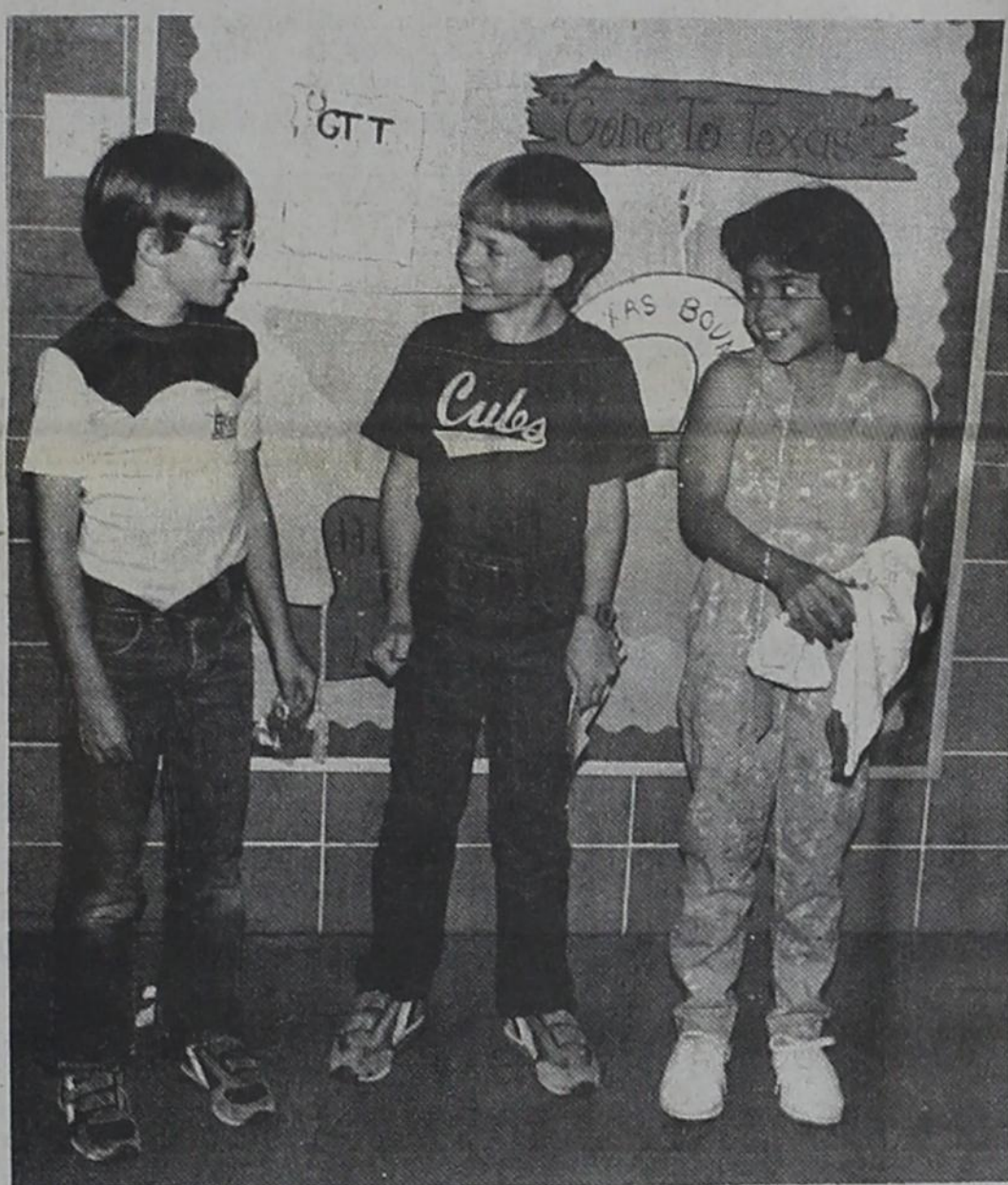
Brandy Key



Melinda Wilson



Blair Brown



RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY POSTER WINNERS ... From left, third place winner Ron McKay, first place winner Ricky Her ring, and second place winner Rachel Salinas in the schools' poster contest.

We can be proud because NASA makes it able for people to fulfill their dreams and help scientists learn so they can make lives better for others. NASA has helped us make many discoveries that has helped us in the past and will

help us in the future. It has put men on the moon and has opened ways for us to travel in space. NASA has helped everybody in one way or another.

There are many things in Texas we should be proud of.

There are many reasons we should be proud. I am proud to be a Texan and so should you.



By MISSY BROCKMAN

I'm proud to be a Texan because of Texas' heritage and past. It is one to be proud of. The fact that Texas once belonged to Spain and won its freedom is very inspiring. Texas proved it was strong by remaining an independent country for some years after the war with Spain.

The climate of Texas is something every Texan can be proud of. The beautiful grasslands with flowers in bloom are a sight to see. In the part of Texas that I live in the land is mostly flat and not green very often, so traveling to other parts of Texas especially towards Austin is a real pleasure.

But I guess I would have to say the real reason I am proud to be a Texan is the feeling of togetherness the state seems to bring. The friendly hellos and smiles strangers give strangers are probably why Texas is called the 'friendly state' and I guess that would go right along with our motto,

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which is friendship. Texas just seems to give you a sense of security because you know that everyone will watch out for you, and be courteous to you just as they expect you to be courteous to them.

Texas is also known to do things in a big way. Wouldn't you call a wagon train across Texas big? Texans win big, eat big and do just about everything big. Texas also has the big oil wells, which bring so many Texans so much wealth, and the big herds of cattle, which come from the early Texans who were cattle herders. Texas itself is big, in fact, it's

the second largest state in the United States. Now that's something to be proud of. Texas is definitely the place I want my children to grow up in, live in and learn in.



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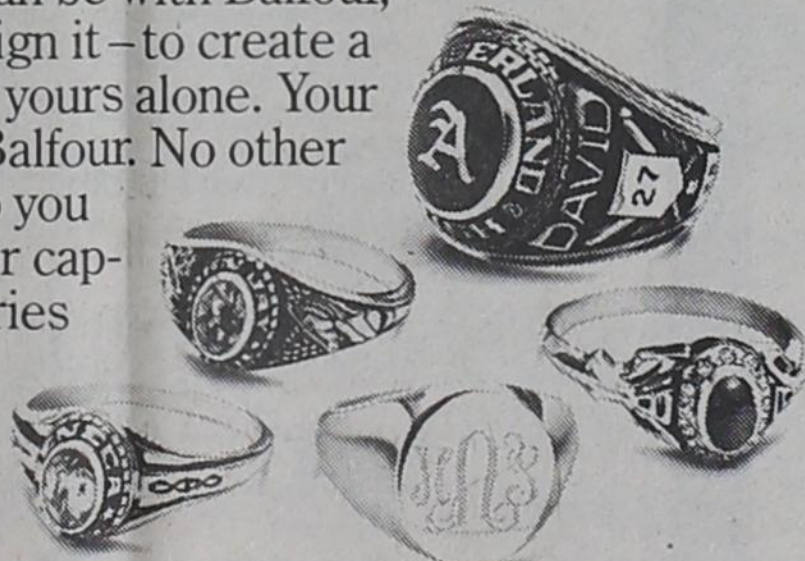
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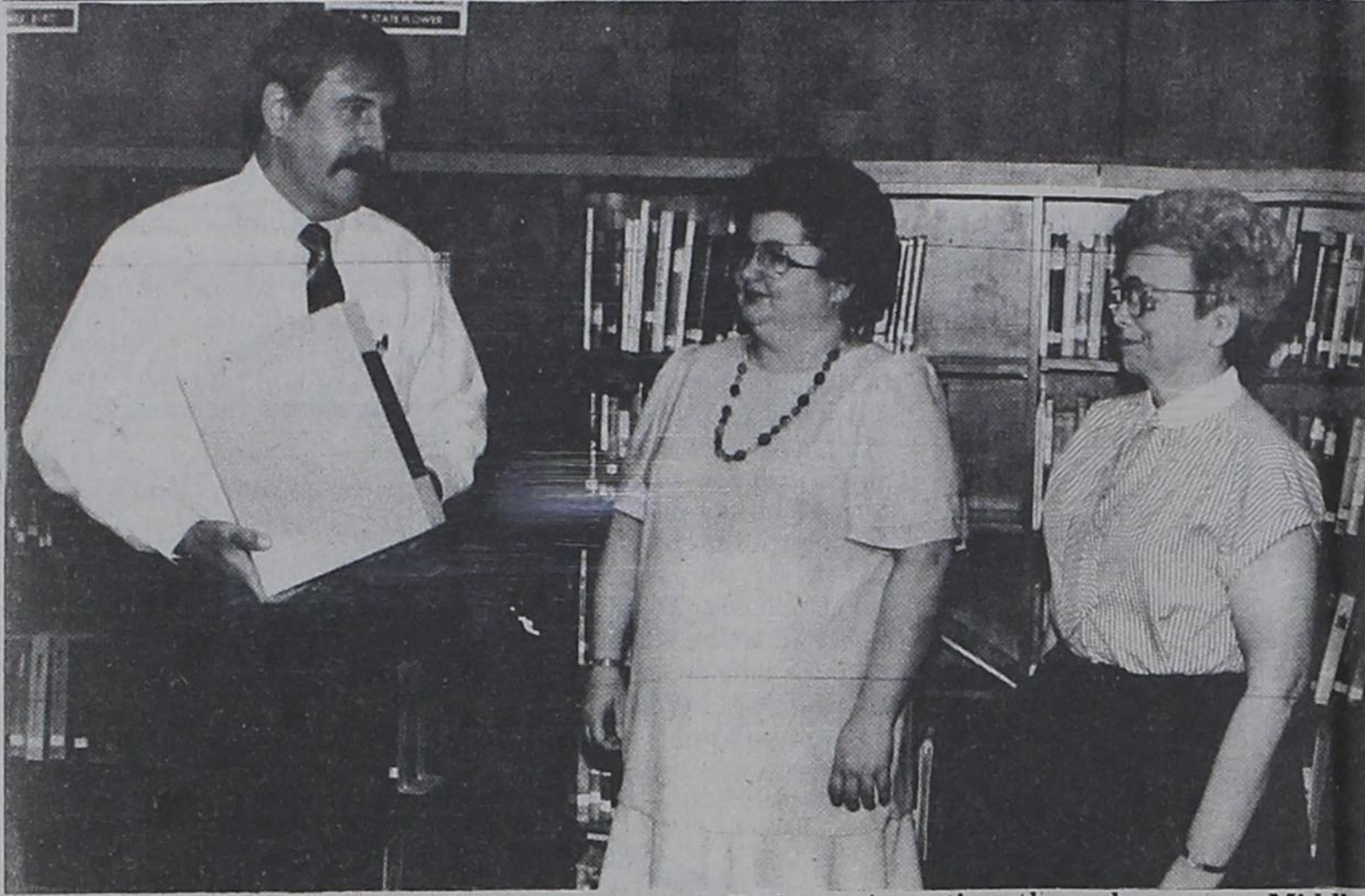
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Friday. Accepting the volumes are Middle School Librarian Ruth Cochran (center) and High School Librarian Jackie Armstrong.

Groups circulating n-dump petitions here

Several farm groups and other anti-nuclear repository organizations have banded together in a petition drive to

attempt to block nuclear waste repository development and/or site characterization studies in Texas.

TO VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH:

We, the undersigned citizens of Texas, request that you oppose the Nuclear Waste Repository Development and (or) Site Characterization in Texas. We support the efforts of the contesting Nuclear Waste Task Force because of the potential problems nuclear waste storage would bring to Texas such as:

- 1) Threat of contamination to the Ogallala Aquifer, which is one of the largest fresh water aquifers in the world, underlying eight states.
- 2) Disruption of a substantial agriculturally based economy in the Texas Panhandle, further aggravating the farm crisis. (The potential site in Deaf Smith County is the number one county in the State of Texas and the third county in the nation in agricultural production.)
- 3) Transportation of dangerously radioactive materials across Texas and neighbor states increasing the potential for accidents.

We believe that our responsibility to future generations includes protection of fresh water sources and prime farmland. We believe that if our best national effort to isolate radioactive materials threatens our food chain and fresh water the matter needs to be re-evaluated.

Return to: Tonya Kleuskens
Vice Chairman, Nuclear Waste Task Force
Rt. 1, Hereford, TX 79045

TDA honors Vandiver

Charles M. Vandiver of Dimmitt recently joined more than 6,200 professionals and guests attending the Texas Dental Association's Annual Session to hear the latest issues, learn the best techniques, and to preview the newest products in dentistry.

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WIFE to meet

Panhandle Agri Partners, the local chapter of Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE) will meet at 12 noon Monday in the basement of the Castro County Courthouse in Dimmitt.

Drinks will be furnished to accompany sack lunches.

Presbyterian happenings

Sunday, May 18, is the Day of Pentecost, Economic Justice Sunday and Celebration Trust Sunday.

There is a Sunday Church School class for everyone every Sunday at 10 a.m. The Adult Bible class meets at the home of Mrs. Emily Clingsmith. All other classes meet at the church.

"Come, Holy Spirit" is the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the morning church worship service at 11 a.m.

Psalm 65 will be studied at our mid-week Bible study on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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In trying to assess the unique Texas character, many historians have overlooked the importance of neighborliness. But you on the wagon train know its importance. Neighborliness has probably played a big role in your life, too, and it certainly has been a factor in the success of your historic journey.

We hope you feel it while you're in Castro County, for you're among friends here—and neighbors.

One member of the wagon train told us Monday that John Brooks's story in last week's issue was "far and away" the best that's been written about the wagon train. I'm proud of that.

(John, incidentally, was only the eighth journalist to actually ride on the wagon train. Most just come out, look, photograph, interview and leave.)

I won't say who the man was, because some of the others on the wagon train might not agree with him, and might be obliged to switch the door-signs while he's in the shower. I'll just say that he is a gentleman, and obviously a man of good character and exceptional insight.

Letter

CF says thank you to community

Dear Editor:

The local "Bouncing for Breath" Committee and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation are most grateful for the support and assistance of everyone involved in making the recent fund drive a success.

The more than \$1,200 raised at the recent Benefit Basketball Games between the Exes and the Dimmitt Senior Bobcats, Bobbies and Little Dribblers will be used by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to continue the work and research aimed at finding an effective treatment for Cystic Fibrosis, and, ultimately, a cure.

On behalf of the local committee, the Foundation and Cystic Fibrosis Families everywhere we say a big "Thank You."

Sincerely,
Myrtle Lois Moran

More about

School board...

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ferent evaluators a minimum of four times per year. Several categories are rated on a one-through-five scale.

Teachers will receive a district-wide ranking, and that ranking, along with available state and local funds, will determine who receives the \$1,500 bonus in June, 1987.

The board again reviewed the possible need for more classroom space at Richardson Elementary school because of the elimination of the Kindergarten and First Grade at Lucky U Christian School, which has been sold but will offer only "day care" services for two, three and four-year-olds according to Supt. Robert Ryan.

The board, however, agreed to wait until next fall, and request a waiver from the Texas Education Agency if first grade enrollment exceeds the 1:22 teacher-pupil ratio established by TEA.

Current enrollment projections indicate there could be from 22 to 26 pupils per classroom in the first grade in Dimmitt next September.

The board also:
• Accepted the resignation of Dimmitt High School Vocational Agriculture teacher Ed Standlee;

• Agreed to pay a stipend of \$50 to the lead teacher for the summer school for language-deficient youngsters that begins June 18;

• Accepted bids submitted by Stan Byrnes Motor Co. for two new 15-passenger vans and a 1986 Ford LTD Crown Victoria;

• Granted a policy waiver to allow Matt Hamilton to take

his final examinations early so he may attend the Olympics of the Mind World Competition in Flagstaff, Ariz., later this month with his family, and to allow all Dimmitt OM team members to take their tests before leaving for the contest;

• Signed a media services contract with the Region XVI Education Service Center for a variety of services for the 1986-87 school year for \$3,100;

• Heard a presentation from Walt Wesley of the W. D. Wesley Co. of Lubbock on an energy control system for Dimmitt Middle School;

• Set the annual awards breakfast for 8 a.m. May 31.

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Isaacs is named 'Best Director'

Jeff Isaacs of Santa Fe, N.M. has been presented the Silver Nail Award for being the Best Director in the Greer Garson Studio Series at the College of Santa Fe.

Isaacs directed *Baby Elephant*, a surrealistic German anti-war play by Bertolt Brecht.

Last year, Isaacs received Best Director for directing *Agnes of God*.

Isaacs is the son of Jake and Martha Isaacs of Dimmitt and is the grandson of C.A. and Oleada Hance, also of Dimmitt.

Commissioners amend budgets

Castro County commissioners were busy amending their 1986 Fiscal Year budget Monday during the regular commissioner's court meeting at the county courthouse.

Commissioners agreed to amend the fire department budget to allow \$650 to be spent by the Hart Fire Dept., which had overspent its 1986 FY allocation because the department mistakenly believed the unused 1985 allocation would be carried over, and

agreed to amend the Precinct 1 budget to pay \$13,851.59 to the Amarillo law firm that is defending Commissioner Curtis Snitker and the county in a lawsuit filed by two former county employees.

The commissioners also agreed to pay \$1,600 from the county's general fund to the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District to help the district meet payroll and other expenses.

The RWSWCD suffered a loss of funds due to the 13% spending cut ordered by Gov. Mark White, and the \$1,600 will go to help pay the salary of secretary Lillie Nicholson.

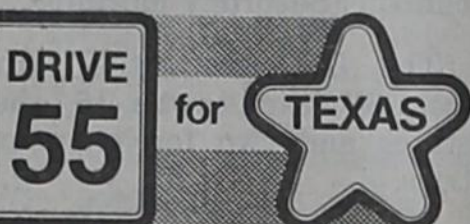
The commissioners also agreed to increase their allocation to Panhandle Community Services for storage costs on commodities that will be distributed in June and August, and appointed Dorothy Gilbreath and Debbie Emory to the County Library Board and Floyd Schulte, Ann Armstrong, Doyle Davis and Kenneth Frye to a local board that will oversee applications to the Texas Farm and Ranch Service Program administered by the General Land Office.

Band, IA open house tonight

The annual Dimmitt High School spring band concert and Industrial Arts open house will be held tonight at 7:30 at DHS.

The band will start the festivities at 7:30 with several selections at the DHS Auditorium. Following the concert, the DHS IA Department will display its 1985-86 projects, including several state-winning entries.

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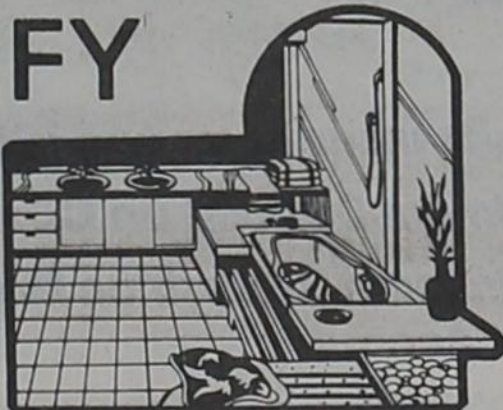
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Sports

Hart honors athletes Saturday



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Risha Ammons and Brett Ritter were honored as the Most Versatile Athletes At Hart High School at the annual HHS Athletic Banquet Saturday in the elementary school auditorium.

Ammons, who will participate in the State Tennis Meet this weekend in Austin, also qualified for the State Cross Country Meet, but couldn't enter the race because of debilitating shin splints, and was on the girls' basketball team.

Ritter, who, like Ammons is a junior, was named all-district 3-2A in the defensive secondary and was an honorable mention selection at quarterback, and was an honorable mention selection on the all-district basketball team, and was on the varsity track team.

Named as most valuable players in boys' sports were Johnny Washington, football; Paul Ramirez, basketball;

Chris Rodriguez and Lupe Ramirez, track; and Martin and Andy Castillo, tennis.

MVP's in girls athletics included Stephanie Lee, basketball; Tammy Menchaca, track; and Ammons, tennis.

Other award winners included Chris Rodriguez, strike award, Manuel Ramirez, trench award, and Arnulfo Carrasco, fighting heart award in football; Basketball King

Johnny Washington, Basketball Queen Stephanie Lee and Football Queen Tammy Menchaca.

36 "H" award certificates were presented to athletes who were named to all-district teams and/or qualified for regional and state competition, while the athletes were also treated to a slide and movie presentation of their efforts during the 1985-86 school year.

Bagley, Bagwell among WT grads

Steve Bagwell and Kelly Bagley of Dimmitt are among the 647 students scheduled to graduate Saturday at 9 a.m. at West Texas State University in Canyon.

Dr. Vic Arnold, executive director of the Select Committee on Higher Education, will speak for the commencement exercises, which will be held south of the Education Building on the WTSU campus.

The commencement will climax a busy weekend at WTSU, which will begin with the arrival of the Texas Sesquicentennial Wagon Train Friday at 5 p.m. at the Horse Center and continues with a pancake breakfast and the launching of six hot-air balloons Saturday morning.

The 647 graduates come from 85 Texas towns, 16 other states and two foreign countries.

Bagwell will graduate with a bachelor of business administration in computer information systems, while Bagley will receive a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

Schilling, Gerber cop honors

Shari Schilling and Leona Gerber of Nazareth were recently recognized for outstanding academic achievement during South Plains College's annual Athletic Awards Banquet at Levelland.

Schilling, a sophomore secretarial major, was named Most Valuable Player for SPC's women's basketball team for the second consecutive year. She led the SPC

Lady Texans in scoring, averaging 14 points a game from the wing position. She also was the team's second-best rebounder, averaging 4.4 caroms. She was also a team captain this season and was named All-Conference in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

Gerber, a freshman liberal arts major, was presented the

Outstanding Shooter Award. She led the conference all season in free throw shooting, averaging 80% from the charity line. She also hit 53.6% from the field during the season, averaging 8.4 points a game. Playing the guard position, she averaged five assists a game to lead the Lady Texans.

"These two young ladies have made a tremendous contribution to our team's successful season," said SPC women's coach Lyndon Hardin. The Lady Texans finished third in the WJCAC this past season, earning a berth at the NJCAA Region V Tournament for the first time in eight years.

Schilling is a 1984 graduate of Nazareth High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Schilling. She has signed a scholarship letter to continue her basketball career at West Texas State University.

Gerber is a 1985 graduate of Nazareth High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Gerber.



Shari Schilling



Leona Gerber

Who's New?

Thomas and Jody Reyna of Hereford are the parents of a baby boy. He was born May 5 at 8:48 p.m. in Plains Memorial Hospital and has been named Christopher Thomas. He weighed 7 pounds and was 19 3/4 inches long. He has an older sister, Melissa Dawn. Paternal grandparents are Thomas and Mary Reyna, Sr. of Hereford. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Evel Perry of Hereford. Great grandparents are Maria Reyna, Rosita Jimenez and Thelma Daniel.

It's a girl for Ricardo and Anadelia Saucedo of Dimmitt. She was born May 5 at 12:43 a.m. in Plains Memorial Hospital. She has been named Linda Marie. She weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. She has three older brothers and sisters, 6-year-old Ricardo, Jr.; 4-year-old Priscilla Ann; and 11-month-old Adam Larry. Paternal grandparents are Jose

and Lidia Saucedo of Seminole. Maternal grandparents are Lauro and Paula Jackson of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Conception Singletary of Pharr and Mr. and Mrs. Flores of Crystal City.

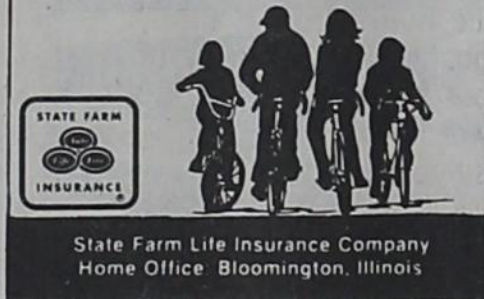
Fermin and Sandra Gonzales of Canyon are the parents of a baby girl, Britney Alexandra Gonzales, born April 20 at 10:20 a.m. in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. She has an older brother, Jason. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Tina Gonzales of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Ysrael and Rosa Salinas of Dimmitt. Great-grandfather is Simon Ynfante of Mathis.

OUT OF TOWN
Karen Walker of Plainview is the mother of a baby boy, Landon Shane, born May 2 at 5:27 p.m. He weighed 2 pounds, 10 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Seger Jenkins of Amarillo.

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There will be a blood pressure clinic and diabetic screening at the Center today from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bridge will be played today, Friday, and Wednesday at 10 a.m. Duplicate bridge will be played on Monday evening.

There will be a noontime Bible study on Monday.

The Ways and Means committee will meet at noon on Tuesday.

There will be a covered-dish supper on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The three candidates for the Silver-haired Legislature from this district will make their campaign speeches. They are C. P. Wortham of Hereford, Murrell Whitaker of Hedley, and Poppy Hulsey of Tulia.

The Center's Advisory Board will meet on Wednesday at 12 noon.

Our Center will be the polling place for Castro County for the election of the Silver-haired Legislature on Friday, May 30. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Every registered voter who is 60 years of age or older in Castro County is eligible to vote.

Membership in the Center is open to everyone who is 50 years of age or older without discrimination as to sex, color, race, ethnic background, national origin, religion,

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Wilson, Karen Casas, Carla Pybus, Nora Martinez, Ann Morris and Whitney Warren.

4-H camps open for registration

Registration for several summer 4-H activities is now open at the Extension office in the courthouse basement in Dimmitt.

South Plains College at

Levelland will host the South Plains Leadership Camp June 17 through June 19 for 4-H'ers from 11 to 13 years old. Workshops for the camp will include archery, clowning,

photography, clothing, sports health, kite-making, recreational leathercraft.

Registration is due June 3. Registration is due June 27 for 4-H Electric Camp July 7 through July 11, and is open to

4-H'ers from ages 14 through 19, while five camp sessions will be held in Brownwood at the State 4-H Center.

More information on any of the camps is available from the local Extension office.

Ministerial Alliance

Steven Ulrey will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of James, chapter 5, on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt.

Happy anniversary!

- MAY 17—Homer and Tommie Sue Nisbett.
- MAY 18—Sonny and Ann Armstrong, Dale and Kathy Jahay.
- MAY 19—Paul and Inez Johnson.
- MAY 20—Tommy and Linda Martin, Fred and Ramona Annen.
- MAY 21—Joe and Elva Castillo, Manuel and Janey Sanchez.

Tischler named to CC honor list

Tobby Tischler of Dimmitt has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Clarendon College for the 1986 spring semester.

Tischler, the daughter of Delton and Sue Tischler, is a sophomore at CC.

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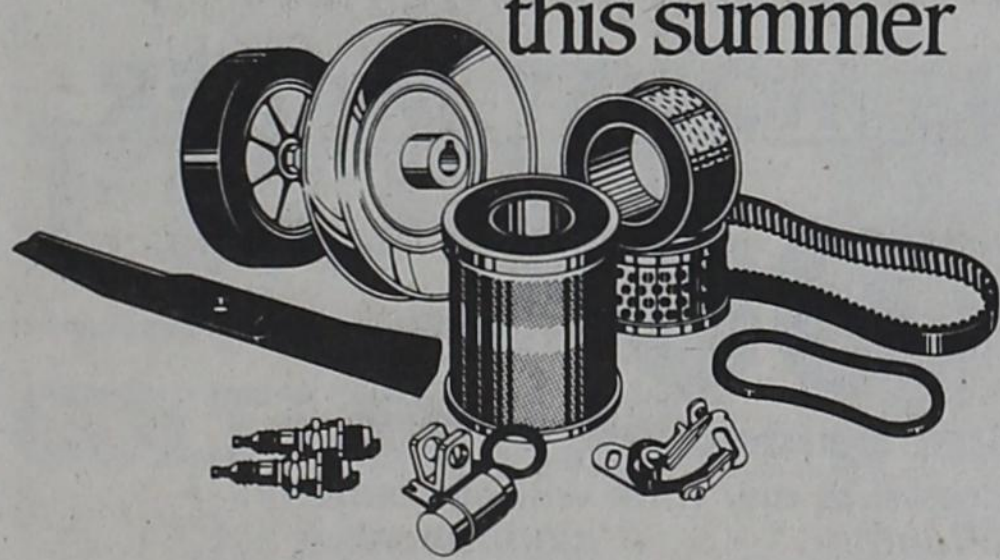
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IGA FOODLINER was officially welcomed as a new business in Dimmitt by the Chamber of Commerce with a ribbon cutting last week. On hand for the welcoming ceremony were (foreground, from left) Gary James of the Fleming Companies, supplier; Lee Webb, store manager, Herbert Jones of Memphis, vice-president;

Ken Newman of Memphis, general manager; and Jim Griffin, IGA coordinator. Others on hand for the ceremony in the background are store officials and employees and Chamber of Commerce officials.

Blood drive set Tuesday

Castro County Extension Homemakers will sponsor a blood drive Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Dimmitt City Hall meeting room at 201 E. Jones.

All interested persons are urged to share a part of their life with the blood drive.

Check guidelines before hiring youth

Farmers and ranchers planning to hire youth for agricultural work this summer should be familiar with child labor requirements.

Child labor requirements for

agricultural work apply to youth 16 years of age and younger working on any farm and ranch. Although these regulations apply only to hired youth labor, they are good guidelines for the protection of all youth.

The requirements restrict hired youth under 16 from operating or riding on a tractor of more than 20 horsepower or connecting or disconnecting an implement to or from such a tractor. These youth also are restricted from starting, operating, stopping, adjusting, feeding or any other activity involving cotton pickers, grain combines, vegetable harvesters, hay mowers, forage harvesters, hay balers, fork lifts, auger conveyors, post hole diggers, chain saws or similar equipment.

The labor requirements further restrict youth from working above a height of 20 feet; in a pen occupied by a bull, boar or stud horse; and from handling, mixing or applying anhydrous ammonia and certain other agricultural chemicals.

On the other hand, permitted jobs include operating garden tractors, loading and unloading trucks, and driving a truck or automobile on off-highway farm roads. Youth may hand-plant, cultivate and pick produce; clean barns, storage buildings and chicken coops; clear brush; and harvest trees up to six inches in diameter.

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For today's graduating seniors, finding a good job may be a difficult task.

Unemployment in Texas is at a record level and the Panhandle is hit with a double whammy with both agriculture and the petroleum industry depressed.

Gene Parker, Director of Placement at West Texas State University, recently said most WT grads will have to work harder searching for a job. "It's a buyer's market. They don't come to you anymore, you have to go to them," Parker said.

Being properly equipped is also important. Parker said tough competition means companies hire people with the best skills, best education and most experience.

To be successful in the job market, Parker recommends the following:

(1) Recognize that grades are important. Contrary to what many students believe, grade point averages figure into an employer's assessment of a job applicant. Parker said the Shell Oil Company headquarters in Houston received 2,500 unsolicited resumes last year. All of them listed grade point averages of 3.0 or higher.

(2) Improve your communication skills. The ability to speak and write effectively is more important than ever, as we in-

crease the volume of information handled by all professions.

(3) Organize yourself and be a doer. Companies like to hire people who can handle pressure and get the job done.

(4) Be flexible and have a positive attitude. Some jobs require you to move to a new location. Others may offer a low starting salary but an opportunity for advancement.

Parker said people in the Panhandle are work acclimated and will survive. Given time, economics will change and new opportunities will emerge. The message for today's students is be prepared and make the most of what you have. Who you know may help you get a job, but what you know will help you keep that job.

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Police Calls

Investigations are continuing into the burglary of the Castro County Historical Museum this weekend.

According to Deputy Frank Valdez of the Castro County Sheriff's Department, the unknown person or persons unlawfully entered a half-dugout behind the museum through a north window.

The alleged perpetrators took a .22 Remington rifle and an old .22 gun from the dugout, then made their way to the barracks building behind the museum.

According to Valdez, they entered the barracks by remov-

ing a screen from a window, then crawled through.

They damaged an old sewing machine and took old spurs, a record player and 23 arrowheads from the building.

No value has been placed on the items at this time.

Three females are suspected in the burglary of the Tony Sanchez residence at Easter which occurred over the weekend.

Valdez said that the culprits apparently had broken a lock on the door of the residence to gain entry.

Once inside, the three then ransacked the house and took several home interior decorations, an AM/FM stereo system, a Pioneer speaker system, and a CB radio.

No arrests have been made at this time.

Alex Glass, principal at Dimmitt High School, told police someone had entered the school through a window on the south side of the building between 10:30 p.m. last Wednesday and 8:30 a.m. last Thursday.

The culprits reportedly entered Room 23 and took a video cassette recorder. They then made their way to the Science room and took a water pump.

Friday afternoon, according to reports, Glass also reported another VCR missing from the school.

Officials believe it was also taken in the same burglary.

Several firearms were removed from a house at 207 NE Seventh Saturday or Sunday.

Smiley Wright, living at the residence, told police several rifles and shotguns had been removed from the south bedroom and a Smith and Wesson revolver was taken from the living room.

Reports state that the suspects gained entry by shattering a kitchen window and climbing through. The investigating officer noted that the dirt on the window sill, however, had not been disturbed, and that corrosion around a trash sack tacked up over the suspected point of entry indicate the window and dirt around it had been there for some time.

A van driven by Terry Wright of Dimmitt was stolen Friday night from the parking lot at Pizza Hut.

Police reports indicate the van had been recovered Saturday and had sustained heavy damage in an apparent accident.

Investigations by officers

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disclosed the van had been southbound on SW Third when it attempted to turn onto Belsher and failed to negotiate the turn and struck a light pole.

The van suffered damage to the left front, left side and various mechanical damage.

Mrs. Erasmo Dominguez of Dimmitt told police someone had broken the rear window on her 1978 Chevrolet Impala Friday.

Investigations disclosed the window had been hit with a hard object and was shattered. Amount of damage to the vehicle is unknown.

A 1973 Ford Torino, driven by Lonnie Ramirez of 409 NW Second in Dimmitt, was backing from the driveway of the residence when it struck a 1976 Ford Thunderbird parked in front of 408 NW Second Saturday afternoon.

A 1978 Buick LeSabre driven by Maria Madrid Presas of 717 West Stinson in Dimmitt was traveling west on Stinson attempting to make a left hand turn and failed to yield the right of way to a 1983 Chevrolet Celebrity driven by Dondi Hays of 805 W. Bedford.

Hays' car was proceeding east on Stinson and struck the LeSabre as it attempted the left hand turn Saturday.

A 1977 Chevrolet Caprice Classic, driven by Albert Valdez of Dimmitt was traveling south in the 300 block of Broadway attempting to make a west turn onto West Belsher, when, according to reports, it was struck from behind by a blue Ford Torino.

The Torino struck the Caprice Classic on the right rear side, catching bumpers, then drove off without stopping to leave information.

Gaye Keaton told police someone had taken her purse and several other items from her car parked in the west parking space at her residence.

The purse was recovered in a garbage container west of her residence.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients In Hospital: Manuela Mendoza, Aileen Smitherman, Mae Wright, Cleofas Navarro, Mary Murrell, Peggy Ehly.

Patients Dismissed: Leslie Hinijosa, Elsie Apodaca, Oleta Raper, Eva Caballero, Jody Reyna, Ted Wood, Anadelia Saucedo, Modesta Sandoval, Martina Reyes, Pedro Acosta, Elmer Scott, Wessie Ivey, Frank Elder, Robert J. Minnick.

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Obituaries

Ida Pearl Deavers

Funeral services for Ida Pearl Deavers, 92, of Port Arthur Nursing Home, were held Friday at Livingston Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Glenn Jones officiating.

Burial was in Port Arthur Cemetery.

Mrs. Deavers, who died May 5, was the sister of P. L. Hoyler of Dimmitt.

She was born Oct. 30, 1893, in Johnson County to Walter and Ida Hoyler. She moved to Port Arthur in 1920 from Cleburne. She was a member of the Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, L. C. Deavers, in 1982 and a son, Weldon Deavers in 1980.

She is survived by a daughter, Mary Nell Hebert of Port Arthur; a son, L. J. Deavers of Port Arthur; seven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; three brothers, P. L. Hoyler of Dimmitt, O. E. Hoyler of Everman and J. P. Hoyler of Yucca Valley, Calif.

Rita Ermine Gagna

Rita Ermine Gagna, 60, died April 27 at Anaheim, Calif.

Graveside services were held Wednesday in Bailey County Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. V. L. Huggins, pastor

of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gagna was born in Dimmitt and moved to Anaheim 40 years ago from Canyon. She was an accountant. She was a member of the Earth First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Louis; a son, Larry, of Anaheim; and a sister, Mrs. Sena Stevens, of Muleshoe.

L.S. Hoyler

L. S. Hoyler, 91, of Cleburne, died May 2.

He was the brother of P. L. Hoyler of Dimmitt.

Funeral services were held May 6 at Crosier-Pearson Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Johnny Richter officiating.

Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery in Cleburne.

Mr. Hoyler was born Jan. 12, 1895, in Johnson County to Walter and Ida Hoyler. He was a retired owner of a transfer and storage business in Cleburne.

He is survived by a son, Walter E. Hoyler of Pharr; two daughters, Wanda Main of Baltimore, Md., and Lafern Beck of Waco; three brothers, O.E. Hoyler of Everman, P.L. Hoyler of Dimmitt and J.P. Hoyler of Yucca Valley, Calif.; seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Timothy Kyle Sanders

Funeral services for Timothy Kyle Sanders, 13, of Tulia, were held Saturday in the Tulia First United Methodist Church with Rev. Earnest McGaughey, pastor, officiating. He was related to Pauline Hoyler and Paula Portwood, both of Dimmitt.

He died Wednesday afternoon at his grandmother's house in Tulia. Justice of the Peace Earl R. Cox ruled the death accidental.

He was born in Tulia, was an eighth grade student at Tulia Junior High and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Sanders of Tulia; a sister, Leah of Tulia; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hickman and Willie Lea Sanders, all of Tulia; his maternal great-grandmother, Iva Payne of Tulia; and his paternal great-grandmother, Amber Sanders of Tulia.

The family requests memorials be made to the Tulia Athletic Department in care of L. G. Wilson, 501 Northeast Fourth Street, Tulia, 79088.

Orval R. Sharp

Orval R. Sharp, 74, of Hart, died May 7.

Funeral services were held Friday in the Hart First Baptist Church with Rev. Jack Lee, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Hart Cemetery under the direction of Foskey Funeral Home.

Mr. Sharp was born in Onapa, Okla. He married Violet Turner in 1946 at Salina, Okla. He had been a Hart resident since 1959, moving there from Halfway. He was an army veteran of World War II and a member of the American Legion. He was a farmer and a deacon of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Ken of Lubbock; a daughter, Carol Cottingham of Munday; three sisters, Jewell Northcutt of Sentinel, Okla., Patty Carpenter of Tulsa, Okla., and Genelene Bryan of Pryor, Okla.; a brother, Owen of Pryor; and five grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Perry Barham, Glen Black, Jerry Kittrell, Bobby Reed, Scott Rice and Marvin Hart.

The family requests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund.

Alice R. Sheid

Alice R. Sheid, 72, of Hart, died last Thursday in Central Plains Regional Hospital at Plainview after a brief illness.

Funeral services were held Friday in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Steve Ulrey, pastor and the Rev. Lanny J. Wheeler, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Silverton, officiating.

Burial followed in Plainview Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Wood-Dunning Funeral Home in Plainview.

Mrs. Sheid was born in Floydada and graduated from Lorenzo High school. She married Gerald W. Sheid on Dec. 4, 1937 in Idalou. She moved to the Hart area in 1969 from Denison. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband; two brothers, Albert T. Jones of San Angelo and David L. Jones of Edmonson; and a sister, Jobob Hairston of San Angelo.

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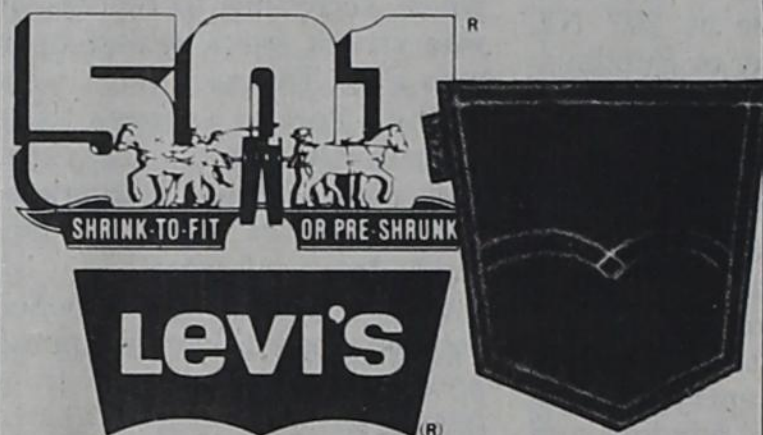
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Texas Wagon Train conquers Guadalupe Pass in Culberson County

... Will travel to Hereford today after big Dimmitt reception

Wagons, Ho!

Coming up out of the south, and coming in like the wagons we could only read, and dream, about before, the Texas Sesquicentennial Wagon Train rolled into Dimmitt Wednesday afternoon. The night of activities included a Mexican Fiesta supper, a circuit ridin' preacher, "The Life and Times of Goose," and country-western music before the wagon train headed out of town for Hereford and other points on the 3,000-mile plus wagon train, the longest wagon train in Texas and American history.

We salute the hardy veterans of this wagon train, those who have traveled the 2,200-plus miles to bring the state's birthday celebration to the people, and the heritage they represent.

In this issue of the News we salute the heritage of Castro County as presented through the Castro County News over the past 57 years. As you read through this issue of the News, you will see stories, in most cases, exactly as they appeared in the News. These stories have been gleaned from our office library, through previously-undiscovered issues, all being presented as highlights of this county's rich history.

Not all of the major stories are here. Some of the stories included are "major," and some of them are not, but all of them, from 1929 to 1969, have made an impact, one way or another, in the lives of the residents of Castro County—from "Goose" Ramey and his combine and queen bees to basketball, from exotic plants to corn wet-milling plants, and more.

Go with us, now, as we turn back the pages, and take a glance at the stories, the people, that made Castro County one of the most important counties on the face of the earth...

County shows big increase over 1920

June 6, 1930

The population of Castro County for 1930, as enumerated by the government as of April 1, was given this week to the News by Owen M. Unger, of Plainview, supervisor of this district, as 4,720. This figure is preliminary, but can be considered correct, as very little change is likely to be

made after the Washington check-up.

Compared with the official 1920 count, Castro County has increased in proportion to all other counties of this section, the figures then showing 1,948, giving an increase of over 250 per cent in the ten years.

Farm Census Given Also In the report made this week,

the number of farms in the county was given as 750. No figures are available as to the number in 1920.

Unemployed Also Given

An interesting figure furnished the News by the census bureau, thru Mr. Unger, was the number of unemployed in Castro County. This figure was given as twenty, on April 1,

this year, and for this time of the year, this is a splendid indication of good business and general conditions here.

County Returns are Complete

There being no other incorporated town in the County, the returns are now complete, giving Dimmitt 830, or nearly one-sixth of the county population.

New money crop expected with gin

June 6, 1935

King Cotton is destined to raise his head among the other money crops of Castro County this fall. So sure is this believed in this area that work is being rushed at the present time on installation of machinery and other improvements on the old gin just east of Dimmitt.

the unusual but most pleasant sight of cotton wagons to the merry hum of the ginning equipment. Already there are a

number of farmers who will in part make up the loss of the wheat yield this season by raising the lint commodity while

every day brings determination to give the cotton crop a chance to prove its worth to the high plains country.

Radio interference about eliminated

December 27, 1929

For the past four weeks, radio fans in Dimmitt have

been experiencing an unusually large amount of interference in their sets. This was caused by

the high frequency of vibration caused by the automatic ringing machine recently installed on the switch board of the Dimmitt telephone exchange.

Dimmitt Lions sponsor Hereford club

June 13, 1930

Lions L. P. White and T. A. Singer were in Hereford Monday, and with District Governor Holcomb of Dalhart, organized a club in that city, with twenty-five charter members, comprising many of

the leading business men and civic leaders of the city.

They returned Tuesday, with several other Lions, and attended the initial banquet, at which time officers were elected. "Ole" Olson is the president.

According to T. A. Singer, of the West Texas Telephone Co., the eliminator for this apparatus was not sent with the machine, but it has been received, and connected up the first of this week.

Since Monday the interference has stopped from this source. Some other electric machines over town are interfering some, but not to any great extent.

Flip of a coin places Birdwell in mayor's job

April 9, 1959

J.M. Birdwell is the new mayor of Dimmitt.

His selection came with the flip of a coin Thursday morning after an unprecedented tie vote with E.B. Wright had thrown the Tuesday election into a mayoral deadlock.

The vote was 103-103. There were a total of 210 votes cast with present Mayor Joe Cowen receiving two write-in votes.

Both men agreed to the coin-flipping Thursday. This action is in accordance with Texas election laws concerning municipal elections in towns the size of Dimmitt.

Both Birdwell and former mayor Wright agreed to the method of selection in writing before the coin flip. Neither man campaigned actively for the office.

Autoists must observe laws

October 25, 1929

According to Bert Huckabee, city marshal, auto drivers of Dimmitt have responded in a fine manner to the recent warning issued in the News as to the traffic rules, regulated by city ordinance.

However, some dangerous violations are still noted, which make it inconvenient for those who are obeying the rules in

this respect, and Mr. Huckabee issues a warning this week that traffic tags will be given those after this week who insist on cutting corners, and parking on street crossings, the two most flagrant violations now.

A court summons for a traffic violation will mean appearing before the mayor, ex-officio police judge of the city.

Old landmark removed from courthouse lawn

July 25, 1930

With the coming of city water a landmark in Dimmitt has been removed from the northwest corner of the courthouse square.

Workmen several weeks ago removed the large water tank, from which many families have

been supplied with water for a number of years. This week the work of removing the wind mill was completed. This mill was erected about 32 years ago, on the southwest corner of the block, but was later moved to the opposite corner, where it has served the community faithfully in supplying water.

Jail can't hold 'em so they moved 'em

May 9, 1935

It was just a case of not enough jail or too much prisoners this week as Homer and O. J. Garms, under 2-year penitentiary sentence for the theft of hay last December, showed their distaste of "Dad" Gibbs' Castro County Jail by strolling from their cages whenever they felt like taking their freedom.

The first occasion was on Sunday when the prisoners decided they wanted to see what was going on in the outside world and proceeded to take themselves over to the drug store for a soda. However upon returning to the jail imagine their surprise and embarrassment at not being able to return to the quarters reserved them by the court. A hurried call to local officers

soon relieved the situation and both men were shown once again to their cells.

Monday and Tuesday like instances occurred, to the delight of the inmates and the expense of the jailer who had wagered the boys couldn't repeat the trick of the late Houdini. He lost before he had taken himself one block from the local bastille.

The sheriff however decided that things were developing too much along a playful line and hustled them off to Hereford Tuesday afternoon where they are at the present time members of a ways and means committee to figure just how they may take their periodic stroll from the confines of the Deaf Smith county big house.



Will Rogers tells Hick's wife Tuesday

"Ten bucks a day ain't enough money"

July 12, 1934

By Mrs. W.W. (Hick) Halcomb "Tell him, I said it ain't enough. Lord God, any fellow deserves more than \$10 a day for staying in that place (the Texas Legislature) for 120 days." That's what Will Rogers, famous screen star and comedian said about my husband and his ten bucks a day platform for the Texas Legislature, when interviewed on the Halsell ranch in Lamb and Bailey counties last Tuesday.

It's no easy job to see a celebrity — believe you me. And it was with a real thrill that we received the news that we would have the chance of seeing and talking to such a famous man as Will Rogers, and seeing him, too, in regular cowboy garb, without frills or anything else of a famous nature.

We saw and talked to the REAL Will Rogers, who, for a day at least, was just another cow hand and busily engrossed with his job of roping and branding calves.

Back in the old days, Will Rogers was what he was when we talked to him, just another top cowhand for the Halsell

ranch in Oklahoma. Now the Halsells have ranching interests that cover the northern portions of Lamb and Bailey counties in Texas.

There is an old adage that a street car conductor rides street cars on his day off. Well, Will Rogers (who is Bill to most of the real cowboys that know him) is just a cowboy when he gets a chance. It has been his custom for several years to steal off to the Halsell ranch and be just a cowboy again for at least a day or two at branding time, once a year.

Rogers' visit to the Halsell ranch is usually guarded with the closest secrecy because it is his desire to enjoy a day or two without the slightest indication he is in the country. You know how people are. They flock for miles and miles around to see such a famous celebrity. We did. So did hundreds of others.

You couldn't tell Will Rogers from the rest of the cowboys unless you knew him or some body pointed him out to you. When he is on a "cuttin hoss," his face grimy with dust, his shirt tail out all around and his mind on roping calves and branding them, well, kings and

presidents and dictators and all such-like can go hang. There is nothing to distinguish Will Rogers, the world-famed humorist-philosopher, from Bill Jones, ordinary cowboy. Fact of the matter is the rest of the hands can't quite figure out just why it is that folks are so hell-bent on getting a peek at old Bill Rogers! And it don't soothe their feelings any for folks to cut fences and tromp all over the place to do it, either.

Will and his son, Jimmie, a long, lanky youth of 16 years, and a 14 year old nephew of Rogers, who Will said was "about the ugliest little cuss I ever saw," passed through Dimmitt Tuesday morning about 4 o'clock on their way to the Halsell ranch. They got there a little after day break stopping at the ranch headquarters where Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parmer reside. He knocked on the kitchen door and upon being admitted said: "Howdy, Mrs. Parmer, what are you doing? Got any coffee?"

Rogers drank three cups of black coffee and "gabbled" all the time. Mrs. Parmer asked him if he wanted some fresh

peaches and thick country cream. He answered in the negative and said: "Peaches and cream would spoil my beans. I shore want to eat plenty of good old red beans today."

He did. After breakfast Rogers said he wanted to change his clothes. Mr. Parmer showed him several available rooms but Rogers declined the use of these saying: "I'll just change my duckin's here on the running board of the car. That's the way we do on the lot when making a picture. There's no use hunting a place to hide."

And that's what he did — changed his clothes right out in the open from the running board of the car. Once in his cowboy attire, Bill Rogers was his normal self.

Most of you know that branding time on a ranch is a busy season and Bill Rogers and his son Jimmie were just two more hands until a telephone wire leaked somewhere and people from all over the Plains got word that Rogers was in the vicinity. Then the visitors began to pour in. But Will was very wary. He could not be found.

We had an inside tip and found him close to the chuck wagon over in Bailey county. Most of the people hunting him were in Lamb county.

My first impression of him was his exaggerated homeliness. There may be uglier men than Will Rogers, but I have never seen one that had him bested. Some wise sage said that it is a man's right to be as ugly as he wants to be. But in my humble opinion Mr. Rogers has abused the privilege.

Will, who claims he has never met a man he didn't like, was very reluctant to talk, desiring more to attend to the business at hand, but he was very cordial to Mrs. N. H. Witt, Mrs. Ellen Carter, myself and daughter. He seemed especially pleased to meet Mrs. Carter, mother-in-law of the late Pres Burnam, a close friend of Rogers.

I asked him what he thought of my husband wanting to get the job as a Representative and his answer was that related in the opening paragraph.

There is little difference between the Will Rogers you see on the screen and the Will Rogers in natural life. He is

just the same all the time. There is no "put-on" about him. He is as real and as natural as anyone can be and one of the most loveable characters I ever met. He is particularly fond of animals and children.

My impression of Rogers was that he is one of the most intensely human persons that I have ever met, that he is shrewd, his humor is spontaneous, and he really gets a kick out of living. And you really know that is my honest opinion when I tell it after driving over plowed ground, cutting fences, fixing flats and running out of gas under a blistering sun to see this man who holds such a secure place in the hearts of thousands of his fellow citizens.

It's worth everything it cost to see Will Rogers and hear him talk. It does your soul good.

Demonstration of terracing by F.F.T.

July 25, 1930

With the return of T.V. Weaver, vocational agriculture teacher in the Dimmitt High School, from his summer studies at A. & M. College, the class is starting early preparations on a busy season when school opens this fall.

The farmers of Castro County are invited to be present on Friday of this week, July 25, at 8:30 a.m., at Mr. Wright's farm one mile southeast of Dimmitt, to witness a terracing demonstration given under the auspices of the class.

Several of the F.F.T. boys of the local club will be present and take part in the demonstration, thus increasing their efficiency in terracing, which will aid them in securing a Certificate of Merit in such work. When they have earned this certificate, they will be permitted to do commercial terracing on their own responsibility, at a nominal charge.

Wheat growers to build plant

April 26, 1966

Houston Lust, president and chairman of the board, announced after a special called meeting Monday night that the stockholders of Dimmitt Wheat Growers, Inc., voted overwhelmingly to recommend to the Board of Directors the construction of Wet Grain Sorghum Milling Plant.

At 9 a.m. this morning, Aaron T. Isaacs, secretary and general manager of Dimmitt Wheat Growers, announced at a special called press conference

at the association's Dimmitt office that after three years of careful engineering and marketing studies by Dimmitt Wheat Growers, a Wet Grain Sorghum Milling plant would be constructed at Dimmitt with a total capital investment to exceed \$20 million.

The plant will be constructed adjacent to the present Dimmitt Wheat Growers elevator in East Dimmitt.

It is designed to grind 20,000 bushels per day, approximately 7 million bushels per year,

operating around the clock with expandable features.

Union Starch and Refining Company, Inc., of Columbus, Indiana, will supervise, construct, oversee construction and manage operation of the plant and market the product.

The plant is divided into two main areas with the railroad siding between them connected with a weatherproof service bridge. The building and area

will cover over 2 million square feet over a 30-acre tract.

Isaacs said the plant will be the most modern, automated Grain Processing Plant in the world today.

It will employ some 100-plus people with an annual payroll in excess of \$1 million.

Isaacs further stated that the plant is a 100% cooperative owned by Dimmitt Wheat

Growers, Inc., which is made up of over 700 farmers in the Dimmitt area, whose grain sorghum capacity exceeds the expected needs of the proposed mill. These farmers operate farms in and around Castro County, which is acknowledged to be the grain sorghum capital of the world since this area is uniquely suited to the growing of sorghum.

Construction time is estimated at one and one-half to two years.



Tune us in.

Welcome to our fellow Texans aboard the Texas Wagon Train.

We invite you to tune us in at 1470 AM as you travel on toward the northernmost part of your historic journey. You'll pass our KDHN radio station two miles north of Dimmitt Thursday.

KDHN was founded in 1963 by Steve Taylor and other members of his family, licensed by the FCC as the High Plains Broadcasting Co., Inc. The station's call letters were chosen by combining the first letter of the names of the county's three main communities—Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth.

In 1976, Gerald Marvin Hanners—who had been the station manager four years—formed Plains Media, Inc. with his wife Susan, and they bought the station from the Taylor family corporation.

In 1982, Johnny Cain, operating as JLP Media, Inc., purchased the station from the Hanners corporation.

KDHN is now owned and operated by Collins Communications Co., which purchased the station from JLP Media in November, 1984. Principals in Collins Communications are Wayne Collins (Dimmitt's mayor), his wife Darlene, and their children, Joe and Susan. Wayne Collins is the general manager, Joe Collins is the news director, and Joe's wife Laura is the traffic clerk.

KDHN has been a consistent winner of local and state awards for outstanding news coverage, commercial production and public service programming.

KDHN 1470



'The Times and Tales of Mr. Goose'

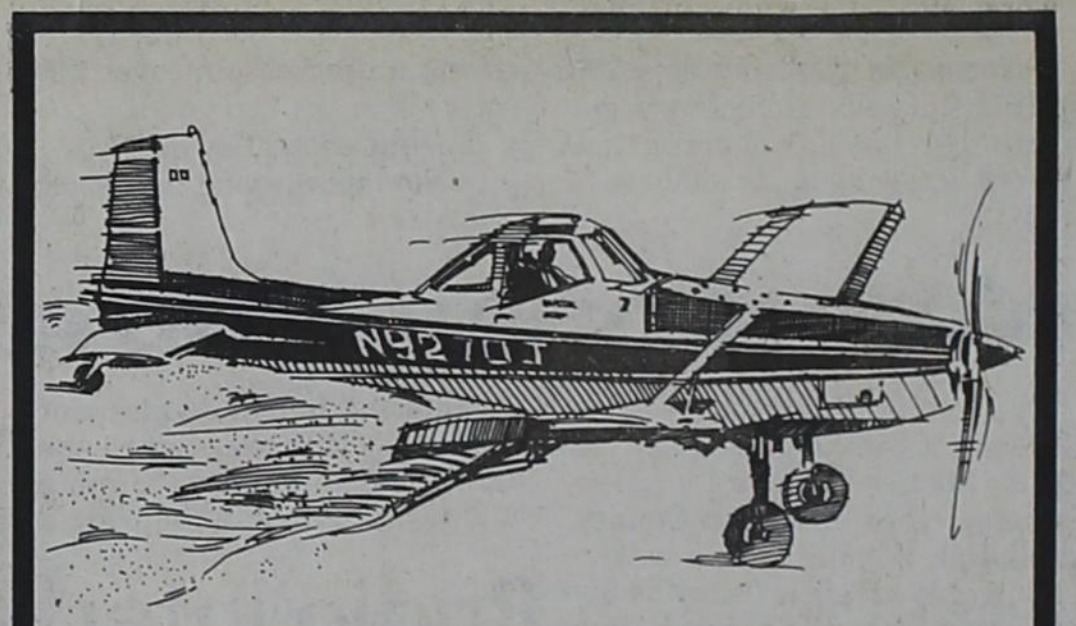
"The Times and Tales of Mr. Goose," the musical play performed for the Texas Wagon Train here, was written by Bill Sava, our postmaster, and scored by Deanne Clark, First United Methodist Church organist, and Avie Lewis, First Baptist Church organist.

The story and songs are based loosely on conversations which Sava had with Edwin "Goose" Ramey, one of our pioneer residents, who was a master story-teller, local historian and colorful personality known throughout the Panhandle. He got his nickname of "Goose," or "Mr. Goose," from his lifelong association with (and extensive knowledge of) the wild Canadian geese that winter here every year. He also was a knowledgeable beekeeper, an expert on the American monetary system, operated the first wheat thrasher in the county, and was a sought-after public speaker. He loved to relate stories with a spark of humor or adventure.

Don and Karen Sheffy of Sheffy's Western and Casual Wear are both members of the cast. He portrays "Mr. Goose" as the narrator, and she is an "American Gothic" farm wife in the troupe.

We hope "The Times and Tales of Mr. Goose" will leave you with some fond memories of Dimmitt and Castro County.

Sheffy's Western & Casual Wear



A tip of our wing

We tip our wing to the hardy Texans aboard the big Texas Wagon Train. We hope the rest of your historic journey will be safe and pleasant.

We at Dimmitt Aerial Spray provide aerial application of all types of agricultural chemicals on the crops in this vast area, helping our farmers do a better job of feeding and clothing the nation. In 1979 we added brush spraying to our services, mainly in Oklahoma and Southwest Texas. We currently operate two Ag Cats, one of which is turbo-powered.

Our company was organized in February 1974 by James Horton and Judge Baldrige. In 1975, Horton became the sole owner and employed Rodney Miller of Cleveland, Tenn., as pilot and manager. Miller bought the company from Horton in 1985.

We thank you for stopping our way, and hope you complete your trip without any crosswinds.

Dimmitt Aerial Spray

One of Texas oldest combines threshing its eleventh year

July 5, 1929

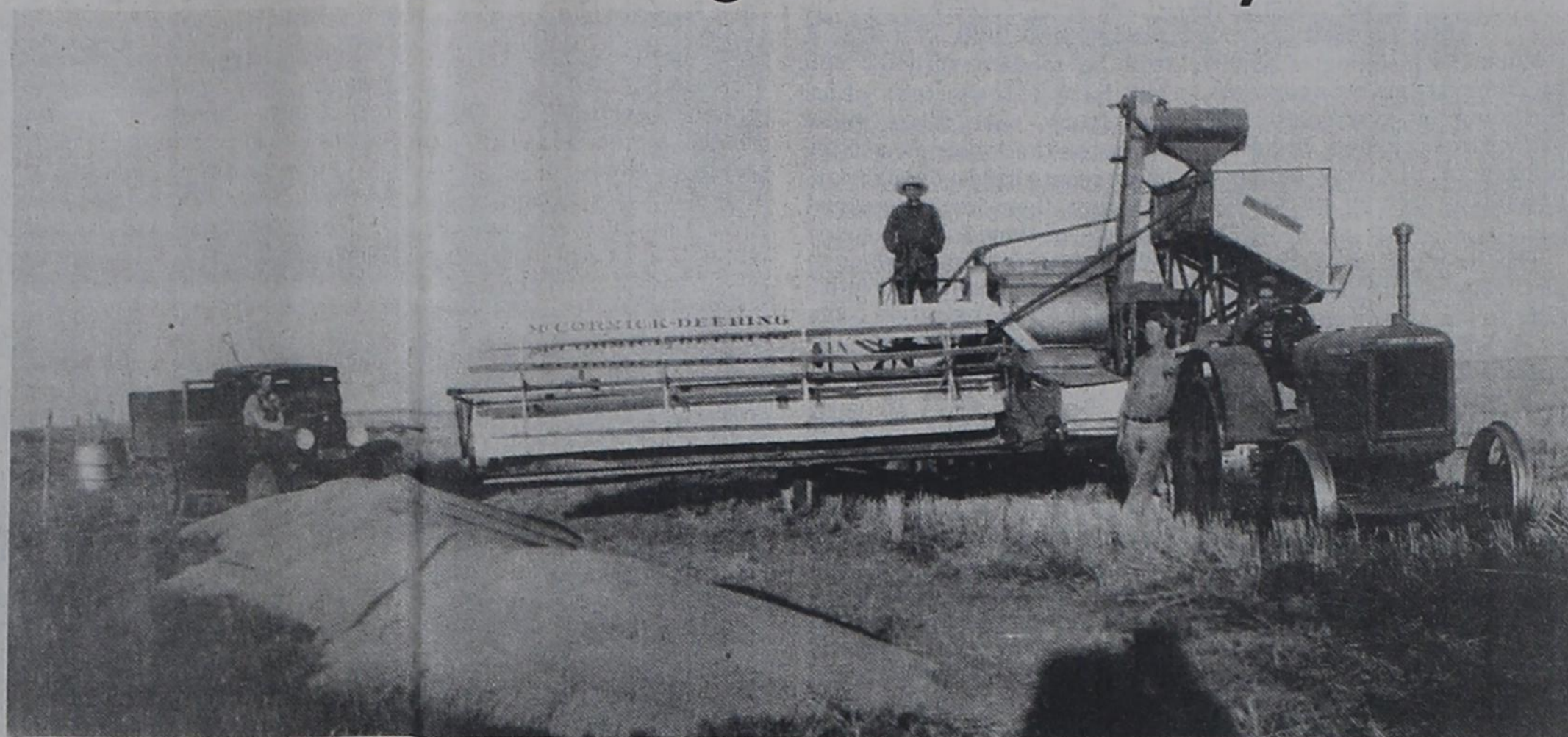
Above is a picture of one of the first combines brought to Texas, and the first one used west of Amarillo. This combine was purchased in 1919 by Edwin Ramey, prominent and successful farmer, living 12 miles east of Dimmitt. At the time this machine was started, the manufacturers, McCormick, now the International Harvester Co., sent their service man here to assist Mr. Ramey in familiarizing himself with it, and to observe the operations, this being a new machine, other models made before it having proven unsuccessful to some extent. This representative, John E. Vogt, was with Mr. Ramey and his crew for two days, during which time he suggested several machinery changes, which were later made on this and other machines of this model. According to Mr. Vogt at that time, this was one of the first seven combines brought to Texas, and was the first of the lot to be sold and put into operation that year. From hundreds of miles around, wheat growers and

others came to see it operate, and Mr. Ramey says it was almost impossible to keep sufficient ice water on hand for them all.

This is the eleventh crop to be harvested by this machine, it having cut approximately 320 acres each year.

Observed by the News representative, was the original paint, well preserved, on the reel; the steel frame, just under the reel, we found that the metal had been cut out like saw teeth, caused from contact with wheat stalks during the eleven years of service. On the frame in one place can be seen penciled, "Started July 3, 1919," written by Mr. Ramey, who can be seen in the foreground of the picture, standing near the tractor.

Originally, the machine was equipped with a sacker, but was later replaced by the present wagon loader. Up until last year, eight mules were used to pull the combine, and many stories are told of the near-runaways at various times; and four mules were used for the wagons. But, according to Mr. Ramey, who is a



great lover of fine mule stock, he decided last season to "break it to a tractor."

In conversation with Mr. Ramey, the News asked to what he attributed his success in the operation and life of the combine, and he replied that

two things were essential in the operation of the machine, viz.: first, the combine should be sheltered during 49 weeks of the year; second, that during the three weeks of operations each year, the men operating the machine should "know

their stuff." He added that credit for the life and success of this machine was due to Tom Annen and Jack Tate, two successful farmers who have had charge of its operation and care for years.

Concluding, Mr. Ramey

stated that if combine owners would, at the end of each season, jot down the needed repairs, and file them for reference just prior to the next harvest, many days of hard work and delay and possibly loss of wheat would be avoided.

Emergency wind erosion program is mapped for Castro County by RRA

February 20, 1936

This week saw an attempt to inaugurate an emergency and temporary soil erosion pro-

gram in Castro County, through the cooperation of the Rural Resettlement offices in Amarillo.

Following a meeting held at the county court house Saturday night when Henry Wilkerson, representing the Amarillo

office, outlined plans for the emergency work. The Commissioners court with the help of the County Agent's force have

been busy outlining a plan and attempting to work out a plan.

The purpose of the work will be an attempt to save growing wheat that has not blown out. This help is to be extended to individuals not able to secure credit or funds otherwise a rate of 15 cents an acre for solid listing of ground to protect the remaining wheat and five cents per acre for streak listing has been announced.

Approximately 125 applica-

tions had been filed at the office of the County Agent late Wednesday.

Responsibility of the administration of such an emergency program in Castro County has been placed in the hands of the Commissioners Court, which is furnishing the necessary clerical workers for filling the application. A committee appointed by the court to pass upon the applications consists of P. H. Dyer, E. B. Wright and Milton Ott.

Commissioners Court seeks WPA changes

February 20, 1936

The Commissioners Court of Castro County has been making an effort for the past several weeks to secure an increase in the WPA workers certified for projects in the county. The increase sought is to raise the present number of eligible workers from 54 to 464.

Petitions have been presented to the court by more than 400 heads of families, who have not heretofore sought work aid, but who now say

they are in need of assistance. So far only 54 have been certified for work on WPA projects in the county. The petitions presented to the court were forwarded to the district WPA office in Lubbock several weeks ago, but no response has been received.

Saturday, a telegram, following an exchange of correspondence was sent to Congressman Marvin Jones, urging that he make an effort to have

the restrictions of the WPA raised so that the additional labor could be certified for the county. According to the figures and estimates of WPA projects already approved in the county, there is enough work to consume 2,353 man months, or work for 475 men for a five month period.

At present time two projects are underway, the road construction job North from Dimmitt and the county tax

survey. There are several other county projects approved.

Giving additional strength to the telegram sent by the Commissioners Court to the congressman were telegrams from the Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, and the Farm Committee. Mr. Jones has written that he has repeatedly urged that the restrictions be liberalized so that more people in this section would obtain work on WPA labor projects.

The 1986 season at the Texas State Railroad is off and steaming with weekend runs through May 25. The summer schedule offers 50-mile train rides every day except Tuesday and Wednesday, from May 26 through Aug. 17. This unique railroad line is a state historical park, and operates between Rusk and Palestine in East Texas. Texas Tourist Agency photo.



Buenos Dias!

We're happy to welcome our fellow Texans on the Texas Wagon Train to Dimmitt and Castro County.

We hope you enjoy the activities and meeting the fine people here. You're always welcome in Dimmitt!

El Sombrero Restaurant



Welcome, Wagon Train!

We're happy to have you with us, and appreciate your stopping here. We hope you enjoy your trip through Castro County.

You're among friends here, so enjoy!

Dimmitt Farm & Bearing



You've come a long way, wagoneers!

Now you're closer to three other state capitals (Santa Fe, Boulder and Oklahoma City) than you are to your own.

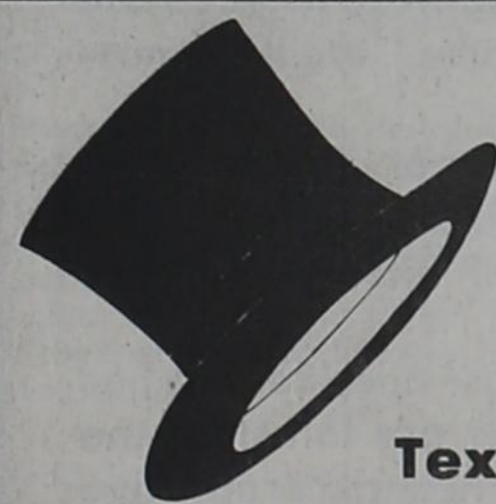
You're a long way from the seacoast, the subtropics, the mountains, the desert, the pine forests or the hill country—all of which are contained in our great state, and much of which you've traveled during your historic journey.

You're in the southern part of America's Great Plains region, which extends northward all the way to Canada.

Our countryside here may look a lot like parts of the Kansas, Nebraska or the Dakotas to you, but you're still in Texas—you can tell that by our "Texas twang" and our smiles!

And as fellow Texans, we welcome you to Dimmitt and Castro County, and thank you for coming to see us!

Dimmitt Ready Mix

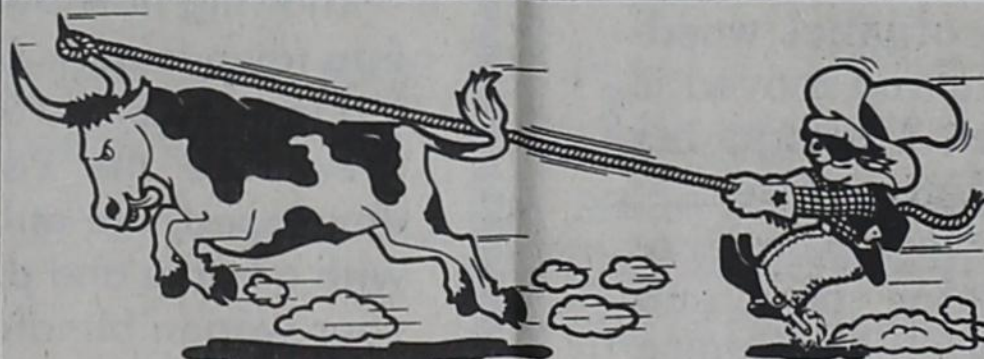


Hats off to the Texas Wagon Train

Six months on the road ... 3,000 miles ... more than 150 cities and towns.

Members of the Texas Wagon Train are truly to be commended. They're proving that Texans are still as hardy as ever!

Goodpasture, Inc.



'The wind pumped the water and the cattle cut the wood'

Welcome to our fellow Texans on the wagon train.

Now you know why this was the last part of our great state to be settled. Our first settlers brought cattle with them and, in the absence of wood, used cow chips for fuel. And they had to drill for their water, so the windmill became the source of life.

Dimmitt Motor Co.

Thirty room hotel for city by subscription of \$3,000 thru Dimmitt concerns

July 18, 1930

With the pledging of \$3,000 by Dimmitt business concerns, including utility companies, and citizens, a new two-story brick hotel of thirty rooms is practically assured for the city.

The building is to be completed by November 1, according to the agreement between N. H. Witt, who is to build and operate it, and the subscribers. A stipulation of the contract also is that the money subscribed is payable only upon the completion of the building, in November. The petition, containing all pledges, has been placed in escrow with the First State Bank of Dimmitt, for collection upon the completion of the hotel.

The building is to be erected on the northeast corner of Bedford and Fifth streets, on the corner just north of the court house, and construction is to be started just as soon as a few additional details are worked out.

The structure will occupy the two corner lots, will be of two

stories, and built of brick. It will be modern thruout, and will have a down-stairs office and lobby, with thirty guest rooms on the second floor. Five store rooms will be available on the first floor for commercial use, one of them to be occupied by an up-to-date coffee shop, to be operated in connection with the hostelry. A reception room on the second floor will be another feature.

The total investment, according to Mr. Witt, will be approximately \$40,000, and work will start just as soon as a few minor details are taken care of.

Upon the completion of this hotel, the News will publish a list of those subscribing, showing the people just who is responsible for the project, and who are the most interested in the upbuilding of this community.

W. B. Howard, contractor, who will build the structure, stated Thursday morning that the lots were being cleared and that work would start immediately, and be finished by November 1.



AROUND THE COUNTER AT WITT HOTEL
... From left to right, Iva Huckabay, Ruth Rothwell, Ercel Umberson, Frank Cone, unknown person, Annie Reynolds, Carlos Reynolds, unknown person, Clarence Wood, Jim Elder, Ira Bussey, unknown person, Bob Estes, Charlie Boone.

Bank deposits pass million dollar mark

July 19, 1929

Publication of the official statement of the First State Bank of Dimmitt, two weeks ago, showing the condition of the bank on June 29th, showed deposits totalling nearly a half million dollars. Within four days after the call for the statement was issued by the State Banking Department in Austin, and before the statement was published, the deposits had jumped to well over the half million mark, due to the local grain market opening up, and the heavy receipts at this point.

On Saturday night of last

week, July 13, and several days after the peak of grain receipts here had been received, Bruce McLean, active vice president of the institution, announced that their deposits had reached the substantial total of \$1,014,631.82, the highest figures ever attained in this bank, and possibly the greatest of any like institution in any town of equal size in the State.

Still Going Up

As the News goes to press with this issue on Thursday afternoon, it is learned that at the close of business on

Wednesday of this week, total deposits had gone to over \$1,024,000.00.

Rabbit hunts net 6,500 scalps

January 31-March 1, 1935

On January 24, 1935, the Castro County Commissioners Court authorized a bounty of two cents per scalp for every Jack Rabbit killed in Castro County. The bounty was paid "owing to the number of, and the vast amount of waste and destruction caused by Jack

Commissioners set salaries

January 24, 1935

The new Commissioners Court met with the County Judge in their first regular session Monday of last week with numerous problems to be settled. A number of road petitions were settled, salaries set, and other business transacted at

this meeting. Among the items disposed of were the following:

Motion carried that a salary will not be allowed for constable in precinct No. 1.

Motion carried that Mack Johnston be employed to brace the courthouse at \$3.50 per day and that \$2 be allowed for a

helper, the county paying for the material, rods, etc.

Salary of County Attorney services set at \$50 per month.

County Judge, \$2,000 per year.

County Commissioners, \$720 per year.

County Commissioners, \$5 per day for meetings.

County and District Clerk, \$500 per year.

Home Demonstration Agent, \$600 per year.

County Agent, \$800 per year.

Assessor, \$900 per year.

Janitor, \$720 per year.

County Stenographer, \$326.05 per year.

Auditor, \$240 per year.

Treasurer, one-half of 1 per cent of collections and disbursements.

Rabbits . . . " The bounty was to be paid only for rabbits killed inside Castro County, and persons claiming a bounty had to sign an affidavit affirming the rabbits were, indeed, Castro County rabbits and not imports from Lamb or Deaf Smith.

Big hunts were organized at

Flagg and Big Square, with Big Square holding its hunt on Feb. 11 and Flagg hosting rabbit hunters after the attractive bounty on Feb. 18.

The county ended up paying \$130 for rabbit scalps as over 6,500 rabbit scalps were turned in to County Clerk Glenn Hickman.



Serving the Best Grainmen in the Nation

In 1949, Fred Bruegel Sr. purchased the original wood-frame elevator from Dimmitt Wheat Growers and moved it to the family farm six miles east of Dimmitt. This was his first venture into the commercial grain-handling business.

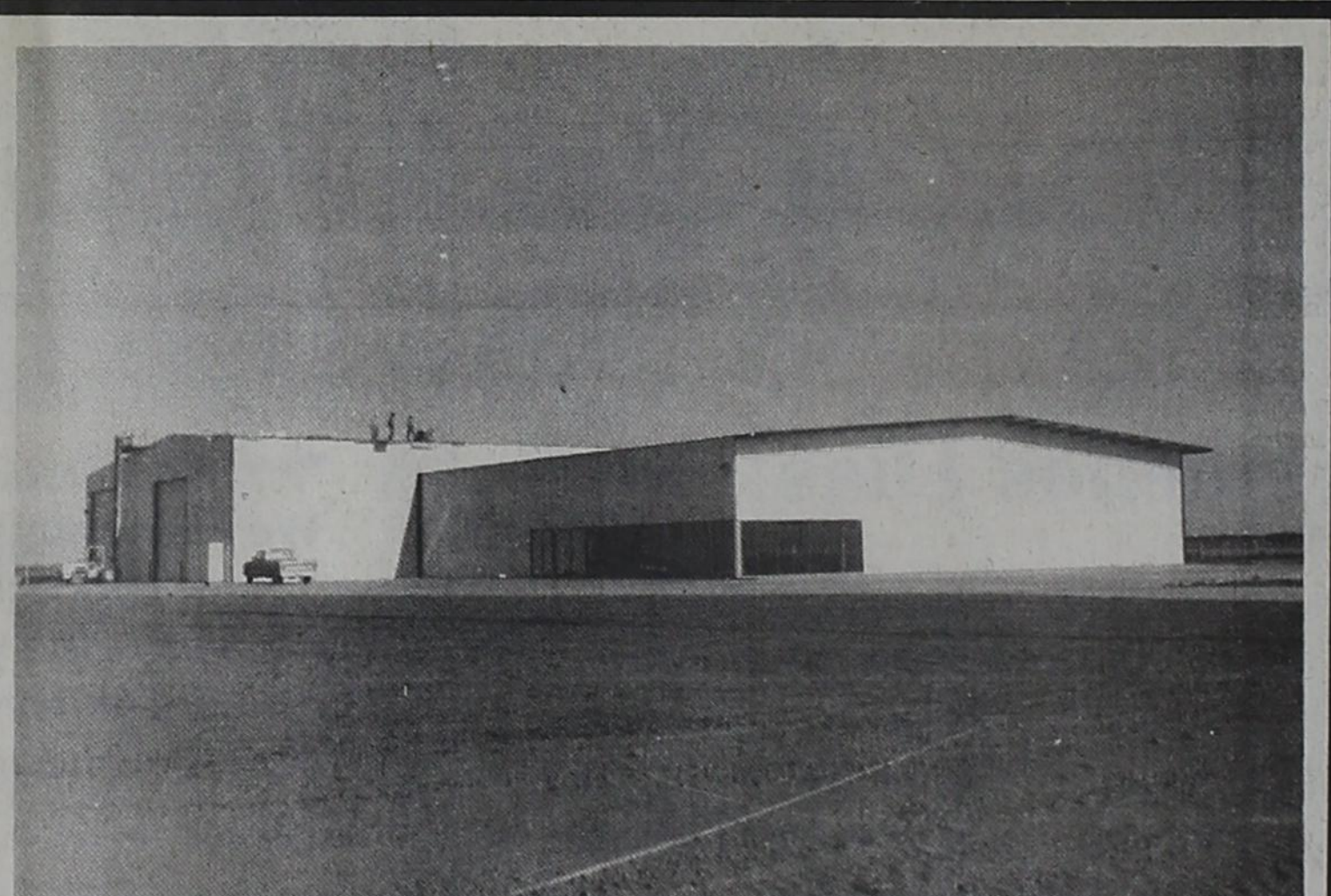
In 1956 the Bruegels bought land just north of the Dimmitt city limits, built a 550,000-bushel elevator there, and established Bruegel & Sons, Inc. Since then the main facility has grown steadily to include 3.4 million bushels of storage capacity, plus a feed mill, two corn dryers, a feed and seed store and all the other facilities and services usually associated with a "country elevator."

The company has also expanded westward through the years with the addition of Bruegel Bros. Gin & Elevator north of Tam Anne, and Bruegel & Sons West, on Highway 86 between Tam Anne and Hub.

In recent years we have added export marketing and computer information and business services for our customers.

We're proud to be "Serving the Best Grainmen in the Nation."

Bruegel & Sons, Inc.



A new stable for tomorrow's team

Welcome, wagon train!

That big new building you passed on the highway as you rode into town is ours. It's the new "John Deere house." We'll be moving into it before long.

Because the Panhandle was the last part of Texas to be developed, we still have old-timers here who broke the prairie with a horse and plow. Some of them could still hitch the team to your wagon blindfolded.

The technological advances in farming in just one lifetime has been phenomenal. Our area advanced "from the latest to the greatest" in a relatively short time, becoming the most productive agricultural region in Texas. John Deere power equipment had a lot to do with that progress.

We plan to continue providing horsepower to our local farmers for a long time. The new stable is almost ready.



Bob Towler Equipment Company

Club organized here with 25 roaring, enthusiastic Lions

April 25, 1930

Starting with a charter membership of twenty-five, and having their initial luncheon in the basement of the new Baptist Church on Monday of this week amid songs and "oowahs" galore, and with the greatest enthusiasm ever shown in any organization in this section, Dimmitt christened its Lions Club.

Visitors Present

Present at this luncheon was, besides members, the following:

Mrs. Charles H. Dean, who played at the piano. A.T. Holcomb of Dalhart, Deputy

District Governor, who assisted Monday in organizing the club, and also presided at the luncheon. J. Frank Triplett, member of the Plainview club, who also assisted in the preliminary organizing. Edwin McMath, attorney, and President of the Plainview club. C.B. Thomas, now of Dimmitt, and formerly of the Plainview club. Mr. Thomas acted as temporary and official tail-twister for the Monday luncheon, and filled the place with the true spirit of Lionism. N.M. Gilbert, pastor of the Dimmitt Baptist church, and who delivered the invocation.

Clarence Moses of Plainview, who, with his guitar and singing, entertained the club with songs.

Officers Elected

The following officers were elected, and will be installed at the Charter Banquet, to be given at the church on next Monday night:

President, known in the den as the boss lion — Charles H. Dean.

First Vice-President, Leonard P. White.

Second Vice-President, W. G. Baxter.

First talkies here next week at theater

June 14, 1929

Announcements of the all-talking pictures in Dimmitt for next Monday and Tuesday has caused many visitors to Dimmitt this week to remark complimentary concerning the rapid growth and progress of this city. Manager Lawson has announced George Bancroft, a Dimmitt favorite, with movie fans, in "The Wolf of Wall Street," Paramount's latest one hundred per cent all-talkie.

This picture recently played to capacity houses in the Paramount house, the Greater Palace, in Dallas, and press notices from that city claim it one of Paramount's best pictures in years, as well as Bancroft's best vehicle in many months.

The Castro Theatre has been wired at a great expense, and it is hoped that every person in Castro county will take this opportunity of celebrating with Manager Lawson and Dimmitt in their inauguration of the latest thing in movies, and of which probably no other town of this size in Texas can boast.

Kenneth Cleveland is new high school basketball coach

July 13, 1961

New basketball coach for Dimmitt High School is Mr. Kenneth Cleveland of Sonora, Texas. Mr. Cleveland, who is presently attending State Teacher's College in San Marcos, graduated from Coleman High School in Coleman. Cleveland was all-district end and he lettered in basketball for three years at the University of Texas. Cleveland, who is married and has one child, will move to Dimmitt July 20.

Castro farm lads are making good with their flock of sheep

February 6, 1936

Elbert and Trellis Summers, Castro County 4-H club boys and the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Summers of the Cleo community, in six years have run

two motherless ewe lambs into a flock of 40 ewes and 18 lambs.

In the spring of 1930, a neighbor stockman Elmer Dixon gave the two boys, then 11 and 8 years of age, respectively, two orphan lambs to raise on a bottle. The next year a calf was traded for two lambs and an aged ewe. Every year since, till 1935, all wether lambs were traded for ewe lambs and the ewe lambs retained. One year 5 wether lambs and the ewe lambs were traded for ten broken mouth ewes and nine lambs were raised from these. Several orphan lambs were also given the boys by neighbors during this time and raised on bottles.

Mrs. Summers states that she can't remember a year when the boys weren't raising orphan lambs since they started.

The first lambs to be sold were the 1935 spring lambs

which were fattened and sold early in the fall of 1935. Total cash income from the flock up to date amounts to \$229, which until last year was from sale of wool. 28 ewes last spring sheared 484 pounds of wool, an average of 17 pounds per head.

The flock at present consists of 40 ewes, 4 spring lambs, 14 fall lambs and one purebred Southdown ram. 36 of the ewes are high grade Rambouillet and four cross-bred Rambouillet-Southdown are being fattened for the spring market.

Both boys are expecting to group fat lamb classes at the Boys 4-H Club Show at Lubbock the first part of April.

Now that the flock has been built up to the present proportions, a substantial income from sale of wool and lambs can be realized each year and the young stockmen are deserving of the highest praise for their persistent efforts. Great credit is also due the father and mother of the boys for the aid and encouragement which has made this outstanding accomplishment possible.

Big crowd is expected by Baptists

July 19, 1929

As announced in a large ad last week, the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt will hold an all day rally at their new church on West Bedford Street next Sunday, with Sunday School at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Immediately following the Sunday School, morning services will be held, at which time contributions will be received by the church, to be used in the completion of their \$21,000 Educational Unit, the basement of which is now complete, and work is progressing rapidly on the upper flows of the building.

Contributions have been coming in the past week, according to Rev. N. M. Gilbert, pastor, and church officials feel sure that this rally will put the project "over the top," for the completion of this beautiful structure, clear of all debt.

An invitation is extended to every person of this and all surrounding communities, to attend these services, which will be continued after lunch thru the afternoon. The ladies of the church are preparing to have ample to eat, and all are urged to remain for dinner and the afternoon services.

Dimmitt talent on Clovis radio show

February 3, 1955

A group of Dimmitt High School musicians and singers will appear over Clovis radio station KCLV in an all-night show beginning at 10:30 p.m. Saturday.

The group, directed by Ralph Smith, will appear on the same program with such stars as Jimmy Wakely and other popular Western vocalists. The all-night show is being staged for the benefit of the VFW orphan's home fund.

Smith said his group was invited to the Clovis event after appearing on the Amarillo March of Dimes TV program.

The Dimmitt groups includes the Star Dust Combo Band composed of Judith Cleavinger, Nancy Neumayer, Nelda Bagwell, Sue Bagwell, Keith Taylor, Karen Bell, Myrna Thompson and Smith. Also on the program are the Blue Notes (vocal ensemble) featuring the above group along with Kaye Killingsworth. Gail Cooper is vocalist for the show.

The radio show will continue until daylight Sunday.



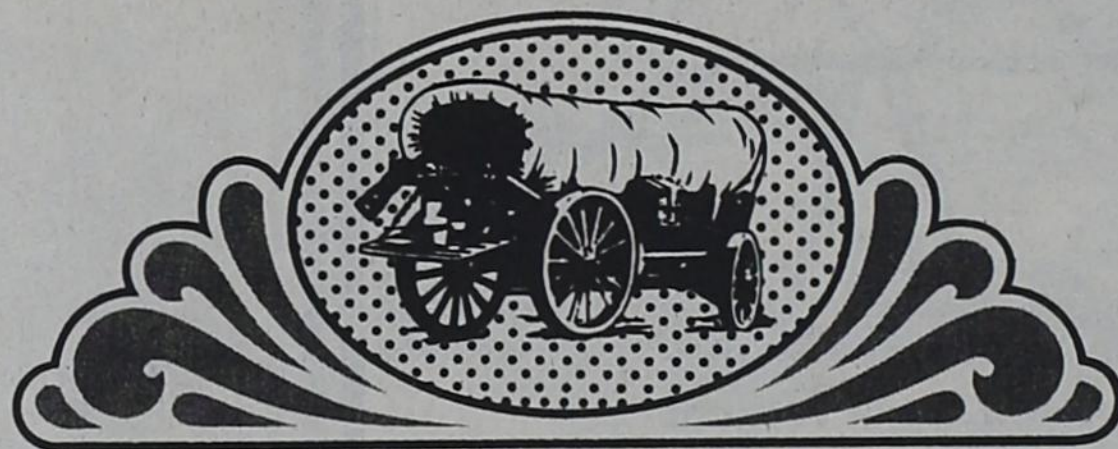
"Wagons, Ho!"

Does the wagonmaster really say that every morning?

Whatever he says, it must be the right thing, for the Texas Wagon Train is doing something that very few wagon trains ever did before—stay on a precise day-to-day schedule over a long haul.

We welcome the riders on the Texas Wagon Train, and commend you on the fulfillment of your adventure!

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative



WELCOME TO K-BOB'S

In 1966 K-BOB'S opened its first steakhouse in Clovis, Curry County, New Mexico, deep in the heart of North America's finest ranch and farm lands.

The concept was simple. Start with an outstanding salad wagon. Serve the finest beef in a pleasant and friendly atmosphere at reasonable prices and get down to the serious business of good eating. Quickly.

The success was phenomenal. Today, you can sit down to some of the finest domestic grain-fed beef lunches and dinners in K-BOB'S steakhouses throughout the Southwest.

K-Bob's Steak House

204 W. Bedford, Dimmitt

Freak of nature leaves county in dark Sunday



THIS PICTURE, donated in 1976 to the News by Mrs. W. E. Kirkpatrick, shows a huge, boiling dust cloud about to descend upon Dimmitt. Houses and power lines can be faintly seen, while the arrow in the middle of the picture shows where the sun had been only minutes earlier.

March 7, 1935
 Old mother nature dug deep into her stock of unpleasant weather conditions and unloosed her wrath in the sustained fury of this country's worst dust and sandstorms Sunday and Monday. The sometimes amiable old lady went even so far as to include one of her freaks of nature Sunday afternoon when she turned the day into absolute pitch darkness.

Even the oldest residents of this section fail to remember when such an occurrence was noted before the Sunday episode. The dust clouds had been rolling over the county in thickening masses since the middle of Sunday morning in what was thought to be just another "duster." Suddenly about 3:30 o'clock an almost suffocating and completely impenetrable cloak of dust enveloped the entire Panhandle and thrust the country into

pitch darkness for a period of some ten minutes before the eerie streaks of a storm swept dawn finally began to break through the seeping dust. Homes and business houses of the city were forced to use the electric lights during this period which stranded motorists on the highways as their lights failed to pierce the thick dust wave.

Although no fatalities were reported, considerable damage was suffered in this section by homes and businesses from the dust while the farmers noted losses in crops by the devastating fury of the cutting sand both Sunday and Monday.

*We can weather it
 if we support each other.
 TRADE AT HOME!*

Castro farmers terracing lands

February 13, 1936
 Terracing is holding the interest of Castro County farmers at this time according to County Agent Thomas. Lines are being run both on farm land and on pasture land. An interesting development is taking place in which farmers are taking water off the public roads and turning it on the fields and pastures.

Celestine Wilhelm of Nazareth community is taking water off the highway 86 in two places and from a local road bordering his pasture on the north and west. The pasture land is being listed on alternate rows where the water is turned in and thus be spread over considerable area and allowed to soak in. On other parts of Wilhelm's pasture water that has been running into a lake will be divided and

spread out on grass land. H. F. Benson of Easter Community hopes to be able to take water off the Hereford road and spread it on his pasture land.

J. O. Ayres of Dimmitt is building two terraces on his fields, one of which will take the water from a road running north, the other from a road running south. Numerous reports are coming to the County Agent of the good results secured from contouring fields the past season.

Carl Frye of Easter made a splendid crop this year on his contoured field and states that he would have saved a \$2,000 feed bill in 1934 if he had had his field contoured that season. C. C. Hunter of Jumbo figures that he doubled his crop this year.

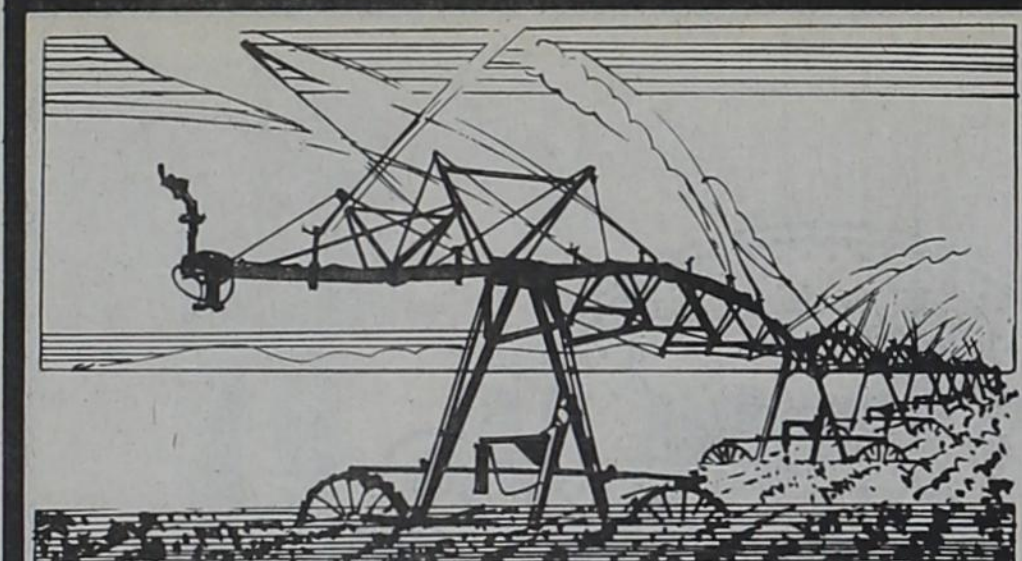
Gas company wants to start on line

July 18, 1930
 A representative of the West Texas Gas Company, with headquarters in Lubbock, was in Dimmitt Monday, for the purpose, it is understood by the News, of procuring contracts from the Dimmitt School Board and the Commissioners' Court for the guarantee of the use of their service in the schools and the court house, respectively. According to the company's representative, if the two bodies would agree to use gas upon completion of the company's line into Dimmitt, construction work would be started on the line next week. The commissioners' court agreed to use gas in the court house, but the school board, in

session Monday afternoon, reached no definite decision, it being withheld until the last of this week. It is understood by the News that there is some opposition on the board as to the agreement, it being thought that, since the gas company will make no guarantee to have service at any certain time, and the saving on coal bought now for next winter's use will be quite an item, such an agreement would not be in the best interest of the district. The West Texas Gas Company was granted a franchise by the city commission on December 27, 1929, with the following provisions: To begin construction on the line not later than August 15,

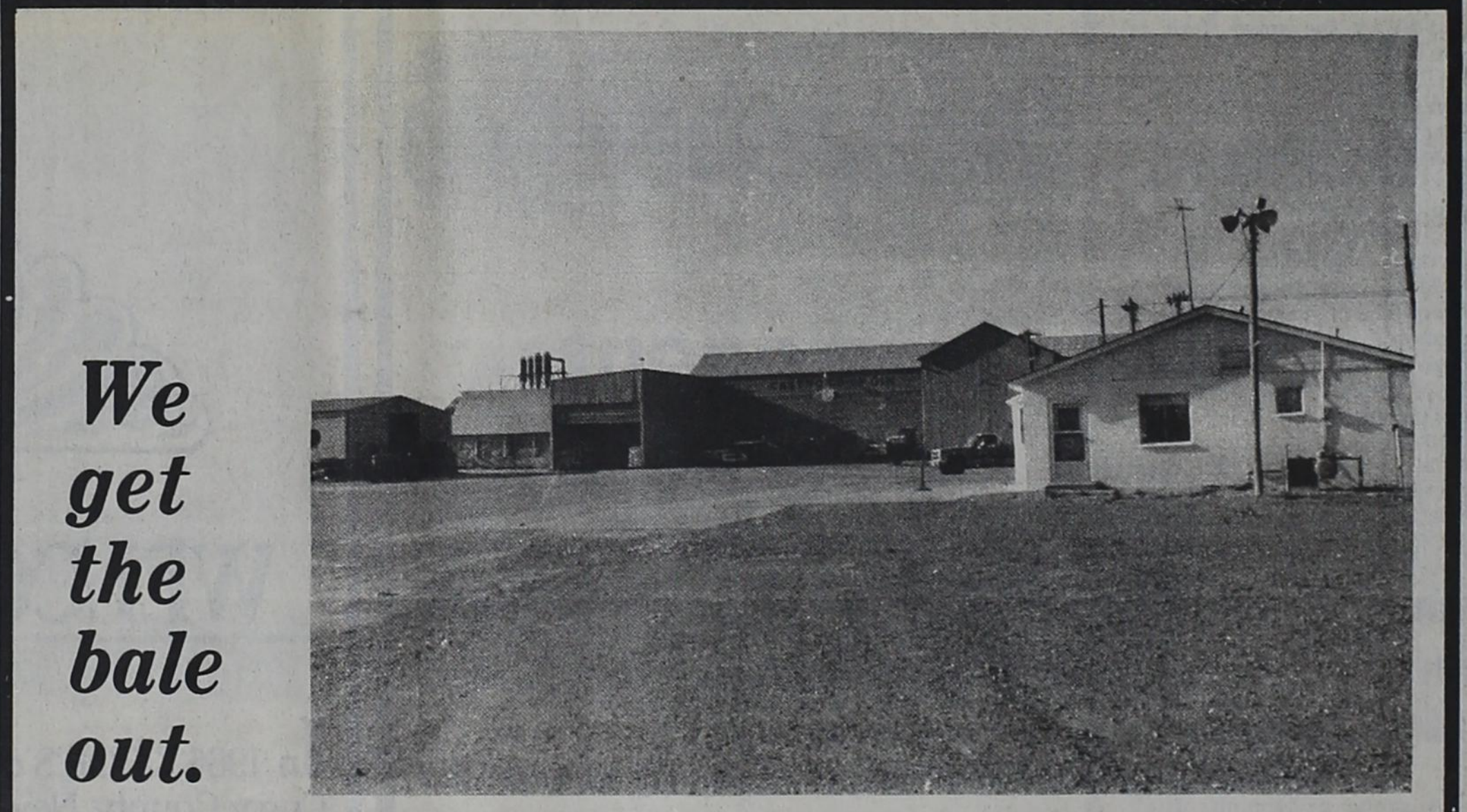
1930. To complete line by September 15, 1930. To provide service on or before October 15, 1930. There are no penalties attached to the franchise, which was published in full in the News as soon as it was passed, in case the company does not furnish the service. In view of the fact that quite a number of new homes have been built this past year without flues, contemplating on gas service, there is some talk now of circulating petitions among the tax payers of Dimmitt and the school district, asking the school board to make the agreement, in order to rush the company, and one to the company, call-

ing attention to the provision that has been made by many home owners and asking them to begin work at the earliest possible moment.
Sheriff gets fingerprinting outfit
March 5, 1936
 The Castro County Sheriff's office is now equipped to completely fingerprint any criminals arrested in the county and whom the officers might think need fingerprinting. The Federal Department of Justice several days ago sent to the sheriff a fingerprinting outfit, complete with detailed instructions



To Our Wagon Train Friends:
 You are now riding over the Ogallala Aquifer, one of the largest underground water formations in the world. It was this "underground sea" that revolutionized farming here. Discovery of the Ogallala prompted a young businessman in California to put together an engineering team to devise a pump capable of tapping this underground water source. He was Cliff Cooper, who had been raised on a dryland farm near Hart and who had made a vow to himself to help make farm life better here if he got the chance. The result of Cooper's project was the Wintroath Pump. Cooper then went together with Leroy Aven of Hart and Hilary Aven of Hereford to form the Big T Pump Co. in the 1940s to market the Wintroath Pump. Tapping the Ogallala turned our area into one of the richest agricultural regions in America. Cooper later became a pioneer entrepreneur in the space industry and served as president of the US Chamber of Commerce. We at Big T Pump Co. are proud of the pioneer spirit that built our company, and that still lives today.

Big T Pump Co.
 647-4171



We get the bale out.
 Castro County is about the farthest north that you'll find cotton being grown in Texas. We grow short-staple, fast-maturing cotton here, most of which goes into the manufacture of denim and other fabrics for which our staple lengths and micronair qualities are well suited. Castro Co-op Gin in Dimmitt has been helping our cotton producers "get the bale out" since 1952. Our cooperative was chartered March 24, 1952, with P. P. Robb, Andy Nelson, Roy Cluck, J. H. Flood and Posie Cunningham as the charter directors. Our managers have been Jack Tucker (1952-64), Earl Chaney (1964-82), Jay Isom (1982-84) and Randall Small (1984 to present). We're proud of the role our cooperative gin has played in Castro County's cotton industry during the past 24 years.

Castro Co-op Gin

Agricultural agent assured Castro County thru work of Chamber of Commerce

July 18, 1930

Work began one year ago by the present officers of the Chamber of Commerce of Castro County was brought to a successful termination last Saturday when a special meeting of the directors met in the court house with Sterling P. Evans, director of this district for the Co-Operative Extension Department of A. & M. College of Texas. At this meeting it was definitely decided to employ an agricultural

agent for Castro County, the state and federal governments to pay one-half of his salary, and the county the other half, the latter having been, several months ago, underwritten by the chamber of commerce.

Hard Work Fruitful

Past and present officers of the chamber of commerce have worked diligently for over two years on this proposition, but nothing definite could be seen until the plan of underwriting the county's share was for-

mulated about six months ago. This was accomplished thru a budget system, and taken care of by all progressive business concerns of the city, monthly payments ranging from \$1 to \$10.

Agent in Thirty Days

Mr. Evans, who was accompanied to Dimmitt by Charles P. Martin, county agent of Swisher county, advised the board Saturday that he expected to have a man on the job here by August 15, and not

later than September 1st.

Body Has Been Inactive

At the time a contract was entered into with the Commissioners' Court, the Chamber of Commerce and Extension Department, and soon after the budget of over \$2,600 was pledged, local officials were notified that, due to a lack of funds, it would be impossible to complete arrangements and furnish an agent. For this reason, the civic organization became inactive, other than

taking care of necessary correspondence.

Will Meet Regularly Now

With this completed, the board of directors of the chamber of commerce will meet regularly at least twice monthly, according to President George C. Smith, who has called a meeting for Friday night of this week.

The program as outlined in the report of the president at the annual banquet, held on January 28, last, will be carried on, according to the president.

Driver's law is now in effect

February 13, 1936

Every person in the state in order to legally operate a motor vehicle upon the public roads must secure a driver's license before April 1st, according to the terms of the Drivers License law passed by the Legislature last year. The law becomes effective February 14.

Application blanks and the driver's licenses were received at the office of Garland Brown, county tax assessor and collector, Tuesday of this week.

It is announced that there will be no charge made for the license, but that every driver over 14 years of age must secure a license. The minimum age for drivers license is 14. Those minors applying for a license must have the consent of parents or guardian.

In making application for a license a person is required to answer a list of 21 questions giving their age, height, sex, weight, color of eyes, color of hair, face, their physical disabilities if any, etc.

March 19, 1936

West Texas
by Mildred Lust

All my life I was happy and gay,
Til along came the drought and the N.R.A.
Doing away with pleasure and bliss,
So, to live, I write nutty poems like this.
Make nutty poems and barely exist,
By strong winds and dust storms daily I'm kissed.
Buffeted and bullied by old "Hard Times"—
My jingles are no better than nursery rhymes.
Will good Prosperity ever return?
Will we ever again have money to burn?
What will happen? I know! Stay.
We'll all dry up and blow away.

(Editor's Note: The above poem was written by Mildred Lust as a part of her recent school work and carries with it a tone that very aptly fits the weather of this week.)

If you MAKE it here,
SPEND it here.

The job you save may be your own!

Crop values show large gain

March 1, 1934

There is an old adage to the effect that "figures do not lie." By the same token and assuming that statement to be true, the condition of Castro County

farmers was almost 200 per cent better in 1933 than in 1932.

This figure was determined in a recent survey made by the county agent's office. Actual

work of compiling the data was done by Mr. Marion Benton. The report compares the value of local farm products for the years 1932 and 1933.

The figures show that the

total cash value of Castro county's major crops, including wheat, cotton, coarse grains and sudan in 1932 were \$522,722.

In 1933, the total values of local crops was \$1,422,902. This represents a gain of almost two hundred percent.

This latter figure includes, of course, government bounty payments for cotton plow up and wheat acreage reduction payments, and they totalled \$248,812.77. Many wheat checks are yet to come, in addition to checks for the hog reduction program. Cotton option checks brought \$21,875.

These summarized figures show the actual material value of improved agricultural conditions in the county, but the report goes further than that in generalizing on what has been done with the money and the effect it has had on general conditions.

A forty per cent increase is estimated for business concerns in the county, mostly in the sale of necessities and staple items. The implement business has been greatly stimulated, because, as the report says, "most used machines

have been badly worn and in great need of repair."

Tax payments increased about 50 percent over 1932 as a result of the program, it is estimated. The total taxes paid in 1932 were 37 percent of the total while in 1933 this figure had jumped to about 58 per cent.

Credit facilities of the government are being extensively used, it was shown, because only 10 or 15 per cent of local farmers are using local bank credit.

In one of the concluding paragraphs the report states that the administration's program has given the farmer "renewed encouragement to go forward with his work."

"The program as a whole has been a great financial aid to the average farmer, but is only the beginning of what is really needed to permanently help the farmer. What is really needed is much better prices for agricultural products, not easy sources of credit. Continued better prices can only be had by strict mandatory control of production."



WE'VE STRUCK . . . WATER!

. . . Castro County's first irrigation well, drilled on Section 16, Block 1, W. E. Halsell Sub-division in 1910 or 1911. From left, Mrs. J. W. Houston, J. W. Houston, Robert Houston, J. F. Baker, M. E. Cleavinger, Sr., J. W. Houston children and Jess Cleavinger.



Welcome, Wagon Train!

We're glad you came to see us, and we hope you're enjoying your trip through Castro County.

We've been serving the Dimmitt area with flowers and gifts since 1949.

Seale Florist

301 N. Broadway, Dimmitt



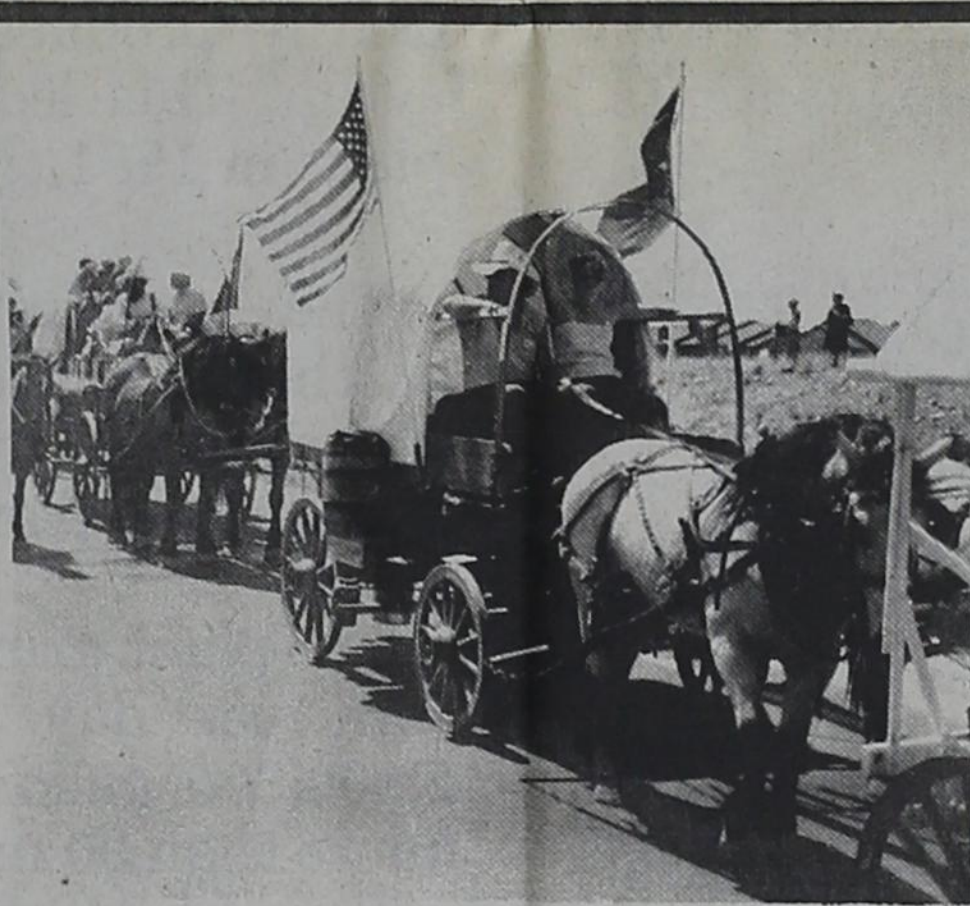
Enjoy Your Beef!

Welcome to our fellow Texans aboard the wagon train! The meat served at your supper here is grain-fed beef, finished and processed in this area.

At Dimmitt Feed Yards, we turn out approximately 90,000 head of market-ready cattle per year, averaging 35,000 head on feed at any given time. We buy most of our feed grain from the fields here in Castro County.

We're proud to have you. Enjoy your stay . . . and your beef!

Dimmitt Feed Yards



All Together.

We welcome the Texas Wagon Train to Dimmitt! We are honored by your visit, and hope your trip through our county is a pleasant experience.

We're sure that on a wagon train it's important for everyone to cooperate and work together to achieve the mutual goal that benefits all. The members of our cooperative have learned that, too, over more than half a century of working together as an association.

We started as the Consumers Fuel Association in 1932 when 100 farmers organized our cooperative to purchase supplies and fuel at better prices. Through the years we built onto our original building twice, then outgrew it again. In 1970 we purchased the site and buildings of the former Willson-Nichols Lumber Co. on East Bedford Street.

Each and every year our association has continued to grow. We can no longer sell gas for 12 cents per gallon the way we did during those first few years, but we continue to help our members in our original purpose—to provide fuel and supplies at better prices.

Dimmitt Consumers



Welcome, wagons!

You're in friendly country here.

We should know. We came here in 1977, and the folks here have been mighty good to us.

We bought the Carver Pharmacy in November 1977 from Joe Carver, who first had the pharmacy in the old City Drug on North Broadway and moved it into its own building in 1967.

We renamed it Coleman Pharmacy, and operated it for eight years at its original location at 104 NW Second.

Then, in October 1985, we moved into our big new building at Northwest Second and Etter, and became an affiliate of the Health Mart pharmaceutical marketing group.

We try to be friendly and willing to help in any way we can—just like the people here have always been with us.

Garland and Susan Coleman



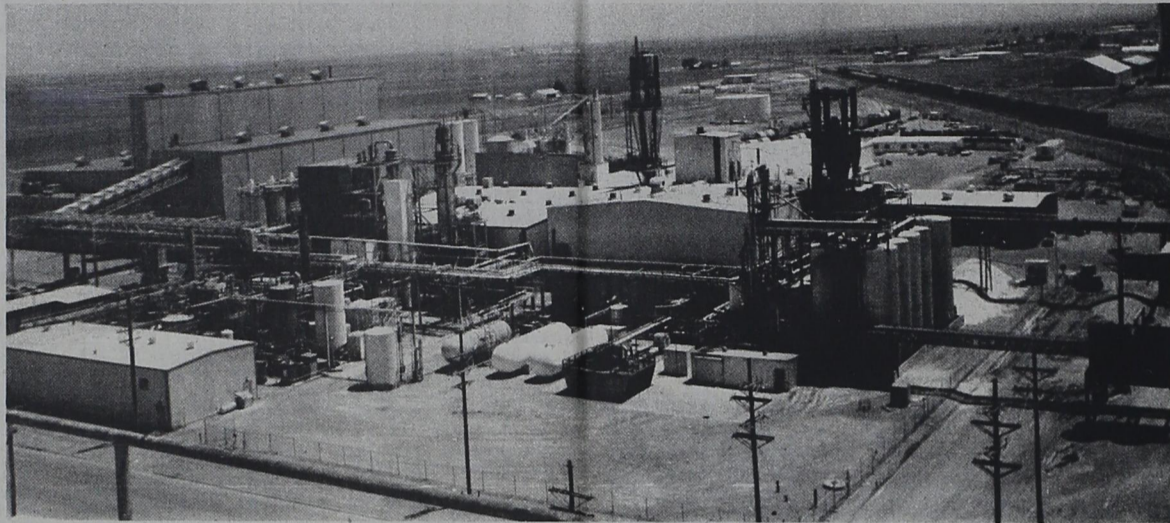
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Health Mart Pharmacy

201 NW 2nd St., Dimmitt

647-3151

Celebrating Texas' Sesquicentennial, 1836-1986



How sweet it is!

Next time you enjoy a Coke, Classic Coke, Pepsi, 7-Up or nearly any "regular" soft drink, look at the list of ingredients. You'll see "corn syrup" listed as one of the main contents. That's us.

Ours is the only plant in Texas that produces High Fructose Corn Syrup. We ship it throughout Texas, and to Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona and California, where it is used widely in soft drinks, bakery products, candies and preserves.

Our corn wet-milling plant — the only one in the Southwest — was built in 1970 by the local grain producers' cooperative, Dimmitt Wheat Growers (now Dimmitt Agri Industries, Inc.). Members of the cooperative didn't wait for the future to happen — they MADE it happen, so they could see their crops result in a finished product right here.

The plant, which originally produced dry starch and corn syrup, was acquired in 1973 by the Amstar Corporation, manufacturer of Spreckles and Domino sugars. Amstar developed the plant's technology to produce high fructose corn syrup, and invested \$30 million to build a modern, automated refinery to turn out a crystal-clear corn syrup with 42% fructose content.

Later, sophisticated technology and advanced instrumentation made it possible to efficiently produce a high quality 55% fructose syrup. This led to a second expansion of the plant in 1981.

The American Fructose Corporation purchased the Dimmitt plant in 1984, and this year completed a third expansion project that has doubled the plant's output of "55 fructose."

The plant grinds more than 30,000 bushels of corn per day. Its product output includes 2,600,000 gallons of "55 fructose" per month (more than 30 million gallons per year), 900,000 gallons of "42 fructose" per month (almost 11 million gallons per year), and 4½ million pounds of dry starch per month (54 million pounds per year).

The plant also yields 400 tons per day of by-products, most of which go into the cattle-feeding industry here.

We're proud of our role in the economy of Dimmitt, Castro County and Texas, of the people who make things happen at our plant, and of our products.

We hope you enjoy your next soft drink.

American Fructose Corporation

DIMMITT OPERATIONS

A subsidiary of American Maize-Products Co.



CASTRO COUNTY'S FIRST COURTHOUSE was completed in December, 1892, and served the county until it burned the night of August 26, 1906. The building was elaborate, with many decorations and other adornments. The cupola could be reached by ladder, and many poker games were held in the cupola. The

building was also used for church services, singings, picnics and reunions as well as county business. Lightning struck the cupola on the August night, casting everything in a greenish hue. Minutes later, the entire building was on fire, and had burned to the ground in 40 minutes. All that was left was the adobe vault.

Thanks to the efforts of the Castro County Historical Commission, the *News* was able to obtain the four oldest, original pictures taken in Castro County. These photographs are courtesy of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, Canyon, and show the very beginning of the city of Dimmitt.



THIS HOTEL was built by the Bedford Town and Land Company in Dimmitt in 1891 in the company's continuing effort to attract citizens to the brand-new town of Dimmitt. The numbers, 1 through 16, point out persons and items that are related on the back of the photograph: (1) Mr. Doake Good; (2) Mr. McClellan, man running for county judge; (3) Mr. Richardson, store keeper; (4) Jake Cloud; (5) Mrs. Edgell; (6) Mrs. Carter; (7) Mr. Carter; (8) Mr. Edgell; (9) Ida Gough; (10) Earl Gough; (11) Mrs. Bandy; (12) Trudy Bandy; (13) Lucy Bandy; (14) "windows in our room, two on front, one on end"; also Mrs. Richardson's store; (15) McClellan's law office; (16) Banks & Bedford's real estate office.



SCHOOL IN DIMMITT—1891. This is the first class in a Dimmitt school, which convened in 1891. The persons in the picture who are accompanied by numbers were identified by Lysius Gough, a former ranch cowboy, who was also the first Castro County judge. The students included (1) Lucy Bandy; (2) Hillery Bedford; (3) Will Bedford; (4) Jake Cloud; (5) Lysius Gough; (6) Bessie

Davis; (7) Miss Lou Morrison; (8) Miss Nell Bedford; (9) Miss Ada Harlan; (10) Mrs. Gough; (11) Miss Annie Bedford; (12) Lettie Bedford; (13) Trudy Bandy; (14) Ellen Carter (my best music pupil); (15) Earl Gough. Gough was actually an assistant to Miss Lizzie Bayne, who was hired by the J.W. Carter family in 1888 to teach their three young children.



AFTER THE COURTHOUSE WAS BUILT, the Bedford Hotel was moved to Plainview over a crude road without mishap. A freighting outfit belonging to R.M. Irick moved the hotel from Dimmitt to Plainview.

Here's a brief history of Castro County

The 54 counties of northwest Texas, including Castro County, were created from the northern part of Bexar County by an act passed by the Texas Legislature on Aug. 21, 1876. Each of the counties formed was named to honor men who had distinguished themselves during the early periods of Texas history. Castro County was named for Henri Castro, a man who was born in France in 1786 and had been appointed Consul General for the Republic of Texas to the King of France. Castro eventually made his home in Castroville, where he resided until his death. Castroville is also named for him. The boundaries of Castro County began with the northern corner of Swisher County and extended to the west for 30 miles. The boundaries also extended to points 30 miles north and 30 miles south to create 30 square feet of open range land. One third of the Public Domain of Texas was set aside for school systems. The school lands were located on every other section of land in the county, in checkerboard fashion. In the early days of the county, the lives of small farm com-

munity families were centered around one or two room schoolhouses. Some of the schools would last only a few months and then close down, but others existed for several years until they eventually consolidated with either the Dimmitt, Hart or Nazareth schools. These small community schools were held in Frio, Shive, "Ragtown" Cleo, Wise, Big Lake, Arney, Killough, Summerfield, Hogge-Blue Ridge, Grandview-Parrott, Bethel, Axtell, Easter, Holder-Eaton Lone Star, Rance, Stiles-Big Square, Roush, Abbott, Red Tower, Lynch, Axel-Lakeview, Sunnyside, Hamm-Mulkey, New Castle, County Line, Jumbo, Sheppard Ward and Flagg. Cattlemen were permitted to lease the school lands—an act which kept anyone from buying large acreages. During this period in Castro County, occasionally Indians would roam through. They were transient hunting parties—no tribes inhabited the area. In 1881, Castro County fell under the jurisdiction of Oldham County because of their location and because the area was fairly uninhabited.

Until 1884, there were very few residents in the newly formed county. The first residents, the James Carter family, arrived in 1883 and purchased land in the southern part of the county. Other ranches would soon be established in the area near the Carter ranch. The 1890 census of Castro County established the total population in the county to be eight people. Several families moved into the county before 1891. The Bedford Town and Land Company was organized in 1890 with the provision in the minutes informing the company that members of the company would purchase a section of land located as near the center of Castro County as possible, for the purpose of establishing a county seat for the county. H.G. Bedford was appointed as agent for the company and was given a power of attorney to represent the company in the sale of lots in the town of Dimmitt. The name of the new town site was chosen in honor of Rev. W. C. Dimmitt, one of the members of the Bedford Town and Land Company, and brother-in-law of H.G. Bedford. Soon, several other families

moved into the proposed townsite of Dimmitt. An opposing city to be named the county seat was named Castro City and was located to the south of Dimmitt. The people of Castro City, after much consideration, decided that Dimmitt would be the best site for the county seat, and decided to withdraw their community from the competition. A petition was presented to the Oldham County Commissioners for approval to obtain the right to organize Castro County, and it was approved on Dec. 9, 1891. An election held Dec. 18, 1891, approved the selection of the townsite of Dimmitt as the county seat. Although the city of Hart was founded before the turn of the century, it was not until 1956 that the city would organize. In 1899, the T.W. Hart family placed their box house on skids and moved it from Swisher County to Castro County. The two-room house was pulled by a team of horses, with the move taking two days.

They travelled to an area south of where one day a town would be named for the head of a family—the present community of Hart. Their house was put in place near Running Water Draw, when, a few months later, other early settlers persuaded Hart to open a post office in his home. The post office was established about 1900. Postal regulations required a name for the new post office be submitted to headquarters in Washington, D.C. The submitted names were not approved and a postal official inquired, "Why don't you call it Hart?" Hart did, and the name was approved, adopted for the city of Hart. 1928 was the start of the growth of Hart and was the year that had the most bearing on the present standards of the community. Perhaps the most important date in the county, and Hart's history was Wednesday, Nov. 21, 1928, when the first Fort Worth and Denver train pulled into town amid the joyous celebration of townspeople, area residents and scores of visitors.

The German Catholic influence, prevalent in many turn-of-the-century Texas settlements is still flourishing in many areas, including the small Panhandle town of Nazareth. The town in Castro County was originally founded as "Wynne" by two Irish families named McCormick. The nearest Roman Catholic Community to the McCormicks was the German community of Rhineland. Rev. Joseph Reisdorff came to Nazareth through the instrumentality of Tom McCormick, who had decided to move his family to some other community where they would have the advantage of an already established school and church. He went to Rhineland where he met Father Reisdorff. After hearing of the Catholic settlement, the priest agreed to help recolonize the town with German settlers. He also renamed the town Nazareth. Today, Nazareth covers an area of approximately 14 square miles with a population of 700, 95% of which are of German Catholic heritage. The Catholic church and its social orders are a vital part of the town's social life that continues today.

Vegetable program shows more progress

July 4, 1957

The overall development of the vegetable program for the Dimmitt area is progressing according to officials of the Dimmitt Produce Company. The new building, on Fort Worth & Denver Railway pro-

perty, in Northeast Dimmitt, which will house the vegetable processing plant is rapidly taking shape and the processing equipment, on order for several weeks, is beginning to arrive.

Construction of the all steel 60x100 ft. building, on a dock-

high concrete floor, will be completed within the next two to three weeks after which installation of equipment will begin immediately. The Tom Davis Construction Company has the contract to erect the steel building and Truett Boothe was awarded the con-

crete contract. The Ira Page Construction Company contracted and is in the process of making the sand fill for the dock-high floor. The Dimmitt Produce Company has already received shipment of processing equipment which will be installed in a temporary location so that early onions may be processed and shipped before the permanent building is completed. About the first of August the plant will be equipped with the very latest carrot and cabbage pro-

cessing and packing machinery. The Pacific Fruit and Produce Company has opened a temporary office in the Rawlings Hotel building where they will conduct their business until the permanent offices are completed. Mr. Wallace Mahoney, who will arrive here from LaFeria this weekend, and Mr. Carl Powe, who arrived here Monday, will be in charge of the company's office. Mr. Whellus of LaFeria, who

also arrived here Monday, is field representative for the company and will work with the farmers in the area in an advisory capacity in the production of vegetables. A number of local farmers are making preparations to plant carrots and cabbage for a late fall crop and others who are interested in planting vegetables for the fall harvest are urged to contact the Pacific Fruit & Produce Company or the Chamber of Commerce immediately.

McLeroy winner of agriculture award

April 23, 1959

Edd C. McLeroy was named this week as the non-farmer who has given the most outstanding service to agriculture in the 51 counties of the Texas Panhandle and South Plains.

McLeroy, who is farm representative of the First State Bank of Dimmitt, will be given a plaque by the "Save the Soil and Save Texas" awards program sponsored by

the Fort Worth Press and twenty-five other Texas firms, utilities, railroads and institutions.

He moved to Castro County in May, 1951 as County Agent. During the two years he served as county agent his soil conservation activities included working with the local SCS District assisting with their plan of work; holding county-wide education meeting, marking colored slides of approved practices, conducting farm tours, assisting farmers in obtaining trees for farmstead windbreak purposes, working with farmers on water, legumes, grass and fertilizer practices (at the time McLeroy was County Agent, more acres of legumes were planted than any county in the state); and planning and holding educa-

tional meeting on activities of the district at election time for district supervisors.

After resigning for the Extension Service in June, 1953, McLeroy was Farm Advisor for Castro County Grain Company here. During his tenure with this concern, he continued to work in soil conservation in making available various legume and grass seed recommended as suitable for this area. He encouraged farmers to interplant cowpeas in milo and corn for soil building purposes. He also conducted a free soil sampling service for farmers in his trade territory.

On January 1, 1956, McLeroy was employed by the First State Bank of Dimmitt as Farm Representative, and has continued to work in "Save the Soil" activities.

Trench silos prove very profitable to farmers

March 5, 1936

Trench silos which were filled last fall are being fed out of at this time and every one using them is enthusiastic over this method of putting up feed.

Roy Haberer and A. L. Haberer, both of Big Square community, are each feeding out a bunch of yearling steers using the silage as the sole roughage. Leo Huseman of Nazareth community states that at the time he quits feeding silage and starts to feeding dry bundles his cows fall in their milk appreciably.

Last fall, A. H. Haberer agreed to dig a silo and fill it for a two county field day demonstration held jointly by Castro and Parmer counties. When the time came for the demonstration he was ready to back out on account of other work in sowing wheat and harvesting row crops, but went thru with it anyway since the demonstration had been advertised in both counties.

Now he is gratified that he carried out the plans and liked the first silo so well he went ahead and dug a second. He expects to feed out of the silage of only one of the silos this year and will leave the other to be used when necessary. This can be done as it has been proven

that silage will remain good in a trench at least 13 years. Farmers are being urged by the County Agent at this time to

plant an early batch of feed for filling a silo in August, when the time is available for digging and filling a silo.

Hart potato shed spurs new area crop

June 26, 1952

Castro County's newest crop—potatoes—began paying dividends Monday when the 1952 harvest started.

Already almost five carloads per day are going through processing at the Hart Potato Shed completed this month. There they are graded into two sizes and get government inspection.

After washing, sacking and loading on refrigerator cars, the spuds go to big-market wholesalers.

The shed employs about 30 people. The shed is near the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad, which carries most shipments.

Castro County potatoes are expected to meet a favorable market, since no other section of the country has a harvest at the same time.

Growers in this area plant in early March. After the stalk appears, only 90 days elapse before harvest time.

J.B. Williams of Springlake, one of the growers, said he has found the growing season, irrigation facilities and soil condition in the area "particularly well adapted to growing round red potatoes."

First gridiron contest here with Turkey

September 20, 1929

For the first time in the history of the Dimmitt schools, a football team will represent the town in athletics this year. And for the first time in the history of Dimmitt, a gridiron contest will be held in the city.

Daily practice and intensive training has been going on steadily, under the capable direction of Coach Henry Loter and his assistant, George M. Roberts, principal of the High School.

The field, just west of the old school building, has been put in good shape, a large score board erected, and everything is in readiness for the plucking of Turkey's feathers on Friday afternoon of this week.

The following men have been drilling hard for the past three weeks and will bear the brunt of the attack against the boys from under the cap rock: "Tater" Webb, "Pat" Hardy, Ed Bills, Greer Cates, Winfred Fuller, Marvin Rocky, James Booth, Clyde Tisdale, Floyd Smith, Jack Parker, Junior Rothwell, New men reporting Monday were Don Malone, Verdie Murphy, Elbert Newton, Thelbert Newton, Jackson and several other whose names were not obtainable at this time.

Harold Stephens promoted to regional manager

September 13, 1962

Harold Stephens, manager of the local Federal Land Bank Association, recently was named Regional Manager of the Amarillo Region of the Federal Land Bank of Houston.

Stephens, who has been associated with the Federal Land Bank System since 1946, will be manager for the Amarillo region consisting of

50 counties and over 20 offices which range from Dalhart to Lubbock and from Texico to Vernon when his appointment becomes effective January 1.

With Stephens' appointment, the office will become headquarters of the region. Stephens will continue making his home in Dimmitt while assuming his duties as regional manager.



Who'd have thought it?

When we started Cobb's department store here in 1953, who'd have thought that 33 years later we'd be standing out front and waving at a wagon train going through town?

The Texas Wagon Train is a great idea, and we salute the hardy Texans who are making it a reality. Happy trails!

Cobb's



We're all glad to have you here, and hope your trip through our county is enjoyable.

We're proud of what our people have been able to accomplish here, and happy to be of service to our farmers and our community.

Dimmitt Equipment Co.



Home of Champions

To our friends aboard the Texas Wagon Train:

While you're here, we'd like to say a few words about basketball. We're proud of our teams here.

Maybe you've read about the Dimmitt Bobcats and Bobbies, or the Nazareth Swifts and Swiftettes.

The Dimmitt Bobcats have been to the state boys' basketball tournaments no less than 14 times since 1944. That's a state record. The Bobcats have won state championships in 1952 (undefeated), 1975, 1982 and 1983 (undefeated). And they've come within a basket of the state championship several other times including this year. Dimmitt High School has produced 34 all-staters in boys' basketball through the years. That's enough for almost seven teams.

The Dimmitt Bobbies have appeared in state girls' tournaments 10 times since 1930, and won state championships in 1931, '32, '50, '51, '52, '54 and '55. Dimmitt High School has produced at least 15 all-state players in girls' basketball since 1930.

The Nazareth Swiftettes have advanced to the state girls' tournaments 10 times since 1976, and have won the state championship a record eight times—in 1977, '78, '79, '80, '81, '82, '84 and '85. Nazareth High School is a consistent producer of all-staters who go on to play college basketball.

The Nazareth Swifts are the reigning state champions in Class A boys' basketball. They have gone to state tournaments four times since 1980.

In 1984, and again in 1986, basketball fans here were able to follow no less than three of our county teams to the state boys' and girls' tournaments in the same year.

Our high schools have strong, state-class programs in many areas—industrial arts, vocational agriculture, band, track, tennis, literary events. We're proud of them all.

Next time you read that Dimmitt or Nazareth has won a state championship, you'll know where we're coming from.

Stan Byrnes Motor Co.

Ford, Chrysler, Dodge, Plymouth

Sunnyside suffers disastrous tornado

April 14, 1960

The Associational Baptist Brotherhood had just finished eating supper in the old portion of the Sunnyside Baptist Church shortly before 8 o'clock Tuesday night when the lights went out.

There were about 140 persons present from Plainview, Edmonson, Hart and Dimmitt. No one was excited until Mrs. Wanda Rogers, wife of Sunnyside Baptist Church pastor, ran into the church shouting that a tornado was coming.

"We heard it then," one man from Edmonson said later that night. "It started out sounding like a jet or train from a distance, but when it reached us it was like all the thunder in the world. It was terrible."

Since then there has been confusion, terrible suffering and shocked disbelief. Three people were killed.

One of those who died in the tornado was Nona Beth Phelan, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phelan, killed

when the Phelan home was destroyed.

Another fatality was T.R. Hogan, 51, owner of Hogan Gin at Sunnyside. Apparently Mr. and Mrs. Hogan had been playing dominoes in the home of friends across the road when they decided to return home due to the worsening weather. If this is what happened they must have been caught outside when the twister hit. Mr. Hogan was found near the Baptist Church and Mrs. Hogan was found near their home. Their car was lying in a field about a quarter of a mile away.

The third fatality was Mr. J. B. Kidd, 55, of Plainview, who was attending the Associational Brotherhood meeting at the Baptist church. He was apparently killed when he stepped out of the church to seek shelter elsewhere.

All stories of the disaster do not coincide. Apparently, though, this is about what happened:

When the roaring vortex of wind smashed into the little community it ripped apart the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lilley. They were in Dimmitt at the time and escaped injury.



... after disastrous tornado Apr. 12, 1960, only original part remained standing.

Smashed also was the Sunnyside Store and ruined was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phelan. The offices and storeroom of Sunnyside Grain and Supply were shattered, although the elevator itself escaped serious damage.

Then the twister crossed Highway 385.

This was when it hit the church.

As soon as the warning was given there was considerable confusion. An Edmonson man said he "and thirty or forty others" crowded into a storm cellar behind the church building. Several other men ran across the highway and smashed through a door of a house that turned out to be partially destroyed. Several found a ditch and were uninjured. The remainder either stayed in the church or ran to the east. The church pastor, Rev. Murle Rogers, had gone into the house and when the twister hit he jumped into a closet and slammed the door.

Mrs. Rogers and their son Butch were in the cellar at the

time. Rev. Rogers was in the parsonage when it blew across the church-yard. About half the parsonage remained fairly intact and the rest was swept clear at the floor. The intact part was where Rev. Rogers rode out the storm.

One man who sought refuge in the cellar said he thought for sure the roof would collapse. "It raised and lowered several times and then it seemed as if something hit it with a terrific blow... it must have been the parsonage passing over."

Almost unbelievable was the fact that of all those attending the meeting only one man was killed and just a few injured.

The new part of the church—the concrete block auditorium—was totally demolished. The old frame-and-stucco part where the supper was being held was left standing, but it was a shambles.

The roaring tornado filled the air with flying planks and debris. Cars, trucks, combines, trailers, pipes, clothes and hundreds of other items swirled in a vicious whirlpool over the little community.

The twister roared on after destroying almost everything in Sunnyside from Powers Blacksmith south. Several homes were left standing but were sprung and battered so badly that they will have to be rebuilt before being safe for occupancy.

The tornado left a trail of debris for more than a mile after hitting Sunnyside. About a quarter of a mile from the church a large Ford truck was found turned upside down in a field. It had been dragged about a hundred yards after it hit the ground. Two cars and one combine were among the other items scattered along the trail of the twister.

From Sunnyside the twister went on north-northwest. It deposited a large scattering of debris before reaching the Sam Gilbreath farm and lifted up, passing over the home occupied by John Gilbreath. It touched down several miles further on and smashed a home on the Roy Cluck farm. No one was injured there. Total distance covered by the tornado where it touched the ground was about six or seven miles.

The first inkling of the disaster at Sunnyside came at Dimmitt just before the twister hit. West Texas Telephone operator Betty Hobrathschk answered a call from Sunnyside. "We're having a tornado, send help quick," said an excited voice. Then the line went dead. Trying to check the veracity of the call she found all the Sunnyside lines dead and notified authorities. From then on it was bedlam at the telephone office as all switchboards worked around the clock. It was late Wednesday morning before the tremendous surge of calls dropped off to give the weary operators some relief.

Right after the tornado the survivors started frantic rescue operations, using undamaged autos to haul the injured to Dimmitt, Olton and

Hart. Ambulances soon reached the scene and almost all of the injured were brought to the Castro County Hospital in Dimmitt.

It all happened so fast that confusion soon ran rampant at the hospital. At first there were not enough people to help unload the cars and ambulances and do the pre-medical work of cleaning and helping. Then there were too many. The curious and those wanting to help blocked the approaches to the emergency entrance to the hospital so that volunteer workers had to push automobiles out of the way to make room for ambulances.

The situation was somewhat the same at Sunnyside. By 9 o'clock there was a snarling traffic jam at the community, which was a combination of normal highway traffic and people from Dimmitt who came to help. The Castro County Sheriff's Office and Dimmitt Fire Department managed to keep the road clear enough for ambulances to leave until the injuries were all found, but after that the situation virtually got out of hand.

Early Wednesday morning the State Highway Patrol set up roadblocks around Sunnyside and refused to let anyone pass who did not have a specific purpose in going into the shattered community. The roadblock was lifted about 5 p.m. Wednesday and clean-up operations were well underway.



AFTERMATH

... Sunnyside Grocery Store was completely demolished in the violent spring storm in April, 1960.



From Wood-Frame to Mainframe

Dimmitt Agri Industries had its beginning in March 1934, when it was chartered as Dimmitt Wheat Growers. The first elevator was built of wood-frame and sheet-metal, and despite the Great Depression, it was paid off in seven years.

In 1943, we built our first concrete elevator. Then, with the advent of irrigation in the late '40s and early '50s, the farming pattern changed from wheat to row crops (mostly milo), and more storage space was needed. New facilities were added in 1951, '54, '56 and '58. In 1961 the cooperative purchased Dimmitt Gin & Elevator Co. and leased terminal storage space in Dallas.

With the advent of major feedlots, we continued to expand during the 1960s, building new receiving points north of Dimmitt and at Nazareth, Tam Anne and Flagg.

The crop surpluses in the 1960s began to cut into the profitability of farming, and our cooperative started looking for additional profitable markets for our members' products. After a feasibility study, we built a large, modern corn wet-milling plant in 1969-71, and later purchased the largest corn dryer in the world to handle the new crop. During this time we also changed our management structure and our cooperative's name.

A stressful starch-and-syrup market forced the sale of the mill in 1973 to the Amstar Corp., but our cooperative retained the elevator facilities.

After selling the plant, our cooperative started another phase of continued growth, setting new records of volume. All corn used by the mill goes through our elevators, at the rate of more than 30,000 bushels per day.

In 1978 another innovative idea bore fruit when the USDA gave its approval for DAI to implement a proposed "pool marketing program." Ours was the first cooperative in the na-



tion to provide pool marketing on corn.

By the late 1970s, our volume far exceeded our storage capacity. Therefore, when the opportunities arose, we purchased the facilities of W&C Grain in 1979 and of Castro County Grain Co. in 1985.

Our cooperative has grown through the years to a current membership of 851 and a total storage capacity of 8,726,000 bushels of federally licensed storage. Our members grow more than half of the corn that is used by the milling plant here (which is now owned by the American Fructose Corp.), and most of the corn that isn't processed by the mill goes into the cattle feeding industry in this region.

Through the Texas Cooperative Marketing Exchange and Union Equity Exchange, we now market our members' commodities throughout the nation and the world.

You can see that we're proud of our cooperative and the progress we've made through innovative leadership over the years.

Bill Clark is the general manager of DAI, and Frank Wise is our current board president.

Dimmitt Agri Industries, Inc.

Castro County snowbogged!

February 9, 1956

Dimmitt and Castro County began this week digging out of a 24-inch layer of snow which fell from last Wednesday intermittently until Sunday. This record snow is due to be followed by an additional four to five inches according to Amarillo weathermen.

The heavy snow last week brought all businesses and movement to a virtual standstill until snowplows cleared the roads early this week. City, county and state highway department and local implement company employees worked at keeping the snow off

roads during the storm but in many instances were not able to stay ahead of precipitation.

Local grocery stores opened their doors whenever possible during the snowfall and toward the first of this week began running low on such items as meat, bread, eggs, coffee, milk and produce as highways to Amarillo and Lubbock grocery wholesale warehouses were cut off. Several stores were open Sunday as farmers and Dimmitt townspeople made their way to town as best they could to replenish family food supplies.

Monday and Tuesday were crowded days in Dimmitt as

farmers came to town on tractors and trucks for supplies. Parking places were at a minimum although city and volunteer workers moved snow continually to make room for the traffic.

One Dimmitt resident decided to make himself some snowshoes shortly after the snow quit falling, but found they did little, if any, good in the fluffy stuff.

Some drifts piled as high as twelve feet in the city, while on farms it was reported that tractors, wells, stock pens and small buildings were completely covered over.



WINIFRED FULLER walks down an almost-deserted Bedford Street in the aftermath of the blizzard in February, 1956. Dimmitt received over two feet of snow in the storm.

"Goose" Ramey's new queen bee honored with coming-out party

July 26, 1956

When Edwin "Goose" Ramey reached down into his bee hive and pulled out his brand-new queen bee, it was quite a sight.

She was in a small, box-cage affair, not much bigger than a penny match box and her new found family of worker bees seemed anxious to know her better for they swarmed all over the cage.

Mr. Ramey had purchased the queen bee in Plainview Monday. The original queen was apparently an unhealthy specimen and died leaving no means of propagating the race and leaving the worker bees without much to work for.

"See this little hole in the box?" Mr. Ramey said, pointing to the only way inside. "It is plugged with a candy. The other bees will eat through this presently and free the queen bee. Those other bees inside the cage with her are to keep her company until she is freed. She probably would die if they weren't with her."

There were about five worker bees in the little compartment with the queen.

Mr. Ramey had four hives adjacent to a cotton field on his farm about three miles east of Dimmitt. It is a hobby with him and doesn't bring any

revenue. The bees collect their nectar for making honey from the cotton blooms.

Mr. Ramey, who moved to Dimmitt from Oklahoma about the turn of the century, is more famous for his hobby of raising geese, both wild and domesticated, than his bees. He is a recognized authority on goose lore in the Panhandle.

"Now the reason I've got her in this little cage," Mr. Ramey explained, "is because the other bees would kill her if I turned her free in the hive. They've got to get used to her and she's got to acquire their smell before she can be accepted."

The new bee was placed in the hive to speed up nature's slow process. It would take about 25 days for the hive to produce a new queen on its own.

The reporter learned a painful lesson in bee culture on a trip to the hives Tuesday. The little fellows swarmed around, bothering nobody, while Mr. Ramey pointed out the various compartments and sections of the hive. He was well protected with a head-net and gloves and was left alone. But one worker bee, flying past the reporter, decided to light and rest awhile. Then the age-old pattern of man's relations with

bees began taking place and the reporter almost didn't bother to open the car door to get in.

"When one bee stings a person he lets go of his stinger and an odor at the same time. This brings all the other bees in the area and before you know it they're all over you. You've got one consolation, though," Mr. Ramey said as he applied the bee-sting ointment. "It cost the bee his life when he stung you. They die when they lose their stinger."

It costs a minimum of \$25 to go into the bee-raising business—although this does not include the cost of protective clothing and queen bee. A complete hive with a starting batch of bees will cost about \$25, Ramey said.

Each hive holds from 50,000 to 80,000 bees, depending on the circumstances. In the hives where he had placed the new queen only about 30,000 inhabited the small apartment.

"I get stung once in a while," Mr. Ramey said, "but it doesn't happen often. The main thing to remember is to keep well covered. If they get up your britches leg, it can be pretty mean . . . that happened to me once near another hive, and I had to come back the next day to collect the honey."

Demos have good chance, says delegate Joe Cowen

August 23, 1956

"It was an excellent convention," Joe Cowen says, and that just about summarizes his sentiments.

Mr. Cowen attended the Democratic National Convention in the International Amphitheater at the Chicago Stockyards last week, and by so doing became the only man from Dimmitt and Castro County to ever attend a na-

tional conclave of Democrats.

Most everyone in the county saw the convention on television.

"Everyone who watched the convention knows as much or more about what went on from the speaker's rostrum as I do," Mr. Cowen said. "However, as in any convention anywhere, the caucuses and behind-the-scenes activities of the delegates carry as much importance as the formal events.

Mr. Cowen was an alternate at the convention but carried a voting ticket about half the time.

"We were all very pleased by the convention," Mr. Cowen said Monday. "It was unusually harmonious in every degree, everyone was respectful of everyone else's opinions, and there was none of the bickering, quarreling and bargaining we usually think of as being associated with political conventions.

"Every man I talked to was of the honest opinion that the best two men for the race were chosen. The personal magnetism, party loyalty and enthusiasm of both Stevenson and Kefauver made everyone there feel it was a choice well made. And the choice of these two men, probably more than anything else, led to the feeling of harmony and congeniality among those Democrats present."

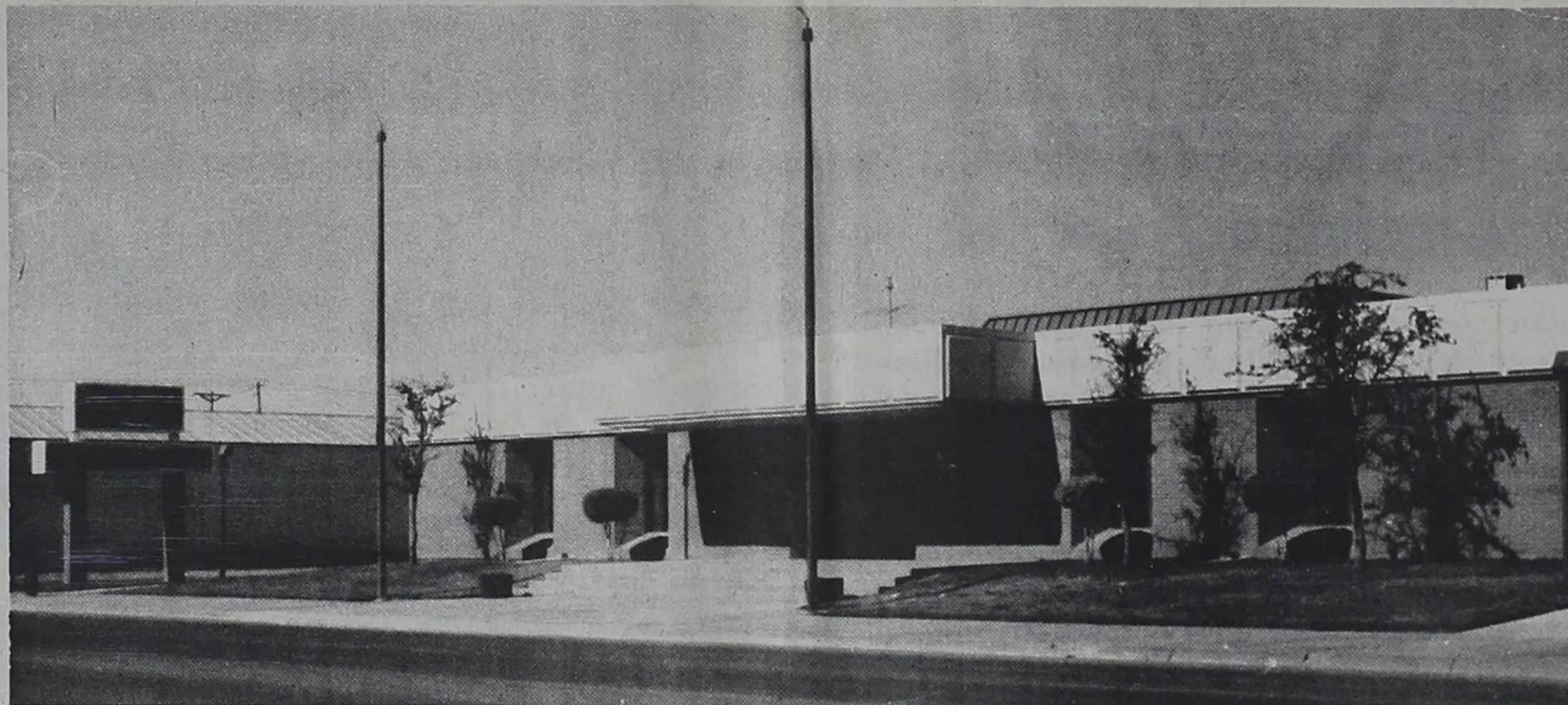
When asked about Senator Lyndon Johnson's plans at the

convention and how they turned out, Mr. Cowen said he believed that Mr. Johnson "went to the convention with every hope of achieving the Democratic nomination for President as the result of a deadlock between Harriman and Stevenson. He gave every indication several times he was not interested in the vice-presidency and made no effort to work toward it. Apparently he wanted the presidential nomination or nothing."

" . . . I believe that the

Republican Party is not capable of making any formidable changes for the better in national government.

"Eisenhower's falling down on his promises to agriculture has not helped the Republican cause. I felt the Democratic convention had a purpose and a cause, probably more so than in past years. The delegates seemed to feel the same way I did. We should have more party harmony than ever before."



Welcome, Wagon Train!

We hope your stay here is pleasant and memorable.

Castro Countians pride themselves on being fast-paced and progressive. The First State Bank of Dimmitt has been a partner in the hopes, dreams and progress of the people of Castro County for almost 80 years:

Our bank was founded in March 1907, with C. E. McLean as its first president, and for more than 75 years it was owned mostly by the McLean family.

The First State Bank was one of the few in the Southwest that went through the Depression without new capital or a reorganization.

As it grew with its community and economy, the bank built

three more new buildings through the years. The present facility was built in 1977, and two of the three former bank buildings are still in use as office and professional facilities.

The First State Bank is a Full Service Bank that has stayed abreast of all trends and technology through the years, including electronic banking.

In 1983, the McLean family sold the bank to Bill Loyd, who had owned banks at Clovis and Muleshoe, and who now also owns the City Bank in Lubbock, where he serves as president and chairman of the board.

Ray Bain has been president of the First State Bank since September 1985, with Bill Loyd as chairman of the board.

The First State Bank of Dimmitt

Member FDIC

Dimmitt High School cagers take second place in AAU state tournament at Celeste

March 21, 1930

The Pride of Dimmitt, our Girls High School Bobcat Basket Ball Team, returned home on their special Pullman Monday afternoon, from the Amateur Athletic Union State Tournament at Celeste, with second honors, of which the city and county are justly proud. The girls distinguished themselves and their type of sportsmanship, thruout the meet, an in the final game with Athens, showed strength which surprised their adversaries, being in the lead the first three quarters, and in the final count being out-scored by only four points.

City Greet Champs

At a meeting Monday morning of forty representative business men, a committee was selected to arrange for a suitable reception for the Bobcats, with the result that over three hundred people met the train. Mr. C. A. Cryer introduced several of the outstanding stars of the team. The Dimmitt orchestra was on hand and rendered a selection as the girls were being placed on a temporary platform by the reception committee.

Breakfast at Plainview

As guests of the Plainview News-Herald, the team was royally entertained Monday morning in that city at the Hilton Hotel, and our neighboring city payed high honors to the West Texas champions.

Hart Pays Honor

At Hart, the school dismissed, and with the school band, that thriving and neighborly city gave the Bobcats a wonderful reception.

Denver Takes Part

One mile from the depot, the engine crew of the Denver opened the whistle, and with a continuous blast, entered the city, after which a hundred auto horns greeted the team and its loyal escorts.

High Tribute To Celeste

The highest praise is given to the citizens of Celeste for the treatment of its guests during the meet. Nothing was left undone, our delegates say, to make their stay enjoyable and comfortable.

Trophies Brought Back

Trophies brought back included a cup for the team as runners up for the state title; each member of the team a silver basket ball, hand engraved; Zonell Brooks, gold basket ball as a selection of the all-state team, and one as the most beautiful player in the tourney, she being selected from 384 players present; Lillie Belle Harp, gold basket ball for selection on all-star state team.

Other Honors

Other honors included the following selection from the Bobcat delegation on all-state star teams:

First team—Lillie Bell Harp, guard; and Zonell Brooks, jumping center.

Second team—Effie Elder, forward.

Third team—Leona Hastings, guard.

Official Scores

Official scores of the four games played in the meet were as follows:

First game—Dimmitt 44, Crossroads 30.

Second game—Dimmitt 42, Cisco 20.

Third game, semifinals,



THE FIRST-EVER STATE TOURNAMENT TRIP for a Castro County basketball team was taken by the 1930 Dimmitt girls team (earlier known as the Whirlwinds, in 1930, like the boys, the Bobcats, and now the Bobbies) to Celeste, where they were state runners-up. The names are not listed in order, but the persons in the picture as they prepared for

departure included Ethel Womble, Ona Fay Smith, Alyne Creager, Leona Hastings, Louise Houtchings, Evelyn Blanton, Elfreda Murphy, Irene Waggoner, Effie Elder (captain), Xena Zonell Brooks, Lillie Belle Harp, Ruth Waggoner, Willie Mildred James, and Supt. C. A. Cryer.

Saturday afternoon, score by quarters:

1st qtr.—Seagoville 6, Dimmitt 8
2nd qtr.—Seagoville 14, Dimmitt 15
3rd qtr.—Seagoville 22, Dimmitt 21
4th qtr.—Seagoville 27, Dimmitt 33
Fourth game, finals, played Saturday night, and to decide the state championship:

1st quarter—Athens 7, Dimmitt 12
2nd quarter—Athens 18, Dimmitt 19

3rd quarter—Athens 25, Dimmitt 26
4th quarter—Athens 45, Dimmitt 41

Line-Up in Final Game
Following is the line-up in the final game, played with Athens:

Elder and Smith, Forwards
Brooks and Murphy, centers

Harp and Blanton, guards
Creager substituted for Mur-

phy in fourth quarter.

Hastings substituted for Blanton in fourth quarter.

James substituted for Harp in fourth quarter.

Harp substituted for James in fourth quarter.

Lack of Reserves Fatal
Taking only twelve players

to the meet, the Bobcats were weak in only one place, and that of a reserve. It was probably the only team of the 31 entered with just a dozen players, and to this is attributed their defeat, more than anything else, in the last two minutes of play in the finals.

High Tribute From Press
Following are excerpts taken from the Sunday Dallas Times-Herald, and written by Bill Parker, of that paper's staff:

"Dimmitt, who entered the tournament without an advance reputation as a strong contender, played marvelous basket ball, and the Dimmitt girls led Athens until the final two minutes of play, when Oleta Ellis and Roma McGehee, Athens forwards, got hot and blazed in four consecutive field goals to leap from behind to the front and then to victory. It was a swell game, witnessed by a crowd of approximately two thousand.

"Dimmitt went down like the true warriors that they are. This was their first state tournament, and mister, we are telling you they have one sweet basket ball machine.

"The outstanding player for Dimmitt outside of the two forwards was Zonell Brooks, jumping center, who out-played Miss Russell in all but the final minutes of the fourth quarter."

Represented West Texas
On Saturday, it was seen that Dimmitt was the only team from West Texas, out of five, that would make the finals, and from that time, the Bobcats were, to the large crowds, West Texas representatives, rather than just Dimmitt, and practically every team from the west threw its support to the Bobcats.

Bobbies defeat Klondike at state tourney

March 5, 1936

The Dimmitt Bobbies went into the second round of the state A.A.U. basketball tournament at Plainview by virtue of a win over the Klondike sextet by a score of 34 to 25 at the Wayland College gym, Thursday night.

The Klondike team is from a small country school in north-central Texas and has only eleven girls enrolled in school. They all play basket ball.

However, in the second round game the Dimmitt Bobbies fell before Ropesville, the

defending state champions by a score of 44 to 36 in a game played Friday afternoon. The contest was the first for the Ropesville girls, the team having drawn a bye in the first round of play.

Members of the team on the

official roster include Ina Dee Merritt, Florene Meek, Kitten Smith, Pauline Rothwell,

Lucille Dyer, Billie Dyer, Mary Alice McLean, Marjorie Butler, Marie Langford, Helen Dixon, Mildred Lust. The coach is LeRoy Landers.



42 Years Young

We extend a hearty welcome to the Texas Wagon Train. You're riding through a county that has some of the most progressive farmers you'll meet anywhere.

We've been serving the farmers of Castro County for 42 years with agricultural equipment that traces its lineage back to Cyrus McCormick. Yet with all our experience and background, we don't feel 42 years old—we feel 42 years YOUNG, because our major brand is the newest in America: Case International. Our agricultural equipment represents a marriage of technologies and research, and a strong commitment to excellence.

Hays Implement Co. got its start in March 1944 when A. C. "Charlie" Hays bought the International Harvester dealership here from Edgar "Unk" Ramey and Ernest Harmon. Two years later, Charlie's brother Jim became a partner. They built a new building at South Broadway and Jones in 1950, and in 1961 they bought the dealership at Hereford with their partner, Cecil Oglesby. Jim became sole owner of the Dimmitt dealership in 1969, and his son David became part owner and manager in 1975. We moved into our new 32,000 sq. ft. building at FM 3215 and US 385 in 1976. Jim's second son, Doug, joined the firm that year, and his youngest son, Norman, joined in 1979.

We're proud to be serving the farmers of this great area with the same friendly service that became the hallmark of Hays Implement Co. 42 years ago.

Hays Implement Co.



Partner in Progress

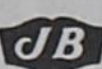
Nearly anywhere you look around here, you'll see something from the Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. — fencing, stock tanks, windmills, tools, homes, farm buildings . . .

The folks of Castro County depended on Panhandle Lumber Co. to supply their building needs until 1936, when the Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. purchased Panhandle Lumber.

The Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. has had only four managers during its half-century of service here — Ward Golden, George Howell, Frank Welch and Lloyd White.

We're proud of our county's progress through the years, and the role our company has played in it.

Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.

Your Jones-Blair  Paint Dealer

Jack and Mary Flynt to head American Legion and Auxiliary

July 28, 1966

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flynt became the first husband and wife team in the history of the Texas American Legion and Legion Auxiliary to serve in the top posts of the two organizations when they were elected Sunday as State Commander of the Legion and State President of the Auxiliary. It is believed that they are the first husband and wife

team to head the two organizations in any of the states of the nation. Mr. and Mrs. Flynt were elected to the offices by an almost unanimous vote. Mr. and Mrs. Flynt were elected to head the two state organizations at the 48th convention of the American Legion which ended Sunday in Corpus Christi. Election of officers of the Legion and Auxiliary were held Sunday morning and the Flynts were install-

ed in the posts they will hold for one year at installation services Sunday at 1 p.m. Commander Flynt will direct the business and activities of the state American Legion organization with 72,000 members representing 710 posts from the State Legion office in Austin. Mrs. Flynt will head an organization of 20,000 members, representing 450 units. She, too, will headquarter in Austin.

Figures claim Castro County leads nation in income

June 8, 1961

Castro County families, living in the center of a vast irrigated farm empire, were pointed out this week as having the largest average spendable income in the nation. According to the Standard Rate and Data Service, Inc., the average Castro County household income last year was \$11,173, based on final census figures.

County residents, who probably didn't know they were so well off, will be even more surprised to find how much they led Texas and the remainder of the nation. The national figure is \$6,417 per household and Texans average \$5,869 annually.

County farms have an average gross income of \$42,762 per farm annually.

The now prosperous farms of Castro County plant 103,454 acres annually in wheat, 175,893 in grain sorghum and 60,408 acres in cotton.

Castro County is continuing to grow, not only in population, but financially as well. The number of acres of grain sorghum grown in the county in 1959 was approximately three times as great as it was in 1940, and the cotton acreage in Castro County in 1959 was four times as great as it was in 1940.

The larger farms and the im-

proved methods of farming have increased the county's income greatly. In 1940 there were only 27 farms in the county that had sales over \$10,000 and in 1959 there were 643 farms that exceeded \$10,000.

This was a remarkable increase, but there were 186 farms in the county that had sales over \$40,000 in 1959. Even the number of livestock has been on the steady increase for the past twenty years. In 1959 the average value of land and buildings on a farm in Castro County was \$135,307.

While the income of Castro

10,000 head capacity feed lot to be constructed near Dimmitt

June 16, 1966

Installation of another major business project for Dimmitt and Castro County was announced recently by owners of a large feed lot to be constructed six miles west and one mile north of Dimmitt.

Owners of the new business enterprise are G.L. Willis, Charlie Hays, Bob McLean, A.J. Kemp and Jim Elder.

When completed, the installation of equipment, land, buildings and fencing will represent an investment of approximately \$400,000 and will be located on a 170 acre tract of land that affords good

County has been on the steady increase, so has the population. During the past decade the population of the county has increased by 64 percent, in fact in 1960 the population of Castro County was 8,894 with the rural population at 5,917. The population of the County Seat, Dimmitt, has more than doubled in the past ten years.

The income of the entire South Plains area is higher than any other area in the state. The average spendable household income of the area is \$6,172 as compared to the state average household income of \$5,869.

drainage for the feeding pens.

Feed pens will be of pipe and cable construction and feed troughs will be made of concrete. Feeding will be done with the latest type of mechanical feeding equipment.

In addition to the office building, there will be a large building housing the modern feed mixing plant designed to produce sufficient feed for the 10,000 head capacity feed lot. Some materials have already been delivered to the building site and actual construction is expected to get underway immediately.



IN 1966, HUNDREDS of Dimmitt residents, past and present, gathered for the County's 75th anniversary celebration, including a huge picnic at the City Park held in conjunction with the Old Settler's Reunion.

Million dollar housing complex being planned for farm workers

November 17, 1966

Dimmitt may set another agribusiness "first" for Texas early next year with the construction of a million-dollar housing complex for 190 farm workers and their families.

The huge, apartment-type complex for farm workers would be a joint local-federal project. It would be the first project of its type in Texas and one of the first in the US.

The plan got a big green light last week when Don Jennings, local Farmers Home Administration representative, announced that his agency has tentatively approved a \$570,000 loan and an outright grant of \$387,380 for construction of the project.

Although it is referred to as a "migrant housing project," the complex would also include apartments for permanent

farm workers here. As planned, the 190-unit apartment complex would be built just east of Western Vegetable Co.'s pickle plant in East Dimmitt on nine acres of land now owned by Woodrow Nelson. Option on the land was exercised Wednesday.

Nine two-story buildings would be constructed for migrant workers, with each housing 16 apartments—eight upstairs and eight downstairs. West of these would be 12 single-story buildings, each with four apartment units for permanent farm workers.

Centering the complex would be a playground and quarters for a full-time manager and his family.

Target prices on rent will be \$15 per week for permanent families' apartments and \$12.50 per week for migrants' apartments, including utilities.

Each apartment would include two bedrooms, a living room, kitchen and bath.

James Horton, legal counsel for the association, said first preference on the housing would be given to farm workers, "although this will be a business venture, and city workers would be able to rent if the units were available."

The plan stemmed from a survey conducted by the Castro County Agricultural Association, organized last March. The association is made up of 62 farmers and businessmen who paid \$250 apiece to finance the survey and planning. The survey pointed up a need for approximately 200 living units here to house the farm workers and their families.



'To serve in the best ways we can'

We're pleased to welcome the Texas Wagon Train to Dimmitt and Castro County. The Wagon Train is a great idea, and you are remarkable people.

We're proud to have been serving the people here for almost 40 years.

Our original family business here got its start in 1949 when Woodrow Killingsworth came here to help his father, Claude, build the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt and the Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth. After they completed these two churches, they formed a father-son partnership, K&K Construction.

In 1952, Claude retired and Woodrow became the sole owner of the firm, renaming it Killingsworth Construction Co. The firm built many of the fine homes and present business buildings here. In 1954, Woodrow added Killingsworth Redi-Mix, Inc.

In 1957, Woodrow started a unique "turnkey" service for churches, taking building projects from the drawing board to the designing, architectural work, final construction and furnishing. In addition to the Methodist Church in Dimmitt and the Catholic Church in Nazareth, our firm built the Fourth & Bedford Church of Christ, the Northside

Church of Christ (now Foskey Funeral Home) and the Presbyterian Church in Dimmitt. In all, we have built almost 200 churches in six states.

In 1963 the firm added a builders' supply and lumber business, which required a major expansion. We've continued to grow with the needs and opportunities here through the years. In 1976 we became a Radio Shack dealer. In 1979 we affiliated with True Value Hardware. In 1984 we established Killingsworth Realty, and added a KIS one-hour photo processing lab to our services. In 1985 we became a dealer for Crosley major appliances.

Jim Killingsworth is now the third-generation manager of our firm.

We're proud of the growth of our business through the years, but we can't take credit for it. The credit belongs to the fine people in our trade area who have supported us in our endeavors. Our future growth will be totally dependent upon our customers, just as our past growth has been.

Our purpose will continue to be the same—to serve our neighbors in the best ways we can!

KILLINGSWORTH True Value Home Center

Castro County harvesting bumper crop yields

October 27, 1949

If there yet lives any person on the high plains who doubts that bountiful crops can be raised around this neck of the woods, he or she should pay a visit right now to Castro County and contact agent Raymond King who can show them some crops that will amaze them.

For Dimmitt and Castro County remind one of the fabl-

ed "Garden of Eden" of Old Testament times, the crops are so lush and bountiful.

What looks like the best corn production record in the history of the Lone Star State is a 20-acre field soon to be harvested by B. Vaughn, veteran farmer living on the highway eight miles north of Dimmitt. Mr. Vaughn, who came to Castro County five years ago from Roswell, N.M.,

has a field of hybrid Yellow Dent No. 12 corn which he says will produce "better than 130 bushels to the acre." The stalks are 10 to 12 feet in height in average 38-inch rows. It is in irrigated territory, with a good well on the upper north-west corner.

"I had three acres last year that yielded 130 bushels to the acre and this is better corn," he told the editor of the *Southwest Plainsman* one day this month. Incidentally, Mr. Vaughn refused an offer of \$175 an acre for his farm a few days ago. This includes pasture land that is not irrigatable.

Diamond Neumayer of Dimmitt has a farm a mile east of the Vaughn farm. He is harvesting a feed crop this month off one 40-acre tract that produced fifty bushels of wheat per acre earlier this year. He has a ten-inch irrigation well that runs 2,200 per minute adjacent to his farm. He raised alfalfa three years on the same tract, then broke the land 10 inches deep before he drilled the wheat in. He has 320 acres in the place.

"One day during the wheat harvest, we combined 5,000 bushels of wheat from 10 a.m. until night with the use of

three combines, two of them big ones," recalled Neumayer. "There are six big wells in this area and we can run water on the four sections in any direction when we want to use it, the land is so level here.

Lettuce is also being grown in Castro County, there being 300 acres this year. The county is already famous for its fine cantaloupes and watermelons.

"We have 850 irrigation wells in the county now," says King. "Over 200 of them were drilled in the last two years and there will be more in the next two years since water is found around sixty feet down."

But Castro County is famous in another way. It has more boys and girls in club work than any other county in West Texas. Some 18 boys sent 44 prize pigs and lambs to the

Dallas State Fair last week. About nine of the boys went down with the county agent last week-end to attend the fair. Castro County's club members have won several trips to the International 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. John Bridges, 14-year-old club member from Hart, is a candidate for the Santa Fe trip this year.

Finished bank building open to public Sunday

November 13, 1958

Employees and officials of the First State Bank of Dimmitt will show the public through their new ultra-modern and luxurious building at an open house Sunday between two and six p.m.

This occasion will climax a seven-month building program by Killingsworth Construction Company of Dimmitt.

The new building housing the 50-year-old banking firm is one of the finest in this area and construction costs were set at \$113,389.

The open house Sunday is for the general public. "We planned sending formal invitations to all our customers and others we thought might be interested in attending," Bob McLean, president of the bank, said this week. "However the increased tempo of our work may have caused even the names of some of our oldest customers to be overlooked. So I would like to issue a special invitation here, from myself and the other officers and employees of the bank, for everyone to attend our open house Sunday."

New occupants of the present bank building will be the Castro County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Office. The ASC will begin partially moving during the next week, but the actual major transfer is slated for Saturday,

November 22, with the office to be ready to operate as usual the following Monday. The main fixtures and counters will remain in the building for ASC use.

The new bank building, paneled in walnut throughout, and featuring heavy use of glass, faces north at the corner of Bedford and Third Streets.

A new feature of the new bank will be its drive-in teller window. Patrons will drive behind the building and circle around to the east side where they can make deposits, withdrawals and other similar business from the driver's seat of their car.

Another feature shown guests Sunday will be the luxurious community room, added to the bank as an additional public service for the use of the people of this area. The large, modern room is carpeted and the use of draperies is accented. It will accommodate a meeting of about sixty people for any civic meeting or other worthwhile purpose.

The entire building has 6,000 feet of floor space, measuring 60x100 feet. Designers of the building were architects Robert A. Alexander and Associates of Dallas.

Facilities for a small loan department have been built into the building.

Smith heads Dallas-bound band

October 7, 1954

(From the Bobcat Tales)

If you see a man with a flat-top rushing around to find someone to "help him," it must be Ralph Smith. He is the band director and is always doing something to help the band along, or he is planning a project of some sort for "the kids." Over the past months he has been working with the

group whose climax will be participating in activities at the State Fair in Dallas.

Ralph Glenn Smith was born in the music field, as his father was the band director of the late famous "Harley Saddler Show." That was October 15, 1923. At the early age of five his father coached him with his first cornet. He was entered in his first contest at the young age of seven.

Later in his schooling he made outstanding progress with his instrument. During his school training he earned a total of twenty-one medals. Five of them are National medals; the remainder are regional and district.

Mr. Smith graduated from Hereford High School. While attending he played football with the Hereford "yannigans," and he played on the basketball team. After graduation he enrolled at North Texas State for one semester, and then went into the U.S. Air Force in 1942. During that year he was with the A.T.C. band. In 1943 he was with the 501st Regiment band. For about three years he played trumpet with the "Starlighters," a dance band. He also played for U.S.O. shows. His time in the air force was spent in Las Vegas, Amarillo and Hawaii before being discharged in 1946.

In the fall of 1947 he began classes at West Texas State College, where he received his masters degree in music. During this time he served as assistant to Dr. Newman in the music department.

While at college he married

Avis Harbour of Spearman on August 16, 1947.

After graduation from college they moved to Childress where Mr. Smith was director of the high school band.

Then in 1952 the Smiths moved to Dimmitt. He spent the remainder of that summer working on his new home and reorganizing the Dimmitt High Band.

Mr. Smith, like everyone else, has definite likes and dislikes. Here are some of his interests: He likes to fish, if and when he finds time, and is very fond of goose hunting. His favorite pastime, as you might guess, is working with kids. He takes a great interest in his teaching which he likes very much. "Smith," as he is known by many in the Panhandle, stands 5 feet, 10 inches tall. He has hazel colored eyes and black hair cut in a flat-top, as a result of a wager over winning Sweepstakes at Memphis last year. He is nearing his 31st birthday.

Here are some of his likes and dislikes:

Favorite color—red.

Likes—Good music and teaching.

Food—Enchiladas.

Pet peeve—people loafing.


Many special features makes local theatre outstanding in Texas

September 21, 1950

A last minute rush has been in progress at the new Carlile Theatre this week as builders and equipment installing crews have been feverishly working to meet the deadline for the opening of the ultra-modern showhouse tonight. The doors of the new theatre will be opened for the first time at 7:00 p.m., and an appropriate dedication ceremony will be conducted at 7:30. Following the dedication ceremony the first feature, "Saddle Tramp," starring Joel McCrea and Wanda Hendrix, will be projected

on the new cycloramic screen.

The Carlile is the first theatre in Texas to be equipped with a private party room. It also incorporates late features of modern show houses, such as smoking room and cry room where the show can be heard and seen without disturbing the large audiences. The new cycloramic screen gives a sharp clear projection service with the same picture effect from any part of the building. The new show house has only the latest equipment throughout and is one of the finest entertainment places in Texas.



A wave from the corner

Welcome, fellow Texans on the Texas Wagon Train!

Our building is the two-story red brick one that you passed at the corner of Broadway & Bedford, the main intersection. It used to be the First State Bank building; our owner, Clara Vick, bought it in 1976 because of its roominess and its walk-in vaults, which are valuable in keeping records.

Cowsert Abstract & Title Co. has been serving the people of Castro County since it was founded by the late Mark Cowsert in 1909. We have complete indexes of each section of land and each city lot located in Castro County.

We'll be waving to you from our corner when you pull out of town.

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Enjoy!

Welcome, Texas Wagon Train!

Welcome, Texas Wagon Train!

We hope you enjoy the supper, the preaching, the music by the Singing Farmers, the welcoming ceremony, the musical play, the square dance exhibition and the country-western music concert while you're here.

Thanks for coming to see us, and y'all come again!

Riverside / Terra



'Scratching' Roads

Here's how the first north-south and east-west roads were marked from Dimmitt, the county seat, to the county boundaries:

A beam was placed across a wagon, and a long strand of barbed wire was attached to each end of the beam and left to trail loose. The driver then drove his team in a beeline toward the county line, scratching a roadway that was soon clearly marked by travelers.

These "scratched" roads eventually became the portions of US Highway 385 (north-south) and State Highway 86 (east-west) that go through Castro County.

Flagg Fertilizer is on another north-south road, FM 1055, known originally as "The 25-Mile Avenue." Our community in the southwest part of the county was named for the Flagg Ranch, where the first home in our county was built. Flagg Fertilizer will have been "30 years on the same corner" in October 1987.

We're proud to welcome the Texas Wagon Train to Castro County, and hope you enjoy your trip through our area, where we have some of the finest farms in the nation.

Flagg Fertilizer

Fred, Helen and Ricky Kuntz

Good Neighbors

Neighborliness is a tradition in Castro County.

For our early settlers, it wasn't just a desirable trait—it was a necessity. Settling this part of the country wasn't easy, and neighbors needed each other. When one was sick or hurt, neighbors pitched in and helped.

It's still that way here. It's a tradition we're proud of.



Kenneth Jackson Ditching Service

Time wrap?

Welcome, members of the Texas Wagon Train! When your wagons head north out of Dimmitt Thursday, it may look like a "time warp" as they roll past the receiving dishes that we use to bring the world to Dimmitt and Hart via satellite transmission and cable. It will be a graphic reminder of how far we've come in so short a time.

Dimmitt TV Cable Co. is proud to have been serving the people here since 1963. Ours was one of the first local cable systems in Texas to install an earth satellite receiving system (1978).

Next time you see a TV camera, smile—you may be on satellite!



Dimmitt TV Cable Co.

Bobcats win second place in state

March 10, 1960

(EDITOR'S NOTE: I wanted to be sure and put this story in this issue because of its simple historical implications. Yes, the Bobcats finished second in the state, which is historical enough, but it is also a story, although it is not mentioned, of the first black player ever to play in the University Interscholastic League state basketball tournament — Junior Coffey. At the 1986 state tournament, the Linden-Kildare team was one of the honor teams, and John Beasley, who played center for the team and later played at Texas A&M and in the National Basketball Association, still remembers the iron-man defense applied by Coffey and

his teammates, and the scoring barrage of Hal Ratcliff. He didn't need to be prodded—he mentioned those two names right off the top of his head. Phil Ransopher, who is the public address announcer at the state tournament and has been for many, many years, says Coffey's performances in the 1960 and 1961 state tournaments were two of the best performances he has seen, and would, today, still put Junior Coffey on his all-time team—jfb)

Height made the difference Saturday night when the Dimmitt Bobcats saw their hopes for a state crown go up in smoke through their defeat by the Linden-Kildare Tigers.

The score at game's end was 52-44. The big point spread came in the fourth quarter. Dimmitt was leading 42-40 when the quarter started, but the already fired-up Linden-Kildare team came unwound and pulled ahead. Dimmitt scored only two points in the final quarter while the Tigers sank 12. The tigers got several good breaks during the last quarter but they were hustling just as hard as Dimmitt and had a seven-inch height advantage which spelled the difference.

It was a torrid and close game throughout with the lead changing hands four times and the game was tied ten times before the Tigers hit their fateful last-quarter pace.

The game was a real nerve-wrecker. Paced by the brilliant play of Hal Ratcliff and Junior Coffey, the Bobcats were just worn down by the height advantage of the Tigers.

Linden-Kildare emerged from their season as the state's only undefeated team.

High point honors of the game went to Hal Ratcliff who poured in 29 points. Second place scoring honors went to Linden-Kildare's ace point-maker and ace dribbler George Hargett.

The game was tied at the end of the first quarter and at the end of the half. It was 13-13 at the end of the first quarter and 30-30 at intermission time. Dimmitt held its 42-40 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Junior Coffey amazed the

fans by consistently out-jumping Linden-Kildare's 6-foot, 6-inch center John Beasley. Young Coffey, an even six-footer, also turned in a tremendous defensive game. Although he scored only 8 points, he is considered one of the reasons Dimmitt was able to keep Linden-Kildare under control through most of the game.

Hargett moved the Tigers into an early 8-5 lead, but Dimmitt applied the pressure during the closing minutes and knotted the score at 13-13.

The lead changed hands and the score rocked back and forth during the second quarter. Linden-Kildare built up a 21-17 margin which Dimmitt managed to overcome when the score was tied at 26-26. The score was tied at 28 when Beasley and Coffey exchanged shots. Larry Hill of Linden-Kildare hit a jumper from the corner

and Hal Ratcliff tied it up again with a field goal just before halftime.

It was about the same story during the third quarter, although Dimmitt appeared in control of the game. Coffey made a jump shot from the corner to put the Bobcats out ahead at the end of the third, 42-40.

Dimmitt hit 17 of 40 shots from the floor for a 42.5 percent while Linden-Kildare hit 21 of 52 for 40.4 percent. Each team hit ten free throws although Linden-Kildare had one more chance.

Dimmitt wound up the season with a record of losing almost one-third of their games (24-10), yet were able to wrest second place in the state. On the way to this goal they left in the dust such highly-touted teams as Abernathy, Childress, Seminole and Belton.

Bobcats lose in bi-district title bid

November 27, 1958

The Dimmitt Bobcats had their 1958 season wound up for them Friday afternoon by the Abernathy Antelopes at Plainview.

After methodically grinding out what appeared to be a clear cut victory, the Bobcats saw the Antelopes come unwound and leave them defeated 20-26 at game's end.

Dimmitt started pounding out ground yardage in three and four yard chunks early in the game but never reached

scoring territory until late in the third quarter when halfback Jimmy Curtis dived over left guard for the last yard with 3:22 left. Halfback Norman Nelson made a diving catch of quarterback Carlos Barnes' pass in the end zone for the conversion.

After the touchdown, Abernathy pulled the first of several passes that were heartbreakers for Dimmitt and scored easily. Their try for extra points failed and Dimmitt led 8-6 with one minute left in the third quarter.

With the wind to their backs, the Bobcats then apparently took complete control of the game, grinding out first downs at will on short runs. Five minutes into the fourth quarter Dimmitt scored again but failed to convert, making the score 14-6. Nelson scored from a yard out.

Dimmitt's large safety margin held for only seven minutes when Abernathy quarterback Lan Tannehill passed to end Pat Attebury who was caught on about the

five. Tannehill jumped over on a squeaker and the score was 12-14.

On the kickoff, Abernathy tackle Carroll Powell recovered an on-side kick and the next play Tannehill and Attebury repeated their pass act and Abernathy moved ahead 14-18. Another pass gave Abernathy a conversion and they were still further ahead at 20-14.

Dimmitt started another touchdown drive, however, that gained its big push when end Junior Coffey grabbed a pass and loped to the fifteen. Dimmitt pushed it over via Carlos Barnes and tied up the score. The conversion attempt failed and the score was tied 20-20 with Dimmitt leading on penetrations 4-3.

Abernathy got the ball again with 40 seconds to go. Another Tannehill to Jim Dye pass netted 64 yards and a touchdown which sacked up the game for Abernathy.

The last half of the ball game was one of the wildest of any season. The lead changed hands during the last twenty

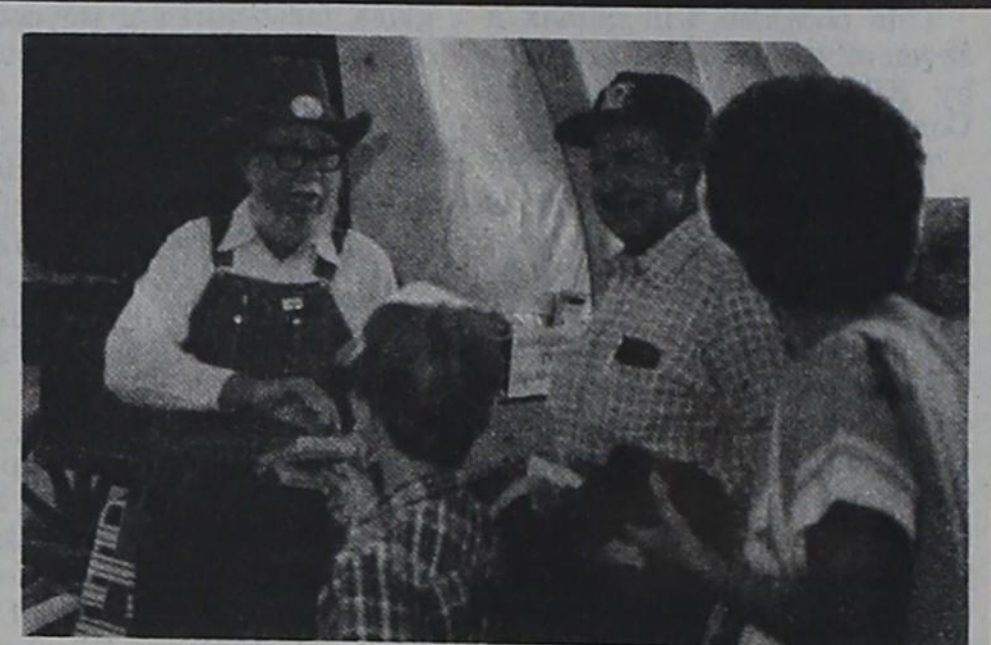
minutes three times. It wrote an end to Dimmitt's hopes for this year and set the stage for Abernathy's regional bid against Spur this week.

The Bobcats set up an amazing defensive record. The season record was eight won and three lost, with two of the losses at the hands of Abernathy.

This game was the swan song for five Dimmitt men. All workhorses of this year's team, they are Jimmy Curtis, Norman Nelson, Mike Bailey, Ben Holcomb and Don Warren. Curtis will be ineligible and the remainder are seniors.

"I was very happy and pleasantly surprised by this year's team," said coach J. D. Covington. "The boys wanted to play and I couldn't have asked for more effort and enthusiasm."

Dimmitt was hurt badly by graduation this year and pre-season guesses had been the Bobcats would not make much of a record. Officially they wound up as co-champions with Canyon of District 1-AA.



Welcome!

The Texas Wagon Train has been drawing big crowds everywhere as it winds its way around our state on its Sesquicentennial trip—and rightfully so. It's a unique idea, decidedly Texan, and helps us all rekindle our pride in our state.

We welcome the Texas Wagon Train to Dimmitt, and we wish you well on the rest of your historic journey!

Castro County Abstract Co.

Santa letter from 1929

Dear Santa Claus:

We want a toy airplane, a toy car and a pair of gloves apiece.

We would like to have some candy, apples, and oranges, too.

Please don't forget our baby sister.

Yours truly,
Kent and Billie Birdwell



Consider the mule.

A good mule is like a good printing press—the longer it works without complaining, the prettier it looks.

The mule helped many Texans gain a foothold, raise their crops and open new territory.

A good mule is an even-tempered example of dependability and durability. Just ask the people on the Texas Wagon Train. Some of their mules have pulled their wagons every step of this long, historic journey.

We at Dimmitt Printing & Office Supply salute the hardy Texans who are making this historic Sesquicentennial journey, and we're pleased to welcome you to Dimmitt.

Have a safe trip from here on in—and take care of your mules.

Dimmitt Printing & Office Supply



Good to see you!

We're thrilled over the visit by the Texas Wagon Train, and we hope all our visitors enjoy their stopover in Dimmitt and their through our county.

We specialize in heating, cooling and air conditioning sales and service, and we're the authorized dealer in this area for Trane.

We specialize in heating, air conditioning, plumbing and electrical work, and we're the authorized dealer in this area for Trane comfort control systems—including the Trane Weathertron heat pump, America's No. 1 selling brand.

Bryant's Sales & Service

We've signed on for the long haul, too.

We're happy to welcome the Texas Wagon Train to our area as we observe our state's Sesquicentennial.

You're going through some of our state's prime farmland here. It's the "watering up" season now; if you return in the fall, you'll see corn taller than anybody in huge fields across the landscape, thick fields of grain sorghum and abundant stands of soybeans, cotton, sunflowers and other crops.

We help in financing many of those crops.

The Westex Federal Land Bank Association of Dimmitt was chartered Nov. 17, 1917, as the National Farm Loan Association, to provide long-term financing to farmers and ranchers.

B. D. Woodlee was the first secretary-treasurer of the association. He took loan applications from prospective borrowers and mailed them to the Federal Land Bank of Houston to be processed. He received a small fee for each loan application, plus a salary of \$300 per year. He served the association for 20 years.

The first board of directors consisted of W. T. Gollehon, president, C. J. Mapes, E. B. Wright, J. O. Ayers and J. W. Alexander.

Successive secretary-treasurers of the association were J. D. Williams, Ozro Stephens, J. W. Webb, Harold Stephens and James D. Yates. Mr. Yates resigned after a year and Harold Stephens, who had previously served 11 years, was again employed. By this time the title of secretary-treasurer had been changed to manager.

The National Farm Loan Association underwent a name change and became the Federal Land Bank

Association; the local office was renamed the Federal Land Bank Association of Dimmitt.

Harold Stephens continued to serve as manager here until Jan. 1, 1963, when he accepted the position of district manager for the Federal Land Bank of Houston. He was succeeded by Billy Hackleman, who served as manager for 7½ years. Mr. Hackleman was succeeded by John A. "Dick" Perrin, who at that time was an appraiser for the Federal Land Bank of Houston. Mr. Perrin served until his retirement, and was succeeded by Irving F. "Totch" Upshaw, who served until Jan. 15, 1979. He was succeeded by the present manager, Marlos A. May.

The first woman employed by the association was Pauline Cunningham, who was hired in 1942 as office assistant. Other office assistants since that time have been Bernice Duncan Hill, Catherine Easter Vardell, Elizabeth Huckabay, Jean DuLaney, Rubie Lee, Mozelle Lilley and Doris Neely.

In January, 1984, the Dimmitt association merged with the Tulia and Hereford associations, with the office located in Dimmitt. With that merger we changed our name to the Westex Federal Land Bank Association of Dimmitt. Our Local office now serves Castro, Swisher and Deaf Smith Counties, as well as a portion of Parmer County.

We have managed to meet the changing needs of the farmers and ranchers of the area through the years. For just a few loans closed in 1917, the association has grown to a present number of 1,135 loans with a volume of over \$74,000,000.

Westex Federal Land Bank Association of Dimmitt

Riley farm is birthplace of unique plant types

August 14, 1958
 Not many people know it, but there is an experiment station, so to speak, in Castro County. It's not as big as the A&M Station at Lubbock or the Texas Foundation at Halfway, but quite a few experiments take place there anyway.
 This place is the farm of Ray Joe Riley, located near the Sunnyside community. On this farm are cotton plants from Peru, Egypt, Yugoslavia, and a barley from Germany, plus a baker's dozen of other domestic plant varieties.

But of chief interest to the curious would probably be the mutated cotton on the Riley farm. Mutant cotton or maize begins when Riley sends off a batch of seed to someone with the proper equipment for bombarding with x-ray and thermonuclear particles. These particles kill some of the genetic properties of the seed and allow others to survive. When the seed is planted and the resultant plant may grow to any size depending on the effects of the radiation on the growth-controlling genes. Actually, the cotton he has requires a

close scrutiny to notice any difference, but the planter never knows for sure what will come up when he plants one of these radiated seeds.
 Riley, who is 23 years old, holds his degree from Texas Tech and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Riley of Dimmitt. He is believed to be the youngest Registered Plant Breeder in the state. The title of "Registered Plant Breeder" is a distinction granted to those with a high education in the field of plant genetics and have passed a state test and interview.

According to Riley, "we have probably gone about as far as possible in developing new breeds of cotton from our domestic plants." The big hope for tremendous strides towards less foliage, more bolls, a much shorter growing season and adaptability to mechanical harvesting lies in mutated cotton. Should one of these plants develop, however, it is possible that it would be infertile and unable to reproduce. In mutations there are literally thousands of possible combinations of circumstances and about all the planter can do is

plant and wait and see what he gets. He has virtually no control over what will result in dealing with mutated cotton.
 Riley has a block of cotton which he feels is a full three weeks earlier in maturing than other southern cotton. He doesn't know for sure how it will turn out during the next several years that he must work with it yet, but apparently it will be a highly productive, blight-resistant and early maturing plant — that is, if his hopes materialize. He plans on calling it Yieldmaster if it ever becomes a cotton variety. It is his own development from standard plants and is not a mutation.

In developing a new breed great care must be taken. Each cotton plant, when it blooms, or flowers, is self fertilized. To cross two plants, the plant breeder must remove the small stamens from around the stigma of the bloom and replace these with those from a different plant of the characteristics which he wishes to combine with the blooming plant.
 At the base of the bloom is the immature cotton boll with its unformed seeds inside. These seeds are made fertile when the stamen and stigma combine and the characteristics of the stamen and stigma are passed on to the seed which will produce in turn the characteristics of the parent plant or plants.
 Riley also has another distinction: He is the only plant breeder working this far north in hopes of producing a cotton especially for this area. All other work in the cotton research field is being done south of here and is not aimed at the northern fringes of the cotton production area.
 In his experimental patch (which comes out of the farm's cotton allotment, incidentally) Riley has all types of major plants. He has some Yugoslavian cotton which is native to a latitude about the same as Amarillo. This is a fast-maturing cotton, directly opposed to the long-staple Egyptian cotton. The Peruvian cotton on the Riley farm has leaves almost as heavy and green as a magnolia. Being an extreme southern type cotton it has produced nothing so far.
 Riley considers plant breeding a fascinating undertaking. In fact, plant crossbreeding has been a tremendous influence on all nations. Cotton, in its basic state, will produce only about one tenth of a bale per acre under excellent conditions.

Radio license opens new doors

April 10, 1958
 Edwin Cartwright was granted his amateur radio license several weeks ago — and sometime next week he should have his short-wave equipment in operation.
 This is quite an accomplishment for a 22-year-old former high school athlete whose body movement now is limited to his head and shoulders.
 It was just a little over five years ago, on January 11, 1953, that young Cartwright was riding in a station wagon with some friends in Hereford. The automobile turned over and Edwin was the only person injured — he was paralyzed from the neck down.
 After the operations that followed, Edwin had to find

some new interests. Through his shoulder movements, he learned to write and to type. His other accomplishments have been few in number, limited to the possibilities of a keen mind and his senses. His latest major achievement has been radio.
 Edwin is the son of Sheriff and Mrs. Jack Cartwright. He is an official county Dispatcher, having been hired by the Commissioner's Court to be the man on duty from quitting time until the wee hours of the morning. If anything happens, if a radio call needs to be made or heard, then Edwin is the man in the middle. At times like the Silverton tornado, his radio was busy in the Cartwright home nearly all night. During heavy snowstorms in

the past, his room has also been the center of activity.
 Holidays, nights and week ends, city and county law officers, and others, can be located almost immediately through young Cartwright.
 This is all routine. Now with his amateur radio license, a new opportunity is afforded. He has been saving most of his monthly county salary to pay for the new equipment. With what he can borrow and save, he hopes to build up a good "ham" radio outfit.
 To watch Edwin work is to be amazed at the number of things a person can do even though paralyzed. Through his shoulder movement abilities he has learned to operate a key so he can send code — one of the basic requirements of an amateur radio enthusiast.

able to operate his receiver with ease.
 Edwin works with the radio division of the local Boy Scouts, where he is an advisor. He makes all the meetings and has an opportunity to pass some of his radio experience on to others.
 He isn't an entirely new hand at the radio business. Several components of his radio equipment have been built in the Cartwright home under Edwin's supervision. Mrs. Cartwright and other members of the family have learned to use a soldering gun and hook wire together according to Edwin's directions so that a working piece of equipment evolves.
 His first call utilizing his new station designation was made recently over Dr. Bischoff's set. Bischoff is one of two other licensed radio operators in Dimmitt.

Although he is an old hand at the Sheriff's radio game, he admitted being pretty nervous when he first picked up a microphone for a ham conversation with someone. He plans on overcoming that nervousness, though, through lots of practice.

Charlotte Heiman, Joan Hyland, Evelyn Huseman, Rosena Gerber, Martha Huseman, Lillian Birkenfeld, Rose Binzegger, Gregory Hoelting, Christine Albracht, Lucy Drerup, Zita Heck and Lawrence Huseman.

Services in new Methodist church will be next Sunday

March 21, 1930
 Opening services, in the form of a great religious rally, will be held in the basement of the new Methodist Church next Sunday, this unit having just been completed.
 The Sunday School hour will be shortened, and the rally will

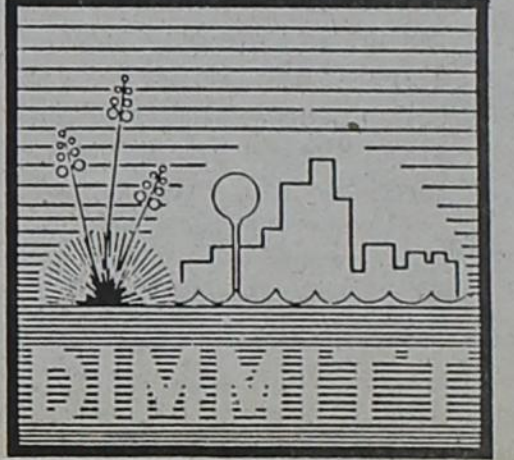
begin at 10 o'clock, with special music, and services, with some out-of-town speakers, and many visitors are expected for the service.
 Hereafter, all services of the church will be held in the unit. When completed, this edition will cost between \$30,000 and \$35,000.

His new FCC call letters are KN5PTB. He already has the receiver for the new station. Dr. Harold Bischoff, friend, teacher and advisor, is equipping Edwin's receiver with a device on each dial that will tune it either way with a simple push on a button. When Dr. Bischoff completes this job in his spare time, Edwin will be

Student play at Nazareth Friday

November 22, 1929
 "Lighthouse Nan" is the title of a play to be given by the students of the Nazareth school, at the public hall in Nazareth, at 7:30 Friday evening of this week.
 This play, based on a comedy-drama of the life of a "Roustabout" girl of a certain Carolina coach community has a cast of ten principals, besides a number of fishermen and village folk.
 The public is cordially invited to attend this entertainment.
 The cast includes Vincent Braddock, Helen Gerber, Aloys Schmucker, Philip Huseman, Lara Acker,

Charlotte Heiman, Joan Hyland, Evelyn Huseman, Rosena Gerber, Martha Huseman, Lillian Birkenfeld, Rose Binzegger, Gregory Hoelting, Christine Albracht, Lucy Drerup, Zita Heck and Lawrence Huseman.



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Hi, Y'all!

We're glad to have the Texas Wagon Train stop in Dimmitt during its historic Sesquicentennial tour of our great state. It's an ambitious "first" for Texans, who have a way of making their ideas work.
 When M. A. "Buster" Tidwell established Tidwell Spraying Service, Inc. here in 1959, that was a "first" too—the first aerial spraying and crop-dusting business in Castro County.
 Starting the new business wasn't easy. It meant many hours of study and training squeezed in between the spraying seasons, but Buster obtained all the ratings necessary for this highly specialized business. He attended Acme School of Aeronautics in Fort Worth to obtain commercial, flight instructor, instrument and instrument instructor ratings, qualifying in both single-engine and multi-engine aircraft. He also holds airframe and power-plant ratings for the maintenance and repair of his planes.
 During the 1960's and 1970's Buster operated a flight training school and charter service in addition to crop spraying. Several of his former students are now professional pilots, while many others enjoy flying as a pleasant hobby.
 We feel most fortunate because in all the years, with more than 1.2 million acres sprayed, we have never had anyone seriously injured, although ours is considered a high-risk profession.
 We are grateful for the American free-enterprise system and for our many faithful employees and customers through the years.

Tidwell Spraying Service

Our county deserves a lot of credit!

To everyone aboard the Texas Wagon Train—welcome to Castro County.
 Our county is a dynamic contributor to the agricultural economy of Texas, turning out a wealth of crops and products that help feed America and the world.
 For more than half a century, Production Credit Association has been helping provide the operating capital for the impressive growth of our county's economy. As part of the Farm Credit System, we make direct operating loans to producers, securing our loan funds from the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, which is part of the Farm Credit Banks network. We're proud of the fact that the Farm Credit Banks of Texas are among the strongest in the nation.

Production Credit Association

Ann Armstrong, Vice-President
 Byron Robertson, Loan Representative
 Janet Morgan, Secretary

The 'newest' part of Texas

Welcome to our fellow Texans aboard the Texas Wagon Train. You're in the "newest" part of our great state now.
 It wasn't until 40 years after Texas gained its independence (and 31 years after statehood) that our area was first surveyed and platted for future development. At that time the area that would eventually become the Panhandle was a vast region of unappropriated public land.
 John Summerfield, 26, an English-born surveyor, was camping with his party just north of here 110 years ago today. On June 8, 1876, he signed his field notes that established the northwest corner of our county. It wasn't until eight years later, in 1884, that Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carter and their three children moved here from Buffalo Gap to become the county's first settlers.
 Land here originally sold for 25 cents an acre. The 16th Texas Legislature in 1882 set aside three million acres of the Panhandle-Plains public domain to raise money to build the present state capital.
 Our area was "late getting started," but we've set records here in agricultural production, and we're proud of what our previous generations have accomplished!

Rubie Lee Real Estate



**THE J. W. CARTER FAMILY
AND THE 7-UP RANCH**

THE FIRST PERMANENT SETTLERS IN CASTRO COUNTY, THE JAMES W. CARTER FAMILY MOVED TO THIS AREA IN 1884. A TENT AND DUGOUT SERVED AS HOME UNTIL A HOUSE WAS CONSTRUCTED (100 YDS. W). THEIR CATTLE, WHICH THEY BROUGHT WITH THEM, WERE MARKED WITH THE 7-UP BRAND. THEIR DAUGHTER LIZZIE (b. 1886) WAS THE FIRST WHITE CHILD BORN TO A PERMANENT SETTLER IN THE AREA. JAMES CARTER (1845-1916) WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CASTRO COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN 1891 AND SERVED ON THE FIRST COMMISSIONERS COURT. CARTER AND HIS WIFE ELLEN (1855-1942) LATER OPENED A HOTEL IN DIMMITT. (1981)

CASTRO COUNTY'S FIRST historical marker was unveiled in 1981 south of Flagg, and commemorates the J. W. Carter Family, the first white settlers in Castro County. The Carters settled near Running Water Draw. The marker was obtained through the efforts of the Castro County Historical Society.

Firemen make it soft for basketball fans

December 4, 1952

The Dimmitt Fire Department is always concerned about the comfort of local townspeople, and after hearing about the discomfort being suffered by fans while perched on the concrete bleachers at the new gymnasium they decided to do something about it.

The firemen have purchased a number of pillows, cushions or some type of underpadding,

to be used by sports fans while witnessing the Bobcats and Bobbies as they go about the business of copping some more state championships.

Basketball fans have complained unyieldingly about the unyielding tendencies of the new gymnasium seats and the sympathetic firemen, seeing an opportunity of making an easy buck, will furnish the padding at a price.

Castro County citizens unite efforts to aid blind triplets

March 24, 1955

Three little boys were born Sunday, August 1, 1954, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sitton of Hart, and but for one exception, all were born as other normal, healthy infants. That exception, according to Dr. Ben J. Sanders of Olton Memorial Hospital where the triplets were born, is an eye disorder which left the three babies completely blind.

The Sitton triplets, Don Frank, Lon Ray and Jon Jay are considered an unusual case and as far as can be ascertained, the only such case in the United States today. The medical term for their eye disorder, Retrolental-fibroplasia, is a familiar term to physicians but as yet there is no known cure for the disorder despite the fact

that eye doctors have spent a great deal of time probing the mysteries of the unusual malady.

The Sittons, who farm four miles south and four miles west of Hart, were unaware of their babies' fate until the triplets were six and one-half months old. They had the three little fellows examined by four eye physicians before the disorder was diagnosed by an Amarillo eye specialist. They were told there was no hope for their recovery.

The Sittons moved to Hart from Petersburg three years ago. When the triplets were born it was necessary to employ a maid to help an older sister, Alice who is eight years old, care for the three blind babies. The triplets require lots

of care now, according to Mrs. Sitton, and will be at least two years old before they can feed themselves. The babies will also be slower to crawl and learn other things familiar to children that aren't handicapped.

The Hart couple has one other daughter, Joyce, age five, who will enter school this fall.

Neighbors have provided the Sittons with a combination car and jumper seat in addition to the one they already have. These seats are a great aid in the care of the triplets, but another such seat is needed as well as financial aid as unexpected bills and expenses have drained heavily on the income of the farm family.

The News was notified last week that Hart residents, eager to come to the aid of the family, have started a special fund for the care of the triplets and that donations are pouring in. The Dimmitt Lions Club also voted at their Tuesday

meeting to appoint a committee to investigate the needs of the triplets relative to starting a fund for financial and material aid. B. M. Nelson, Jack Malone and Glen Youts were named to this important committee.

The triplets will not be eligible for any type of aid from the state until they reach school age. Therefore at least six years of skilled training, costing several thousand dollars, will be needed. When they are six years old, then the state will provide educational training through a school for the blind.

Bob McLean, president of the First State Bank, has also offered the complete facilities of the bank to handle a special fund for the triplets. This and other interest shown by county residents indicates that the Sitton triplets are destined to gain the attention and help of residents from all over the High Plains area.

Plane causes local blackout

February 27, 1958

An airplane set the stage Thursday night for a series of interrelated events that could have spelled tragedy, but nothing more inconvenient than a power failure over Dimmitt occurred.

First, a Beech Bonanza, piloted by Allan Webb, came in for a landing at 6:30 p.m. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Searcy Ferguson, who were returning with Webb from San Francisco where they had attended an agricultural meeting. Mr. Ferguson is chairman of the state ASC committee and Webb is a member. As the plane was in the last seconds of its final approach the propeller clipped the Southwestern Public Service power line that stretches across the north end of the southeast-northwest runway

at the Dimmitt airport. Webb brought the plane on in and it suffered no damage other than a broken landing light. In Webb's own words: "It was a close call."

Ironically, Southwestern Public Service Company's Dimmitt lineman, Hank Grindstaff, was on the operating table at Castro County Hospital awaiting surgery when the lights went out. Dr. Harold Bischoff, operating surgeon, had the hospital staff start the new auxiliary power plant which had just recently been installed and the operation continued. Everything else at the hospital returned to normalcy.

However, power was out all over Dimmitt for about one and a half hours, returning about ten minutes of eight.

Fire destroys Castro County Grain elevator

January 2, 1958

A spectacular fire about 6:30 a.m. Saturday destroyed the main elevator at Castro County Grain Company.

It was the second major fire suffered by that firm in 1957.

The fire was still smoldering late this week and some of the grain was smoking even while truckers loaded it for removal.

Cause of the fire was unknown, but since it started in the top of the sheet-metal building, firemen speculated it was of electrical origin.

Earlier last year an elevator and storage building was lost by Castro County Grain Co.

when a Fort Worth and Denver train and Keystone-Fleming truck collided near the buildings with the resultant flames igniting both.

Firemen battled the flames for two hours before finally bringing them under control at 8:30. Two slight dust explosions occurred during the fire, but they caused no injuries.

Damage estimates on this particular type elevator are difficult to obtain since replacement costs are considerably higher than when the building was originally constructed.

Firemen were called back at least once when the smoldering fire broke out again.

You're in the heart of Texas Corn Country!

Castro County started the corn movement in the Texas Panhandle, and today is the center of a seven-county region that produces 70% of the corn raised in our state. Castro, Deaf Smith, Hale, Parmer, Swisher, Bailey and Lamb Counties produce more than 60 million bushels of corn per year, with a market value of almost \$300,000,000.

Texas corn is unique in many ways. It is twice as efficient in grind turnout as Midwestern No. 2 Yellow; it is affected by different insects and conditions than corn grown in other parts of the country; it requires different freight rates for shipping to port or market.

It became apparent soon after corn became the major crop here that our corn producers needed to organize for purposes of research, development, marketing, legislation and pesticide control.

The Texas Corn Growers Association was organized in Dimmitt in 1973. Dimmitt has been the headquarters of the TCGA since its inception.

Later, corn producers in the Panhandle approved a voluntary check-off fee to raise funds to finance research, development and marketing. The Texas Corn Producers Board was organized and chartered to carry out these duties and administer the check-off fund. The Texas Corn Producers Board is empowered to sign delivery contracts on all grades of corn grown in the seven-county check-off area.

Partly because of the efforts of the TCGA and TCGP, corn production in Texas has increased by more than 200%.

We stay in close touch with the Texas Legislature, Texas Agriculture Commission, Railroad Commission, Public Utilities Commission, the US Congress, the Dept. of Agriculture, Environmental Protection Agency, Farmers Home Administration and other agencies that make or carry out policies affecting corn growers. We also stay in close contact with markets throughout the world, with the research departments of leading universities and with food manufacturing companies, and have promoted Texas food-grade corn at food shows in both the US and Europe.

We have been responsible for major legislation, rate adjustments, chemical clearances, research findings and market expansions to benefit the Texas corn producer.

If you'd like more information about us, visit our office at 218 E. Bedford St. or give us a call at (806) 647-4224.



Texas Corn Growers Association
President: Carl King, Dimmitt

Texas Corn Producers Board
Chairman: Wedlon Davis, Hart