

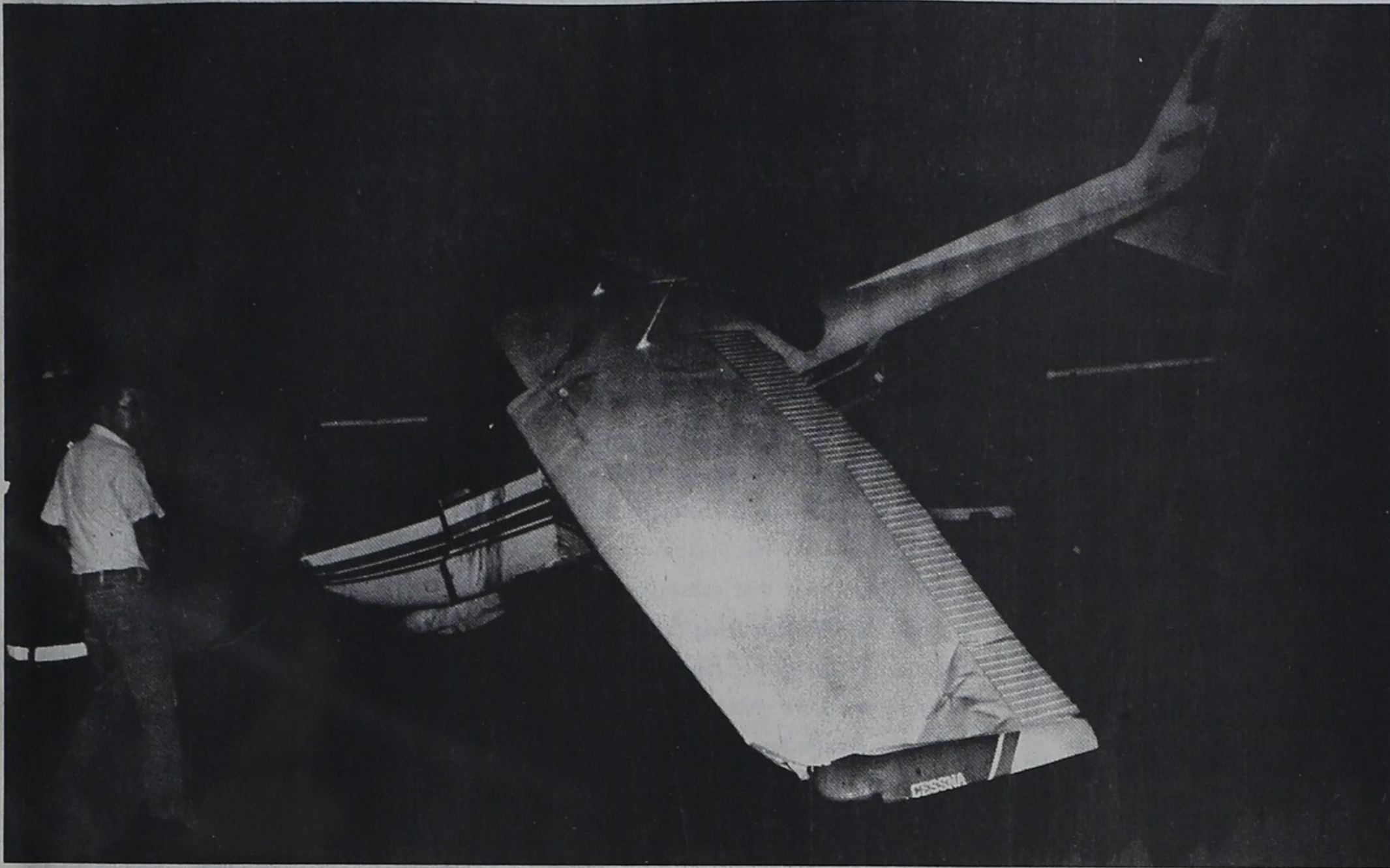
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DIMMITT VOLUNTEER FIREMEN Ricky Hargrove and Bill Conyers wash aviation fuel off the Dimmitt Municipal Airport apron Saturday night after a tornado dropped an airplane, leased by David Charles of Sherman, atop another plane, leased

by Bob Vilas of Dimmitt. Another airplane was heavily damaged and a hangar destroyed in a storm which struck the area at 9:30 p.m. Saturday.

Tornado hits near airport

A tornado caused over \$75,000 worth of damage Saturday night at the Dimmitt Municipal Airport, while hail inflicted heavy damage to crops in a narrow strip just north of Dimmitt during the same, all-of-a-sudden storm.

The tornado destroyed a private hangar at the airport owned by Roland Stevens and damaged a pickup that was parked in the hangar. The twisted hangar fell in a heap on the airport runway, closing the airport until late Sunday morning.

Two airplanes received heavy damage, while another plane received slight damage from the tornado.

A plane owned jointly by Malcolm Reynolds and Paul Fry was overturned, while a plane rented by David Charles of Sherman, who was visiting over the weekend, was ripped free of its moorings and dropped atop a plane that was leased from a Tulia man by Bob Vilas of Dimmitt.

Vilas was able to fly the plane back to Tulia after the

airport was reopened.

Two Dimmitt men, Danny Newton and Dudley Wooten, were near the airport when the storm struck. Newton says he's sure it was a tornado which caused the damage, although he never saw a twister.

"It sounded and looked like a tornado to me," Newton said. "There was trash and debris blowing everywhere. I helped Dudley put his plane up at the airport, then we went over to my barn to close it (just south of the airport). I ran in the barn to close the lights while Dudley stayed in his pickup, and it came so quick I couldn't get back out of the barn because of the hail and the wind.

"There was a real loud wind blowing and so much debris hitting the barn it had to be a tornado—there was trash and wind swirling around, and the animals were going crazy, plus everything just 'quit' before it hit. It definitely, to me, was a tornado."

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Thurman is new police chief

Gary Lynn Thurman was appointed as the new Dimmitt police chief by the Dimmitt Board of Aldermen at their regular meeting Monday night.

Thurman, 39, succeeds John Hamilton, who left his position in late May. Thurman will take his position here on Aug. 15, moving from Plainview, where he has served as a senior officer since Sept., 1982. He spent his previous 12 years in law enforcement in Lubbock, and has

a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Texas Tech University.

"We interviewed a number of people," said Mayor Wayne Collins, "and the board agreed Gary Thurman is the best person to serve the needs of Dimmitt. We're looking forward to a long and happy tenure."

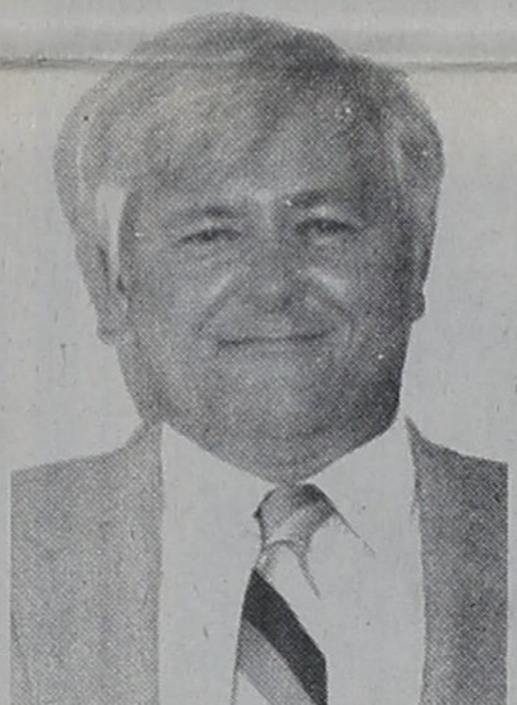
"I appreciate the confidence shown in me," Thurman said, "and I hope to live up to your expectations. The Dimmitt

Police Dept. has a great reputation, and has had two great chiefs (Don Franklin and John Hamilton) in the last two men here, and I hope to continue in that tradition.

"I have derived a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction from working in my profession. I also enjoy working and communicating with the public."

In other business at the meeting Monday, the aldermen awarded a safety certificate

from the Federal Aviation Administration to Airport Board chairman Buster Tidwell, and discussed the vacant fire marshal's position, but made no decision after meeting in executive session.



Gary Thurman

Heritage Rally

Celebration set tonight

Castro Countians will celebrate their 95-year heritage tonight at 7 p.m. on the courthouse square in Dimmitt with an old-fashioned, informal get-together.

Build around the theme of "Together, We Can," county residents will be given an opportunity to express their support for Castro County, and especially support for agriculture.

Several four-generation-or-more families will be honored at the rally by Gerald Hanners of Dimmitt and Mayor Tommy Hoelting of Nazareth.

The rally will begin with a

hot dog and Coke supper at 7 p.m. Edd McLeroy and E. M. Jones will cook the hot dogs, which will be served by Lions Club members from Dimmitt, Hart, Nazareth, Sunnyside and Easter. The cost will be 50¢ for a hot dog and Coke.

The program will start at about 7:30, and will include "The Singing Farmers" of Hart and the "Light of Christ Singers" from the Immaculate Conception Church in Dimmitt, as well as Dimmitt postmaster Bill Sava, who will sing Lee Greenwood's "God Bless The USA."

Contel installs new \$1.4 million switch

A new, \$1.4 million digital switching unit was cut into service Wednesday morning by Contel at its Dimmitt office.

Immediate changes went into effect, including the need for all customers in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth to dial all seven digits on any call to another Dimmitt, Hart or Nazareth ex-

change.

Formerly, Nazareth customers could dial only the last four digits to ring another Nazareth number, while Dimmitt customers could dial "67," "95" or "98" plus the last four digits.

By the same token, party line customers were required to dial

several extra numbers, which won't be necessary, according to Ed McPherson, director of network services.

Toll services were phased into the system beginning Tuesday evening as long-distance usage decreased during the evening. All toll service is now routed through Amarillo, McPherson told the Dimmitt Lions Club Tuesday, with the new equipment.

County phone customers had most of their phones switched to the new system between 12 a.m. and 1 a.m. Wednesday morning, and McPherson said he anticipated very few problems.

"We were able to contact over 80% of our customers through the new switch," McPherson said, "and we're very confident things will go well. There may be some problems, and if anyone has a problem, they shouldn't hesitate to call our repair service."

The service will also feature new sounds, as the state-of-the-art Stromberg-Carlson (Continued on Page 15)

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By Don Nelson

Let's show a little pride and togetherness.

That's what the Castro County Heritage Rally tonight (Thursday) is all about.

We're going through the worst times that our area has experienced since the Great Depression. But if we work at it together and support each other, we can endure it. Together, we can.

To borrow an idea from my favorite minister, our society has become so materialistic and so success-oriented that we have developed the myth that "you are what you own." Yet a person's relative wealth or success is no indication of that person's value as a human being. A person who fails in one field might be highly successful in another. And a person who loses all he has because of circumstances over which he has no control is not a failure.

Many of us judge ourselves too harshly and get down on ourselves when things aren't

going well. We need to remind ourselves that we still have a lot to be proud of. Tonight, together, maybe we can do just that. Together, we can.

The hot-dog serving starts at 7 tonight on the courthouse square. The program will get underway about 7:30. It will be an open-ended program, with no formalities. You may even surprise yourself by taking the microphone and saying a few words if you feel like it.

We've never had anything like this Heritage Rally before. It's not a pep rally, or a picnic, or a performance, or a service of any kind. It's simply a gathering, and is intended to be an experience in caring and sharing.

Together, we can.

Weather

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

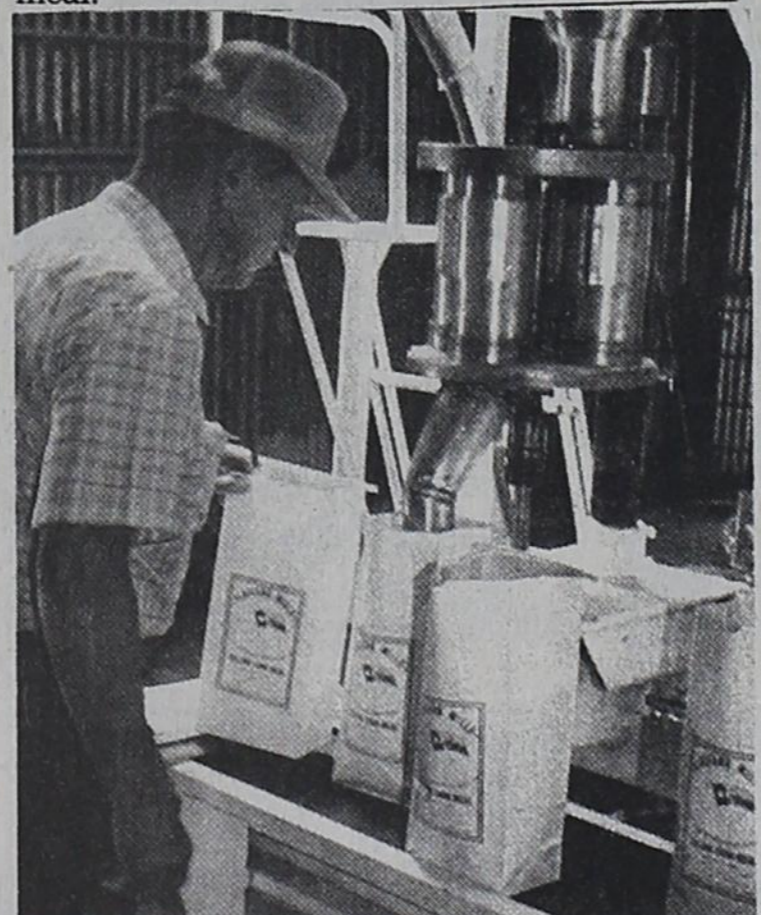
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KDHN RADIO
US Weather Observer

Dowell holds hopes for Flatland Mills

By JOHN BROOKS
News Editor

Bryce Dowell is hoping to turn a dream and a hobby into an ongoing, profit-making business with his establishment of Flatland Mills, marketing fresh, whole grain flour and corn meal.



BRYCE DOWELL keeps a close eye on his semi-automatic bagger as he fills a five-pound bag of Flatland Mills yellow corn meal in his facility south of Dimmitt. Dowell bought the "Spee-Dee" bagger to add more speed to his operation. Dowell said many private millers use "a plastic bucket and a scoop" to fill their bags.

Dowell has been in the milling "business" for 20 years, using an old, antique mill he salvaged from a junkyard to grind meal and flour for friends as a hobby. He still has the antique mill, but also has a motorized, mechanized mill that can produce 400 pounds of meal an hour—if he wants to work that hard.

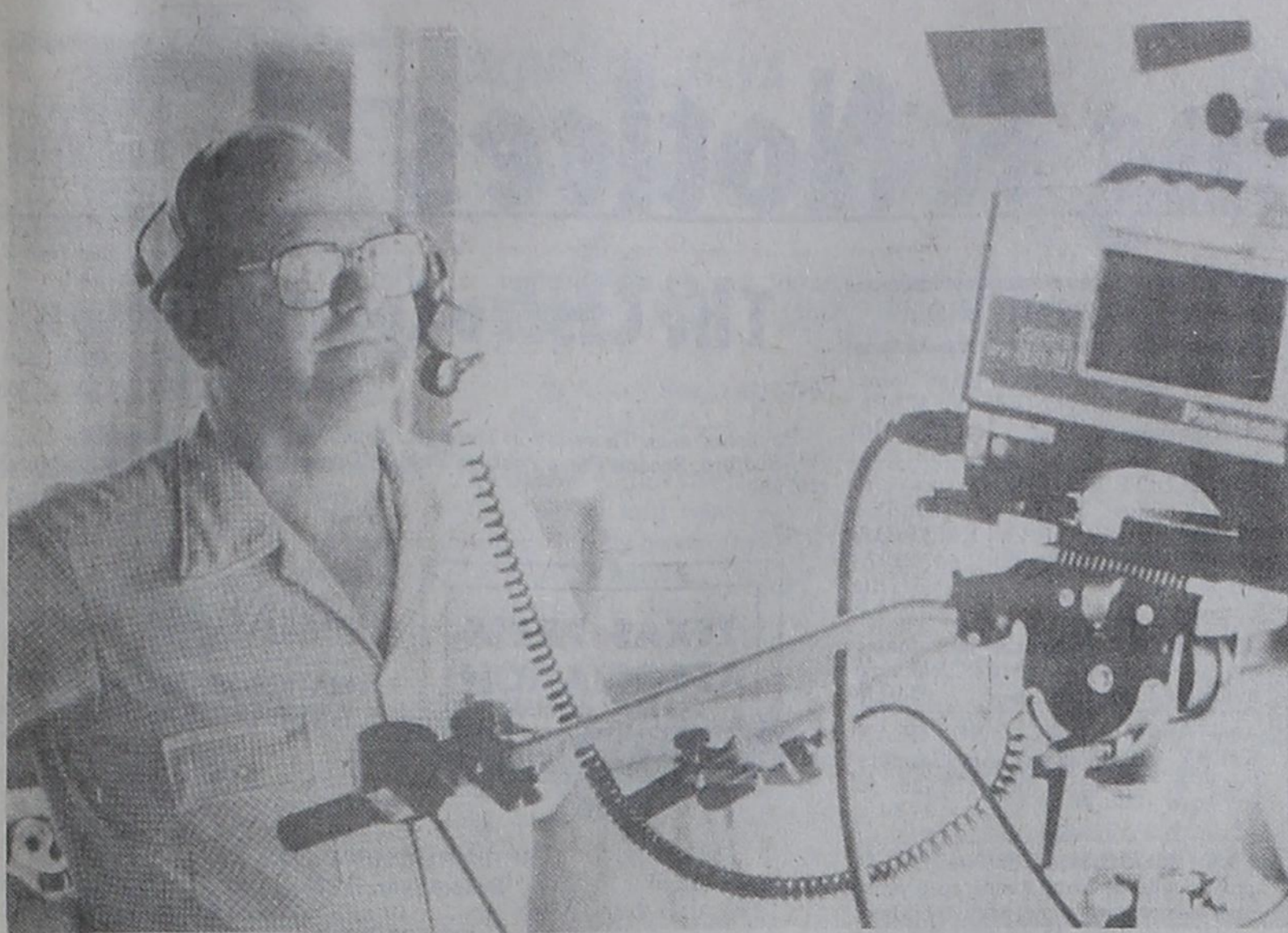
"How much meal I produce is going to depend on me," Dowell said. "Right now, I'm doing this by myself, and it depends on how good a salesman I am."

Dowell can sell the grain anywhere in the state of Texas, after gaining approval from the Texas Dept. of Agriculture in June for his mill, meeting cleanliness standards and other state regulations. He also gained approval to use the "Taste of Texas" logo on his two- and five-pound bags because the product is 100% Texas-grown—in fact, it's practically all grown on Dowell's farm, south of Dimmitt.

Once gaining TDA approval, Dowell began selling "Flatland Mills" yellow and white corn meal and whole-wheat flour at a TDA-organized Farmers Market in Lubbock, and recently the products were made available at Dimmitt Thriftway.

"We'd like to make this available to more grocers, and we'd prefer grocers who might have freezer space available so they can keep more of the product on hand and keep it fresher, longer. We can keep our products on the shelf for 60 days and still call it fresh, but we are just keeping it on the shelf for 30 days. We have to 'pull' a little bit every now and then, but not much . . .

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THE FACE BEHIND THE CAMERA is Nazareth High School Principal Jim Peggram, one of 13 graduate students in a concentrated course in Communication Media Design at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva. The students learned to produce educa-

tional presentations, including planning programs, writing scripts and producing projects on video tape, and learning to use video equipment in the field. Individual projects were intended to help class members in their own work in public school positions.

Social Security ...in Castro County

A new nationwide effort to provide more information to Medicare patients about hospital discharges and the patient's right to appeal discharge decisions was announced recently by Health and Human Services Secretary Otis R. Bowen, M.D.

Under the plan, information about discharge procedures will be provided to every one of the more than 9 million Medicare patients admitted each year to hospitals which are reimbursed under Medicare's prospective payment system. The information, prepared in consultation with organizations representing Medicare beneficiaries as well as national health care provider groups, will tell patients which information they are entitled to receive about their hospital discharge and how to appeal if they think they are being asked to leave too soon.

All 5,400 hospitals paid under the prospective payment system are providing the information to Medicare patients.

The prospective payment

system, put into effect in October, 1983, changed the way Medicare pays for most hospital inpatient care. Under prospective payment, hospital services for Medicare patients are reimbursed according to diagnosis. The rates reflect average costs of treating specific conditions.

Beneficiaries should understand that Medicare does not tell doctors or hospitals when to discharge patients. That is a decision to be reached jointly by patients and their attending physicians.

Any Medicare patient who has a question about medical treatment, the need for continued hospital care or the discharge date should first consult the doctor. In addition, questions can be addressed to the hospital's patient representative or discharge planning staff.

Under Medicare rules, hospitals must inform Medicare beneficiaries 48 hours in advance of a hospital-initiated discharge.

If the patients feel they are

being asked to leave the hospital prematurely, they or their authorized representative should file an appeal by telephone or in writing with the peer review organization, a physician organization under contract with Medicare to review the hospital treatment of Medicare patients. The name, address and telephone number of the peer review organization servicing that hospital will be listed on the written message.

The peer review organization will review the case in question and arrive at a decision within three working days after having received the appeal. If the decision supports the need for continued hospitalization, the patient can remain in the hospital under Medicare payment until the next discharge decision point is reached.

If the peer review organization decides that Medicare payment is no longer appropriate, the patient becomes liable for all hospital costs starting the third day after receiving the written discharge notice.

Nazareth

By Uirgk Gerber, 945-2669

Angela Acker, State Secretary of the Texas Catholic Daughters of the Americas, attended the National Convention in Philadelphia, Pa. She enjoyed a visit to Independence Hall, she viewed the Liberty Bell and as a side trip, went to Atlantic City. There were over 1,500 members in attendance at the Convention.

Tom Cameron of the Nazareth Volunteer Fire Department, attended the Texas Firemen's Training School at Texas A&M at College Station. The week-long school offers 25 different courses, taken by over 2,900 firemen and is known as the biggest and the best in the nation.

Morris and Chele Wilcox and sons Kade and Ky enjoyed a 10-day vacation in Deming and other parts of Mexico. Morris' parents live in Deming, N.M.

LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier enjoyed the horse races at Raton, N.M. and a scenic drive on to Center, Colo., where they visited with their family, Lyn, Pam, Terrell and Chris Bogle.

The Klemans, Carl Dean and Mary, Alphonse and Viola, Elmer and Ann and Ed and Leola Ramaekers enjoyed the weekend at Ruidoso, N.M.

Easy Schulte is home from Central Plains Hospital in Plainview. She was being treated after having foot surgery several weeks ago.

Florence and Hilda Heiman of Amarillo and Father Harold Heiman of Subiaco, Ark. enjoyed dinner Sunday at the home of their sister Ella Hoelting. Father Harold is spending several days here visiting relatives.

The sixth annual "Skidrow" tennis tournament was held this weekend at Dennis Heiman's, with 28 mixed

couples teams participating. Winners this year were Derwin Huseman and Bobbie Schmucker, first, Keith Hoelting and Leona Gerber, second, Keith Gerber and Monette Schilling, third, Ted Huseman and Mona Heiman, fourth. Sunday morning mass was offered on the Heiman tennis courts for about 50 people, officiated by Rev. Harold Heiman of Subiaco, Ark. Thanks to Denny and Pill Heiman for a very enjoyable weekend.

Msgr. Kevin Hand arrived in Nazareth Thursday afternoon to be the new pastor of Holy Family Church. A reception was held Sunday morning after mass at the CCD building to give everyone an opportunity to meet him. During the afternoon and evening he enjoyed watching tennis at Heimans

and met many of his parishioners. We hope he will enjoy living here.

Ralph and Sharon Brockman and children enjoyed four days at a friend's house at Moss Lake. While there, they visited friends in Lindsay, and Ralph's Aunt Mattie in Muenster.

Marie Brockman and her family Gerald, Sheila, Connie and Audrey Brockman of Midland and Ed, Lorene, Patrick and Cora Riley of Independence, Mo. spent several days boat riding and skiing at Oak Creek Lake near Sweetwater. The Rileys then spent a couple days in Midland with the Brockmans and here in Nazareth with Marie Brockman.

Jim and Sandee Hoelting and family spent several days at White River boat riding and water skiing.

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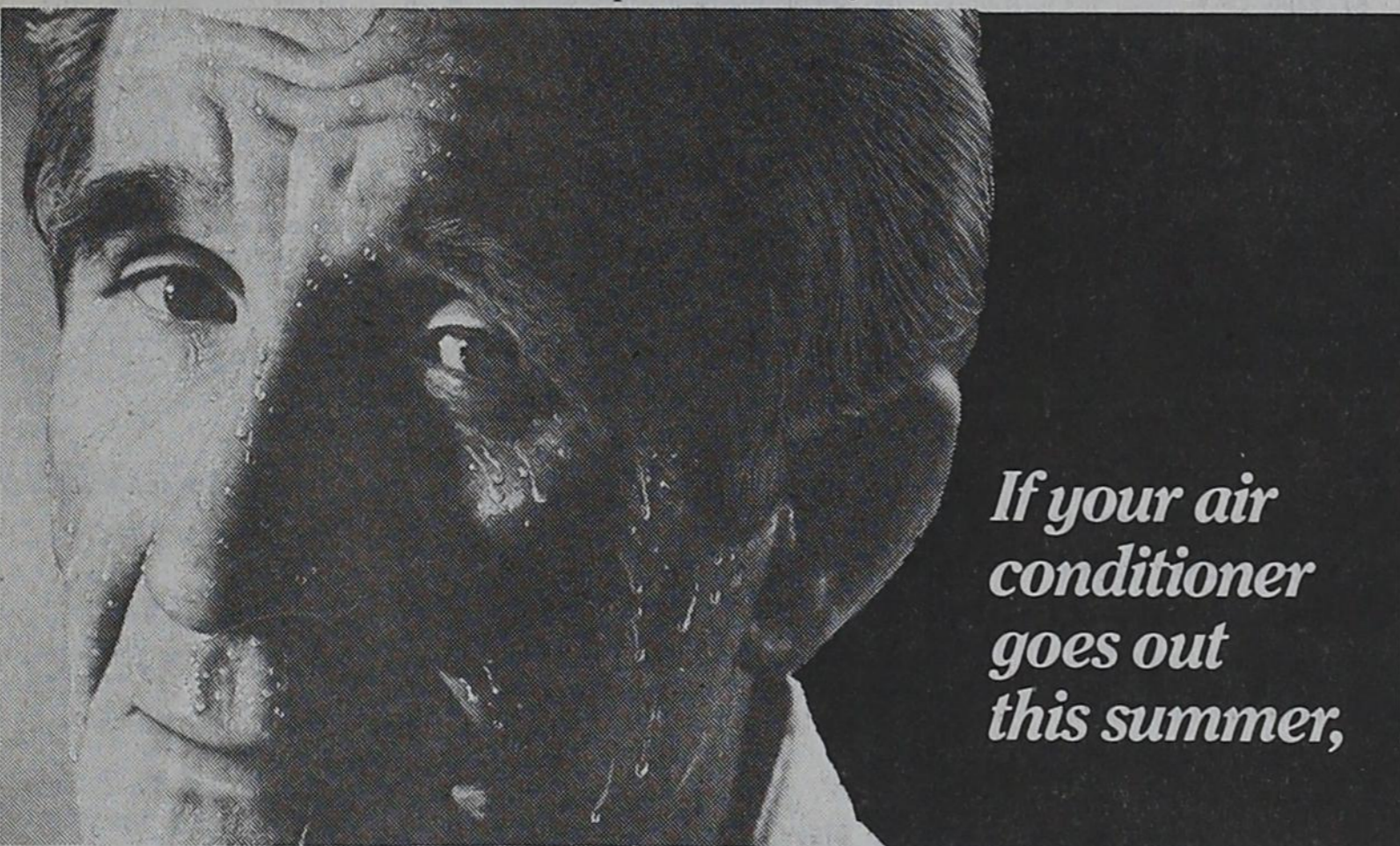
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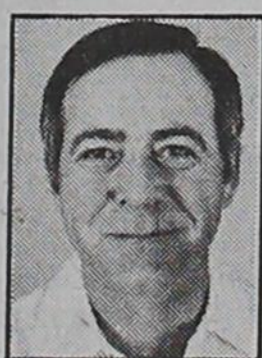
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THRIFTWAY

People



Tawnya Mullican and Isidro Rodriguez

Couple plan wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy D. Mullican of Amarillo announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tawnya K. Mullican to Isidro Rodriguez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Enrique T. Rodriguez of Dimmitt.

The couple plan to exchange wedding vows Sept. 27 at the First Baptist Church.

The bride-elect attended Texas State Technical Institute and is employed by Hertz Car Rentals.

The prospective groom is a student at TSTI, majoring in machine shop and plans to graduate in August. He is employed by Budget Car Rentals.

Happy anniversary

AUGUST 7—Edward and Sharon Ewing, Gaines and Crystal Howell.

AUGUST 8—Tommy and Lou Perkins, Layne and Sue Rita Myatt, Steve and Susan Anthony, Saun and Margie Albracht, Joe and Jeanette Johnson.

AUGUST 10—E.R. and Lois Waggoner, Joe and Pam Josselet, Kirk and LeAnn Pigg, Rodger and Edna Rae Schilling.

AUGUST 11—Bobby and Earlene West.

AUGUST 12—Norman and Sandra Nelson, Garland and Susan Coleman, Robert and Beverly Schulte, Manuel and Anita Velasquez.

AUGUST 13—Rayphard and Mary Lu Smithson, W. J. and Sara Hill, Jerry and Delores Heller, Jim and Dorothy Elder, Randy and Donna Popejoy, Alvin and Matilda Anderle.

Class of '66 needs addresses

Addresses for six members of the Class of 1966 are still needed, according to class members planning their reunion Sept. 26 and 27.

Addresses and/or telephone numbers are needed for Charlotte Allison, Duane Diller, Barbara Elliott, Mary Lou Salcido, Elizabeth Muniz and Florence Wear.

Anyone with information on these class members is asked to call Jean Petty, 647-5578, Sandra Baker, 647-2623, or Jan Baca, 647-2386.

NHS juniors attend A&M conference

Russell Acker and Alan Birkenfeld, both of Nazareth, were among several high school juniors who recently visited Texas A&M University for a series of two-day visits to acquaint them with facilities of the school and to meet the deans of the academic colleges and other university officials.

The students visiting the campus are potential National Merit scholars, earmarked by high scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test taken during their junior year of high school.

Acker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Acker of Nazareth and Birkenfeld is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Birkenfeld of Nazareth.

WTSU offering businesses management assistance now

The Small Business Center in the School of Business at West Texas State University is currently soliciting applications for business consultation projects for the upcoming fall semester. The Center's consultants prepare feasibility studies, conduct market research, develop record-keeping systems, prepare business plans, develop policy manuals, evaluate ways to improve management techniques for small businesses or provide other kinds of management assistance as requested.

These services are funded through the Small Business Administration's Small Business Institute program. The consultation projects will be done during the Fall semester at no charge to the requesting business (or business to be). The projects will begin the first of September and be completed by the end of December.

The management assistance is provided by graduate business students and business school faculty. Any person who owns or operates a for-profit business may request this assistance as well as any per-

son considering starting a new business.

Interested individuals may write to Bob Worthington, Director, Small Business Center, WTSU, Canyon, TX 79016, sending an outline of what the business would like done along with a description of the current or proposed business. The Small Business Center has openings for 15 free projects.

Additional information may be obtained by writing or calling Bob Worthington or Randy Crawford, assistant director, at 656-3897 or 2431.

Quilt show set Nov. 22

The High Plains Quilter's Guild of Amarillo will hold its fall quilt show Nov. 22 through Nov. 23 at the Amarillo Federation of Women's Clubs Building at 2001 Civic Circle.

The categories will include applique quilts, pieced quilts, antique quilts 50 years old or older, children's work, small items (miniature quilts, pillows, baby quilts, etc.), quilted clothing and quilted Amarillo Centennial items.

For more information, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Sid Miller, 2808 S. Taylor, Amarillo, Tex., 79109.

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.

Get the most from your back-to-school dollars

For many Texas families the economic downturn means beginning a new school year with less money to outfit the kids.

But a number of alternatives are there for stretching the family's back-to-school clothes budget, says clothing specialist Alma Fonseca.

Start by going through the children's clothes to see what is worn out, what is outgrown and what can be "restyled," advises the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service home economist.

A clothing exchange with relatives, friends and neighbors can help everyone get more wear out of outgrown, but not outworn, children's clothing, she says. Garage sales and re-sale shops are also a source of inexpensive clothing in good condition.

If you have the time and sewing skills, try altering some dresses, jumpers and other items, suggests Fonseca. Look for deep hems in skirts, pants and sleeves that can be lengthened. Decorative stitching, trim or a fabric insert will hide marks from the hold hem. Tucks in bodices, skirts, pant legs and sleeves may also be released to add length.

"When you shop for school clothing, look for durable clothing that can 'grow' with the child throughout the school year," says the specialist.

She points out that discount and outlet stores carry less-expensive clothing, but it may also be less durable.

Before buying, inspect clothes for wide seams that won't ravel or pull out, and on knits, narrow seams that are stitched and overcast. Double stitched seams or tape inserted in seams that receive the most stress, such as pants crotch or armhole seams is another sign of durability.

If the style, fabric, fit and price are right, you can always

add needed reinforcements on your home sewing machine to make less durable clothing last longer.

"When you shop for new clothing, keep in mind the specific features that will allow for the child's growth," advises the specialist. Some of these features include deep hems, adjustable straps and waistbands, raglan sleeves, and stretchy fabrics.

Two piece clothes usually provide more room for growth than one piece items, and dresses without a definite waistline can be worn longer than those with fitted waists, Fonseca adds.

"In general, you'll do best to spend the most money on those clothes that are worn most often, receive the hardest wear and are laundered frequently," the clothing specialist says.

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Senior Citizens

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Tom Kolius, Clarke hearing aid representative, will be at the Center today, (Thursday) from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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

The Lee family reunion will be held at the Center on Saturday and Sunday.

There will be a noontime Bible study at the Center on Monday.

There will be an evening of table games on Tuesday beginning at 7 p.m.

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, denominational preference, political party, economic status, or handicap.

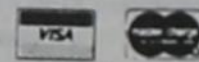
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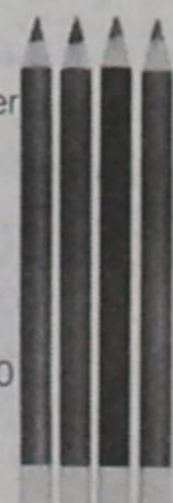
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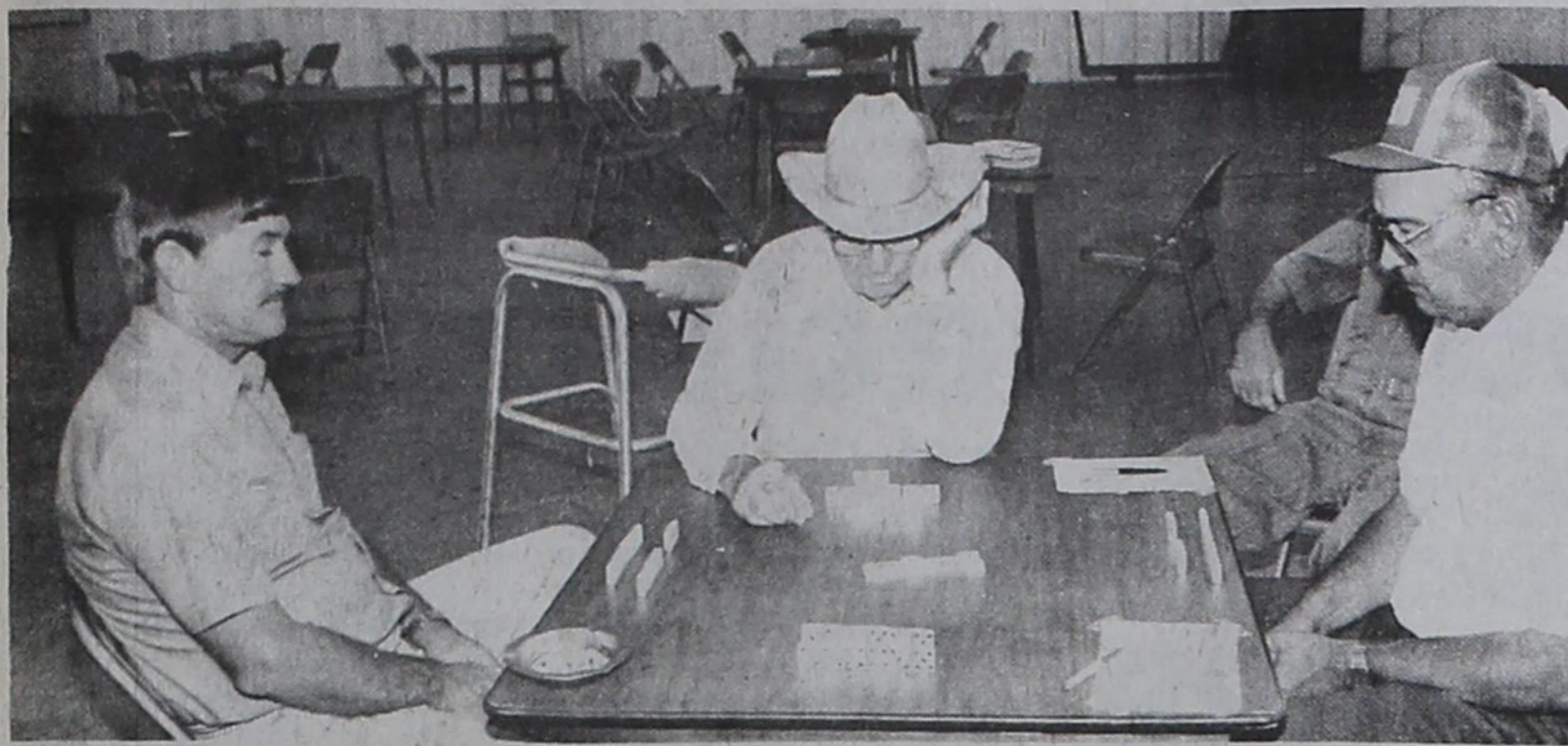
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Woman to Woman
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CONCENTRATION—Elzie Teague (center) searches for the right play during the finals of the West Texas Domino Tournament at the Expo Building in Dimmitt Saturday. Looking on are opponents Clay Davis (left) and J. H.

Myatt (right). Teague teamed with John Brooks to win the tournament championship, coming from behind to defeat Davis and Myatt in the finals in the third game of the best two-out-of-three set.

Police Calls

Investigations are continuing into the early morning burglary of the Kick Back Shack in Dimmitt last Thursday.

Police report that approximately \$200 in coins was taken from money boxes on three pool tables and a jukebox in the business.

Reports state that an unknown person or persons entered the building by breaking out a window on the north side.

Police also believe the person or persons may have left the building through the north door.

Les Acevedo of 501 NW Eighth in Dimmitt told police someone had taken his child's

bicycle from under a carport at his residence.

The bike was left unsecured and was not marked for identification.

The bike is a Western Auto 20-inch girls bike with a blue seat. The seat has a tear and a sticker of an ice cream cone on it. The bike has black tires, chrome fenders with reflectors, white hand grips and regular handlebars.

Police also investigated the report of a burglary at Mini Mart on East Bedford early Monday morning.

Dolores Triana, owner of the store, reported that someone had broken into the store through the front window and that two 12-packs and six six-packs of beer were missing.

According to police, the window is made up of a number of small panes of glass and nine of the panes were broken to various degrees.

Police also stated that all of the small frames had a quantity of glass remaining in the frame and that it would have "made it difficult for anyone, even a child, to have entered through a window."

A 23-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested for DWI and was cited for drag racing after an accident early Saturday morning.

The man was driving a 1982 Ford Fairmont northbound in the 400 block of North Broadway, reportedly involved in a "drag race with another vehicle" when his car went out of control, went into a spin, crossed the southbound lane and struck several signs stationed on the northwest corner of Halsell and Broadway.

Local officials also arrested nine persons on charges of DWI and five persons on charges of public intoxication during the past week.

Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden, 647-5703

The trophy awards for the Earth Bake-Off held recently were Texas-shaped, wooden plaques created by Retha Wilson. Several from the community participated in the Bake-Off. Flossie Jones had the first place cake; her daughter, Renee Wilson, had the first place cookies; Debbie Jones had the first place quick bread; Lonnie Wilson participated in the chili cook-off; Flossie Jones won the Best in Show award; and Debbie Jones won the Best Western Dressed Woman.

.15 of an inch of rain was recorded for Saturday night, but amounts varied. Sunday night there was another half inch or so.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients In Hospital: Julian Aguilar, Josephine Bradford, Abel Lopez, Kim Smiley, Ramiro Rosalez, Pete Sifuentes, Joe Valero, Maria Pena, Daniel Ray Simon.

Patients Dismissed: Tammy Robb, Donato Salinas, W. E. Grant, Ramon Turrubiates, Jr., Pauline Adams, Rosalinda Jaramillo, Rebecca Bridges, Barron Walker, Daniel Vallejo, Jason Wooten, Jim Bagwell, Sheryl McLain, Maria Martinez, Irene Melendez, Claudine Langford, Celia Carlile, Sue Miller.

Melinda Riley was one of the students on the Dean's Honor List for the end of the 1986 spring semester.

Ezell and Verba Sadler, Embree Roy and Willie Mae Sadler, and Larry and Sharon Sadler, Laura and Matthew attended the Henslee reunion at Hubbard Creek Lake near Breckenridge over the weekend.

L. B. Bowden had another set-back Saturday night with the development of an infection. They started antibiotics Sunday for two days, and made a culture of the possible abscess. He went to surgery Monday morning. He had a liver and gallbladder sonogram and the placement of a sub-clavicle tube for feeding Thursday. His pancreatitis is better. —CORRECTION—The enzyme elevation was 1200, not 12,000 and 600, not 6,000 as reported last week. Saturday the enzymes were 460, 200 is normal for a dialysis patient, less for average persons.

Ezell and Verba Sadler returned home from Hubbard Creek Lake Monday evening. Karla Sadler of Hobbs, who has been with them and Mrs. King in Hereford since July 4, stayed at the lake to help Patricia Powell with her grandchildren, Ken, Amber, and Tiffany Sirmans of Canadian. Randy Powell also stayed with

them. Ercell and Bertha Keeler of Hale Center visited with Ezell and Verba Sadler Tuesday.

Kathy Gwyn, Christi and Holly visited in Lubbock Monday through Wednesday with her parents, Roger and Betty Curry, while Kathy was having some blood work.

Ezell and Verba Sadler visited in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo Wednesday afternoon with L.B. and Teeny Bowden. Lance Louder, Roxie Louder of Flagg, and Glen and LaWanda Wilson visited with them Sunday afternoon.

Dorothy Hill of Amarillo and a friend visited Wednesday with Lillie Ivey and took her home with them for a few days visit with her niece and husband. They brought her to St. Anthony's Hospital with the help of a wheelchair to visit for a while with L.B. and Teeny Bowden.

Rev. Bentley and Kathy Gwyn, Christi and Holly visited Monday morning, Aug. 4, with his dad, Bentley Gwyn, Sr. in Tulia.

Joni Stewart, Paul, Will and Blair left Saturday for California for a 10-day visit with her parents and her grandmother. Ed's mother from Clovis spent the weekend with him and Karen, Brian and Stephen.



SQUARE DANCE TIPS

By CYNDRY REYNOLDS

The Castro County Kurlie Q's met Aug. 4 at 8 p.m. at the Scout Hut. Sid Perkins, our club caller, called the square dances and Bill Harman cued the rounds. J.R. and Rickie Mixon served refreshments. We had visitors from the Shirts & Skirts of Tulia and the Merry Mixers of Hereford. Following the dance we had a short meeting and Erma Kennedy gave us a report on the Federation meeting that was held in Lubbock August 2.

The Kurlie Q's will be in charge of the Hart Days parade and street dance Aug. 16. This is a big project for us, but if we all work together we will have a successful parade and dance. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Ground Rules

No. 6—Be a cooperative dancer. It might be said that square dancing is an activity where everyone is responsible for everyone else's happiness. A square is not made up of eight individuals working independently, but rather is one unit with no individual "star." The real pleasure comes when each person does his share in making the square run smoothly.

PCS taking advance eligibility applications

Persons interested in receiving butter and cheese at the Aug. 26 distribution may apply in advance and receive eligibility prior to the distribution.

Anyone who is interested in making an advance application may do so between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Panhandle Community Services Office at 112 East Jones.

Income verification is required and can be established by a note from the Dept. of Human Services for persons on food stamps or AFDC, check stubs stating income from employer, social security checks or SSI award letters, bank deposit slips or a 1985 in-

come tax statement.

No butter or cheese will be distributed without establishing income eligibility.

Applications will also be taken the day of the distribution for persons not making them in advance.

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Woman returns from Mary Kay seminar in Dallas

Beatrice O. Fuentes of Dimmitt, an independent beauty consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics, has just returned home from three days of intensive sales and product training in Dallas as a participant in Mary Kay's 1986 National Seminar.

More than 25,000 independent beauty consultants and sales directors flocked to Dallas between July 14 and July 26 to attend one of four consecutive three-day meetings. In keeping with the company's commitment to recognize outstanding business women, this year's multi-million dollar seminar was appropriately entitled "Starting Here, Starting Now!"

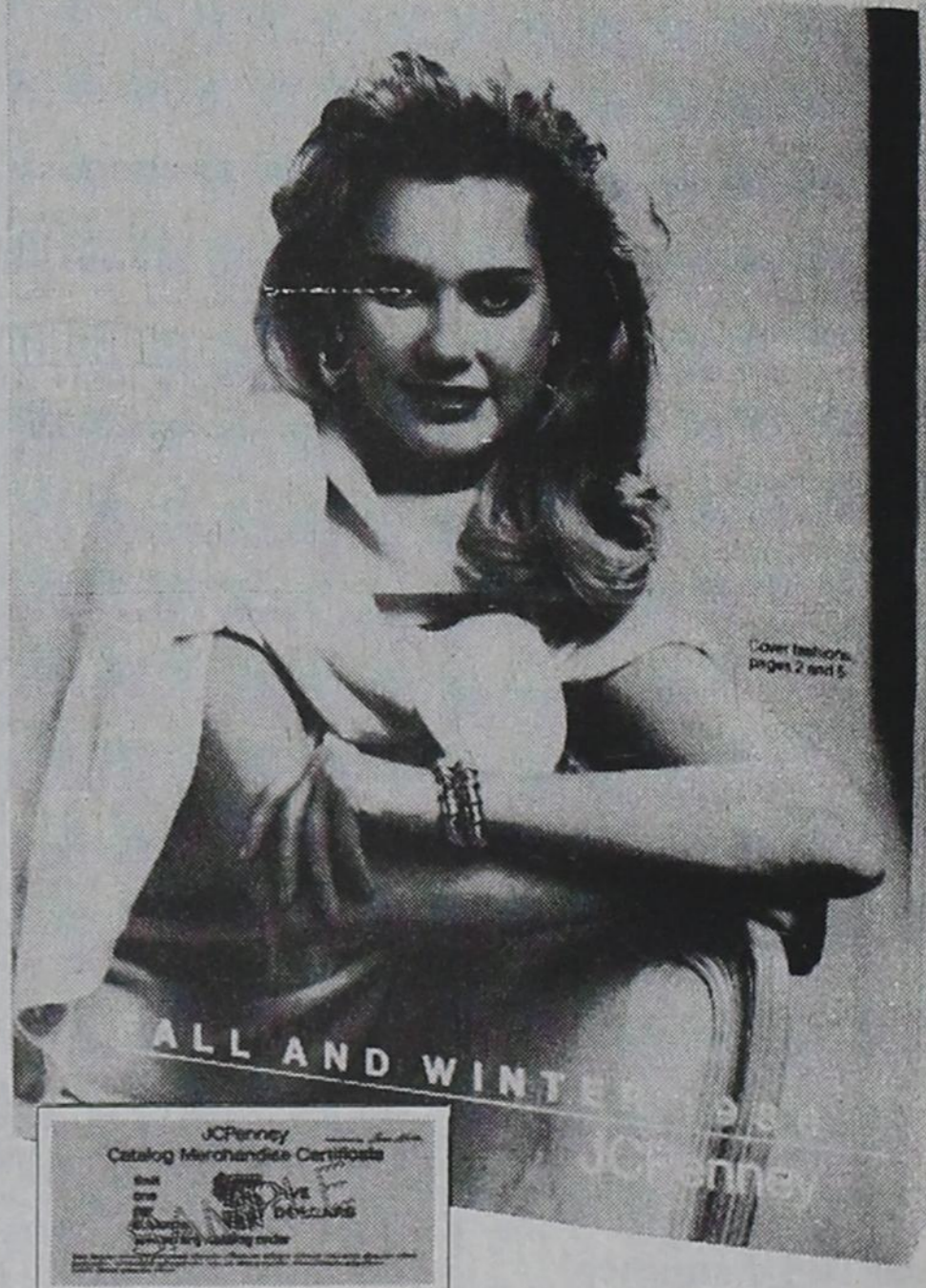
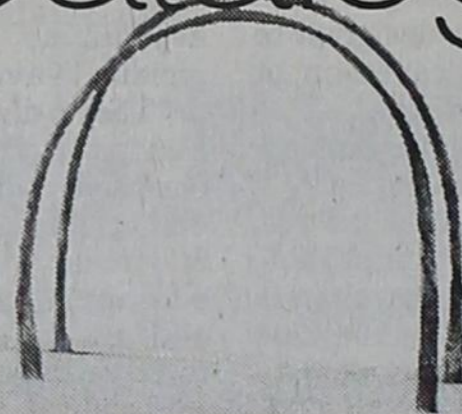
To enable Mrs. Fuentes, who joined Mary Kay in June 1985, to build her Mary Kay business in the months ahead, dozens of specialized classes were held each day in product knowledge, Color Awareness, sales training, business management, goal setting and other valuable tools for business success.

Besides intensive training, company founder and Chairman of the Board Mary Kay Ash also uses the annual meeting to personally reward and recognize the outstanding achievers of the past year. During four identical Awards Night extravaganzas, the company distributed more than a million dollars in fur coats and jackets, luxury vacations, shopping sprees and gold and diamond jewelry.

Mrs. Fuentes was recognized as the top salesperson in her unit this year, for which she received a 14K gold nugget pendant. She also was recognized as the Queen of Sales for her unit for 1985-86.

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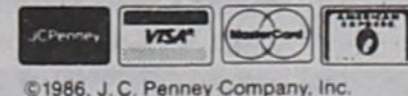


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ASCS News

By CHARLEY HILL
County Executive Director

CRP SIGN-UP FOR 1987
The third CRP signup began Monday and will end Aug. 15. Interested producers may volunteer highly erodible cropland for entry into the Conservation Reserve Program. At the time of signup you will submit a bid. Land that is accepted into the program will be taken out of production under a 10-year contract and must be planted to a permanent vegetative cover. Annual payments will be made in cash or negotiable certificates.

SODBUSTER/SWAMP-BUSTER PROVISIONS
The Food Security Act of 1985 contains provisions that any person who, after Dec. 23, 1985, brings into production a field that is predominantly highly erodible land to the production of an agricultural commodity shall be ineligible for all USDA Programs on all farms in which he has an interest.

With regard to highly erodible land, you will have a grace period, of 2 years after SCS prepares soil maps for a particular area or before January 1, 1990, to implement a conservation plan on land that was cultivated in any of the years 1981 through 1985. The Soil Conservation Service will be able to help you develop and apply a conservation plan that will allow you to plant highly

Immunization clinic set

Vaccinations that offer protection against several childhood diseases will be offered in Dimmitt Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Middle School Auditorium.

The clinic will offer vaccines that give protection against polio, diphtheria, lockjaw, whooping cough, measles, rubella and mumps.

There will be no charge for the vaccinations.

erodible land to grasses or trees either on your own or in conjunction with the Conservation Reserve Program.

1986 ACP
We are accepting applications for cost-share practices to be carried out prior to Sept. 30, 1986.

FOREIGN INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE ACT

Federal law requires foreign persons who purchase or hold interest in agricultural land to report these interests to the Secretary of Agriculture. Forms for reporting are available at any ASCS Office.

COTTON INVENTORY PROTECTION PAYMENTS

The Food Security Act of 1985 authorizes the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to make Inventory Protection Payments (IPP) to holders of 1985 or prior crop US raw upland cotton in "free stocks" as of 12:01 a.m. Aug. 1, 1986. Cotton which is under price support loan or owned by CCC on this date is not eligible for payment. If you have any cotton that would meet this criteria, please come by the office by Aug. 31, 1986 to make application.

1987 WHEAT PROGRAM

1. Target Price — \$4.38.
2. National average loan — \$2.28 bushel.
3. Acreage reduction requirement — 27.5%.
4. Acreage Base — average of 1982 thru 1986.
5. Yields — same as 1986.
6. Limited cross compliance requirements will be in effect — the acreage planted for harvest on a farm to any other program crop may not exceed the crop acreage base of these crops.
7. 50/90 provisions will apply as follows — (a) non-program crops may not be used; (b) only CU acreages may be used; (c) haying or grazing of designated CU will be permitted at State Committee request; (d) the grandfather clause will not apply in 1987.
8. No marketing quotas will be in effect for 1987.
9. Signup date — Oct. 1, 1986 thru March 30, 1987.

FCBT gets .5% lower interest

After an almost-year-long battle, the Farm Credit Administration has allowed the Federal Land Bank of Texas to lower its variable interest rate to farmers and ranchers who finance with FLB.

FCA, however, allowed only a .5% reduction. FCBT had been asking for a 1% drop in rate.

Variable interest rates on FLBT loans will drop to 11% on farm and ranch loans and 11½% on rural residences and

farm-related business loans, according to Marlos May, president of the Westex Federal Land Bank Association of Dimmitt. May said the reduction will save borrowers almost \$12.5 million in interest costs annually.

FLBT, which provides more than \$2.5 billion in rural land financing, had been locked into an interest rate freeze for the past year, and the bank's directors first asked for the reduc-

tion last September.

FLBT was the first of 12 FLB's nationwide to get approval for an overall interest rate reduction. "We are pleased that FCA has approved our request," May said. "For some time now, we have been looking for ways to give our borrowers some relief on the cost of their operations. We will continue to ask our regulator for even lower rates for our borrowers." The rate reduction comes on

the heels of a loss posted for the first six months of the year by FLBT.

"Because of aid required for other financially stressed Farm Credit Banks, our earnings dropped from a positive \$12 million to a negative \$17.2 million," May said. "This was the result of a nationwide agreement that provides for capital infusion into system banks experiencing serious financial difficulties."

Producers looking toward user's needs

Qualities of cotton that are sought by the ultimate users will hold the center of attention during the annual Western Cotton Production Conference in Lubbock Tuesday through next Thursday.

More than 300 cotton industry leaders from Arizona, California, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas will examine ways to breed, produce, harvest and gin fiber that meets buyer needs.

The conference, which rotates among the five states, will be held at Lubbock's Holiday Inn Civic Center. It is planned and arranged by the Southwest Five-State Cotton Growers Association and the Cooperative Extension Services of the states.

Participants will include producers, ginners, research scientists, Extension educators, state and federal agency officials and business representatives, said Dr. James R. Supak of Lubbock, cotton agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service

and conference coordinator. General chairman is Myrl Mitchell, producer and ginner at Lenorah and president of Plains Cotton Growers.

The program will open at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday with welcomes by Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter of College Station, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Sherri Moegle of Lubbock, 1986 National Maid of Cotton.

Updates on the world economic and marketing outlook for cotton and cottonseed products, the national farm program, and funding for research and Extension work will highlight the opening session.

The next day and a half will focus upon producing what the customer needs and managing the crop for yield and quality to meet those needs.

Presentations will include a report on work of a special task force of Cotton, Inc., to combat bark in harvested lint, a panel of scientists and producers

discussing needs of textile mills, an update on plant breeding, and results of a survey by an Extension clothing specialist on fabric preferences of adult Texans.

Others speakers will explore ginning methods and requirements, spinning methods, planting seed quality, causes for declining yields on the High Plains, weed and insect pest control, use of computers, advances in irrigation and harvesting. Timely crop termination, use of the "systems" approach to minimize inputs and maximize profits, and rules and techniques for marketing cotton under federal farm programs also will be

covered. Participants also will tour a grower-owned denim plant at Littlefield, the textile research center at Texas Tech University, and the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center here.



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Sports



FORMER DIMMITT STAR Pat McDonald was the third-leading scorer for the North All-Stars in the annual Texas High School Coaches Association basketball game last Wednesday at Hofheinz Pavilion in Houston. McDonald scored seven points in limited action as the North fell, 74-71.

Football sessions set Monday

The 1986 schoolboy football season starts Monday with the beginning of two-a-day workouts in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth.

A meeting of Dimmitt football players that had been scheduled for 8:30 p.m. Friday has been changed to 8:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday) because Dimmitt coaches will be attending the Greenbelt Bowl football game in Childress, where Eric Stump will be playing.

The players will decide when they want their two-a-day football workouts scheduled, with one morning and one evening session on tap.

Hart, which has been tabbed as the pre-season favorite to win District 3-2A, will workout once a day at 5:30 p.m. Hart players were to have obtained their physicals Wednesday night at the HHS fieldhouse.

Nazareth players met Wednesday night, and will work out twice daily, at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The first scheduled games are Sept. 5.



TERESA BROWN reaches out for a pitch during a Monday game between a team from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the First Baptist Church at the Babe Ruth Park in

Dimmitt, as FBC catcher Lori Glidewell waits for the ball. Brown and her teammates won their first-round game in the Ministerial Alliance-sponsored league tournament.

Booster Club will meet this evening

The annual organizational meeting of the Dimmitt Booster Club will be held this afternoon at 5:30 at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office, 115 W. Bedford.

The meeting will include the election of new officers for the coming year, discussing program ad sales, and setting up the annual "Meet the Bobcats Night" and other activities.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Heartworms reportedly on increase

An increase has been reported in the number of cases of heartworms in dogs in the Dimmitt area, according to local veterinarian Dr. W. J. Hill.

"We're seeing more and more cases of heartworm in our area," Hill said. "This is a relatively new problem in this area, although it's always been a problem in Central and South Texas."

"Most of the affected dogs in Castro County have been in the Hart area, but now we're seeing more and more cases in and around Dimmitt."

The parasites are most prevalent from spring through fall, and are potentially fatal. Daily administration of a heartworm preventive is an accepted practice in many parts of the US.

Heartworms require a mosquito carrier to infect dogs. An infected mosquito bites a dog and passes larvae into the dog's skin. The larvae penetrate blood vessels and move toward the dog's heart, causing heart disorders and death.

The number of mosquitoes in an area and the length of the mosquito season affect the incidence of heartworm disease; however, even in colder climates each infected dog is a source of new infections as soon as mosquitoes return.

Letter Why not have reunion?

Dear Editor:
Why not have an all-school reunion in Dimmitt?

As a graduate of Dimmitt High School, I will be happy to assist in the coordination and formulation of plans for an all-school reunion.

My only experience for this type festivity is the planning and hosting of the Skipper and Holcomb family reunions annually since 1973.

I hope to hear of my assignment in the near future.

Thank you for presenting this wonderful idea.

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Tennis Results

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HS GIRLS SINGLES — Stacy Hill, Levelland, def. Tricia Munoz, 6-3, 6-0.

HS BOYS SINGLES — Chris Tuorto, Lubbock, def. Randy Hochstein, Nazareth, 6-1, 6-2.

JH GIRLS DOUBLES — Jody Johnson-Janay Johnson def. Lee Reinauer-Brenda Reinauer, 8-5.

JH BOYS DOUBLES — Jay Davis-Adrian Farris def. David Barnett-Greg Richardson, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

JH GIRLS SINGLES — Jeannie Davis def. Janay Johnson, 8-1.

JH BOYS SINGLES — David Barnett, Friona, def. Greg Coplen, 6-1, 6-2.

HS GIRLS DOUBLES — Traci Hill-Stephanie Brockman to meet Sheila Acker-Missy Brockman at later date in Nazareth.

HS BOYS DOUBLES — Ware Brown-Daniel Lacy, Hart, def. Chris Tuorto-Robert Lewis, 7-5, 7-6.

WOMENS SINGLES — Jane Butler def. Jill Doggett, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.

MENS SINGLES — Kevin Bevers-Mark Maynard to meet in Friona.

MENS DOUBLES — Maynard-Zachary def. Jimmy Ross-Joe King, 6-0, 5-7, 7-5.

WOMENS DOUBLES — Jane Butler-Jill Doggett def. Traci Hill-Stephanie Brockman 6-4, 6-4.

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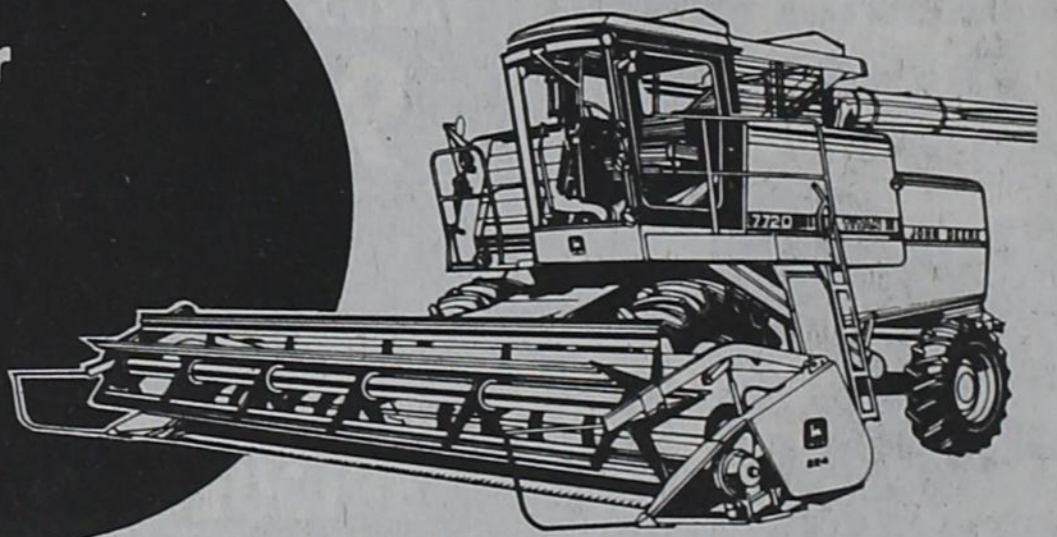
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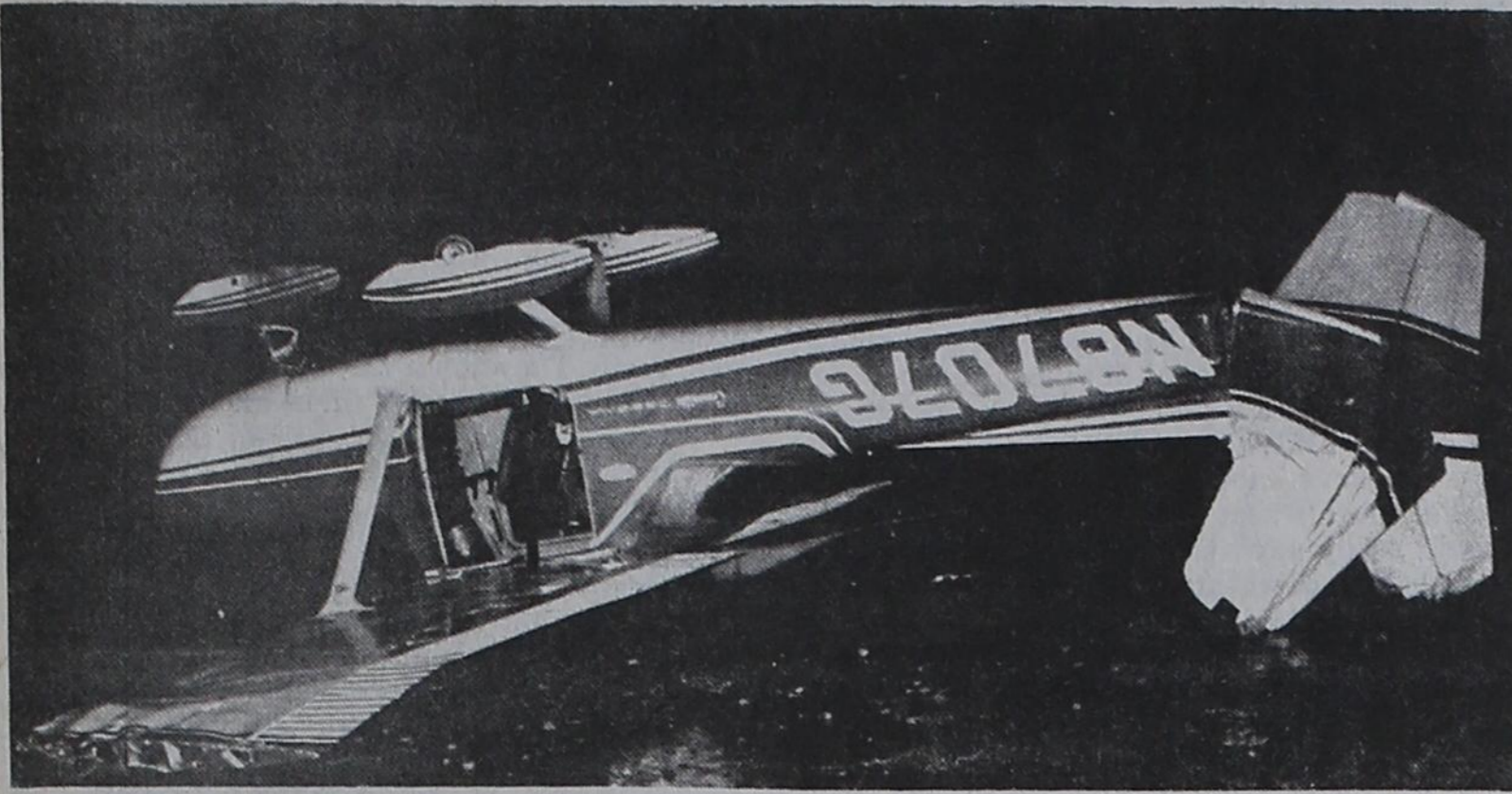
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If it were dumped here

What is the Nuclear Waste Policy Act?

(NOTE: Two months ago, the *News* endorsed efforts by several groups, most of whom are under the umbrella of the Nuclear Waste Task Force, to prevent the siting of the nation's first, permanent, high-level nuclear waste dump in Deaf Smith County, less than 50 miles north of Dimmitt. The *News* promised, at that time, to continually report on the various aspects of the nuclear dump story.

The stories in the series are written by John Brooks.)

What is the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982?

It's the Bible for the nation's first, high-level nuclear waste dump, a massive river of legislation with tributaries and off-shoots running amok, and could be the salvation of efforts in Texas to prevent the garbage from ever being stashed in Deaf Smith or Swisher counties.

The salvation is this: in the final days of 1982, when Congress was trying to put the Act together, the Senate decided to change the bill and require that both houses of Congress would have to vote favorably before a state's veto of the repository could be overridden.

Previous legislation required either the House or Senate concur with the state's veto. If Congress took no action, the repository would be built there anyway. The House tried to reaffirm that in the 1982 bill, but the Senate inserted the two-house veto override provision in one of 17 unwritten amendments to the Act, then instructed the House not to change any of the legislation.

Legislators in waste-overloaded states were incensed by the two-house veto override. Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) said, "As we pass

this bill, what we are doing... is we are guaranteeing that we will never see the day in which a permanent repository is built."

Of course, the bill would normally have gone before a conference committee so the two houses could work out the differences in the bill, but the bill was not approved by the Senate until the afternoon of Dec. 20, 1982—time to go on Christmas recess—with debate on the bill, including the 17 unprinted amendments, limited to 15 minutes.

The amendments attached to the bill by the Senate give the Act that special legislative flavor—the flavor of favors for certain legislators who didn't want a nuclear dump in their state.

One of those favors prevented the Richton Dome in Mississippi from being selected as one of the three finalists for the nation's nuclear garbage dump, even though it was rated best for the dump more often than any other prospective site according to statistics compiled by the Dept. of Energy and *The Seattle Times*.

Sen. John Stennis of Mississippi, who has a sister who lives in Richton, told the Senate while debating the merits of the Act, "My investigation led me to question the Department of Energy's rationale for going into an established community like Richton, Miss., and tell the people that there was nothing to be afraid of, there was nothing to fear, that this was only a test, and if the Department of Energy were allowed to continue the work, everybody in town would get rich.

"Or, as some said, 'It would

be equivalent to the Second Coming.'"

Sen. Stennis was then able to push through an amendment directing the secretary of energy to disqualify from consideration any site situated "adjacent to an area one mile by one mile having a population of not less than 1,000 individuals."

Richton, Miss., has 1,200 individuals in a one-square-mile area.

That action, in turn, led to another amendment, pushed by Rep. David Marriott, R-Utah, to prevent the siting of the repository on land adjacent to "components of the National Park System."

The Gibson salt dome in eastern Utah is adjacent to the Canyonlands National Park, thereby disqualifying that site from consideration.

Likewise, a site in the Vacherie salt dome in Louisiana will not be chosen because of a special deal worked out between DOE and the state.

Former Gov. Edwin Edwards of Louisiana, in exchange for allowing the government to store crude oil reserves in the dome during the heyday of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve program, was allowed to strike a deal:

"The Department of Energy will not construct any nuclear waste repository in Louisiana if the state objects."

And, chances are, after billions of dollars have been poured into site characterization, environmental assessments and other aspects of the DOE's search for the most-suitable site, a permanent repository won't be sited if a state objects to the repository—but it must be willing to yell long and hard and loud.

Conservation becoming key tool for meeting water needs

Texans are using more water per person than ever—about 155 gallons per day. Every ten years, that average has increased by about four gallons per person, according to the Texas Water Development Board.

As demand for water continues to grow, water conservation and drought contingency planning can play a key role in efforts to manage existing water supplies more effectively and help avoid serious water supply problems, according to the state agency. Surveys taken by the Board show that more than 100 cities have already been forced into drought contingency measures

during recent summers.

Since about 75% of the water in the home is used in the bathroom, that's where you can usually save the most water. Follow these tips:

- Install shower heads and faucet aerators that reduce water flow. Some models allow you to reduce the flow by half;

- Don't let water run while brushing teeth, scrubbing hands, or shaving;

- Make sure the commode isn't leaking. Add a few drops of food coloring to the water in the tank, but don't flush. If the coloring appears in the bowl within a few minutes, the toilet needs adjustment or repair;

- Place one-quart plastic bottles, capped and filled with water, in the commode tank to reduce the amount of water used in flushing. (Bricks can do the same thing, but pieces might crumble off and damage the commode's working mechanisms.);

- Showers usually take less water than baths, but the amount of water used varies among individual people. The next time you shower in a tub, plug the drain and then compare the amount of water used with the amount used when you take a bath in the same tub. Try to take shorter showers.

4-Hers win record honors

20 Castro County 4-Hers won blue ribbons, while 22 youths advanced to district competition in the county record book judging held last week.

Blue ribbon winners in the senior division included Joel Nelson, horse, Denise Schulte, health, Kelly Howell, sheep, Coby Moke, sheep, and Kara Schulte, food and nutrition.

Junior blue ribbon winners included Curt Summers, swine, Danna Ralston, swine, Jill Gfeller, horse, Lynn Hand,

horse, Moriah Olson, beef, Matt Gfeller, beef, Lorelea Acker, crafts, Katrina Acker, rabbit, Gardenia Durbin, clothing, Kristin Brockman, clothing, Kalina Pohlmeier, clothing, Lynette Klemman, clothing, Terri Beth Teaschner, clothing, Nadine Schulte, food and nutrition, and Karmen Pohlmeier, food and nutrition.

Receiving a red ribbon in the senior division was Justin Nelson, beef, while red ribbon winners in the junior class were Royce Schulte, veterinary science, Kyla Struve, swine, Casey Summers, sheep, Kim Spring, horse, Mac Annen, sheep, Scott Acker, rabbit, Heath Acker, rabbit, Jason Nelson, landscaping, Lena Durbin, family life, Sabrina Acker, food and nutrition, and Stacy Evans, food and nutrition.

White ribbon winners in the senior group included Trampas Moke, Carla Summers, Cami Struve and Brian Kline, all on swine projects, while junior white ribbon winners were Stace McDaniel, swine, Shad McDaniel, swine, Tori Baker, swine, Jamie Baker, swine, B.J. Klein, swine, Jackie Thomas, rabbit, and Leslie Evans, food and nutrition.

A total of 43 books were judged for county awards.

4H Events

Aug. 18—County-wide 4-H officers training for all newly-elected officers, 2 p.m. courthouse assembly room.

Aug. 19—Kids' Cooking School, Farmers State Bank, Hart, 2 p.m., for third and fourth graders. Sponsored by Southwestern Public Service.

Aug. 20—County-wide Kids' Cooking School from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, courthouse assembly room, for all county third and fourth graders. Register by Aug. 15 at Extension office, 647-4115.

Aug. 20—4-H Food and Nutrition adult leader training, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., courthouse assembly room, for all persons interested in helping with food and nutrition projects this fall.

At the district competition, senior winners included Denise Schulte, second; Joel Nelson and Kara Schulte, third, and Justin Nelson, Kelly Howell and Trampas Moke, fourth in their respective divisions.

Junior II blue ribbon winners included Kim Spring, Scott Acker, Danna Ralston and Lorelea Acker. Junior II red ribbon winners were Matt Gfeller, Royce Schulte and Jason Nelson.

Junior I blue ribbon winners included Moriah Olson, Lynette Klemman, Nadine Schulte, Jill Gfeller and Katrina Acker. Junior I red ribbon winners included Kristin Brockman, Lena Durbin, Mac Annen and Casey Summers.

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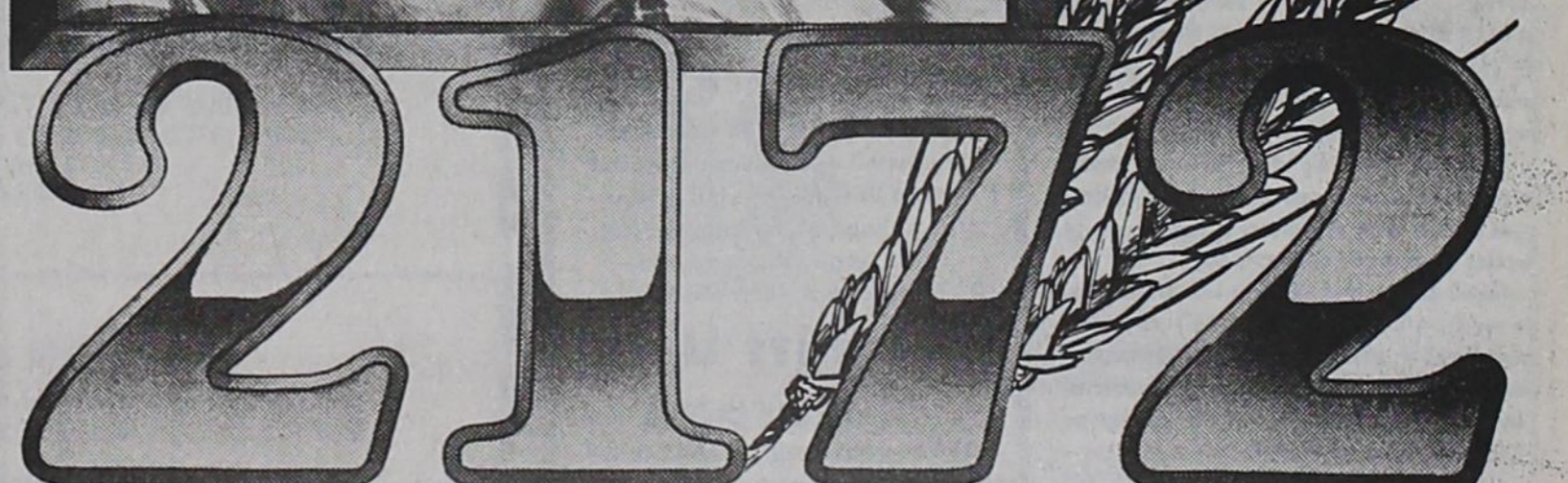
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Over the past decade, general economic conditions, technological improvements in irrigation equipment, climatic conditions, availability and price of fuels, declining ground-water levels, and other factors have all influenced the continued development of irrigated agriculture land.

The installation of more efficient water application equipment and better irrigation management could reduce on-farm irrigation use.

Through the Soil Conservation Service, an irrigation management team will come to individual farms to analyze irrigation practices and help evaluate the efficiency of overall irrigation systems at no cost to the producer.

The High Plains Underground Water District in Lubbock has requested and received money to make available to farmers in the Panhandle and South Plains, on a loan basis. The money is to be used to purchase water savings equipment. For more information on the Texas Water Board Program contact the Underground Water District at 762-0181. Listed below are some of the ways that help conserve water.

LEPA:

The Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) irrigation system is designed to save water, energy, and money. The system distributes water directly to

the furrow at very low pressure through drop tubes and emitters located two to four inches above the furrow.

SURGE FLOW:

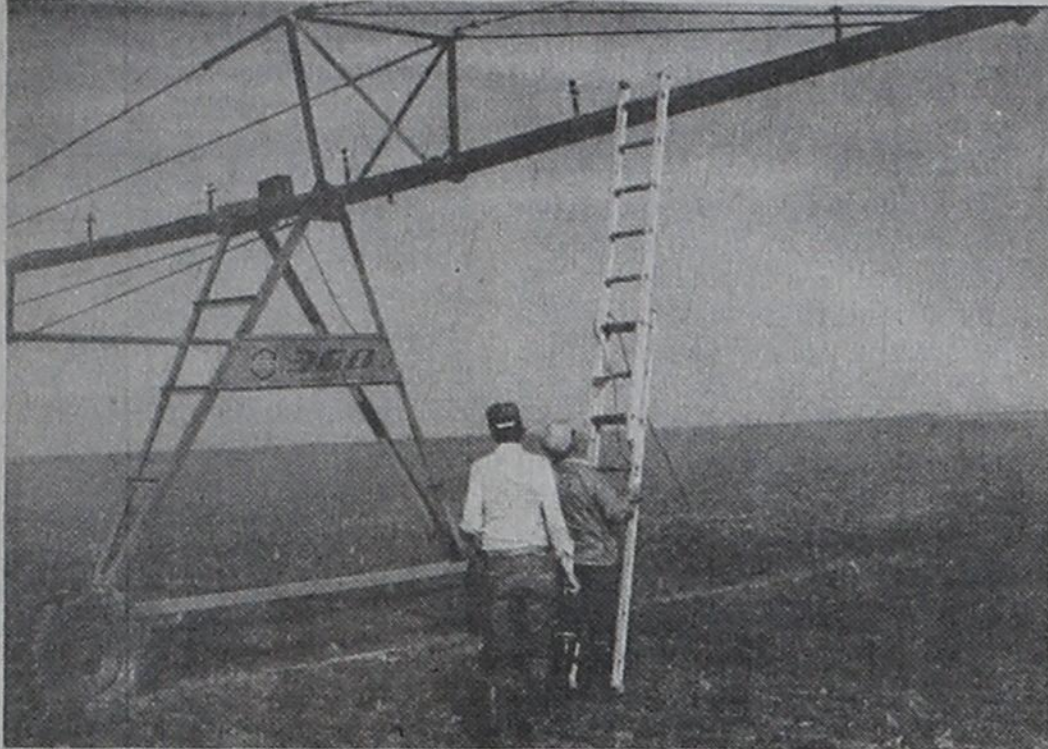
Surge flow is a method of furrow irrigation which increases irrigation effectiveness and cuts water loss by as much as 30%. Surge flow differs very little from regular furrow irrigation, except that the water is automatically turned on and off with a special valve, causing the water to move along the furrow more rapidly. Surge irrigation offers several major advantages over conventional furrow irrigation because relatively inexpensive equipment provides more uniform water distribution, reduces tailwater, and limits deep precolation.

SOIL MOISTURE MONITORING:

Monitoring devices such as moisture blocks and tensiometers are designed to monitor the level of soil moisture to determine when available irrigation water should be scheduled for application.

TRICKLE IRRIGATION:

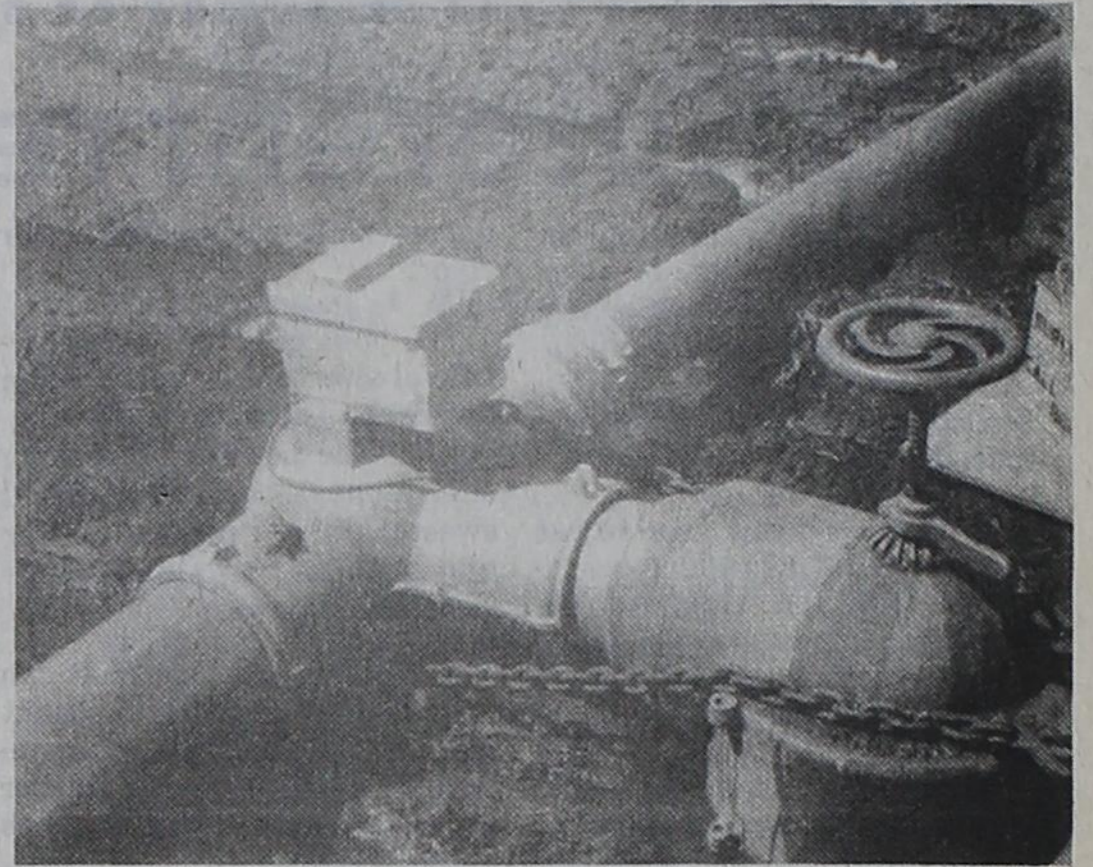
Drip (or trickle) irrigation is the slow, frequent, precise application of irrigation water directly to the plant through devices known as emitters. Drip systems utilize the simple concept of supplying a plant's daily water requirements directly to the plant. The system consists of a dripline hose, emitters, and fittings.



SPRINKLER EVALUATION—Dimmitt Field Office Personnel, Gary Hunter and Clayton Jobe are shown checking efficiency on a pivot sprinkler.



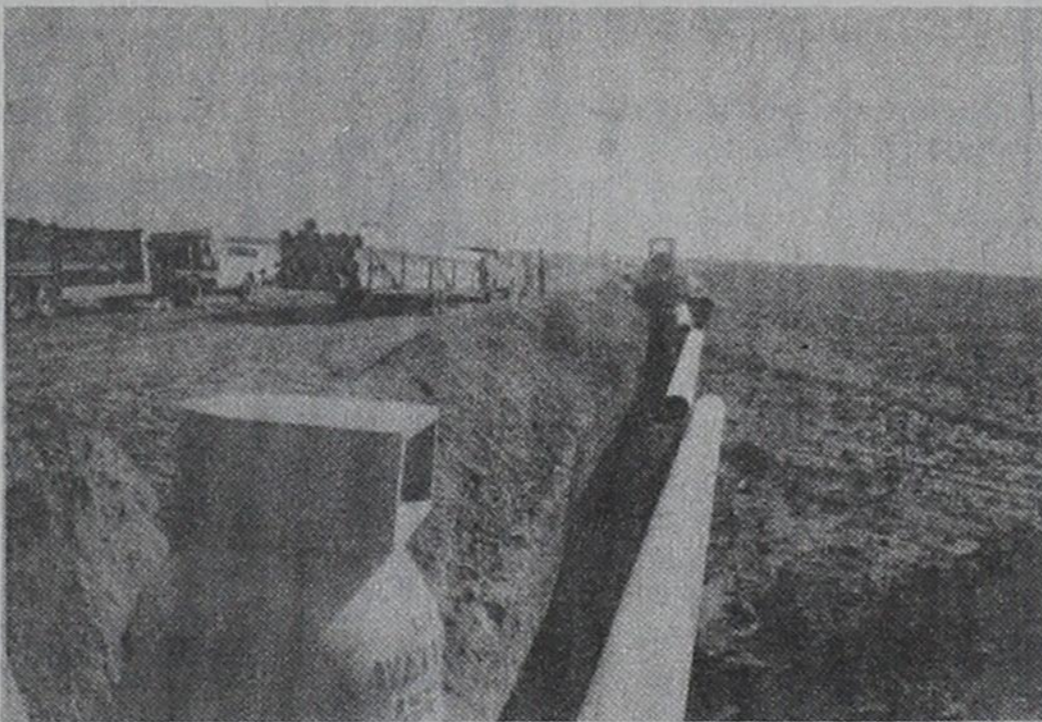
A LEPA system drop tube and emitter.



SURGE VALVE—Improvements in surge valves have refined the system, the newer valves are more compact and solar operated. Timers are easier to set and the systems are more efficient.



TRICKLE IRRIGATION (Drip)—The drip irrigation system has been installed to water many windbreaks in Castro County. Shown is Judy Damron inspecting the trickle system in her orchard.



PIPELINES—The Dimmitt Field Office assisted ASCS in signing up pipelines again this year. Pipeline can improve water savings 10% and more. Farmers wishing to receive cost-share assistance should come in to the Dimmitt office, funds are still available.

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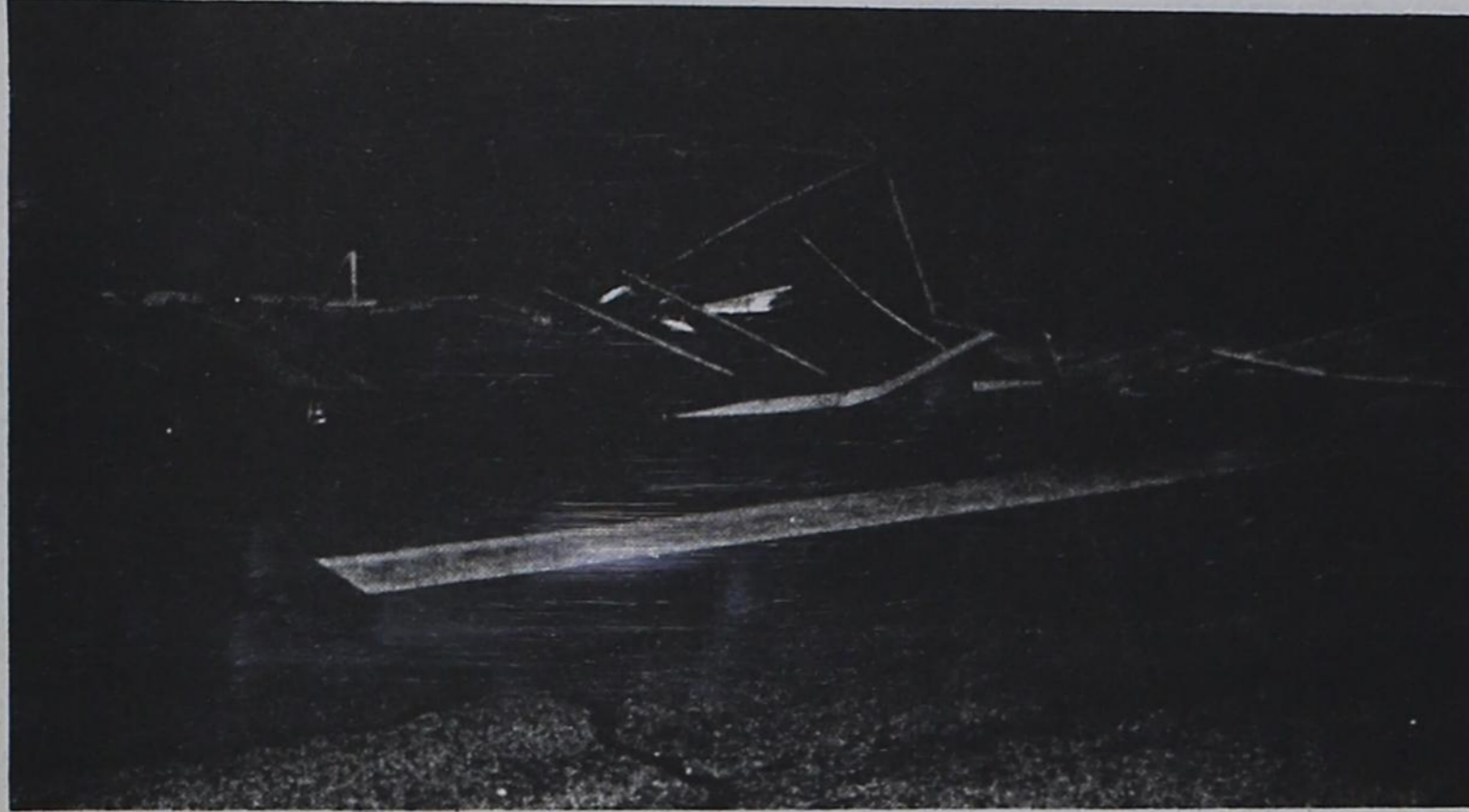
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A PRIVATE HANGAR, owned by Roland Stevens, was completely destroyed by the tornado which struck the Dimmitt Municipal Airport late Saturday. The hangar was hurled about 300 feet and dumped on the airport's runway, closing the airport until Sunday afternoon. A pickup, also owned by Stevens, was lifted from its parking place inside the hangar and dropped several yards away. The tornado inflicted over \$75,000 in damage Saturday.

Sugarless canning has different results

Foods can be preserved at home with less sugar, but the results may or may not be acceptable to your tastes, says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service specialist.

Before trying no-sugar recipes on your produce, nutritionist Marilyn Haggard advises experimenting with small batches first to see if you are pleased with the results.

Recipes for canning fruits call for the addition of sugar or a sugar syrup to maintain the texture, shape and color of the fruit and to improve the flavor, she explains. Omitting the sugar will primarily affect the fruit texture and flavor.

When canning without sugar, the specialist says to use only firm ripe or slightly under-ripe fruit so it won't become too soft from canning. By adding ascorbic acid or a commercial anti-darkening

agent, fruit will retain better color.

"If you plan on using artificial sweeteners, add it when the fruit is served," says Haggard. "The heat of processing can cause some artificial sweeteners to become bitter and others to lose their sweetening power."

She points out that fruit can also be frozen safely without added sugar, but will not maintain its quality during freezer storage as well as fruit that has sugar added.

Berries and fruits which do not darken when exposed to air can be frozen in a single layer on trays and then packed into freezing bags or containers. The fruits which freeze well in this manner are blueberries, strawberries, dewberries, blackberries, raspberries, cherries, plums, dates, grapes, melon balls, pineapple chunks and rhubarb slices.

According to Haggard, light-colored fruits such as apples, peaches and apricots freeze well in unsweetened juice or water to which ascorbic acid has been added to prevent darkening. Light colored juices, including apple, pineapple and orange juice are suitable as liquids to cover frozen fruits.

Since sugar gives sweet pickles and relishes their unique texture and flavor, omitting this ingredient can result in a mushy and less flavorful product, the specialist says.

Haggard says it's also difficult to get sugarless jams and jellies, since sugar is essential to gel formation, serves as a preservative agent and improves the flavor.

Jams and jellies made without sugar are more like a gelatin product than a true jam or jelly, she notes. The "mouth feel" will be different and the flavor tart.

Now may be time to reduce credit charges

If you have large unpaid balances on your credit card accounts, now may be a good time to analyze your credit spending habits.

Why now? Family economics specialist Nancy Granovsky says that the tax reform proposals now in Congress call for eliminating the deduction for interest paid on credit cards, so

it may be advisable to begin reducing interest expenses this year.

Another good reason for reducing credit expenses is the difference in interest rates for credit cards and for other forms of borrowing.

"Depending on the kind of charge card and where it was issued, consumers are paying

annual percentage rates ranging from 12% to over 20%," she says. "Since home mortgage rates are in the 10% range, auto loans are somewhat less, and your savings dollars are earning no more than 6 to 8%, interest rates for credit cards seem high."

The Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service home economist says the quickest way to reduce finance charges is to simply stop using credit cards until you've paid off the balances fully. Or you may decide to continue using credit cards, but only if you pay the balance in full each month.

"Families often wind up overextending themselves — and paying excessive finance charges—because they don't pay enough attention to how they're using credit cards," observes Granovsky.

She suggests entering each credit purchase in a small notebook, similar to what you would do if writing a check. For example, if you use three credit cards regularly, keep a list with three columns. Each time you use a credit card, write down the amount and what it was for.

When the credit card bill comes, you'll be able to monitor your spending and make sure all the charges were legitimate ones.

You'll also be able to keep track of how much you're buying on credit, manage your cash flow more easily and therefore reduce your finance charges.

Insurance should be major concern

When you're unemployed and worrying about how to pay bills, one of the last things you may want to think about is health and automobile insurance. But it should be one of your major concerns, says a family economics expert.

"Without insurance, a major illness or accident could lead to financial disaster for your family," cautions Dr. Marjorie Marman.

The best time to check on insurance coverage is before you become unemployed, says the Extension Service specialist.

Find out if your health insurance would continue for any length of time after your last day of work. Depending on your employer's policy, you could be entitled to a grace period during which you may convert your group coverage to an individual policy.

"Keep in mind that the same benefits may cost you more," she says. "However, one advantage of converting a group policy is that you usually don't have to pass a physical examination again."

Another possible option is to

investigate an "interim" or "short term" policy, notes the home economist.

These policies usually require no physical examination and can provide coverage immediately after applying. Coverage is for a limited period of time, such as 60 to 90 days. These policies typically do not cover conditions which existed before the policy was bought.

By Texas law, drivers must carry automobile liability insurance, so keeping a policy in force should also be a priority.

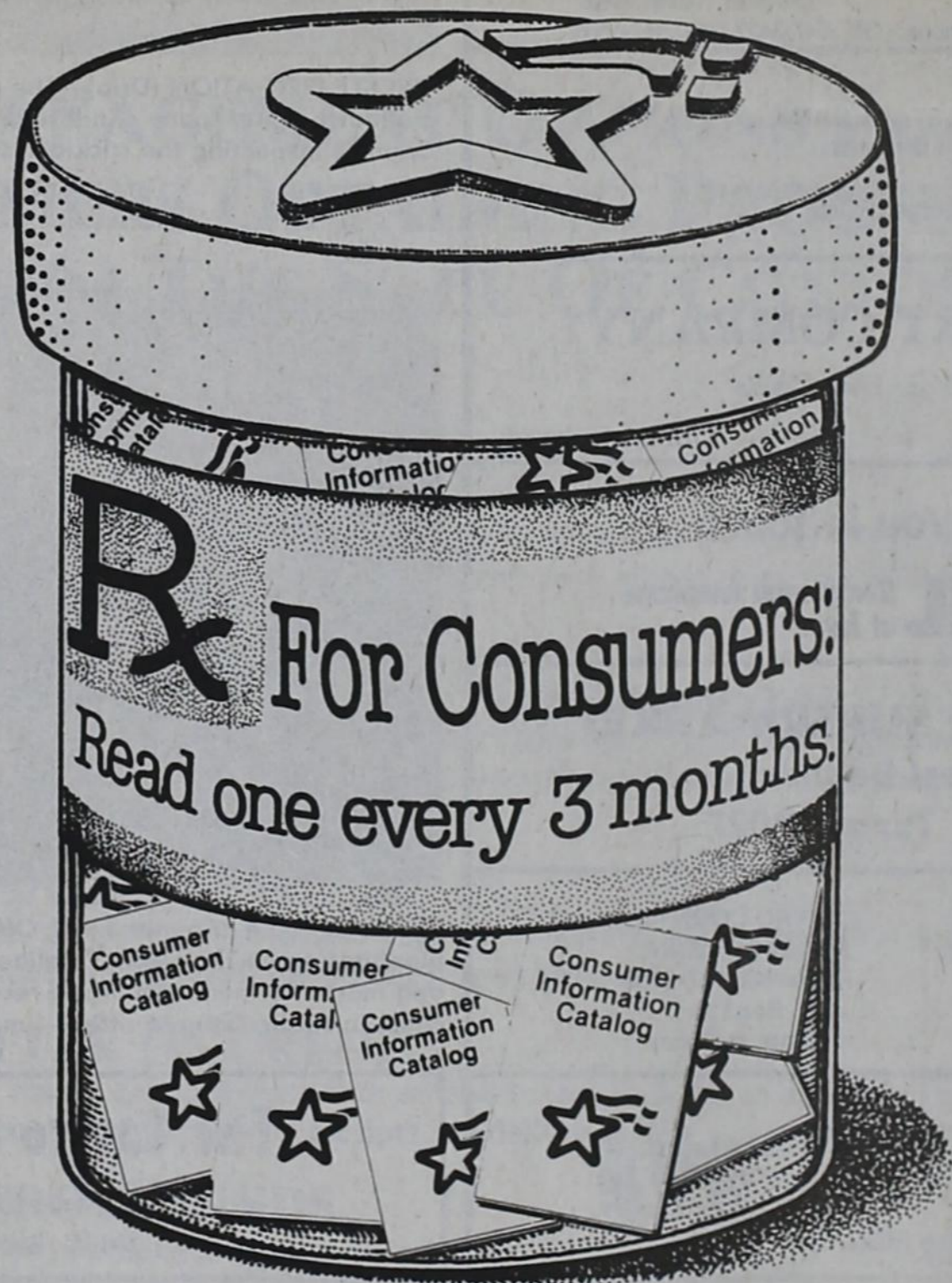
The specialist advises checking with your insurance agent to find ways to reduce the cost of your automobile insurance while maintaining sufficient levels of coverage. Increasing the amount of your deductible on collision and comprehensive insurance should reduce the cost of the premium.

"It may be difficult to bring yourself to use precious dollars from savings or other assets, but health and auto insurance are important," says Marman.

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Carl King

Once again, Texas corn growers owe Carl King a big debt of gratitude

Last Friday in Washington, King scored another major victory in his career as president of the Texas Corn Growers Association and executive director of the Texas Corn Producers Board. He convinced the Environmental Protection Agency to reverse its earlier decision banning the use of the insecticide Azodrin, and to grant an emergency clearance allowing the use of the insecticide on corn crops in the 19-county corn-producing area of North Texas.

Azodrin is the only insecticide currently available that will control both the Southwestern Corn Borer and Banks' Grass Mite with a single application. Its use is \$20 per acre cheaper than the alternatives.

So King's action last week in Washington saved the corn growers in the 19-county area millions of dollars in pest-control costs. And if the farmer ever needed to save money, it's now.

King's victory was a testimony to his refusal to quit. The EPA had already announced publicly that it had banned the use of Azodrin for this year.

"I got beat last month (when the EPA banned Azodrin), and I don't like to get beaten politically," King said. "I had to get that chemical cleared. Our farmers had no other way to go. The substitutes weren't adequate, and if it had stayed hot and dry we'd have been eaten up by mites by now."

So, armed with photos of our area, results of monitoring tests in Texas and New Mexico, and technical data compiled by Extension entomologist Pat Morrison of Lubbock, King went to Washington again to try to prove that Azodrin, if applied properly, is not the threat to birds that the EPA had thought it was. Meeting with Dr. Jack Moore, head of the EPA's insecticide registration division, King convinced the agency to reverse itself.

King, the founding father of the Texas Corn Growers, has made more than 60 trips to Washington during the past 15 years on behalf of Texas agriculture and his fellow farmers.

Next time you see him, tell him "Thanks."

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Tornado...

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Rains accompanying the storm Saturday night dropped .72 of an inch at KDHN, the official observation station for the National Weather Service, but also dropped wind-lashed, golfball-sized hail in a three-mile wide strip in the central part of the county, inflicting heavy damage on some crops. "It was severe where it hit," said County Agent Seth Ralston, who lives in the middle of the hailed-on area two

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switch will generate new, international-standard tone signals for the dial tone, ring-back (the ringing you hear when you dial a number) and busy signals.

Missing will be the "clicking" that is currently heard on many calls dialed with a touch-dial phone. The clicking was caused as the tones were converted through

the old rotary system. Those calls now are automatically accepted by the new system.

Also absent will be many of the "operator number identifications" that were needed to verify numbers. Many of the numbers will now be identified automatically, but party-line callers will still have to go through the operator verification for long distance calls.

"We really expect very few problems," McPherson said. "We anticipate a few calls because the tones will sound different, and there could be some limited problems, but through the testing that has been done we should have few problems."



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What's lean beef? It takes some knowledge

It's good to know that lean beef is as low in calories and cholesterol as chicken, but how do you tell what's "lean"?

With some label information and knowledge of beef cuts, answers a Texas A&M Agricultural Extension Service specialist.

Nutritionist Mary K. Sweeten says consumers can easily find low-fat, low-calorie beef at the meat counter if they'll read the package labels.

"When you're shopping for lean cuts of beef, the simplest thing to do is to look for Nutri-Facts labels," she says.

The Nutri-Facts program, which is sponsored by the beef industry, is now found in many supermarkets.

Participating stores display cards in the meat case that show the calories, fat, cholesterol and other nutrients per 3-ounce trimmed serving for various cuts of meat.

"The US Dept. of Agriculture has also established some policies on labeling meat and poultry that can help consumers select lean beef," Sweeten points out.

Dietary variety very important

"Eat a variety of foods" is probably the most common nutrition advice given by physicians and nutritionists.

It's also first in the list of Dietary Guidelines for Americans, released this year by the US Dept. of Agriculture and the Dept. of Health and Human Services, and developed with recommendations from national nutrition organizations, the American Heart Association, the American Medical Association and the American Cancer Society.

So why is dietary variety so important?

According to Dr. Alice Hunt, a nutritionist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service, the answer is relatively simple.

"People need over 40 different nutrients to stay healthy. These include vitamins and minerals, protein, fat, carbohydrates and water, which are found in foods," she says.

"Since no one food supplies all the essential nutrients in the amounts a person needs, it's important to eat several types of foods each day," Hunt emphasizes.

The major food groups are the protein foods, including meat, poultry, fish, eggs, dry beans and peas; dairy foods like milk, cheese and yogurt; fruits and vegetables; whole grain breads, cereals, pastas and other grain products.

Once you know the major food groups, then the question becomes, how much is enough variety?

An easy rule of thumb, says Hunt, is to remember the "4-4-2-2" guideline. A diet which contains four servings of fruits and vegetables, four servings of breads and cereals, two servings of protein foods and two servings of milk each day, has enough variety to provide an adult with essential nutrients.

The nutritionist says a recent USDA report of research conducted at Pennsylvania State University indicates that selecting different foods from

The nutritionist explains that "extra lean" will be reserved for products containing no more than 5% fat, while "lean" and "low fat" will be used only on products with less than 10% fat. In either case, the amount of fat must be stated on the label.

The new USDA regulations also define "light," "lite," "leaner," and "lower fat" as terms that can be used on products which have at least 25% less fat than the majority of that product in the marketplace.

She notes that labels with any of those terms must explain the comparison on the

label. So, for example, a label for "leaner" ground beef might state, "this product contains 20% fat, which is 33% less fat than is in most ground beef."

Processors have one year to change their labels according to the USDA regulations, but many will voluntarily comply prior to that deadline, she says.

"Consumers who shop at stores that don't use Nutri-Facts, or who find the label terminology confusing, can back on some basic knowledge about different cuts of meat," says the nutritionist.

Study shows we don't eat too much red meat

For years Americans have thought of themselves as big meat eaters, but new ways of measuring meat consumption

show that isn't the case.

Until last year, annual per person red meat consumption was figured by the US Dept. of Agriculture on the basis of carcasses sold, says meat scientist Dr. Dan Hale.

According to the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service specialist, that's like reporting the yearly sweet corn consumption by including the weight of the corn stock, husk, corn silk and the cob in the figure.

New figures take into account that meat packers and store butchers remove fat, bone and gristle before meat is placed in the grocery store meat case.

Hale says these figures show that the average daily consumption of red meat is 2.1 ounces per day, which is less than the recommended daily allowance of two 3-ounce servings of cooked lean meats or meat alternates.

Extension nutritionist Mary K. Sweeten points out that red meat, poultry and fish are a major source of protein foods and protein, niacin, B-vitamins, iron, phosphorus

and zinc.

Consumers should choose among these protein foods and protein alternates for variety in their diets, she says. Protein alternates include dried beans and peas, eggs and various nuts and seeds.

"Some people are convinced that the way to reduce the fat intake in their diets is to cut back on these protein foods," Sweeten says, "but foods from this group can be selected and prepared so that the amount of fat is quite modest."

The nutritionist recommends choosing lean cuts of red meat, trimming off visible fat from meat, removing the skin from chicken and preparing by baking or broiling instead of frying.

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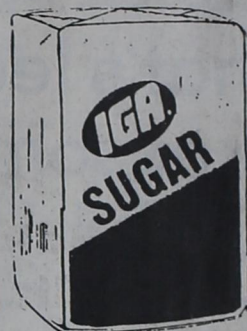
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