

Church fire brings community together

A community was thrown together Sunday night to fight a raging fire that destroyed the majority of Floydada's First Baptist Church—a historical landmark in this city.

Although the Sanctuary was saved, the largest portion of the church consisting of classrooms, fellowship hall, and kitchen burned to the ground.

The building had the appearance of having been bombed, and timbers were still burning by late afternoon on Monday. The remains of one of eight pianos lost in the blaze were still on fire Monday afternoon.

Pastor Anthony Sisemore was alerted to the smell of smoke in the basement area around 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Sisemore checked the area and found a hot door that led into a janitor's closet.

The building was evacuated and a call was made to 911 at 4:41 p.m.

"When we first got here and opened the door we saw flames shooting across the closet ceiling and paper products burning on the floor," said Floydada Police Chief, and Firefighter, Darrell Gooch.

"We knocked it down and thought we had it out. We went back out to get more air bottles and when we returned the fire had engulfed the area.

"This part of the building has a drop ceiling and the fire had traveled between the air duct and large beams. It had a clean shot from one building to another."

Over 100 firefighters fought the blaze, responding from Idalou, Silverton, Lorenzo, Ralls, Crosbyton, Matador, Lockney, Petersburg, and Dougherty.

Floydada Firemen were also helped by one firefighter from Plainview and the Forestry Service.

Red Cross also responded and EMS workers from Crosbyton, Ralls, Lockney, and Floydada, were also on the scene.

Three firemen were treated for smoke inhalation. Floydada Firefighter Chad Guthrie and a Ralls Volunteer Firemen were treated at the scene. Floydada Fireman Danny Nixon was transported to W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney, suffering from smoke inhalation and nausea.

Floydada Fireman Larry Guthrie was taken to Methodist Hospital by helicopter with heart problems. He was released on Tuesday.

Many of the firemen credit "divine intervention" for the fire finally coming under control.

"We were getting calls from

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OVER 100 VOLUNTEER FIREMEN fought the devastating fire at Floydada's First Baptist Church, Sunday evening, March 12th. The new Sanctuary was the only section of the church which was spared, although it is heavily damaged by smoke. The old kitchen, fellowship hall, and classrooms were burned to the ground.

Staff Photo



THIS WAS ALL THAT REMAINED of the old sanctuary, classrooms, and fellowship hall, of First Baptist Church after Sunday night's blaze. The community was horrified to see their church in this state but grateful the blaze did not occur while Bible classes were being conducted.

Staff Photo

Michelle Araujo wins J.P. race

In the only locally contested race, Michelle Araujo won the Justice of the Peace race in Pcts. 2 & 3, beating challenger Bill Strickland, 316 to 167.

Araujo is the first Hispanic woman to serve in an elected position in Floyd County. Araujo ran on the Democratic ticket. She had no challengers on the Republican ticket, and unless she is later challenged with a write-in vote she will serve as Justice of the Peace for four years.

Six hundred and sixty-eight people voted in the Democratic Primary and 340 voted in the Republican Primary.

There are 4,573 registered voters in Floyd County.

"Our primary numbers were down in Lockney," said Republican Chairman Kerry Pratt, "but that is because people were crossing over to vote in the J.P. race on the democratic ticket."

Congressman Mac Thornberry received the most Republican votes in

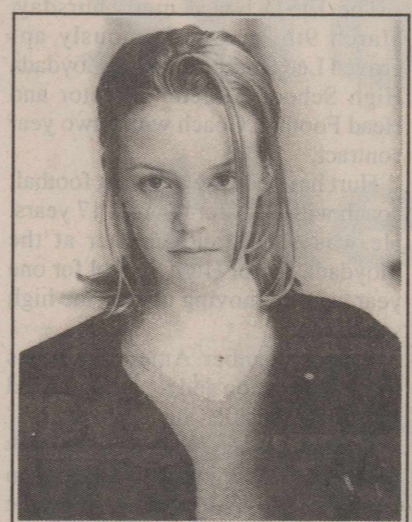
the County, at 325 votes. Presidential candidate, George Bush, followed a close second with 322 votes.

In the Democrat primary, Tax Assessor Penny Golightly garnered the most votes—540. State Representative Pete Laney received 505 votes.

In the Presidential race on the Democrat ticket, Gore earned 284 votes, Bradley had 132, and LaRouch had 26.

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Gala lines up entertainment



ABBI HUTCHERSON

The Floyd County Friends will host their annual Gala for the inside the new Unity Center, March 25th. The theme for this year's Gala is, "When you believe."

Entertainment will be provided by Abbi Hutcherson, of Plainview, and the group, Harmony.

Abbi, 15, has been singing since age 5. She performs patriotic, pop, country, and inspirational music.

She has performed at Amateur Games of Texas, Lubbock Symphony Orchestra, 4th on Broadway, Aspenfest, West Texas Opry, and Boys Ranch Telethon.

She has sung the National Anthem for University of Texas and San Antonio Spurs, since age 7, for the NBA playoffs, Little League World Series,

ABC Pro Rodeo, Dallas Stars, Houston Astros, and Texas Rangers.

Harmony, features local singers, Phil Cotham and Zelda Ellison, of Lockney, and Amy and Travis Thornton, of Plainview. Harmony performed at the first two Galas the Friends sponsored.

Proceeds from the Gala will be applied to the operation funds of the Unity Center.

Tickets are now on sale for the Gala. Individual tickets are \$25.00. Reserved tables, of 8, can be purchased for \$250.00.

Tickets can be purchased from Nick Long Insurance, in Floydada; D&J Gin or Kaleidoscope in Lockney; or any Floyd County Friends Board member.

"There will be an increased number of seats this year because of the size of the building," said Long, "but our cutoff point will be 44 tables. Each table will sit 8."

The filet mignon steak dinner will be prepared by Mac Sherman and friends, with the help of Lowe's Pay-N-Save.

The doors of the Unity Center will open at 5:30 to view items on a Silent Auction. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

"Our big money giveaway will be a special "2K Giveaway" this year. \$1,000 will be donated by FNB Lockney and \$1,000 by the Floyd County Friends. The combined \$2,000 will be given to a table," said Long.

Highway speed limit changes through Lockney

A higher than average accident rate has prompted the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to lower speed limits on a major highway in Floyd County.

Effective immediately TxDOT has reduced the speed limit from 70 mph to 60 mph on U.S. 70 at Lockney. The 10 mph rate reduction is in line with the department's criteria for setting speed limits on state highways.

"We aren't trying to set up a speed trap in that area," said Lockney Police Chief Jerry Edwards. "I just know there have been more accidents than I want to work at the highway intersection of FM 378."

"We have been very lucky that we haven't had any deaths in that area, but there have been several serious injuries."

"The sun blinds people on that highway in the early morning and early evening."

ACLU fighting LISD drug policy

The American Civil Liberties Union has followed through on a threat to sue Lockney Independent School District over their drug testing policy.

Calling a news conference on Wednesday, March 8, ACLU lawyers were joined by Larry Tannahill, of Lockney.

The ACLU is representing Tannahill, on behalf of his 12 year old son Brady in the suit against LISD.

Filed in the U.S. District Court, the case will be heard by Judge Sam Cummings in Lubbock.

Lockney approved a drug testing policy in November which would test all junior high and high school students and LISD faculty and staff. The first test will be a blanket test and all tests after that would be done at random.

Tannahill has said he did not object to the testing, but did object to the is-

sue of punishment if a child refuses to take the test, or a parent refuses to sign the consent form.

According to LISD policy any refusal from a child would be treated as a positive test. If a parent refused to sign the consent form, the child would also be considered as having a positive test. Punishment would vary according to how many offenses, however it would include in-school suspension, counseling, and a ban from extracurricular activities.

Tannahill refused to sign the consent form for his son, and pursued a suit against LISD to stop the drug policy. Tannahill was the only parent who refused to sign the policy. However he says he has widespread support.

LISD officials say they implemented the policy to give students another reason to refuse drugs and to

help parents and teachers fight the drug problem.

The ACLU says the "policy deprives him (Brady Tannahill) of his right to be free from unreasonable search and seizure as guaranteed to him by the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment".

The lawsuit names all LISD trustees and Superintendent Raymond Lusk as defendants in the case. Trustees are: Bernie Ford, John Quebe, Dan Smith, Jesse Garza, Jim Martin, and Mike Mathis.

The suit asks the court to declare the LISD policy "invalid, illegal, and a deprivation of Plaintiff's rights."

The suit states that LISD told Tannahill he would not be punished until after the Board considered his objections at their regularly scheduled

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Powerlifters win at Regional competition

Four Regional Qualifiers from Floydada went to Sundown on March 11th to compete in the Regional Powerlifting Meet and came home with the Regional Championship for the second year in a row. Erick Arellano, RudyAdam Arellano, Lonny Nelson, and Frank Hernandez led the Whirlwinds to the Championship. The Whirlwinds scored 21 points to out do the field of teams from the Region. Childress was second with 13 points.

Erick Arellano finished first in the 123 pound class by lifting 335 pounds in the Squat, 175 pounds in the Bench Press, and 350 pounds in the Deadlift for a total of 860 pounds. RudyAdam Arellano finished fourth in the 123 pound class by lifting 255 pounds in

the Squat, 175 pounds in the Bench Press, and 350 pounds in the Deadlift for a total of 780 pounds. Lonny Nelson placed first in the 132 pound class by lifting 350 pounds in the Squat, 210 pounds in the Bench Press, and 385 pounds in the Deadlift for a total of 945 pounds. Frank Hernandez finished second place in the Super Heavyweight class by lifting 605 pounds in the Squat, 325 pounds in the Bench Press, and 535 pounds in the Deadlift for a total of 1465 pounds. Hernandez set a Regional Record with his 605 pound Squat.

Erick Arellano, Lonny Nelson and Frank Hernandez will continue on to the State Powerlifting Meet. They will travel to Killen on March 25th to

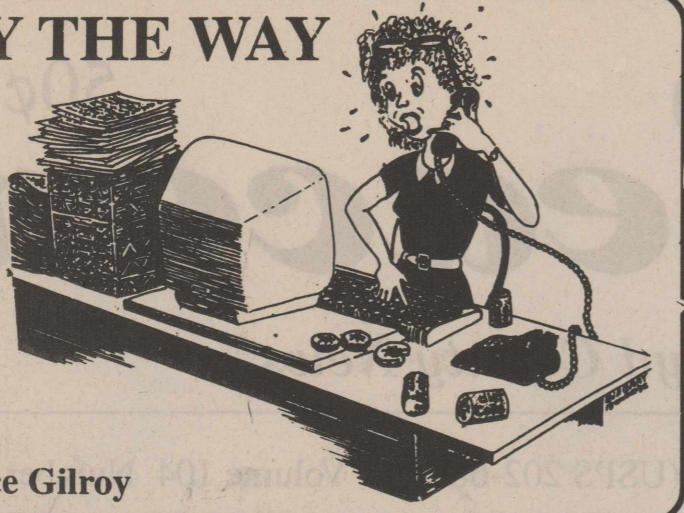
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REGIONAL CHAMPS AND STATE QUALIFIERS ON THE POWERLIFTING TEAM ARE: (L-R) Erick Arellano, Frank Hernandez, Lonny Nelson and RudyAdam Arellano.

Courtesy Photo

BY THE WAY



By
Alice Gilroy

My father told me once that you will either write your best stuff—or your worst stuff—when you are personally involved with a story.

I thought about that when I was walking around the burned out remains of Floydada's First Baptist Church.

There was media all over the place. Television crews and newspaper reporters. They were all getting their stories and doing it very well.

I was in shell shock. When I should have picked up a pen and paper to record events, all I wanted to do was hug people. As people told me their personal feelings about the fire, I should have recorded the words. I just listened.

The feelings of everyone just poured from their hearts. So much emotion. So much shock. So much thanksgiving and praise.

I've worried about our newspaper office and the printing press burning down the whole block because of the newsprint stored here—but I never considered a landmark like the First Baptist Church burning down.

It looks like a bomb hit the building. How do you put this event into words?

I could praise the valiant efforts of the firefighters. They certainly deserve it.

I could praise the generosity of this community in banding together to help our emergency workers with food and drinks.

I could praise God for no loss of life

and for not allowing the fire to spread to other buildings or homes. It could have been so tragic.

Expressing your feelings is all part of a grieving process, and I hope the newspaper can help in this regard.

To help tell this story I am turning to those who have been a part of First Baptist Church.

We will publish your stories—as many as we can. Write down a fond memory of the church (whether you are a member or not), concentrating on the older section of the building which burned. I know there have been numerous weddings (including mine), Bible Schools, Sunday Schools, fellowships, etc., in that building.

I will have to wait and see how much we get before we know what we can publish. Try not to get too long winded (like me). This won't be a money making effort. We just want to record history, and we want it done through the eyes of this community.

I liked a comment from Stacey Reeves. She said, "We were really trashing Satan in Sunday School last week. I think we must have made him mad."

Most of the comments heard at the fire were, "Thank-you God", and "The Church still stands."

All letters will be given to The First Baptist Church after publication. They can start a brand new scrapbook.

Get your letters to us by March 24. If you can't bring them to the office, mail it to 111 E. Missouri, Floydada, TX. 79235; Email: Floydada@texasonline.net.

Courtroom Activities

In District Court March 7, 2000:

Joe Edward Castaneda, 28, of Floydada, pled guilty to Escape. He was sentenced to 10 years ID/TDCJ and court costs and attorneys fees. The offense occurred on Nov. 12, 1999.

Anthony Wayne Emert, 29, of Lockney, pled guilty to DWI, which occurred on February 15, 1999. He was sentenced to 2 years in ID/TDCJ, \$500 fine, court costs and attorneys fees.

Probation was revoked on Eddie Gloria, 28, of Floydada. He was sentenced to 4 years in ID/TDCJ, court costs and attorneys fees, and \$177 restitution after he was convicted of Forgery of a Check. The offense occurred on April 14, 1991.

Terry Martin, 20, of Lockney, pled guilty to Burglary of a Habitation and was sentenced to 6 years in ID/TDCJ, a \$1,000 fine, court costs and attorneys fees, and \$2,445 restitution.

Feliciano Mondragon Jr., 30, of Lockney, pled guilty to Assault on a Public Servant and was sentenced to 7 years in ID/TDCJ which was probated for 7 years and \$1,000 fine, court costs and attorneys fees. The offense occurred on Nov. 27, 1999.

Patricia Posada, 29, of Beeville, pled guilty to Tampering with a Governmental Record. The date of the offense was April 6, 1998. She was sentenced to 5 years deferred adjudication, \$100 fine, court costs and attorneys fees and payment of \$6,214.

Joel Santos Jr., 19, of Floydada, pled guilty to Theft of a Value of \$1,500 or More, but Less Than \$20,000. The offense occurred on April 21, 1999. Santos was sentenced to 2 years in State Jail, probated for 5 years, \$1,000 fine, court costs and attorneys fees and \$1,700 restitution.

Edwards briefs Council on drug awareness program

Lockney Police Chief Jerry Edwards presented a drug awareness program to the Lockney City Council Thursday, during their regular meeting March 9.

Edwards discussed drug awareness booklets that he would like distributed to parents of Lockney school children. Because of the problem of children not getting the booklets home to parents, Edwards is looking for another way to distribute the material.

A video was shown to the council concerning the drug use in the Lockney community and surrounding area. Crosby County was named as one of the top ten county's in Texas with the highest distribution of drugs.

The Council also discussed the upcoming Spring Fling campaign. The Chamber of Commerce and the Boy Scouts are backing this event.

The council will have a workshop on March 21, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss future projects for the Lockney Council.

Council members approved Edd Henderson as the auditor for next year.

Gaylene Brown petitioned to have a mobile home moved into Lockney. Zoning requirements for the site will be researched first.

In a previous meeting the council had discussed changing a name of a street near the school. The matter is still pending until the school board votes on the issue.

Light The Cross Memorials

The following donations have been made to Light the Cross Fund:

In Memory of Annabelle Henry by Bill and Norma Feuerbacher and Keith and June Patzer, and Wayne and Roberta Russell.

In Memory of Bill Tye and Talmadge Dean by Frances and Doyle Miller;

In Memory of Joe Galloway by Al and Sallye Galloway, and Kay Hale.

Donation by Margaret Collier.

Donation by C.E. and Loretta Leatherman.

In loving memory of son, Cliff

Hopper, by Bill and Elena Hopper.

In memory of Doyle Miller by Corky and Janice Guffee, Tom, and Rita Pierce, Molly & Bill Stringer, Bob Alldredge, and Bill and Ardis Daniel.

In memory of Evan and Erin Bishop by Johnny and Margie Sue.

Donations for this fund may be made at American State Bank to the Ministerial Alliance Fund and designated for Light the Cross. Please give your name and the name of your memorial or honor of person.

Fire Destroys Pre-School Property

Lil' Blessings Needs Your Help

Twenty-seven children, ages 12 months-6 years, are part of Lil' Blessings Pre-School. Their school was located in Floydada's First Baptist Church, and in the section that was destroyed by fire on Sunday.

The school is in need of: 6 small tables, benches or chairs to go with those tables, shelves, TV with VCR, toys for inside and outside, dress up clothes, books and puzzles, scissors, glue, white copy paper, rainbow paper, construction paper, jumbo crayolas, pencils, magic markers, stickers for awards, coffee cans, aluminum pie plates, baby cribs, snacks and kool-aid, teacher books.

For more information call Ruth Reed, 983-2018.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

As I think about the past 40 hours in the life of our community I realize what a great town our fire department gets to represent. Beginning about 5:00 p.m., Sunday afternoon until approximately 2:00 a.m., Monday morning our town and it's citizens showed more character, resolve and love than most people in large cities would ever hope to see.

As I watched a piece of town history being destroyed I was sad. As I watched our firemen and those from other towns put all they had into saving as much of the building as was possible I was proud. After all was done and I looked at what the 9 plus hours had done to our community I was amazed!

When the call for help went out area fire departments and EMS departments began to show up with their equipment and personnel. The staff at Mangold Memorial Hospital called in additional staff to be ready if they were needed. Our citizens began to show up to do all they could do to make the fight endurable. There is no way that I could know who all was involved in ministering to the firemen and to the church members but all are to be commended for their effort.

Now that daylight has come for a couple of days I see the community bonding continuing to grow. As has been stated by many in various newspapers, the building is replaceable and the church will move forward.

On behalf of the Floydada volunteer Fire Department I want to thank all those who came to assist. I can name the various departments that had firefighters and or medical people at the scene but I cannot name the individuals that were there whether they were firefighters or EMS personnel or just individuals who were concerned.

Living on this end of our state does have advantages.

THANKS TO ALL,

Gary Brown for the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department
Gary Brown as City Manager
Gary Brown as one proud citizen of our community

Dear Editor:

First, I would like to say Thank you to Coach Daughtrey and Denise for what they have done for our athletic program, school system and community.

Second, whether it was coaching techniques, disciplinary actions or just personal feelings, there have been situations that may not have been handled in a way that was favorable to everyone. My question is...When is there a time that one person's judgement is favored by ALL????

When I look around and see what has been brought to our school and athletic program by the support and hard work from these 2 people I feel the positives GREATLY outweigh any negative's. I wish those responsible would have taken time to consider all of the positive's before acting on any negative's.

In my opinion Floydada as a whole is losing 2 very CARING and supportive individuals who have had our youth's best interest as their main concern.

Tim and Denise I thank you again for your dedication and support for our youth, FISD and also for the community. You will be missed. Good luck and Best Wishes to you both.

Rhonda Stovall

FISD hires Hurt as new Athletic Director

By Darwin Robinson

The FISD board met Thursday, March 9th, and unanimously approved Lee Hurt as the new Floydada High School Athletic Director and Head Football Coach with a two year contract.

Hurt has been the assistant football coach with FHS for the past 17 years. He was coach and teacher at the Floydada Junior High School for one year prior to moving over to the high school.

Board Member Amado Morales made the motion and it was seconded by Board Member Steve Lloyd.

Previous to the vote on Hurt's new contract, FHS Principal Joe Christian introduced Hurt to the board as the FISD "Teacher of the Month."

Christian said, "Hurt has been with us for 18 years. He has been an excellent teacher for us. He teaches Algebra I and does a good job with the students. He is caring and takes an active interest in them and how they perform in his class.

"He does the little things that is necessary to help me as an administrator. Whatever I ask him to do, he is always where he is supposed to be and does what he is supposed to do. I can't think of anyone in our high school more deserving to receive this honor," Christian concluded.

Also prior to the vote on Hurt's new contract, President Mitch Probasco made the motion to accept the resignations of six FISD personnel. It was seconded by Lloyd and unanimously approved.

The six resignations were: Athletic Director and Football Head Coach Tim Daughtrey, Vickie Emert, Kim Hall, Maria Vasquez, Alice Hernandez, and Olivia Tyson.

Board Secretary Charlene Brown made the motion to employ the professional personnel, teachers, teacher assistants and secretaries as presented to the board by the building principals and administrators. Board Member Bill Dean made the second and it was unanimously approved.

In other business, the board unanimously approved a Technology Plan that will keep the Floydada School computer system upgraded through

the year 2003.

FISD Technological Director Rex Holcombe told the board, "What we need for this to go on to state (approval) is a motion by you to approve this plan and we will also attach it for district (approval)."

"Every year I apply for (E-rate) money, which amounts to discounts on all our telecommunication services. This includes phone lines, fax lines, and the T-1 line to the service center for Internet connection.

"Also, with E-rate you can apply for internal connections money, which is basically servers, cables in the walls, and anything in the interior of the building.

"We are required to have a state approved technology plan to be able to receive E-rate or Universal Service Fund money. I have already sent this plan to the service center, but I have not heard back from them yet," Holcombe added.

Holcombe further explained, "There are four goals that are specifically related to E-rate and the state technology approval process.

Goal No. 1: Floydada I.S.D. will maintain and acquire funding to provide technology support, such as E-rate money or other grants available.

Goal No. 2: Floydada I.S.D. will support employees, students, and other staff to make technology accessible and meaningful. Basically, we are going to offer these people training so they can feel comfortable in using computers, machines and other types of technology.

"For an example, in the summer I put out a schedule and give it to all the employees. They are welcome to



Finances look good in County audit report

By Darwin Robinson

The Floyd County Commissioners met Monday, March 13th, and heard the county's yearly audit report from Kate Nutter of Davis, Kinard and Company of Abilene.

The audit was for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999.

Nutter told the commissioners, "In our opinion, your financial statements were materially correct and presented fairly.

"Basically, it looks like you had another normal and good year. It is always dependent on whether the equipment runs good or not," Nutter said.

The financial audit report given to the commissioners showed a total of all Assets at \$5,026,897. The General Fund showed \$470,012; the Special Revenue Fund showed \$446,824; Trust and Agency Fund showed \$139,747; the General Fixed Assets showed \$3,911,474; and the General Long-Term Debt showed \$58,840.

Commissioner Lennie Gilroy made the motion to accept the audit. It was seconded by Commissioner Jon Jones and unanimously approved.

In other business, the commissioners unanimously approved the appointments of nine public members to the Grievance Committee for the year 2000.

Those approved are: Gary Carthel, Warren Mitchell, James W. Doucette, Mary Pierce, Jimmy Bradley, De Chance, Jerry Paul Cooper, Scott Faulkenberry, and Molly Stringer.

Gilroy made the motion to approve ten farm contracts in the county. It was seconded by Jones and unanimously passed.

The farm contracts are scattered throughout the county opening up waterways for soil conservation, filling in low areas, building terraces, filling in a slush pit, and leveling land for soil conservation.

Commissioner Ray Nell Bearden made the motion to authorize Louis Pyle to cross a county road with a water line. It was seconded by Commissioner Craig Gilly and unanimously approved.

Dr. James Glasson, DVM was appointed by the commissioner to be the Local Rabies Control Authority for the county as required by law.

Two county Official Bonds were unanimously approved. They were for Deputies Delia Suarez and Gayle Jackson.

Gilroy made the motion to accept the deed of Lot 13, Block 73, Original Town, from The Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows as requested by The Friends of the Library organization. It was seconded by Jones and unanimously passed.

Upon the recommendation of County Judge William Hardin, the commissioners approved the advertisement for the sale of salvage and surplus county property.

Items listed to be auctioned were a used pickup and a used police car. Miscellaneous scrap metal and used grader blades were approved for bids.

County Agent Melissa Long gave the commissioners a brief report on the County Extension Office activities.

Long said, "Our exercise and nutrition groups are meeting and our Walk Across Texas will start probably around the first week of April.

"We've already had some teams call in and getting ready for this 8 week program. Last year we walked approximately 850 miles, about 100 miles per week.

"Lots of people have continued to walk and that's what the program is all about.

"Our 4-H'ers have finally come back from their stock shows. We had some really good showings at Houston. We had lots of success," Long added.

Long continued, "One important project that I want to tell you about is 'Character Counts.' I know several of the schools and different organizations have utilized this program.

"It is about 'The Six Killers of Character.' We have five 4-H'ers that have divided that up and they are each teaching a lesson on it. I think this is one of the more important things that we teach.

"There are 7 senior girls, that I am real proud of, and they are competing in the Senior Fashion Show, but only six can go to district.

"My Extension Homemaker ladies will be going to Lamesa on March 30th and our 4-H Gala will be on March 25th. We usually have between 40 to 50 4-H'ers and their parents at the Gala," Long concluded.

County Treasurer Mary Shurbet gave the commissioners her monthly financial report. The Beginning Balance for February 1 thru February 29 was \$401,671.84. Receipts were \$182,998.12, while Transfers In and Out were \$153,480.24. Disbursements were \$340,371.30, leaving a Balance of \$244,298.66.

come to classes and a computer lab.

"Goal No. 3: Technology will be integrated into the curriculum with emphasis on essential knowledge, skills, and technology applications. There is a wide world of information out there on the Internet to help teachers with all types of lesson plans, how to integrate technology into their classroom, how to use the Internet in the classroom, and many, many other things.

"Goal No. 4: Floydada I.S.D. will conduct on going assessments and evaluations of hardware, software, and telecommunication services. Each year I will have a survey with the people using this equipment and find out if they are having success with it or if they need help.

Holcombe mentioned that the funding for this program comes from a TIF state grant of \$61,480, an E-rate grant of \$30,000 this year, and \$32,000 next year, and any other grants that may apply. A video grant for the high school is coming soon.

"The computers we are putting in now, such as at the Duncan lab, are able to be upgraded at least for five years. The processors we put in them are up-to-date now, they will run any software, and they have plenty of memory left," Holcombe concluded.

Dean made the motion to approve this Technology Plan and it was seconded by Lloyd.

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Fire brings community together

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 Quittage that a cold front with 30 mile per hour winds was coming our way," said Gooch. "When it hit--all it was, was a slight breeze."
 The fire stopped in the hallway and did not travel into the Sanctuary. The firemen who took their stand in that hall to battle the blaze say they are giving credit where credit is due.
 "There was no real reason for the fire to have stopped where it did," said one fireman.
 "We did not have enough firemen to fight the blaze on every floor," said Gooch. "We could only fight on the first floor and shoot water in the 2nd and 3rd floor windows."
 Gooch was also especially thankful for helping hands who pulled him from the burning basement. At one point while fighting the fire, Gooch's escape route was cut off. "The room was engulfed in flames and I just caught a quick glimpse of light coming through a window. I threw my ax out the window and took a leap up and out. My air tank caught on the window and pulled me back into the room. I tried again and hands just grabbed me and pulled me out. I don't even know who they were. A little bit longer and I would have been cooked."
 Burning ash blew for blocks setting grass on fire and burning clothing and hair of people watching the blaze. Two cars parked at Oden Chevrolet were

set on fire, which was quickly extinguished.
 Ash lay in gutters in downtown Floydada and as of Tuesday, businesses and homes several blocks away could still smell smoke inside buildings.
 Although the church building is gone, church members and others are grateful the fire did not start 1-2 hours later.
 People were already beginning to arrive for Bible classes when firemen were fighting the blaze.
 According to Music Minister Mike Holster the church has a membership of 800. "We have about 325 attend worship service and 300 in Sunday School."
 The three buildings of the church which were badly burned were built in three different stages.
 The building that contained the basement, old kitchen, and fellowship hall, was built in 1928. It was first used as an "educational building". In 1942 the auditorium was enlarged and the first service in a new sanctuary was held in November 1946.
 Growth continued and in May 1955 a new three-story education building was opened.
 Although the First Baptist Church was organized in 1891, the first church building was not erected until 1908 at the site of the present building.
 A wrecking ball was brought in

Monday afternoon to knock down unstable walls so federal investigators with ATF and Fire Marshalls could sift through the rubble.
 Church leaders and firemen were overwhelmed at the support shown to them from the community. "Everywhere we turned there were people bringing us water and food," said one fireman.
 "I want to thank the community," said Holster. "Thanks to the police department, fire departments, TxDOT, and church members from other denominations who showed up with food, water, and coffee. There is nothing like community."
 Plenty of tears have been shed at the scene of this fire, although church members were also giving thanks for no loss of life. "The Bible tells us to give thanks in everything," said Ruth Reed. "I guess that is what we have to remember."
 "The building may be gone," said Holster, "but the Church is still standing."
 Church will be held at the Floydada High School Auditorium for now. The nursery will be in the band hall. Church will start at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday night adult class will meet in the Wall Street Parlor.
 Preschool will meet in a church owned home at 102 J.B. Ave, Floydada.



LOOKS LIKE A WAR ZONE-The burned out rubble of the Sunday School Building at the First Baptist Church resembles a war zone picture. Taken three floors up this photo shows the fire's destruction as the floors fell into the basement. (see related story) Staff Photo



THE SMOLDERING RUBBLE-The ruins of the First Baptist Church Sunday School building were still smoldering Monday morning after the devastating fire Sunday night. Three floors fell into the basement area as shown in photo. (see related story) Staff Photo



COMING DOWN-The wrecking ball is shown bringing down the dangerous walls of the fire ravaged Sunday School building of the First Baptist Church. Officials believe the fire started in the corner of the building in a utility room. (see related story) Staff Photo

Michelle Araujo wins J.P. race

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 On the Republican ticket, Proposition No. 1, asking, "Shall student initiated prayer be allowed at school sporting events?" Floyd County Republicans voted 282 in favor, and 8 against.
 Other County Results are as follows:
Democratic Primary:
 U.S. Senator: Gandy, 82; Clark, 121; Bintliff, 27; Kelly, 62; Wightman, 21.
U.S. Representative: Clinesmith, 304.
District Attorney: McPherson, 469.
Sheriff: Gilmore, 484.

Commissioner Pct. #1: Ray Nell Bearden, 106. **Commissioner Pct. #3:** Gilly, 109.
Presiding Judge CCA: Vance, 310. **Judge CCA Pl. 2:** Barr, 210.
County Chairman: Johnson, 399.
Pct. Chairmans: Collins, 90; Copeland, 84; Turner, 18; Kinslow, 1 and Carolyn Marble, 17; Gilly, 6; Dunavant, 5; Pigg, 11; Terrell, 167; Bradley, 2; Green, 33; Gonzales, 11.
Republican Primary:
Presidential: Keyes, 12; Bush, 322; McCain, 5; Uncommitted, 1.
U.S. Senator: Hutchison, 315.
U.S. Representative: Morris, 5; Thornberry, 325.
Constable Pct. 2 & 3: Macha, 74.
Railroad Commissioner: Matthews, 229.
Railroad Commissioner (unexpired term): Williams, 216; Draughn, 43.
Justice Supreme Ct. Pl. 1: Hecht, 151; Davenport, 93.
Place 2: Owen, 212.
Place 3: Gorman, 140; Gonzales, 107.
Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals: Keller, 69; Price, 118; Trichter, 14; Kelley, 19.
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1: Holcomb, 94; Curry, 54; Williams, 26; Boston, 4; Greenwell, 26.
Place 2: Barber, 51; House, 27; Wallace, 67; Hervey, 18; Ray, 18.
Justice, 7th Ct. of App. Dist. Pl. 1: McClure, 84; Quinn, 143.
Place 2: Reavis, 190.
County Chairman: Pratt, 275.
 A chart which breaks down the votes by voting precinct can be found at the newspaper office. Lack of space prohibited us from printing the chart.

ACLU fighting LISD drug policy

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 meeting, March 23. The suit requests that the Court permanently enjoin defendants from enforcing Lockney's policy.
 Tannahill is not seeking a monetary award apart from "attorney's fees, costs of suit, post judgement interest and such other relief as may appear to the Court to be proper."

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This couple presents about 250 concerts a year. Janice writes many of the songs they sing and Jerrel writes for a nationally distributed magazine, The Gospel Voice, from Nashville, Tennessee. Be sure and make plans to attend the gospel music concert at Grace Fellowship in Lockney. The concert will be March 22nd, at 2:00 p.m.

The Brashears do all of their recording with their son and daughters. The recording engineer makes sure that they will still have the full group sound, instead of a soloist with background vocals. So when you attend a gospel music concert by the Brashears, you will be hearing a full

band, full group sound, even though there will only be two people before you.

The Brashears do their best to make their concerts as entertaining as possible, but they want people to understand that a gospel concert can and should be a spiritual renewal for the whole family. They carry with them quality sound equipment to get the message across. They want you to hear the words of their songs and not just the music. The Brashears say, "We need to remember what the purpose of the concert is. Our goal is to help people that may be hurting, and show them Jesus through gospel music."

Since the Brashears are full-time in singing the Good News, an offering will be received sometime during the concert. Please come and bring someone with you for an afternoon of gospel music you will never forget.

National Nutrition Month celebrated in the month of March

By Melissa Long, CEA-FCS
The slogan for the American Dietetic Association's March National Nutrition Month (R) 2000 is Food&Fitness: Health for a Lifetime." This month's article asks what would happen if you treated your car like you do your body.

If you treated your car like you treat your body, would you own a RACE CAR or a CLUNKER? If you cared for your car like you care for yourself, what type of miles per gallon would you get? Or, would your auto move at all?

Take this 10-question CAR CARE TEST and then compare the human equivalent (HEQ) for your body.

1). Do you recharge your car's battery if it runs low?
HEQ: Do you get enough sleep?

2). Do you refill your car's gas

tank when it's empty?
HEQ: Do you eat meals/snacks at regularly-spaced times throughout the day?

3). Do you use the right type of fuel for your car?
HEQ: Do you eat the right variety of foods from each Food Guide Pyramid group?

4). Do you make sure your car's radiator has enough water?
HEQ: Do you drink about 8 cups of liquid a day - mostly from water, juice and milk?

5). Do you read the owner's manual to learn how to get the best performance from your car?
HEQ: Do you take advantage of opportunities to learn more about healthy eating and other healthy lifestyle choices?

6). Do you clean your car's body so it doesn't rust out?

HEQ: Do you brush and floss your teeth daily?

7). Do you carry the passenger load established for your car, and no more?
HEQ: Do you keep your weight at a healthy level?

8). If smoke poured from your car, would it concern you?
HEQ: Do YOU smoke?

9). Do you give your car regular tune-ups?
HEQ: Do you participate in moderate to vigorous physical activity most days?

10). Do you keep the proper pressure in your tires?
HEQ: Do you keep your stress at a healthy level?

Sometimes there seem to be a lot of similarities between our cars and our bodies. There are, however, two major differences;
*It's easier to replace damaged parts

on our cars.
*We can trade our cars in for a newer model every few years. WE have to live with our bodies forever.

Perhaps, after reading this, you feel it's time for a tune-up to get back on track. Start your engine, rev up your motor and care for your body as carefully as you do your car!

For more information on National Nutrition Month and ways you can improve your health with better nutrition, contact your County Extension Office.

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Childrens Nutrition

Q: Are fruits and vegetables interchangeable in a child's diet?
A: The "five-a-day" recommendation for fruits and vegetables includes one good source of vitamin A and one good source of vitamin C each day. Some fruits and vegetables offer similar amounts of these two important nutrients, which does make them essentially interchangeable, says Dr. Debby Demory-Luce, a registered dietitian with the USDA's Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine.

Vitamin A is found in fruits, such as apricots, papayas, mangos, and cantaloupes, as well as green leafy vegetables, broccoli, carrots, Brussel sprouts and sweet potatoes. High vitamin C foods include citrus fruits, cantaloupes, papayas, mangos, peaches, kiwi, strawberries, bell peppers, broccoli, tomatoes, sweet potatoes and potatoes with their skins.



THE BREEZEWAY BULLDOZED TO SAVE MAIN AUDITORIUM-Firefighters Sunday night, March 12th, ran a bulldozer between the buildings of the First Baptist Church in order to save the main Sanctuary. The devastating fire destroyed the old auditorium and the Sunday School building. Staff Photo

Lockney Senior Citizen News

By Gladys Ragle
Yeah, we got rain, a bright - West Texas Rain the is. Know what I mean, Okay, a few drops of rain and a whole lot of dirt which leaves everything mud ball splashed. Even at that we are better of than those who had tornadoes. Count your blessings!
Gladys Bobbitt returned from her visit with her daughter and reports that she had a good time.

We had a new couple from Plainview in for lunch with us Monday and we hope they will return soon. We would like to express our sadness to the members of the First Baptist Church in Floydada on the loss of their building from fire.
"Weekly Words of Wisdom"
Happiness is purely a matter of reciprocity. He who is happiest is he who gives the most happiness.

MENU
March 20-24
Monday-Chicken Casserole, vegetables, salad, dessert.
Tuesday-Spaghetti, garlic bread, vegetables, salad, dessert.
Wednesday-Beef Fajitas, vegetables, salad, dessert.
Thursday-Ham, vegetables, salad, dessert.
Friday-Chicken Fried Steak, vegetables, salad, dessert.

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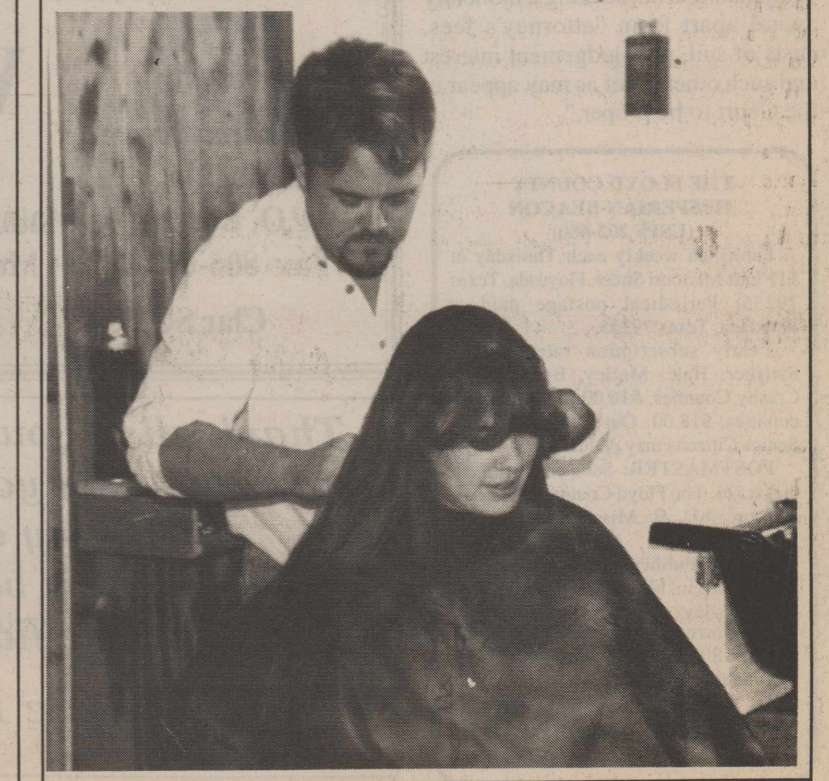
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Floydada Senior Citizen News

By Margarette Word

The center is open Monday through Friday. If you plan on eating lunch please call the center at 983-2032 by 10:00 a.m. If you are 60 years or older this center is for you.

Grace Jarrett, who now lives in Canyon with her daughter, was home last weekend for a few days.

Congratulations to Delise McGuire who will celebrate her 100th birthday, March 16th. She lived here several years ago but now lives in England. I understand several friends from Floydada plan to attend the celebration in England.

Jo Davis drove to Abernathy last Sunday afternoon to visit relatives.

LuAnn Collins and her sons, Jim and John of Lubbock were in Floydada over Spring Break visiting her parents James and Sue Lovell.

Margie McElyea broke her arm and not her hip as I reported last.

We are all pretty upset over the major fire disaster of the oldest section of the First Baptist Church last Sunday evening. It will take several weeks to clean the area up. They are working very fast. I'm sure this is the largest fire in Floydada since the court house burnt many years ago.

Thank you for remembering the center when you need to make a memorial donation.

In memory of Faye Jackson: Edd and Mary Parks, Laron and Joy Fulton, Sherri West, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardin.

In memory of the Bishop Twins: Laron and Joy Fulton.

In memory of Bert Lee Emert: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardin.

A donation was made to the center by the Seasons Dance Club.

Our sympathy to the family of Doyle Miller.

We glad Joyce Kimble is home after being in the Lockney hospital for a few days.

Donnell Gowens fell at the golf course and broke his wrist. He even finished the game not knowing his wrist was broken. A few hours later he knew it.

Thought For The Week

Stay in peace - not in pieces.

MENU

March 20-24

Monday-Hamburger Steak, brown gravy, baked potato, okra or carrots, apricots, hot roll, oatmeal cookie.

Tuesday-Turkey, cranberry sauce, cornbread dressing, green beans, tossed salad, 1000 Island Dressing, hot roll, apple cobbler.

Wednesday-Oven Fried Fish, tartar sauce, baked beans, okra or greens, coleslaw, cornbread, fruit salad.

Thursday-Baked Chicken, scallop potatoes, spinach, tossed salad, Ranch Dressing, wheat roll, frosted spice cake.

Friday-Pork Chop, baby limas, harvard beets, tossed salad, Ranch Dressing, pumpkin crunch or bars.

Floyd County Lifestyles

SPC Art Student heads for New York

By Dianne Whisenand

Linda Vargas, a South Plains College art major from Floydada, is among five students going on an independent art study trip during spring break to Chicago and New York.

Vargas and four others from SPC will view the signature work, "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of Grande Jatte," by the French post-impressionist Georges Seurat and many others during a six day trip Thursday (March 9) through March 17 to Chicago and New York.

"This will be an educational experience above and beyond what they are studying in their art classes," said Drake Gomez, SPC assistant professor of art, who will serve as guide for trip. "All this pertains to what they have studied in art history, their stu-

dio classes and various other art classes they have taken."

The students will visit the Art Institute of Chicago, the third largest museum in the United States, famous for its collection of 19th century art; the metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the largest museum in the Western Hemisphere; The Cloisters, a branch of the Metropolitan devoted to medieval art; and the Museum of Modern Art, which includes signature pieces by Van Gogh and Picasso. They will also tour the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the largest Gothic style cathedral in the world.

Vargas plans to transfer to the University of Texas or University of North Texas after completing her studies at SPC.

1950 Study Club

By Doris McLain

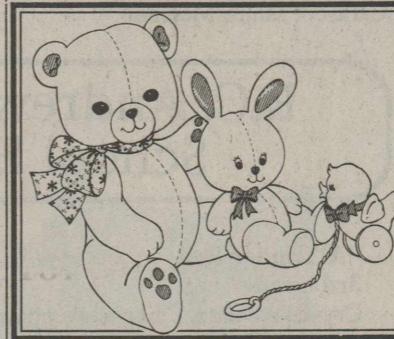
The 1950 Study Club had it's regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 7th, in the home of Roberta Russell, with Gabriel Anderson as co-hostess.

The program "Great Women in the 20th Century Arts," was presented by Candace Keller, assistant professor of art at Wayland Baptist University and Curator of Art Museum of Llano Estacado and Abraham Gallery, Plainview, Texas. Ms. Keller showed slides of paintings done by women artists through the century, with commentary on the life of each one. She demonstrated that many women, as well as men, are recognized as outstanding in the field of art. Billie Jordan was program hostess for this

meeting and encouraged members to visit the Museum and Art Gallery in Plainview.

A business meeting followed with the main discussion being about the upcoming Federation Day Celebrating 50 years with the 1950 Study Club. This will be on April 15, 2000, speaker, Bettye Greene, President, G.F.W.C. South Central Region. All current and former members of the club are invited and encouraged to attend at this special time.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses to Nell Abram, Joy Assiter, Geneile Evans, Billie Jordan, Jane McCulley, Doris McLain, Sue Moore, Carol Reese, Ione Sedinger, Nettie Ruth Whittle, and Candace Keller.



Look Who's New!

RUFF

Gary and Misty Ruff of Gatesville announce the arrival of a baby boy, Gary Lynn Jr., born at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, January 22, 2000 in Scott & White Hospital in Temple.

He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Earnest and Joy Cole and Cathy Ruff, all of Gatesville, and Bill Ruff of Fort Worth.

Great-grandparents are Ed and Jeannette Lindsey of Lampasas, Barbara Ross of Gatesville and Dale Ross of Lockney.

FLIPPIN

Ty and Brandi Flippin of Amarillo are proud parents of a baby daughter, Abigail Renee. She was born March 9, 2000, and weighed 5 pounds 12 ounces and was 19 inches long. She was born at Baptist St. Anthony's Health Center in Amarillo.

Grandparents are Dennis and Kathy Ross of Floydada and Ricky and Susan Flippin of Plainview. Great-grandparents are Herman and Bonnie Graham and Mary and Elvie Henderson all of Floydada, Faye Walker and the late John Walker of Levland, C.E. (Flip) and Wanda Flippin of Claytonville.

Have a Good Week!

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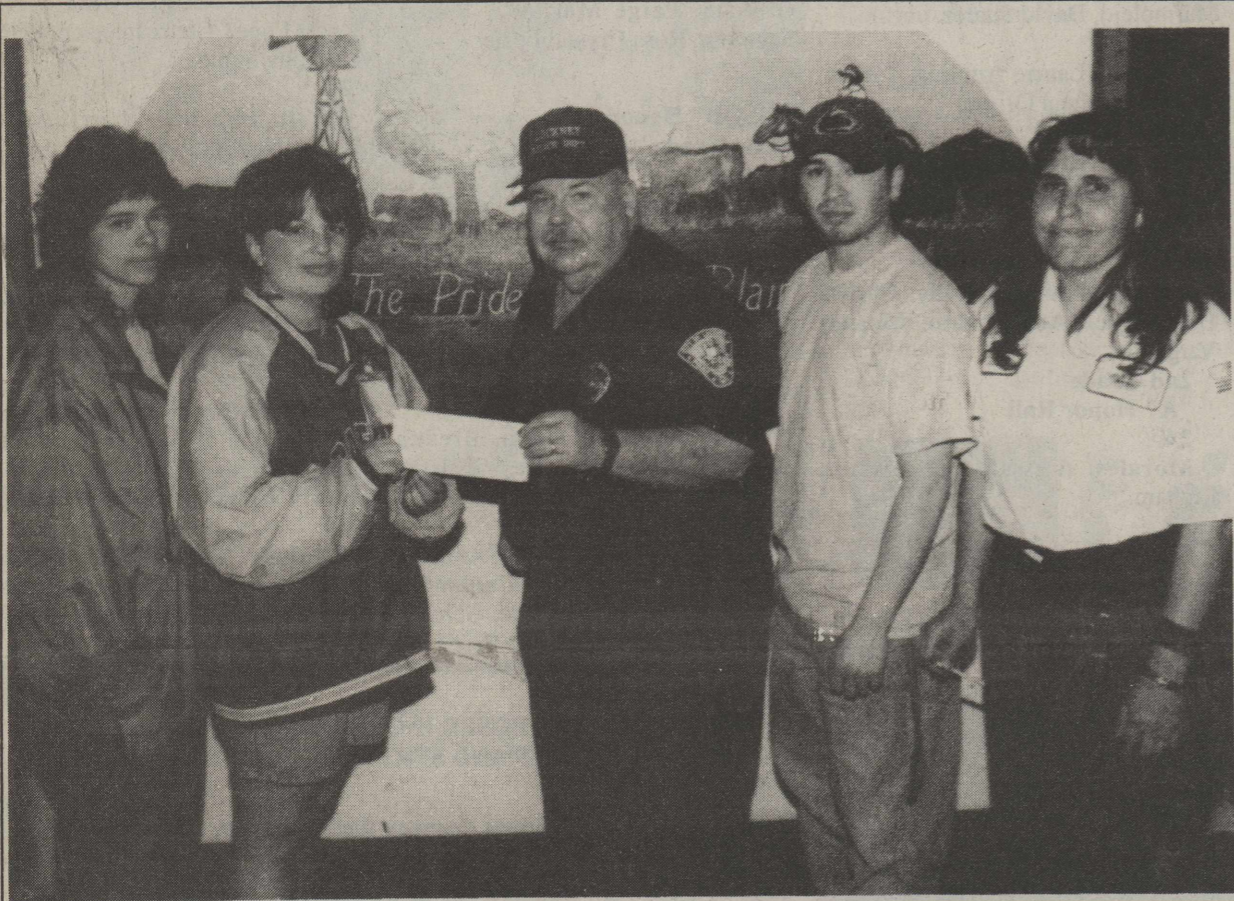
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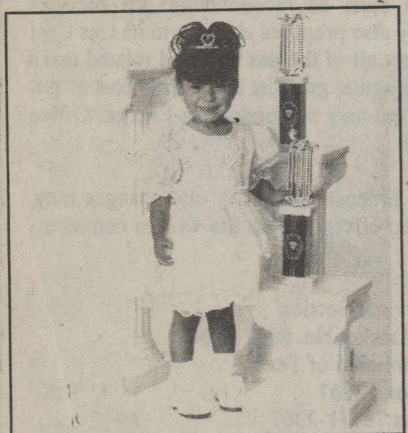
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John, Judy, Robert, Bonnie and Melissa Dunlap, Bud and Barbara Edwards and Elaine LaBaume attended the wedding of Cody and Ginger Paty in Abilene on Saturday, March 11th. Paty and his family, Joe and Rosemary, Shonnon and Jennifer are former residents of Floydada.



DIAMOND MISS PAGEANT-Xandria Martinez competed in the our diamond Miss Pageant held in Roosevelt, March 4th. She won "Most Beautiful" and over all winner, "Best Model." Xandria will go to state held in Abilene in June. Xandria is the granddaughter of Sara Garcia and Balentine Riojas and the daughter of Annett Garcia and Juan Martinez.

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The Alzheimer's Support Group will be held Thursday March 23, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. Paul Walker, M.Ed. Director Of Social Services at Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center will be the speaker. Place: First United Methodist Church 203 Kentucky Floydada, Texas. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED

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Lockney Elementary School Honor Roll

4th Six Weeks Honor Roll
2nd Grade
Jones: Jill Bramlet, Walker Kemp, Anna Sherman, Ellisa Vasquez.
Johnson: Katie Bice, Dora Bueno, Konner Ellison, Kenya Pesina, Tessa Saul, Bethany Wilson.
Golden: Angel Cortez, Lezlie Jackson, Lexie Terrell.
3rd Grade
Long: Beth Daws, Brett Johnson.
Rogers: Kyler Ellison, Segayle Foster, Lucas Hall, Ysenia Molina, Brendi Morales, Estella Rodriguez.
Cotham: Jeremy Barnes, Raul Cruz, Daryn McCarter, Caleb Schumacher.
Poole: Heather Brock, Christopher Carasco, James Mercado.

4th Grade
Kidd: Sence' Foster, Bryan Cooper.
DeLeon: Audrey Collins, Ashley McCulloch, Zachary Montandon.
Marr: Sayla Barnes, Desiree DeLeon, D.J. Hernandez, Tanner Morris, Stephana Villareal.
Dorman: Lauren Stewart, Courtlyn Long, A.J. Jimenez, Leah Ford, Dru Carthel.

5th Grade
Cummings: Audrie Arjona, Jordan Elam, Erin Mangold, Amos Poole, Coby Tannahill, Brandon Wilson.
Rasco: Keyla Pesina, Jon Sherman, Ky Reagan.
Kellison: Rion Auffer, Tyson Carthel, Wes Davis, Yadira Guerrero, Krista Rasco, Kayla Thomas.



LOCKNEY CHEERLEADING TRY OUTS-6th and 7th graders at Lockney tried out March 10th at the Junior High for Shorthorns 2001 cheerleaders. They were: (6th grade) Avery Aston, Jana Smith, Emily Mercado, *Rebekah Thornton, *Lori Terrell, April Lopez, Trinity Ford, *Amber Dorman, Malarie LueBano, Kami Keaton; (7th grade) Jamie Austin, Annie Reecer, Sasha Wood, *Ashley Brock, *Heather Hennagan, Lindsay Collins, Emily Gonzales, *Karah Hrbacek, Addie Foster. (*Chosen) Staff Photo

R.C. Andrews Elementary School Honor Roll

"A" Honor Roll
3rd Grade
 Crystal Alvarez, Bailey Davenport, Chad Davis, Johanna Dawdy, Marissa Herrera, Dusty Hicks, Katie Hinton, Titus Miller, Leanne Owen-Tijerina, Valerie Perez, Aaron Pitts, Jennifer Rainwater, Ryan Robertson, Amber Sisemore, Adela Solis, Lindsey Wells.
4th Grade
 Will Appling, Charles Beedy, William Beedy, Elizabeth Bertrand, Abel Cortinas, Michael Flores, Blake Greer, Emily Griffin, Shaina Hart, Ryan Hayter, Anthony Herrera, Jennifer Jordan, Landon Lackey, Jennifer Leatherman, Cade Miller, Kristyn Muse, Morgan Norrell, Melinda Ramos, Martika Rando, Lindsay Reed, Steven Rodriguez, Tucker Ross, Randa Shurbet, Jimmy Simpson, Amber Smith, Kevin Smith, Kody Smith, Tanner Sue, Kelsey Williams.
5th Grade
 Britnee Brotherton, Taylor Beedy, Joann Cabellero, Kalli Ferguson, Tate Jones, Kayla Kelley, Morgan Marble, Sandra Rendon.
"A-B" Honor Roll
3rd Grade
 Ashley Aleman, Miguel Chairez, Dillon Chesshir, Colton Covington, Tyler Derryberry, James Espinoza, Amber Ferrer, Robert Finley, Aaron Flores, Luis Foster, Richard Gonzalez, Maricela Guerra, Jeffery Jordan, Randy Lerma, Issac Mata, Geraldo Mercado, Jessica Muniz, Nikki Nino, Ashley Ovalle, Ariel Perales, Luis Ramos, Everardo Rodriguez, Sonya Salinas, Elizabeth Sansom, Justin White, Keegan Williams.
4th Grade
 William Baldwin, Kimberly Bueno, Eric Creek, Adriana Diaz, Samantha Flores, Javier Garza, Cassidy Gooch, Allison Griggs, Samuel Guerra, Samuel Guerra, Audrie Hernandez, Rejinaldo Martinez, Brandon Monreal, Victoria Perez, Adam Rainwater, Angela Reyna, Eladio Saldana, Jenaro Segura, Abby Suniga, Cynthia Torres, Stephen Turner, Mary Warren, Brianna Weeks.
5th Grade
 Mickel Arevalo, Michael Arneel, Cameron Battey, Katie Crossland, Jasmine Ferrer, Magan Flores, Raberto Foster, Raymond Gutierrez, Taylor Hilburn, Kami Holbert, Tana Lloyd, Kayla Luna, Kimberly Luna, Ryan Monreal, Bandon Rainwater, Isabel Riojas, Kelsey Ross, Hope Ruiz, Juliann Runnels, Kendal Smart, Justin Vargas, Timothy Vargas, Michael White.

A. B. Duncan Elementary School Honor Roll

1st Grade
"A" Honor Roll
1A
Joiner: Libby Hicks, Dylan Thomas, Matthew Meador.
1B
Martinez: Melissa Ruddell.
1C
Kirk: Carson Battey, Julio Cervera, Lexi Covington, Kelsey Kelley, Erica Marmolejo, David Suarez.
1D
Fannon: Laurie Appling, Jordan Hambright, Juan Olvera.
1E
Dotson: Blake Chavarria, Eric Perez, Rylee Shurbet, Laura Ramos.
1F
Emery: Whitley Beedy, Christi Hill, Alece Annunziato, Mariah Vargas.
2nd Grade
"A" Honor Roll
2A
Morales: Alyssa Arneel, Mason Lipham.
2B
Smith: Kaylie Nutt, Olivia Segura, Joseph Segura.
2C
Lackey: Lindsey Beedy, Jasmine Orozco, Makenzie Schwertner.
2D
Smith: Evan Johnson, Blanca Suarez, Teresa Navas.
2E
Sanders: Jordan Cornelius, Jessica Prisk.
2F
Kunkel: Hallie Bertrand, Daniel Longoria, Maisey Martinez, Micheal Graham, Paige Martinez, Rance Seymour, Rosa Crystal Foster.
"A-B" Honor Roll
1st Grade
1A
Joiner: Danielle Degollad, Erick Doria, Jade Rendon, Chad Rainbolt.
1B
Martinez: Garin Carthel, Adalberto Garcia, W.R. Daniel, Matthew Hinton, Katie McGowen, Troy Morales, Misty DelaFuente, Krystal Ramos.
1C
Kirk: Juan DeOchoa, Breann Gooch, Alma Gonzales, Yelitza Serrato.
1D
Fannon: Meshale Davis, Annabel Lugo, Zaira Moreno, Cassandra Rodriguez, Bryson Session, Gustavo Solis.
1E
Dotson: Arnaldo, Lopez, Mercedes Lerma, Crystal Marmolejo.
1F
Emery: Dalia Martinez, Cameron Hill, Brityn Helms.
2nd Grade
"A-B" Honor Roll
2A
Morales: Jacque Barrientos, Claudia Lopez, Cutter Johnson, Willie Vela, Clay Suniga.
2B
Smith: Elizabeth Ibarra, Miles Marble, Joey Martinez.
2C
Lackey: Megan Aleman, J.C. Chappell, Randy Kennedy.
2D
Smith: Celia Aguilar, Cesar Mata, D'Ann Garza, Laci Nixon, Anthony Segura, Maria Delval.
2E
Sanders: Clinton Hatcher, Laura Arellano, Juan Rodriguez, Joe Avila, Jessie Ibarra, Geoffrey Sanchez, Kortney Willimas, Crystal Yanich.
2F
Kunkel: David Diaz, Patrick Poteet, Jannica Ramirez, Bryan Ascencio, Zachary Baldwin, Abigail Miller.

Lockney School Menu

March 20-24
Monday
Breakfast: Pancakes/Cereal, syrup, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Steak Fingers/PBJ Sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy, green peas, applesauce, hot rolls, milk.
Tuesday
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs/Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Chili Dog/Ham and Cheese on Bun, potato rounds, salad, peaches, milk.
Wednesday
Breakfast: Rice/Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce/Burrito, lettuce and tomato salad, mixed fruit with gelatin, green beans, Italian bread, milk.
Thursday
Breakfast: Ham and egg Burrito/Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Beef Tacos/Grilled Cheese, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, orange half, milk.
Friday
Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll/Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Hamburger/Corndog, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, apple cobbler, milk.

Floydada School Menu

Monday
Breakfast: Cereal, graham crackers, cheese toast, milk, juice.
Lunch: Grilled Cheese Sandwich/PBJ Sandwich, vegetable beef soup, fresh broccoli, Ranch dressing, crackers, fruit, cup, milk.
Tuesday
Breakfast: Cereal, graham crackers, oatmeal, sausage, milk, juice.
Lunch: Tacos/Chef Salad, grated cheese, Spanish rice, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, pears, milk.
Wednesday
Breakfast: Cereal, graham crackers, cherry or blueberry muffins, yogurt, milk, juice.
Lunch: Country Fried Steak/PBJ Sandwich, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, jello with whipped topping, milk.
Thursday
Breakfast: Cereal, graham crackers, pancakes, syrup, milk, juice.
Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce/Chef Salad, garlic bread, corn, tossed salad, fruit cobbler, milk.
Friday
Breakfast: Cereal, graham crackers, late risers, milk, juice.
Lunch: Chicken Patty Sandwich/PBJ Sandwich, Ranch Style Beans, French fries, apple, milk.



LOCKNEY BOY SCOUTS BACKPACKING-The Lockney Boy Scout Troop 259 are shown ready for their backpacking trip recently to Caprock Canyons State Park and Camp Haynes near Quitaque. (back row, l-r) Danny Huggins, Jim Huggins, Jeffrey Hunter, Wade Miller, Will O'Connell, Danny Molina, Roy Molina, Abel Rodriguez; (front) Pat O'Connell. Courtesy Photo



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NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

On March 8, 2000 Energas Company filed a proposal with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated area ("Environs") surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities listed below. The Company proposes to change its environs rates to the same level as the Company is proposing for the sixty-seven West Texas cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The environs rates will not change until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities change. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. The proposed changes will affect all classes of environs tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers. There are approximately 22,275 Environs customers in the sixty-seven West Texas Cities. The proposed changes in environs rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law in the environs of Lubbock and Odessa. The new environs rates will not exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services of all municipalities served by Energas in the same county.

Energas proposes to restructure its gas rates to moderate bill variability during the heating season, to increase its revenues from gas service by increasing the customer charges and lower pricing blocks and to increase its charges for miscellaneous services such as reconnecting gas services following nonpayment. The Company also proposes changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of the gas cost and related taxes instead of just the difference between actual gas cost and a base cost of gas in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may be obtained at Energas Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed environs rate changes may, within 30 days following the proposed effective date file written comments or a protest with:

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Griselda Lopez is the daughter of Juanita S. And Demencio Lopez. Griselda feels her most important achievement is "making it to the twelfth grade from all the years that have passed." Her favorite movie is "Hamlet," her favorite vacation trip is to Mexico, and her favorite color is blue. After graduation Griselda plans to enter "South Plains college in Levelland to become a teacher for elementary students, go study to be a nurse (LVN) and go on from there."



Jessica Coronado is the daughter of Juanita Coronado. Keeping her grades acceptable is what Jessica considers her most significant accomplishment. Her favorite movie is "Braveheart," favorite color is pink and her favorite song is "Smooth" by Santana and Rob Thomas. After graduation Jessica plans to attend West Texas A&M University and major in mass communications. She hopes to enter into the print or broadcasting journalistic fields.



Clay Horn is the son of "Mom and Dad" (Jennifer and Wendell Horn). clay considers his greatest accomplishments to be "graduating and having fun all through school (all 13 years of it) and not getting caught." His favorite television show is college sports, his favorite comic strip is "Calvin and Hobbes" and his favorite food is barbecue. According to Clay after graduation he plans to attend Texas Tech University (or take a road trip?)



Lonny Nelson is the son of Terry and Kevin Nelson. Lonny believes his most important accomplishment was "when me and my dad finished rebuilding my pickup." His favorite movie is "Austin Powers," his favorite color is green, and his favorite hobby is playing the guitar. Lonny plans to attend Tarleton State University after graduation in May.



Floyd County 4-H'ers place high at Houston stock show

By J.D. Ragland
A total of 33 Floyd County 4-H members exhibited livestock at the Houston Livestock Show, February 23-March 4.

Beginning the week of February 23 all swine exhibitors were required to go through a sifting process held in Brenham. This year a total of 3,800 barrows arrived and concluding the five day process only 660 swine made in on to Houston.

4-H swine exhibitors and results include: Brady Ragland, 2nd place Hvy. Wt. Cross; Ragan Beedy, 3rd place Hvy. Wt. Cross; Kimberly

Garza, 11th place Lt. Md. Cross; Molly Long, 13th place Lt. Hvy Hamp and Kim Green, 14th place Hvy Wt. Cross. Others exhibiting swine were: Jesalyn Bradley, Josh Bradley, Cienna Carthel, Tyler Derryberry, Javier Garza, Tate Jones, Morgan Norrell, Jason Nutt, Lindsey Nutt and Spencer Schacht.

Lamb exhibitors were Nathan Hancock and Amanda Hancock with Amanda receiving 12th place with her Hvy Wt southdown.

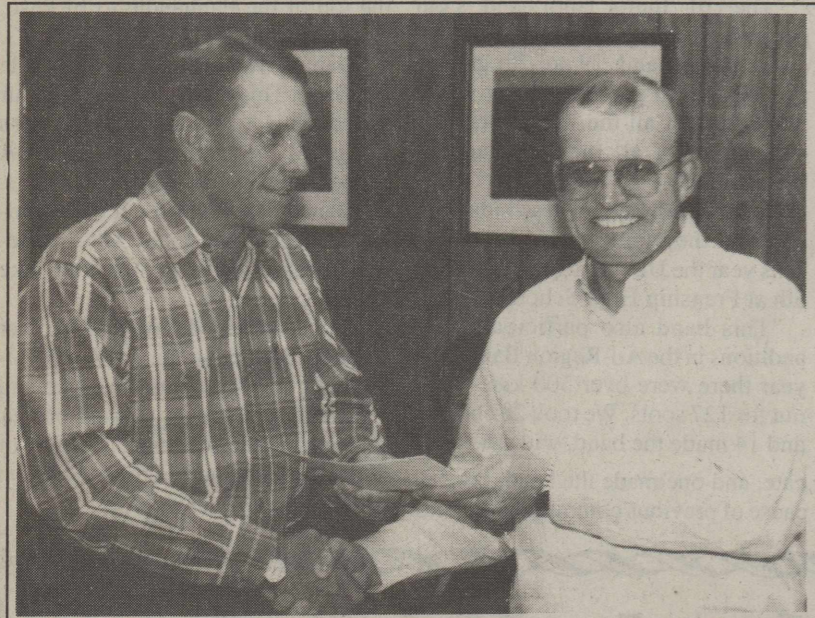
Steer exhibitors were 17 strong with the following results: Mandi Wood, 3rd place Hvy Wt. Polled Hereford; Dustin Covington, 4th place Hvy Wt.

Chianina; Reagan Heflin, 5th place Hvy Wt. MaineAnjou; Kendra Covington, 5th place Md. Wt. Red Angus; Ty Heflin, 8th place Md. Wt. AOB; Jurahee Jones, 9th place Hvy Wt. AOB; Colton Covington, 12th place Lt Wt. AOB; Tate Jones, 13th place Hvy Wt. Chianina. Other steer exhibitors were: Taylor Beedy, Blake Greer, Tate Greer, Ty Hendrix, Scott Nixon, Brady Ragland, Cody Ware, Clay Ware, and Tye Wood.

We would like to extend our congratulations to all these exhibitors for their hard work and accomplishments at this years Houston Livestock Show.



WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES-The day after the First Baptist Church's fire, which gutted the old auditorium and the Sunday School building, demolition crews were tearing down the dangerous brick walls. The fire brought in fire fighters from all the surrounding towns to help control the blaze. Staff Photo



NEW FHS HEAD FOOTBALL COACH AND "TEACHER OF THE MONTH"-Lee Hurt (right) was named, March 9th, as the new 2000-01 FHS Head Football Coach/Athletic Director and "Teacher of the Month." FHS President Mitch Probasco is shown presenting Hurt with his certificate. Hurt had been the FHS assistant coach for the past 17 years. See related FHS story. Staff Photo

FHS Powerlifters going to state

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compete. "I felt like we had a good chance to compete for the regional title when we went to Sundown," said Powerlifting Coach David Kennedy. "The guys worked hard and competed very well. It is amazing to win Regionals with a four man team and these four along with their other teammates deserve all the credit. Now we can focus our attention on the State Meet and do our best to win a State title."

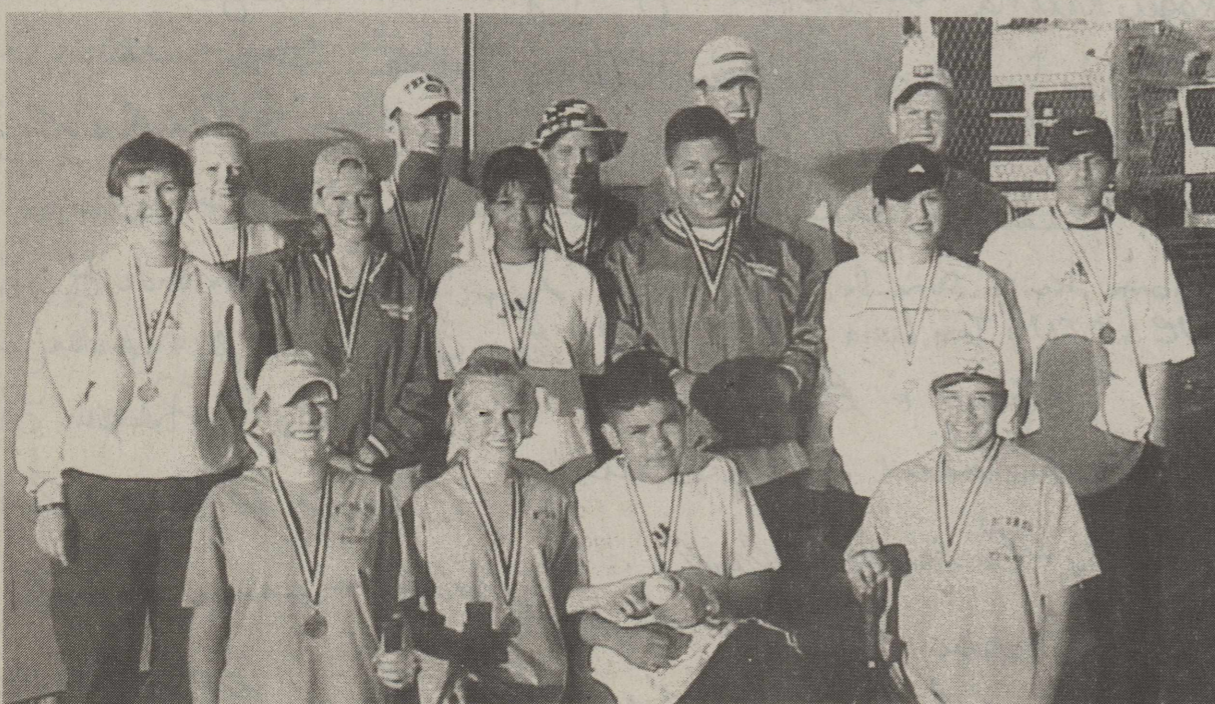
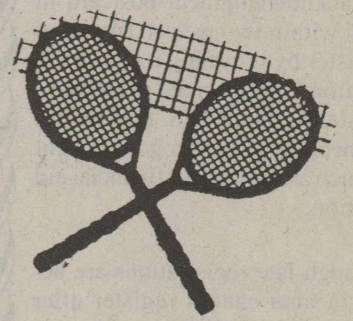
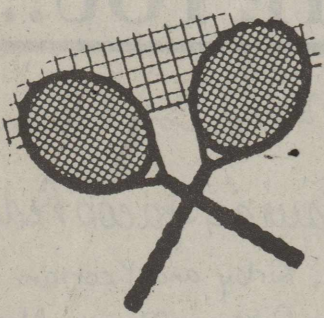
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Floydada places 2nd at Shallowater track meet

By Coach Lightfoot
Floydada High School's Justin McGuire ignored the effects of a strained muscle that kept him out of all but one event to establish a school record in the high jump last Friday at the Shallowater Invitational track meet.

Jumping into a brisk north wind, the Whirlwind senior cleared the bar at 6 feet, 6 inches to erase the old record he tied last year. The former mark of 6 feet, 5 inches was originally set in 1990 by Ryan Burns. The performance came just one hour after McGuire injured a muscle on his first attempt in the triple jump, forcing him to withdraw from all but one of his customary five events.

McGuire's injury proved to be a prelude to a series of minor leg woes suffered by FHS sprinters as the squad finished second to former Class 3A nemesis Littlefield in the team race, 118-111. Current District 7-2A rival new Deal finished a distant third with 71 points in the nine team competition. Sprinters Daryl Henderson, Edward Port, and Clay Horn each suffered minor injuries in the early going that kept them out of some of their events.

"None of the injuries are major, but we'll have to be careful with them for a couple of weeks," Coach Randall Lightfoot said. "There's no question we would have won the meet if they had competed in all their events, but it would have been silly to try."

"If it had been the district championship, all of them would have run. Plus, Porter and Clay, as well a couple of others, were forced to leave early in the morning and play two games in baseball earlier in the day. They showed up at the track meet about 10 minutes before the running began. They were dog tired before they put

on their uniforms, and it showed." On the track, some of the best news for FHS came from junior Tyrel Fuller. A nagging injury all season as a sophomore kept Fuller from following up as he hoped on his outstanding freshman campaign. However, Fuller showed signs of good things to come in the 400 meter relay with a strong run around the second curve as the team finished third with Porter limping home in the final 50 meters of the race.

In the 200, Fuller ran another strong curve and then demolished the field with his stretch run that gave him a 5 yard margin of victory in 23.10. He saved the best, however, for last - the 1,600 meter relay. To make it even more interesting, a 20 MPH north wind and temperatures in the low 40s swept the stadium and runners.

Younger brother T.J. Fuller - another of the baseballers putting in a marathon day - opened the relay and senior David Lightfoot took over the second leg for the ailing McGuire. Although third runner, Jermane Wickware got the baton in sixth place in the six team race, less than 10 yards separated all the teams. The long striding junior responding with his second best relay performance of all time, 54.4, despite having to crash through two opponents waiting to begin the anchor leg of the relay.

Fuller lost the scant FHS lead on the backstretch while battling the winds. Boxed in temporarily coming into the homestretch, the elder Fuller found an opening and scorched the final 80 meters of the track to finish more than 10 yards ahead of runner up Littlefield. Earlier in the meet, Wickware and T.J. Fuller finished third and fourth, respectively, in the 400 meter dash.

"T.J. and David didn't have real fast

times on their legs, but they ran hard and kept us in the hunt," coach Lightfoot said. "T.J. has gotten so big and strong, it's easy to forget he's a sophomore. Asking him to run two hard races after a full day of baseball is a load, but he just took a deep breath and did the job. I hated to ask David to run on the relay because he doesn't train for it, but we ran out of people and he knows how important this race is to the whole team. As for Jermane and Tyrel, nothing I can say comes close to describing how well they ran in awful conditions."

Brandon Wickware, who arrived just as the shot put competition was getting under way, picked up Floydada's only other win. Trailing going into the finals, Wickware tossed the 12 pound ball 48 feet, five inches for the gold medal. Henderson, a sixth place finisher in the 100 in 11.5, also medaled in the field events with a three place effort of 39-6 in the triple jump. Zack McNew added points as he equaled his career best of 5-10 for fourth in the high jump and set a personal record of 19-7 in the long jump for fifth.

Rocky Reyes got his sophomore season off to a big start with a pair of come from behind finishes to take third in both the 3,200 meter and 1,600 meter runs. Reyes turned in a personal record time of 5:26.9 in the shorter race and clocked an 11:41.3 in the eight lapper. Junior Josh Caballero added a fifth in the metric mile.

McNew and Lightfoot finished in a virtual tie in their heat of the 110 meter high hurdles with times of 16.5. McNew got the nod for third and Lightfoot was fourth. The clocking tied McNew's best ever and was just a tenth away for Lightfoot's best. Lightfoot also missed his career best by a tenth in the 300 hurdles with a 43.8 for fifth.

SPORTS

Odom gives FISH board report on bands

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be for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades.

"First, we have to write our own program (to qualify) and we are in the midst of doing this. We have to have this written plan turned into the commissioner by June 1.

"And second, we have to keep a detailed inventory and a budget list of everything we buy and each item must be justified why and how it is being used.

"Thirdly, it must be brought before the local (school) board so the local board understands that this is a low group chart," Campbell added.

Morales made the motion to approve these expenditures. It was seconded by Lloyd and unanimously approved.

Upon the recommendation by Administrative Dick Van Hoose, the board adopted all titles of only approved textbooks for the school year 2000-2001.

The board also approved the recommendation of Superintendent Jimmie Collins to appoint Jaynette Harrison of Precinct No. 1 as School Trustee Election Judge for the May 6, 2000 elections and Maybelle Monreal as Alternate Judge.

Lloyd made the motion to adopt the teacher's choice of school calendar "A" for the year 2000-2001. It was seconded by Brown and unanimously passed.

FHS Band Director John Odom gave the board an overview of the high school band and its progress so far this year.

Odom said, "We start our kids in the

6th grade. This year we have a brass class of 24 student and a wood wind percussion class made up of 28 students.

"This has really been a wonderful thing for us. We have been able to double out teaching time and the students have progressed twice as fast as before. These 52 students make up 71 percent of the 6th grade class.

"We have an Intermediate Band this year with 19 7th graders in it, along with the 8th graders. These students audition for these positions and we have fewer dropouts. We move some of these later to baritones and tubas and in about a month they just blossom.

"These kids in the Intermediate Band participate in the Christmas Concert, the Plains Congress, the Floydada Band Festival and they play with all the UIL band at all the Junior High pep rallies.

"The UIL Junior High band is our performing group and we have 59 students in this band. 29 are 7th graders and 30 are 8th graders. This gives us 54 percent of all the 7th graders and 43 percent of all the 8th graders," Odom added.

Odom continued, "These kids audition and they go to the UIL contest. This year the UIL contest will be April 5th at Frenship High School.

"This band also participates and auditions in the All-Region Band. This year there were over 500 kids trying out for 127 spots. We took 28 children and 14 made the band, with one alternate, and one made the band, but because of previous commitments could

not go," Odom said.

Odom told the board, "At the Floydada Band Festival, we have between 35 to 45 bands and some 2,000 to 2,500 kids during 1 and 1/2 days.

"We have groups from Portales, New Mexico, Childress, Denver City, Lubbock, Cohoma, and Plainview. We are one of the largest Junior High Band Festivals in the state of Texas.

Concerning the High School Band Odom added, "We have 73 students in our High School Band. They participate in three different marching contests at the Plainview Marching Festival, at Tech, and at UIL.

"They do All-Region UIL solo and ensemble concerts which will be April 20th at Wayland University. This year we will take a spring trip to Dallas, and we do our Christmas and Spring concerts as well.

"From regional they go to the Area level consisting of all the schools from the top of the Panhandle to El Paso, Odessa and all the West Texas schools.

"Daniel Dotson once again made All-State. This is the 3rd time out of four years. This is an audition process where all the Class A, 2A, and 3A schools come to the Regional tryouts.

"Daniel came in 3rd out of 7 trumpets selected. Not many kids are selected three times to All-State like Daniel Dotson.

Odom concluded, "We had 10 other students that made the A-2A All-Region High School Band. We also had 16 students who participated on our solo and ensemble contest. Eight of these students qualified for State on Memorial Day weekend."

18 year olds must register with SS

More than 250,000 men have registered with Selective Service using the Internet since the program's inauguration exactly one year ago. Agency officials say on-line registrations now account for anniversary of the Selective Service System's popular Internet registration program. Its start-up received world wide press coverage last year.

Federal law requires men turning 18 who reside in the United States, citizens and non-citizens alike, to register with Selective Service within 30 days every year. About two million men are required to register every year. Male U.S. Citizens reaching age 18 must register regardless of where they live, so Internet registration is especially convenient for American men who reside overseas.

To register on-line, a man with a valid Social Security number must connect to the Selective Service Web Site at <http://www.sss.gov>. After keying in his registration information, he clicks on the "Submit" button and instantly receives his Selective Service number. Additionally, he receives a formal acknowledgment postcard in the mail within two weeks. Men also can register by returning a mail-back registration form received in the mail, by registering at any U.S. Post office, or by checking a box on government forms such as the student financial aid application.

Although late registrations are accepted, a man cannot register after reaching age 26. Failure to register is a felony and causes a man to be ineligible for student loans and grants for college, most federal and many state jobs, jobs with the U.S. Postal Service, and federal job training programs. Moreover, male immigrants who are subject to the registration requirement also may be denied U.S. Citizenship if they do not register.

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Floydada JV take 2nd place at Shallowater meet

By Coach Lightfoot

The Floydada junior varsity track team opened its season with a strong second place finish here Friday at the Shallowater Invitational.

Brady Rainwater led the way for FHS by winning the 800 in 2:24.5, finishing second in the triple jump, running the quickest leg - 57.4 - on the runner up 1,600 meter relay, and taking sixth in the long jump. Dustin Covington had a hand in Floydada's two other winning efforts on the track as he took the 300 hurdles in 46.8 and

ran the third leg of the victorious 400 meter relay. He added a 58.9 stint on the long relay.

Brandon Marler, who took second in the pole vault at nine feet, six inches, opened the sprint relay. He handed off to Jeremy Duran, who added a fifth in the 400 and opened the long relay. Andrew Arvizu, fifth in the long jump, anchored the winning quartet and overcame a two yard deficit to win by three yards. It proved to be Arvizu's last event as he strained a muscle in the race and scratched

from the 100 and 200, races in which he was one of the pre-meet favorites.

Matt Kirk took the only other gold medal for FHS. Taking his cue from the school record of his varsity teammate, Kirk cleared 5-6 for first in the high jump. Tyler Battey took third in the 1,600 and fourth in the 3,200 with times of 5:51.8 and 13:33.2 Josh Van Hoose added a fifth in the longer race in 13:37.6 Dustin Fincher, the fourth member of the 1,600 relay, and Bryce Bowley, sixth in the shot put, rounded out the team scoring.

Lightfoot to play football at Oberlin College near Cleveland

Floydada High School senior David Lightfoot has been accepted as an incoming freshman and has agreed to play football at Oberlin College in Ohio this fall.

Oberlin College, located about 25 miles southwest of Cleveland, is ranked as one of the top 25 liberal arts colleges in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report* and competes in NCAA Division III athletics. Lightfoot ranks in the top 10 of his class and is a member of the National Honor Society. He plans to major in

computer science and mathematics at Oberlin.

Although recruited by Oberlin as a tailback, Lightfoot was a four-year starter for Floydada at linebacker. He earned first team all district honors at the position for three years and was a two time honorable mention pick at linebacker on the All South Plains team as selected by the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal*. His senior year, Lightfoot also earned first team all district honor at fullback after leading the team in rushing and averaging

over 9 yards per carry.

In addition to football, Lightfoot is a three year letterman in track and has competed with the powerlifting and basketball teams. He is president of the school chapter of Business Professionals of America. He was a member of the two time regional web page design team at FHS. He was also a member of the district all star cast for two years in one act play competition and has competed in U.I.L academic contests throughout school in number sense and math.

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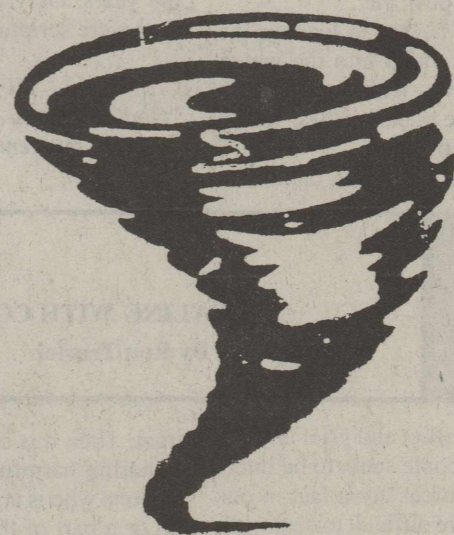
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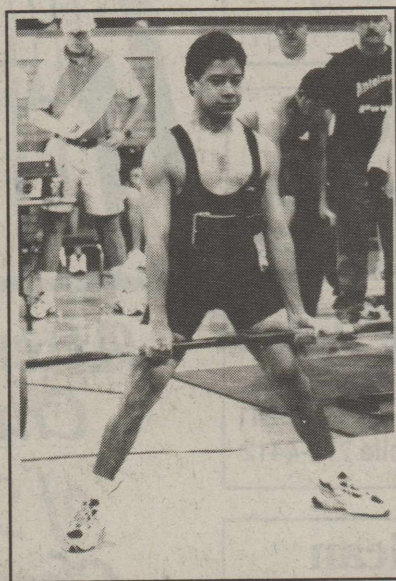
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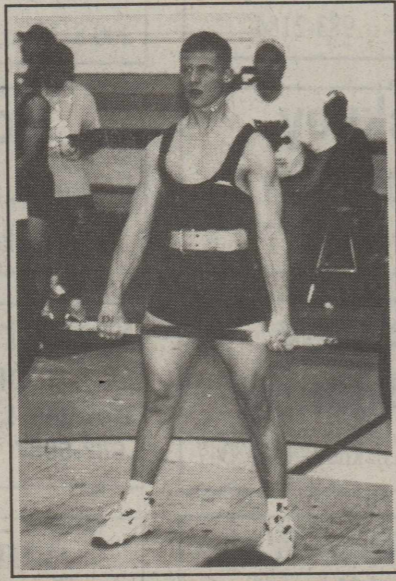
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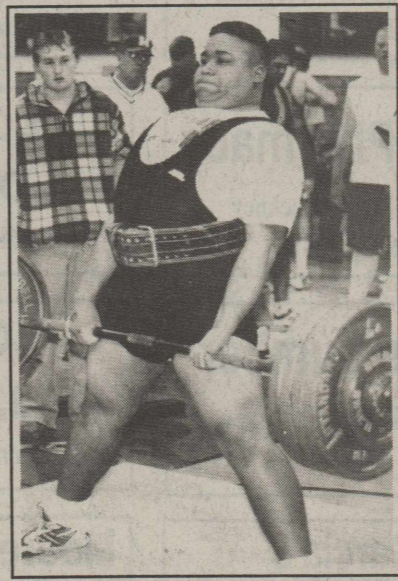
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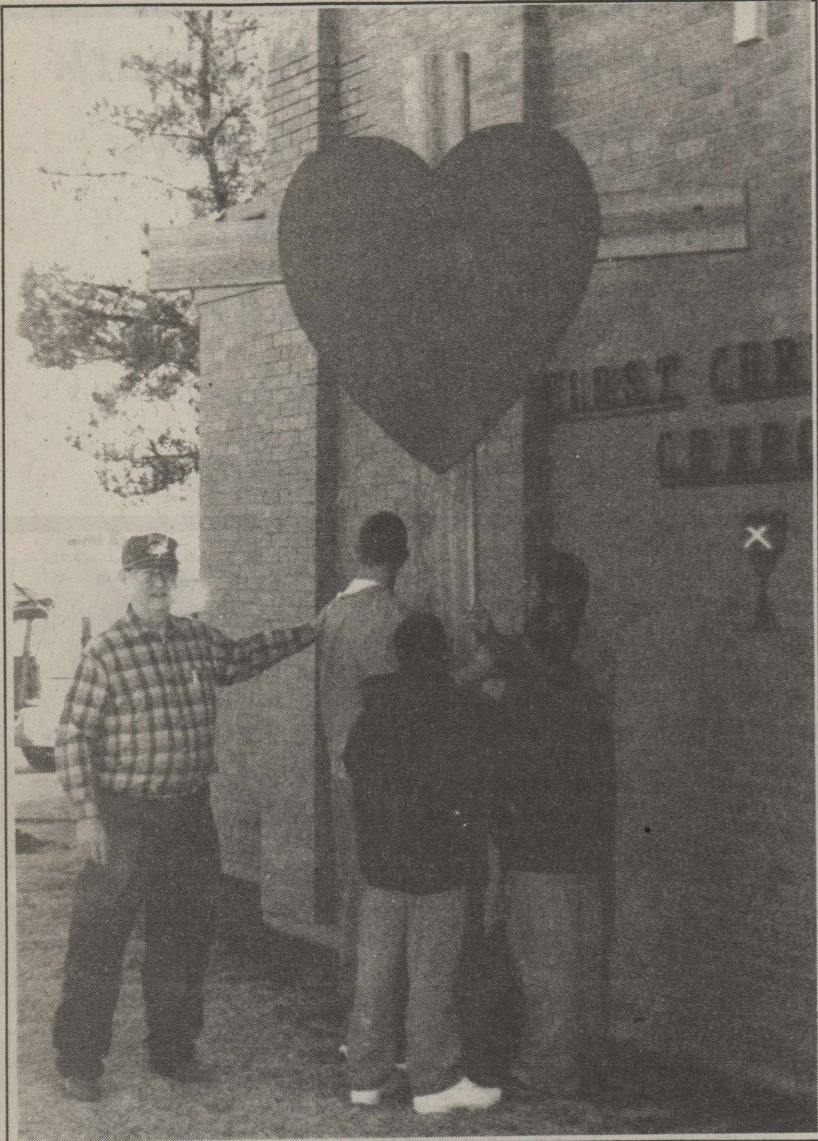
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FIRST CHRISTIAN RAISES CROSS-Vick Sedinger and some boys from Floydada PAC help raise the Annual First Christian Cross for the six weeks leading up to Easter. A new symbol will be added to the cross each week before the Easter Sunday worship day, April 23rd. Staff Photo



The Country Preacher
By Pastor Darwin Robinson

EXCUSE ME, BUT IT WAS A FUNNY BAPTISM-My family and I had been visiting the church in Veracruz, Mexico for a couple of years. I helped the pastor in conferences and he helped me find correspondent students in the area.

Our monthly correspondence school students numbered over 2,000.

My wife, Patsy, did the grading and record keeping, while our two boys, Dean and Tim, made the envelopes by cutting and gluing them together.

My family was with me on this particular trip back in the early '70's. Brother Juan told us there were three candidates awaiting baptism by immersion in a village near the beach.

Brother Juan said he had never baptized in the ocean. And I had never seen a baptismal service in the ocean.

Brother Juan and all three candidates waded out to waist deep water. He began his pre-baptismal speech, "in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, etc."

By the time he began leaning the candidate backwards into the water, the tide or waves would wash back out towards the ocean and he would be in ankle deep water. So he would bring the candidate

back up to a standing position and start the speech all over. Again he would start down and the water would go away.

This happened over and over again, until it became very funny looking. The kids were snickering by now and I could not hold the laughter back either.

I tried to help Brother Juan by yelling at him over the roar of the waves. I would try to get him to go further out and delay his speech so his baptism would be in timing with the waves coming in, not out.

He just could not get the timing down. He was becoming frustrated. He began pushing the candidates down into the shallow water hoping they would be covered by an incoming wave.

Excuse me, but it was funny! He finally got them wet enough to call it immersion, but I have thought a lot about those three baptisms over the years. Only the Lord knows if they were scripturally baptized.

MORAL OF THE STORY:
"God's timing in our lives may seem strange, but remember He always knows best."



DEALING WITH CONFLICT
By Ron Trusler

Handling conflict and grief are two subjects that people seem to be interested in. Both areas are a fact in our lives and they are difficult to deal with. These next three weeks will deal with various aspects of Dealing With Conflict. This week's article will focus on Causes of Conflict. The second and third week's articles will be on Signs of Conflict and Confronting Conflict.

You can apply these things to any group of people - family, church, club, community, and job. I will be writing with the job in mind. You can make it fit whatever situation you wish.

Conflict is not a pleasant thing to deal with, however, it can be handled constructively. Many who supervise others are afraid of dealing with conflict. Therefore, they disguise it by compassion. They think things like, "I do not want to upset them, at the time," "I will wait for a better time," etc. If the conflict is major, you may need to swallow hard and face it before it gets too out-of-hand.

There can be several factors involved in causing conflict in an organization. However, I believe there are two main causes at the root of most conflict. These causes make things worse or bigger than they really are.

The biggest cause is gossip. Things are blown completely out of proportion. All of us are guilty of this. Gossip can be enjoyable until we are the

target. Then it is bad. I define gossip as sharing harmful information with someone who is not a part of the problem or a part of the solution. If I am talking or listening, I must ask myself (1) Is this harmful information? (2) Am I, or are they a part of the problem or solution? If not then the talking needs to stop. You may use the excuse that you are concerned about the problem and that is why you are interested. Now, be honest. That is not really why. You just want to know the nitty-gritty-stuff. You are affected by what you hear. One big problem with gossip is the situation that is being talked about can get cleared up but those who have been affected by hearing the junk can still have bad, negative thoughts about it.

The second big cause of conflict in an organization is people taking up an offense. This is where, for example, two people may be at odds with each other and another person sides with one of the two. The third person does not know the whole story, was not in on all of it but they jump-on-the-bandwagon and get all ticked off, also. The problem gets bigger and bigger.

Next week this column will talk about how you can tell when the conflict is minor or when it is big enough to address - Signs of Conflict Within and Organization.

Floyd County Church Directory

AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Henry Martin, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
607 W. Lee St., Floydada
J.D. Young, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
983-5278
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Evening Services 7:30 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Glenn Truett, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

CARR'S CHAPEL
Service Every Sunday:
Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
West College & Third,
Lockney
Frank Duckworth, Evangelist
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 8:00 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
Doug Rainbolt - Minister
Floydada
Sunday:
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
(Summer 8:00 p.m.)

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
701 W. Missouri, Floydada
Vance Mitchell, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening
Evangelistic 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Night Service 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
401 S. Main, Floydada
Anthony D. Sisemore, Pastor
Michael Holster
Education/Music
Les Reed, Minister of Students
Sunday:
Instrumental Ensemble 8:30 a.m.
Church-wide Pre-Sunday School Fellowship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Discipleship Training, Nursery, Mission Friends, Team Kid, Bible Drill, Youth Drama and Adult Bible Study 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Celestial Ringers 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Children's Choir 4:00 p.m.
Evening Meal 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Time (All Ages) 6:30 p.m.
Nursery, Preschool Choir, RA's, GA's Sanctuary Choir, Youth Bible Study, Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Lockney
Cecil Golden - Interim Pastor
Philip Oswald, Director of Music
Rodney Hunt, Youth Minister
Sunday:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Youth 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Youth Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Adult Choir 8:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Reverend Ione Sedinger
Pastor
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Monday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Wendell Horn, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lockney
Russ Byard, Pastor
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
UMY 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
United Methodist Women,
Hill Circle, 3rd Tues. 9:30 a.m.
Ruth Wesley Circle:
2nd & 4th Mondays 10:30 a.m.

FRIENDSHIP CHAPEL CME
Floydada
Rev. James Jenkins
Sunday 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study 8:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
211 N. Main, Lockney
Interdenominational Church
806-652-2332
Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
Jim McCartney, Pastor
Wednesday:
Communion Service 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Joe Bennett, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Monday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday:
Prayer Service 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lockney
Russell Harris, Minister
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
BTU 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Mid-Week Prayer 7:00 p.m.
Thursday:
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Sunday: Congregational
Singing 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges
Telephone (806) 585-6342

POWER OF PRAISE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
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Sunday Services 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Friday - Youth Service 7:00 p.m.

PRIMER IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Lockney
Pedro Villareal, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 5:00 p.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
G.A.'s 7:30 p.m.
Ambassadors 7:30 p.m.
Fellowship Luncheon -
1st Sunday of Month;
Music Worship;
Last Sunday with evening service

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Floydada
Rev. Lupe Rando
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
Jim McCartney, Pastor
Wednesday:
Communion Service 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
Ernest Stewart, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD TEMPLO GETSEMANI
308 Mississippi
Rev. Alejandro Ruiz Jr.
983-2864 or 983-5286
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Evangelistic
Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Family Night 7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Floydada
Father John Olig
Deacon Ricky Vasquez
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Mass 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Mass 6:30 p.m.
Rosary recited 1/2 hour before each Mass
Phone: 983-5878

TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM
Lockney
Pedro Reyes, Interim Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 p.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Christian Training 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

TEMPLO BETHEL SPANISH ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Washington and 1st St.
Lockney 652-1008
Interim Pastor, Eliseo Ovalle
983-6202
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO EVANGELICO PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
515 E. Missouri, Floydada
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

TEMPLO LIBERTAD
203 SE 2nd, Lockney
652-2793
Pastor Juan A. Gutierrez
Wednesday Evening 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 5:00 p.m.

TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA
Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Service 2:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday:
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Thursday Service 7:30 p.m.

TRINITY CHURCH
500 W. Houston Floydada
Interdenominational Church
Henry Russell, Pastor
983-5499
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
4th Sunday Singing 6:00 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Providence Community
on FM 2301 293-3009
Caryl Miller, Pastor
Sunday School &
Adult Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Floydada 983-3548
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.

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Psalm 91:9-11

State climatologist predicts La Nina state drought to continue

Some East Texas old-timers are already saying the current drought is worse than the drought of 1955-56, but from historical records, it's not quite that bad.

At least, not yet, said Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon acting climatologist for Texas.

"If we don't get rain for another two months, then it will be comparable," said Nielsen-Gammon, associate professor with the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University in College Station.

The current drought does have some features in common with the drought of 1955-56. Where as the rainless months of most droughts fall during the late spring and summer, both the 1955-56 drought and the current drought have been characterized by a dry fall and winter.

Though East Texas could receive substantial rains this spring, the odds are slightly in favor of the drought continuing, according to Nielsen-Gammon.

Based on the strength of La Nina, he put the chances the drought will continue at 60/40: that is, 60 percent for the drought to continue for at least another couple of months.

Climatologists refer to abnormally cold sea-surface temperatures stretching from the coast of South America across the eastern tropical Pacific as a "La Nina episode." There has been a strong "La Nina episode" present since the summer of 1998.

While the strength of this La Nina has varied since that year, the pool of cold water has recently re-intensified. Climatologists with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) forecast it to remain in place until at least spring 2000.

The colder than normal water of La Nina reduces the number and strength of tropical thunderstorms in its area. The reduced tropical thunderstorms in turn affect circulation patterns over the United States. The path of the jet stream across North America is altered, giving differing parts of the country more or less storms than usual.

Not only is it more likely the drought will continue through the spring of 2000, new research indicates Texas producers might do well to plan for drought rather than to plan against it.

A study by U.S. Department of Agriculture researchers looked at long-term variations in precipitation from Nebraska southward through northern and eastern Texas. The study shows the past 20 years or so have been very wet compared to the rest of the century. Moreover, the 20-year wet period is unmatched in historical weather records. In other words, what is seen as a series of droughts since 1995 may be more of the norm than the exception.

Combs: "Managing ground water key to future"

By Susan Combs, Agriculture Commissioner

There's an old saying, "You never know the worth of water 'til the well runs dry." With Texas in its third major drought in four years, soon we all may be learning just how valuable a reliable water supply is to the growth and economic survival of the Lone Star State.

It's a harsh lesson agriculture already has had to learn. And with more and more public water supplies rationing water this year, urban areas may be forced to look elsewhere for reliable water resources.

What is becoming increasingly evident in Texas is the necessity to develop new and innovative ways to manage our groundwater that ensures fairness and equity—to both agriculture and urban needs.

For decades, many landowners believed their property right interest in groundwater was best protected by Texas' rule of capture—they could pump as much water as they could use, as long as it was not wasteful or malicious.

But if you look at underground water pumping as sipping from a straw, a farmer or rancher sips from a relatively very small straw. For example, on a practical level, a midsize city uses a pipe ranging up to 60 inches in size to withdraw groundwater and pumps 365 days a year. An average farmer or rancher uses an 8-inch pipe only seasonally.

Historically, most landowners had essentially equal ability to withdraw water from a common supply. However, with the advent of new technology and explosive population growth, we are seeing situations where those with the biggest straw are using the rule of capture to defend their right to withdraw as much water as they choose. As the Texas Supreme Court recently pointed out in the *Ozarka*

The USDA researchers noted that farmers and ranchers who know they are in the middle of a wet period may be able to take advantage of the increased rainfall.

On the other hand, all wet periods come to an end, and if the present drought is simply a return to more "normal" rainfall patterns, it may be time to get used to it," Nielsen-Gammon said.

The unusual pattern of the current drought has caught many East Texas producers off guard, said Dr. Todd Thrift, Texas Agricultural Extension Service livestock specialist.

With good rains in the spring and early summer, most producers grew abundant hay. However, expecting more rain, ranchers sold what they saw as surplus hay.

Now, with no winter pasture and low hay stocks, many East Texas producers are beginning to experience forage shortages.

The traditional management strategy during a drought is to wean and sell off calves. The theory is that getting rid of the calf lowers a cow's nutrient needs.

Because lightweight weaned calves, those under 300 pounds, do not consume very much forage, the more appropriate strategy may be to sell older cows, those 8 years and older, and young replacement heifers producers planned to keep, Thrift said.

"Selling off potential replacement heifers goes against the grain of traditional strategies, but the young heifer is a high-forage consumer and two years away from generating any income. Plus, she's worth a lot right now as a feeder heifer," Thrift said.

Dr. Greg Clary, Extension economist, said livestock producers should consider permanently lowering stocking rates and inputs even without drought conditions.

"Being proactive now might prevent them from having to later abandon the cow-calf business altogether," Clary said.

Even in times of good rainfall, economic analysis of East Texas operations show they could be more profitable if producers lowered their stocking rates and capital inputs.

"For some, the flexibility offered by having stockers may be less stressful than maintaining a cow-calf herd," Clary said.

Dr. Larry Redmon, Extension forage specialist, said, "Drought management is not business as usual."

Cattle producers need to be proactive not reactive. Hay supplies are already short, and if producers wait until March or April to call herds may be too late, Redmon said.

Redmon, as do many other agricultural professionals, believe there's a good chance the drought will continue for some time.

By permanently reducing stocking

rates, ranchers can position themselves to operate efficiently during dry times. During wet periods they could wean calves and raise stocker cattle to take advantage of increased forage supplies.

"Too many producers presently are stocked right on the ragged edge," Redmon said.

This also might be a good year to consider drilling a well instead of relying on creeks or stock ponds, Redmon noted.

"For some, it's not going to be a question of enough grass but enough water," he said.

While drought can have an immediate impact on livestock, tree crops don't mature in a few years, and foresters tend to think in decade rather than years. That's why Dr. Eric Taylor, Extension forestry specialist, considers the weather of the past couple of years as a "dry spell."

Taylor explained, "By definition, droughts last a decade or more. Though there's quite a bit of data suggesting this is the early middle of a real drought."

East Texas sandy soils dry out pretty quickly, however, and Taylor says it's a good idea to start using drought-management strategies for forests now.

"We're definitely discouraging landowners from re-seeding pine on hillsides and other dry areas. If they have seedlings, then using them in bottomland or areas with sub-irrigation is a better bet," Taylor said.

For existing forest stands, he recommends, remove all unwanted vegetation such as brush, weeds and undesirable trees to make more nutrients and water available to the remaining trees.

"If they do this, they're essentially watering their trees," Taylor said.

In conjunction with the mild winter, the drought could make for an unusual insect situation in East Texas this year, said Dr. James Robinson, Extension entomologist.

"Entomologists don't have research data showing a relationship between mild winters and increased insects in the spring, but the general opinion is that more insects, spiders and mites over-winter, meaning larger numbers in the spring," Robinson said.

Robinson expects more grasshoppers, spider mites and other crawling insects this summer.

On the positive side, because of the drought, East Texans should see fewer of the flying, biting type of insects, including mosquitoes, horseflies, blackflies and houseflies. Successful hatches of these insects are dependent on water, either standing pools or flooded streams.

Producers should be on the lookout for insects such as fall armyworms if it does rain.

"We see this happen often after an extended dry period," Robinson said.

Senate Bill I determined local groundwater districts are currently the best hope for rural communities and

small landowners who want to protect their access to water. They are locally controlled and can level the playing field among users of the same resource. We should maintain and enhance the ability of these local districts to do their job and to ensure local landowners are protected and fairly treated as we study and debate the issues of "local" and "regional" water planning. Small rural communities could be devastated if agriculture is disregarded during this process.

Farmers and ranchers are dependent on water for livestock, crops, fruits and vegetables—in fact, they're dependent on water for their survival. And clearly, anyone who eats is also dependent on agriculture having enough water.



Floyd County Farm News

Furrow dikes maximize rainfall benefits

No one knows when the next rainfall will occur on the Texas High Plains; but it makes good sense for area producers to install furrow dikes in their fields to maximize precipitation benefits when it does rain again.

Furrow dikes are small mounds of soil mechanically installed in the furrow. Installation of these mounds of soil creates a small reservoir in front of each dam.

In most instances, area soil infiltration rates are adequate to absorb small amounts of rainfall with little runoff. However, when rainfall occurs in amounts exceeding soil infiltration rates, the furrow dikes hold the water in place until it can soak into the soil.

"Water is the most limiting factor in crop production in this area," said Scott Orr, acting water use/conservation division director of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in Lubbock.

"It must either be obtained from precipitation or by pumping ground water from the Ogallala Aquifer. Maximizing precipitation benefits reduces the amount of water pumped from the aquifer, reduces agricultural production costs associated with meeting crop water needs, and has the potential to significantly increase crop yields."

A three-year study at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at Lubbock indicated an average annual runoff of 2.73 inches from land with varying degrees of slope.

Keeping rainfall on the field rather than allowing it to flow into roadside ditches and/or playa basins provides additional water for crop use.

For every inch of water available above the basic water needs for plant development, cotton will yield 50 to

100 pounds of lint per acre; grain sorghum will yield 300 to 400 pounds of grain per acre; and wheat will yield two to three bushels per acre.

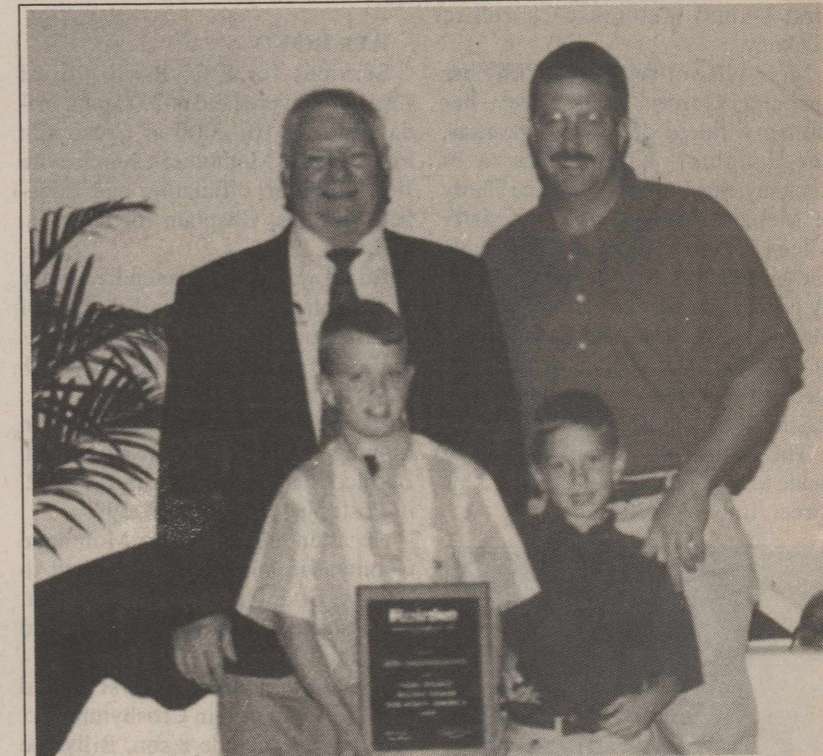
The potential crop yield increase resulting from two to three inches of additional water on cotton could increase production by 100 to 300 pounds of lint per acre, and grain sorghum production could be increased from 600 to 1,200 pounds per acre. Other crops grown in the area should have similar yield increases when furrow dikes are used to retain similar amounts of additional water.

Producers should also remember that furrow dikes are especially effective when used under a center pivot sprinkler system. The furrow dikes

hold the irrigation water in place until it can soak into the root zone soil profile.

"Furrow dikes should be an essential part of a water use efficiency program on any farm. This is a low-cost, high-return practice that can increase profitability for High Plains producers," said Orr.

Additional information about furrow dike use is available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas 79405-1499 or by calling (806) 762-0181. The District's web site is www.hpwd.com, and its e-mail addresses are hpwd@hpwd.com and info@hpwd.com.



PAYNE IRRIGATION, of Floydada, receives 1999 Reinke Pride Top 10 Dealer awards. Factory Representative, John Kreger, top left, presented Jeff Payne, top right, with the award. Also pictured are Jeff's sons, Jordan, left, and Riley, right.

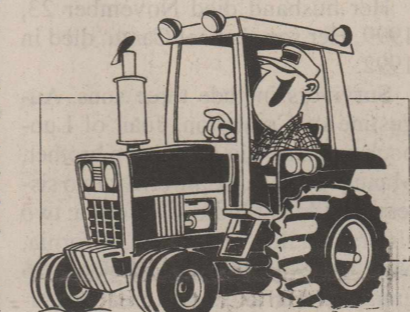
Reinke Manufacturing Company, Incorporated, one of the world's oldest and largest manufacturers of self-propelled irrigation equipment announced today the presentation of the 1999 Reinke Pride Awards. Payne Irrigation obtained a gold level award status making them one of two of the top dealerships in the nation.

These awards are presented annually to dealerships that meet strict criteria for dealership operations. These include, but are not limited to; customer satisfaction, dealership presentation, dealership sales and marketing excellence, and dealership training levels.

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Obituaries

JANICE AYLSWORTH

Funeral services for Mrs. Janice Aylsworth, 62, of Lockney were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 13, 2000 at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney with Rev. Hilda Cavazos, officiating. Burial will be in Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Lockney.

Mrs. Aylsworth died Saturday, March 11, 2000 at Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney.

She was born March 6, 1938 in Lockney to the late Brad Hardy and Mrs. Mildred Cunningham Hardy. Mrs. Aylsworth attended school in Lockney and graduated from Lockney High School. She married Mr. Gordon Aylsworth on February 23, 1965 in Clovis, New Mexico. She was a housewife and was a lifelong resident of Lockney. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Lockney.

Mrs. Aylsworth is survived by her husband, Gordon of Lockney, her mother Mildred of Mena, Arkansas, one daughter, Kimmie Garza of Lockney, one brother, Clarence Hardy of Mena, Arkansas, and one sister Allene Willis of Marietta, Oklahoma, one grandchild. She is also survived by two nephews, Gary Don Willis of Marietta, Oklahoma and Lanny Hardy of Fayetteville, Arkansas and two nieces, La Donna Whatley, and Cindy Eastman, both of Marietta, Oklahoma.

The family suggests memorials be made to Special Olympics, 2402 52nd Street, Lubbock, 79412.



VIRGINIA ARELLANO

Prayer services for Virginia Arellano, 75, of Floydada were from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2000 at Templo Getsemani Assembly of God in Floydada. Funeral service will be held today at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 16, 2000 at Templo Getsemani Assembly of God with Reverend Alejandro Ruiz, officiating. Burial will be in Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mrs. Arellano died on Monday, March 13, 2000 at the Floydada Rehabilitation & Care Center.

She was born on February 14, 1925 in Georgetown, Texas to the late Mr. Faustino Perez and Mrs. Juanita Salazar Perez. She moved to Lockney in 1955 from Mathis, Texas and then to Floydada in 1960. She married Carlos B. Arellano Sr. on November 16, 1955 in Vernon. She was a homemaker and a member of Templo Getsemani Assembly of God in Floydada.

Survivors include her husband, Carlos Arellano Sr. of Floydada; three sons, Manuel Rodriguez of Plainview, Carlos Arellano Jr. of Victoria and Adam Arellano of Floydada; three daughters, Anita R. Salas and Selia Arellano both of Wyoming, Michigan and Ofilia Arellano of Floydada; six brothers, Jose Perez of Lockney, Martin Perez of Byron, Michigan, Raymond Perez of Wachula, Florida, and Alejandro Perez, Leon Perez and David Perez all of Bradenton, Florida; two sister, Geneva Mendez of Grand Rapid, Michigan and Mary Contreras of Bradenton, Florida; 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society 3411 73rd St., Lubbock, 79423.

The body will lie in state at Templo Getsemani Assembly of God until service time.

E.O. BOYD

Services for E.O. Boyd, 96, of Crosbyton were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 10, 2000 at Crosbyton First United Methodist Church with Jim Fullingim officiating and Elizabeth Abrams, Chaplain for Hospice, assisting.

Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery in Southland under the direction of Adams Funeral Home in Crosbyton.

He died Wednesday, March 8, 2000, at his home.

He was born June 6, 1903, in Montague County. He married Opal Bernice Basinger on March 10, 1932, in Post. She died May 18, 1997.

He attended school in Montague County. He and his wife moved to Crosby County in 1937 from Post. They started farming in Owens and moved to Crosbyton in 1940.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Crosbyton.

Survivors include a son, Billy Joe of Lubbock; a daughter, Kathleen Ragland of Ralls; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials to Hospice of Lubbock, P.O. Box 53276, 79453 or to a favorite charity.

HARVEY JOHN BURKE

Funeral services for Harvey John Burke, 80, were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 13, 2000 in the First Baptist Church Family Life Chapel with Dr. Travis Hart, pastor, officiating, assisted by J. Henderson, an elder at the 11th and Amarillo Church of Christ.

Burial was in Plainview Memorial Park by Lemons Funeral Home.

Mr. Burke died at 2:00 a.m., Friday, March 10, 2000 at Covenant Hospital Plainview.

He was born May 7, 1919, in Sagerton. He grew up and attended schools in Stanford and graduated from Texas Tech University 1949.

Mr. Burke served in the Civilian Conservation Corps and was active in nursing home ministry. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. Mr. Burke married Mayesie Mathews on December 21, 1952, in Bangs.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Barbara Ann Powell of Bangs and Karen M. of Floydada; one brother, Ray Burke of Lubbock; two sisters, Lou Chesser of Lubbock and Helen Lesly of Lubbock; and seven grandchildren.

ELLIS M. BUTLER

Funeral services for Ellis M. Butler, 59, of Lone Oak, were at 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 13, 2000 at the First Baptist Church of Point. Jim Boyte and Brother Ron Ray officiated.

Burial followed in Hooker Ridge Cemetery by Point Funeral Home.

Mr. Butler died Friday, March 10, 2000, at Greenville.

He was born Oct. 12, 1940 in Rains County. He was married to Sandra A. Webb.

He was a police officer for 22 years, serving the towns of Lockney, Floydada, Petersburg, Plainview, Amarillo, Dalhart, Monihans and McCamey.

Survivors include three sons: Dwayne Butler, of Amarillo, Terry M. Butler, of Hemet, California, and Jerry Butler, of Lockney; one daughter, LaDonna Butler Gibbs, of Amarillo; two brothers, Murphy D. Butler, of Uvalde, and Massey D. Butler, of California; four sisters, Analita Butler Ray, of Houston, Rutha Butler Drawe, of Progreso, Jerry Butler Covington, of Plainview, and Lorah Butler Green, of Plainview; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

RAMONA CANTU

Rosary was recited for Ramona Cantu, 84, of Cone at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, March 12, 2000 at St. Michael's Catholic Church with the Rev. Leonardo Pahamtang officiating.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday in the same location.

Burial was in Cone Cemetery under the direction of Adams Funeral Home.

She died Saturday, March 11, 2000, at Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center.

She was born September 1, 1915, in San Diego. She married Luis Cantu in May 1936 in Edinburg. She moved to Cone in 1959 from Lockney. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Her husband died November 23, 1999. Her son, Ismael Cantu, died in 1992.

Survivors include three sons, Augustine of Crosbyton, Juan of Lubbock and Antonio of Cone; a brother, Manuel Garcia of California; two sisters, Matilda of Indio, California, two sisters Matilda of Indio, California, and Lupe Solazano of Fort Worth; 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



RONALD R. McPEAK

Ronald McPeak a retired soldier, died Thursday, February 17, 2000 at Skyline Skilled Nursing Facility in Salinas California. He was 88.

Mr. McPeak was born April 23,

1911 in Floydada. He was the son of George W. McPeak and Mattie Mal-lard McPeak. He was a resident of Salinas, California for 39 years.

Mr. McPeak's 20 year military career included service in World War II, the Korean war serving both Pacific and Europe. He received many awards and medals including the Bronze Star. After retiring he worked over 10 years for the Nestle Company in Salinas. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 101 in Salinas and was also a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7895 in Salinas.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Cypert McPeak, a daughter Sarah Twaite of LaCross, Wisconsin, a son, George E. McPeak of Layton Utah, a stepson, Rex Lackey of Amarillo, two daughters in law, Janice Lackey of Amarillo and Marian McPeak of Layton, Utah, a sister, Margaret Ann Kensey of Lubbock, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held both Sunday and Monday February 20th and 21st, 2000 at Healey Mortuary. Funeral Services were held Tuesday February 22nd at the Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Joe Walton of Church of the Oaks officiating.

Burial with full Military Honors was followed in the Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Salinas, California.

The family request that any memorial Contributions be sent to the Alliance on aging, 1188 Padre Dr. Suite 202 D. Salinas, California, 93901 or the donor's favorite charity.

DOYLE MILLER

Services for Doyle Bruce Miller, 73, of Floydada were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 10, 2000 at First Baptist Church in Floydada with Reverend Jimmy McGuire officiating and Reverend Anthony Sisemore, pastor, assisting. Burial was in Floyd county Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mr. Miller died Wednesday, March 8, 2000 at his residence in Floydada.

He was born on November 6, 1926 in Brashear to the late Mr. John Gilbert Miller and Mrs. Maudie Modena Moorehead Miller. He attended schools in Divide and Miller Grove and graduated from high school in Sulfur Springs in 1943. He married Frances Sprague on February 18, 1949 in Sulfur Springs. He moved to Petersburg in 1961 and to Floydada in August 1968. He had been a farmer and had managed a Farm Supply store in McCoy. He had worked in sales at Russell Farm Equipment in Floydada and retired in 1995. He was a veteran of the United States Army having served during World War II. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Floydada where he had been a deacon since 1954.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Miller of Floydada; a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Pam Miller of Plainview; two brothers, Harold Miller and Ray Miller, both of Sulfur Springs; and two granddaughters, Christa Miller and Meredith Miller.

The family suggests memorials to Floydada Ministerial Alliance-Light The Cross Project c/o American State Bank 217 W. California, Floydada, 79235.

Dear Friends of Floydada,

We are First Baptist Church would like to thank each one of you who have helped during these past few days here at our church. Your support has been so uplifting. You have been here to help feed the firefighters, to assist in hauling off materials, as well as praying for us. So many of you have gone the "extra mile" and we simply say "Thank you!" Through all of this our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ will be lifted up. We praise God for all that He is going to do through this incident.

God Bless You,
Anthony D. Sisemore

The Family of Ronald R. McPeak wishes to express their thanks and appreciation for all the prayers, cards, floral arrangements and the many telephone calls we received during Ronald's illness and death.

May God bless you.

Doris McPeak
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All the Grandchildren and
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We want to thank Beverly, Connie, Katrina and Mark with EMS for responding so quick and doing a great job. We appreciate everyone's concern and prayers very much the last few weeks.

Clovis Myrick Family

Dear Friends,

I would like to send a big THANK YOU your way for all the cards, letters, phone calls, and visits that you sent me while I was in the hospital and my recovery at home.

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LOCKNEY BAND BOOSTERS

There will be a meeting of the Lockney Band Boosters Wednesday, March 22, at 6:00 p.m. in the band hall. Parents of Lockney Band students in the seventh grade through high school age need to attend this meeting. End-of-school trips will be discussed.

WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP

A Weigh-Down Workshop has been set at Lockney United Methodist Church. A free orientation for the Weigh-Down Workshop will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21 in the fellowship hall at Lockney UMC. The 12 week seminar is a Christ centered program for men and women that teaches participants to replace devotion to the refrigerator with a deeper more satisfying devotion to God. The emphasis is on learning to eat only when physically hungry. For more information call Pat Byard at 806-652-3459.

HEALTH FAIR

There will be a Health Fair at the RNR on March 21 at 7:00 p.m. Reps from different companies will demonstrate their Glucometers. For more information call 983-8096.

WALK ACROSS TEXAS TASK FORCE

The Walk Across Texas Task Forces will meet on Monday, March 27 at the County Extension Office from 5:30 to 6:30.

FLOYDADA COMMODITIES

Floydada Commodities will be distributed Thursday, March 23 at the Templo Evangelico Pentecostal from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. You must provide proof of residence and proof of income. Please bring SS card and picture I.D. We would appreciate any paper sacks you can bring us.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

A free blood pressure clinic is held in the community room of the First National Bank in Floydada every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

LOCKNEY AA

Open meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous in Lockney will be Fridays, at 8 p.m., at Grace Fellowship Church, across from the hospital. If you are worried about your drinking, or someone else's, we understand, we care, and we want to help. Phone 652-3546 or 652-2280.

WHIRLWIND BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Whirlwind Booster Club will hold a meeting on Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Floydada High School Cafeteria.

Several things will be discussed (banquet, track meets), so please make plans to be there.

LOCKNEY 2000 HOMECOMING

The Lockney Year 2000 Homecoming Committee will be having a meeting March 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the new gym. Anyone interested in helping is asked to attend. Please continue to be thinking of a theme for this years homecoming.

LOCKNEY HOMECOMING

If you know of any changes of name, addresses and deaths of any ex-students please call or write:

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806-652-2563.

We are updating our homecoming list and need everyones help.

FHS HOMECOMING MAILOUT

Anyone interested in helping with Floydada's first Homecoming mailout needs to come to the FHS main school office March 29th at 5:30 p.m.

If you are helping update your class list, you need to get them to Delinda Lucke by March 10th!

FNB MARCH ARTISTS

Gail Hale's art class will be the March Artists of the Month at First National Bank of Floydada.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anons meet each Tuesday night in Floydada at 8:00 p.m. Anyone wanting the loving fellowship of men and women who can share their experience, strength and hope is welcome. Meetings are at 111 North Wall, a block north of the courthouse. Anyone interested can call 983-3635 or 652-3546.

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Free blood pressure and glucose testing is held every other Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Lockney Care Center. Everyone is welcome.

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New law changes Supplemental Security Income

By Mary Jane Shanes Social Security Manager in Plainview Tx

The Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 changes several rules concerning how Supplemental Security Income (SSI) views financial resources-in determining eligibility and liability for overpayments. A summary of the major provisions follows:

- For SSI purposes, an individual's countable resources now include the assets of any trust containing property transferred from the individual, or his

or her spouse, to the extent that the assets could be used for the benefit of either. Any trust earnings or additions to the trust will count as the individual's income.

Trusts established by will or those that would reimburse the state for the cost of services provided to the beneficiary are excluded. The provision ensures that SSI beneficiaries who lose their SSI benefits because of assets held in trust will not automatically lose their Medicaid benefits. The law

applies to trusts established on or after January 1, 2000.

SSI applicants and beneficiaries may be required to authorize Social Security to obtain their financial records from any and all financial institutions. Refusal to provide authorization or revoking such authorization may result in SSI ineligibility.

- A representative payee is now liable for an SSI or a Social Security overpayment caused by a payment made to a deceased beneficiary. The Social Security Administration must establish an overpayment control record under the representative payee's Social Security number. The law is effective for overpayments made beginning December 2000.

- Social Security must recover SSI overpayments from SSI lump-sum amounts by withholding 50 percent of the lump sum or the amount of the overpayment, whichever is less.

For more information about the new law, contact your Social Security toll-free at 1-800-772-1213.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TREASURER'S REPORT

We the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Floyd County, Texas hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's Quarterly report, filed with us on this 10th day of March, 2000 and that the total of funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands in the sum of \$244,298.66.

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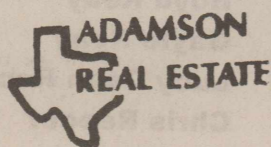
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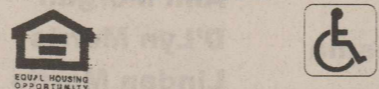
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**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF NOMINATING
COMMITTEE MEETING**

10:30 a.m. - March 20, 2000

Lighthouse Electric Cooperatives, Inc. Headquarters
East U.S. Highway 70
Floydada, Texas

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.06 of the Bylaws of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations to prepare a list of nominations for Directors to be elected at the annual membership meeting of the Cooperative on April 27, 2000. Three (3) Directors, one each from District 1, District 3 and District 4, will be elected in 2000. Although Directors are nominated from the District which they represent, all members in attendance at the annual meeting vote on all candidates who may be properly nominated.

SECTION 4.02 QUALIFICATIONS:

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is a close relative of an incumbent director or an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member in good standing of the Cooperative and receiving service within the District he represents; PROVIDED, that the operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, church, etc., or his designee, shall be eligible to become a director, from the Directorate District in which such member is located, if he or such designee (1) is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the Cooperative, and (2) is a permanent and year-round resident within or in close proximity to an area served by the Cooperative; BUT PROVIDED FURTHER, that no more than one (1) such person may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any other position of trust in, the Cooperative who does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract or is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to, among other, the members of the Cooperative. No person shall take or hold office as a Director who is the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid.

SECTION 4.05 DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS

The territory served by the Cooperative shall be divided into nine (9) Directorate Districts. Each District shall be represented by one director and the Districts are described upon the map on the territory served by the District attached to the Bylaws and made a part hereof.

SECTION 4.06 NOMINATIONS

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one hundred (180) days prior to the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations, consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee (s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which director must, pursuant to this Article, be elected at the meeting. The Committee may include as many nominees for any director to be elected from or with respect to a Directorate District as it deems desirable. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee (s) in like manner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, a statement of the names and addresses of all nominee (s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must be elected, showing clearly those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor and shall ascertain and announce, after any nominations made from the floor, the particular Directorate District from or with respect to which any additional candidates have been nominated.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2000

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| District 2 | |
| Harold Bertrand
RR 2, Box 65
Floydada, Texas 79235 | Leslie Nixon
RR 4, Box 165
Floydada, Texas 79235 |
| District 5 | |
| Randy Bennett
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Plainview, Texas 79072 | Charles Huffman
RR1, Box 145
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Memphis, Texas 79245 |



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