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Local  
News

## Middle School Parents Invited To Meeting

Middle School Parents are invited to attend a parents meeting on Thursday August 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium. Jim Taliaferro, M.S. Principal, will go over the handbook, and discuss the upcoming year. Mrs. Sonja Kendrick will give parents a special tour of the new computer lab. All parents are invited to attend especially those new to the middle school.

## Stocker Cattle Conference

An outstanding program has been planned for Sherman County area stocker cattle producers. The conference will be conducted Tuesday, August 24 at the Moore County Community Building in Dumas, Texas. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude by 3:00 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of Sherman, Dallam, Moore and Hartley Counties.

Program topics will include the following: Animal Health-Dr. Larry Hollis with Syntex Corp.; Marketing & Retained Ownership-Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension Marketing Specialist, TAEX; Stocker Nutrition and The Ranch to Rail Program-Dr. Matt Cravey, Extension Beef Cattle Nutritionist, TAEX; Pest Management-Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension Entomologist, TAEX; and Wheat Forage Management-Dr. Brent Bean, Extension Agronomist, TAEX; freeze Branding Demonstration-Cliff Elliott.

Two CEU credits will be offered.

A steak dinner and all the trimmings will be provided.

RSVP By August 20th.



Hospital

Betty O'Dell-High Plains. She is out of ICU and is now in Room 484. Winnie Everett is in Dumas. Fern Gupton, Bivens Rehab Center.

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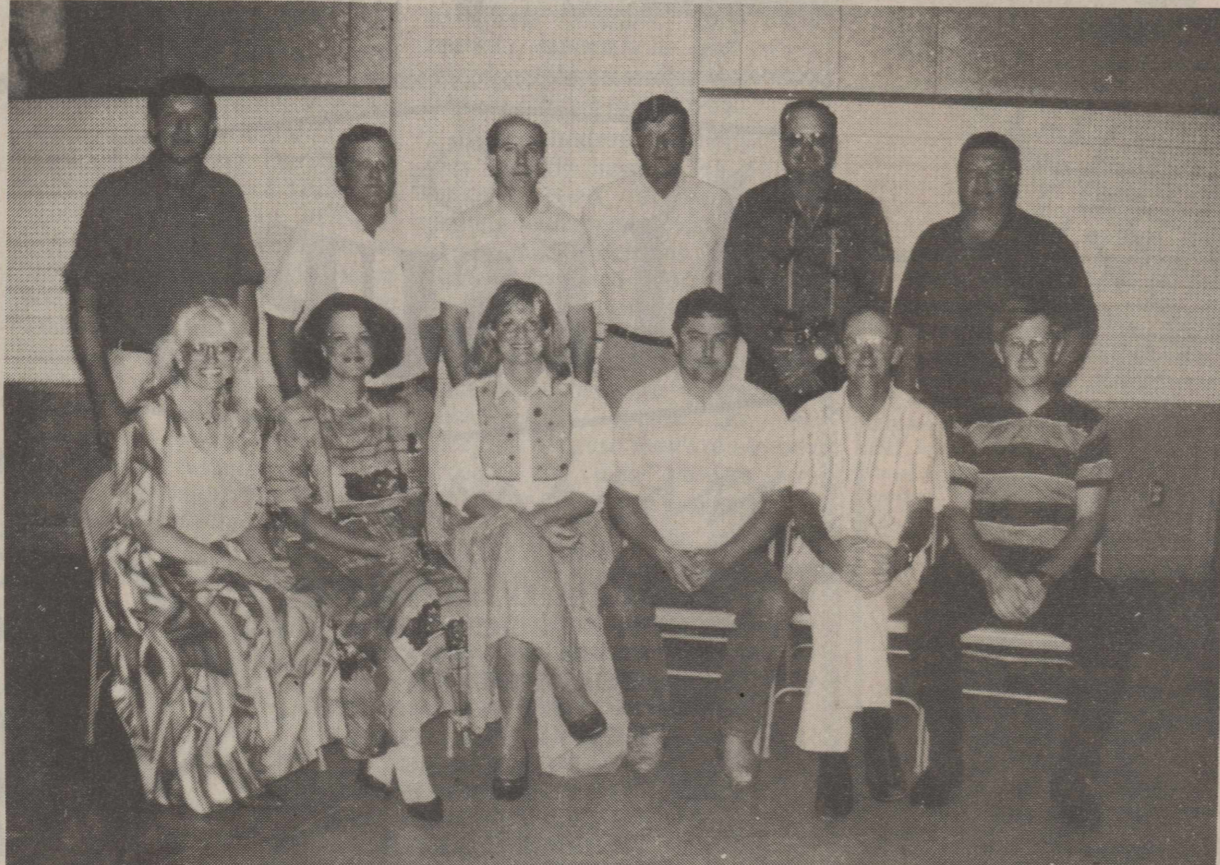
## Budget On File

The proposed FY 1993-94 budget for Sherman County is on file at the County Clerks office and available for public inspection.

## Pictures Needed! Look at Your Photographs

Great Pictures! Start looking for those great pictures you have taken this year. Children in Action, Portraits, Scenery (ocean, prairies, mountains) Nature (Animal, mineral, plant) Farm and Ranch, Landscapes. Enter them in the photography Department at the Sherman County Fair September, 10-11-12. A great way for your neighbors to see your vacation pictures!

## Ex-Student Reunion Pics



1968 Class Seated l to r Malynda Naugle Lantz, Lana Brewster Stallings, Marion Haile Williams, Ron Brooks, Joe Taylor, Kevin Hill. Standing l to r-Roy Dowdy, Dwayne Willey, Steve Kendrick, Troy Dowdy, Randy Bradford, Mike Vincent, Also present but not pictured Elias Huereca, Barbara Dettie.



1973 Class-Back row Teri Bell Blevins, Phyllis Oquin Decker, Rex Sladek, Terese Harris Holloway, Sherry Jones Hawkins, Mary Martha Chesmer Long, Mary Caraway Gwatney, Kim McGavock Conkling, Janice Willey Brown, Brenda Taylor, Cathy Cross Taylor. 2nd row-Vicki Slaton Thornley, Vicki Stokes Thuse, Melody Summerour Sample, Jackie Gilley, Diane Michell Davis, Debra Summerour Pendleton, Karen Bain Kempf, April Vincent Koch. Front row: Dennis Sadler, Jim Bob Brown, Thomas Hurerca, Larry Sutterfield, David Brown, Sam White, Brent Branham. Not pictured, Gary Pool, Jerry Pool, Toni Reno Eddy, Jerry Sherrod, Brad Everett, David Judd McFall, Jack Schriber, Lee Pendleton, Bryan Branham, Roxan Christian, Robert Young, Bill Moore, Sherrill Hawkins Ostwald, Joe Mungia, Ronnie Laramore, Celeste Dettie Johnson, Benita McAlister Keener.

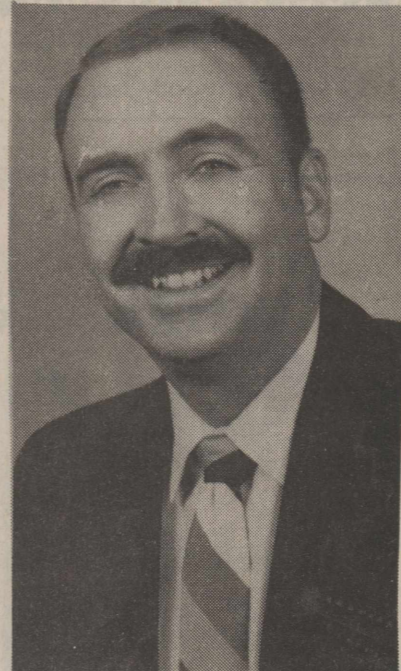


## Medivac 1 Visits Stratford

Medivac 1, The Medical Helicopter based out of Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, made a stop in Stratford on Thursday during a scheduled visitation to area cities. Medivac 1 landed on the south side of the Stratford Emergency Medical Services

building located on Beaver Road. The crew on Thursday was Rick Mercer, Pilot; Kevin Gross, Chief Executive Officer of Northwest Texas Hospital; Jean Whitehead, Director of Amarillo Emergency Receiving Center; Lauren Kieth, Flight Nurse; and Sandy Meyers,

The scheduled visits were planned to answer any questions that area residents and emergency response personnel had about the helicopter service. The crew on Thursday met with many residents and emergency personnel to show the helicopter



## Beery New Face At Bank

NEW FACE AT FIRST STATE BANK, Jack Beery Agriculture Loan Officer at First State Bank comes to Stratford from Liberal, KS. He has 10 years experience in agriculture and commercial lending and leasing. He is a 1981 graduate of Panhandle State University with a degree in Agribusiness. He has recently graduated from the American Bankers Association School of Agricultural Lending at Ames, Iowa. Jack, his wife Dixie, and two daughters, Lynzee (7) and Hanna (5) have recently moved to Stratford. Dixie is a Guymon, Ok. native and graduated from Seward County Community College in Liberal.

### Rewards from the Garden

What you sow, so shall you reap. (and Can) While putting by the summer harvest, think about your entry for the Sherman County Fair. September 10-11-12. Ball Corporation is presenting special wards for Adult and Youth.

Mistress Mary-How do your flowers grow? With a flourish! To be shown at the Sherman County Fair September 9-10-11.

Now is the time to practice for the 5K run and or the 1 mile run/walk. Stratford Jamboree Pheasant Capitol Run Saturday, September 11th at 8:00 a.m.

and it's capabilities. Medivac 1, owned and operated by Southwest Helicopter out of Tucson, Arizona is the first hospital based helicopter service in this area. Medivac 1 is an A-Star single engine helicopter staffed with a pilot, flight nurse, and a flight paramedic 24 hours a day. Just completing the training for the crews that will staff medivac 1 and equipping it with medical supplies and equipment, Medivac 1 went into service Monday, August 16, 1993. Medivac 1's current landing area is at Northwest Texas Hospital on the west side of Coulter road with the crew working in the Amarillo Communications Center when they are not flying. A dedicated Amarillo Medical services ambulance will be used to transport patients from the helicopter pad to the emergency room. According to Kevin Gross, Chief Executive officer at Northwest Texas Hospital, Medivac 1 will be based there until the construction of a new emergency receiving center and the new helicopter pad is completed in August of next year.

## NPS&L Announces Plans

The following article appeared on the Front Page of The Stratford Star on Thursday, July 26, 1973. They will be celebrating their 20th year August 27, 1993.

Announcement of a branch office of North Plains and Loan Association to be opened in Stratford was made official this week by Harold Shoulders, president.

The new facility will be located in the front end of the Stratford Poly Clean Building until the definite needs of the area can be assessed.

Joe Wells will serve as manager of the Stratford branch for the Dumas-based operation. Wells is a resident of Stratford have been interested in the local Ford auto agency for several years.

North Plains Savings and Loan Association is no stranger to Sherman County and this area as they have been active here since 1959 to today when they show deposits totalling \$15.8 millions and have reserves in excess of \$1.3 million. Total assets of the Association are \$18.8 million.

The primary interest of North Plains Savings and Loan Association is to promote thrift and make home ownership possible, Shoulders stated.

Work on getting the new office of North Plains ready was scheduled to be as soon as possible and Shoulders and Wells say they will be ready to do business within the next 30 days in Stratford.

Wells is a graduate of Amarillo High School and later attended Texas A&M. He served in the U.S. Army and following discharge from active duty he and the former Bertie Cator of Morse were married in 1950.

Wells worked with General Motors Crop. for about 12 years prior to moving to Stratford in 1967. Wells and his wife have two daughters, Debbie, who will be a sophomore this fall at Panhandle State College at Goodwell, and Deena, who will be in the sixth grade in the Stratford Schools this fall.

"We are happy to be able to look forward to begin serving the residents of this area with a facility in Stratford," Shoulders stated. "We have faith in the future development of the entire North Plains and Stratford," he added.

North Plains Savings and Loan will be celebrating its 20th year in Stratford on Friday, August 27, 1993. So come down and help us celebrate with cookies and punch.

The new facility will be on the north side of Northwest Texas Hospital. Medivac 1 has the capability of transporting one patient of any size. Equipped with a 7 foot gurney, advanced life support equipment, and advanced life support personnel, Medivac 1 will service an area within a 150 mile radius of Amarillo. The service will be very beneficial in reducing lengthy transport times that ground ambulances currently have. Stratford is approximately 90 miles north of Amarillo and it takes an hour and a half to transport a patient to an Amarillo Hospital. Although staffed with the best paramedics administering the most outstanding care, in critical care incidents, ground ambulances taking an hour and half is too long for these patients. Medivac 1 can be dispatched and be landing in Stratford in around 35 minutes. It has the capability of traveling around 140 naughts, or about 160 miles per hour. This area is very fortunate to have such a service starting up. Again, the best of care is offered to Panhandle residents. After all, you deserve the best.



**Obits**

Ava Lee Gray

Lubbock-Ava Lee Gray, 71, died Saturday, August 14, 1993.

Services were held Monday, August 16, 1993 in Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Walter Goodnight, pastor of Shadow Hills Baptist Church, officiating. Entombment was in Resthaven Mausoleum by Resthaven Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gray, born in Anson, attended Whitharral Public School. She married L.G. "Glen" Gray in 1941 at Clovis, N.M. she was a five-year member of the Jane Phillips Sorority and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; two sons Dwayne Gray of Stratford and Jerry Gray of Houston; a brother, W.D. Webb of Seattle; two sisters, Opal Garrett of Nicoma Park, Okla., and Wilma Chambliss of Clovis; and five grandchildren.

Katherine Anna Emma Marshall

Texhoma-Katherine Anna Emma Marshall, 88, died Sunday, August 15, 1993 in Guymon.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in United Methodist Church with Dr. Charles Sapp, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Texhoma Cemetery by Dawson-Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. Marshall, born in Marion, Kans., moved to the Texhoma area in 1917 from Kansas. She married Herman Mitchell in 1924 in Texhoma. He died in 1936. She then married Tom Marshall in 1937 in Texhoma. He died in 1947.

Survivors include two daughters, Hermione McMillen of Dallas and Selma Keylon of Texhoma; a son, Duane Mitchell of Texhoma; 10 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Texhoma Educational Foundation.



**Dear Readers**

Marty Robertson  
Editor

Well school has started for another year. Summer flew by, or at least for me it did. Please watch for children while you are driving. Drive extra cautious!

Am glad that Medivac 1 is in the Panhandle. We are lucky for the excellent medical services that we have for a small community. Story and picture are on page 1.

Congratulations to all the couples that are going to be wed. I guess marriage is still an institution after all.

**TODAY'S THE DAY**

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—Jim Goodwin

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Also, when drawing a bath, always run your hand through the water to check its temperature. If it feels even a little hot, it could burn. So add cold water and test it with your other hand.

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SUE TINDELL SPEARMAN, TEXAS  
TERRY FORD BOISE CITY, OKLAHOMA  
STANLEY PLEYER STRATFORD, TEXAS



**Scot Notes**

by Timmie Brown

Happy Day to you Sherman County Old Timers, Friends, Neighbors Scotters this middle of August Monday a.m. the 16th, 1993. The morning star winked at us as we brought the Amarillo News from the yard at 6 a.m. The dark and stars jolted us into realizing how quickly the early mornings light is shortening, getting ready for the autumn. Seems daylight lingers in the evening.

School!! Our community is all a-dither today with plans and responsibilities of getting the kindergartners and other grade members started into the 1993-94 school year. Then the awesome, to us, Exodus of SHS 1992-1993 graduates to various colleges etc. We aren't informed too well as to where the majority of our young adult will go, however, among several who plan to attend South Plains College at Levelland, Texas are Joy Powers, Wendy Allison, Derrick Wells, Jody Guest who leave today and tomorrow. It has just occurred to us that our next personal emotional and actual involvement in such an event will be the year 2002 A.D. when three of our great grandchildren namely, Ashley Brown, Elizabeth Williams, Nathan Haile will be entering College. The Lord willing! Fanciful speculation for one who is 95 years old? Why not considering the option!!

Usual activities are scheduled on Scots calendar for August 15-31, 1993. Once per month activities are Friday, Aug. 20, game night; Tues., Aug. 24 Scot Board meeting 10 a.m. and games in p.m. Thursday August 26, regular meeting and luncheon at 12:00 noon. Hosts that day are Minnie Reeder, Margaret Reed, Sue Smith, Mary Peach Smith, Hank and Mabel Rogers, Genevieve Wilson, Shirley Armstrong, Jack & Sisty Vincent, Jr. and Viola Springfield, who furnish the entree! Members furnish our best prepared vegetables, salads, dessert in abundant supply. (We must remember that amounts of food we are used to preparing ARE NOT large enough amounts to help feed 100 folks) Be generous! Personally, we'll be so glad to see you!

The quilters have quilts to work on and are eager to be busy again, after vacationing a month. They are staunch financial and personal supporters of Scot. Let's take time to tell them how much we admire and appreciate them. Director Jack Gore reminds Scotters that he needs our

personal response on the subject of over night Cripple Creek trip in August; (2) dining at Eklund Hotel in Sept. (3) Foliage tour in Sept. or Oct. speak up!

The rest room improvements at Scot Hall are wonderful and beautiful.

Game night at Scot Hall Friday became a birthday party because Directors Jack and Dorothy served cake and ice cream to all and acknow. August birthday

people who were present- Clarence Willman and Timmie Brown Others present were Doris Dyess, Lillie Galloway, Max and Dicy Stephenson, Opal Bryant, Alda Mitts, Leona Woods. Clarence Willman is scheduled for Cataract eye surgery Thurs. August 16th. Best wishes.

Emable Bonar Skillman visited in Stratford during July for Scot Luncheon, Homecoming and transacting business.

Lynn Gaylord Indiana visited with Jim Bob Brown this week. Lynn is manager of a Golden Corral Restaurant.

Ken Kendrick's became a guest at Coldwater Manor this past week. He joined old timers Jewel Dovel, Audrey Gamble, Bonnie Flyr, Bertha Quin, Pup Wells, Bob Pendleton, Minnie Cox, Plainview, Ok. Penny Pronger Bennett had the misfortune to fall at home last Friday, Daughter Millie says she is fine this a.m. Take care, Penny, Bless you.

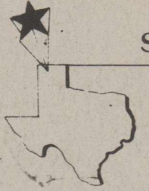
Among our ailing report: Mildred Ingham James is home; Katie Allen says she is fairly comfortable, had pain moving her shoulder; Layvon Hughes is at home and reports she is tired staying in the house. She had a serious mishap, injuring her foot. Lillie Galloway visited Ganet Meek, Dumas and reports Ganet is doing ok.

Scots and personal condolence to Coach Gray and family in the death of his mother. May your faith sustain you. Amen.

Passing into eternity lately are area old Timers Kathrine Marshall, Texhoma, Okla. Leona Admire, Dumas, sister of Tressie Mae (Oram) Watkins, who mother in law of Karen Pleyer Watkins. Francis Usury Little Richie who was granddaughter of Pioneer area editor C.F. Rudolph (GGG Pg. 19 vol. 1) Her mother was the late Winnie Rudolph Usury; her aunt was the late Esther Rudolph Richie (Mrs. George Ritchie).

Jim Bob, Patty, Caleb, Baskin, Betty, Timmie Brown helped Ashley celebrate her 10th birthday Sunday, August 15th. (actual B.D. is Aug. 18).

Everyone enjoy this beautiful day. Pat at least one shoulder and say "Luv U" to some one.



Sherman County Development Committee, Inc.

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By Lorie Vincent

The Sherman County Development Committee, Inc. has been busy with several different projects. Here are some updates:

\*The SCDC has applied for a Revolving Loan Fund which would give our community an additional source of financing for start-up or expanding businesses. The funds can be used for additional equity requirements needed for projects as well as other financing needs. More details on this project to follow.

\*We are working overtime on the Senior Citizen Housing Project. If successful, this project would meet the needs of our wonderful senior citizens and put several houses on the market for our growing community. Please let me know if you are interested. Look for more exciting news on this project to be announced soon!

We are working in conjunction with other Highground communities in marketing our county to several specific industries which include the swine production and support services industry, the beef industry, the textile industry, and other manufacturing companies.

\*I am out meeting the businesses again to let you know what services we can offer which include resources on

creating your business plans, financing, incentives, buildings & sites, marketing your business, and others! I can also help you with making local, area, state and federal contacts.

\*We have two business seminars scheduled for the fall. The first will be for owners and managers called "Say Yes to Marketing and Profit" presented by Steve Jolly. This will be a mini-seminar on September 21st from 11:30 to 1:00. Plan to eat lunch with us and learn how to boost the bottom line of your business. We also have scheduled an evening seminar on "Customer Service" in October. Look for more details on both activities coming up!

\*Finally, we are actively in the search for a new physician to provide our health care needs. Several strategies have been developed and are in full force. This is a difficult and time-consuming process, however, we are making great strides in marketing our community for a new physician.

We have several other projects in the works including our strategic planning for next year. Please feel free to call me or stop by my office for a visit. We would like to thank you for your continued support and appreciate any input you might have concerning the progress of Sherman County.



**Kerrick News**

by Marylou McDaniel

There will be an ice cream supper Thursday, August 19, 8 p.m. at the Community Center. Hosts are the Hamptons and Virgie Mathews.

Bill Gillenwaters, president, will be making plans for the chuckwagon supper coming Sept. 18.

It was a perfect day Sunday as Terry and Barbara Schoonover, Brady & Trisha Schoonover hosted an Open House at their home in Folsom, N.M. The temperature was 92 degrees in Kerrick and 83 degrees with a very slight breeze under their shade trees. Hot dogs, chips and dips, lemonade and tea were consumed by 70 who drove up from Guymon, Boise City, Elkhart, Stratford and Kerrick.

Terry & Barbara bought the place in 1990 and have devoted many hours in fixing up the house. Those of you who know how talented Barbara is, can imagine how cute the place turned out!

Tours were taken not only of the home, but Folsom Falls and the museum.

From Guymon were Bud, Judy & Kristi Ritter, Irvin, Kathy & Jenny Brune, Fred & Melody Hintergardt, Jerry & Bertie Hayworth. From Boise city were Bob and Judy James, Brad, Tammy, Josh and Adam James.

From Elkhart came Wade & Kristy Blakely, Jim & Jodi Blakely, Boyd and Sandy Turner, Todd Lewis.

From Stratford and Kerrick-Nadine & Warren Miller, Russell, Tina & Ashley Brooks, Andrea & John Bolf, Sonja & Robert Ragsdale, Martha & Jess Willard, Sandy & Ellen Tillery, Kendra, Bryan & Justin Mungia, Mark, La Renda, Justin, Bryce Wright,

Mark, Debbie, Nicole & Kelsey Rouse.

And Teresa & Steve Cryer, Ted & Joyce Irlbeck, Donna, Bevin, April & Kodie Avent, George & Barbara Avent, Kayo & Jo June McDaniel, Hal & Pam Thompson, Donna Gillenwaters, Myron Leedy, Marylou, Patti & Mike McDaniel.

Franny Taylor planned to have surgery in Amarillo at High Plains Hospital on Tuesday. Visiting with her last week were Donna Baker, Cindy Graham of Colorado City, Co., Mary and Noah Domnick of Stillwater, Ok., Pat and Rhonda Fishborn of Purcell, Ok., Mildred Robinson, Boise City.

The Crabtree Reunion held Sunday at Kerrick Community Center had some fewer than usual but good food and visiting were enjoyed by those who could make it.

About 50 were present from the families of Burton Olson, Oslo; Mildred Crabtree, Amarillo; Paul Rogers, Buffalo, Ok.; Scott Rogers, Wichita, Ks.; David Foerch, Colorado Springs, Co.

Frank James, R.P. Crabtree, John Crabtree, Lyman Potter, All of Boise City. Verlie Norris, Charley Crabtree, Stratford. Ralph Hamptons, Ken Wells, Paul Wells, Ben Tom James, all of Kerrick.

I was really preparing myself to write a scorching item about road building in Oklahoma, but I guess they've done the best they can! They worked on stateline recently, making the road a good width, but the ditches scared me when it was dry. When the over 6 inches in a couple of days happened, the truck-high deep ditches became a roaring river. In fact, Brady Schoonover came tubing down for two miles!

The tragic thing is that the "river" had no place to go but under the railroad trestle and through Jake Robinson's house! That's right, through his house! The highway was one-way because of the water.

The Hamptons had equipment to build a levee around their house. It rained from 2.5 to 5 inches around.

I don't know what anyone would do without the support and comfort of friends when one loses the other half of oneself. Everyone has been so kind and loving to Mike, Patti and me since we had Fred taken away so swiftly. Just know that we appreciate each of you.

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Sherman County Real Estate  
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 DEMOLITION DERBY	7 p.m.		FREE SHOW SPONSORED BY MILLER GENUINE DRAFT
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## Couples To Wed



Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. McGinnis of Stratford announces the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Angela Jo McGinnis to Rick Carter Jr. son of Rev. and Mrs. Rick Carter Sr. of Colby, Kansas. The wedding will take place on Friday October 1st, 1993 at the Tabernacle Baptist Church 709 North Ellison, Guymon, Oklahoma. Angela is a graduate of Stratford High school and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. Rick is a graduate of Bible Baptist School in Bonner Springs, Kansas and is the associate pastor of the Independent Baptist Church in Colby, Kansas.



A September 4th wedding is being planned by Sheri Murphey and Dennis Alber. They are the children of Ron and Diane Murphey of Texhoma and Edgar and Barbara Alber of Blue Hill, Nebraska. Sheri is a 1989 graduate of Texhoma High School and a 1993 graduate of Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas, where she earned a Bachelors of Business Administration. She is employed by Wheatland High School in Grainfield, Kansas. Dennis is a 1985 graduate of Blue Hill Community High School and a 1990 Graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Economics. Dennis is the Assistant Manager of the Oakley Elevators in Oakley, Kansas. The couple plan to be married in Texhoma at the United Methodist Church at 3:00 p.m.



Mr. Bob Burgess is pleased to announce the marriage of his granddaughter Kara Johnson to Micah Nease of Dallas. The marriage will be in San Angelo on September fourth. Kara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson of Saudia Arabia.

## Fall Festival Craft Show October 16

Tip Top of Texas & Crafts Fall Festival will be held October 16th at the Sherman County Barn at 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Anyone interested in renting a space should contact Stephanie Helton at 396-5883 or Barbara Schoonover at 727-4696. We would like to thank everyone who came out last spring and showed their support. This show is a non-profit endeavor by a group of local citizens that are trying to promote talent in our community, and surrounding panhandle area. Remember that by showing your support for our Fall Show, you are helping bring in revenues for our town. These exhibitors come from a four-state area and when they are here, they buy gas, food, spend money for lodging and shop in our stores. This benefits Stratford! Then in return we take the proceeds from the show and donate them back to organizations in our community and panhandle area that have needs. This is one way we have to show others what Stratford has to offer, and the special people who live here. So come out and join us for a fun day October 16th. The concession stand will be operated by Lollipop Junction, so let's all show support for the worthwhile service that they provide to our community.

## Sunray Celebration Sat. Aug. 21

On Saturday, August 21, the Sunray Lions Club will sponsor the annual Sunray Celebration for the purpose of fun, food, and funds. Many Sunray organizations will be participating in order to raise funds for charitable causes.

The main theme this year is "Saddle Up". Everyone is invited to bring a horse, wear a horse, or ride a horse, or be a horse and have fun in Sunray.

Events include; Sunray Sunburn Bike Race at 10:00 a.m. The Parade down Main Street will begin at 10:05 a.m. Then from 11:34 to 1:03 there will be a Bar-B-Q on the City Square. Each ticket is also a chance for Funbucks. 12:00 Noon to 2:30 p.m., there will be entertainment by the Clyde Logg Band and Western Shoot Outs by the Outlaws of Amarillo. Booths and games for all ages. All on the City Square. 3:00 p.m. is the time for the 4-H Horse Play Day Rodeo at the 4-H arena NW of town. Sunray Babe Ruth Dance will be at 9:00 to 1:00 on the City Square with the Clyde Logg Band. Cover charge. No Alcoholic Beverages.

For more information call 948-4111.

RV and horse trailer parking available at County Park on north end of town.



Birthday girls at Coldwater Manor were Jessie Beavers and Priscilla Dawes.



## Births

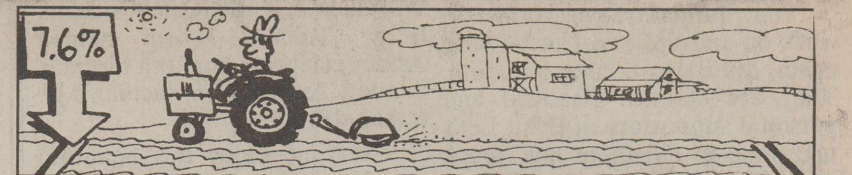
A new little smile-bringers here. Lem and Jolene Skaggs are proud to announce the birth of their son, Lemuel Jordon "L.J."

He was born Saturday, August 7th at 12:23 a.m. in the Dumas Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. 2.8 oz and was 20 1/4 inches long. L.J. is welcomed by his sisters Shawnda and Jaclynn also his brother Shannon.

Maternal grandparents are Bob and Yvonne Whiteaker of Dalhart, Donald and Margaret Town of Bridgeport, Texas. Maternal Great grandparents are Geraldine Allard of Dalhart, Bert Allard of Harmon, Oklahoma.



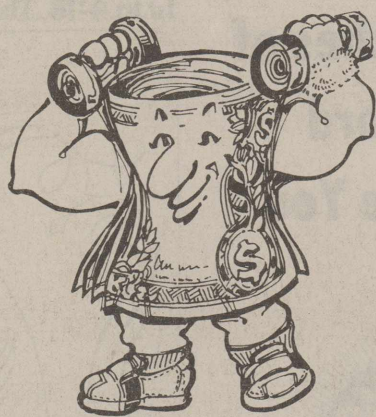
Lori Wiley Haight was honored with a Wedding shower Saturday, August 16th in the home of Joyce Hart. Standing left to right is Linda Haight, Gruver Mother of Groom, Lori, Betty Wiley, Loris' Mother and Lisa Brack, Amarillo, sister of Bride.



Experts estimate that about 21 percent of the world's land surface is farmable, yet only 7.6 percent is actually under cultivation.

You are cordially invited to a come and go baby shower for  
**Lemuel Jordon Skaggs**  
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## Chamber Chatter

by J. A. Lasley

Four citizens from Stratford, Sherman County attended the Highway 287 meeting in Boise City, Ok. Last Tuesday, the 10th. Although there was not a big crowd, sometimes, off times, its the meat of the crowd that get the job done. It was clearly decided, that at one time there had been a highway 287 association, that apparently had "Bit the Dust", so on September 21, 1993 there will be a newly formed association of Highway 287. Each of the three states involved will choose those people that they want to serve and these folks will meet and determine the strategy it will use to persuade local and national government the need for a four-lane on the existing highway 287 from Stratford to Limon, Colorado. Combined forces to decide a plan of action, we have five who are willing to serve and there will be more who will be asked.

Once again the Chamber of Commerce is selling tickets to the Dallas Cowboy-San Francisco Ballgame to be held at Texas Stadium, on the 17th of October, at 3 p.m. It will be an all paid expense trip for two, leaving Amarillo on Sat. afternoon, shuttled to and staying at the Sheraton Hotel, buffet breakfast, shuttled to the stadium and back to the airport, after the game. There will only be 300 tickets sold. The drawing will be on October 7th just before the beginning of the JV ball game. You do not have to be present to win. The first to buy was our winner from last year Judy Diamond. Anyone of the directors of the chamber will have tickets. Also there are some at the chamber office located in the City Hall).

I attended a very informative Pace meeting this past Friday. There were 12 Chamber of Commerce managers present. Each had the opportunity of telling what was going on in their county. For the most part it was good news, especially for Guymon. Bob Ealy had quite a report. They have developers coming in from the west coast and from Canada, as they: as well as Dalhart, Gruver, Dumas, Stratford, Friona and others who have a housing shortage. Bob said they would be glad to work with anyone of the chambers and or the Economic Development Areas of those in dire stress for housing. These would be for renting.

Also have brochures for an exporting seminar to be held on Tuesday, September 14, 1993 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lubbock Plaza-Arlington Room 3291 S. Loop 289, in Lubbock. Who should attend? Anyone, business people or otherwise who are interested in expanding their markets through exporting. It is being sponsored by Texas Tech Small Business Development center, PRPC, SB Administration (SBA) South Plains Association of Governments, SPS Service Co. and the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. The registration fee for the seminar is \$15.00 This fee covers lunch, refreshments, and seminar materials. Deadline for registration is September 7th

and the space is limited.

John Sharp, State Comptroller, will be the keynote speaker. This would be especially good for small business, manufactures, bankers, economic development professionals and chambers. For more information call the Chamber or come by and pick up a brochure and registration form. The agenda sounds informative, speakers experts and professionals in the International Arena. I plan on attending and would love company.

Also have news from the Texas Dept. of Commerce regarding the Texas Literacy Council that has established a Literacy resource Center, which is located at Texas A&M University. The mission of the center is to advance the state's ability to meet the Literacy needs of its citizens through the coordination of adult literacy providers and basic skills programs. "Meeting the literacy needs of the citizens of Texas is a top priority in our division" quotes Barbara Cigainero, Director of the work force Development Division of the Texas Department of Commerce. "Employee Literacy is a serious problem that needs to be addressed to keep Texas competitive economically". The Texas Literacy resource center will enhance all currently available literacy programs and help create new literacy initiative and information services; as well as training and technical assistance for literacy instructors in state-of-the-art Literacy training methods and technologies, and program evaluations. For more information, call the Chamber I have the address of the Director of the Center, Dr. Don Seaman.

As soon as the telephone books arrive, which should be within the next week the "Newcomers Packets" will be ready and I will be knocking on doors. You bet we are glad for all of the folks that have chosen Stratford.

I am still on the lookout for houses to rent. Keep me informed or Lorie with the Economic Development committee.

Watch for the Grand Opening of Primo Pizza. Most everyone has

As a new school year begins, everyone expresses to students and teachers best wishes for a successful year. This week's column focuses on parenting skills that can help their children experience success in school and life.

Successful children are those who feel good about themselves, learn to make good decisions, and learn to deal with peer pressure.

Effective parents and teachers look to good self-esteem in children before they look at good grades. They teach children to accept themselves as lovable even if they aren't in the top ten of everything. They affirm children's unique strengths, especially those that don't appear on report cards or sports columns. They state realistic expectations and when they do, children realize they don't have to achieve to be loved.

When children like themselves, they already have a leg up on making good decisions and dealing with peer pressure. They won't make decisions based on being accepted or winning popularity because they already accept and value themselves and they know they don't have to turn their wills over to peers with questionable values to be accepted because they are already accepted by their parents and others for being who they are.

Parents who talk to their children regularly about current school experiences increase communication among all family members. Students who talk to their parents about school are less likely to drop out of school.

Children who have realistic television restrictions, adequate after-school supervision and

had a Taste of Pizza and will recommend good eating. Beginning this week they will be open for lunch, opening at 11 a.m.

Also be watching for the Grand Opening of the Health Club the changes at 214 N. Main, now called "Country Cousins" but will soon be called by another name, expanding what they have to offer. Watch the once "Rafter J" building as well. Folks we are on the move, let's keep it that way.

## Tips & Topics

By Susie Spurlock

boundaries of behavior experience greater success in school than those who have limited guidance at home.

Lucky the children beginning a new school year who have parents, grandparents and teachers who prize them more for who they are than what they achieve, for they will receive the best education offered—they will have something more valuable, a balanced life.

For more information on parenting tips, contact the county Extension Office.



## Cards of Thanks

How can mere words express our thanks for the outpouring of love shown to the family of Fred McDaniel? Your words of sympathy, the food provided at our home and the church, the calls, flowers and memorials will long be remembered. Fred has many radio friends who traveled long distances to be with us and our close neighbors and friends. The service given by Rev. Harker and Rev. Adams, the choir and musicians were just what we needed. May God bless each of you.

Marylou, Patti, Mike & Merilee McDaniel  
Thelma & Duane Smith  
Sherri, Ron, Scott Hutchison & families  
Myron Leedy

## Watch For Children School Has Started

The Texas Department of Public Safety officials are asking all drivers to begin thinking about the safety of our school children as the beginning of a new school year commences.

The first few weeks of school can be the most dangerous since motorists are not mentally prepared for the lower speed limits in school zones and the activities of the kids around the schools.

Every year there appears to be an unnecessary rash of accidents caused by drivers who fail to follow safe driving habits for stopped school buses. Texas state law requires drivers on the same roadway as a school bus that is stopped to load or unload

students, to also stop until the bus driver has turned off the flashing red lights. This law applies unless the vehicle is separated from the bus by a divided highway with a median strip.

Remember, this time of year presents safety problems for both the school children and the driver. Many youngsters are attending school for the first time and others might be going to a different school where they are unfamiliar with local traffic conditions.

Lets all work together to make this a safe school year for our children by observing the speed limits in school zones and be alert for increasing pedestrian traffic in neighborhoods at the beginning and ending of each school day.



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# Back To School Business Review

## ELK PHARMACY

Elk Pharmacy is ready to help you with all your school needs.

We carry all the required items on the school list, along with other items such as Mickey Mouse, Trapper Keeper and the See-thru Binders the High School students like.

At this time of the year its time to gear-up for the football season. We have spirit shirts from size 2T up thru adult sizes. Come by and check out our spirit shirts and pick out a hair bow or pair of earrings to match your shirt! Remember we need to show our Pride! Support the ELKS!!

## STRATFORD PRINTING

Stratford Printing and Office Supply, has been owned and operated by Ronny and Esther Ferguson for over 31 years.

We have a complete line of school supplies for your back to school needs and also Bulletin Board sets.

We also have a complete line of Office supplies to meet your needs. We specialize in all your printing needs.

We carry Swintec Typewriters, Calculators, Konica Copiers. Carry a complete line of Computer Paper and Fax paper and have a line of Hon Furniture to meet all your needs.

We make self inking and rubber stamps.

We have a complete line of Ambassadors Cards.

We appreciate every opportunity to serve you.

## ELLIES

Back to school fashions are available at ELLIES in Stratford for girls sizes to 14, boys sizes to 20 and girls junior sizes.

We have just started carrying boys clothing this season so our selections is somewhat limited. We plan to increase with each season. We will feature brands such as DOONMOR, OCEAN PACIFIC, LOONY TUNES & HANG TEN. Due to the amount of inventory required to begin with we are not carrying Levi or Wrangler jeans at this time. If things go well we will do this at a later date. We have on order sport shirts for Dr.'las Cowboys, Chicago Bulls and other favorite teams.

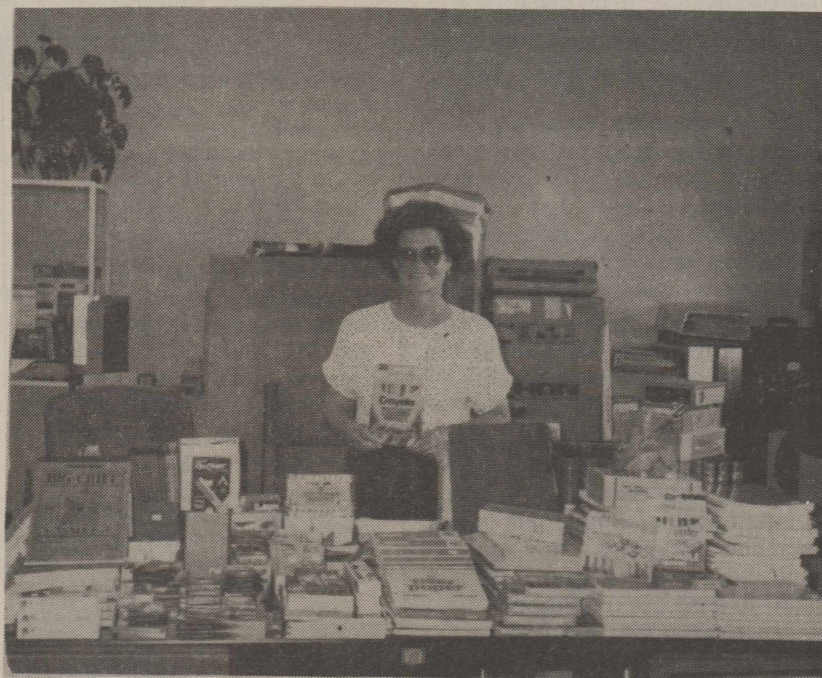
Girls sizes 4 to 14 we have HANG TEN SPORTWEAR, MARTHA MINIATURE & MINI WORLD DRESSES. We also have wind suits, hair bows and socks for boys and girls. We have some pre-teen sportswear knits that have not arrived. Our Junior Department features GO VICKI, HANG TEN, LORD ISSACS and many others. We are looking at some of the more popular jean lines but haven't made a decision as yet which one to carry.

For the all important teachers we have a wide selection of dresses and sportswear by CITY GIRL, HAMILTON, SABINO, LESLIE LUCKS, TAILOR FLEX, F.L. MALIK and many others. We are getting a new shipment almost everyday. We have sleepwear by MISS ELAINE, jewelry made by Johnnie Vincents brother and his wife and some gold and sterling earrings, necklaces and bracelets.

The clothing business is relatively new to us so we are learning as we go. We hope you will come in and look around and compare prices with same brands anywhere. We are trying to be competitive and offer a 10% discount everyday. Although you may be able to find lower prices we feel we offer high quality at an affordable price.



Ellies has a large selection of clothing for everyone. Stop in and take a look.



Marlene Hurt of Stratford Printing is shown above with just a few of the items for sale at Stratford Printing for the back to school student.



## Labor Day Weekend Coming Up

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed proposals for: PICNIC AREA MAINTENANCE on highways(s) US 54, US 87, US 385 in DALLAM, HARTLEY, SHERMAN County (ies).

Will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation located at: 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas Until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 19, 1993

Then publicly opened and read.

All prospective bidders are REQUIRED to attend the Pre-Bidders' Conference which will be held at the Texas Department of Transportation's District Office at: 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas. Time & Date: 11:00 a.m.; Monday, August 16, 1993

THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT CONSIDER BIDS SUBMITTED BY THOSE BIDDERS WHO DID NOT ATTEND THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE.

Bidding proposals, plans and specifications will be available at the Engineer's Office at:

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Labor Day Weekend is a sure sign of things to come. Among them is the fact another summer is about over. It also represents the last three-day weekend before cooler weather sets in for many Texans, which has both local and state public safety officials concerned.

We anticipate a large number of Texas motorists will take advantage of an extra day off to make that one last summer trip. This means Texas drivers will be sharing the roadways with more vehicles, more miles being driven than usual, by drivers who are probably more fatigued than usual.

Even though safety officials remain optimistic that this can be a safer Labor Day holiday, they also realize that people will die needlessly on the state's highways during this period. The tragic part of our traffic fatality picture is the fact that most of these accidents are caused by driver error and definitely are preventable.

This underlines the importance of obeying all traffic laws at all time that we drive. Studies have shown that when a traffic law is violated, property damage, injury and even death will many times be the result.

Texas drivers should do their part in making this a safe holiday by remaining alert, adjusting your speed to match the existing road conditions, avoid the use of alcohol and please use your safety belt, no matter how short the trip.

According to the American Heart Association, cardiovascular diseases kill more than 930,000 Americans every year. That's nearly twice as many as all forms of cancer.

The American Heart Association says cardiovascular disease kills an American every 34 seconds.

According to the American Heart Association, more than two of every five Americans dies of cardiovascular disease.

Think heart disease only affects the elderly? Think again. Each year about one sixth of all Americans, killed by cardiovascular diseases are under age 65, says the American Heart Association.

The American Heart Association estimates the economic cost of cardiovascular disease in 1993 will total \$117.4 billion. This figure includes medical and health care expenses and lost occupational output due to disability.

In the eighties the death rate from heart attack declined 32.6 percent, but heart attack remains the No. 1 killer in America. The American Heart Association estimates that 1.5 million Americans will suffer heart attacks in 1992 and close to 500,000 of them will die.

Every year as many as 300,000 people die of heart attack before they reach a hospital. The tragedy is that many of them might have been saved.

According to the American Heart Association, 50 percent of heart attack victims wait more than two hours before trying to get to an emergency room.

According to the American Heart Association, 45 percent of all heart attacks occur in people under age 65, and five percent occur in people under age 40.

Know the warning signs of a heart attack! 1) Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of your chest lasting more than a few minutes. 2) Pain may spread to the shoulders, neck or arms. 3) Chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath may also occur. If you have these symptoms, the American Heart Association says, "Don't Wait! Immediately call the emergency medical service or have someone drive you to the nearest hospital."

Don't flirt with a heart attack! The American Heart Association says to reduce your risk: stop smoking; control high blood pressure; eat a low-saturated fat, low-cholesterol diet; exercise regularly; and maintain proper weight.



## County Agent

by Jim Allison

Soil moisture sensors can be an invaluable management tool to guide irrigation. The handy sensors can identify existing soil moisture, monitor moisture changes, locate the depth of water penetration and describe crop rooting.

Single gypsum blocks read with a portable meter or tensionmeters equipped with vacuum gages installed to sense soil moisture at the 12 to 18-inch depth can measure in the upper root zone. Another installed to sense at 36-inches will measure deep moisture. A more thorough sensing of the root zone can be accomplished by setting three sensors at 12, 24 and 36 inches.

Install a set of two to three sensors at a representative location in the field where soil is uniform. Avoid low areas where water may stand and greater slopes where it may run. Do not place the sensors within 300 feet of the upper or lower end of furrow irrigation runs. A location one-half to two-thirds down the field is usually good, if the sensors are easily accessible to make readings.

Locate a group of sensors within the first set of a furrow irrigated field and where side roll sprinklers are used. Avoid the outside eight to 10 rows. Similarly, locate the sensors about 100 feet in front of a center pivot. Select a location within the next to last span, but away from the wheel tracts.

Put the sensors in the crop row so they do not interfere with tractor equipment. Space each sensor of a group about 12 inches apart within the same row and where the crop stand is good, with

careful installation, gypsum blocks can be installed in the same hole. Leave the sensors at the same location for the full crop season.

Submerge gypsum blocks in clean water for 10 to 15 minutes and allow them to dry two times prior to installation. Charge tensiometers according to manufactures recommendations 36 to 48 hours before installation. Keep the porous tips submerged in a pail of water until installation.

Install the sensors in a tight fit hole with an auger or driver the same diameter as the gypsum block or porous tip. Pour a half cup of water in the hole, add a small handful of fine dry soil. Push the sensing tip into the soil solution. Refill the bored hole with soil, periodically tamping slightly to firm up the loose soil.

It is essential to have the sensing tip in firm contact with undisturbed soil to obtain accurate readings.

Make and chart sensor readings one to two times each week beginning anytime after the crop is growing good but in advance of anticipated irrigation. Readings made two to three times each week provides the best information during high crop water use periods.

Tensiometer gauges indicate soil moisture from 0 (High) to 70-80 (Low). Gypsum block meters indicate 100 (High) to 0 (low) and can sense lower soil moisture.

Table 1 shows additional guides on soil moisture levels. Use them in conjunction with personal irrigation experience to develop confident sensor interpretation and irrigation management. Gypsum blocks are likely to perform best where crops are not irrigated as often, such as cotton.

Table 1. Guides of Soil Moisture Content

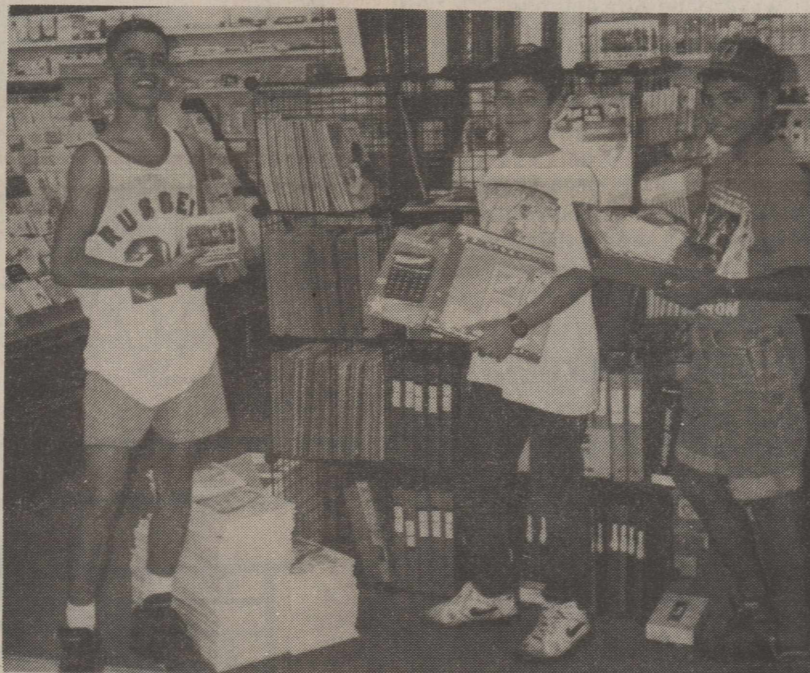
INSTRUMENT	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	LOW
Gypsum Blocks*	95 - 100	70 - 80	50 - 60	30 - 40
Tensiometer	20 or less	30 - 40	50 - 60	70 - 80

\*Based on readings taken with Delmhorst type.

Table 2. Corn Irrigation According to Soil Moisture 1979-1987.

IRRIGATION*	NUMBER	INCHES	BUSHEL	POUNDS	LBS/ AC-IN IRRIG
Gypsum Blocks	4.0	21.7	173	9665	446
Each Two Weeks	4.7	24.7	172	9645	390

\*Does not include prewater.



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