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KC High students qualify for state cross - x debate

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Students begin LAMP

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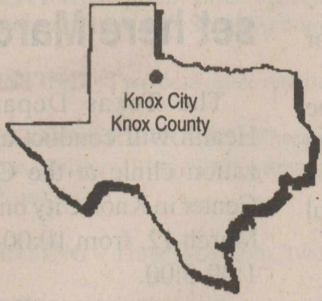


Sister and brother in the news

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Knox County voters choose Perdue, Parker, Verhalen, Homstad, & Goodwin, JP runoff

The voters of Knox County made their preferences known on Tuesday when they went to their respective polling places in the county and voted in- or out- the candidates of their choice.

In the contested race for Knox County Judge, incumbent Judge David N. Perdue of Knox City won another term of office with 643 votes,



Perdue

over opponent Linda Wagner's 533 votes.

Jerry Parker won of Benjamin won his seat back for another term as Knox County Commissioner of combined Precincts 1 & 2 by defeating Jack Whitten, 232 to 82 votes.

Ronnie Verhalen of Knox City won his first bid for a political office



Parker

by defeating incumbent Danny Speck of Knox City for the office of County and District Clerk. The vote total was 602 votes for Verhalen and 545 votes for Speck.

Sheriff Dean Homstad of Knox City defeated challenger Johnny Andrade by 691 to 492 votes.

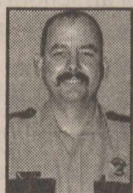
In an uncontested place on the



Verhalen

ballot for the Treasurer of Knox County, Penny Goodwin received 920 votes in her bid for public office.

With four candidates running for the office of Justice of the Peace for combined Precincts 1 & 2, it was no surprise that a runoff election will be needed to decide that race. Incumbent JP Imagean Young of Benjamin



Goodwin

received 196 votes, and will face Robert Harrison of Knox City with 186 votes in a runoff election. The two other challengers for the JP office,

Mitzi Ham of Benjamin received 174 votes and Clodell Duke of Benjamin received 111 votes. Information on the runoff election between Imagean Young and Rob Harrison will appear



Ham

Combined Precincts 1 & 2 JP Runoff Election



Young



Harrison

in next week's NEWS, along with complete totals of how Knox County voted in the primary elections.

Chris Bartley earns Reserve Champion honors at prestigious San Antonio Livestock Show



Chris wins in Junior Charolais Steer Division

Chris Bartley, a 16 year old Junior at Knox City High School, came away with some mighty high honors during the February 7-22 San Antonio Livestock Show.

Earning Reserve Champion in the Junior Charolais Steer Division, this was Chris's first time to win at a major show with his steer, Bugsy.

Chris is the son of Kelly and Terry Bartley of Knox City.

Knox City Volunteer Firemen need your support next week at fundraising basketball games

The volunteer firemen of the Knox City Fire Department are asking the residents of Knox City, O'Brien, and the surrounding area for support next Monday, March 16.

Holding a fundraiser for badly needed funds to repair and replace equipment, the firemen also hope to provide some entertainment and a whole lot of fun as they do battle on the basketball court with the school faculty in the first game of the evening, followed by a game with members of the 1998 Senior Class of Knox City High School.

The annual event has the firemen busy preparing themselves for a test of endurance as the mostly graying, older, and "somewhat heavier" Fire Department

team prepare to do battle on the basketball court against the teachers and senior students. Always fun to watch, the only thing predictable about the annual event is the amount of pain and discomfort that is sure to be accompanied by aches and groans on Tuesday morning!!

Always a crowd pleaser, basketball action is not the only activity that brings laughter from the crowd. The 'brilliant white legs,' 'receding hairlines,' and 'bouncing bellies' are sure to receive their fair share of attention throughout the evening!

The event is scheduled for a tip off at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 16, with the first game featuring the firemen and faculty members. A second game will feature the

firemen and members of the 1998 graduating class of Knox City High School. Dave Thompson has been asked by the firemen to return once again as the announcer for both games.

Halftime activities will include firemen drawing several names or numbers of individuals that will have a chance at winning a \$50.00 savings bond.

Remember to mark your calendars, that's March 16, a Monday evening at 7:30 in the Knox City High School gym.

Throughout the area, our firemen always respond whenever their services and equipment are needed. Their hope is that citizens of the area will respond in kind to help out with this fundraising event.

Johnsons honored by Ft. Worth Star-Telegram



AMONG THE 1998 FARM AND RANCH AWARD recipients recognized by the Fort Worth Star Telegram during a luncheon at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show and Rodeo was Johnson Melon Corp. The ninth annual awards presentation honored the local watermelon and canteloupe industry. Accepting the award from left are Donald and Kay Johnson, and Lorle and Dwayne Johnson. (Courtesy Photo)

Johnson Melon Corp. was honored by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram as a recipient of a 1998 Farm and Ranch Award presented during an awards luncheon at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show and Rodeo in Fort Worth.

The local industry was featured in a Star-Telegram supplement on Sunday, February 1. Star-Telegram staff writer Sandra Baker wrote the following story and is reprinted in its entirety.

'NOT GOING TO SEED'

A million-melon farm in Knox County grows a whopping crop of seedless watermelons

By SANDRA BAKER, Star-Telegram Staff Writer

Donald and Dwayne Johnson, father and son, farm in an area of Texas known for its cotton crop. They're surrounded by fields of the fluffy white pods. But it's not cotton that the Johnsons are after.

Rather, they've turned the tough Texas soil near Knox City into a highly productive watermelon operation, which for each of the past two years has produced a record 20 million pounds of the fruit.

Because of the ground, it's "really tough to grow anything," Donald Johnson says. And if that weren't challenge enough, "watermelon is tougher than cotton because of the diseases."

The older Johnson's foray into the watermelon business wasn't exactly planned, but in the process, he became a Texas pioneer in growing seedless watermelons. In 1976, he recalls having a small garden and growing a few watermelons to give away. By the next year he committed about three acres of his cotton fields, still as a hobby, but the land yielded a few hundred watermelons.

A gentleman from Lubbock traveling through the area saw his fields, stopped and asked to buy several truckloads. The man told Johnson he'd buy even more if he planted them again the next season.

The following year, Johnson planted 20 acres; once again, he had a stranger stop and ask to buy his watermelons. The season after that, he planted about 60 acres and those melons were sold at farmers markets. Today, he and other family members farm nearly 1,000 acres in Knox and Haskell counties, rotating watermelon and wheat crops.

"That's how we got into the business," he says. "There's very few people in the United States that plant that many acres in one area at one time."

To run the business, Johnson formed Johnson Melon Corp. Dwayne joined the company upon graduating from high school in 1980. Donald's wife, Kay, and Dwayne's wife, Lorle, are also involved in the harvest. Dwayne and Lorle's sons, Dustin, 10, and Brad, 12, also help out.

The Johnson Melon business was changed forever in 1984 when a professor from Indiana, O.J. Eigsti, knocked on their door and asked to speak with them about a possible venture.

See Johnsons honored by Ft. Worth Star-Telegram, continued inside on page 3

Lions Club bean supper is Monday

The annual bean and cornbread supper held by the Knox City Lions Club has been scheduled to take place on March 16 before the basketball competition between the Knox City Volunteer Fire Department and the faculty from the Knox City - O'Brien schools.

The Lions Club bean and cornbread supper will begin at 5:30 p.m., next Monday, in the cafeteria on the Knox City school campus. Tickets are on sale from any Lions Club member, and will be available at the door on the night of the supper.

The KC Lions Club sponsors this event each year as a

fundraising project by the organization. You are cordially invited to attend, and bring everyone you know with you!!!

Tickets for adults are \$4.00, tickets for children under 12 are \$2.00, and a family ticket is just \$10.00, no matter how many in the family.

Little League signup is Tuesday

All parents are asked to remember that Tuesday, March 17, is the official sign-up night for the Knox City-O'Brien-Benjamin Little League.

Location is the W.R. Baker Auditorium on the Knox City cam-

pus and starting time is set for 7:00 p.m.

For those who cannot make the meeting, the absolute latest date to sign-up is Monday, March 23, according to league president Raul Espinosa.

Immunization clinic set here March 12

The Texas Department of Health will conduct an immunization clinic at the Community Center in Knox City on Thursday, March 12, from 10:00-11:30 and 1:00-3:00.

Immunizations offered include DTaP, Hib, Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella and Hepatitis B for infants as well as all school immunizations. The immunization is available for all adults not having one in 10 years.

The Hepatitis series will be required for Kindergarten entry in the fall of 1998. The Hepatitis B series (three immunizations) takes a minimum of 6 months to complete. Please check child's immunization record for this series. Though not a school requirement, the Hepatitis B series is available for all school age children through the age of 19, if they or their parents want it for prevention or the child is at risk. For more information on the immunization or the disease, call the Texas Department of Health or talk to a health care provider.

Participants are asked to bring immunization records to the clinic. A parents, adult family member or legal guardian must accompany a minor. All services provided by the Texas Department of Health are provided on a sliding fee scale but no one is denied services due to an ability to pay.

For more information on any of the immunizations, call 940-574-2159.

Safety pays huge dividends for local schools

Mr. Louis Baty, Superintendent, Knox City-O'Brien CISD, was recently recognized for their outstanding safety record by the North Texas Educational Insurance Association at the Annual Appreciation Luncheon in Austin, Texas.

The district has saved \$26,573.00 since February 1, 1996 because of their dedication to preventing work related injuries. More than 320 Texas schools are current participants in a program that focuses on employee safety and savings for the school district.

This uniquely designed program was developed by Hibbs-Hallmark & Company and is administered by CAS-Claims Administrative Services, Inc.

Both companies, located in Tyler, Texas, currently provide workers' compensation to over 30% of Texas school districts.

Since its inception in 1991, combined savings for participat-



PRESENTING A PLAQUE TO Louis Baty, KC-O'Brien CISD Superintendent (at right) is Weldon Mayan from CAS.
(Courtesy Photo)

ing school districts have exceeded \$49 million.

Knox City-O'Brien CISD was an Gold award recipient, with actual losses for the district amounting to 29.00% of funds reserved for potential claims expenses. Savings for the 96/97 school year totaled \$26,573.00

"Our self insurance programs were created to offer the safest working conditions and the great-

est potential for savings for Texas school districts," said Barry Jones, Claims Administrative Services, Inc. President. "Regular visits from our team of safety professionals assist each district in implementing strict safety policies and procedures."

Wesley Slade, Senior Vice President of CAS explained, "Member districts' commitment to safety is one of the reasons for the success of the Association. District participation in HHC/CAS programs set the standard for schools statewide, in reducing on-the-job injuries, as well as saving tax dollars. Taxpayers should be pleased to know that the Board of Trustees and the administrative staff of Knox City-O'Brien CISD are working to provide the safest working environment possible for their employees and to reduce the cost of worker's compensation to each participating district."

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Steve Pepper, Minister
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News from Knox City Elementary Project LAMP

By Maribeth Williams, Principal

Knox City Elementary students and teachers will soon begin to "light up the lives" of some people in the Armed Services in a schoolwide effort called Project LAMP (Letters to American Military Personnel). Students will begin correspondence with young men and women from Knox City who are stationed for a short tour of duty in a danger zone such as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bosnia, etc.

Several goals will be realized through Project LAMP. The students will get lessons in geography as maps are used to learn locations, countries and cities; they will increase writing and spelling skills; and they may be able to use e-mail and the Internet. The students will also learn valuable lessons in patriotism and compassion.

We need help from the community to accomplish these goals. If you have a family member of know of any service personnel from Knox City who fit the criteria mentioned earlier, please, let us know. We will need the name, postal address, and e-mail address, if it is known, of the service person.

Please, help us by calling the Elementary office at 658-3147 or me at 658-3785. The school office will be open after spring break on March 16.



School to present curriculum beginning Monday

Knox City-O'Brien CISD will be presenting their Human Growth and Development curriculum to grades 6 through 12 beginning on Monday, March 16.

Each presentation will consist of three sessions, one for boys only, one for girls only and one for the entire group.

Every student will be required to return a signed parent consent form prior to attending the presentations.

Consent forms have been sent home with the students and par-

ents are asked to make sure the signed consent form is returned to the school if they want their child to attend the curriculum presentation.

Parents are also encouraged to attend the presentations, school officials said.

Schedule for presentations is as follows:

Middle School
(in the mid-school band hall)
Monday, March 16 - 8th grade, boys, 8:05 to 10:05 a.m.; girls, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; all stu-

dents, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.;

Tuesday, March 17 - 7th grade, boys, 8:05 to 10:05 a.m.; girls, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; all students, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.;

Wednesday, March 18 - 6th grade, boys, 8:05 to 10:05 a.m.; girls, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; all students, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m..

High School
(in the W.R. Baker Auditorium)
Thursday, March 19 - boys, 8:05 to 10:05 a.m.; girls, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; all students, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

4-H Roping School is June 21-25 in Stephenville

The 1998 Texas 4-H Calf Roping School will be held on June 21-25. This school will take place at the Tarleton State University Equine Arena in Stephenville. Participation is open to all Texas 4-H members with preference given to youth who are 14 years of age or older.

The cost of the school is \$250 for the week. This will include group insurance, meals, lodging, stall rent for one horse (stall fee for additional horses will be \$25

per horse) and will cover the cost of practice calves. Students will be housed in the Tarleton State University dormitories. Parents are encouraged to attend as chaperons. There will be a \$100 fee for adult chaperons to help cover meals and lodging. Any adults wishing to bring a horse must also pay a \$25 stall fee.

Deadline for registering is May 1, 1998. Participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The school will be

limited to 45 participants.

Please contact Paul Weiser in the Knox County Extension office for more information or for a copy of the rules and application forms. The Knox County Extension office is located in the courthouse in Benjamin. The phone number is (940) 454-2651.

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KCHS students state-bound in cross-x debate

Knox City High School has qualified two students for the 1998 University Interscholastic League State Cross-Examination Meet to be held March 16-21 at The University of Texas at Austin.

Qualifiers are Tamara McGaughey and Jennifer Vacek, who placed second at the district.

Students qualified for the state meet by placing second at the UIL Cross-Examination District Meet held Saturday, February 14, at Motley County High School in Matador.

"UIL debate competition prepares students for the adult world by challenging their problem-solving and critical thinking skills, as well as their creativity," Jana Riggins, UIL debate director, said. "This year's cross-examination debate topic required students to

research renewable energy sources, increasing their knowledge of how to make their future world a better place. Certainly, learning how to think on one's feet, to investigate and analyze problems, and to effectively communicate ideas increases those leadership skills in students and gives us all hope for tomorrow."

UIL academic contests range from feature writing to accounting, and from computer science to poetry interpretation.

Of the 2.2 million students who participated in UIL activities last year, 637,000 competed in one or more of the 22 general academic contests.

Through participation at the state meet, students qualify for Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships. Since its inception in 1954, the TILF has provided \$11.4 million to approximately 10,315 students. This year, the TILF expects to award an estimated 525 new and renewed grants, valued at approximately \$750,000.

These academic scholarships have been funded by grants and donations from foundations and individuals. Each dollar that the TILF receives goes directly for scholarships and no administrative or other overhead expenses are deducted.



OFF TO STATE next week in Austin are these Knox City High School students, Jennifer Vacek, left, and Tamara McGaughey who placed second at the recent UIL cross-examination district meet held at Motley County High School in Matador. Competition will be held March 16-21 at The University of Texas at Austin. (NEWS Photo)

Engaged couple honored with wedding shower

Friends and relatives of engaged couple Heather Gerald and Brian Tankersley gathered March 5 in the home of LaNell Kight to honor them.

Hostesses for the occasion were Earlene Austin, Betty Bailiff, Frankie Baker, Carolyn Brockett, Niki Collins, Misti Fronterhouse, Debbie Gross, Ila Kay Gross, Birdie Helton, Sarah Ledesma, Elaine Lewis, Leslie Mahan, Sue Marion, Lea Reeves and Ann White.

ROBINSON VISITORS

Visitors of Ruby Robinson have been her sister Odell and Bob Buckles of Meeker, Colorado; Linda Morgan of Dalton, Nebraska; Judy Strickland and family; Betty Sue Pointer of Abilene; Dr. and Mrs. Charles Markward of Dallas and a friend Kay; Sam Emory Clonts of Austin; Jim and Patsy Bateman of Denton and Bobby Roberson of Rule.

Game night

The Knox County Aging Center is the site for a game night each Thursday.

Space is always available for anyone to join in their games and the pot luck supper.

Starting time is 5:00 p.m.

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Johnsons honored by Fort Worth Star-Telegram

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Eigsti, Johnson recalls, said he liked the area and asked him to grow watermelons to produce a special seed, which he had been developing for years. The seeds would grow seedless watermelons.

Though apprehensive, Johnson decided it wouldn't hurt to give the idea a try.

"He had a bag of seed," Dwayne Johnson said. "He gave us the seed."

By 1986, the Johnsons were growing seed on 250 acres and formed American Seedless Corp. The next year, the sold 50 percent of the company to Sun World, a California marketing company. American Seedless Corp. and Sun World each own 50 percent of American Sun Melon, the company that now markets the seeds.

In 1992, seed production was moved to Sacramento, California, but seed is shipped back to the Johnson's facilities, where it is processed for worldwide distribution.

The Johnsons annually harvest more than 1 million watermelons. They plan 1.8 million watermelons for 1998. They traditionally plant 25 percent more than they think they can harvest. That's about what they lose every year to bad weather conditions, Donald Johnson says.

"We've been froze out, hailed out and blown out," he says. "But we have never totally missed a crop."

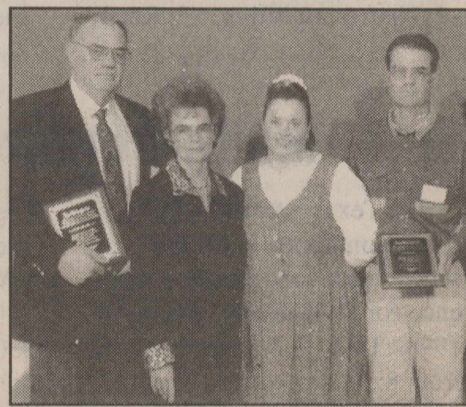
When the seed production was moved to California, the Johnsons built 12 greenhouses and now germinate seed in a climate-controlled environment. Not only does transplanting make the fields more uniform and reduce the risk of loss, but the family also gains two to three weeks in the growing process, Donald Johnson says.

The Johnsons also grow cantaloupe on about 100 acres.

The Johnsons attribute their success to the basic rules involved in all farming and knowing their markets, but also to the "extremely good care" they give their fields. That entails walking their fields every day, Dwayne Johnson says.

That's the reason a venture two years ago to grow watermelons in El Salvador for the winter market in the United States was unsuccessful, Donald Johnson says.

"You have to give it 100 percent of your time, or you're going to miss one disease or one insect; and if you do, you're out of business," he says.



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State spends \$2,733,364 in county welfare

In the 1997 annual report of the Texas Department of Human Services, a review of expenditures and services is provided for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1997. The state spent a total of \$2,733,364 last year for major welfare programs in Knox County.

Statistics for Knox County are:

- Food stamps reached 613 clients for a total of \$446,766.

- TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) reached 141 recipients for a total of \$91,670.

- Long Term Care helped 91 clients in nursing homes for a total of \$1,768,293.

- CCAD (Community Care for Aged and Disabled) assisted 67 clients for a total of \$426,635.

In October 1997, Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) Commissioner Eric M. Bost announced the start of Texas Works, a new statewide initiative to help thousands of current and potential welfare recipients move into the workplace.

"Texas Works is an initiative

that we hope will bury once and for all the old culture of welfare dependency in our state," TDHS officials said.

Already in place in hundreds of DHS field offices, every able-bodied adult will hear a clear and strong message. The message is work is always better than welfare. The message is that they want each person to be self-sufficient so they can enjoy the pride that comes from supporting their own family.

The message is that DHS will do all they can to help families become self-sufficient, but adults must also take the initiative to help themselves.

Under Texas Works, DHS is opening Resource Rooms in most of the agency's 500 field offices. The rooms contain computers with Internet access to job listings, job search and interview technique tips, lists of available child care and transportation, and even the names of organizations that provide work clothes. DHS field staff, now known as Texas Work Advi-

sors, will also change the focus of their work from merely determining eligibility to helping adults overcome barriers to employment.

The agency's employees will also be encouraged to coordinate with a wide assortment of community groups to provide support for welfare recipients seeking work.

"Texas Works is the first of several steps we will take to help needy families break their dependency on public assistance programs," officials continued. "It is Commissioner Bost's hope that the long term benefit of Texas Works will be felt by at least two generations, wanting the children of current welfare recipients to see their parents going to work each day and realize that getting an education and a job is the real key to success. Commissioner Bost wants the adults to know the pride and esteem that comes from earning a paycheck, and every Texan to know that the old welfare system is dead once and for all."

O'Brien happenings

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Bedside Manners - My husband was just coming out of anesthesia after a series of tests in the hospital, and I was sitting at his bedside. His eyes fluttered open and he murmured, 'You're beautiful.' Flattered, I continued my vigil while he drifted back to sleep. Later he woke up and said, 'You're cute.' 'Whathappened to 'beautiful'? I asked him. 'The drugs are wearing off,' he replied.

Here and There - J.O. and Charlene Brothers were in Abilene Friday night to attend a birthday party for their grandson, Chase brothers, son of Craig and Lori Brothers. The group enjoyed cake and ice cream and playing with their grandchildren.

Sammie Murry of Plainview spent last Friday night with her mother, Beatrice Ellis. Sammie met her twin granddaughters here and they returned home with her for a week while on spring break.

O'Brien Baptist Church was blessed Friday night with a men's quartet from Stamford performing with a lot of good singing. Approximately 80 attended the singing. All enjoyed a brisket dinner before the singing.

Donnie, Diane, Angela and Trish Roberts were in Lubbock Saturday to attend the Tulia-Clyde basketball game. It was a fast and close game. Tulia won by five points in the last few minutes of the game. Tulia will be going to

state in Austin next week.

Scott and Stefani Stephens and a roommate of Stefani's spent the weekend with their mother, Sue and Bennett Shortes.

Dan and Marilyn Talbot were in Muenster Saturday to see Scott Stephens rope in a cow roping contest. I'm sure he did good, but haven't heard.

Billie Walker and daughter, Julie Sanders, visited with cousin, Eula Bannowsky in Junction last week. They enjoyed sightseeing, and a visit to Eula's sheep and goat ranch. Returning home they stopped at Ballinger and at Hawley to visit with son, Cliff Banner and wife, Bobby. A good Mexican food meal was enjoyed.

Police Dept. Report

By Harry Steen, Knox City Chief Of Police

FEBRUARY, 1998

The Knox City Police Department had another very busy month during February 1998, receiving a total of 686 calls and tasks which required attention. This total included 16 actual criminal offenses, of which 14 were cleared or otherwise handled. Four charges were filed in regard to the above offenses, with three of the offenses involving juveniles as offender.

OFFENSES REPORTED
Terroristic Threat - 1, Harassment - 1, Burglary of a Building - 1, Violate City Ordinance(s) - 2, Assault (Domestic Related) - 1, Criminal Mischief - 3, Theft - 2, Theft (shoplifting) - 2, Retali-

ation - 1, Failure to Attend School - 2.

Traffic Charges Filed - 8, Warnings Issued - 14, Accidents - 1.

Other Items reported to the Knox City Police Department during February are classified as incidents. These incidents were not able to be considered as a criminal offense, however, they must be handled in a responsible and proper manner.

INCIDENTS REPORTED
Prowler - 3, Found 4-Wheeler - 1, Missing Person - 2, Assisted with Accident - 3, Alarms - 3.

Total calls received from the following: Central (911) - 37, Sheriff Office - 28, City Hall

- 5.

On February 11th, the Grand Jury met and this department had 11 cases that were pending. The Grand Jury handed down 6 indictments. Out of 10 cases that were presented to them, the Grand Jury no billed 4 of the cases.

On February 13th, the City Administrator, Danny Parker, and myself started to view over the applications for patrolman. Three of the applicants were pulled out and will be presented to the council, for their recommendation to fill the vacant patrolman position.

/s/ Harry E. Steen
Chief of Police
Knox City Police Department

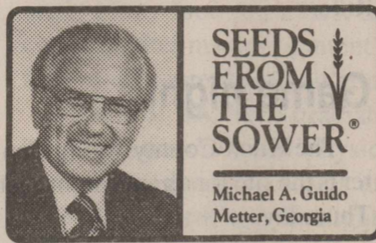
AHA business drive nets \$1909.50

One of largest totals in history

Knox City and O'Brien businesses and individuals gave \$1909.50 to the 1998 American Heart Association business drive, making it one of the largest totals in the history of the drive, according to June Tankersley, chairman. This money is used to promote education and research in this field.

Ten women have continued to work years to diligently collect this money. Among them are Kim Clonts, Charlene Brothers, Frankie Baker, Jo Nell Cornett, Judy Albus, Betsy Allen, Patsy Gonzales, Peggy Grindstaff and June Tankersley.

Seventy-seven businesses and individuals contributed.



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Tree Health Conference is March 25 in Lubbock

The Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Lubbock has scheduled a Tree Health Conference for Wednesday, March 25, 1998. This conference will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Topics for this conference will be: "Proper Pruning Techniques", "Fertilization", "Wind Break Trees", "Insect Pest of Shade

Trees", "Choosing Problem-Free Trees", "Tree Evaluation What's It Work? Is It Safe?", plus more.

There is a preregistration fee of \$30 (\$40 after March 13). This includes all conference materials (does not include lunch). Participants will be responsible for their own lunch.

For more information contact

Harold Kaufman or Sheryl Jones at (806)746-6101. Registration Materials are also available at the Knox County Extension office in Benjamin (454-2651).

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Noah Project - North committee to meet Friday at Haskell

The Noah Project - North Advisory Committee will hold their monthly meeting at the East Side

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Mustang players selected for All-District Team

Several members of the Benjamin Mustang Basketball Team have been selected to the All - District Team.

Seniors Bobby Condron and Jay Whitten were named to the First Team.

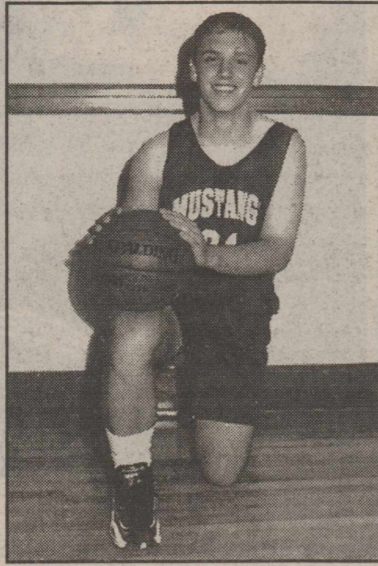
Benjamin Junior Tyler Carroll was named to the Second Team.

Senior Tom Lyles and Junior Jacy Collins received Honorable Mention honors.

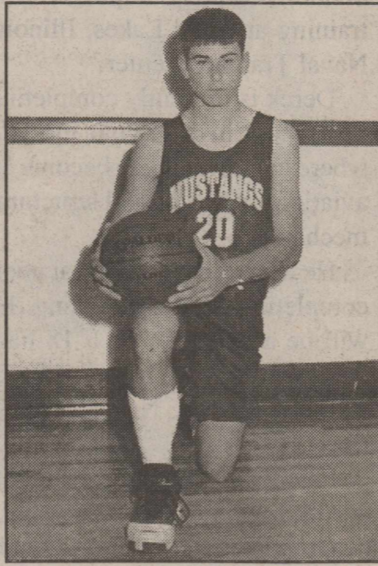
Senior Bobby Condron was also selected to play in the All - Star game which will take place in Lubbock this summer.

Parents of the players are Darrel and Marsha Condron, Jack and Judy Whitten, Kenneth Carroll, and Mike and Tammy Lyles.

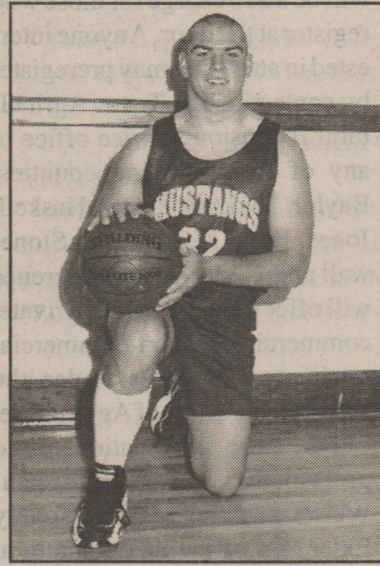
Congratulations, Mustangs!



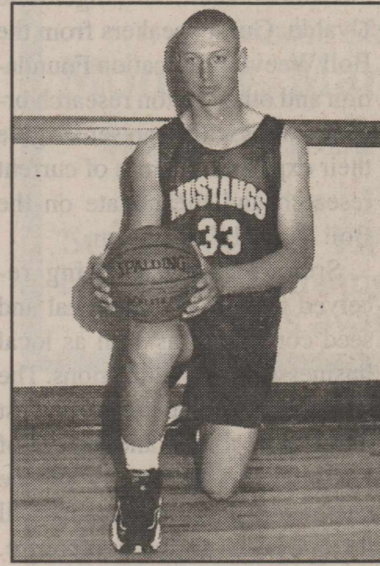
Bobby Condron
Senior, First Team pick



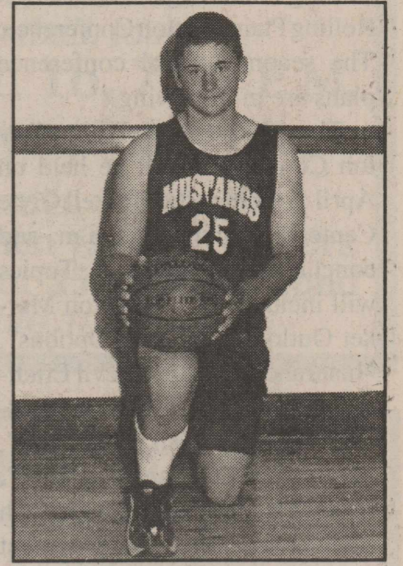
Jay Whitten
Senior, First Team pick



Tyler Carroll
Junior, Second Team pick



Tom Lyles
Senior, Honorable Mention



Jacy Collins
Junior, Honorable Mention

Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Brrr! Once again, we had a cold snap and this one was a "lulu". Snow and such a strong north wind on Saturday night and Sunday made for plain ole' miserable conditions. Today (Monday) is still cold but with the wind not blowing quite so strong, it is a bit more bearable.

No news of anyone being sick, other than the seasonal colds and allergies, and I'm glad to be able to report that.

Of course with the rain and cold on Saturday the annual cleanup day was postponed. Another date will be announced later and when it is, I'll let you know.

Here 'N There - Several residents braved the cold on Sunday and went on to Truscott to what is thought to be the last Grandma's dinner. The older grandmas say the young ones may continue it. We'll wait and see. Among those from there going were Imagean and Dutch Young, Deann and Anthony Lamb, Jack and Judie Whitten, Jack and Mary Young, Tom and Becky Moorhouse and Gage, Lucille Moorhouse, Debbie Clower and family, Tracy and Susan Cartwright and family, Don and Louise Hertel, Katrine King and Bud Conner.

On Friday night, several locals were in O'Brien to attend a concert by a quartet from Stamford. The quartet, "Glory" performed at the First Baptist Church. A "brisket on a bun" and the trimmings meal preceded the concert. Attending from Benjamin were

Joy and Charles Jones, Betty Lyles, Stanton and Shari Brown and myself. It was such a enjoyable evening and we hope to bring the group here, maybe in late April. Think everyone would enjoy them and certainly receive a blessing from their songs.

Dickie Lloyd spent a couple of days in the Haskell hospital week before last. She had a virus of some sort so had a couple days of rest and treatment and she's feeling better.

Fred and Merle Searcey of Justin visited Merle's twin sister, Pearl Ryder and Bill last week. Bill, by the way, is feeling better but still staying pretty close to the house.

Larry Neal and Dennis Duke were in Tulsa, Oklahoma, last Wednesday on business and Larry had an opportunity to visit his son, Ernest, a student at Tulsa University on Wednesday night. He said Ernest is doing fine. Just staying pretty busy with his music learning. He's such an accomplished pianist, one wonders that else he can learn but I guess that's how you get better! Audra Neal visited her parents, Larry and Gaye, during the weekend. As you know, she's a nursing student at HSU in Abilene.

Daniel and Rosellen Albus of Lubbock visited Don and Louise Hertel and Rosellen's mom, Nora Hertel at Leisure Lodge on Saturday. Nora continues to do well.

Judy Conner spent the weekend with her sons, Jim Bob and Jeff and his family, in Lubbock.

Several from over this way were in Knox City Thursday night for the political forum held at the Bill Baker auditorium. Those I saw there from Benjamin were Mike and Kay Sheedy, Sue Sheedy, Linda Parker, Louise Hertel, Dub and Jo Cartwright, Leroy and Gloria West, Jack and Mary Young, LaMoyn Patterson, Hank Wagner, Stanton and Shari Brown, Dutch Young, Jonnie Williams, Bo Milson, Debbie Clower and family and myself.

Then our town's candidates who were there were Linda Wagner, Imagean Young, Clodell Duke, Mitzi Ham and Jerry Parker.

It was a good forum and each candidate did an excellent job in presenting themselves. By the time this is read, the election will be over and I urge you all to do as I plan to do, whether your candidate wins or loses, please support the winner. We do not need dissension in our county government.

Lonnie Bohannon of Abilene spent the weekend with homefolks.

And an apology to Lynne Moorhouse who, tho made the front page of the *News* last week, with honorable mention and certainly deserves that recognition. She's a sophomore and the daughter of Mike and Debra. Sorry, Lynne.

Karen (Feemster) Parker of Brownwood visited Mr. and Mrs. George Parrish and other relatives over the weekend.

Guthrie's Jackson ends year as region FHA president

Jimmy Jackson of Guthrie High School made a lasting impression as he ended his term as Region I President during the Region I meeting held in Odessa on March 6 and 7.

Guthrie FHA'ers found 'A Sea of Opportunities', which was the theme of the meeting.

The chapter tied with Spur for having the most registered members for Class 1-A schools. Eighteen delegates, three guests and one advisor from Guthrie were

among the 650 delegates.

Jacob Clark served as voting delegate and Lance Green videoed the chapter as they participated in various activities.

Wess Abbott and Delbert Ellis placed second in the applied technology event.

Also placing second were the junior and senior parliamentary procedure teams. The junior team consisted of Chase Richardson, Beth Cave, Krissy Shipman, Joli Shipman, Ashley Bouher, Katrina

Keith, Justi Ayres and Ashley Pettiet. Participating on the senior team were Brandon Richardson, Summer Ray, Amanda Keith, Yvonne Garza and Laura Lambeth.

Marianna Graves is the advisor of the chapter. Darlene Withers, honorary FHA member, accompanied the delegation.

Jimmy's parents, Judy and Mike Jackson; and his sister and nephew, Kala and Seth Briggs of Kerrville, attended the meeting.



"Mr. President," said a visitor, "what do the people say where you come from: 'A hen lays or a hen lies'?"

"Neither," answered Mr. Coolidge. "They lift her up to see."

It's not so much your language that counts, but your life. Many people are long on profession, but short on practice.

St. John said, "Someone may say, 'I am a Christian; I am on my way to heaven; I belong to Christ.' But if he doesn't do what Christ tells him to, he is a liar... That is the way to know whether or not you are a Christian. Anyone who says he is a Christian should live as Christ did."

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Cotton Conference set for April 1 in Haskell

In 1997, county Extension agents from ten counties in the Rolling Plains organized the first Rolling Plains Cotton Conference. The second annual conference plans are in full swing.

The 1998 Rolling Plains Cotton Conference will be held on April 1, 1998 at the Haskell Civic Center beginning at 8 a.m. and concluding around 4 p.m. Topics will include: "1998 Cotton Market Outlook", "Use of Options", "Insurance", "Boll Weevil Eradication Update", "Uniform Planting - How It Can Help You", "Early Season Considerations", "Plant Mapping and Plant Growth Regulators", "Weed Management Old and New", "Transgenic Cotton - Where We Are & Where We Are Headed", and "Southern Rolling Plains Six Year Harvest Aid Summary."

Speakers for this conference will include Extension Specialists from Vernon, San Angelo and Uvalde. Guest speakers from the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation and other cotton research organizations will be present to give their expertise in areas of current research and the update on the Boll Weevil Eradication.

Sponsorships are being received from many chemical and seed companies as well as local businesses and organizations. The sponsors will help cover the cost of a rib eye dinner and the use of the civic center. Many of the chemical and seed companies will have a booth at the conference. There will be breaks in the morning and afternoon as well as during lunch for participants to visit these booths.

Participants who sign up prior

to Friday, March 20, 1998 will be able to attend for FREE! There will be a \$10 charge for those who register at the door. Anyone interested in attending may preregister by contacting the Texas Agricultural Extension Service office in any of the following counties: Baylor, Dickens, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Stone-wall and Taylor. This conference will offer CEU's towards private, commercial and non-commercial applicators licenses under the Texas Department of Agriculture.

For more information, or to preregister, please give Paul Weiser a call in the Knox County Extension office in Benjamin at (940) 454-2651.

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Stovall completes basic training

Derek W. Stovall, a 1997 graduate of Knox City High School, recently completed basic training at Great Lakes, Illinois, Naval Training Center.

Derek is presently completing "A" school in Pensacola, Florida, where he is training to become an aviation hydraulic and structural mechanic.

He has been notified that upon completion of his schooling, he will be attached to an F-18 Fast Attack Squadron, based at Jacksonville, Florida, Naval Air Station.

Parents of Derek are Paul and Laura Stovall of Knox City.

Grandparents and great-grandmother are Leon and Jessie Mae



DEREK W. STOVALL

Johnson and Dessie Johnson, respectively, all of Munday.

Study Club hears Pat Gonzales

The Knox City Study Club met in the Community Center, Thursday, February 19, at 2:30 for a regular meeting and program.

Winifred White, president, called the meeting to order. Wretha Fitzgerald gave the invocation followed by Frances Dear leading in the Pledges to the United States and Texas Flags.

Janoma Stephens presented Pat Gonzales, who gave the program which concerned Conservation and Environment - preserving our resources. The title of Pat's program was "Laundry Solution". To get our full attention she informed the club that "it" wasn't true - a hoax.

Pat stated that everyone is busy earning a living - taking care of our families, are finding it increasingly difficult to find time for getting involved in causes, even one as serious as the environmental crisis. One solution she presented was as easy as cleaning clothes. Rivers, streams, lakes and oceans are being aggressively spoiled by harsh, toxic chemicals released for laundry detergents. Besides everything else just imagine the millions of home releasing these non-biodegradable toxins into water reserves every day. Pat showed that there are products that activate the laundry water naturally through a process which changes the molecular structure of the water, which forces the dirt to leave the fabric because the dirt is positively charged and the "solution" is negatively charged, thus creating an electronic release of dirt. The ladies did not understand the process but agreed it was a very interesting process and certainly worth a try even though "it doesn't work". Mysteries are intriguing !!!

Roll call was answered by "what I am most apt to not to conserve."

The club was pleased to have guest Pat Gonzales and Ramona Helms visit.

On A Wizer Note....

By Paul Weiser, Knox County Extension Agent - Ag.

Food irradiation

A few weeks ago a question about food irradiation was brought up in a conversation. This is the process of using approved radiation sources to eliminate pathogens and reduce spoilage microorganisms while maintaining wholesomeness and fresh quality in foods.

Good farming and manufacturing practices discourage harmful bacteria from entering the food supply. However, this does not come with a guarantee. Irradiation used in conjunction with good farming and manufacturing practices can greatly enhance the safety of food and even extend its freshness.

Irradiation disrupts the genetic material of living cells, inactivating parasites and destroying pathogens and insects in food. This includes Escherichia coli 0157:H7, Salmonella, Campylobacter, and Trichinella spiralis associated with raw meat and poultry. By killing spoilage microorganisms, irradiation extends the freshness of perishable foods. Irradiation has also been found to delay the ripening process in produce and will prevent sprouting in

vegetables. A study conducted in 1992 found that irradiated ground beef stayed fresh nine days longer than non-irradiated beef.

Consumers who are at high risk to food-borne illnesses (including children, the elderly and those with compromised immune systems) would especially benefit from irradiated foods. However, the question is whether radioactivity will be induced in the food. This issue is of no concern for the currently approved radiation sources - gamma rays, electrons and X-rays. The energy in these radiation sources is too low to induce radioactivity.

These radiation sources will produce a small number of harmless radiolytic products in foods that are similar to those formed by cooking. Review by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has verified the safety of these products. Irradiated foods must demonstrate nutritional adequacy in order to be approved by the FDA. Macronutrients (protein, carbohydrates and fats) are not significantly affected by radiation doses up to 10 kGy and trace elements and minerals are not affected at all. Minimal vitamin loss may occur, depending on the

dose, temperature, presence of oxygen and type of food irradiated. Many food processes, like cooking, alter nutrient content of food much more than irradiation.

Food that has been irradiated have no major chemical, physical or sensory changes. Color and odor of raw meat may be slightly affected. Cooking appears to lessen or eliminate the radiation-induced odor and color changes can be minimized by irradiating meat in an oxygen-free environment in the frozen state.

Successful sale of irradiated food products in four U.S. stores show that consumers will accept irradiated food. Irradiated foods marketed in numerous other countries were judged superior by consumers.

This information was taken from February/March 1998 issue of the "Texas Food Processor" newsletter. For more information about the contents of this article, please give Paul Weiser a call in the Knox County Extension office at 454-2651.

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Melissa Stovall is scholarship recipient

Melissa Stovall, a Knox City High School senior, was recently notified that she has been awarded a \$6000.00 scholarship from Schreiners College in Kerrville.

Melissa was one of 70 seniors invited to participate in the Schreiners Scholars program.

This program, a two day event, included a tour of the campus, a question and answer session for parents and a financial aid seminar.

Melissa also went through extensive interviews with several Schreiners professors.

She was also required to prepare an essay stating why Schreiners would benefit from having her be a part of their college community.

The scholars program is based strictly on a student's merit, their ACT scores, grade point average and their capabilities of being able to contribute to the Schreiner com-



MELISSA STOVALL

Scholarship recipient

munity.

Melissa's plans are to enroll for the fall semester at Schreiners College and major in pre-law.

Attending with Melissa were her parents Paul and Laura Stovall and her sister Heather of Knox City.

Aging center lunch menus

March 16 thru March 20

Monday, March 16 - Tacos with meat and cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, whole kernel corn, Spanish rice, kalaches.

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Thursday, March 19 - Baked ham, candied yams, green beans, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, fruit cobbler.

Friday, March 20 - Salmon croquettes, cole slaw, macaroni and cheese, blackeyed peas, cornbread, fruit cobbler.

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Some chapters are glad and some are sad. But nothing enters our lives by luck, only by the Lord. He desires our good, and He makes all things work for our good.

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Notice

BUYING LIVE RATTLESNAKES - March 7, March 28. Pickups, Haskell - 8:15 to 8:50, Citgo Gas Station, East 380; Benjamin, 9:30 to 10:15, downtown area. 800-687-8373, Ronnie Herring. 2-19 4tp

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED - The Knox County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the position of Dispatcher / Jailer. Shifts vary. Start immediately and will train if minimum qualifications are met. Contact Knox County Sheriff's Office at 940-454-2211 or in person at the Sheriff's office in Benjamin. 3-5 2tc 45

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Public Notice

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Bid Notice

THE CITY OF BENJAMIN will open bids for the sale of a 1980 Ford Ranger F350 ambulance on March 16, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. The City reserves the right to reject all bids. Send sealed bids to Box 286, Benjamin, TX 79505. 3-5 2tc 44

Political Calendar

The following have authorized *The Knox County News* to announce their candidacy for public office.

- State Representative, District 70 **SCOTT MCLAUGHLIN (R)**
- DAVID COUNTS (D)** - Re-Election Justice of the Peace, Precincts 1 & 2
- IMAGEAN YOUNG (D)** - Re-Election
- ROBERT (ROB) HARRISON (D)** - Pol. Adv. Pd. For By Above Named Candidates

Legal Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: ANY SHERIFF OR CONSTABLE WITHIN THE STATE OF TEXAS, GREETING: You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four (4) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight (28) days before the return date hereof, in a newspaper published in Knox County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the following is a true copy:

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: ERNEST B. MILLER, III; CURTIS F. BRYAN; OTHNEAL CARROLL; ARTHUR W. MUELLER, ELEANOR SCARBOROUGH; SUSAN HENDRICKSON; CINDY STEWART; KATHRYN B. KEILTY; HOLLAND OIL CO.; MARADUN OIL CO.; J. O. WHITTINGTON; JAMES A. HAYDEN; L. C. BIRCHFIELD; JEREMY D. GIBSON; S. E. SAVAGE; MARY M. BRIDGES; CECELIA M. RYHAL; MARIE F. ALBRICHT; NINA THORMAN ESTATE AND THE BENEFICIARIES UNDER HER LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, BEING JOHNNY MULLINS, MICHAEL MULLINS, CHARLES MULLINS, TONY MULLINS, LINDSAY IRVING TURNER III, MICHAEL THORMAN; and the unknown heirs at law, devisees, legal representatives, successors, and assigns of each of said named individual Defendants who are deceased, if any are deceased. You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 50th District Court of Knox County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in Benjamin, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 13th day of April, 1998, to Plaintiff's Original Petition filed in said Court on the 26th day of February, 1998, in this cause which is No. 8292 on the docket of said Court, styled WALTER BROWN, Plaintiff, v. ERNEST B. MILLER, III, ET AL., Defendants. The Plaintiff in said suit is WALTER BROWN, and the Defendants are ERNEST B. MILLER, III, et al. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A suit for the appointment of a Receiver under the provisions of V.T.C.A., Civil Practice and Remedies Code Section 64.091, as amended to execute an oil, gas and mineral lease on the interests of the Defendants in the following described land situated in Knox County, Texas, to-wit:

Tract 1: Being all of Section 52, Block C, H&TC RR Co. Survey, containing 640

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NEW LISTING - Corner lot, good location, good seller. Three - four bedroom, one bath.

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Tract 2: Being all of Section 69, Block C, H&TC RR Co. Survey, containing 640 acres.

Tract 3: Being all of Section 70, Block C, H&TC RR Co. Survey, containing 640 acres.

Tract 4: Being all of Section 81, Block C, H&TC RR Co. Survey, containing 320 acres; and

Tract 5: Being all of Section 82, Block C, H&TC RR Co. Survey, containing 320 acres. If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to the require-

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HOW SMALL TOWNS FADE AWAY.....

The men were quite cocky as they stood in the sun. "Let's go to the city, stock up and have fun; "We'll buy by the case all under one roof" "And save lots, too, of that we have proof." So they did that for many a year..... And from the results, never took any fear; Until one day they met once again Standing uptown just out of the rain. "What's happened here," cried one in dismay; Their faces were ashen, they had much to say. Then one scratched his head, the other said loud; "There's no lunch and no coffee, not even a crowd; "My wife's real sick and right off her feet. "So I came up for some drugs, some milk and some meat. The hospital is closed, the grocery stores too, "What in the world are we going to do? "My furnace is shot and the plumbing is broken." The other one gasped, I thought he was choking... "My car's a wreck, and the tires are low. "I need nails and lumber, but there's no place to go." His friend had his head right down to his chest. "We're to blame," he muttered. "On our heads it does rest. "We passed this town for the glimmer of lights, "Bought stuff by the carload and took in the sights. "The City is bustling and bursting with pride, "While our town merchants just up and died. "The houses are empty, the bank's repossessed. "I'll tell you old boy, we're in for a test. "We should have been smarter and wiser," they said. "Then the town would be bustling, not half so dead." "It's never too late, we've learned," someone said. But for the foolishness of many, they'd all have to pay.

-Anonymous

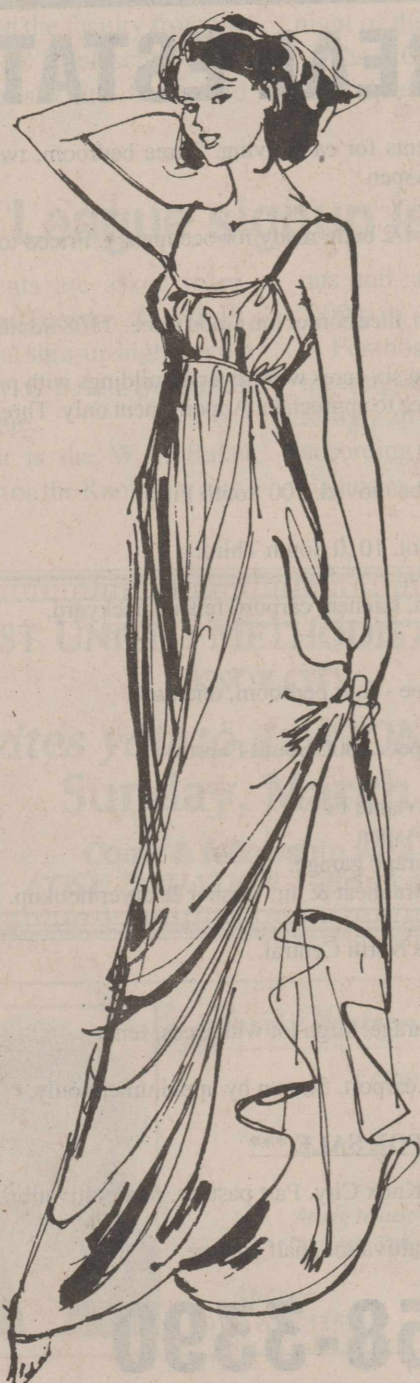
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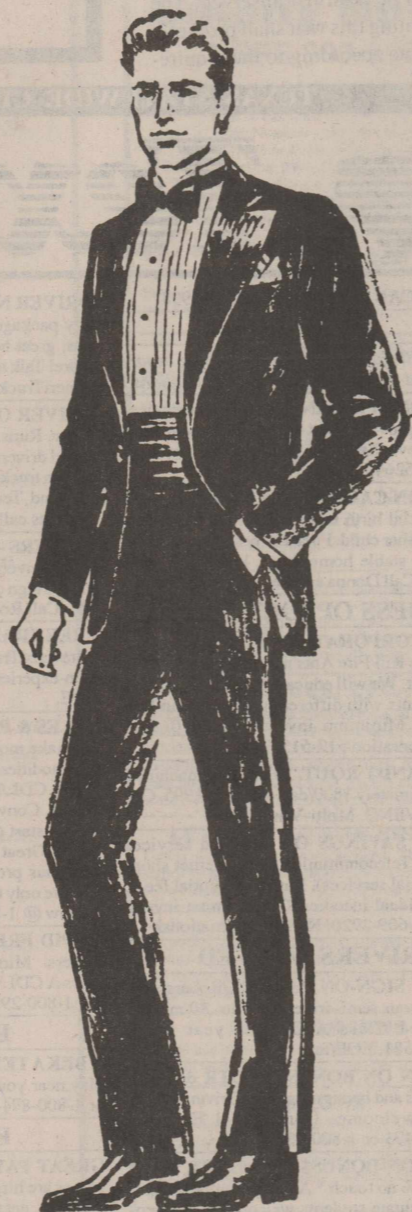
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Students at O'brien study 'Owl Pellets' for class

"OWL PELLETS '98"

By Paul Weiser, Knox County Extension Agent - Ag.

No! This is not a strange political campaign. Nor is it some type of new athletic competition. "Owl Pellets" is one segment of the Project WILD curriculum enrichment guide.

Project WILD is sponsored by many fish and wildlife agencies within the U.S.A., Canada, Czech Republic, India, Iceland and Sweden. In Texas, Project WILD is handled through the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TP&WD). On Friday, February 13, Dana Wright, Wildlife Technician for TP&WD in Paducah, visited with youth at Paint Creek and O'Brien schools. Mrs. Wright conducted the "Owl Pellets" segment of the 386 page Project WILD notebook. The main objective of "Owl Pellets" is to help students construct a simple food chain. This is done by studying pellets that barn owls regurgitate.

Barn owls swallow their prey whole. Fluids in their stomachs digest everything except fur/feathers and bones. The fur/feathers and bones will form a pellet. This pellet is spit out onto the ground.

With the help of a few charts that Mrs. Wright shared with the youth, pellets were dissected and the prey animal identified. Some of the youth began laying out the bones and are planning to glue the skeletons together.

Owls are not the only birds that cast pellets. Over 300 species of birds, including hawks, eagles and small birds like robins and tree sparrows cast pellets. However, due to their nesting and perching habits, pellets from barn owls are easier to locate and collect.

With the help of Mrs. Wright and the Park Rangers at Copper Breaks State Park, a wildlife field day is being organized for youth. The date has not been set. It will be sometime in early May. This field day will be geared toward fifth grade students.

Last year, the field trip consisted of three segments. Dana Wright conducted one segment on native wildlife. The second section was conducted by Eric Altena, Fisheries Biologist with TP&WD, Canyon, Texas. This segment was on identifying fish species. The field day concluded with a hike along one of the nature trails. On this hike, "Ranger Bob", TP&WD Park Ranger, Copper Breaks State Park, assisted the youth in identifying plants and discussed the uses each plant served for animals or humans.

Any teacher or school interested in participating in this field day should contact Paul Weiser in the Knox County Extension office in Benjamin at (940)454 2651.



STUDYING the chart are (left to right) C.J. Bruce, Will Burkham, and Ben Simmons.



COMPARING to the chart are (left to right) Sophie Gutierrez, Elizabeth Garcia, Mrs. Sandy Chappell, Charlye Monroe, and Ms. Michelle Hedgecoke.



EXAMINING bones is Charlye Monroe at O'Brien Mid School.

METER TAMPERING NOW A FELONY

The State of Texas has adopted an amendment to the State Penal Code making meter tampering a third degree felony. A third degree felony comes with a punishment of confinement in the Texas Department of Corrections for a term of not more than 10 or less than 2 years. In addition to imprisonment, an individual adjudged guilty of a third degree felony may be punished by a fine not to exceed \$5,000.

Before the amendment of the law, it was a class A misdemeanor for meter tampering unless the loss of service was more than \$200. Under the new law, any meter tampering regardless of the amount of loss is now a felony of the third degree.

Meter tampering consists of, but is not limited to:

- (1) Diverting electricity from passing through a meter device.
- (2) Preventing electric service from being correctly registered by a meter device.
- (3) Unauthorized activation of service.

As a special note to our members, it will also be considered meter tampering if a meter is reset and electrical service is restored by anyone other than a Cooperative employee. All Cooperative meters are sealed. This seal should not be cut or broken without special authorization. In cases where the seal must be cut for emergencies, the Cooperative should be notified as soon as possible so that the meter can be resealed.

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