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Hawk-Bulldog rivalry to renew Friday

They're big. That was the description of Iowa Park's scouts who watched Burk Burnett last week, when the Bulldogs lost 21-3 in their opener to Gainesville. The Hawks, who lost 28-14 in their opener to Breckenridge, and Bulldogs will renew their rivalry, the

longest-running of all current Iowa Park opponents, at 8 p.m. Friday in Hawk Stadium.

How big is big? Well, the offensive line, bolstered by tackles weighing 250 and 260, averages 212 pounds. A quicker defensive line averages only

188. The 12 returning lettermen from last year's team that won only two of its 10 games, are likely still smarting from the 35-6 whipping at the hands of the Mean Green. And they're expected to be looking for revenge. Like the Hawks, Burk had little

success with its running game against the Leopards last week, picking up only 61 yards.

But their passing game, five of 18 attempts, was more successful, accounting for 102 yards. And the Hawk secondary gave up six of 12 attempts by Breckenridge, so they've

been working on that all week.

Last year's win by the Hawks was their first over Burk Burnett since 1974. In fact, the Bulldogs have dominated the series the past 16 years, winning 11 to Iowa Park's five.

But, in that 16-game series, wins have come in pairs for Iowa Park. The

Hawks won 44-7 and 7-0 in 1969 and 1970. Then they won 17-14 in '73 and 34-8 in '74.

So loyal Hawk fans are asking themselves, will the pattern continue? Since the Mean Green won in 1984, will they win again in '85?

Board approves hiring third grade teacher

After hearing a report from school principals, the board of trustees Tuesday night approved hiring of a sixth teacher for the third grade.

Recommendations were made by Bradford Principal Kenneth Davis and Supt. Glen Mitchell to increase the third grade classrooms from five to six, because in their opinions each room was overcrowded, though met state standards.

Four of the third grade rooms have 30 pupils and the other 29. The additional teacher will lower the average to slightly over 24.

That is approximately the average of the fourth grade rooms. But the fifth grade averaged 27 per room. However, Davis said at the stage of maturity of those pupils, the number was not a problem with instruction.

Third grade students still need almost as much individual attention as first and second graders, he told the board.

Total enrollment as the school enters its second week now stands at 1,770, it was reported.

Kidwell Elementary principal Ron Woods said he had 420 pupils, including 73 in morning kindergarten, 80 in the afternoon classes, 126 in the first grade, 127 in the second and 14 in early childhood and special education.

None of the rooms at Kidwell has more than 22, though five are at their maximum.

Davis reported, in addition to his third grade, having 122 pupils in the fourth and 136 in the fifth, for a total of 407.

Enrollment at junior high is 403, including 142 in the sixth, 125 in the seventh and 136 in the eighth.

High school, according to Principal Richard Davis, now has 540 pupils. Enrollment includes 155 freshmen, 151 sophomores, 121 juniors, 109 seniors and four special education.

Trustees tabled action on a proposal to prohibit employee use of school facilities and equipment for personal use.

They did approve all field trips and fund-raising projects proposed by administrators and sponsors, assignment of committees and the tax report.

But on a request from the Choir Boosters that the school fund a third of the \$6,500 needed to purchase a "sound system," board members rejected the proposal because "it was not in the year's budget."

Trustees took an unofficial vow during budget preparations to be extremely strict on any requests for unbudgeted requests.

In his report on transportation, Asst. Supt. Robert Palmer said the number of students being bussed daily had risen from 1,200 last year to 1,400 this year. All are qualified under the distance or hazardous crossing requirements.

Trustees reviewed charges levied on use of school facilities for

non-school functions, but took no action to change the fees.

They also approved use of the football stadium and equipment by adult groups, alumni and booster members, to raise funds for a scholarship.

A six-minute executive meeting was held to discuss personnel, but no action other than voting to dismiss was taken after the session.

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HOT WIRED ENGINE? - Volunteer fireman Wayne Williams is ready for Richard Logan to start the pumper so he can pour water on a burning

engine Friday afternoon at the intersection of Wall and Park. The vehicle sustained heavy damage to the engine.

Council approves budget without increasing rate

The city council Monday night approved a budget for 1985-86 of \$2,193,100, and did it without an increase in the tax rate.

Mayor Tim Hunter expressed praise of council members, city administrator and department heads in accomplishing the budgeting without increasing the tax rate, because sales tax revenues have been dedicated exclusively to street repairs and construction.

He said the tax rate of .7582-cents was accomplished by their slashing requests in areas, in order to keep the rate unchanged from last year.

The council, a few months ago, passed a policy that dedicated all sales tax revenues to be spent on streets.

Included in the tax rate are .65988-cents for general operating expenses and .09832-cents for bond retirement.

Part of the ability of the city to maintain its previous tax rate was the fact the assessed value of the city was increased some \$3-million over the previous year, from \$88,151,640 to \$91,033,908.

The council last year cut the tax rate by a fraction of a penny, from .76-cents to .7582-cents.

With a carryover of \$750,000 and anticipated revenues of \$2,019,250, expenditures anticipated of \$2,193,100, are expected to leave a carryover at the end of the fiscal year of \$576,150, according to the budget.

City takes tough stand on railroad operation

The city council, at Monday night's regularly-scheduled meeting, passed two ordinances that take tougher stands on the operation of the railroad inside the city and also on buildings which have been determined to be hazardous to the public.

Aldermen also called a special election Nov. 5 to vote on a proposed Home Rule Charter, approved cooperating with Lakeside Church of God to install water and sewer lines, accepted a bid to purchase a pothole machine, and voted to foreclose on property against which the city holds a lien.

The amended ordinance concerning the operations of the railroad, approved shortly after a resolution was approved complimenting the same people for responding to a request to improve crossing, strictly prohibits blockage of any crossing in the city more than five minutes, maintains a 30 mile per hour speed, requires written notice prior to any cargo of hazardous materials being shipped through here, and provides for the immediate arrest of a train

official should any violation be detected by police.

In amending its ordinance regulating hazardous structures, the time of notification and action to be taken to correct the situation were shortened.

Aldermen voted to pay half an anticipated cost of \$25,000 to lay water and sewer lines along North Victoria, needed to serve Lakeside Church of God, which is currently under construction.

Council members justified the expenditure because the same lines would benefit four homes at the north end of the street that are not now served by sewer lines. They felt that, because the church would be located between the existing homes and Gordon Lake, contamination of the lake could develop from the septic tanks now serving the homes.

The council also approved a request from David Parkey, to permit septic tank use on two tracts he owns on Bell Road that is not served by sewer lines. They justified the use of tanks because Parkey said his tracts were large enough to meet city requirements, and cost of running sewer lines to the property would be prohibitive.

A bid submitted by Blackwell Burner Co. for a pothole machine was accepted because it was the lowest, \$15,175, of two received. The other was \$29,050.

Aldermen voted also to begin foreclosure proceedings against the owners of two lots on West Cash, formerly occupied by Jim's Market, to collect a lien against the property.

The lien was created when the owners failed to clean the debris of the structure after it burned, and the city undertook the project. Now the municipality seeks to recover its alleged costs.

Public hearings were held on revenue sharing and annexation of two tracts into the city. No comment was made on the annexations, but some aldermen disagreed with the mayor that all the revenue sharing money be used to acquire property. They had no opposition to allowing the balance of revenue sharing being used as the mayor wished, after the final phase, redoing the exterior of the city hall renovation is completed.

No action was taken on a proposal to increase connection fees for water and sewer service, until some of the rates are reworked. The issue will be

brought before the council at its next meeting.

More than connection rates may be council topic next meeting, however. Administrator James Barrington told members he had received that morning a letter that Wichita Falls intends to increase Iowa Park's water purchase rate by some 40 percent. Barrington is to discuss the subject with that city's officials before he reports later.

As result of an announcement last week that the city plans to purchase property across Cash Street to the east of city hall, two renters of that property, Jim Denton and Ken Turman, asked the council to delay evictions until the end of the year, and not charge rent to defray their relocation expenses.

Explaining aquisition of the property was not completed, council members said they could take no action on the requests. They did, however, say it would be at least until January before any work could be started to level the structure. No answer was given on reduced rent fee.

One of the resolutions approved was to welcome Maj. Gen. Richard W. Phillips to North Texas. He is the new base commander of Sheppard AFB.

News in Brief

Commodity distribution date changed

Distribution of USDA commodities in Iowa Park is being changed from the third Monday of each month to third Thursday.

Next distribution locally will be Sept. 19, from noon to 6 p.m. at the First Christian Church.

Local business is burglarized

Burglars, sometime Thursday night, broke into Thompson Tool and took a check writer and AM/FM weather radio, Jerry Spruiell

reported to police. Entry was gained by forcing open a small window.

Evans' yard is recognized

The Iowa Park Garden Club has placed the Yard of the Month sign for September at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cornell Evans, 500 W. Clara.

The yard will be considered for the Yard of the Year when the award is given in November.

Shop Iowa Park First

Featherston, Norris wedding vows repeated

Miss Tina Gaye Featherston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Featherston, and Timothy Wesley Norris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rutledge of Wichita Falls, were married Sept. 2 in a double-ring ceremony performed in the home of the groom's parents. Rev. T.L. Wilborn, pastor of the First Assembly of God Church in Wichita Falls, was the officiant.

The couple recited their vows before the fireplace in the living room flanked by seven-branched candelabra decorated with grape ivy and blue bows supporting blue tapered candles. The mantel was centered with a five-point scene candelbrum trimmed with the greenery and bows. The unity candlestick completed the setting and added a note of solemnity to decorations.

Mrs. Ole Olds provided organ accompaniment for her prelude vocal solo "Charity" and played the traditional wedding marches. Miss Paula Mashburn sang "There Is Love" with taped accompaniment before the ceremony.

The bride's father presented her in marriage. She was glowing in a white taffeta floor length gown which captured attention with a Southern Belle style skirt that lifted above the hemline in swags caught with bows. The bodice featured a sweetheart neckline accented with a ruffle overlaid with lace, short puffed sleeves trimmed in lace, and a sash that hugged the waistline and tied in a bow at the back.

The bride's fingertip illusion veil was caught to a headpiece wreath of white silk rosebuds and baby's breath, and white silk roses, baby's breath and grape ivy were arranged in her bouquet with cascading white ribbons.

She kept bridal traditions by wearing her late maternal great-grandmother's wedding ring for "something old"; her mother's pearl earrings for "something borrowed"; a pearl necklace, a gift from her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Darnell, for "something new"; and the traditional garter for "something blue".

Miss Melissa Hatcher, the maid of honor, and Tracy Adams, sister of the groom, the bridesmaid, wore identical pink lace dresses over matching taffeta. They were designed with bis-

square collars, fitted waists and tea length skirts. They carried long stemmed white rosebuds tied with pink and blue ribbons.

The groom wore an all-white tuxedo with tails and a white rosebud boutonniere. Shawn Kiser, the best man, and Bryan Fowler, the groomsman, wore light blue tuxedos.

The bride's mother wore a pink silk dress with long sleeves, and the groom's mother wore a beige sweater dress. Both wore white silk carnation corsages.

The reception following the wedding was hosted by the bride's parents.

The refreshment table draped with white lace over blue was the focal point of interest. The centerpiece, a white ceramic angel holding blue votive candles, was flanked by the cake and punch service.

The two-tiered white cake with one set of filigree dividers and decoration of blue and pink frosting roses and intricate sculptured designs was a special table attraction. The top ornament set off the romantic mood in two white satin wedding bells rimmed in pearls suspended from a heart within a heart uprising from a pouf of net and lilies of the valley supported by a dais trimmed with the net and flowers.

The cake server was the one used at the bride's parents' wedding reception. Mrs. James Kelley, Mrs. Vincent Lewis and Mrs. Houston Darnell presided at the table during the reception.

Miss Mashburn sat at the guest book table covered like the refreshment table that held a framed picture of the bride and groom and bud vase of pink and blue silk roses.

The bride and groom were graduated from Iowa Park High School. He attended Northwest Bible College at Minot, N.D. and is employed by Texaco. They are living in Wichita Falls.

The groom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at their home.

Special wedding guests were Mrs. M.L. Caywood of Wichita Falls, grandmother of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Featherston of Wichita Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Houston Darnell of Gladewater, grandparents of the bride, and her great-grandmother, Mrs. Jewel Darnell of Iowa Park.



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Couple renews wedding vows

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doyle, former residents of Iowa Park, renewed their wedding vows Aug. 29 at the Pacific Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, with Rev. Larry Washburn officiating.

The Doyles were married June 18, 1974.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Iowa Park Recreation Center.

Nursing students in ceremony

Three Iowa Parkans were among the Midwestern State Univ. nursing students receiving stripes during a ceremony held Sunday.

Donna Howard, Robbin Taylor, and Wanda Wilson participated in the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, Col. Frances E. Stitt, chief nurse at Sheppard Regional Hospital, spoke.



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Frances received training in interior decorating while a business major at UCLA, in her native state of California. And she's been in retail sales most of her adult life.

She, her husband Jim and eight-year-old daughter moved recently to Pleasant Valley from Lawton, and her daughter will attend school here. The couple also has two grown sons. She explained the family's decision to come to this area is "because of the people here."

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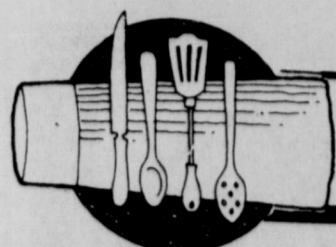
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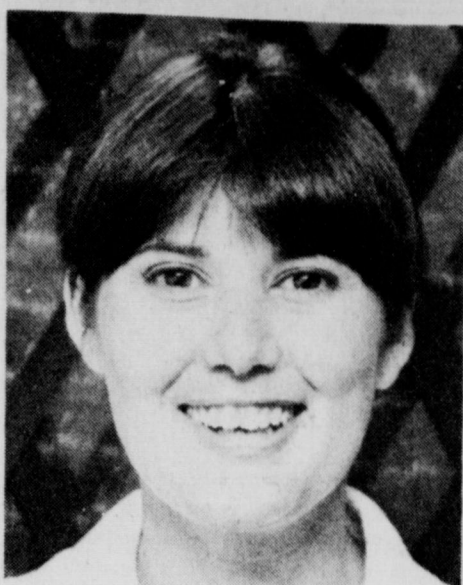
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Cook of the Week



Mrs. Bill Tanner

Good wholesome cooking is one of Mrs. Bill (Wiggie) Tanner's favorite pastimes, and this week's cook is currently getting all the practice she needs both at work and at home.

Regular customers of Tanner's Kuntry Store and Cafe are already familiar with the easy-going mannerisms she exhibits as she goes about her daily chores in the kitchen and at the serving line. Tanner's is a family operation, with her husband Bill the manager, and his mother, Justice of the Peace Bettye O. Tanner, the owner. The oldest of Wiggie and Bill's four children, Jerry, has also worked at the store during the summer months. Beau, Curtis and Crystal are the couple's other children.

Growing up in Oklahoma with two brothers and two sisters, Mrs. Tanner began cooking at the early age of 10, and the enthusiasm she developed in the kitchen has not waned over the years.

"I love cooking," she exclaims. "It's hard cooking large quantities, and

then coming home to cook a meal for my family, but I manage." She added that prior to her job at Tanner's she was cooking for a day care center, which gave her a good indication of what awaited her at the cafe.

Her hobbies include crocheting, and macrame, in addition to cooking.

Her advice to young chefs: "Taste it as you cook, to get the flavor just right as far as seasoning goes, because seasoning is very important."

BARBECUED RIBS

- 4 lbs. country style pork spare ribs (cut in serving pieces)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 t. black pepper
- 2/3 cup catsup
- 3 T. cider vinegar
- 1 T soy sauce
- 2 T instant minced onion
- 1 T chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

Sprinkle both sides of ribs with salt

and pepper. Place in foil, seal both ends, and place on grill about 45 minutes. Mix remaining ingredients in a small bowl; blend well. Brush generously over ribs. Cook each side 5 or 10 minutes longer.

SCALLOPED POTATOES

- 6 med. potatoes, peeled and sliced
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 can (10 3/4 oz.) cream of celery soup (undiluted)
- 1/2 stick margarine or butter
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

Grease an 11x7 inch aluminum foil pan; set aside. In bowl, combine sliced potatoes, onion. Combine soup, milk, salt and pepper. Blend well. Pour into prepared pan. Grill uncovered over medium hot coals about 1 hour until potatoes are tender.

TEXAS COLE SLAW

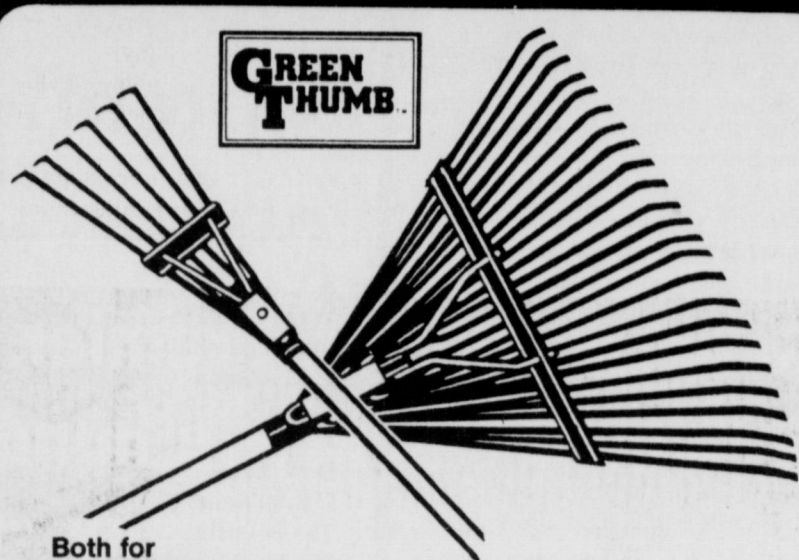
- 1 med. head cabbage, shredded
- 1 large green pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon sugar

- 1 1/2 teaspoon celery seed
- 1 tablespoon dry mustard
- 1 cup vegetable oil

In a large bowl, combine cabbage, green pepper, and onion. Sprinkle 1/2 cup sugar over top; toss lightly; set aside. In medium saucepan, combine vinegar, 1 tablespoon sugar, celery seed, and mustard; bring to boiling, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, stir in oil and return to heat; bring to boiling. Pour hot mixture over cabbage mixture, toss lightly. Cover and refrigerate 8 hours or overnight. Before serving, drain well in colander.

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We've always labored under the axiom that if it itches, scratch it.

And reading about all those recent mud slides caused by thunderstorms in Italy just naturally brings to mind itching-scratching.

Mud in Italy is different from mud anywhere else in the world. Italian mud is thick, consistent, an cakes so as to effectively seal off all air.

In the winter of 1943, the 179th Infantry of the 45th Division set a record of sorts for the most consecutive days on the front line without relief-83 days.

It was 83 days of wet mud, dried mud, caked mud, layered mud and mud renewed. Not to remove your canvas leggings, shoes, or socks for 83 days not only brings about a feeling of suspended animation but a layered concept of an affinity to mud.

Slipping and sliding up and down those mountains in Italy, a dogface accumulates so many different stratas and layers of mud that eventually it appears that one's legs are separate and distinct beings from the rest of the body.

But to the itching-and scratching. Relief finally came to the 179th and the infantry battalions were pulled back into reserve positions.

The kitchen truck came up from the rear echelon and set up camp, infantrymen squared off in two's and by pooling shelter-halves and blankets, set up pup tents throughout the huge vineyard.

And once the two-man tents were up, the first hot meal enjoyed, the great unveiling started.

Bayonets were used to peel away the mud in order to discover the eyelets of the leggings. And the stiff, rotting leggings were peeled away from olive drap wool trousers and the shoe tops.

The legs of the wool trousers were either rolled up or the entire trousers removed. The long john legs were sawed off at the thigh with the bayonets, sock-speeled down and off, and shoes removed.

Then, for the first time in almost three months, the skin on the legs was bared to the morning sun.

Get the picture! A whole battalion of men, sitting by two's in front of their pup tents, camped in a vineyard, legs bared to the morning sun.

And as the sun climbed skyward, the hair on the legs, reposed down by damp wool, clamped tight by leggings, and sealed off from air by the mud for weeks on end-started rising.

Like ballet dancers unfolding from a prone position on the stage, the leg hairs responded to the heat of the sun and the fresh air.

And with the unfolding, the straightening, the uninking of the hairs came the itching. Not tormented, anguished, painful itching but a subtle, pervasive, delightful awakening that was akin to a morning thirst.

And the itching suggested, later demanded, a responsive scratching. The first rake of the fingernails across the pale skin with the arising hairs was as heavenly as the unfolding of honeysuckle to nectar-searching bees.

Even now we can still feel the utter deliciousness of it all-and a picture frames in our mind of 600 men, seated barelegged in the morning sun, arms slowly pumping up and down in almost perfect cadence, fingers

raking across sensitive skin in a ritual of scratchin' where it itched.

Most people, when they see travel posters of Italy, perhaps think of the ruins of Rome, the sunshine of Naples, the paintings at Florence, or the canals of Venice.

We, on the other hand, see mud, bared legs, itchin' and scratchin' cause as the old man used to say, "Tis better to have itched and scratched than to never have scratched an itch at all!"

By JAMES ROBERTS
Andrews County News

It is hard to get over your raising. If you were born in Oklahoma in the 30's it is nearly impossible.

It took a lot longer for Oklahoma to discover that the depression was over than it did for the rest of the nation. Most of our folks were in California and they did not let us know that good news for fear the rest of us would join them there.

I was raised in a world that thought a seven course meal was a possum and a six pack. I am old enough to remember 25 cent hamburgers. They were six for a dollar, if you had a dollar. My lunch each day was a 15 cent coney from Maudie's. I would walk a mile and pay a bundle for one of Maudie's coneys right now.

My world has changed but somehow I can't seem to get in rhythm with its new beat. I now speak at conventions and other quasi big events. This new world means I now stay in hotels that rich people are supposed to inhabit. I don't pay the bill or I would not be there. The result is that I am now finding out how the other half lives. In the process I have discovered some things that may be worth reporting.

Rich folks are easily fooled. They eat hamburgers just like normal people. The difference is the wording on the menu and the price. The menu calls it ground chuck or some other fancy name, and they pay \$9.50 for a hamburger even if it is someone else's money.

Rich folks are always hungry. Some people took me to the fanciest restaurant in Dallas to eat. A steak cost \$23.50. Now, there is a law of diminishing returns when it comes to food. A steak can only be so good. Beyond that is pure overcharge. I ordered a steak. \$23.50 brought a piece of meat - no potato or vegetables, unless you count the three green beans stretched out on the plate - just mean, no better mean than K-Bob, nothing else and \$23.50? The bill for ten people was \$367.50 and I left hungry.

Rich folks love trinkets. My room

was nice, but, let's face it, a room in a hotel is basically a bed and a TV. The difference in this room was the trinkets. They had fancy soap, some little bottles of shampoo, and a phone in the bathroom. Add trinkets to a room and the bill becomes \$140.00 per night.

Rich folks have dirty ears. The plush hotels pride themselves in having plush towels and wash cloths. In Oklahoma we called them wash rags but I have gotten a little culture over the years.

Plush wash cloths are fine until you get ready to wash your ears. The things are too thick to get inside where the real dirt is. I tried it a few times and decided that rich folks may have what is called the beautiful life but I'll bet everyone of them has dirty ears.

By DOUG MANNING
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We deeply appreciate every expression of love and sympathy in the loss of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather Lem Balch. Words are inadequate to express our gratitude for your love and friendship during his lifetime. We especially thank you for the encouragement and inspiration you gave during the past five years. Special thanks for the floral offerings, the memorials in his memory, the food and those who served, cards and letters, and for every thought and prayer uttered in our behalf. Your loving acts of ministry and the comfort of your presence has given us strength during this time of deep sorrow. May God bless each of you.

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BAPTIST REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION
A Texas Baptist Regional Sunday School convention will be conducted at Faith Baptist Church in Wichita Falls Sept. 26. The Wichita Falls convention is one of 30 being conducted across the state by the Baptist General Convention of Texas Sunday School Division to help strengthen work in local Sunday schools.

As I See It....

By BOB HAMILTON



If you've been reading my columns, you are already aware that my opinion of the school reform, the appointed state school board and all those connected with the reform act is about as high as a glob of spit on the sidewalk.

Well, it's sunk even lower, after hearing the latest in "cost-saving actions" by the state.

In the past, the state has shipped commodities to be used by all the school cafeterias of the area to a receiving point in Wichita Falls. Our people would then travel over there and haul it back, including frozen items.

Now, according to what our school board was told Tuesday night, that trip has been extended. . . all the way down to Fort Worth!

Yeah, our cost-conscious state administrators figure we can just pick up more of the tab by sending an employee to Fort Worth to haul that stuff back. Or we can turn it down and pay regular retail prices. It's our choice.

But if we're going to haul it, we've got to have a refrigerated truck, because an awful lot of those foods are frozen and couldn't withstand such a long trip.

Thank goodness for Robert Palmer, our assistant superintendent, who came up with an alternate idea that will cut the costs somewhat.

He's putting together a cooperative effort of area schools to hire a trucking outfit to bring the foods to Iowa Park. And we'll serve as the distribution point, with the participating schools sharing the cost of trucking.

It'll all work out, and old Gov. Who-o-e-e White can go right on repeating the old "we didn't raise taxes" bit.

While I've got my barb out, let me quote three paragraphs from Andrews publisher James Roberts in his recent comment about reforms in the state:

"We've reformed state standards on sewer system to the point that we're wiping out one historic town in the Panhandle.

"Phillips Petroleum and the MM Cattle Company have asked all homeowners, who lease the homesites from the two, to move their 450 homes off the sites by the end of 1986 - effectively wiping out the town of Phillips.

"They're asking the 2,500 residents to move their homes from the ranch property because the company nor ranch can afford to build a new sewer system that meets new state standards."

I thought this would be of interest

to all Hawk fans who remember playing the famed Phillips Black-hawks.

If this move all comes about, there apparently will no longer be a Phillips High School.

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