

General Telephone Co. Promises One-Plus Dialing



Clarendon Country Club undergoes a face-lifting in preparation for last Saturday night's Grand Reopening. Cecil Huddleson of Memphis Glass and Supply, Amarillo, is shown installing the new beige thick-pile carpeting.

General Telephone Company plans to switch Donley County over to direct dialing in November, Memphis District Manager Jim Davis disclosed in an interview with the Donley County Leader last week.

Davis said the electronic equipment required for the changeover has been in order two years and has finally been shipped. Arrival is expected this month. The reason for this two-year lag, he said, was the tremendous backlog of orders at the manufacturer.

Total expenditures projected for 1975 in the Memphis District area, which serves approximately 25,000 telephones, will be \$2,064,300 for expansion and improvement of services.

During the time between now and the November changeover, customers may notice a gradual deterioration of service on operator assisted calls. This will be because the new electronic equipment will reduce the need for operators under the present mechanical equipment, and Davis said that the company will not replace operators who leave their jobs between now and then in order to avoid laying off operators when the new equipment is put into service. As far as Clarendon is concerned, no jobs will be lost. The two service men and one central office

repairman employed here will not be affected, Davis said.

"There will probably not be any layoffs," Davis said. "This will be handled through attrition of operators. There is turnover all the time. There will be some job reduction all right. We just won't replace people the closer we get to it."

Major installation work will start March 1, with intensive testing to follow. Nine towns will be included in the new one-plus service: Memphis, Clarendon, Hedley, Lakeview, Quitaque, Turkey, Esteline, Wellington and the small town of Flomont, which is on a spur of the Cap Rock Telephone Company line.

The central General Telephone offices at Quitaque and Turkey are being replaced. The Turkey office is just about completed, although work on the new Quitaque office hasn't started yet.

Shipment of the new equipment expected this month was scheduled for last October, Davis said, but the manufacturer delayed shipment since then.

This equipment includes automatic detection equipment which tells what number a call was dialed from at the office in Memphis and automatically punches that number on tape

for billing purposes.

Additionally, the telephone lines between Clarendon and the Memphis district office will be put underground. This should improve service considerably during wet and icy weather, Davis said.

"On out-going toll (long distance) calls," he said, "when ice gets bad there might be 20 calls all on a pair of lines. Or you might be talking and be suddenly cut off. This is caused by ice getting down in the wires and shorting them out. Then we have to come in and pull up the slack from the lines being stretched by the weight of all that ice."

The Bell Company owns the world-wide toll lines between Memphis and Amarillo through Clarendon, up Hwy. 70 to I-40 and along I-40. These are open wires on poles and are subject to ice and storms. Included in the Memphis District General Telephone capital improvements budget for this year is the cost of placing these lines underground at least to Clarendon, but Davis said he wasn't sure about the section of line along Hwy. 70.

Also, money was budgeted for a new building at Memphis, which is all but completed, lacking only the heater hookup. The floor space is all ready for the scheduled installation of detection equipment sche-

duled for delivery the later part of this month.

RATE INCREASES

There were no telephone rate increases in Clarendon from 1957 through 1969. Rates were then \$12 for business telephones and \$6 for residential phones.

In 1969, the city council granted an increase of \$2 for business phones and \$1 for residential.

In April, 1972, General Telephone asked for a rate increase from \$14 to \$17.95 for business phones and from \$7 to \$8.05 for residential phones, and the city granted a 10 per cent increase to \$15.40 and \$7.70, effective half at that time and half in six months.

The company asked in May, 1974, for an increase to \$20.45 for business phones and \$9.75 for business phones, and increase of about 32.8 per cent for business and 26.6 per cent for residential phones. The city settled out of court last December for an increase to \$17.50 for business and \$8.60 for residential phones, or about 13.6 for business and 11.7 for residential phones.

These increases were to cover the cost of needed

improvements, including laying the underground lines. General Telephone first proposed putting Donley County on one-plus dialing in 1970, and there has been a good deal of dissatisfaction with the delay.

The zero-plus dialing for operator-assisted calls will not be made available for Memphis area telephone users, although Davis said the equipment to be installed is adaptable to zero-plus service. At the end of this year, General Telephone projects that 98 per cent of its customers will have one-plus service, and 70 per cent will have zero-plus service.

General Telephone Company president L. Gray Beck announced plans to spend \$109.7 million during the 1975 to expand and improve telephone facilities in its operations in Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas, revised from higher estimates made earlier due to inflation, inadequate earnings and a drop in expected growth.

This budget amounts to more than \$150 per customer served by the company, although the Memphis District budget amounts to somewhat less than \$85 per customer.

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Day Care Center To Open Feb. 3

The Day Care Center is scheduled to open Monday, February 3, at 6:45 a.m., and children will be registered throughout the day.

The children should have TB tests and immunization against childhood diseases as soon as possible after they start, and parents should bring these records if they already have them and the fee for the week when the child is enrolled.

Parents of babies should bring diapers, baby food, bottles, formula and a change of clothing for them. Parents of children two to five years old should bring a change of clothing in a labeled paper sack.

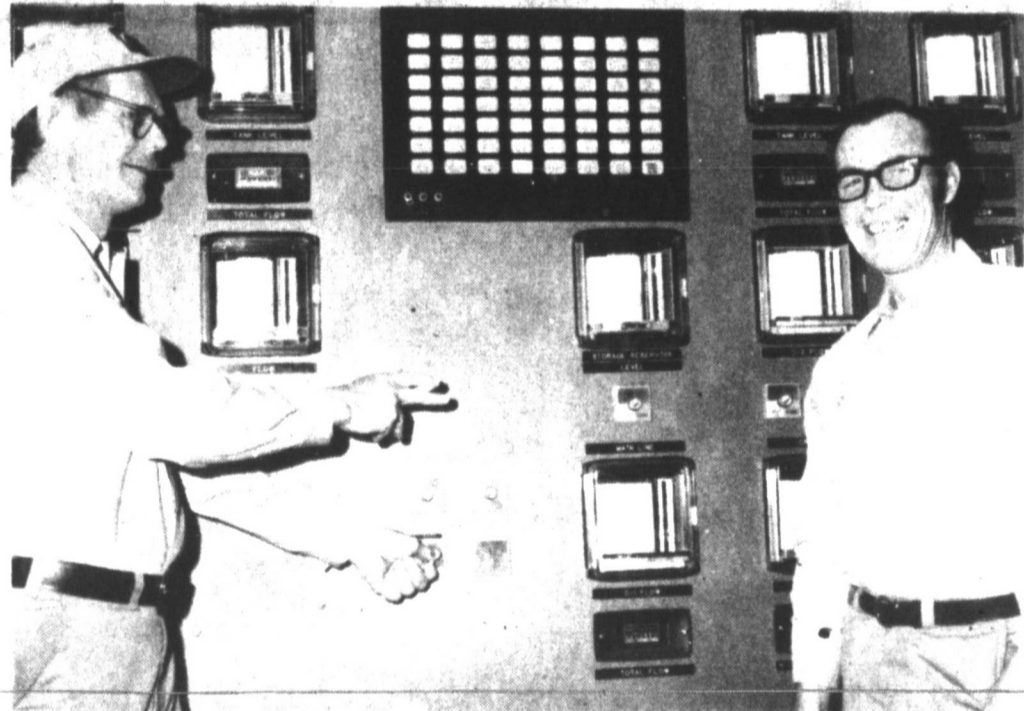
The policy on drop-in care (irregular child care) is that the child must have been previously registered, with immunization records and TB tests results on file, and 24 hours notice should be given Mrs. Gracie Hammonds, director.

Since 30 children is the present legal maximum with the number of workers at the center, there must be no more than 30 children including the drop-in child on any given day.

Applications forms for interested persons who wish to enroll children are available at the Community Action Center. Volunteer help of any kind is very welcome. The telephone number of the Day Care Center is 874-2623.

The Day Care Board expressed appreciation to the Baptist Women and the GA's for the miscellaneous shower given the center last Thursday.

The following table shows the fee for each child per day, as it varies by monthly family income and the number of children in the family, not necessarily the number of children to be left at the Day Care Center:



Greenbelt Lake rose in January from 60.33 feet to the 60.51-foot level. Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial Water Authority employees John Just (left) and Chester Bohler examine indications of the rise from the January 30 rainfall of .18 and the January 31 .07-inch rain. January precipitation totaled .65-inch, compared to January 1974's .59, according to recording meteorologist Tommie Saye.

Roundballers' Schedules Are Given Through Season

As the basketball season pulls into the home stretch, here is the schedule for the final weeks of activity for Clarendon's junior high, high school and college teams.

Junior High

After hosting Silvertown in a seventh grade girls' and eighth grade girls' and boys' game last Friday night, Monday, February 3, the Colts again will host as McLean's seventh and eighth grade boys and girls play here, beginning at 4 p.m.

Thursday, February 6, play will begin at 6 p.m. with the Colts challenging Claude there. There will be eighth grade boys' and girls' teams.

Monday, February 10, the

eighth grade teams will host Memphis, with play starting at 6 p.m., and on Thursday, February 13, the Colts travel to Memphis to finish up their season, with both eighth grade teams playing beginning at 6 p.m.

High School

The Broncos hosted Wheeler last Friday night, and Tuesday they will be at McLean. One of the B teams will play at 5 p.m., followed by the girls A team at 6:30 and the A team boys at 8:00.

Friday, February 7, the Broncos will be on their home court for games with Memphis at the same times as above, and they end up the season on Tuesday,

February 11, when they will again be at home for games with Shamrock.

Clarendon College

The Bulldogs played two games away from home late last week, South Plains Thursday at Levelland and Wayland Junior Varsity Saturday at Plainview. This game begins at 4:30, and all others are at 7:30.

Monday February 3, they will host New Mexico Military.

Thursday, February 6, Clarendon's Bulldogs will be in Big Spring to challenge Howard County College, and the following Monday, February 17.

The Amarillo Junior College Thunderbirds will be in Clarendon on Thursday, February 20, for the Bulldogs' final home game of the season.

Clarendon College will play Frank Phillips Junior College at Borger Monday, February 24, and on Wednesday, February 27, the Bulldogs will play their final game of the season at Snyder against Western Texas Junior College.

Hedley Gets New Deputy

Hedley will have a new resident beginning the first of this month. He is Steve Vines, deputy sheriff.

Sheriff Frank Lindsey, Jr., said several of the residents of Hedley had contacted him about getting a deputy for Hedley, and it has always been the policy of the sheriff's department to station a deputy there.

Vines was hired at the first of September and sent to Amarillo College for his training. He took his basic certification as a peace officer there, and the county equipped him with a patrol car in late January.

Sheriff Lindsey said that covering a county as large as this one with a department of three men can sometimes be a problem, especially since when trouble comes, it comes in spurts.

Regarding the need for a deputy in Hedley, deputy Clyde James said that it is just as much a part of the county as any other part and is therefore entitled to the same protection under the law.

Sheriff Lindsey said the most frequent complaint

involved hot-rodgers who sometimes stop over at Hedley while passing through from Memphis to Clarendon and tear around the streets late at night.

Vines has made his home in the county jail annex since arriving in Donley County. He will share office space with the city officials and Peace Justice M.O. Weatherly in the new City Hall at Hedley.

State Park Created In Briscoe County

A new state park has been created near Quitaque in Briscoe County just southwest of Donley County.

The park, formerly known as the Geisler Ranch, contains in excess of 13,500 acres in two tracts and includes Lake Theo near the Haynes Boy Scout Camp.

The park will be known as Lake Theo State Park and is about 60 miles from Clarendon. It is accessible via FM 1065 from Quitaque

and from a county road north of Quitaque.

From Clarendon, visitors would travel south on Hwy. 70 through Brice to where Hwy. 256 forks off to the southwest at Cushing. About 12 miles further down Hwy. 256, a county road branches off to the left (south), which goes through the park.

To reach the fishing lake, 130-acre Lake Theo, one should pass on through the park and turn right at the

"T" in the road near Quitaque, go due west about two miles along the south border of the park to the entrance and turn back right.

Lake Theo State Park also has several other smaller lakes and fishing ponds and scenic features similar to Palo Duro Canyon. Included in the 13,500 acres are two scenic caprock canyons and several thousand acres of roughland below the escarpment. There is also potential for creating several other water features in the park.

Former State Senator Jack Hightower of Vernon, now serving his first term in the U.S. Congress, was instrumental in acquiring designation of the site as a state park.

The creation of the Texas Panhandle state park was announced jointly by Congressman Hightower, State Senator Ray Farabee of Wichita Falls and Representative Phil Cates of Pampa.

Rep. Cates, who has been involved in increasing the tourism potential of the Panhandle and of Texas for several years, said the park would provide "an economic boost" to the surrounding area while preserving some of the "rugged beauty of the caprock." Senator Farabee agreed that the park would be "a tremendous asset" to the area.



Lake Theo State Park was recently created in Briscoe County just 60 miles from Clarendon. Shown (left for right) examining the plans are Rep. Phil Cates of Pampa, Executive Director of the Parks and Wildlife Department Clayton Garrison and State Senator Ray Farabee of Wichita Falls.

Hedley Happenings

by MRS. MABEL BRIDGES

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Darnell and children of Mobeette spent the weekend with their parents and grandparents, the Cotton Darnells. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Powell visited her father in Amarillo Monday. He is home from Veterans Hospital and doing well. Sympathy is extended to Arthel Gibson and family in

the death of his father, who died in Big Springs first of the week. Mr. Gibson lived in Hedley before moving to Amarillo.

Bill Bridges and son, Kent, visited his mother and grandmother, Mrs. Mabel Bridges, Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Powell visited his father in Thomas Nursing Home in Wellington Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Harmon spent Sunday in Shamrock with her parents, The Lon Sparksmans. A son from Michigan was home for the weekend.

Hedley was shocked when the sad news went out that V.F. (Vernie) Wade died at 4 o'clock Thursday morning at his home. The funeral was held Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Hedley. Sympathy is extended to the family.

The flu has hit our community with several families having it.

Ansil Adamson has been appointed to the Donley County Hospital Board to fill the unexpired term of O.C. Watson.

Recent visitors in the Dennis Reed home was their son, baby and family from Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Darnell and Kim of Pampa visited his parents, the H.E. Darnell family, Sunday.

Vernon Bain of Houston visited friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McKee visited in Memphis Friday.

Vanessa Myers from Amarillo spent the weekend with her grandmother, Mrs. Younger.

Attending funeral services Sunday at Graham for a brother-in-law of Marvin Weatherbee were Mr. and Mrs. Tige Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Tode Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Hill and family, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hill and family and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Woods and family.

Mrs. Della Doherty had the misfortune to fall at her home and she broke her foot and ankle. She was carried to Amarillo and later transferred to Hall County Hospital, where she is doing as well as can be expected.

Mrs. Louise Long has a case of the flu. She is feeling some better.

Mr. and Mrs. M.O. Weatherley and Cullen Taylor attended funeral services in Wheeler Friday for Weldon Weatherly, an uncle of O'Neal Weatherly.

Mr. and Mrs. Tode Newberry from Burnsflat, Ok., visited Sunday night with the Lon Harmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunsucker is visiting their daughter, the Neil Tibbitt family, in Gainsville.

Several friends met Tuesday evening for a surprise birthday get-together for Mrs. John Tate. Present were Mrs. Mary Hall and Mrs. Clara FitzGibbon, Edith Bain and Mabel Bridges. Fay Howell of Dalhart served refreshments.

The Lou Harmons made a business trip to Burns Flat, Ok., the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Spaulding spent the weekend with the Bill Mathews family and the John Roberson family in Clayton, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tate from Borger and Mrs. Susan Colby and baby from Kentucky visited Mr. and Mrs. John Tate Sunday afternoon.

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Methodist Group Will Sponsor Chili Supper

The Edith Ballew Circle of the United Methodist Church will sponsor a chili, beans and salad supper February 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 in the church Fellowship Hall.

Adult tickets will be \$1.50 and children's tickets will be \$.75, with preschoolers to be served free. Dessert for all ages will be \$.25 extra. Everyone is invited to attend.

Opportunities of the week for the First United Methodist Church for February 2-8 include the following:

Sunday-9:50 a.m. Sunday school; 10:55 morning worship; 6 p.m. cooperative youth activities at the Episcopal Church; 7 p.m. cooperative worship service at the Episcopal Church.

Monday-2:45 p.m. Elementary I-III week-day program in the Fellowship Hall; 4:15 p.m. Elementary IV-VI week-day program in the Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday-6 a.m. men's prayer breakfast at the

Country Kitchen Cafe; 9:30 a.m. ladies' study group in the cross class room; 6:30 p.m. Methodist student movement in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday-choir practice in the sanctuary.

Friday-5:30-7:30 p.m. Edith Ballew United Methodist Women Group's chili supper in the Fellowship Hall.

February 9 is Scout Sunday, and the God and Country awards will be presented.

Tank Harrison of Memphis, Tenn., will be at the meeting coming up March 9-11.

Cost Study

A comprehensive survey to determine costs of producing wheat, corn and other feed grains, cotton, soybeans, milk and selected commodities will include information from Donley County farmers.

Charles E. Caudill, statistician in charge of the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, said the national data collecting effort will get underway in late January. Donley County producers and those in other parts of the country will be personally contacted for information about their 1974 costs of production.

Costs of labor, power and equipment, fertilizer and chemicals, storage, drying and other similar outlays will be determined. All responses will be confidential and only state, regional and national summaries will be issued.

Bronco News

by CAMILLE MANN

Clarendon basketball teams traveled to Wellington Tuesday night to finalize district competition with them, and only the varsity girls managed to capture a victory.

Hampered by lack of experience and height, the B-team Broncos were edged by Wellington 39-23 in the first game of the night. At the end of the first quarter, the game was tied at a 6-6 deadlock. The Rockets returned in the second quarter and took the lead which never diminished. Andrew Turner piled in 12 points for the Broncos.

The Bronettes, now 4-6 in district play, were down 17-16 at the completion of the first quarter. Although foul trouble began to persist in the second quarter, the Bronettes entered their dressing room at half holding a 30-23 point lead. The Bronette's lead never died in the last half as they romped by Wellington 49-45.

Fouls told the story of the game as Wellington attempted 39 free throws and made 23, while Clarendon hit only nine free throws out of 23 attempts. Pam Mooring connected with 22 points. Pearly Butler hit for 20 points, and Chris Craft added seven.

Wellington Skyrocks rolled over the Broncos 94-47. The Broncos, down 15-47 at half, made an effort to come back in the third quarter, scoring 17 points to Wellington's 14. Despite guard and scoring ace, Gary Jack, who lead the Broncos with 20 points, the Rockets swept by Clarendon in the final period to clinch the victory. Irven Thomas and Russell Baldwin each scored six points.

The Clarendon varsity teams and B-team girls will travel to McLean Tuesday night, with play beginning at 5:00.

FTA NEWS

Tuesday, January 28, the Clarendon Future Teachers of America met for a regular business meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mac Thornberry, chapter president.

A "Valentine Tea for Teachers" was planned for February 14, after school. The committee, headed by Shirley Wise, will plan this event.

The Clarendon Chapter is planning to enter their year-book in the State competition at the State Convention. The yearbook was compiled by chairman, Kim Horton; Shirley Wise and Carolyn Shaw. This year book was illustrated by Kim Horton. These girls have done a very fine job, and the club hopes to bring home an award for their efforts.

The local chapter also plans to enter its Teachers' Aide program in the project competition. Should our chapter place in the top ten in the state of Texas, we will bring home a beautiful three foot tall trophy.

Once again, we urge all members to turn in their candy money or candy by January 31. It is very important that this is taken care of.

Miss Betty Veach, chapter advisor, announced the FTA's of the month for the months of September thru January. They are: for the month of September, Mac Thornberry, Karen Burgess, and Roy Monroe; for the month of October, John Hall, Kim Horton, and Mona Robinson; for the month of November, Mark Boothe, Pat Trout, and Jennie Barbee; for the month of December, Jan Barbee, Ellen Green, and Paula Hardin; and for the month of January, Denise Owens, Ralph McGarity, and Carolyn Shaw.

Y-Knot Twirlers

The Y Knot Twirlers danced January 21 to Freddie McKee. We were two squares of home folks. Mary and L.L. Wallace provided brownies and tea for refreshment break.

One square attended the Council dance on January 17 and 18. Ken Bower called a swell dance and presented several new movements in workshop such as scoot back, coordinate, and spin the top-avate.

You members who are missing dances are needed on Tuesday night. Come on back and enjoy square dancing again.

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FUND	BALANCE 12-31-1973	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE 12-31-1974
JURY	\$ 10,565.87	\$ 1,626.07	\$ 7,455.00	\$ 4,736.94
GENERAL	(84,863.35)	O.D. 173,843.84	122,510.96	(33,730.47)
ROAD AND BRIDGE	140,662.07	116,474.95	178,464.81	78,672.21
FARM TO MARKET	46,278.87	21,041.30	52,638.86	14,681.31
LATERAL ROAD	22,509.25	23,157.65	19,562.68	26,104.22
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT	2,800.94	851.74	3,000.00	652.68
JAIL SINKING	3,271.28	-0-	489.66	2,781.62
SOCIAL SECURITY	3,708.45	13,199.66	13,110.43	3,797.68
DONLEY COUNTY ROAD BOND SINKING	21,618.86	12,094.58	32,111.25	1,602.19
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUNDING SERIES 1935	25.73	-0-	25.73	-0-
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUNDING SERIES 1935A	184.62	-0-	184.62	-0-
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUNDING SERIES 1935B	661.57	-0-	661.57	-0-
DONLEY COUNTY REVENUE SHARING TRUST	81,930.98	52,213.66	11,600.00	122,544.64
PROBATION	-0-	1,094.90	211.50	883.40

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- DONLEY COUNTY UNLIMITED TAX ROAD BONDS-\$50,000.00
- PRECINCT NO. 1-6,666.67
- PRECINCT NO. 3-7,496.67

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COUNTY OF DONLEY

I, P.C. Messer, County Clerk in and for Donley County, Texas do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct account of receipts and disbursements of county funds for the year ending December 31, 1974, and correctly reflects the condition of county funds as disclosed by the records in my office

P.C. Messer
County Clerk, Donley County, Texas

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of January, 1975.

W.R. Hunsaker
County Judge, Donley County, Texas

EXAMINED AND APPROVED in open Commissioner's Court this 31st day of January, 1975.

W.R. Hunsaker
County Judge, Donley County, Texas

Howe
Hello, I hope this is a pleasant day for you. Boss Lion, John and secretary, Vernon with their wives attend Lions' Mid-Winter-ence in Amarillo Fri-Saturday.
There were 30 Lions (their guests present) Clifford Johnson of give an interesting their last meeting. enjoyed the good served at the Cant.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph of Quah were down Lions meeting and the weekend. The bi-granddaughter with.
We noticed the heads of Hereford w-down.
Some others of F were also here. Mr. Reuben Rountree, former residents, guests of Mrs. Howard. It was nice them again.
Mark and Kay Hovson, Stoney, of A were down awhile to visit Mark's grand Mrs. George Hovan.
We are glad to the M.E. Halls of They have moved a home on 83 Huro Bobby Storeys' of also have moved one a double-wide mobil on 144 Country Club Mrs. Bill Littlefield with Mrs. Ola Price this week. Do you they got another qu Mr. and Mrs. Moores' son, Jack a Pat Moore of Amari here for the weeker and Pat with 15 members of the Pa Boat and Ski Club we skiing last week 40-degree water.
Mr. and Mrs. Jii and the Albert visited the Y-Knot of Clarendon last evening. It was the tion for some members.
Mr. and Mrs. Wilson visited Mr.

Howardwick Party Line

By SHARON MILLS

Hello, I hope this will be a pleasant day for you.

Boss Lion, John Sarich, and secretary, Vernon Berry, with their wives attended the Lions' Mid-Winter Conference in Amarillo Friday and Saturday.

There were 30 Lions and their guests present to hear Clifford Johnson of Hedley give an interesting talk at their last meeting. They also enjoyed the good roast meal served at the Canteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Benge of Quanah were down for the Lions meeting and to spend the weekend. The brought a granddaughter with them.

We noticed the Whiteheads of Hereford were also down.

Some others of Hereford were also here. Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Rountree, who are former residents, were guests of Mrs. George Howard. It was nice to see them again.

Mark and Kay Howard and son, Stoney, of Amarillo, were down awhile Sunday to visit Mark's grandmother, Mrs. George Howard.

We are glad to welcome the M.E. Halls of Borger. They have moved a mobile home on 83 Huron. The Bobby Storeys of Amarillo also have moved one in. It is double-wide mobile home on 144 Country Club Central.

Mrs. Bill Littlefield visited with Mrs. Ola Price one day this week. Do you suppose they got another quilt out?

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moores' son, Jack and wife, Pat Moore of Amarillo were here for the weekend. Jack and Pat with 15 or 20 members of the Panhandle Boat and Ski Club went water skiing last weekend in 40-degree water.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dunn and the Albert Moores visited the Y-Knot Twirlers of Clarendon last Tuesday evening. It was the graduation for some of the members.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wilson visited Mr. and Mrs.

Albert Moore one day last week.

We are glad to report there were 43 at the covered dish supper last Saturday. Every one enjoyed the supper so much although some ate a little too much. Why not have more of these suppers?

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Childs got to spend the weekend here at the lake. Their daughter, Vicki and her husband, Bill Moss of Amarillo accompanied them. We hope when vacation time rolls around they will be able to spend more of their spare time here.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Castner spent more than a week in Lubbock. They have illness in their family. We hope every one is feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. John Collins were in Quanah last Saturday attending the Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Leonard.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Castner and Mr. and Mrs. Melville Mills were in Amarillo Tuesday on business.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Ferdig of Amarillo visited the Melville Mills. Mrs. Ferdig and Mrs. Mills are sisters. Also visiting the Mills were Mr. and Mrs. George W. Prater and Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Prater, all of Amarillo. They were all neighbors about 25 years ago.

Some of the people have been able to shake the flu bug, but not Mrs. Carrell Taylor. Mr. Taylor went to the doctor last week to have a post-operative check-up. Some stitches were removed and he reports he can see now, which was more than he had been able to do for some time. He hopes to be fitted with glasses next.

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Will and Norma Corgill along with Mel and Ruth Mills went to Amarillo Thursday on business and shopping. Looks as though Norma will be getting to use a new lawn mower, if we ever get some rain. (It's raining now, Thursday.)

Among the outstanding students in vocational studies and technical areas at Clarendon College for the Fall semester were James Wakefield in radio and television services, Sandra Denny and Jan Hickman in vocational nursing and Evelyn Klepper in cosmetology. Sandra Denny is the granddaughter of Jim and Thelma Corgill. Sandra has lived with her grandparents while going to college. She will have a one-day-a-week class at the college and four days a week working in the hospital at Childress for the rest of her training. She will finish training in August. Jim Corgill has been going to the High Plains Dermatology Center twice a week for the last month. He reports he doesn't have to go back for 90 days.

Jim and Thelma's daughter, Marth Matlock called from Wichita, Kan., to wish them the best and congratulations on their 48th wedding anniversary. We also wish them the same. Thelma Corgill is among the employed again. This time she will be at the Hilton Inn in the housekeeping department at the present. Some people just can't retire, it seems.

Have a pleasant week.

Unlike the score reveals, the

Junior High Teams Win One, Lose Two

by CAMILLE MANN

Clarendon Junior High boys were the only victors in the Thursday night basketball games played against Silverton here.

Seventh grade girls played Silverton's seventh graders to begin the action. Turnovers seemed to plague the girl's action in the first two periods as Clarendon trailed 15-4 at half. An effort to come back in the third quarter was sparked by Sabra Dodson's impressive six points and five defensive steals. Although the Colts outscored Silverton in the last half, the early lead obtained by the Welettes never died. The final score was 17-24. Sabra Dodson scored 11 points. Sherilyn Walker made four points, and Becky Hill connected for two points.

In a very close game following the seventh graders, the eighth grade girls took the floor and put forth a determined battle but fell to Silverton 44-32. Rebounds and defensive steals kept the Colts in the game as they managed to pull down a team total of 37 rebounds and 20 defensive steals. On last spurt in the final period brought the Colts within five points, but they were unable to capture the lead. Ann Calloway sank the leather for 17 points, and Ricci Tunnell added 15 points.

The Clarendon Colts, tied 4-4 at the completion of the first quarter, held Silverton to only 12 points as they roraped past the Owls 31-12.

Sheila Sue Smith has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester at Wayland Baptist College.

The freshman education major is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith of Lelia Lake.

School Menu

February 3-7

Monday

Bar-b-que beef, creamed potatoes, blackeyed peas, homemade bread, butter-scotch pudding and milk.

Tuesday

Pizza with cheese, buttered corn, tossed green salad, ice cream and milk.

Wednesday

Pinto beans, cole slaw, spaghetti and tomatoes, cornbread, jello and milk.

Thursday

Chicken pot pie, English peas, buttered carrots, strawberry shortcake and milk.

Friday

Cheeseburger on bun, lettuce and tomatoes, sliced pickles, tater tots, orange juice and milk.

FB Delegates Meet With State Solons

Delegates from the Donley, Collinsworth and Hall County Farm Bureaus met with state legislators while in Austin January 28 and 29 to attend the Legislative Conference and Membership Kick-Off sponsored by the Texas Farm Bureau.

Honored guests at the TFB Panhandle delegates dinner Tuesday at the Driskill Hotel were Senator Max Sherman,

Rep. Phill Cates and wife, Nancy, Rep. Robert Close, Rep. and Mrs. Bob Simpson and TFB president Carol Chaloupka and wife.

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comprehensive survey to determine costs of producing wheat, corn and other feed crops, cotton, soybeans, and selected commodities will include information from Donley County farmers. Charles E. Caudill, station in charge of the Texas Crop and Livestock Marketing Service, said the final data collecting effort will get underway in late January. Donley County farmers and those in other parts of the country will be personally contacted for information about their 1974 production.

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Nobody's Perfect But...

by JERRY SPARKS

While reading about the passage of the pay increases granted to state employees Friday, we came to a paragraph which stated that non-classified employees included state college and university faculty and thought perhaps this would mean additional payroll available to instructors at Clarendon College.

We talked with the president of Clarendon College, Kenneth Vaughn, about this possibility and learned that although the college is funded by state tax monies, the salaries are appropriated in block form and not carried as line items in the legislative budget as are the salaries of the major colleges and universities.

This means that the pay increases which will be granted to major state supported colleges and universities will apparently not be the case here. The faculty of Clarendon College is paid by checks written by the college and do not come directly from the state. Vaughn said that he has not heard anything from the state pertaining to any pay increases locally, but would find out for sure in the next week or so.

Although any increase in payroll at the college would not affect most businesses here to a great degree, it would pump some additional money into the local economy.

By the time this newspaper is in print, the Saturday night grand opening party at the Clarendon Country Club will be history. For three weeks now, many members of the country club have waited for the announcement that the club would reopen.

We visited the new facilities Thursday afternoon to get a preview of what to expect and found that there is a great deal of physical change. The wide expanse of dining area which previously greeted guests of the club has been cut down, yet enough area is still available to take care of some 60 or so diners at any given time.

The club room has been enlarged for a larger seating capacity which had been needed for some time. Numerous changes have been made in atmosphere including the installation of new paneling and carpeting.

The one major change that some people may overlook is the new menu which was introduced Saturday night. The expanded food service now available will offer a wider selection of foods and prices, ranging from economical meals to very elaborate.

Two weeks ago, we had a story from the Donley County Farm Bureau which contained a variety of business being looked at by the county organization.

Apparently, we failed to recognize or expound on a highly important and controversial issue which has been forced on rural telephone customers of General Telephone Company. We were aware that a rate increase had been forced upon rural customers. However, we were not aware of the magnitude of these increases until receiving a call from the Amarillo Globe News this past Friday asking about the status of a petition signed by 133 rural patrons of the phone system.

Since the rural area is not governed by any type of commission or governing body when rate hikes are proposed, these rural people had little warning of the increase. The 69.6 per cent increase represents one of the most high-handed attitudes we have ever seen. For many customers, this may make telephone service in their rural area a thing of the past.

This area has many people who live on fixed incomes, and this additional utility bill has proven extremely hard to work into their budgets. We believe that General Telephone has overstepped their bounds to their rural customers this time. We have not given enough consideration to the proposed creation of a state utility commission but from this date we will strongly support the creation of such a commission.

Had rural customers only been soaked with the same percentage increase as those who live in the Clarendon city limits, we might never have mentioned the increase to rural customers. However, their rates have been raised more than 56 per cent over Clarendon's 13.36 per cent increase.

Once again, we are hearing noises from General saying that they are in the process of getting direct distance dialing for this area. We wonder if the commotion is a prelude to their asking for another rate increase already.

We couldn't help but notice the news stories in the Amarillo papers about the six people charged with welfare fraud in Potter County this past week. Here again, when a case of this sort gets into court, there is no determination made as to whether these people were actually in need, but that they gave false information on their applications.

We can't help but feel that at least one or more of these people were entitled to some type of financial help from the welfare agencies at the time of their trials, but the fact remains that their applications were falsified when the benefits were first applied for.

The statement made by one individual that he "would never be on welfare again" reminds us of a lot of folks back many years ago who maintained a pride about providing for their families.

There were lots of families when the government commodity program first began who refused to partake of the program, not because they didn't need the food, but were too proud to accept it or to let their neighbors know they would ever consider it.

We know there are lots of people now who need financial assistance and are getting it through the welfare agencies and the food stamp programs. We also know there are many others (young and strong) who could be self-supporting if need be.

A good example of this is a medium-size city in the heart of the State of Texas which had over 2,500 people drawing unemployment checks through the Texas Employment Agency. In early 1973, a large plumbing manufacturing company announced plans to build a large plant in this city and asked TEA to secure appointments for job applicants shortly before the plant was to open.

Of the 2,500 people on unemployment, only a handful showed up for job interviews. This is a case of people relying on someone else to make their living for them, and an attitude that prevails with many younger people these days.

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MAURICE RISLEY
...County School Superintendent

'Power In Austin' Concern of Schools

"In effect, the minimum standard of 2,600 ADA means that a country must have at least 5,200 students, equally divided, to maintain more than one district. Application of the proposed minimum would produce a total of 353 school districts (not counting 24 'special purpose' districts) compared to 1,218 currently in existence..."—Report of the Governor's Committee on Public School Education, 1968.

Although this plan proposed in coordination with the State Board of Education was thwarted in attempted direct legislation, it is still an administrative goal of the Texas Education Agency, according to County School Superintendent Maurice Risley.

The plan calls for a continuation of the trend begun in 1949, when the Gilmer-Aiken Law resulted in the first state-forced consolidation of school districts. The target of the Gilmer-Aiken Law was common (inactive) school districts, which were busing their children into neighboring districts while maintaining a lower tax rate than the districts where their children were educated. Thus, others were taxed to provide them this service.

While the trend had such relatively innocuous beginnings, Risley pointed out that the plan he said was supported within the bureaucratic ranks of the Texas Education Agency would result in consolidation in sparsely populated counties, regardless of the will of the people on a local level.

The report proposes the consolidation of the Hedley ISD into the Clarendon ICSD (independent consolidated school district). It also calls for the consolidation of the Turkey ISD, Lakeview ISD and Estelline ISD into the Memphis ISD, thus requiring the busing of children 45 miles from Turkey into Memphis.

Risley disagreed with the objective of the report proposal and defended the quality of education provided through smaller schools.

Hedley, he pointed out, has provided several valedictorians for Clarendon College. It has also produced more than its share of graduates who went on to take their doctorates.

You don't run into the disciplinary problems in smaller schools such as at Hedley, he said, that you do in larger schools. The wisecracks found in larger schools aren't found at Hedley, he said, and parents are more supportive there in maintaining discipline.

"People will deny that the plan in this report is their goal," Risley said, "but there has been a concentration of power in Austin at Administrative levels just like there has been a concentration of power in Washington on the federal level. They send people out from Austin all the time to do things that we could do just as well here."

Risley said that, while responsibilities of the county school superintendents have not been taken away and

vested in Austin bureaucratic levels so much, mainly other responsibilities have not been given them as they could have. But some have been taken away. For example, the school census that was taken every five years and was last done in 1970 has been done away with, he said with his understanding, with the ADA (average daily attendance) taking its place for administrative utilitarian purposes.

The result of this shift of power has been that some school districts have done away with the county school superintendent. In this case, the county judge assumes the additional responsibilities as an ex-officio school superintendent.

"Childress is an interesting case," Risley commented. "They did away with the county school superintendent and found they still had a school board, which was what they wanted to get rid of in the first place." Official actions of the county school superintendent are approved by the school board.

"School boards are very responsive to the will of the people," Risley said. "They generally do what the people want to do. When this power is concentrated in Austin, these people may not be as responsive."

"The power of the county board of school trustees is very important," he continued. "They control all the land in the school district and have the power to give it away to another district. If Austin can do away with them, then they will have this power."

The Donley County Board of School Trustees includes four members elected from the precincts and one elected at large. They then elect their own board president. The members are: precinct 1—George Wayne Estlack; #2—Lloyd McCord; #3—A.B. Spalding of Hedley; #4—Billy Ray Johnston; and W.H. McDonald of Clarendon, at large. McCord is the president.

The board approves contracts for the purchase of buses and approves bus routes, which are given preliminary approval and drawn up by Risley. The board also hires a co-op counselor, Mrs. Ethelyn Grady, who works four days each week at Clarendon and one day at the Hedley school. They share in her salary in this proportion.

Risley was elected in 1966 to fill out a two and one-half-year unexpired term and was elected county superintendent again in 1968 and 1972. His salary is paid by the state. In addition to drawing up the bus routes and purchase contracts, his office helps the Hedley ISD with some of its bookkeeping.

The two school districts under the county superintendent (there are other districts extending into the county, and the districts under his supervision also extend beyond county lines) are Clarendon ICSD, with a 549 ADA, and Hedley ISD, with an ADA of 102.

The Groom ISD of Carson County extends into the

northwest corner of Donley County, and the Alanreed ISD of Gray County takes in a block of the north central part. The McLean ISD, also of Gray County, borders the Alanreed district in the northeast part of Donley County. Quail RHSD of Collinsworth County takes in a part of Donley County to the east, bordering Hedley ISD and McLean ISD, and Memphis ISD of Hall County includes four sections bordering Hedley ISD on the south side to the east in Donley County.

Clarendon ISD, in turn, includes a large "L"-shaped tract to the southwest in Briscoe County.

The reason for this jerry-mandering, Risley said, is mainly natural barriers, such as rivers. For example, before a bridge was built over the Salt Fork Red River, Clarendon ISD gave Alanreed the district to the north.

Plowin' Out the Corners

by UNCLE ZEB

My wife always told me that I could learn something from the great state of Oklahoma...we, being a native of Texas argued, but mostly we didn't doubt it. Since our friends, the Iveys, sent us a subscription to the Indian Journal published in Eufaula, Okla. we have been sneaking out some real goodies. My wife, being from Oklahoma, we thought she might be a bit prejudiced... anyway, from a column called Eufaula Fallins we read the story of the Rancher who was telling a friend that if things got much worse he might have to rob a bank...his cattleman friend replied "If times get much worse, I have already robbed one."

Also, "President Ford's

plan to cut income tax won't do me any good now that my income is gone. I must think on that one awhile." And on top of that in the next breath he was going to put our fuel bills up a double amount.

"It was said that secretary Butz wired a rancher to drop everything and travel with him when he visited those parts. "Can't do it," said the Cattleman, "It's during my calving season." The secretary wired back; "Postpone your calving season, and come on with us."

From the same fine paper and the column Mary's Merry Go Round we borrowed the following:

"Will Rogers said: "Politicians are not over a year behind public opinion."

"We saw a book the other day." How to exist on your salary, "after all what else can one do on our income."

"At the rate the oil

situation is going, the Arabs will all be driving Cadillacs, and we Americans may be riding camels."

"Talk is so cheap because the supply is so great and the demand so little."

"A nice method for keeping the kitchen clean, it is called eating out."

By way of saying Thanks to Mary Rule and Stoney Hardcastle, and the rest of these fine Oklahomians we are sending them a free copy of Uncle Zeb's book, with special permission to steal parts of it for their columns. I am glad my wife took me on some visits to that fine state.

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Mrs. Judy Burlin and small son, Will, have returned to their home in Auburn, Maine, after a month's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pittman, and other relatives and friends.

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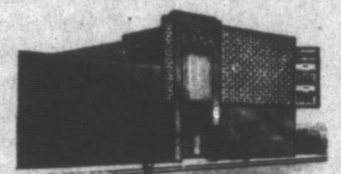
by EMMETT O. SIMMONS
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24 Visit Health Clinic

Monday, January 27, 24 people made use of the immunization clinic, and 37 inoculations were given. On the previous Friday 35 T.B. tests were given, and these returned Monday for the check of their test.

All classes are now in full swing. Anyone interested in interior decoration, that class is now ready to begin. Classes in welding, typing, shorthand, nurses aide and bookkeeping are still available. The nurses aide classes are now finishing up and are in the process of enrolling a new class to start in the near future. If anyone is interested please call Robbie Hill, 874-2573, or Eureda Mays, 874-3613, for further information.

Those interested in their child being in the new Day Care Center need to drop by the Community Action and Planned Parenthood offices and sign up for the opening day, February 3. Anyone wishing to work at the Day Care Center will need to drop by and sign the application for work. Please call for anymore information.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McElroy visited last Sunday and Monday with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McElroy, in Houston.

Chamberlain News

by MRS. HAWLEY HARRISON

Mrs. Richard Cannon and Mrs. Eula Chunn returned Monday from Hereford, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Grady Parsons, and others, including several former Clarendon residents.

Mrs. Ava Haste, Mrs. Evonne Holland and Mrs. Billie Hicks visited Saturday with Mrs. Loretta Harrison and Anna.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann visited Gordon Mann in Hall County Hospital in Memphis Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Alford Ivey spent the weekend in Pampa with Wayne and Maggie Ivey.

Mrs. Pauline Kooztz and Mrs. Barbara Helms visited in Amarillo Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ballew and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dingler visited the Frank Hardins Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Harrison and Anna were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Taois Ivey Saturday night.

Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Oglesby were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Elliot Saturday night.

We are happy to know Mrs. Ruby Blackman is much better after having the flu. Mr. and Mrs. Richard

Stotts and baby and Mr. and Jerry Hicks were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Harrison Wednesday night.

Mr. Gordon Mann was transferred to St. Anthony's Hospital and will be having surgery. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann visited him Thursday.

We wish to congratulate Billy Ray Blackman of Fritch on the award he won for making boating safer for boaters enjoying themselves on Lake Meredith. Billy Ray is a seasonal ranger at Lake Meredith.

Mrs. Mary Lee Noble is home again from the Groom Hospital and over the flu. We are so glad.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Myers and Mrs. Pauline Jones were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Elliot.

Mr. Alford Ivey, Shirley, and Mrs. Janie Crump and Ray were in Amarillo on business Monday.

Chuck and Sandra Longan and babies visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hardin Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Price and family of Quitaque visited his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Barbee, Sunday.

Mr. Hawley Harrison and Dennis were in Amarillo on business Sunday.

Religious Thoughts

by JAMES O. BRANDON

Ultimately, a person's conscience lets guilt take over, unless there is some way of dealing with guilt. Guilt results, when over a period of time, wrongs have not been atoned for. The person who does wrong is in the end the victim of his own wrong doing. It turns in upon him. The other alternative is a hardness of heart and searing of conscience that leaves an individual less than human.

God realizes that wrongs and mistakes cause guilt problems in people. The Bible calls this sin. Sin is the transgression of the laws of God. This has to do both with God and our fellow man. This is why the Bible says: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). This is no more than the psychiatrist seeks to do. He knows that emotional health lies in a person's recognizing his wrongs, dealing with them and going on from there.

Only God, however, can handle the guilt that arises from such wrongs done. And guilt does arise. Go against what you know to be right and you will end up guilty. Do less than your best, and you will end up feeling guilty. This guilt can only be handled by God, through the process of forgiveness.

The basic experience of forgiveness is the experience of acceptance. When an individual recognizes himself for what he is, as he is, and seeks God's forgiveness, God helps him accept himself as he really is. This because God accepts each of us as we really are. Before God, we can't hide anything. He sees it all. When he sees it all, and because we ask His forgiveness and He responds, "That is alright. I forgive you;" a human being is better able to accept his own human depravity. Outside of this he seems never to be able to handle his problems, accept his human depravity, his less than perfection. Outside of the forgiveness of God, this always troubles a person.

Confessing our wrongs to another person helps. It gets it off of our chest and makes us feel better for awhile, but full confession to God brings quick forgiveness and release. It is this release that a person needs.

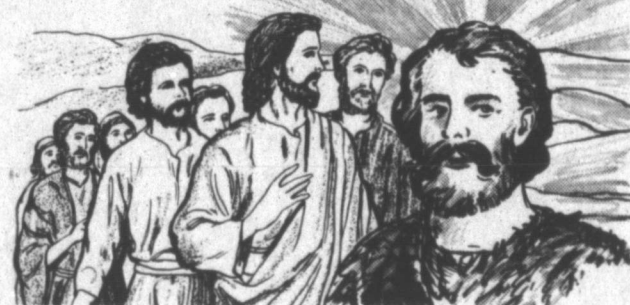
Confession and forgiveness play big parts in the development of personality. Confession and God's forgiveness helps an individual accept himself as he is. This is very important in personality growth.

If you want to get better, and you are having a hard time doing it, why not go to some quiet place, humble yourself before God, and tell Him what is on your heart. Put it into words. Tell Him the mistakes you have made. Ask Him to forgive you and to help you in overcoming your problems. This may result in your asking another human being to forgive you.

You will find an inner peace and strength to face life. You will, with God's help, grow your inner self, and if you fail in growing that inner self, my friend, you are the loser.

"Seek ye first the Kingdom"

Voice in the Wilderness...



In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet of Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan.

St. Matthew 3: 1-5

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Evening Worship6:00 p.m.
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Sunday School9:45 a.m.
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Prayer Service7:30 p.m.
Woman's Mission8:00 p.m.

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Charlie Floyd, Pastor
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Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Church Service11:00 a.m.
Evening Service6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Night Service.....7:00 p.m.

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Destroying the stubble residue from crops, as above, is responsible for much of the hardship suffered during dust and sandstorms, which are abrasive to crops, expensive to taxpayers and annoying to everyone. On sorghum acreage, 2,000 pounds per acre of residue will hold soil erosion from wind within acceptable limits.

Windy Season Calls For Proper Soil Conservation Management

This is the time of year for Texas Panhandle and Great Plains farmers and ranchers to plan proper soil conservation measures to reduce the intensity of dust and sandstorms in the months ahead.

The wind and blowing sand experienced here Saturday night through Tuesday, January 18-21, was a mild example of what lies ahead in the windy months, February and especially March and April. This is the period of most frequent low pressure systems, which pick up the sand most readily and also the period in the crop cycle when many fields are left bare.

Windshields may be actually sandblasted and ruined while driving down a country road near a field where proper soil management techniques are not in practice. Besides actual damages, there is the inconvenience of getting out of doors during a sandstorm, feeling the sting of the sand grains against the skin and the tax-supported expense of cleaning roads and culverts closed by sandbanks.

Cleaning up houses, businesses and cars following a sandstorm is probably a greater inconvenience than all the others. Dust-proof architecture is probably many years away in the future for general uses. Sand from the storms lies in sheets on window sills and lightly

powders the floors, causing more than one housewife to feel despair and begin to wait for the end of the season rather than clean up after every storm.

But, without a doubt, the greatest damage from the sandstorms is the actual damage to the soil, which is permanent and irreparable.

It is not unusual for land where proper soil management techniques are not in practice to lose 20 to 25 tons of soil per acre during a single eight-hour dust storm. This has been determined in Soil Conservation Service laboratories equipped with computerized wind tunnels at Big Spring, Texas, and Garden City, Kansas. While this may seem incredible, the average soil in this area weighs about 2,000 tons per acre-foot, so the loss during one storm may be about one per cent of a foot of soil per acre, or .08 of an inch.

Topsoil varies in thickness in this area. A farmer with two feet of topsoil might say, "Let's see, at one per cent of an inch per storm, I could stand a hundred storms every year for more than 20 years before I'd be out of business." But the actual fact is, that aside from the loss of topsoil in depth, the greatest damage to the fertility of the soil is due to the change in soil composition due to the loss of finer soil particles.

Over a period of years, land here in Donley County where proper soil conservation measures are not in practice changes its composition from the predominant sandy loam type and becomes a courser sand with less loam. This is because of the anatomy of a sandstorm, as determined in the SCS tests.

There is a very thin layer of relatively still air very close to the ground during a windstorm. This layer protects the very fine soil particles—particles of clay silt and fine bits of decomposed organic matter—from becoming airborne. These "fines" are smaller than the courser sand particles, and they fit down among them for protection from the wind.

The wind follows the ground in a rippling wave action, which may be seen in

the patterns in sand dunes following a storm. This turbulence picks up the courser sand particles, which are blown along the surface of the ground, repeatedly striking the surface.

While these courser sand particles are generally not carried great distances through the atmosphere, each time they strike the ground, a process called bombardment or saltation, a few more sand grains and several of the finer soil particles are also knocked loose from the ground. These finer particles will carry great distances, so they naturally make up the bulk of the soil loss due to windstorms.

As the soil texture is altered due to the loss of these fine soil. The predominant Donley County soil type will hold about one and one-half inches of moisture per foot of soil. On the other hand, sand will hold only one-half inch of moisture per foot in a form useable by plant.

The loss in production due to poor conservation techniques over a 10 to 15 year period on range land amounts to about 450 pounds of air dry forage per acre. The loss on crop land is equivalent to about 500 pounds of grain sorghum per acre, four to eight bushels of wheat per acre, or about 50 pounds of cotton lint per acre.

Additionally, the disadvantages of man-altered soil

from which the fine particles have been lost can never be reversed, regardless of the treatment given.

The wind is going to blow irregardless. What can be done about it? By following soil management techniques proven through Soil Conservation Service research, soil loss on land in production can be brought down to what they have defined as an acceptable level, the loss of five tons of soil per acre during a typical eight-hour storm, or about 20 to 25 per cent of typical losses.

The most timely tip they offer for this time of year is that one ton of grain sorghum stubble per acre will offer protection. Farmers often try to make an extra dollar by baling this crop residue.

The SCS suggests that these farmers consider the long term gains to be attained by retaining the inherent soil fertility. Also, the gains from baling the sorghum stubble should be considered along with the extra cost of diesel and machinery upkeep necessary for baling. Another \$3 per acre will be required to prepare for the next crop for diesel to chisel the land each time it rains if the residue is baled rather than left till time to prepare for the next crop. And, if it is dry, the soil will blow away.

"What it all comes right down to is a conservation-minded cropping system."

said W.M. Sowers of the Donley County SCS office. "With a mono-crop system, you don't have the protection and lose soil to erosion. Rotation does a lot for the inherent fertility of the soil, anyway."

"When cotton is followed with cotton, year after year, fertility is broken down because organic matter isn't added back to the soil. Cotton should be swapped with maize, and, when the farmer gets a stubble, he should take care of it."

Emergency tillage, breaking furrows in alternating strips with unbroken ground, is another measure to cut down on soil blowing away. This practice is much more effective when crops are rotated also, though the expense of this conservation practice isn't necessary where adequate stubble remains.

Minimum tillage is another effective measure. This is where the crop stubble is left on the land as long as possible, and then another crop is planted right back in between the furrows. For cotton land, one of the most effective practices is to seed rye, a winter crop, between the cuts in late August so that the land is left covered through the winter. Winter peas instead of rye will help build the land and add nitrogen to the soil, thus cutting down on sky-rocketing fertilizer costs. Minimum tillage will also cut down on emergency tillage, thus saving dollars on an extra farm operation or two.

Strip cropping, which may be practiced in rotation, works very well in Donley County and also keeps the soil from blowing. This is where different crops are grown in alternating strips.

Tree shelter belts offer great protection extending out ten times the height of the trees, but these take a long time. They offer the added asset of sheltering wildlife. The trees may sap the moisture from the soil out

some distance from the trees, but this is easily remedied, since these roots are close to the surface. About every two years, the farmer should run a chisel along the edge of his production area to trim the roots.

Merit Badge Studies Underway

Tuesday night was the starting of some new merit badge classes for the Scouts of Troop 33.

The Safety Merit Badge is to be held at the First Christian Church at 6:30 p.m.

The following Scouts are taking it: Mike Mitchel, Le Roy Sanchez, Richard Sanchez, Chris Sanchez, Tommy Nicholes, Ted Sawyer, Bryan Leeper, Mark McAnear, Alan Sanders, Eddie Bright, Spencer Hayes, David Lane, Bryan Hill, Martin Pigg and Jack Craft.

The Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge is to be held behind the Schooler-Gordon-Robertson Funeral Home, with Mr. Billy Ray Johnston and Mr. Delbert Robertson as councilors.

The following boys are taking the course: Jon Nicholes, Dan Sawyer, Terry Putman, Chris Ford, Steve Rives, Lance Thornberry, Drew Thornberry and Rick Hayes.

Thursday night, Fingerprinting Merit Badge class is meeting at the City Hall at 6:30 p.m. with Chief of Police Gary Gerdes as councilor. The following Scouts are taking the course: Butch Blackburn, Ted Sawyer, Mark McAnear, Mike Mitchel, Bryan Hill, Alan Sanders, Jack Craft, Chris Sanchez, Tommy Nicholes, Spencer Hayes, Randy White, Martin Pigg, Bryan Leeper and Keenan Shields.

LOCAL

Mrs. Carl Adams recently had a week's visit from her son, Gail. Gail is an Air Force retiree who makes his home with his wife, Fran, and daughter, Ann, in Fort Worth.

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