



AT THE RECENT Distance Learning demonstration are, l to r, Alvin Fuhrman, manager of Muenster Telephone Corporation; Rep. Charles Finnell of Holliday; Jim Strickland, head librarian of Vernon Regional Junior College; Dennis Raines, manager of Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative; and Vernon Gene Frommelt, media specialist, VRJC. Not shown is Flossie Schoppa, aide to Rep. Ric Williamson, taking the picture. On the TV set, Jean Arendt, at Era, is teaching an English class on the NTEN Network.

Finnell brings distance learning to rural schools

State Rep. Charles Finnell took part Dec. 7 in an English Literature class where students in three Northwest Texas school districts were linked by 30 miles of fiberoptic interactive video cable.

Finnell called the use of such technology to teach in sparsely-populated areas "a truly viable local option alternative to school consolidation, which tends to destroy local control of education." Finnell invited representatives of Vernon Regional Junior College to observe as guests of Alvin and Gracie Fuhrman of Muenster, who pioneered the use of two-way television for rural Texas schools, where students and teachers who are miles apart yet interact face to face as if they were in the same classroom. VRJC is exploring the

concept as a means of serving the college and their area school districts. Educators term the concept "distance learning."

The North Texas Educational Network (NTEN) Finnell reviewed links Forestburg in Montague County with Cooke County school districts. It was Rep. Finnell who passed the legislation (HB 1029) that established a way for the State of Texas to allocate private and federal grant funds to school districts who wish to install fiberoptic television systems. No state tax dollars are involved.

"The synergy of the project was evident," Finnell stated, "to all participants in this exciting distance learning project, including students and educators alike."

County residents petition for special rollback election

by Elaine Schad

Cooke County residents have made good on a challenge to circulate a countywide rollback petition, as organizers turned in a total of 2,422 signatures to County Clerk Frank Scoggins last Friday, requesting that a special election be called to determine whether Cooke County's 26.32 percent tax increase should be rolled back.

The county tax assessor's office has 20 days to count and verify the 297 pages of signatures. If the petition is deemed valid, county commissioners must call an election.

The signatures, if validated, represent about 700 signatures more than the 10 percent of registered voters required to call the election. Organizers were told by county officials that they needed 1,679 valid signatures to call the election.

Organizers made a strong push the last two weeks before the deadline to turn in the petition. It's no small chore organizing a petition effort, since state law requires that voter registration numbers be obtained, full addresses and phone numbers, in addition to the signatures, according to Nita Harlow, whose name appeared on the petition as secretary of the

Cooke County Taxpayers Association. Harlow said several individuals and groups requested that the taxpayer association assist with the petition effort, but it was the hard work of many people who helped man petition stations in order to allow the public the opportunity to sign that made the petition drive successful.

Of the 2,422 total signatures, almost 500 came directly from the Muenster area, Harlow said. About 600 came from Lake Kiowa, with the rest coming from throughout the county, including more than 30 from Myra, 30 or more from the Rosston area, and numerous signatures from Moss Lake, Valley View, Mountain Springs and Gainesville. "They very willingly signed the petitions," Harlow said. "I think the general feeling is that everybody is just fed up, and this is the only thing the law will allow us to do."

County commissioners in September raised the tax rate from 38 cents per \$100 valuation of property to 48 cents, a 26.32 percent increase, to partially fund the county's \$7.2 million budget for fiscal 1994. Should voters approve the rollback, the rate would revert to the allowable 8 percent increase, or

around 41.4 cents.

Precinct 4 County Commissioner Virgil Hess, who represents the Muenster area, said he feels the rollback effort is more a protest against taxes in general rather than against the county specifically. "It's not just strictly against the county," he said. "I think people will be a bit surprised that, if the rollback passes, their taxes aren't going to go down as much as they think."

Hess noted that several taxing entities this year approved significant tax increases, and that lumping them all together on the same tax bill, shows a sizable increase. He said some people don't understand that the rollback only affects Cooke County taxes, and not school district or hospital taxes. "It's totally confusing to them," Hess said.

If the rollback passes, Hess said commissioners will have to go back and take about \$500,000 out of the budget. The first thing to go would probably be an additional ambulance and personnel approved to begin in the Spring at an estimated cost of about \$200,000. "I don't think the county needs to be in the ambulance business," Hess said. He said Wise and Cooke counties both have a 48-cent tax rate, higher

than most surrounding counties, but they are the only two counties that fund their ambulance service. The county is looking into the possibility of turning over the ambulance service to an independent carrier. Cooke County representatives joined officials from Denton, Fannin, Grayson and Wise counties last week in a meeting with the East Texas Medical Service to discuss that possibility.

Another major budget increase was about \$90,000 that funded an across-the-board 3 percent pay raise for all county employees. Hess voted against the increase, saying he opted for using the money to bring salaries more in line according to a salary study completed two years ago. A criticism of some rollback advocates has been that the across-the-board increase favored higher salaried county employees, such as elected officials, rather than making salaries more equitable. "We could have had all the salaries in line, but now they are more out of line than ever," Hess said.

Despite tax increases in other jurisdictions, rollback supporters still think the county's tax increase is just too much for the economic times, Harlow said. "Twenty-six percent is just a huge increase."

Endres Motor Co. announces winners from Open House

Endres Motor Co. hosted an Open House Dec. 9, 10, and 11 to show their remodeled and expanded Ford dealership to the community. A ribbon cutting was held Thursday morning by the Chamber of Commerce.

Visitors were treated to a sumptuous snack table and could enter their name in drawings. Over 300 people visited during the three day celebration.

Winners of the drawings were: Las Vegas trip, Leonard Yosten; autographed Nolan Ryan cap, Eugene Klement; Oil filter change, Stan Endres, Loree Bruns, Barbie Barnhill, Anita Luttmier, James Fleitman, Freddie Schmitz, Robert Russell, Judy Flusche, Bob Knauf, and David Hacker.

"Thanks to all of the businesses and individuals who sent plants and flowers. And thanks to everyone for coming by and being a part of the opening of the new dealership," said Kirk Klement on behalf of everyone at Endres Motor Company.



DIGNITARIES, friends and business associates attended the Open House by Endres Motor Co. for three days last weekend. Shown is a group that was present for the official ribbon cutting ceremony. Janie Hartman Photo

Don't Forget...

A special treat for the lovely season of Christmas will be the program of Christmas music presented by the Cooke County Chorale in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 3 p.m. Tickets are available at The Muenster Enterprise or at the door.

The 6th Annual Tour of Homes, hosted by the Saint Jo Chamber of Commerce, on Sunday, Dec. 19. The tour starts at 2 p.m. at 208 South Main. Tickets will be sold for \$5.00 at the first house on the tour, with proceeds dedicated to projects of the Chamber. Refreshments and fellowship will be on hand for all.

More renovations completed at cemetery

by Janet Felderhoff

Sacred Heart Cemetery has been the site of more restorations in recent months. Much needed work has been done on monuments, markers, and headstones. Richards Monuments of Gainesville was hired to do the straightening and restoration work.

This is a continuation of work started by Carol and Walter Grewing several years ago. Their work was done mainly in the Northwest (often called children's) section. Work being done now covers the entire cemetery.

At least 18 new monuments have been put up and 19 more have been leveled and straightened. Some of the older graves dating back to the late 1800's and early 1900's have been re-identified and names put back on the grave. Joe Hoening has been involved with work at the cemetery for about three years now.

Although he is nearly 90, Mr. Hoening has repainted several iron crosses, walked the rows of the cemetery checking names and is creating a map of all the graves. He found many unknown graves and has placed the name of the person buried there by cross-referencing parish records, studying dates of deaths and the location of the grave in the cemetery.

"I found some spots that appeared to have a grave," remarked Joe. "I went by the times and found some. We had 52 markers made." Some places were discovered to have

bodies by a method called witching. James Richards of Richards Monuments is skilled in this method.

Mr. Hoening stated that about 90 people are buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery whose burials were not recorded in parish records at the rectory. Some of these were people who had services held elsewhere, but were buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery. "The burials just failed to be recorded by pastors way back and even some more recently," explained Joe.

The work is quite interesting, said Joe. He works at it for a time and then when he tires of it goes on to other things for a while. He has compiled some interesting data. For instance there are 200 people buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery who were originally from Germany; there are more than 440 reservations (plots purchased for future burials); and there are more than 1300 bodies buried there.

When all of the information has been gathered and checked Loretta Felderhoff will put the information in the parish computer and an accurate map will be made.

"Donations to help pay for this work will be gratefully accepted," commented Father Victor Gillespie, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish. "Make checks payable to: Sacred Heart Cemetery. This is a separate fund which is used only for the upkeep and improvement of Sacred Heart Cemetery."



SAMUEL JONES, left, prepares to place marker on one of the unmarked graves in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Joe Hoening, center, was on hand to direct the placement. Jones and Chet Andrews, right, are employees of Richards Monuments. Dave Fette Photo

Lindsay faces increase

by Elaine Schad

Lindsay residents will be seeing higher gas rates come January after Lone Star Gas announced a rate increase to the Lindsay city council during its regular December meeting.

Charles Hankins and Richard Vaughn, representatives of Lone Star Gas, informed the council the company has filed for a rate increase that will increase the average monthly gas bill in Lindsay by \$2.56 per month. The last rate increase was in 1986. The cost of doing business, increased fuel prices

and other factors were mentioned as reasons for the increase, Lindsay Mayor Robert Walterscheid said.

In other business, the council voted to purchase a new police car from Endres Motor Company in Muenster for \$13,592. At the recommendation of city police officer Jody Henry, the council voted to add about \$2,000 in law enforcement equipment to the vehicle. City councilmen discussed renovation to the city's wastewater treatment plant, but took no action. The next council meeting is tentatively set for Jan. 3.

County commissioners examine overcrowding

by Elaine Schad

Cooke County commissioners this week heard that, like most county jails across the state, the Cooke County Jail is having trouble with overcrowding, partly due to a backlog in being required to hold prisoners for the state penitentiary.

Cooke County Sheriff Joe Nichols told commissioners the prison population at the jail is about 80 prisoners, more than the 67 that the jail is licensed to hold. The jail has had as many as 90 prisoners.

"We have 32 prisoners that are paper ready to go to the state," said Cooke County Commissioner Kenneth Alexander. Cooke County is usually allotted only one state prison space per month, however, so must wait until the state tells the county they'll take more prisoners. Commissioner Virgil Hess said the county "lucked out" last month by being allowed to send five prisoners to the state.

Some prisoners are sleeping on mattresses laid on the floors, Alexander said. County officials are trying to process non-violent offenders more quickly to keep the

population within a manageable range, he said. Texas counties may find a little relief from overcrowded jails by next year when several new state jail facilities are expected to go on line, officials said. Commissioners took no action on the report, but will continue to monitor the situation, Alexander said.

In other business this week, commissioners discussed refinancing the county's debts and decided the best route will be to completely pay off a debt for renovation of a building to house the probation department, which is expected to save money on interest payments. The county is expected to save about \$70,000 in interest payments over the term of the remaining note, which is the note on the county jail, by refinancing the note at a lower interest rate, Alexander said.

In other matters during their regular December meeting, commissioners:

--Approved installation of buried telephone cable lines for precincts 1

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Good News!

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

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SH Children's Choir sings for tree dedication

The 1993 Cooke County Home Hospice, "Light Up A Life" campaign is being held this month in Cooke County.

The Hospice Auxiliary and volunteers are manning trees at Beall's, Tom Thumb and in the Food Court at the Factory Mall, accepting donations. Donations of love, in memory or honor of a special person, are accepted each day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., or you may mail it to LUAL, Box 1352, Gainesville, TX 76240.

On Nov. 28, the Auxiliary held the tree dedication at Beall's at 2 p.m. President Denise Martin Pearce welcomed guests and W.B. Hudspeth delivered the invocation. Representing all Hospice served families was Rev. Spann who lit the tree. Rev. Keith Boone gave a short history and explained the work of the Hospice.

A medley of Christmas music was given by the Sacred Heart Children's Choir from Muenster.

At 4 p.m., the tree was dedicated at Tom Thumb with the St. Mary's Children's Choir from Gainesville singing.

All monies raised at the "Light Up A Life" campaign go to the care of patients receiving Hospice care. Up to date, Home Hospice has cared for 222 patients.

Christmas trees in ample supply

An estimated 300,000 Texas-grown trees will be available for shoppers this Christmas, according to the annual market survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The supply and the retail price for Texas-grown and "imported" trees (from other states) will be about the same as last year, averaging from \$4 to \$6 per foot.



SACRED HEART CHILDREN'S CHOIR members sang Christmas carols at Beall's Department Store in Gainesville on Nov. 28 during the dedication of Cooke County Home Hospice's "Light Up A Life" tree. Angela Antonetti, Cooke County Home Hospice officer (center), greets the children. Dave Fette Photo



Paw Prints



NET Is In Town!

by Kelly Dangelmayr

Sacred Heart High School students enjoyed a day off from school work but not a day off from learning about Jesus and having fun. The students attended Mass on Thursday morning, Dec. 2, then walked to the KC Hall for the NET retreat. NET stands for National Evangelistic Team.

The students got to dress up in nice clothes and brought a sack lunch to eat. There was breakfast served that consisted of cinnamon rolls, apples, oranges, bananas, orange juice and hot chocolate.

The NET Team planned a fun-filled day for the students. They played games, had skits and learned more about Jesus. The students and the NET Team had a great day! Students returned to school at 3 p.m. that afternoon.

The NET retreat was coordinated by Emily Klement, Barbara Fuhrmann and Pam Fette.

On the Road Again

by Melissa O'Brien

On Saturday, Nov. 20, at Saint Andrew's Catholic School Gym in Fort Worth, Father Michael Crosby, OFM, presented two major addresses at the 8th Annual Social Ministry Conference. The selected title for the conference was "The Role of Compassion." The first address was in the morning beginning at 10 a.m. and was on the role of compassion in the spiritual life and the obstacles with which our cultures confront us.

His second talk reflected the story of the woman who anoints the feet of Jesus as a model for compassion and social ministry. Attending this all-day session was Sacred Heart

High School Senior Melissa O'Brien.

After Father Crosby presented the first talk, the individuals that attended this all-day meet divided into groups of five to get a group response to the lecture. The individuals selected for the panel discussed their reactions to the audience morning discussion on the role of compassion in the spiritual life. Melissa O'Brien was one of these panelists.

After lunch, students from Nolan High School performed an expressive dance and Father Crosby

began his second talk on social ministry. After his talk, the panel gave their reactions. Then Father Crosby answered some questions from the audience.

Following the panel discussion, there was a closing prayer at 4 p.m. and the conference was dismissed. Father Michael Crosby, a Capuchin Franciscan of the Midwest Province, has served 15 years in the Center for Justice and Peace in Milwaukee. He has written six books. His presentations were designed for opportunities of communal and private prayer.

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Tickets for Friday night and all weekend rodeo performances are priced at \$14 each, and Monday through Thursday night and all weekday matinee rodeos are \$12.

Box office hours are from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday during December. In January, hours will be extended from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., and include noon until 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Telephone orders are being taken at 817-877-2420 and VISA and MasterCard are accepted. Tickets also are available at Rainbow-TicketMaster outlets in Sears, Sound Warehouse and Foley's, or by calling Metro 214-647-5700 or 214-373-8000. Convenience and other charges added at Rainbow are non-refundable.

Orders by mail are accepted at the Stock Show Office, P.O. Box 150, Fort Worth, TX 76101-0150. When ordering by mail, state the number of tickets desired and the performance, and include \$3 extra per order for return postage and handling.

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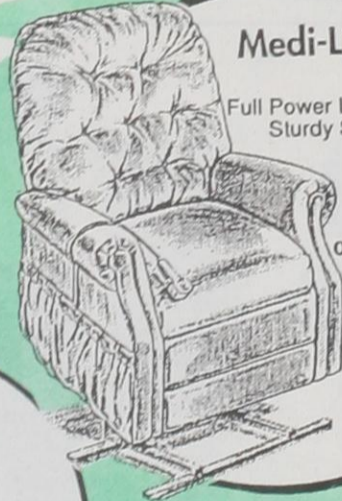
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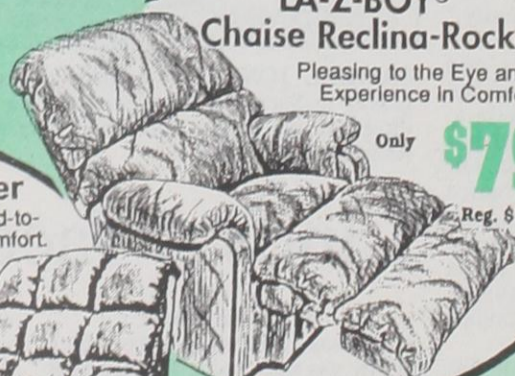


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To the following for their help in Christkindlmarkt:

Structures for placing the Arts & Crafts sign, Muenster Enterprise for chairing the parade, Peggy Grewing for chairing Christkindlmarkt, Muenster Boy Scouts for selling hot dogs, Sacred Heart Alumni for Saturday's Live Nativity, and Nativity participants Todd and Brenda Ritchey, Russell Fette, Patrick Miller, Nicholas Yosten, Sara Sepanski, Sarah Hess, Neil Hesse, Angie Hofbauer, David Hesse, Aaron Hess; the Sacred Heart Mixed Choir for singing during the Live Nativity Saturday night and Juanita Bright and Dr. Martin Kralicke for their narrative of Christ's birth, the Muenster Jaycees for the tree in Mid Park, the Sacred Heart students for singing during the Friday night's live Nativity, and anyone else whose name we may have inadvertently overlooked.

Thanks to Emil Rohmer:

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To those who so willingly opened their homes for the Christkindlmarkt Tour of Homes - Kim & Kenny Felderhoff, Nelda & Steve Cooper, Debbie & Clinton Endres, Billie & Jerry Fleitman, and Melanie and Mark Hesse.



Muenster Chamber of Commerce

Lifestyle

Couple exchanges vows in San Antonio Nov. 13

Mr. and Mrs. Don Uhlig are at home in San Antonio since returning from a wedding trip to Honolulu, Hawaii and Maui.

They were married in St. Matthew's Catholic Church of San Antonio on Nov. 13, 1993, in a Nuptial Mass at 1 p.m. with double-ring vows, led by Msgr. John Flynn, pastor, and Father John Leis, former president of St. Mary's University.

The bride is the former Mary M. Rohmer, daughter of Arnold and Imelda Rohmer of Muenster. The groom is the son of Charles and Edna Uhlig of Poth, Texas.

Presented at the altar by her father, the bride was wearing a sweetheart gown of candlelight ivory satin, designed with off-shoulder neckline, elbow-length puffed sleeves, fitted, beaded lace bodice, and full skirt. Her fingertip-length illusion veil was held by a crown of pearls, satin roses and beaded lace. She carried a bridal bouquet of fresh white and peach roses and gardenias.

ATTENDANTS
Christi Rohmer of San Antonio was maid of honor and Julie Rohmer of San Antonio was bridesmaid. Both are sisters of the bride.

They were attired in knee-length, fitted gowns of teal satin, with long fitted sleeves, and off-shoulder neckline framed by a wide band of white lace across the shoulders.

Flower girls were Imelda McClendon and Lauren Sepanski, nieces of the bride. Ring bearers were Marshall Uhlig and Stephanie Uhlig, nephew and niece of the groom.

Doug Uhlig of Midland, groom's brother, was best man and Greg Uhlig, a brother, of Austin, was groomsman.

Ushers were Bob Brooke of San Antonio, Chuck Pawelek of Poth, Texas, and Greg Schulze of Austin. They are friends of the groom.

The altar server was the bride's niece, Letecia McClendon. Eucharistic Minister was Joseph Uhlig of Floresville, uncle and godfather of the groom.

Wedding music, presented by Sue Kvasnicka, organist, and vocalists Greg Zouzalik and Ana Welch included Preludes: "Like a Seal Upon Your Heart," "The Gift of Love" and "The Wedding Song." Other musical selections were "Panis Angelicus," "One Hand, One Heart," "We Have Been Told," "Ave Maria" and the traditional wedding marches.

In the special Nuptial liturgy, Readings selected by the couple, from the Old and New Testaments, were given by the bride's sisters and brother, Linda Rohmer Sepanski of Muenster, Donna Rohmer McClendon of Dawson, Texas, and Donald Rohmer of California. Prayers of the Faithful were offered by Nicole McClendon of Dawson, niece and godchild of the bride. Offertory gifts were presented at the altar by Sara and Kathryn Sepanski of Muenster, nieces of the bride. Mass programs were distributed by Michael Uhlig of Poth, nephew of the groom.

RECEPTION
An afternoon reception for 300 guests was held at Fair Oaks Country Club and flowed from the clubhouse onto an outdoor deck overlooking the golf course and live oak trees of the Texas Hill Country.

An elegant buffet was served, followed by a dance that was opened by a "Grand March," a Polish wedding tradition.

Tables were decorated in peach and teal, with white and peach silk floral arrangements prepared by Mrs. Edna Uhlig, mother of the groom.

The three-tiered bride's cake, decorated with lace and pearl string

icing, held a white and peach cluster of flowers on the top layer. The chocolate raspberry groom's cake was decorated with a burnt orange UT Longhorn emblem.

A rehearsal dinner for 40 guests honored the couple and was hosted by friends of the bride at Dear Oaks Party Room.

The bride is a 1978 graduate of Sacred Heart High School in Muenster and a 1982 graduate of St. Mary's University of San Antonio, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Communications Arts. She is employed in Public Relations as vice-president of Account Services for Dublin-McCarter and Associates.

The groom is a 1978 graduate of Poth High School, a 1982 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, and received a Master of Business Administration degree from Incarnate Word University of San Antonio in 1986. He is senior real estate appraiser for the Bexar County Appraisal District.

Among relatives attending the wedding were the bride's parents, Arnold and Imelda Rohmer, and Bob and Linda Sepanski, Sara,



MR. and MRS. DON UHLIG
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Kathryn and Lauren; Arthur and Evie Felderhoff; and Viola Rohmer, with her son, Gary, his wife Robin and family; other guests attended from California, Nebraska and across Texas.

Jeffrey Hoedebeck is graduate at UT Austin

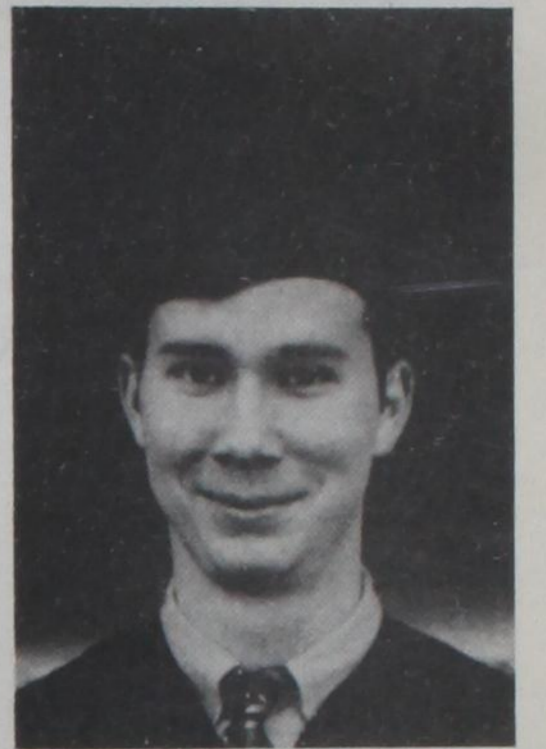
Jeffrey Paul Hoedebeck of Austin was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Advertising in Fall commencement ceremonies at the University of Texas at Austin.

Jeff received his degree on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 3 p.m. ceremonies in the Frank E. Erwin Jr. Special Events Center from Dean Ellen Wartella, Dean of the College of Communications of UT.

Following the impressive ceremonies, Jeff was honored at a dinner at Chili's by his parents, Paul and Diane Hoedebeck.

Attending the graduation ceremonies were Jeff's parents of Gainesville; grandmother, Elsie Hoedebeck of Muenster; godmother, Terri Cagle, and husband Chris of Coppell; Mary and Linda Knabe, both of Muenster; Jack and Lana Wiese and Gary, Gina, Jacob and Jamie of Gainesville.

Unable to attend were grandparents, Francis and Clara Mae Wiese and Gene Hoedebeck.



JEFFREY HOEDEBECK

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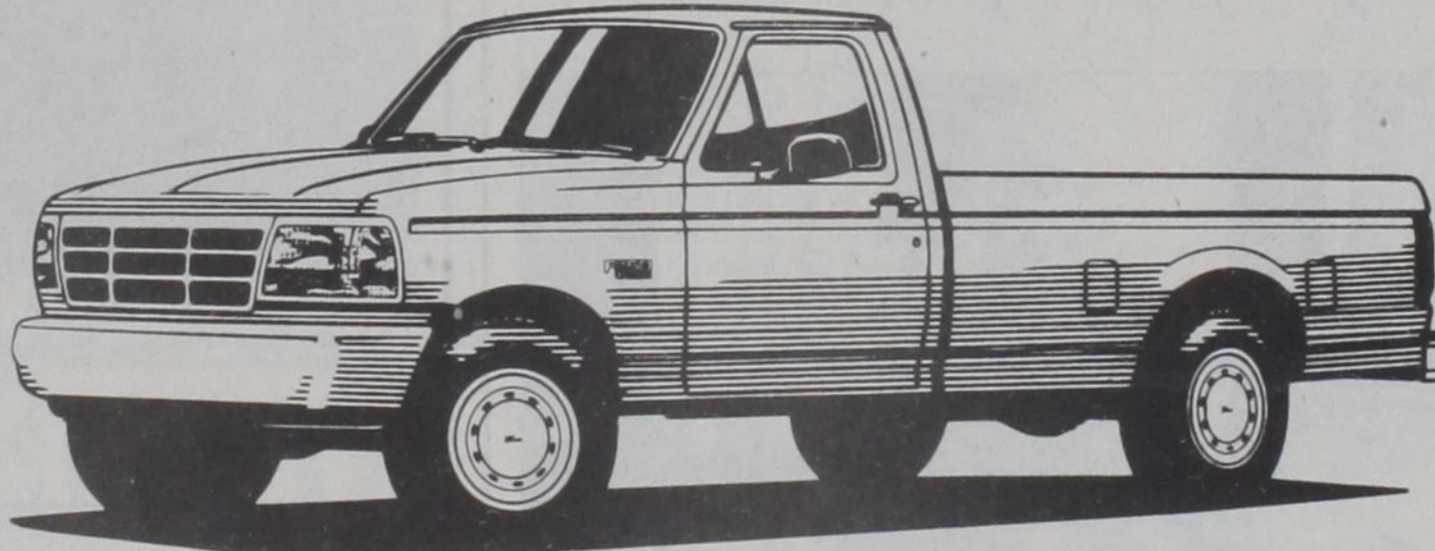
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Tues. - No Lunch. School will be dismissed at 12:05 p.m.

News of the Sick

Billy Frank Richter continues as a patient at Herman Hospital in Houston for treatment of injuries he received in an accident on an oil lease in Fort Bend County, near Houston. He told his mother, Jody French, that he had completed his work and was returning to his pickup. Someone called him back to check a well. As he returned, there was a liquid nitrogen explosion. He was struck in the head by a pipe. His injuries are very serious - one day he seems to improve, the next day he endures a setback. His mother remains at his bedside. Also there with her are Bill's children, Tracey, Gina and William.



CAST OF SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Christmas program presented by students

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 8, the Sacred Heart Religious Education program concluded the fall semester with a special Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, followed by a Christmas program and social.

The Christmas program was presented by the 8th grade and was directed by their teachers, Barbara Fuhrmann, Sister Cabrini Arami and Shirley Knabe. Narrative was provided by Barbara Fuhrmann, while the 8th graders portrayed various Biblical characters.

Mindy Endres and Corey Anderle were Mary and Joseph. Jerry Stoffels, Kristine Hartman and Crystal Knabe portrayed the innkeeper and his wife and daughter. Shepherds included Bryan Hudspeth, Michael Grewing, Brandon Grewing, Brian Fleitman and Aaron Sicking. Angels included Stephanie Huchton, Kimberly

Sturm, Leigh Ann Reiter, Emily Felderhoff and Cassie Darwin. Portraying the three kings and a servant were Scott Hermes, Lucas Hartman, Cory Charles and Barry Fleitman. Jeremy Walterscheid and Erik Walterscheid took care of lighting.

The theme of the Christmas program was "Jesus, Our Light Shines Through the Darkness of Sin and Sadness." The program was

done in the dark with the characters holding flashlights. At the end, the people in the audience were invited to turn on their flashlights as well.

Musical accompaniment for the program was provided by Andrea Klement.

After the program, everyone enjoyed cookies and punch in the cafeteria. Lisa Walterscheid coordinated the social with other parent volunteers.

Local 4-H'er honored at district banquet Nov. 16

by Evelyn Yeatts, County Extension Agent-H.E.
Cooke County's recipient of the Cooke County Gold Star Award for 1993, Greg Brooks, was honored Nov. 16 at the annual North Central District Gold Star Banquet in Plano.

Thirty boys and girls from each of 18 counties in the North Central District also received Gold Star certificates, symbolic of the highest county 4-H honor provided by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, parent organization of the huge youth program.

Selection is made by a local committee on the basis of personal development, leadership, achievement in 4-H projects and activities and contributions to the overall county 4-H program. Approximately 575 youth are involved locally.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Toody Bird, humorist, from Austin. Presenting the Gold Star Awards to winners was Mr. Mike Murphy, manager, Plano District Office for TU Electric. Benjie Talley, District Council President from Hunt Co., and Joy Davis, 1st Vice-President from Johnson Co., presided.

Three members of the District 4-H Council from Cooke Co. were also on the program. Assisting at the banquet were Charlene Lutkenhaus, Robert Lutkenhaus and Candida Garcia-Salas.

The welcome was extended by Mrs. Sidney Sims, chairman of the District IV Volunteer Leaders Association from Burleson.

The banquet, held at the Plano Centre, was a cooperative effort of the Extension Service, TU Electric and Lone Star Gas Co.

Greg is the son of John and Beth Brooks of Woodbine.

"In Lieu of Christmas Cards"

The traditional project, sponsored annually by the VFW Auxiliary #6205, "In Lieu of Christmas Cards," will be held this month, with a deadline set for Dec. 17. Names of participants will be printed in a Christmas greeting in **The Muenster Enterprise**. The monetary donations are used for a special relief fund to assist those in need through illness or misfortune. Co-chairmen are Juanita (Knabe) Fuhrmann, P.O. Box 474, and Frances Bayer, Rt. 1 Box 1.

Memories of Christmas in Muenster recalled

by Lu Vogel

This memory of Christmas did not have a happy ending. There may be other versions of the tragedy, but here are the memories of a then nine-year-old child, of a Christmas morning in Muenster 74 years ago, December 1919.

It was on a very cold, clear morning about 4:15 a.m., Dec. 25, we were awakened to get dressed and drive to Sacred Heart Church to attend the 5 a.m. Mass. In those days, there were no heaters in cars. Only protection from the wind and cold was from snap-on curtains (some had celluloid or isinglass "windows"). As we were driving north on the road to church, we were nearing the John Fette home on the first hill just south of town. It is now known as the "Kleiss Hill." We saw that it was ablaze. Mom, Dad and our oldest brother, Joe Vogel, quickly went to assist the Fette family. They gave us kids strict orders to stay in the car, where my other brothers, Ray and Alphonse, and I huddled together, trying to keep warm.

Within 10 minutes, the Conrad J. Fette family came down the road. The two adults immediately went to help, leaving their three small girls, Annette, Della and Thelma, in the car as we were, and told to "stay put."

Earlier, Mr. John Fette had already gone to church, taking family members to Mass. His wife and two children, Aggie (now Mrs. Ben Seyler) and Herman "Pip," only six weeks old, remained at home, intending to attend a later Mass. When help arrived, they had already been forced out of the house by smoke and flames. But they thought that Marge (now Mrs. Ratliff) was still in the house. From where we sat huddled in the cars on the road, we could hear them shouting, "Marge, come out!" As a last resort,

C.J. Fette broke out a window to the girls' bedroom to search for her, without finding her. By that time, the house was completely involved.

Our parents came to take us to church and C.J. Fette took his sister-in-law and Aggie and Pip to his home. Mass had already started when we arrived. You can imagine our relief seeing Marge in the pew with her father, brothers and sisters. You can imagine the great joy her uncle felt seeing her with the family. As soon as possible, he took her to her mother. Expressions of gratitude to Almighty God rose to the Heavens!!

It was daylight by the time we again drove by, enroute home. There was a great sadness seeing the house reduced to ashes. It had been a lovely, newly-built home. Only the foundation remained. In

the ensuing months, John Fette rebuilt the home, exactly like the first house.

The John Fette family and the Emil Vogel family have been longtime friends. When the two old couples retired and resided in Muenster, they were close neighbors.

On Easter Sunday, April 20, 1949, the Emil Vogels celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. On Easter Monday, April 21, 1949, the John Fettes celebrated their golden wedding day. On both days, they recalled memories of Christmas in 1919, mellowed by hundreds of other good memories of their 50 years. Mrs. Fette carried a lovely Angel Wing Begonia to Mrs. Vogel, hugged her and said, "I'll always remember that you were the first to come to our aid."

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Valley View 4-H Club celebrates

The Valley View 4-H Club met Tuesday at the Methodist Church. The group held their Christmas party dinner, complete with hot dogs, chips and desserts. Following dinner, the group made Christmas tree ornaments and cards for the Cooke County Hospice patients.

They also decorated a Christmas tree with socks to be donated to charity. Directing the events were Denise Pearse, club manager, and leaders Tim Moon, Loretta Moore and Mary Ann Tharp.

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Martha, Lifeline Subscriber

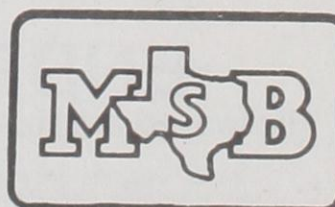


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Fette wins new award

Bernie Fette of Bryan has been named the first-ever recipient of the District Director's Award for District 5 of the International Association of Business Communicators.

The award, which recognizes accomplishments in - and service to - the communications profession, was given at the District 5 annual conference recently in Houston. The International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) District 5 encompasses seven states in the Southwest and includes 1,500 of IABC's 13,000 members worldwide.

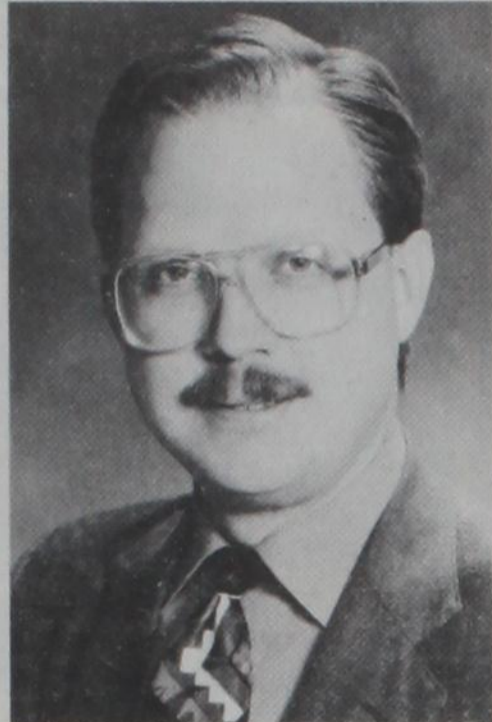
Fette is the media relations coordinator for the Texas Transportation Institute at Texas A&M University. He is the son of Elfreda Fette of Muenster and the late R.N. Fette. Bernie and his wife, Vicki, are both members of the Texas A&M Class of 1982, and they have also operated an independent public relations and marketing communications firm - Fette Communications - since 1990. Vicki is also pursuing a degree at TAMU.

They have one son, four-year-old Robert Nicholas, who carries the initials of his paternal grandfather, R.N. Fette.

Bernie served as president of the Brazos Valley Chapter of IABC in 1988, the same year the chapter was voted the International Small Chapter of the Year. Since that time, he has served as a member of the IABC's District 5 Board of Directors and currently serves as assistant director of the district. In addition to his professional association work, he has been a volunteer for a dozen different community groups and has been a visiting lecturer for classes at Texas A&M University.

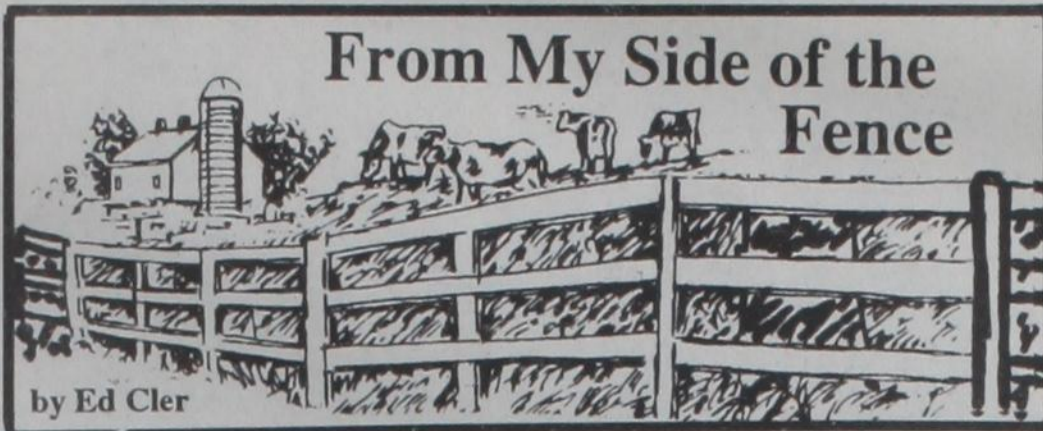
He earned accreditation from IABC in 1991, joining a select group of only six percent of IABC's members worldwide who hold the designation, "Accredited Business Communicator." He has also received eight awards for excellence in the development of annual reports, brochures and public relations campaigns.

He is a 1978 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and a 1982 graduate of Texas A&M University, where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets. Fette is a graduate of Leadership Brazos and was named an Outstanding Young Man of America in 1987.



BERNIE FETTE

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by Ed Cler

Anyone reading Paul Harvey's article printed in the *Gainesville Daily Register*, Thursday, Dec. 9, 1993, should come up with a better understanding of the reasons our Congressmen are willing to enact many bills into law. If they had to follow the rules they make for the U.S., rules they conveniently exempt themselves from, they would likely be a bit more careful of the laws they write.

Now we are faced with Mr. and Madam President Clinton's health care plan, which promises to offer less care for more money, more rules, more federal employees and a bigger deficit.

This is just one more plan that will most likely be foisted on us by Congress, a Congress that doesn't need to worry what benefits are offered, and at what cost, because they are covered by The Federal

Employee Health Benefits Program. This program covers Congress, federal employees, retirees and all their dependents, in a manner that the rest of the U.S. will never equal. Why then, should they be so careful of what they write into a program we, the people, will have to live with and support?

If the Clintons' plan is so good for U.S., it should be equally good for the people that write our laws, and we should all abide by the same rules.

This should not only apply to a health plan, but to all laws enacted by our legislators. If they feel they cannot live within the rules and regulations they write for the U.S., they shouldn't enact them into law. What is good for the U.S. should be equally good for them, as they, too, are a part of the U.S.

4-H'ers participate in District 4-H Food Show

by Evelyn Yeatts,
County Extension Agent-H.E.
Seven Cooke County 4-H'ers were among the 175 4-H'ers from 22 Northeast Texas counties who converged on East Texas State University Saturday morning, Dec. 11. These 4-H'ers all went to Commerce after winning in their local counties' 4-H Food Shows and had cooking, nutrition, health and menu planning on their minds.

Three of the seven Cooke County 4-H'ers placed in the District Food Show. They were Robert Lutkenhaus, Senior Snacks & Desserts, 2nd place; Rachel Cravens, Senior Breads & Cereals, 4th place; and Brandon Schroeder, Junior Main Dish, 3rd place.

Other 4-H'ers from Cooke County were Emily Felderhoff, Sr. Fruits & Vegetables; Jackie Henscheid, Jr. Breads & Cereals; Jennie Stiles, Jr. Snacks & Desserts; and Dominic Fuhmann, Jr. Fruits & Vegetables.

Kristi Frerek of Morrison Milling Company awarded prizes to District winners. The top four Seniors advance to State 4-H Roundup competition in College Station in June. There, they will compete for

four college scholarships provided by Morrison Milling Company of Denton.

Besides learning about food buying, nutrition and health, food preparation and menu planning; community service is also emphasized. 4-H'ers have held food drives, worked on the CROP Walk, helped deliver meals to shut-ins and worked as Heart Fest volunteers.

The Food and Nutrition project helps develop life skills, leadership and self-esteem.

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It Was News Then

50 YEARS AGO
Dec. 17, 1943

Hundreds attend funeral of M.J. Endres. Nephew of E.S. Lawson is war casualty in South Pacific. Holy Name Society meeting hears Pat Hennigan and Earl Swingler tell of their experiences as Seabees in Alaska during the past 12 months. Temperature here drops suddenly after rain, as mercury stands at 8 degrees. Aerial photographer Lt. and Mrs. Christopher J. Fette announce the birth of a son, Christopher J. Fette Jr.

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 13, 1963

Muenster Jaycees will sponsor a community Christmas tree and a Santa party for kids. Fire at Vincent Felderhoff home causes heavy damage. New arrivals: A daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Joe Felderhoff; a son for Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Fuhmann; a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bauer Jr. Wedding:

Corina Vogel marries Wayne Keys.
10 YEARS AGO
Dec. 16, 1983

David Toma, authority on drug and alcohol abuse among teenagers, gives two programs for Gainesville students, parents and other area residents. Camp Fire Girls at Sacred Heart and Muenster ISD collect more than 750 toys for distribution among needy children, as directed by Linda Hacker and Jeanne Greathouse. These toys have been delivered to Camp Fire Headquarters in Cooke County. Needy parents may apply there and be given two toys for each child. City of Muenster gets \$11,015 sales tax rebate. Don Abney named Chamber of Commerce president. Wedding: Carol Rohmer marries James Weatherhead. Mr. and Mrs. John J. Hess celebrate 54th wedding anniversary in Lindsay. Basketball: SHHS and Forestburg take top tournament trophies.



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Social Concerns Committee seeks Christmas donations

Patsy Bayer, of the Social Concerns Committee, has sent word that Christmas baskets for the needy will be packed on the afternoon of Dec. 17 and will be delivered that evening.

There is a need for children's clothing and toys, fresh fruits, fresh meats and bar soaps, shampoos, toiletries and paper products. The committee stresses that there is a

good supply on hand of canned goods; therefore, at present, there is not a need for canned goods.

A basket has been set up at Ben Franklin Store for children's toys and clothing. "If people can find it in their hearts to help, please call Patsy Bayer, 759-2814, or leave items at Tender Loving Care Day Care Center, or call for pick-up or information."

New Arrivals

Boles

Charles and Ann Boles of Sulphur Springs announce the birth of their first child, a son, Adam Gabriel, on Wednesday, Dec. 8, Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Adam Gabriel weighed 6 lb. 2 oz. He was born in Presbyterian Hospital of Greenville. Welcoming her 32nd grandchild is the maternal grandmother, Helen Yosten of Muenster.

Lutkenhaus

Charles and Lori Lutkenhaus of Mesa, Arizona are parents of their second child, a daughter, Jennifer Marie Lutkenhaus, born on Dec. 11, 1993, at 6:44 a.m., weighing 6 lb. 13 oz. and measuring 19 inches in length. She joins a brother, Greg,

age 3-1/2. Their grandparents are Gus and Armella Lutkenhaus of Muenster and Bob and Ann Burke of Phoenix, Arizona.

Davis

Kelly and Karen Davis are pleased to announce the birth of their fifth son, Michael William, on Friday, Dec. 10, 1993, in Gainesville Memorial Hospital at 3:24 a.m., weighing 6 lb. 2-1/2 oz. and measuring 19-1/2 inches long. Michael William joins Joseph, Andy, Stephen and Isaac at home. Their grandparents are Erwin and Clara Fuhmann of Lindsay and R.D. and Isla Davis of Saint Jo. Great-grandmothers are Sophie Stoffels of Lindsay and Sarah Davis of Nocona.



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CCC Endowment Foundation names Wright 1994 president

Ed Wright of Gainesville is the new president of the Cooke County College Endowment Foundation, recently elected by the Foundation's Board of Directors at its recent annual meeting. He replaces Roger Martin, who has served as president since the Foundation's inception.

"As president, I hope to build on what Roger and the Foundation Board has already accomplished," said Wright. "The volunteers have given so generously of their time and resources, and we owe them a great debt of gratitude."

The Foundation has been actively raising scholarships for students at CCC since 1986. According to Dr. Artie Thrash, executive director, \$53,000 has been given in scholarships to approximately 200 students since that time.

The Foundation has benefited from both individual and corporate cash gifts, as well as bequests and donations of property. The number of individuals who have donated fully endowed scholarships of at least \$10,000 or more now stands at 16.

In 1991, Poly Pipe Industries became the first Gainesville-based industry to make a pledge of

\$50,000. As of July 1993, they have brought their actual gift to \$30,000. The company's contribution makes it the largest corporate donor the Foundation has ever had.

"The Foundation is now in a position to show endorsement growth for the next five years," said outgoing President Martin. "We certainly amazed ourselves this year with what we accomplished."

"Our mission is to provide the extra resources CCC needs to continue to grow," said Wright. "It is also our job to get more people aware of CCC and what it has to offer."

"Leaving a scholarship is a wonderful way to attribute to the memory of someone," said Martin. "The Foundation feels that all donations, whatever the amount, are investments in the future." As such, we receive all gifts with great enthusiasm and gratitude.

Both Martin and Wright pointed out that memorial gifts have been especially popular, and that they are gifts which "truly keep on giving."

Persons wishing to participate or to learn more about the CCC Endowment Foundation should call 817-668-4213.



PASSING THE GAVEL - Outgoing President of the CCC Endowment Foundation Roger Martin passes the gavel to Ed Wright, newly-elected president. Also pictured, 1 to r, are Dr. Artie Thrash, executive director, and CCC President Dr. Ronnie Glasscock.

Joe Spaeth marks 78th birthday with "blowout"

Joe Spaeth of Longview celebrated his 78th birthday with a big blow out on Dec. 4 and 5. The two-day celebration began at 2 p.m. Saturday with happy hour and picture taking.

Guests were served a barbecue dinner with all the trimmings. The special birthday cake was baked and decorated by Joe's daughter, Linda Robinett.

At 6 p.m. everyone boarded a chartered bus and traveled to Marshall, Texas to view the famous Marshall lights. While on the bus, Joe's granddaughter, Jennifer Spaeth, played an electric organ and Christmas carols were sung. His grandsons Don Robinett and Daniel Spaeth narrated information over the bus loudspeakers on the Christmas lights.

Family and guests attended a special Mass at Saint Mary's Church in Longview on Sunday. Guests then went to the Robinett residence for coffee. Dinner was held at the Oak Forest Country Club.

"We will set the table for all of you. If for some reason you can not come we will do as in the Gospel, Matthew Chapter 22 Verses 1 to 10," the invitation read. Three were

Erica and Daniel of Chicago, Illinois; and Linda and Bart Robinett and Vanessa and Don of Longview.

Guests attending included Arthur and Evie Felderhoff, Wilfred and Polly Reiter, Maurus and Pat Rohmer, Emil and Agnes Rohmer, all of Muenster; Mark and T. Mae Kuta, Henry and Mickey Spaeth, Frances Spaeth, Mary Haverkamp, and Richard and Florence Schumacher, all of Gainesville; Morton and Dorothy Wright of Irving; Ida Rohmer of Fort Worth; Sr. Romana Rohmer of Little Rock, Arkansas; and Sr. Fidelis Rohmer of Benton, Arkansas.

Christmas Shopping Spree draws full house

More than 250 people attended the Christmas Shopping Spree and Christmas Raffle, sponsored by the SHS Home-School Society in the Community Center on Sunday, Dec. 12, 1993.

Doors opened at 2:30 p.m. The Dallas Cowboy football game was shown on wide-screen TV. A barbecue brisket dinner was served during halftime. It was prepared by Don Hess, others who prepared and served food included Regina Pels, Karen Moser, Jim and Donna Biffle, Doyle and Debbie Hess, Mark and Linda Fuhrmann, Danny and Janet Voth, Kathy and Don Hartman.

James Walterscheid provided the

wide-screen TV. Bob Pels was bartender, assisted by John Fette and Doug Yosten. James Yosten handled the football boards and Rhonda and Ken Hartman and Emily and Andy Klement were co-chairmen of the entire event.

Lucky winners of gift certificates of Muenster Marks in the drawing were Larry Dishman of Bowie, 1,000 Muenster Marks; Bud Graham 500; Claude Vogel 500; Bonnie Hess and Julie Cunningham shared 100 Muenster Marks; Duane Haverkamp and Kelly Bell shared 100 Muenster Marks; Caroline Schilling 100; Elizabeth Mollenkopf and Colynda Sicking shared 100; and Holly Koch 100.

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JOE SPAETH

absent and indeed their spaces were filled and the tables were full.

Assisting Joe with his celebration were his wife, Loretta, children and grandchildren Everett and Becky Spaeth and Jennifer and Michael of Dallas; Allen and Mary Spaeth and

Flu shots, immunizations available at county clinic

Immunization clinic is held for adults and children every Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Texas Department of Health (TDH), 1207 E. Broadway, Gainesville. Flu and pneumonia shots are also available for adults. It is not too late in the season to these shots, said Kim Pawless of Cooke County TDH.

People are asked to please bring their current shot records and if on Medicaid to bring their current Medicaid card. Fees for immunizations and shots are based on a sliding scale with the maximum fee being \$15. For more information call (817)759-2265.

PAW PRINTS

by Sacred Heart Journalism Students

Softer Seats by Darrin Hess

Last week, the Sacred Heart High School math students got a surprise. The surprise was brand new seats in the math room. They were donated by the St. Anne's Society. Each chair cost about \$20. There was a total of 24 chairs.

They have sturdy metal frames and cushion seats and are expected to last a very long time. When the chairs arrived at school, Mike Stoffels, Heath Bayer, Melissa O'Brien and Darrin Hess helped unpack them.

A great number of students moved the chairs into the math classroom. The old chairs that were in slightly good condition were divided evenly to all the other classrooms that could use them.

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Sports

Lindsay dominates All-State selections

The Lindsay Knights landed 7 possessions on the Associated Press Class A All-State Football Team released Monday. The team is voted on by the AP high school sportswriters and editors, based on regular season performances.

Shane Huchton was named as the second team defensive back. The Lindsay senior also earned honorable mention quarterback and running back.

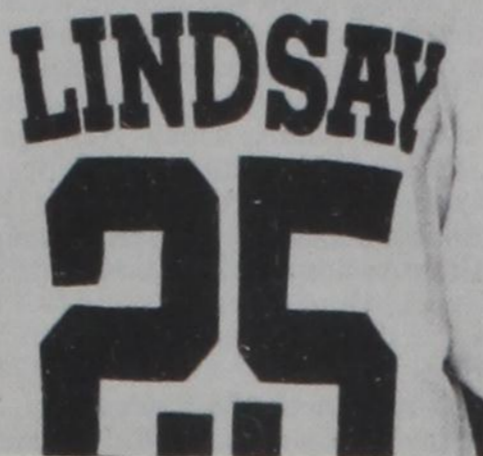
Other Knights on the honor list were end, George Lutkenhaus; kicker, Toby Eberhart; and defensive linebacker, Matt Menzie.

The Era Hornets had offensive lineman Robert Proffer and center Cody Ortowski mentioned while Valley View's end Barry Barthold also earned a placing.

Collinsville quarterback Trent Cox made the first team, while teammates Jeff Melton and Barry Vannoy earned positions on the honorable mention.

The Gunter Tigers, the team that ended Lindsay's playoff advancement, had six positions on the first and second teams. On the first team were offensive lineman Greg Pecina; defensive player of the year Cody Bounds; defensive back Cody Bounds; 2nd team - offensive lineman Thomas Byrd; running back Cody Bounds; and defensive lineman Joe Westman.

The Knights advanced to the Area Finals in the playoffs after winning the District 17A Championship.



SHANE HUCHTON
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Huchton, Cain selected to Novacek's Top 30 Club

Dallas Cowboy Jay Novacek is proud to announce that Cory Cain and Jason Huchton of Muenster High School were selected to the very prestigious Jay Novacek Football Camp TOP 30 CLUB. Cain and Huchton were selected by the college coaches and members of the Super Bowl Champion Dallas Cowboys that coached at Novacek's Camp. Cain and Huchton were selected from over 250 high school players representing 10 states during the one-week program.

A packet containing detailed information on Cain and Huchton has been mailed to the head football coaches at over 500 colleges throughout the United States. "The goal of the TOP 30 CLUB is to help as many high school players as possible continue playing football at the college level. We currently have former TOP 30 CLUB members playing at every level of college football," Novacek said.

The third annual Jay Novacek Football Camp will be held at East Texas State University in Commerce, June 5-10 and June 12-17. Dallas Cowboys that instruct at the camp include Troy Aikman, Michael Irvin, Daryl Johnston, Jimmie Jones, Nate Newton, Alvin Harper, Mark Stepnoski, Bill Bates, Jim Jeffcoat, John Gesek, Mark Tuinei, Robert Jones, James Washington, Kevin Williams, Ken Norton, Alfredo Roberts and Robert Williams. Jay Novacek will be at the camp 24 hours a day!

For more information concerning the Jay Novacek Football Camp, please call 1-800-466-6888.



WAYNE KLEMENT and BONNIE STOFFELS were the season winners of the 1993 Muenster Enterprise Football Contest. Bonnie took the top prize, while Wayne came in 2nd place. Janie Hartman Photo

Texas game wardens are staying busy

Hunting seasons are in full swing across the state, meaning Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens are spending long hours patrolling the side roads and back roads for those few who choose not to obey the game and fish laws.

Listed below are some of the incidents and other notes game wardens have dealt with the past few weeks.

* Bobby Stout, Wichita County game warden, answered a call in early November from the sheriff's office regarding a man who reported seeing three subjects kill a hawk. The caller told the subjects he was going to call the cops and they left the scene. After arriving at the scene, Stout was talking to the man who reported the incident when the subjects returned. They had taken

their shotgun home and returned to get the "owl" they had shot. The subjects received a total of \$900 in fines plus court costs.

* Maverick County game wardens apprehended two men for illegally trapping cardinals. The man planned on selling the cardinals at local flea markets. Apparently the sale of some native birds is big business in the flea market circuit. The birds, which sell for about \$25 each, can cost up to \$500 in fines, plus civil restitution for their value.

* Grayson County game warden Jim Ballard and special warden J.C. Romines received information about a subject snagging fish below Denison Dam. Surveillance was set up and the individual was seen snagging 25 fish from 1-5 a.m. on Nov. 15. He has been charged with 10 counts of taking fish by illegal means and methods. Since that day, Ballard has taken at least three subjects to jail per night for snagging striped bass and has collected in excess of \$5,000 in fines.

Sportsmen can help game wardens and, in some cases, be paid for it, by calling the Operation Game Thief hotline anytime they see a game law violation being committed. Callers to the hotline, 1-800-792-GAME, may remain anonymous and they will be eligible for rewards upon arrest and conviction.

Paw Prints

Earning Their Uniforms by Erica Schilling

In order to have a complete basketball uniform, one must have shorts, a red and white shirt, a warm-up top and warm-up pants. Other necessities that the coach gives are a travel bag and playbook. This year the Tigerettes' coach, Jon LeBrasseur, has decided to make the varsity members earn the pieces of their uniform, a travel bag, and a new cover for their playbook.

To earn the varsity shorts, the girls must make eight out of 10 free throws. The red jersey involves perfection of post moves and for the white jersey they must make a left and right hand lay-up. Each player must play one-on-one against Coach Jon, and keep him from scoring, to earn the warm-up top. They must master the cross-over dribble, behind the back, between the legs and roll dribble for the warm-up pants. The girls must dribble for four minutes with two basketballs to receive the travel bag and each must make 10 free throws in a row for a new and improved playbook cover.

Many of the varsity members have begun their strive for a complete uniform. The Tigerettes need the completed uniform for their first game which was against Shady Grove on November 16.

An Experience of a Lifetime by Jeremy Bayer

Although the Sacred Heart Tigers started out very slow in football, they finished the season in a way that many other teams wished they could do. The Tigers went to the state playoff game. This was the opportunity of a lifetime for all these young men. Though the team got beat 58-7, it was still fun! The team went to Waco Friday morning despite the frozen ground. They stayed at the Quality Inn. It was a great experience that no one can take away from them.

The team members now know that nothing in this world comes easy. Hopefully, the loss this year will give the team next year enough incentive to go back to Baylor University. But, hopefully, the team next year will come home as TAPPS 1A State Champions, now that they have experience and know what it is like to be in a game as big and as important as the one they played this year. Not many people get to have the experience the team has had.

The Word: Team by Erica Schilling

Have you ever thought about what the word TEAM really means? Coach John Nasche of Sacred Heart School has his own definition of the word. He has made up an acronym for the word TEAM. The "T" stands for together. The "E" is everyone and the "A" is achieves. The final letter, "M," stands for more - Together Everyone Achieves More.

This is exactly right! It takes all members of a team to win. That is why the Sacred Heart Tigerettes are called a basketball team. They all work together to achieve more.

Not only are the Tigerettes a TEAM, but the Tigers are, too. They made it to the TAPPS State Finals by being a team, not by being individuals.

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Volunteers needed for bald eagle survey

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is requesting volunteers to assist in the annual mid-winter bald eagle survey for January. The survey has been conducted by the department each year in conjunction with Raptor Research Center in Boise, Idaho.

The mid-winter survey is conducted at 22 historic survey locations across the state. It is designed to help assess long-term trends in eagle populations in Texas. The 1993 counts revealed a total of 339 bald eagles at 22 sites. This volunteer effort included about 217 observers.

The counts are scheduled for Jan. 14-16. Volunteers are needed for the following locations: Lake Livingston, Sam Rayburn Reservoir, Lake O' the Pines, Wright Patman Reservoir, Lake Meredith, Lake Conroe, Lake Warren, Lake Buchanan, Lake Texoma, Lake Fairfield, Lake Tawakoni, Lake Fork, Toledo Bend Reservoir, Lake Whitney and Cooper Lake.

Experienced birders and people with boats are asked to contact the department by Dec. 15. Interested people should contact Judit Gowen, TPWD, 11942 FM 848, Tyler, TX 75707-9657, or call (903) 566-1626 to volunteer for one of the sites mentioned. Letters/calls should include the preferred survey site and day and night telephone numbers so local survey coordinators can contact volunteers.

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Junior High/Junior Varsity Basketball

Sacred Heart 34, Gold-Burg 21

The Lady Cubs clawed out a win after a slow start, they iced the game with a 10-3 score in the 4th quarter.

Elizabeth Fuhrmann and Angelicking were the leading scorers with 8 each. Valerie Bartush, Tammy Hennigan and Crystal Lement each hit 6.

H	8	4	12	10	34
B	2	8	8	3	21

Sacred Heart 36, Gold-Burg 40

The Cubs played a good scoring game, but the hot shooting of Gold-Burg's Fenoglio for 27 points ended the Cubs a loss.

Jonathan Grewing put in 14 points with Waylon Hess adding 10. Jeff Yosten scored 7, Aaron Hess 3 and David Hesse 2.

H	11	5	8	12	36
B	9	7	11	13	40

Lindsay 7th 3, Saint Jo 21

Only two girls scored Tuesday night for the young Lady Squires. Carrie O'Dell got a basket and Jackie Gieb a free throw.

L	0	2	0	1	3
SJ	14	2	5	0	21

Lindsay 7th 20, Saint Jo 21

Levi Seeds put in 10 points for Lindsay, but the Squires' 4th quarter comeback came up short at the end.

Adding 2 points each were Cory Neu, Scott Arendt, Ritchy Alfrey, Mike Mosman and Lambert Hess.

L	2	0	4	14	20
SJ	6	4	4	7	21

Lindsay 8th 18, Saint Jo 36

The Lady Squires stayed ahead of their opponents the first half, but cold shooting in the second half allowed Saint Jo to take the win.

Sadie Trammell was Lindsay's high scorer with 6. Megan Sandmann and Ashley Zimmerman added 3 each with 2 points coming from Amanda Hellinger, Connie Wang and Stephanie Stoffels.

L	8	4	3	3	18
SJ	4	6	12	14	36

Lindsay 8th 40, Saint Jo 36

A strong 2nd quarter gave the Squires the boost they needed to get the win.

Alex Krahl was high scorer with 15 points. Brian Covington added 10, Steven Tepera 9, Charlie Costin 4, Zach Fuhrmann 2.

L	5	16	12	7	40
SJ	6	7	15	6	36

Muenster 7th 14, Ponder 8

The girls won their first game of the season with a big win.

Mickie Thweatt was the game's lead scorer with 8. A.J. Riddle, Maggie Fisher and Dee Dee Walterscheid each scored 2.

There was a good defensive effort from Dolly Patel, Stephanie Bierschenk, Mindy Gieb, Kerri Fleitman and Melinda Fanning.

Muenster 7th 6, Ponder 7

The boys lost their second consecutive game. "We had a lot of chances, but just came up short," Coach Randy Tankersley said.

Jesse Luke scored 4 points and Aaron Klement 2.

Muenster 8th 11, Ponder 37

The girls lost to the district's leading Lady Lions. Keisha Dill put in 4 points. Mindy Endres and Kimberly Sturm 2 each with Stephanie Huchton, Leigh Ann Reiter and Valerie Erwin 1 each.

The girls were led on defense by Emily Felderhoff, Telisha Reid and the rest of the team.

Muenster 8th 29, Ponder 38

"The boys started playing good ball again, but lost a tough game to

Ponder," Coach Tankersley commented.

The young Hornets were led in scoring by Scott Hermes with 10 points. Others: Chad Roller 8, Bryan Hudspeth 5, Corey Anderle 3, Jerry Stoffels 2 and Jeremy Walterscheid 1. Michael Boydston and Shane Sparkman led in defense.

Sacred Heart 40, SW Christian 64

The Tiger junior varsity played well Tuesday night, but turnovers hurt on the scoreboard.

Douglas Novak, in his best game, put in 12 points. Paul Swirczynski added 11, Scott Poole 10 and Michael Becker 7.

SH	10	8	12	10	40
SW	17	16	22	9	62

Lindsay 46, Alvord 39

The Knights' JV game went into double overtime Tuesday night. After a slow first half, Lindsay shut down Alvord to tie the game in regular time.

Robert Sharp was high scorer with 19. Others: Dave Brown 9, Garrett Hellinger 7, Shane Hanks 4, Mickey Meurer and Hank Huchton 3, Richard Haayen 2.

L	7	3	8	16	3	10	46
A	12	14	3	3	3	4	39

Smoke alarms are gifts that show you care

Finding a gift that is practical, yet shows that you care is a difficult task. The solution is the gift of a smoke alarm.

National and state studies report that between 80 and 90 percent of all homes have smoke alarms, but that only 40 percent of the homes that experience fires have smoke alarms. The Texas Commission on Fire Protection asks Texans to bridge this gap by giving smoke alarms as gifts this holiday.

"The message is that we must show our neighbors that we care," said Executive Director Michael E. Hines. "Because most homes where fires occur don't have smoke alarms, those of us who do have smoke alarms must help. The gift of a smoke alarm says you care."

Hines explained that even if your neighbor or friend already has a smoke alarm, consider giving a second alarm this holiday. "Adding smoke alarms increases your protection against fires," he said.

Most fire deaths are caused by smoke inhalation, and the victims usually are not even aware of the fire. Smoke alarms are designed to sense the smoke and warn occupants of the fire as soon as it is detected.

The Commission on Fire Protection recommends the following guidelines for smoke alarms.

Use smoke alarms labeled with Underwriter Laboratory or other testing lab certification. Read and

follow directions on placing the smoke alarm in the room.

Have one smoke alarm on each floor of the home, including the basement.

Place at least one smoke alarm in each sleeping area. For example, if all bedrooms in the home are on a single hallway, placing a smoke alarm in the hallway will provide minimum protection. If the only smoke alarm is in the hallway, sleep with the bedroom doors open.

Place a smoke alarm in each bedroom for added protection. This protection can be lifesaving, because the largest number of fatal fires start in bedrooms. If smoke alarms are in all bedrooms, sleeping with bedroom doors closed is acceptable.

Place smoke alarms in other high-hazard areas, such as in workrooms where flammable liquids may be stored or in kitchens. Several companies now market special smoke alarms designed for these types of areas.

Contact the local fire department for additional information on whole-house fire detection systems. Other types of systems include hard-wired alarms in which all alarms go off if one alarm goes off.

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The 1992 graduate of Eastern Hills High School of Fort Worth joined the Navy in July 1993.

Navy Airman Apprentice Deidra D. DeBorde, daughter of Jack W. and Loretta DeBorde of Gainesville, recently graduated from Air Traffic Controller School.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present, them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 6th day of December, 1993. Respectfully submitted, /s/ Billie M. Mask 12-17-93

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Services for Emory B. Fletcher, 85, of Gainesville were held Friday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. in Restland Memorial Chapel in Dallas. Rev. Leslie Lofton officiated. Interment was in Restland Park in Dallas. Emory B. Fletcher passed away in Gainesville Memorial Hospital Tuesday. He was born Feb. 18, 1908 at Leo to Ben and Everal (Jones) Fletcher. He was a barber for 40 years in Dallas, then retired and moved to Gainesville. He was a World War II veteran.

Survivors include three sons, Robert L. Fletcher of Corpus Christi, Galen C. and Charles F. Fletcher, both of Dallas; three daughters, Doris Hodges of Corpus Christi, Helen Millican of Corbin and Chloe Etta Yeatts of The Colony; three sisters, Odessa Berry of Rosston, Katie Cook of Laguna Hills, CA, Faye McKown of Dallas; and one brother, Robert Fletcher of Dallas; 10 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Services for Ray Smith, 66, of Texarkana were held Saturday, Dec. 11, at 3 p.m. in Wake Village Chapel. He is survived by his wife, Sybil (Balthrop) Smith; one daughter, Jan Smith of Dallas; one son, David Ray Smith of U.S. Air Force, South Dakota; and four grandchildren.

Mr. Smith passed away Thursday after a short illness. The family had lived in Texarkana for 18 years. Relatives from this area attending the funeral were Mrs. Gladys Balthrop, Mrs. Anna Kirk, David Wayne and Becky; Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Balthrop of Myra; Mr. and Mrs. James A. Balthrop of Gainesville; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Balthrop of Forestburg; and Mr. and Mrs. Garland Lehman and family of Iowa Park.

Mrs. Juanita Cote left Nov. 22 for Richmond, Va. to visit her daughter, Mrs. Karen Fortuna, and son-in-law, John, and three grandchildren, Jennifer Thomas and Katelyn. On Nov. 26, they went to a mountain resort in the Blue Ridge Mountains and stayed there until the 29th. They went through the Endless Cave in Harrison, Va. and had a great time. Mrs. Cote enjoyed her trip very much and visiting with her three grandchildren.

Mrs. Cote's sister, Mrs. Johnnie Ruth Blankenship of Elk City, Oklahoma, came and stayed in the Cote home with their mother, Mrs. Delia Sutton, while she was away.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Iund of Dallas visited Mrs. Louise Shults during the weekend. Saturday evening they treated Louise to dinner at Red Lobster in Denton in observance of her birthday. Other visitors in Mrs. Shults' home were John C. and Nelda Blankenship of Lindsey, Oklahoma and Bill and Ginny Shults of Denton.

Kenda Hutson of Saint Jo spent Saturday night with her grandparents, Mozelle and Kenneth Hutson. Ricky Brawner and Justin of Saint Jo visited Kenneth and Mozelle Hutson Sunday evening.

Kevin Christian of Springtown visited his grandparents, the C.H. Christians, during the weekend. While here, Kevin got a 10-point deer. He had gotten an 8-point earlier.

Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Christian drove to Springtown Wednesday. Tip and Jimmy drove to Fort Worth on business and Ruth stayed in Springtown and visited with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Maberry drove to Fort Worth on business one day last week. Mrs. Della Maberry attended the DAR Meeting and Luncheon Saturday at the Holiday Inn in Gainesville.

Byron and Colby Berry of Denton visited Mrs. Josephine Berry Sunday and put up a Christmas tree for her. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson were hosts in their home Sunday for their annual Christmas dinner and gift exchange. About 25 family members attended. Sunday guests of Odessa and Jack Berry were Byron and Colby Berry of Denton and Mrs. Chloe Etta Yeatts of The Colony.

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AMPI Southern Region revolves \$8 million to members

Associated Milk Producers, Inc. announced on Dec. 8 it is revolving more than \$8 million in retained capital to current and former member families in the cooperative's Southern Region. Southern Region President Lee Wolf made the announcement following a meeting of the Regional Board of Directors. Checks to members in 10 southern states were mailed. The payment represents 100 percent of capital that members invested in their cooperative in 1985. Some 5,320 checks totaling \$8,243,063 were mailed.

"I am very pleased to make this announcement to fellow dairymen

and I am proud that since AMPI was formed almost 25 years ago, it has maintained a financial strength unmatched by any other dairy cooperative," Wolf said.

AMPI's Southern Region, based in Arlington, Texas, is the largest of AMPI's three regions in volume. In 1993, the Region will market for its members 7.9 billion pounds of milk.

AMPI, headquartered in San Antonio, is the nation's largest dairy cooperative serving more than 14,000 members in 20 states. In 1992, the cooperative marketed more than 17 billion pounds of member milk.

County Agent's Report by Craig Rosenbaum

Wintertime Activities

During the fall and winter, it seems like there is plenty to do just feeding and caring for livestock in the county. However, some activities can be done in planning for the spring cropping and planting seasons.

Soil Testing

The Soils Labs at Texas A&M, Lubbock, and Cooke County College are always the busiest before planting time. Fall and winter are good times for producers with planting intentions to take soil samples and submit them to the various labs. If you are planting corn or grain sorghum, it is best to go ahead and ask for the complete sample which includes the micronutrients test. This test allows you to check for zinc in the soil which is needed by both corn and grain sorghum. Soil test recommendations will be made according to the crop you plan to plant and nutrient needs associated with your projected yield. Turn-around time on results is fairly fast when samples are sent in before planting. Soil sample information forms and bags are available at the County Extension Office. Proper collection of soil samples is extremely important. This includes taking a composite sample from each uniform area of 10 to 40 acres in a field. Litter should be scraped from the surface before coring the soil to a depth of six inches. A complete soil sampling procedure is available on your information form.

Grass Planting Preparation

Producers intent on planting grass

for Bermuda pastures in the spring should have their soil worked as soon as possible. The recent rains have put a stop to any field work but as soon as moisture conditions allow, grass planting areas need to be plowed. Early plowing allows for soil settling to occur which eliminates many air pockets that tend to dry out Bermudagrass roots or small grass seedlings. Much Bermudagrass sprigging is done in March while sprigs are still dormant. This means that soils need to be prepared as soon as weather permits. If you plan to plant grass and need custom application and ground preparation done, a list of approved applicators is available through your local ASCS office.

Seed Orders

Many seed companies take early orders for planting seed of milo, corn and soybeans. In order to be assured of your favorite varieties, plan now for acreage to be planted and get in touch with your favorite seed dealer concerning the best varieties for our area. Information on varieties for Cooke County and North Texas are available from seed dealers and result demonstrations conducted on various crops in Cooke County.

Pesticide Needs

It's a good time to check your spray rigs for nozzles, set up for planting of herbicides and, if you haven't done so, clean and drain sprayers and pumps. Plan ahead for your herbicide needs, always remember recropping intervals, acre cost and pests to be controlled.



VOTING DELEGATES representing the Cooke County Farm Bureau at the 60th Annual Texas Farm Bureau Convention in San Antonio Nov. 28-Dec. 1 included, l to r, first row - Ann Knight, Juanita Reiter, LaVern Nortman, Gloria Klement, Imogene Zimmerer, Emily Hartman; back row - Edwin Knight, Daniel Reiter, Harold Nortman, Robert Klement, Albert Zimmerer, Leonard Hartman and Taylor Vestal. Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1,300 delegates from 211 organized Farm Bureaus. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held Jan. 9-13 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Photo courtesy Farm Bureau

No butts about bST's safety

Milk from bST-treated dairy cows is completely safe - period, no butts about it, says a Texas Agricultural Extension Service dairy specialist.

Moreover, bST should eventually result in a cheaper, more plentiful milk supply to U.S. consumers, says Max Sudweeks, dairy specialist based at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Overton.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced approval of bovine Somatotropin (bST) on Nov. 5.

In itself, bST is nothing new. Only the means of manufacturing bST is new. Researchers discovered bST, which dairy cows naturally produce, as early as the 1920s. During World War II, British scientists attempted to use bST to increase domestic milk production. They failed because they had no way to make enough of the hormone. For decades, bST remained too expensive to produce in any but limited quantities.

The emergence of new biotechnology techniques changed the picture. Using gene-insertion methods, scientists discovered they could insert the DNA sequence into rapidly reproducing bacteria. When the modified bacteria reproduces itself, it inadvertently reproduces copies of the inserted bST as well. The bST is then harvested and purified.

Strictly speaking, bST is a growth hormone. There is a human growth hormone, but it differs radically from bST molecule. Human tissue does not recognize or react to the bovine molecule except to harmlessly digest it.

Studies by Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University and the University of California at Berkeley

Practicing tree safety tips on farms

In all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it's easy to forget or overlook some safety measures around the farm and ranch.

A freshly-cut green tree loaded with lights, tinsel and ornaments is still central to the spirit of Christmas. However, it is also the cause of most of the household fires during the holidays. Even though the number of fires caused by Christmas trees is small, these fires can be destructive if not extinguished quickly.

By following a few safety tips when putting up that tree for Christmas, rural citizens can enjoy a safe and happy holiday.

in the 1950s proved this. Human growth hormone was hard to come by, and the researchers wondered if bST might work to regulate human growth as well. Looking for a possible cure for dwarfism, they injected bST into human volunteers.

The experiment failed; bST did not cure dwarfism. But the studies also showed that it had no effect on human growth, sexual maturity or well-being generally.

The FDA's most recent testing of bST has concerned the safety of dairy cows. For example, does the increased milk production promote mastitis, an inflammation of the udder? The answer seems to be no. Do the monthly or bi-monthly injections of bST subject thick-skinned dairy cows to stress? Again, the answer seems to be no.

FDA approval marks the end of the longest, most extensively studied animal drug products reviewed by the agency, according to FDA Commissioner David Kessler.

Some industry experts say the FDA review has been overly vigorous. Anticipating political pressure from animal welfare groups, the FDA has been particularly stringent as the cow-safety issue, says Tom McDermott, industry spokesman for Monsanto Agricultural Co.

"The animal welfare people think cows are made to give too much milk as it is. It's silly," McDermott says.

Silly it may seem to some, but there is no doubt animal welfare claims have held bST back from the marketplace. As early as 1990, after

more than 120 studies, FDA had reached the conclusion that milk from bST-treated cows posed no risk to human health. FDA's conclusions have since been affirmed by the National Institutes of Health and the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment.

"It's safe for all concerned. It won't change the milk, and it's not dangerous to the dairy farmers who inject their cows monthly," Sudweeks said.

Nevertheless, Monsanto has agreed to further monitoring to ensure that no unhealthy residue remains in the milk of bST-treated cows. The monitoring process will include a two-year tracking of drug residues in milk from 21 top dairy states, including Texas, and a reporting system to monitor all bST use.

In another FDA ruling, food companies will not be required to label milk products as coming from bST-treated cows. Food companies may voluntarily label products, however.

Perry: GATT signing good news for several Texas ag sectors

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry today called the successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade a noteworthy commitment by the participating GATT member countries to provide more accessible markets for each other's goods.

"We haven't seen all the details yet, but overall the GATT agreement looks like it will be a good deal for Texas agriculture - particularly for our cattle ranchers and our farmers involved in producing fruits and vegetables, wheat, rice, poultry and dairy products," he said. "With this accord, our farmers should have more access to European and Asian consumers."

"Agriculture still has some concerns about the agreement," Perry added. "But, clearly, this GATT agreement is a step forward to opening up the global trading system and giving American and Texas farmers more access to other countries' markets."

"Agricultural concerns may still be addressed after this Dec. 15 deadline as upgrades are allowed on GATT provisions," he said.

Perry serves on the U.S. Trade Representative's Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee, which advises the U.S. Trade Representative on trade negotiations.

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Market Report

Prices for Dec. 9

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500-600 lbs.	\$75.00-90.00
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700-800 lbs.	\$65.00-77.00
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400-500 lbs.	\$75.00-91.00
500-600 lbs.	\$75.00-83.00
600-700 lbs.	\$73.00-80.00
700-800 lbs.	\$60.00-76.00
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Rush Limbaugh. With deafened ears, unable to hear this recent media sensation, I wondered just what he stood for. Was he the bigoted Archie Bunker icon some have claimed? Does he have a secret agenda of subjugation for women? Is he really trying to destroy everything that is good about America?

My search turned to reading everything I could get my hands on. His two best-sellers. Two biographies. A flurry of frantic liberal loathings. The following, taken from p. 7 of Limbaugh's *See, I Told You So*, best summarizes what I found:
 "I have the cure for what ails us. Here's my prescription: Self-reliance. Morality. Personal responsibility. Optimism and good cheer. Confidence in the irrepressibility of the human spirit. Dependence not on the government, but on the universal yearning for freedom and the desire to make life better for oneself and one's family. These are the underpinnings of the free market, and we need free market solutions, not government remedies."

Now, I ask ... who can honestly object to this man? Who dares twist him around to be something sinister and subversive?

My guess is: only those who themselves have some sinister design to resurrect the failed and freedom-starved collectivist old world. Or, on second thought, maybe - though they can hear - they haven't listened. And - though they can see - they haven't read. If the latter is the case, all I can say is ... well, it's about time.

Respectfully yours,
 Max S. Chartrand, M.A.
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Letter to the Editor:

"Here's How the Bureaucrats Spend Your Money"

- * \$64,000 was spent for a study of the mating habits of fiddler crabs.
- * \$100,000 was spent for a study of emotional effects of separating baby monkeys from their mothers.
- * \$100,000 was spent to study why hermit crabs pick one seashell over another to live in.
- * \$640,000 went to Gay Community Services for "education about gay lifestyles and gay people's problems."
- * \$93,000 went to teach Navajo Indians to be medicine men.
- * \$100,000 went to tend 205 Amazon parrots.
- * \$29,100,000 was spent on advertising for the federal government.
- * \$47,800,000 went for salaries of individuals administering the Selective Service System (the draft) which has been out of existence since July 1, 1973.
- * \$3,300,000,000 each year is spent just to print forms, directives and reports created by the government.
- * \$2,000,000,000 is spent each year to file and store all of these accumulated papers.

Pat Fisher
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 Muenster, TX 76252

Sales tax rebates delivered for December

"Holiday greetings and \$111.8 million are going out to the people of Texas," State Comptroller John Sharp said last Friday, as December sales tax rebates were delivered to 927 cities and 111 counties, a 5.6 percent increase over the payments of one year ago.

Texas cities received \$101 million in monthly sales tax payments, up 6.7 percent from the \$94.6 million they received last December. Counties received \$10.7 million, down 3.9 percent from the December 1992 rebates of \$11.2 million.

"Employment in Texas overall is continuing to expand, reflecting a 1.9 percent rise between October 1992 and October 1993," Sharp said.

A total of \$129,629.08 was sent to cities in Cooke County this month. That was an increase of 39.11 percent over last December's total of \$93,178.14.

Muenster was sent a sales tax rebate of \$7,138.48 for December. It was a decrease of 12.99 percent from the \$8,204.37 received last year. Payments to date for 1993 total \$129,950.62, which is up 8.83 percent from the total payments to date at this time in 1992.

For Lindsay the December rebate check was \$3,726.62. This showed an increase of 46.58 percent from December '92's rebate of \$2,542.32. Lindsay's total payments to date this year, \$49,465.66, is up 8.37 percent from that of 1992.

Gainesville was sent a rebate check this December for \$113,867.30. This was an increase of 47.13 percent from December 1992. The 1993 payments to date total \$1,425,093.20, marking an increase of 19.68 percent over the total of a year ago.

"Civic Outlook"

by Mayor Bill Miller

Since many citizens have expressed a need for more input about the happenings around and about City Hall, I have decided to write a weekly column in *The Muenster Enterprise*.

First of all, acknowledgement is in order for the city administrator and the police department for operating well within the budget for fiscal year 1992-93.

Also, I would like to commend David Dittfurth for the handmade guiding star Christmas ornament displayed at the City Hall entrance.

Many Muensterites have asked about the grant application and why do I feel Muenster needs these grants. The number one reason is that in our present water situation, the City of Muenster is not in compliance with public water system rules. In accordance with our population, we need more water well pumping capacity and more ground storage tank capacity. Plus, an elevated storage tank is needed to meet the water-pressure requirements on the north side of town.

In the past, the city's peak water usage reached 855,000 gallons daily. Our present storage capacity is 50,000 gallons of elevated storage and 105,000 gallons of ground storage. The combined water wells have a dependable yield of 616,320 gallons daily. This leaves a daily shortage of 238,680 gallons during times of peak usage, without allowing for emergency conditions or future growth of industry and residential areas.

In order to come into compliance with public water system rules and to provide for Muenster's future water needs, \$500,000 would have to be spent. At present, Muenster's ad valorem taxation income per year is \$200,000, which is being spent for salaries and day-to-day operation. In addition, we do not have a savings account built up and, with 33.5% of the families in Muenster retired and on a fixed income, I believe that it is not feasible to raise taxes. I believe that since government grants are available to be used for financial assistance, it is in the best interest of Muenster to apply for the grants rather than borrow the money to bring the city into compliance with public water systems rules and to provide for future growth.

Bill Miller, Mayor
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Lindsay ISD Board hears financial report

by Elaine Schad

Lindsay school trustees were told that the school district's finances are in good shape at its regular December board meeting.

The school board heard the 1992-1993 audit report from Mike Murrell, CPA, who reported the district in "excellent financial shape". The board approved the audit.

In other matters, the board heard a report on the progress of bleacher expansion for the new athletic facility. About 200 seats will be added to the existing home side at an estimated cost of about \$20,000. Plans are being drawn up for the expansion.

In other business, the board: --Approved a three-year lease with St. Peter's Catholic Church for the continued use of school facilities owned by the church.

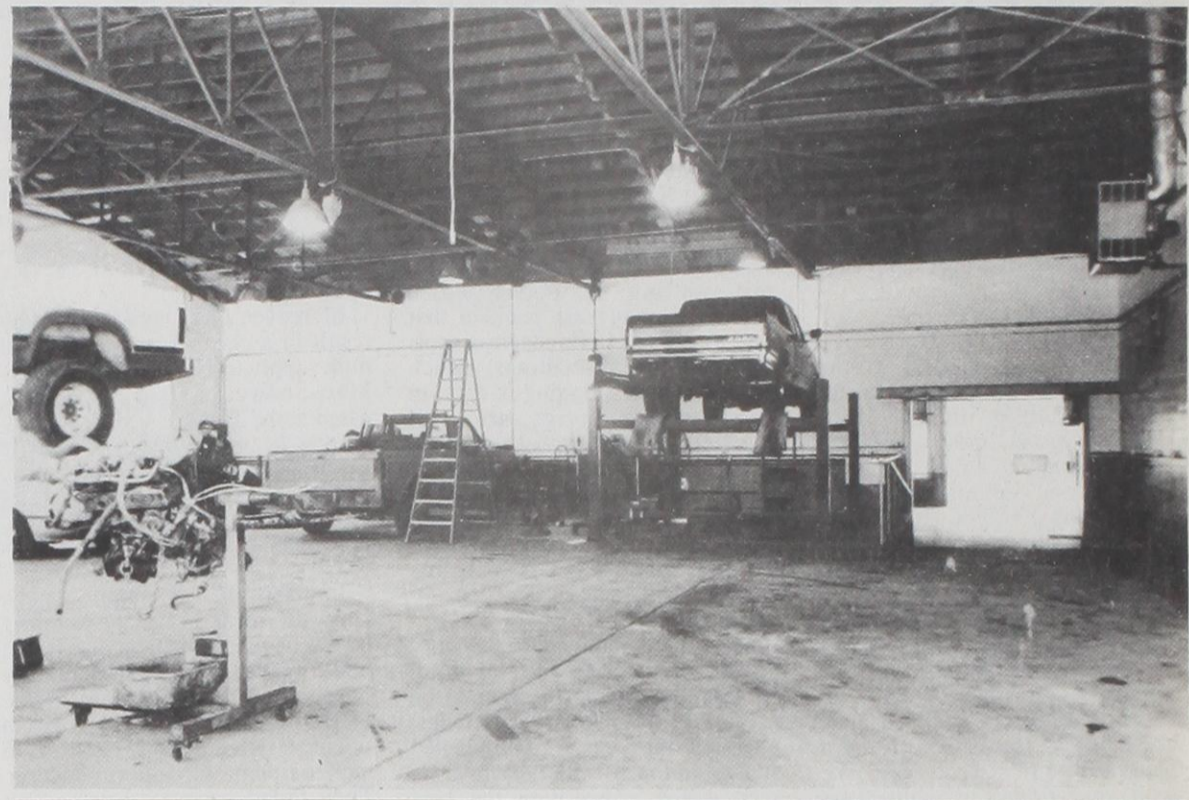
--Heard a report on the purchase of a new school bus from Ray Burton. The bus will be purchased this spring and will replace one now in the fleet.

--Approved a contract for the appraisal and collection of taxes with the Cooke County Appraisal District.

--Heard a report on gate receipts from the Lindsay football playoff games. The district netted about \$650 from the Mildred playoff game, but some of that money was used to provide meals to the players. The district cleared \$2,600 on the Gunter playoff game.



ENDRES MOTOR COMPANY showed off its new expanded dealership last weekend. The remodeled old Seyler building greatly increased the showroom area and shop facility. Over 300 people attended the Open House to view the improvements. Janie Hartman Photo



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and 2 and approved the installation of a natural gas line in precinct 3.

--Heard from Joe Thomas, who requested that the county provide more indigent care programs. Commissioners pointed out to Thomas the various programs now provided to county residents, such as low-income housing, food programs, hospital indigent care and county indigent burials when needed.

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Tax Talk

by: Duane Knabe, CPA

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The after tax yield of tax-exempt securities is the same as its yield, while for taxable securities it is the yield minus income taxes. The risk varies according to what the investment is in. Low-risk involves things such as government-backed securities or high-risk such as those tied to stocks and bonds. Also, the longer an investment's time to maturity, the higher its yield should be.



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Sunday, December 19	Monday, December 20	Tuesday, December 21	Wednesday, December 22	Thursday, December 23	Friday, December 24	Saturday, December 25
	Cooke Co. Ag & Livestock Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Cooke Co. Electric Co-op	Exercise Class 11 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center MHS Lady Homets vs. Bowie, at L.D. Bell, 1 p.m. SH School - End of First Semester SHS Dismisses 12:05 p.m.		Exercise Class 11 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center		
Sunday, December 26	Monday, December 27	Tuesday, December 28	Wednesday, December 29	Thursday, December 30	Friday, December 31	Saturday, January 1
		Exercise Class 11 a.m., S.N.A.P. Center Cooke County Classic, both local schools		MMH Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	SH Preschool Parents Assoc. New Year's Eve Dance	

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