



Hundreds witness county officials taking oath of office

by Janet Felderhoff

For those present in the Cooke County Courthouse on Sunday, January 1, 1995, the new year started out on a joyful and patriotic note. More than 300 people gathered to observe the swearing into office of several county officials and three Justices to the Second Court of Appeals.

The day was also notable historically as it was the first time that members of the Republican party held elective offices in Cooke County. "There is no record of any Republican ever serving as a Cooke County official," confirmed LaVerna Nasche a member of the Cooke County Republican Women. "If there ever was a Republican in office here it was before Reconstruction."

It is also the first time for a Muenster resident to hold the offices of Cooke County Judge and Cooke County Clerk and the first time for a woman to hold the position of County Clerk in Cooke County.

Since more than three times the expected number of people attended, the ceremony was moved from District Judge Jerry Woodlock's courtroom to the courthouse rotunda. Elected officials pledged to fulfill the duties of their office with friends, relatives and associates watching from all four sides of the balconies on all three levels of the historic courthouse. Texas Supreme Court Judge Nathan Hecht officiated for the swearing-in ceremony.

First to take their oath of office individually were Justices of the 2nd Court of Appeals David Richards, Place 5; Lee Ann Dauphinot, Place 6; and Terrie

Livingston, Place 7. Taking offices in Cooke County were Paul F. Hesse, Cooke County Judge; Richard Brown, Precinct 2 County Commissioner; Evelyn Walterscheid, County Clerk; Janet Johnson, County Treasurer; Patricia Payne, District Clerk; and Dorothy Lewis, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2. Each swore their oath of office individually on their family bible held by a family member.

Hesse, Brown, Payne, and Lewis were the Republicans taking county office.

Pat Peale, Republican party chairman, gave the welcoming address and Cooke County Justice of the Peace Bill Freeman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Cooke County Attorney August Boto offered the opening prayer.

Tom Pauken, Texas Republican party chairman, shared some advice that had been given to him as young man by a friend as Pauken got involved in politics and government. Pauken said, "The words of advice, I always found, were very simple and yet very profound. He used to talk about making decisions based upon what's for the good of the country. Do what's right and everything will follow. That is what people want when they elect people to office, to do what they say they are going to do, to represent the people and to represent the tax payer with honesty and integrity, which is really the greatness of our state here in Texas. Whether we call ourselves Republicans or Democrats, I think all of us today are proud of our elected officials who are here to be sworn in. We are proud that so many people around North Texas are starting to pay attention to

what's going on in Cooke County."

As District Judge Jerry Woodlock introduced Justice Nathan Hecht he noted that he was especially pleased to introduce Justice Hecht, "because he is a justice on our Supreme Court that has roots much appreciated by us trial judges. It's very refreshing to have an appellate court judge who has done time on the trial bench because you know that when they start grading your papers they're aware of the problems that you had as a trial judge."

Before administering the oaths of office Justice Hecht informed those present that an oath of office has been required since 1845 by the Texas Constitution of all persons who exercise the authority of the state of Texas.

Marcia Saunders delivered the closing remarks for the ceremony and Donna Montgomery sang "God Bless America" with the accompaniment of all present.

Three officials who were re-elected to office chose to take their oath of office in private ceremonies. Delbert West was sworn in to his office of county Surveyor during the previous week by Bill Freeman.

Cooke County Precinct 4 Commissioner Virgil Hess renewed his oath of office at 10 a.m. in a private ceremony officiated by District Judge Jerry Woodlock in his chambers. Hess' ceremony was witnessed by his family. Hess said he wanted to be sure that he took the oath of office individually and that he was not sworn in as a group. The first time he held office his oath was administered as a group with the other people taking office. He said he feels that each official should take his oath individually. Hess noted that he wasn't aware that



JUDGE PAUL HESSE was officially sworn in by Texas Supreme Court Judge Nathan Hecht in Sunday's ceremonies. Hesse's niece, Jennifer Hesse of Sanger, also participated in the swearing in. *Janie Hartman Photo*

the ceremony which took place later in the day allowed each person to take their oath of office individually.

Royce Martin, Justice of the Peace for Precinct 4, also took his oath of office Sunday morning. His was held at 10:30 a.m. in Judge Woodlock's chamber with Woodlock administering the oath.

Newly installed County Judge Paul Hesse remarked, "The ceremony was great. It was a great

day for it on January 1." Judge Hesse said he thought that all of the county officials would work together very well, both those new to their jobs and the others.

Already Judge Hesse has been consulting with other members of the Cooke County Commissioners Court to learn their goals for the county government. He is also seeking comments and suggestions from the county employees and

voters. He wishes to hear their concerns and suggestions.

"I want to involve voters as much as we can," said Judge Hesse. "We're planning to have town hall meetings in the community centers of the various communities in the county."

Some of the projects planned by Hesse are a Budget Watch for the county, working with Crime Watch, See OATH OF OFFICE, Page 3

Mayor, council clash over clean-up

by Dave Fette

Certain residential and commercial properties in Muenster have recently been targeted by the City Council for clean-up. Muenster residents and council members have complained that they are either unsightly or unhealthy, or both. The problem that seems to be impeding council efforts centers around Muenster Mayor Bill Miller, who is storing some old vehicles on a vacant lot he owns on Hickory Street. Other property owners faced with a clean-up have said if the mayor doesn't have to clean his lot, why should we?

Councilman Bert Walterscheid reiterated the problem at Monday night's meeting and challenged Miller to lead the way. Miller said he couldn't move his stuff out of town because of vandalism. He added, "If you make people clean up, you run business out of town." Walterscheid said, "You can't ask others to clean up when the mayor won't."

The mayor's property in question had a major clean-up years ago at the city's request but the council says the old vehicles parked there are still a problem. Councilman Arthur Hennigan had requested an agenda item for this meeting authorizing warning letters to be sent to offending property owners. However, the mayor would not allow that item and changed it to a general progress report on the clean-up. Hennigan said the mayor had no power to countermand an agenda item listed by a councilman.

Those awaiting the regular confrontation between mayor and council were granted another round. Miller said he would just build a privacy fence. Hennigan said the fence wouldn't solve the problem and asked for an interpretation of the ordinance from the city attorney. He agreed. Walterscheid said the rules must apply to everyone. Miller replied that given a little time he would just move out of town.

Walterscheid then demanded that threats made against the city secretary by the mayor about the meeting agenda must end. Miller denied the threats and told him to shut up so the meeting could move on. The combatants then seemed to realize the embarrassing level of the argument, dropped the item and moved on.

Public Librarian Pat Weaver addressed the council next, asking them to consider her guidelines and proposal for a new library building. She spoke of the needs of readers, young and old, and described new programs and requirements undertaken by Muenster's Public Library. Weaver also asked the council to consider applying for a government grant to help fund possible alternative solutions.

In a related item, the council appointed Danny Cochran as a library board member.

Duane Walterscheid addressed the council members concerning a sewage backup last Monday night

which seriously damaged three mobile homes near the intersection of South Walnut Street and Eddy Street. Victims Melinda Coughenour and Barbara Traweck plus several concerned friends and relatives were also at the meeting to discuss the disaster. While not admitting responsibility, Mayor Miller said the city would try to help. The council has called a special meeting for this afternoon, Friday, Jan. 6, 5:30 p.m., to act on help for the victims. See related story and letters in this issue.

The next consideration for council members was a request by the Muenster Kiwanis Club to close a section of Maple Street during Germanfest to allow operation of carnival rides. The city has traditionally allowed the closure since muddy conditions several years ago necessitated the hard surface. Arthur Hennigan protested the idea, saying it was unsafe, crowded and a liability the city

should not allow. He wanted the rides put on the southwest side of the park. Arguments pro and con were discussed and several people spoke positively about safety, liability and economic benefit including Herb Knabe, Henry Weinzapfel and David Fette. The council did finally follow the motion and second by Weinzapfel and Marianne Grant to allow the rides on Maple Street. They agreed that the carnival rides were a very visible attraction for Germanfest that needed an up-front position to be economically feasible.

Other items on Monday's agenda included:

- A bid of \$1,090 per month to mow and trim city parks by Hennigan Lawn Care was tabled to seek additional bids and examine current mowing costs.
- Purchase of shop tools was approved.

- Purchase of a paper shredder for City Hall was not approved. Outgoing City Secretary Celine Dittfurth said there was no use to buy the shredder to follow state guidelines when the mayor's orders were that no records would be destroyed. Dittfurth said she requested a one-year extension on the state ruling and it wasn't her problem any longer.

- Purchase of a military surplus water truck by the volunteer fire department was approved if they find the truck suitable.

- Pat Stelzer was appointed to replace Jim Roark on the Water Board.

- Plans for resurfacing or repairing or paving certain streets during 1995 were discussed and approved. All repairs are currently budgeted.

- Monthly bills totaling \$22,152.27 were approved for payment.

Three local homes contaminated by city sewage backup

by Janet Felderhoff

With a gurgle and a belch the lives of three local families were to change dramatically at about 6 p.m. Monday, December 26. Like the materials some old horror flicks are made of, sewer water filled with toilet tissue, feces, and other unpleasant substances gushed into the sinks, commodes, tubs and running appliances of the three homes. It ran over carpets, was soaked into walls and poured down heating vents.

A problem in the sewer lines caused raw city sewage to spew into the homes of Duane and Rhonda Walterscheid, Barbara Traweck, and Brian and Melinda (Mindy) Coughenour. All but the Walterscheids were home at the time.

Duane Walterscheid opened the door to his home to check on things and was met by sewage gushing out. The Walterscheids are not living in their home at this time. The carpets have been ripped out and discarded, walls are saturated with waste and water, all of the home's furnishings have been taken out and stored elsewhere, the house is unlivable. The couple spent over \$60 washing and re-washing their clothes which were soiled in the overflow. Walterscheid had to pay a special



CARPET, vinyl and underflooring ripped out of the home of Duane and Rhonda Walterscheid's home are scattered on their front lawn. The home's interior was flooded with raw city sewage after problems with sewer pipes on Monday, Dec. 26. City employees are pictured in the background trying to repair the damaged line. Sewage filled the entire home as it poured out of sinks, tubs and commodes and saturated flooring, walls and anything else in its path. *Courtesy Photo*

claims estimator to determine the cost of repairing the home. The cost was set at over \$26,000. When Duane bought the 1991 model mobile home in July, 1990, it cost a

\$1,000 less than that it will now cost to repair. It will cost another \$700 to aerate and disinfect before it can be considered livable. A clause in the Walterscheid's

insurance policy excludes water damage so they will get no assistance from their personal insurance policy. Walterscheid said he was not aware of the clause and feels that many other trailer home owners may also be unaware. Clause HO-A reads, "We do not cover loss caused by or resulting from flood surface water, waves, tidal water or tidal waves, overflow of streams or other bodies of water or spray from any of these whether or not driven by rain."

Barbara Traweck and Brian and Melinda Coughenour and their children are still living in their homes. More than half of the Coughenour residence was contaminated with sewage and water. The Coughenours have four children ages eleven, ten, five, and three.

Mrs. Traweck is Melinda's mother. Her home was not damaged as badly as the other two. She had overflow in the master bathroom and master bedroom. "It ran like a creek," she said. Sewage went into the heating and air conditioning vents, the insulation was saturated. Barbara isn't sure how much sewage is under her home, but she feels that all of the insulation underneath will need replacing.

Barbara's homeowner's policy excludes damage of this type. She is now looking to the city for assistance. "I just want my house back to the way it was and I want the ground outside clean enough for my grandchildren and the neighbor children to play without worry of disease," noted Barbara.

All three homes sit on property owned by Paul Hesse. As soon as the problem was discovered Traweck contacted Hesse who called a plumber. The plumber said that the problem had to be in the city lines since the water was flowing so fast.

"Paul Hesse has been wonderful," noted Barbara. "He was as helpful as can be. He is going to install pop-up valves so it won't happen again. But the sewage could still overflow the ground."

The Coughenours' insurance also contains a clause which eliminates any possible coverage. It specifically states that loss caused by or resulting from water which backs up through sewers or drains is not covered. Although their home isn't safe to live in at the present the Coughenours have no place to go since Mrs. Traweck is her mother and has similar damage in her

home. Renting a home, if one could be found, would be a financial strain on the family. Brian works as a carpenter by day and at AMPI at night. She recently lost her job.

"I worry about my children," said Melinda. "The condition of our home isn't safe. I worry that the floor will fall in (the three year old fell through the floor the morning after the incident) and the children can't play outside. The city sprinkled a chemical outside and it killed the grass where it was placed, but there are still huge patches not touched. There is raw sewage in the creek and the children who live across the creek play in the creek."

The home has no carpet in it now with the exception of one that was liquid nailed to the floor. The floors look like a roller coaster. "I've scrubbed and scrubbed," Melinda commented. "I've poured chlorine down the vents and worked to get it livable and smelling good. I've sprayed Lysol and burned at least 10 large candles trying to get rid of the smell. Mostly I'm afraid of what I can't see like germs and bacteria."

The fear of the unseen is justified. According to a local physician there could be a health hazard for two to four weeks, possibly longer in some. Please See SEWAGE, Page 2

Letters to the Editor

January 3, 1995

To the Editor:
RE: Submission of formal claim to the city of Muenster's general liability policy

This is your formal notice that I am filing a claim on the city's general liability policy with your receipt of this letter.

On December 26, 1994, the sewer main at the manhole near my residence failed. The cause of the failure was documented at the scene by a number of residents along with a city employee. The failure was brought on because of the city's negligence in ignoring proper maintenance on this manhole.

All city employees have known that this manhole has a problem containing the flow during rainstorms. The lid blows off, spewing sewage into the streets. Instead of fixing this problem, the city has just set up barricades around the open hole and later, after the rain has stopped, replace the lid. This has been an ongoing occurrence now for over a year.

Because the city has failed to rectify this problem, the fill around the manhole has degenerated, causing a cavity. The sewer pipe from our neighborhood collapsed into the cavity causing the pipe to pull away from the manhole, thus blockage of the pipe occurred. This flooded my home as well as others.

Due to the city's failure to do proper maintenance on the manhole when it was known there was a problem, I feel the city is negligent.

The damage to my subfloor has now caused my home to become dangerous. My house is damaged and I am not covered by my insurance, thus I cannot rely on "loss of use" coverage either. Enclosed is a copy of the policy "Exclusions" which explicitly do not cover backup of sewers or drains.

I ask that you file a claim and ask they contact me immediately to arrange for repairs. Our health and well-being is at stake.

Sincerely,
Barbara Trawack
P.O. Box 414
211 E. Eddy
Muenster, TX 76252

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The above letters were submitted to the Muenster City Council and The Muenster Enterprise.)

January 3, 1995

To the Editor:
I am sending this correspondence in reference to the sewer back-up on the corner of S. Walnut Street and E. Eddy Street. I was told by the mayor to write this letter and advised to be as detailed as possible. On Monday, December 26, 1994 at approximately 6:00 p.m., the sewer backed up into our home (237 S. Walnut) flooding over half of our residence and a small creek behind our home.

Water filled with feces, toilet paper and other foreign substances poured through the sinks, toilet, shower, dishwasher and bathtub. The sewer water seeped through the walls, down through and under the vanity, down the heating vents and down the hall into the bedrooms and the living room. Paul Hesse (the owner of the land our trailer sits on) was called and at this time he called a city official and one person came

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out to assess the situation.

Our only way to stop the raw sewage from pouring into our homes was to cut the sewer lines leading into our homes. Thanks to Mr. D. Walterscheid, one of our neighbors (not a city official) cut the line, thus stopping it from coming into our homes. However, the only place for the sewage to drain was into our yards and under our homes for over one hour, spilling thousands of gallons of sewage. This was complete absurdity. Not once was I offered help. Mr. D. Walterscheid had thrown his contaminated carpet outside, and told by the city they would haul it off. It sat over a week.

No emergency personnel was sent to help in the clean-up of our homes or the surrounding area. At this time, my mother (that lives next door) and I were left to try to bail the filth from our homes alone. I pulled my mother's carpet up and threw it away because she is physically unable. We bailed water for over an hour after the shop vac stopped working. We would work for a while then I would run home and bail and sop, and then return to her house. Back and forth. Then, finally I returned and pulled up the carpet in the bathroom and hall in my home. By this time I was exhausted and cleaned myself up and went to bed.

The next morning, when my husband returned from work, we began to pull up the carpet in the bedrooms. This is when my three year old walked in and fell through the floor that had the wet carpet setting on it overnight; consequently, others have fallen through the same hole. Water was still seeping from the walls. I washed all the towels that were under the vanity as well as the ones I had sopped with the night before. Ten loads in all. I washed them twice with bleach. As for the clothes I was wearing, as well as the new Christmas tennis shoes - they were thrown away.

At the time of the "flood," my dishwasher was running. The sewer water entered. After two days, I was able to get most of the filth out. Then I poured bleach in the bottom and it ran all the way to the rinse cycle and broke. I don't know what is wrong with it; however, it is only 18 months old. I don't even know if it's safe to use.

The damage to homes is great, but I am most concerned about our health and safety for even after the treatment of lime and chlorine, you can still see sewage around our homes. I am afraid to let my children outside but I am more afraid of what is inside. My husband and I have cleaned and disinfected with non-commercial cleanser to the best of our ability. The EPA and health department have been called on this incident, but local medical personnel have informed us this situation is hazardous to our health.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are not looking for a profit, only to have our homes restored to health and safety. Our insurance company will not cover sewage backing into our homes. Since this incident was a result of a city pipe disjuncting, we feel the city of Muenster should take responsibility for their error and help us.

My children once played in the yard that was soaked with feces. Inside or out, my children can no longer play safely. We are not covered with insurance. We simply can not bear this expense. Please consider helping us return our home to a safe and comfortable place to raise our four children.

Sincerely,
Melinda Coughenour
P.O. Box 664
Muenster, TX

LIST OF LOSS: All carpet in rear of house; all particle board floors in rear of house; wooden vanity in bathroom; wall in between bathroom and bedroom; dishwasher; air-heat vent system; mass clean-up; shop vac; king-size velvet bedspread; all insulation under trailer.

Dear Editor,
I would like for you to publish my and my family's deepest thanks to Robert D. Walterscheid and his family. During this holiday season he came through as 'Ol' St. Nick.

Me, my husband, and our three young boys were on our way back home for the holidays when our timing chain on our truck jumped. We didn't have the money to buy a new one and was going to have to wait on my husband's brother to come pull us on in. But Robert bought us a timing chain and helped my husband put it on. If it weren't for him we would still not have a way to go. So...

From the Eanes family we want to send our deepest thanks and the warmest wishes for the holidays for Robert D. Walterscheid and his family.

Sincerely yours,
Rhonda Eanes and family
P.O. Box 62
Muse, OK 74949

Letter to the Editor:

A group of us veterans of "The Bridge at Remagen" have formed a nonprofit tour group, to reunite in Remagen on March 7, 1995, the fiftieth anniversary of that event. If you are a veteran or a member of a veteran's family, who served in the European campaign, we invite you to accompany us to Europe. Please contact the Bridge of Remagen Reunion Committee, P.O. Box 8573, So. Charleston, WV 25303 or you may call 304-744-1348 during working hours or call 304-755-5006 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. Full information, free and without any obligation by you will be promptly mailed.

Elvin F. Martin
Co. D, 47th Inf 9th Div
Chairman

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SEWAGE

instances. Hepatitis A is a real concern, as are tetanus and other diseases. Typhoid is a potential, but much smaller risk. The physician recommended that anyone exposed to the sewage be sure that their tetanus shots are up to date. "When cleaning up exposed areas gloves and goggles should be worn and the skin protected" the physician noted.

Contaminated soil can be handled in either of two ways, it can be treated with chloride crystals which leaves a worry about toxic fumes, or it can be scooped up and hauled away. How well the treatments work depends on how much sewage has been spilled. The waste is biodegradable and will be decontaminated naturally with rain, etc. in two to four weeks.

Contaminated surfaces should be washed with one tablespoon of bleach to one gallon of water.

Mrs. Coughenour said that they have noticed problems with the city's sewer system in that part of town for more than a year. It appears that the problem originated from a manhole near the homes, she said. A cavity caused by uncontrolled flooding caused their sewer pipe to pull apart and collapse causing blockage.

City Manager Chris Yosten said as best as he could determine, "A line main had settled at a joint and was plugged by roots that came down the line and plugged it."

When pipes were cut to eliminate the flow of sewage into the three homes, the sewage then flowed under the homes and into their yards and into a creek near the homes, as well as into neighboring bar ditches. Yosten reported that the city has attempted to rectify the contamination by flushing out the area fire hydrants three times to flush out the ditches and applying HDH (granular chlorine) to the area around the trailer homes and under the Walterscheid home. He said that this is the treatment recommended by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Committee (TNRCC).

The next action is in the hands of the city's insurance, Yosten said. "No emergency personnel from the city came to assist," remarked disconcerted Melinda Coughenour. "Even the next day they didn't bother to ask if everybody was okay."

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Sunday, January 15	Monday, January 16	Tuesday, January 17	Wednesday, January 18	Thursday, January 19	Friday, January 20	Saturday, January 21
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Mother of June Pruitt dies Dec. 18

Services for Elnora Mayfield, 75, of Brownwood were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1994, at Davis-Morris Funeral Home with the Rev. Richard Hetzel officiating. Burial followed in Eastlawn Memorial Park.

She died on Sunday evening, Dec. 18, 1994, in a Fort Worth hospital.

Born Nov. 2, 1919, in Regency, she was a lifetime resident of Brown County. Mrs. Mayfield was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church. She married Richard Mayfield on Sept. 8, 1934, in Brownwood; he died June 26, 1989.

Survivors include one daughter, June Pruitt of Muenster; two sons, Mickey Mayfield of Austin and Tony Mayfield of Midland; one brother, George Jackson of San Angelo; one sister, Doris Eckert of San Angelo; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Darwin Roberts.

OATH OF OFFICE

and to study the EMS situation to make improvements that might reduce county subsidies. "It looks like we've got our work cut out for us," he said. "It looks like we're off to a good start. Everyone has been willing to offer ideas and suggestions." Hesse will be looking for volunteers to assist with some of the programs he is planning.

Evelyn Walterscheid will have been an employee of Cooke County for 36 years this February. When she was elected to fill the position of County Clerk held by Frank Scoggins for 24 years, she became the first woman in the county to hold that position. Mr. Scoggins chose to retire and did not seek another term of office. Mrs. Walterscheid served as chief deputy

all during Mr. Scoggins tenure and is very familiar with the duties she will now cover.

Her top priority at this time is to get as many old records as possible on back-up film in case something should happen. "We are in the process of putting all of our old records (1850-1965) into smaller binders to conserve space and we are making back-up films of them," she said. As funds become available the county clerk's office has been and will continue to go into more automation. This saves time and manpower. One of the more recent changes has been the machines to count election ballots.

After the official ceremony a reception was held in the county courtroom.



SWEARING INTO OFFICE Sunday included, above left, Dorothy Lewis with husband Ralph and granddaughter Emily Jones; above, Evelyn Walterscheid and husband Donald; at left, Pat Payne and husband Larry. Below, Terrie Livingston, David Richards and LeeAnn Dauphinot. Janie Hartman Photos

Memories of World War II

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This week, continuing our feature of "Memories of World War II," The Muenster Enterprise submits a reprint of a letter written by Cpl. Andy Yosten, who served in Normandy with the 90th Infantry Division, in Communications, and earned the Bronze Star. He was the son of John and Hattie Yosten.

Cpl. Andy Yosten, writing on Nov. 10, 1944 from France, tells of some of the activity of the 90th Division of which he is a member. He wrote family members:

"Just because Gen. George S. Patton commands the Third Army, many people in the U.S. think armored units led the advance, but it was the footslogging Doughboy who spearheaded the rapid push to Metz."

"It was the standard triangular infantry division that led the push all the way. In support was one battalion of tanks, but otherwise it was all foot soldiers."

"Naturally, some of our troops were motorized, but a good part of the men went by foot. In one day a unit of the 90th Division marched 27 miles and was still ready to fight."

"The 90th, composed largely of Texans and Oklahomans, is doing a beautiful job. It is highly respected by the Germans. This was found out from prisoners of war who said they knew it was the 90th chasing them and that the 90th was one of the toughest they had met."

"Landing in Normandy on June 7, the 90th went into action three days later and has been fighting ever since, almost constantly. In battles among the hedgerows and in the bloody street fighting, it pushed into the Cotentin Peninsula and joined the 82nd Airborne Division in holding the southern flank of the line, while other troops rammed in Cherbourg."

"This campaign, which began with the advance north from LeMans and ended with a joining of American and British forces north of Chaubois, will forever be regarded as one of the most brilliant episodes in the battle for France."

"The 90th Infantry Division, initiating the campaign in support role, subsequently became the motivating factor in the success of the scheme."

"There were a number of sunken roads running between hedgerows. The Germans were trying to escape along these roads. Our technique was simple: we'd smash the leading vehicle and then smash the last vehicle, and there they were, trapped and ready for our guns to cut the column to bits."

"We got vast quantities of technical equipment and radio sets. We captured mobile ordnance shops and medical laboratories and also two field hospitals with all their equipment. The field hospitals continued to operate under their own doctors, German wounded being treated as they had been prior to the capture."

"In two days, the 90th Infantry Division took 10,000 prisoners. In a period of four days, it took over 13,000 prisoners, killed or wounded 8,000 Germans and 1,800 horses, freeing 1,000 more horses which were turned over to the French."

"All this, the 90th Division accomplished at the cost of only 600 casualties, and a loss of five tanks, two anti-tank guns and six vehicles for the entire campaign. It was the greatest ambush of the war."



Daniel A. Phillips dies Dec. 26

Daniel Allen Phillips of Dallas, son-in-law of Al and Dorothy Yosten died at age 51 on Monday, Dec. 26, 1994. Services were held at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 28, 1994 in Wild Wood Chapel of Restland Funeral Home of Dallas. Bobby Bryant of Dallas officiated.

He is survived by his wife Judy Phillips of Dallas; sons, Kary of The Colony and Paul of Denton; one brother and sister-in-law Mike and Ann Phillips of Dallas; and one sister Doris Callier of Flower Mound.

Attending were Al and Dorothy Yosten of Muenster, Sue Savage of Garland and many other relatives in the Dallas - Fort Worth area.

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In the Aug. 17, 1943 issue of The Muenster Enterprise, subscribers read this notice:

"Every copy of The Enterprise mailed with the wrong address is returned to us by Uncle Sam at the rate of 2¢ each. During the course of a few months' time, this runs into money, and we are requesting our readers to immediately notify us of any change in their address. If you know your address will be changed a week beforehand, tell us. It will prevent you from missing a copy of the paper and will save us 2¢ for each copy we send to the wrong address."

But it's no longer 2¢. Since Jan. 1, 1995, Uncle Sam now charges us 50¢ for the same service. And you still miss your copy!

Michael G. Rigler, CPA and Michael Murrell, CPA welcome the addition of Brian D. Hess, CPA and Melody Rohmer, CPA to their public accounting practice. Effective January 1, 1995, the new name of the firm will be:

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Lifestyle

"Voice of Democracy" winners announced

Voice of Democracy Essay "My Vision for America" winners are announced by local Muenster VFW Post #6205. Muenster Public School winners are Greg Russell first, Cody Sicking second and Jeff Felderhoff third. Winners at Sacred Heart School are Sarina Fuhrmann first, Jennifer Fuhrmann second, and Stephanie Grewing third.

The first place winners' tapes advanced to District competition where they competed against other students from schools throughout the area which included Plano, Denison, Sherman, Denton, Gainesville, Roanoke, Bonham, Wylie, Princeton, W. Tawakoni, Lake Dallas, McKinney, Lewisville, Farmersville and Ladonia. Winners on a District level are Wylie Post 3889's entrant

Jo' Bima Lugrand. She received a \$750.00 scholarship. Second was Denison Post # 2773, third was Gainesville Post # 1922 and Fourth went to Princeton Post # 9167. All places received scholarships to the college of their choice and the first place advanced to State competition.

Local chairman was Auxiliary Americanism Chairman, Frances Bayer. Teachers aiding the students with the program were Martha Koessler, Muenster Public School and Jo Bedowitz and Debbie Endres at Sacred Heart School.

About 50 local students participated in the essay program contest. Each of the six local winners received a monetary scholarship gift for a total of \$300.00 from the local VFW.



ABOVE: "Voice of Democracy" winners from Sacred Heart, l to r, Sarina Fuhrmann, Jennifer Fuhrmann and Stephanie Grewing. Below from Muenster High School, Greg Russell, Cody Sicking and Jeff Felderhoff.

Photo courtesy of Frances Bayer

Energy assistance available

On Jan. 12, Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG) will begin accepting applications for the FY '95 Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) in the Cooke County Courthouse, basement floor between the hours of 9:30 a.m. till 12 noon and 1 till 4 p.m. Further information can be obtained by calling 903-786-2955 or 1-800-677-8264.

Individuals must have a gross annual income that does not exceed

125% of the current Poverty Income Guidelines. Federal regulations require that priority be given to households containing one or more persons age 60 or above, a disabled individual or eligible families with children six years of age or under. All other applicants must be experiencing a legitimate energy crisis. Neither a past due bill, arrears nor a cut-off notice are independent grounds for crisis assistance. CEAP IS NOT AN ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM.

It Was News Then...

50 YEARS AGO Dec. 15, 1944

Sixth War Loan Drive reaches halfway mark, Muenster meets quota in War Chest Campaign. U.S. Dept. of Agriculture urges farmers to increase cotton acreage in 1945. Muenster ladies asked to bake cakes to serve to Camp Howze soldiers at USO Club of Gainesville on Christmas Day. Freezing weather grips Texas, from the Panhandle to the Gulf Coast - Muenster's temperature drops to 22 degrees. Cooke County's rat extermination drive has caused noticeable reduction in rat population, according to report from Gainesville Chamber of Commerce.

30 YEARS AGO Dec. 18, 1964

Initial steps toward creating a hospital district in the western part of Cooke County were taken by directors of the Muenster Hospital Authority at their meeting in December. By that means, they propose to establish a more dependable and more equally distributed source of revenue for retirement of the hospital's bonded indebtedness. Plan is revived for a Red River bridge near Butcher as more than 100 people representing 15 towns meet in Leon, Oklahoma to discuss the project. Robert Haverkamp and Rainard Walterscheid transfer from Kermit to jobs for an oil well drilling company in Tripoli in Libya.

wondering what Christmas will be like in Africa. New arrivals: a son for Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hennigan; a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hellman; a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Wiesman; a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Dunham; a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Grewing. **Obituary:** Ted Neu, Lindsay native, dies of heart attack.

10 YEARS AGO Dec. 14, 1984

Christmas Lighting Contest shines all over town, as businesses compete for "Most Eye-catching," "Most Creative," "Most Unique" awards. City of Muenster gets check for \$6,869.83 in sales tax rebate. Rainfall in the area is below normal, according to readings recorded by Steve Moster. **Obituary:** Joe Albers dies at age 94, following long illness. New book, "Great Hometown Restaurants in Texas," includes Rohmer's of Muenster and Metzler's of Lindsay. Tom Hall Jr. is named new pastor of Muenster First Baptist Church. Muenster Public Library has on display a number of Mrs. Andy Schoeck's oil paintings. Muenster Hornet Ronnie Fisher named defensive "Most Valuable Player" on All-District Team; Lindsay Coach Grady Roller is "Coach of the Year." Fisher, Tim Fleeman and Neal Flusche, Muenster Hornets, named on All-District offense and defense. Laura Fuhrmann, Lindsay High School senior, wins VFW "Voice of Democracy" essay contest.

Shelby is one

Shelby Simpson, of Lewisville, celebrated her first birthday, November 19, in Muenster. At the home of her grandparents, Vince and Trudy Felderhoff, Shelby and family enjoyed a grilled hamburger lunch with cake and ice cream. The birthday cake was decorated by her grandmother, Trudy. After the party, Shelby's daddy gave all the kids horseback rides at the farm. Shelby enjoyed opening gifts and having her picture made.

Those attending the party were Shelby's parents, Brenda and Steve; Grandpa Vince and Grandma Trudy; aunts, uncles and cousins, Mike, Pamela, Jeff and Vince Felderhoff; Debbie and Jack Brittain, Bradley and Greg Fisher; Carol, Ryan, Brandon and Kimberly Klement; Janie, Michelle, Mindy, Megan and Meredith Hennigan.

After returning to Lewisville, Shelby's neighbors threw a surprise party for her.



SHELBY SIMPSON

Schedule of Meetings

The Cancer Support Group will meet Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Muenster Memorial Hospital. For more information please call Mary Endres at 759-2271.

Lunch Menus

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Mon. - Taco Soup, ham sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, fruit, milk.

Tues. - Spaghetti and Meat, green beans, lettuce, applesauce, hot rolls, butter, milk.

Wed. - Pizza, blackeye peas, salad, jello, milk.

Thur. - King Ranch Chicken, California Blend vegetables, cole slaw, pudding, bread, milk.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/Trimnings, French fries, fruit, milk.

LINDSAY ISD

Mon. - Chili Dogs, broccoli and rice, baked beans, pickle spears, fruit, milk.

Tues. - Chicken Nuggets, creamed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit, bread, milk.

Wed. - Tacos w/Trimnings, pinto beans, applesauce, milk.

Thur. - Stew w/Vegetables, muffins, pickled beets, fruit, milk.

Fri. - Hamburgers w/Trimnings, tator tots, ice cream, milk.

MUENSTER ISD

Mon. - BREAKFAST: Donuts, juice, milk. LUNCH: Hot Dogs, French fries, baked beans, fruit cobbler, milk.

Tues. - BREAKFAST: Grilled Ham and Cheese on Toast, juice, milk. LUNCH: Fried Chicken, potatoes and gravy, corn, fruit, rolls, milk.

Wed. - BREAKFAST: Two Pancakes w/Syrup, juice, milk. LUNCH: Vegetable Beef Soup, choice of sandwich, fruit, crackers, cornbread, milk.

Thur. - BREAKFAST: Cinnamon Toast, juice, milk. LUNCH: Hamburgers w/Trimnings, fruit, brownies, milk.

Fri. - BREAKFAST: Scrambled Eggs, biscuits, juice, milk. LUNCH: Chicken Patties, potatoes and gravy, corn, rolls, fruit, milk.

New Arrivals

Biffle
Brad and Cindy Biffle of Lindsay are parents of a daughter, Brittany Jade Biffle, born in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on Dec. 20, 1994 at 11:20 p.m., weighing 6 lb. 9 oz. and measuring 20-1/2 inches long. Brittany Jade joins a brother, Jacob, age 3. Their grandparents are Jimmy Jack and Colette Biffle of Muenster and Lloyd and Janie Thomas of Saint Jo. The great-grandmother is Alice Thomas of Nocona.

Muller
Dale and Penny Muller of Arlington announce with joy the birth of their first child, a girl, Amy Lynn, on Dec. 29, 1994, at 10:14 p.m. in Arlington Memorial Hospital. She weighed 8 lb. 9 oz. and measured 21 inches in length.

Grandparents are Hermon and Sue Nelson of Euless and Clyde and Helen Muller of Bedford. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Bertha Hacker of Muenster and Joe and Thelma Harris of Amarillo.

Sicking
Announcing their third son are Warren and Shelly Sicking of Rt. 2, Muenster. Travis Lee was born in Gainesville Memorial Hospital on Dec. 23, 1994 at 4:36 a.m., weighing 8 lb. 6 oz. and measuring 21-1/2 inches in length. Travis Lee joins two brothers, Joshua, age 4 years, and Shane, age 1-1/2 years. Their grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sicking of Rt. 2, Muenster and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Fleitman of Rt. 4, Gainesville. The great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Fleitman of Muenster and Mrs. Albert Dulock of Fort Worth.

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Sharing and listening meeting to be held Jan. 22

by Barbara Fuhrmann

Those who have dropped out or quit the practice of the Catholic faith are invited to a special time of sharing and listening on Sunday, January 22 at 7 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Community Center Meeting Room.

Perhaps you may have been hurt by someone in the Church or just quit going to Mass or perhaps you were prevented from receiving the sacraments because of a marital situation. Regardless of the reason, we'd like to invite you to consider coming back to the practice of your faith.

The evening will include a brief presentation, a time of sharing, and refreshments.

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Spring '95 Registration

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LATE REGISTRATION - Tues., Jan. 17 - 8:30 AM - Noon; 4:30 - 6:30 PM
Wed. & Thurs., Jan. 18-19 - 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM; Fri. & Mon., Jan. 20 & 23 - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

LEWISVILLE CAMPUS - *Registration will be held at Lewisville High School, 1098 W. Main
Lewisville Campus, 189 Elm, Lewisville, (214) 420-0089
Wednesday, January 11 - 6:00 - 8:30 PM

LATE REGISTRATION - Tues., Jan. 17 - 6:00 - 7:00 PM; Wed. & Thurs., Jan. 18-19 - 6:00 - 7:00 PM

DENTON CAMPUS - 601 E. Hickory, Denton, (817) 381-1142
Thursday, January 12 - 1:00 - 6:00 PM

Time Permit* Required to Register: 1:00 - 6:00 PM • Open Registration: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

LATE REGISTRATION - Tues., Jan. 17 - 2:00 - 4:00 PM; Wed. & Thurs., Jan. 18-19 - 2:30 - 4:00 PM

For More Information Call (817) 668-4222

Safety reminders from Lone Star Gas... Hot tips for the coldest months

How ready are you for winter? You have already had a taste of what is to come. Lone Star Gas wants to remind residents of a few things that can be done to gear up for the chill.

To help prepare your home for the coldest months ahead, Lone Star Gas offers the following safety tips:

- Use a gas appliance only for its intended purpose. An oven, for example, should not be used to heat a room.

- If an appliance's pilot goes out, turn off the gas at the appliance for several minutes before you attempt to re-light it. You should find instructions attached to the appliance.

- When re-lighting a pilot light, strike the match and hold it to the opening first. Then slowly turn on the gas.

- The pilot light on gas appliances should always be blue. If the light is yellow or red, call your plumber immediately.

- Never store or use gasoline or any flammable liquids (such as paint, paint thinner, cleaning fluids, etc.) in the same room with any gas appliance.

- Never store rags, paper or other combustibles near any appliance with a pilot light or open flame.

- Never store combustibles near floor or wall furnace grilles.

- Have qualified service people install and maintain all gas appliances.

- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for the installation and operation of each appliance. If installing a gas water heater, place the water heater at least 18 inches off the floor.

- Before you dig in your yard, take precautions against disrupting underground gas lines by calling your local plumber.

- Contact your local plumber to make periodic inspections of gas lines in your home and gas lines on your property.

- Make sure the flues to all your gas appliances are hooked together and extend through the roof.

- If you have had your roof recovered, be sure that vent openings have not been covered over. Vent stacks should extend through the roof to the outside.

- And if you use space heaters in your home, the following guidelines should also be observed.

- Clean space heaters before using; remove cobwebs, dust and dirt that may have accumulated during the warmer months.

- Be sure the space heater, if it is vented, is operating properly.

- If the space heater doesn't have a vent or an oxygen cut-off switch, provide proper ventilation with a slightly open window.

- Check the air/gas mixture of your space heater's flame. Make sure it is blue -- not red or yellow. Make sure the grille is intact and in place.

- Keep space heaters away from furniture, drapes and other combustible materials.

- Whether you have a space heater or not, if you do smell the odor of gas in your home, Follow these three steps:

1. Do not switch anything electrical on or off, strike a match or do anything that might cause a spark. And don't use your own telephone (telephones use small amounts of electricity).

2. Have everyone evacuate the house immediately, leaving the doors open for ventilation.

3. Go to the nearest telephone and call Lone Star Gas Company. Wait until the cause of the odor is found before returning to your home.

Lone Star Gas emphasizes that by following a few simple safety rules, consumers can reduce the risks and enjoy the benefits of natural gas as a safe, effective energy resource.

If residents have any concerns regarding these safety measures, or if there is a gas leak in your home or community, Lone Star Gas urges you to call them immediately at 1-800-817-8090.



KELSEY REEVES

Kelsey turns one

On Sunday, December 13 Kelsey Reeves was one year old. She celebrated her first birthday with a party on Sunday, December 11. It was hosted by her parents Kevin and Sandra Reeves.

The party theme was taken from the Walt Disney movie, "The Lion King". Birthday cake and refreshments were served. Pictures were taken while Kelsey opened her gifts.

Attending the celebration were grandparents Norbert and Mary Ann Walterscheid of Muenster and Joe and Donna Reeves of Saint Jo; uncles, aunts and cousins Neal and Susan Flusche and Micah, Matt, Aaron and Andrew of Muenster; Marc and Sheri Barnes and Darrin; Janna Spruill and Colt; Greg Reeves, all of Saint Jo; and Tanya Jones and Jordan of Saint Jo.

SH Letterman's Club sponsors can drive Jan. 7

by Stephanie Grewing
The Sacred Heart Letterman's Club will sponsor an aluminum can drive on Saturday, Jan. 7.

Anyone who wishes to donate their cans should bring them to the Community Center parking lot between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Saturday.

If you would like someone to

drop by and pick up your cans for you, just call 759-4121 and leave your name in the secretary's office at Sacred Heart School. The Letterman's Club will be happy to send someone to pick up your cans.

Proceeds will go toward academic and athletic trips during the year. We hope to see you Saturday!

Baptisms

Rohmer

Clayton Aaron Rohmer was baptized December 3, 1994 at 5:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church by Father David Bellinghausen OSB. His parents are Lisa and Terry Rohmer.

Godparents are Ricky Hess of Lindsay and Renee Schniederjan of Muenster.

After Baptism, a dinner was served in honor of Clayton. Attending were Great-Grandparents, John and Edith Hess; Great-Aunt Sister Dorothy Theresa Zimmerman; Grandparents Tony and Marjorie Rohmer and Wilfred and Virginia Hess.

Also attending were Sharon, David, Anthony and Amy Reed;

Ricky, Donna, Kayla and Cody Hess; Steve, Kim, Nicole and Michelle Rohmer; Kenny, Cindy, Jayna, Kalyn and Holly Rohmer; Bill, Laurie, Daniel and Amanda Rohmer; and Renee Schniederjan.

Unable to attend but sending their love were Great-Grandma and Grandpa Henry and Frances Zimmerman, and Adam and Jeff Schniederjan.

Walterscheid

Hilary Ann Walterscheid, daughter of Julie and Greg Walterscheid of Marietta, Georgia, was baptized Nov. 27, 1994 in Sacred Heart Church of Muenster following the 8 a.m. Mass. Father Stephen Eckart, OSB, was celebrant. Hilary's grandparents are Theresa Mae and Sylvan Walterscheid and Linda Grewing and Anthony Grewing.

Hilary's Aunt Amy Walterscheid and Uncle Danny Walterscheid served as her godparents.

The baptismal slip was made by Grandma Mae Walterscheid, and the baptismal gown was made by her great-grandmother, Theresia Felderhoff. It was worn by her brother, sister and her father. Hilary wore a crucifix necklace given to her by her mother and father. She also wore a miraculous medal given to her by her grandparents, Theresa Mae and Sylvan Walterscheid.

Following the baptism, a brunch was held in the home of the paternal grandparents. Hilary's baptismal cake was given to her by her great-aunt and -uncle, Donna and Jim Biffle.

A very special guest was Hilary's great-grandmother, Anna Henscheid. Guests were Hilary's parents and sister Alexandra and brother Eric, all of Marietta, Georgia; Theresa Mae and Sylvan Walterscheid, Bob Luttmir, Linda, Jon, Ken and Matthew Grewing; Amy Walterscheid and friend Wayne Sims; Laurie and Danny Walterscheid; Donna, Jim, Jack, Jayna and Josh Biffle; Tony and Billie Grewing; Tammy and Billy Brown; and Mary Hess.

Enterprise Policy

News items must be submitted to The Enterprise within 30 days of the event, which includes time to be typeset and published before the 30-day deadline. Example: a birthday party held on Jan. 3 would have to be turned in to The Enterprise in time to be published in the Feb. 3 issue. News items submitted later than this deadline will be printed at regular advertising rates.



THE NEW YEAR began with Cooke County's first snow Tuesday night. The thin blanket soon melted, but be ready - more is expected before the weekend.

Janice Hartman Photo

A J.E.L.L.Y. Merry Christmas party

by Eric Gray, Youth Minister

Thirty-five JELLY students, ready to celebrate the joy of Christmas, merrily came together in the Sacred Heart Community Center to do just that. It was Wednesday evening, December 21, 1994. As they came in, they signed in and received a Christmas interview to ask questions to others of the group. Things from "What was the one Christmas gift you felt the most excited about giving someone?" to "What are three smells that remind you of Christmas?"

Then it was games time! Breaking into four groups, two of boys and two of girls, they tied themselves in knots and tried to get untied. Then they formed a snake on the ground and skinned the snake, a somewhat more connected version of the game "leap-frog."

Mixing teams together to form two co-ed teams, it was "Hagool" time. A person was to walk the gauntlet of both teams hooting and making faces but smiling on the walk was illegal! A faster pace was then assumed as the teams each lined up for "Go Tag," a directional running tag game, but very tricky with only one person running away, but anybody else tag-teaming to catch them.

The two teams came together then in a large double circle, one on the inside, ready to run, the other

on the outside, ready to stop them from running. Running came as quick as a wink, and if the catcher missed it, his/her runner was gone!

Then it was prayer time! Each student and adult (?) attending received a taper candle, and one candle was put in the middle of the circle. Then all the lights went out. "Just as in the beginning, there was only a dark void and the Spirit of the Lord was hovering over the abyss (see Genesis!), but God said 'Let there be light.'" And a match was struck. Voila! Light! However, we were a people still in darkness, but in Christ we have seen a great light (the middle candle was lit). And so each person in turn had an opportunity to then thank Jesus for something important in their lives. As the thanks was given, their candle was lit, and so the light passed around the circle. So they saw that together, they all shone much more brightly than apart, and

so it is with all of us in the Church. We all shine brighter when we all work together. After singing to Jesus "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" the prayer service ended.

And it was snack time! While munching on wonderful cookies, cakes, and munchies of all types, and while slurping yummy Coca Cola and Dr. Pepper which they all brought just for such the occasion, another game was played called Celebrity Heads. A person would have tape on their forehead with a celebrity's name on the tape. Then asking yes/no questions, he/she would have to figure out who (or what) it was.

And so went the evening! The 35 grade 7,8, and 9's and the seven adults had a marvelous time with each other, celebrating Jesus' birth, God's coming into our midst as one of us. Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

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Sports

Tigers named to Star-Telegram Team

Seven members of the Sacred Heart Tigers TAPPS 1A State championship team had the honor of being named to the All-Star-Telegram Private School football teams.

Brandon Bayer and Jason Hess earned positions on the first team defense. Bayer, a junior lineman "looked out of position but didn't play like it." Senior, Hess, "1st team TAPPS all-stater" secured a

defensive back position.

Making the second team were senior defensive back Neil Berres, senior offensive lineman Mike Schilling and juniors wide receiver John Klement, kicker Michael Becker and defensive linebacker Scott Frost.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram published their football teams in the Dec. 24, 1994 publication



Classic Action

At left, Darrell Charles moves in for the shot; above, Karri Endres, Leslie Grewing and Kelly Rigler keep the pressure on; upper right, Sabrina Truebenbach and Andrea Klement box in an opponent; right, Jason Hess takes off down court. Janie Hartman Photo

Cooke County Holiday Classic

Round One

Sacred Heart 56, Forestburg 29
The Tigettes kicked off the tournament Tuesday morning at 8:30 easily handling the Lady Longhorns.

Three Sacred Heart girls scored double digits, led by Dobe Fleitman with 14, Leslie Grewing 12 and Sarina Fuhrmann 10. Others adding to the win were Tiffany Fisher 8, Crystal Klement 5, Kelly Rigler 4 and Nicole Endres 3.

Catrina Balthrop and Leah Hudspeh were leading scorers for Forestburg with 11 and 7 points.

SH	12	22	9	13	56
F	7	5	10	29	

Pilot Point 48, Era 29
The Lady Bearcats, led by Melissa Boerner and Cassie Darwin on the boards with 11 points each, advanced on the winning bracket.

Veronica Fever led Era with 11 points with Kelly Redmon adding 8.

PP	15	14	9	10	48
E	6	13	4	6	29

Pilot Point 68, Era 43
Pilot Point's Zach Grigsby pumped in 26 points to assist in the Bearcats big win.

Jerry Beaver hit in 22 for the Hornets with Brent Ivie adding 11.

PP	20	12	15	21	68
E	15	7	11	10	43

Gainesville 98, Collinsville 32
Six Lady Leopards scored double numbers, led by Ashley Gray with 20.

Andrea Holt led the Lady Pirates with 10.

G	28	18	24	28	98
C	6	10	9	7	32

Collinsville 81, Alvord 57
The Pirates were led on the score board by Brian Childress with 28 points.

Jason Barnes led Alvord with 19.

C	21	22	21	17	81
A	19	10	13	15	57

Nocona 72, Lindsay 28
The Lady Knights were matched up against a tough Nocona team in their first round action. The game saw good defense and lots of turnovers both ways.

Scoring for Lindsay were Christine Fuhrmann 9, Molly Trammell 8, Keleigh O'Dell 4, two each by Meredith Bowman, Amber

Geray and Amber Griffin and one by Michelle Secrest.

For Nocona, Angela Heller and April Buck led the boards with 19 and 17 points.

N	19	17	16	20	72
L	5	9	8	6	28

Nocona 52, Lindsay 25
The Knights were cold shooting in only their second game of the season.

Chris Brown and Garrett Hellingner were leading Lindsay scorers with 6 points each. Robert Sharp and George Lutkenhaus each had 4, with Kyle Sandmann adding 3 and Zach Bowman 2.

The Indians were led by Lee Frost and Conner Moore with 13 points apiece.

N	16	10	16	10	52
L	4	6	6	9	25

Muenster 41, Callisburg 34
The tournament's first close and exciting contest saw the lead zig-zag the first half, most of the time by one point.

The third quarter Callisburg took the lead, but with 30 seconds on the clock the Lady Hornets had one point advantage. A Carrie Hess basket with 3 seconds on the clock, gave Muenster a 3 point lead going into the final quarter.

Last minute action got very exciting with Muenster having a one point lead. At 34 seconds, the Lady Hornets stole the ball with Brandi Lutkenhaus getting fouled at 26.4 seconds remaining on the clock. Lutkenhaus hit both shots for a 37-34 game.

Muenster regained possession with 13 seconds. Carrie Hess was fouled immediately hitting both free throws for a 39-34 lead. Callisburg missed their basket, Lady Hornets rebounded, and with 2.9 seconds remaining Hess stood at the charity stripe again. Again she hit both to give Muenster a 7 point victory.

Carrie Hess was the game's high scorer with 20 points. Others scoring were Brandi Lutkenhaus 9, Audrey Knabe 6, Sabrina Truebenbach 4 and Hollie Fuhrmann 2.

Muenster 35, Callisburg 64
Callisburg jumped out into an early 17-3 lead, then the game action was fairly even.

Seven Hornets scored, led by Cody Dill with 9 points, Steven Reiter added 7, with 5 points each made by Tony Hartman, Eric Miller and Darrell Charles. Scott Hermes and Jamie Hellman added 2 apiece.

The Wildcats high point makers were Alex Terry with 16 and Jeremy Conner 11.

M	5	13	4	13	35
C	18	16	12	18	64

Sacred Heart 51, Forestburg 45
The Tigers ended the first round

and began day two of the tournament Wednesday morning. Good defense and lots of steals gave Sacred Heart an early jump at the boards.

What looked like a run away at half time changed, as Forestburg fought back and closed the score to 3 points with 4:39 remaining in the game.

On the boards, Muenster was led by Darrell Charles' 14 points. Others scoring were Tony Hartman and Eric Miller 7 each, Kody Dill and Jeff Walterscheid 4 each, and Cory Cain and Jason Huchton 3 each.

George Lutkenhaus put in 14 for the Knights. Chris Brown added 9, Kyle Sandmann 3 and 2 each by Zach Bowman and Bobby Greener.

M	13	10	9	10	42
L	6	12	4	8	30

Lindsay's leading scorer was Andrea Gieb with 16 points, Molly Trammell put in 15. O'Dell had 7, Christine Fuhrmann 6, Donna Lester and Michelle Secrest 3 each and Amber Geray 2.

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Lindsay 63, Era 37
Garrett Hellingner was fouled at the 1st quarter buzzer, his shots adding to the Knights' 12-8 lead. At 3 minutes into the 2nd quarter, two 3's helped Lindsay get a big lead. The Hornets double-teamed George Lutkenhaus allowing the other Knights to easily score.

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Robert Sharp led the Knights with 18 points. Kyle Sandmann put in 11 and Chris Brown 10. Others adding to the win were Zach Bowman with 9, George Lutkenhaus 7, Bobby Greener 5, Micky Meurer 2 and Garrett Hellingner 1.

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E	8	10	10	9	37

Muenster 32, Pilot Point 50
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Carrie Hess dropped in 16 points assisted in scoring by Brandi Lutkenhaus with 7, Hollie Fuhrmann 4, Audrey Knabe 3 and Julia Fleitman 2.

Darwin put in 20 points for Pilot Point.

M	3	8	12	9	32
PP	16	12	10	12	48

Nocona 52, Pilot Point 64
Zach Grigsby led the Bearcats with 20 points in this big win. B. Fenoglio was the Indians' high

C	3	10	14	14	41
L	7	6	11	7	31

Muenster 42, Lindsay 30
Chris Brown made the first game basket for Lindsay, but Jeff Walterscheid came back down court and tied the game for the Hornets as action started early.

The 2nd quarter both teams began shooting inside baskets after shooting the 3-point range the first period.

Muenster kept a 10-point lead going into the final quarter. The Knights closed the score to 8 several times, but the Hornets continued to keep the 10-point spread.

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Muenster 43, Nocona 57
The Lady Hornets won the opening jump, but Nocona scored first and got a 6-point run before Muenster scored after a time out to talk things over. Nocona's defense continued to swarm over the Lady Hornets.

Inside 2 minutes the 2nd quarter, Muenster became alive. Once behind 11 points, the Lady Hornets closed to 4 points for a 22-19 halftime score.

The Lady Indians took a 12-point lead in the 3rd quarter before Muenster scored. The Hornet Ladies went ice cold putting in only



Molly Trammell and Christine Fuhrmann move in for the rebound. Janie Hartman Photo



George Lutkenhaus (44) gets a basket. Janie Hartman Photo

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Carrie Hess, left, and Audrey Knabe put pressure on the ball handler. Janie Hartman Photo



Scott Frost (40), Joey Martin (14), Scott Farrell (12) and Paul Swirczynski (24) all tempt a rebound in Sacred Heart's tournament win over Forestburg. Janie Hartman Photo



Steven Reiter under the basket with Callisburg. Janie Hartman Photo



Jennifer and Sarina Fuhrmann reach in to rebound. Janie Hartman Photo

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CLASSIC

Hellinger 4, Chris Brown 2 and Stephen Tepera 1.

The Longhorns had 6 low-scoring players.

L 13 17 14 11 55
F 4 8 0 8 20
Era 60, Callisburg 56

A double overtime game gave the Lady Hornets the consolation prize over Callisburg. The lead throughout the game went back and forth with a lead never over 5 points. With 11.3 seconds of regular time remaining, the game was tied 47-47.

In the 1st overtime, Era scored the first 3, but the Lady Wildcats hit a 3 to tie it 52-52 with 2 minutes on the clock.

In the 2nd overtime, Era popped in 8 to Callisburg's 2 points to take the win.

Veronica Fever dropped in 16 points for the Lady Hornets with Kelly Redmon and Beth Farrell each getting 15.

Tara Hogan led Callisburg with 22.
E 7 13 11 16 5 8 60
C 6 12 13 16 5 2 56

Muenster 37, Alvord 66

Darrell Charles hit Muenster's first 7 points in a close first quarter, but the Bulldogs bit and took the consolation award.

Charles led the Hornets with 11 points. Cody Dill added 6, Jeff Walterscheid, Tony Hartman and Eric Miller 4 each; Steven Reiter, Jason Huchton, Cory Cain and Scott Hermes hit in 2 each.

Alvord was led by Coley Frye with 19.
M 13 10 8 6 37
A 13 20 14 19 66

Sacred Heart 38, Pilot Point 72

The Tigerettes faced a tough team in their final game of the tournament. After a close first period, the Lady Bearcats had an 11-point spread over Sacred Heart before the Tigerettes cut it down to 4 points, momentarily.

Eight Tigerettes scored, led by Dobe Fleitman with 13. Others getting points were Tiffany Fisher 8, Stephanie Grewing 6, Nicole Endres 3 and 2 each by Kelly Rigler, Karri Endres, Sarina Fuhrmann and Leslie Grewing.

Melissa Boerner got 28 points for the Lady Bearcats.
SH 10 12 8 8 38
PP 16 11 21 25 72

Sacred Heart 50, Pilot Point 76

The Tigers were outscored in



Amber Geray moves around Nocona's defense for the shot. Janie Hartman Photo

their final tournament game.

Jake McCoy picked up a quick 3 fouls the first minutes of the game, then the fouling slowed down.

Jason Hess led the Tigers with 16 points with Paul Swirczynski putting in 15 and McCoy 10. Also scoring were Brandon Bayer 3 and 2 each by John Klement, Neil Beres and Scott Frost.

Zack Grigsby and Billy Fritcher were high scorers for the Bearcats.
SH 13 14 11 12 50
PP 20 15 18 23 76

Gainesville 48, Nocona 79

The Lady Indians took home the championship trophy after defeating the Lady Leopards Friday night.

Angela Heller and April Buck led Nocona with 28 and 25.
G 7 17 10 15 48
N 21 19 21 18 79

Callisburg 59, Collinsville 57

The Pirates went into the championship game with only 1 loss on the season, that being in an earlier match with the Wildcats.

Behind 57-58 with 1.6 seconds in the game, Collinsville's Brian Childress went to the charity stripe for a 1 and 1. He missed the first throw, Callisburg rebounded and was immediately fouled with .4 seconds on the clock. Will Thomason popped 1 in the basket and the Wildcats took home the championship.

Childress was the game's high scorer with 22 points.

Callisburg was led by Les Westbrook with 18.
CA 13 20 17 9 59
CO 16 9 10 22 57

FOR THE RECORD
MVPs: Ashley Gray, Gainesville; Will Thomason, Callisburg.

Top Score: 30 Kelly Redmon, Era vs. Collinsville; 28 Brian Childress, Collinsville vs. Pilot Point and Alvord.

All Tournament: Girls - Carrie Hess, Muenster; Dobe Fleitman, Sacred Heart; Kelly Redmon and

Veronica Fever, Era; Tara Hogan, Callisburg; Angela Heller and April Buck, Nocona; Melissa Boerner, Pilot Point.

Boys - Jason Hess, Sacred Heart; Darrell Charles, Muenster; George Lutkenhaus, Lindsay; Brian Childress and Barry Vannoy, Collinsville; Les Westbrook and Alex Terry, Callisburg.

Outstanding Sophomores: Ashley Gray, Gainesville; Jason Barnes, Alvord.

Outstanding Academic All-Stars: Veronica Fever, Era; Jason Hess, Sacred Heart.

Academic All-Star Team: Tiffany Fisher, Stephanie Grewing, Sarina Fuhrmann, Jennifer Fuhrmann, Jason Hess, Sacred Heart; Kyle Sandmann, Tanner Neidhardt, Lindsay; Leslie Tillman, Forestburg; Jason Huchton, Jamie Hellman, Cory Cain, Jeff Walterscheid, Muenster; Keri Wallace, Keesha Zachary, Will Thomason, Les Westbrook, Nathan Posey, Callisburg; Sherrie Johnson, Nocona; Veronica Fever, Era; Jared Maier, Brandy Welborn, Donna Struttmatter, Pilot Point; Paul Covington, Tish Simmons, Collinsville; Lindsay Powell, Kari Mack, Leray Ward, Cody Smith, Gainesville.



Kyle Sandmann pops one in. Janie Hartman Photo

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Varsity Basketball

Lady Hornets 61, Liberty 31

Carrie Hess put in 25 points to lead Muenster in the first victory of 1995. All nine team members scored.

Audrey Knabe scored 8 points, Andrea Klement 7, Hollie Fuhrmann 6, Brandi Lutkenhaus and Julia Fleitman 4 each, Mary Knabe 3 and Sabrina Truenebach and Misty Klement 2 each.
M 18 12 10 21 61
L 2 10 7 12 31

Hornets 60, Liberty 75

A cold-shooting fourth quarter by Muenster gave the Denton boys a big-lead win Tuesday night. After 3 close periods, the 53-52 score got blown away when Liberty outscored the Hornets 22-8.

Tony Hartman led Muenster on

the boards with 17 points. Darrell Charles added 11 and Eric Miller 10. Also scoring for the Hornets were Jeff Walterscheid with 7, Scott Hermes 5, Jason Huchton 4 and Steven Reiter 3.
M 17 15 20 8 60
L 17 21 15 22 75

Lady Knights 53, Slidell 48

Andrea Gieb dropped in 6 free shots the fourth quarter and 14 game points to help lead Lindsay to a 5-point victory Tuesday night.

Keleigh O'Dell put 13 points on the board with Christine Fuhrmann and Molly Trammell each getting 11. Meredith Bowman added 3 and Amber Geray 1.
L 12 13 12 16 53
S 13 14 4 17 48

High School Players of the Year announced

Five Texas high school football stars were honored Dec. 17 as High School Players of the Year by Home Sports Entertainment and Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine.

The honorees, one from each classification, are running back Bill Jatzlau of Katy, Class 5A; running back/defensive back Jason Bragg of Stephenville, Class 4A; running back Fred Smith of Sealy, Class 3A; quarterback Steve Sartain of Schulenburg, Class 2A; and running back Jeff Spikes of Burkeville, Class A.

Bragg, Smith and Sartain played for state titles on Dec. 17. Jatzlau's Katy team lost to Plano in the 5A

Division I championship game two weeks ago. Spikes' Burkeville team lost in the semifinals two weeks ago to top-ranked Thomdale.

In Class A, Spikes joined the legendary Kenneth Hall of Sugar Land as only the second player in Texas high school history to rush for 3,000 or more yards in two seasons. Spikes rushed for 3,033 yards this year for Burkeville and finished his career with 7,617 yards, second highest in Class A history behind Hall and fifth-highest overall.

Spikes carried the ball 25 times against Lindsay in the Regional final playoff game on Dec. 2 for a total of 129 yards.

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NO. 13990
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF OPAL EASTER DENNIS, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF COOKE COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
TO: All persons interested in the Estate of Opal Easter Dennis, including its creditors, (if any).
Take notice that on the 12th day of December 1994, Patsy Clayton and Mary Hunter, c/o Richard S. Stark, 327 South Dixon Street, P.O. Box 656, Gainesville, Texas 76241, were appointed Independent Co-Executors in Cause No. 13990, styled Estate of Opal Easter Dennis, Deceased, now pending on the docket of the County Court of Cooke County, Texas.
All persons having claims against the above estate shall present the same within the time prescribed by law.
/s/ Patsy Clayton /s/ Mary Hunter

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Muenster Zoning Board will hold a public hearing on a request to rezone lots 6-7-8 in Block 37 from R-1 Residential to B-2 General Business in order to be used as a parking lot and to park a storage van for use as a warehouse at that location.
The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on January 24, 1995 in the City Hall meeting room at 400 N. Main. All interested persons may appear at that time and speak for or against the request.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Muenster Zoning Board will hold a public hearing on a request to rezone lots 20-21-22-23-24 in Block 38 from R-1 Residential to B-2 General Business in order to construct an auto repair shop at that location.
The hearing on this request will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 24, 1995 in the City Hall meeting room, 400 N. Main. All interested persons may appear at that time and speak for or against the request.

NO. 13987
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ARLEY T. DAURITY, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF COOKE COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
TO: All persons interested in the Estate of Arley T. Daurity, including its creditors (if any).
Take notice that on the 28th day of December, 1994, Jimmie Jack Daurity, c/o Richard S. Stark, 327 South Dixon Street, P.O. Box 656, Gainesville, Texas 76241, was appointed Independent Executor in Cause No. 13987, styled Estate of Arley T. Daurity, Deceased, now pending on the docket of the County Court of Cooke County, Texas.
All persons having claims against the above estate shall present the same within the time prescribed by law.
/s/ Jimmie Jack Daurity

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Sealed bids for Water Supply Well No. 7 for the City of Muenster, Texas will be received by Mr. William J. Miller, Mayor, until 2:00 p.m. Monday, January 16, 1995, in the City Council Chambers, Muenster, Texas and then publicly opened and read aloud at 2:15 p.m.
Information for bidders, form of bid, plans, specifications and forms of bid bond, performance bond and payment bond, together with other contract documents, may be examined at the offices of Biggs & Mathews, Inc., 2500 Brook, Wichita Falls, Texas 76791. Copies may be obtained at the offices of Biggs & Mathews, Inc. upon payment of \$35.00 for each set, which is non-refundable.
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Country Tidings
by Ruth Smith

Mrs. Ruth Christian is at home after receiving treatment in the hospital and is feeling much better. Bill and Dorothy Christian of Stephenville spent the New Year's weekend with their parents, the C.H. Christians.
Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Haines of Lake Kiowa visited the Christians Sunday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. James Penton and children of Whitesboro spent Tuesday and had their Christmas dinner and gift exchange with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Penton. The grandparents enjoyed seeing the little ones perform. They enjoyed seeing tapes of their trip and also a Christmas tape.
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hutson had as their guests for the Christmas holidays Brad and Betty Hutson, Kenda Hutson and Rickie Gaston and children of Saint Jo.
Brad and Machelle Lund came for Mrs. Louise Shults Thursday afternoon and she accompanied them to their home in Carrollton where they had Christmas and celebrated Louise's birthday on Dec. 24.
Mr. and Mrs. Koen Lund and Clint Lund of El Paso were also guests and Friday they brought Louise home and left early Saturday morning for their home in El Paso to spend Christmas with their daughter and family, the Todd Solomon family.
Bill and Ginny Shults of Denton visited Mrs. Louise Shults Thursday afternoon.
Nelda and John C. Blankenship of Lindsay, Oklahoma visited Mrs. Louise Shults Monday afternoon.
Recent guests of Miss Lois Bewley and Clyde were Lloyd and Elaine Keith and their grandson of Garland, Carl Ford of Arlington, Gene and Cindy Ferguson of Gainesville.
Christmas Eve dinner guests of Lois and Clyde were Mrs. Ima King of Bowie, Mrs. Winona Russell of Whitesboro and Mrs. Barbara Holley.
Friday, Mrs. Ima King of Bowie accompanied Lois and Clyde to Gainesville.
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hudspeth, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Peers of Krum and their aunts, Mrs. Rosa Rice of Alvord, Mrs. Veda Magee of Bowie, Mrs. Virginia Lynch, Dale and Leah Hudspeth and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore of New Roads, Louisiana all gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nivens for New Year's dinner.
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore had visited his mother, Mrs. Moore, in Bellevue previously.
Mrs. Gladys Balthrop, Mrs. Anna Kirk, David Wayne and Becky drove to Texarkana Christmas Eve to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Sybil Smith and Miss Jan Smith. They returned home Monday.
Mrs. Balthrop had most of her children and grandchildren visiting her on New Year's Day.
Mr. and Mrs. Allen Settle had as their guests for Christmas Day their grandmother, Mrs. Mary Settle of Gainesville, and Ruth Smith and Mrs. Edna Cearley.
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jackson had as their guests Saturday night their granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hendrix, Tad and Ti of Floydada. On Sunday, they all met in the home of Jewel and Carroll Dill for Christmas.
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Maberry Sr. had Christmas in Gainesville. They had many phone calls from their son and grandchildren.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Berry spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur DeBorde at Era.
Marilyn, Jerry and Casey McKown of Valley View had supper Wednesday evening with Odessa and Jack Berry.

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County Agent's Report

by Craig Rosenbaum

TDA offers information to pesticide applicators

The Texas Department of Agriculture is working with pesticide applicators to help make government regulations and related paperwork clearer and less burdensome. Commissioner Rick Perry recently sent letters to all pesticide applicators outlining licensing, training and special registration requirements.

Licensed private applicators must obtain 15 hours of continuing education units (CEUs) within five years of the date a license was issued. These hours must include two in laws and regulations and one in integrated pest management. If an applicator doesn't meet the CEU requirements within the five-year period, the license will not be renewed. However, if these requirements are met within one year after the license expires, the applicator may renew, but a late fee will be assessed.

Private applicators' certificates issued prior to Jan. 10, 1989, will expire at the end of 1995. To renew, applicators must obtain 15 continuing education units, including two credits in law and regulations and one in integrated pest management by Dec. 31, 1995, or become a licensed private applicator.

Temporary private applicator certificates expire Dec. 31. To keep buying and using restricted and state limited-use pesticides, a private applicator license must be obtained.

All provisions of the Environmental Protection Agency's Worker Protection Standard went into effect Jan. 1. To be in compliance, applicators must follow the product label and those "non-labeled" provisions found in the WPS How to Comply manual. These include providing safety training for workers and handlers, providing a decontamination site, keeping and posting a log of pesticide applications and making emergency transportation available. Qualified trainers must provide EPA verification cards to anyone they train. Cards are optional under federal law but are mandatory in Texas.


Before a commercial applicator makes an application on any property, the owner must be aware of WPS-specific information regarding the application. If pesticides have been applied on the property and a re-entry interval is still in effect, the property owner must tell the applicator where the property was sprayed before the applicator enters the establishment and comes within a quarter mile of the sprayed area.

Disciplinary action cannot be taken against employees who attempt to comply with WPS.

The Special Registration program evaluates requests for special local need registrations or emergency exemptions to use pesticides on sites not designated on product labels. An exemption known as a section 18 may be requested for an emergency non-routine situation caused by weather, a new pest or disease, if no other product is registered for control of the problem. Producers must show an economic loss to request a section 18. A public health exemption may be requested to protect the health of the public if no registered products or alternatives are available.

A section 24(c) exemption allows producers to use a registered product against a new pest or on a new site. It is granted only if the manufacturer requests this special local need registration. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service or the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station must support such a request.

For more information, call 1-800-TELL-TDA.



A Sodbuster's Sentiment

Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil and you're a thousand miles from a corn field.
Dwight D. Eisenhower

No one knows when the first person turned from the drought-stricken land, wiped a sweat-soaked brow, gazed up at the glaring sun, and thought, "If only I could make it rain." Since that time, there have been numerous attempts at weather modification in order to encourage clouds to produce more rainfall.

"It is certain that drought will occur and reoccur in West Texas. This gives us reason to consider again the amount of available fresh water that West Texans can tap, and with climate changes and the threat of drier weather, we're going to need to explore new, different ways of using the water we have, as well as developing additional fresh water resources," says George W. Bomar, Senior Technical Specialist, Water Planning and Assessment Division of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) in Austin. Bomar has assisted the TNRCC in the regulation of weather modification activities in West Texas during the past 20 years.

Weather modification is the attempt to change or control natural development of precipitation cloud forms in the lower half of the earth's atmosphere.

The typical large cumulus clouds that form in the High Plains area have relatively few natural nuclei (such as salt particles, sand particles, or specks of dust) around which moisture in the air can coalesce, or grow together, to

become raindrops.

As a result, Bomar says, most of the cloud moisture is never converted to raindrops because not enough natural nuclei are present. "Cloud seeding is designed to increase the number of nuclei. You want to cause five to ten times as many tiny raindrops or water droplets to form, which will then interact with other droplets, collide and coalesce to form larger and larger raindrops, he says.

Silver iodide, or AgI, is the most popular cloud seeding agent used today, because it very closely approximates natural ice crystals.

Weather modification projects do not increase rain in one area at another person's expense. Bomar says clouds are inefficient since they do not gather and release all the moisture that is available. Clouds only contain an average of one percent of the total atmospheric moisture at any time. If cloud seeding doubled the efficiency of a cloud formation, it would likely only contain two percent of the available moisture - leaving 98 percent available for other uses.

The Colorado River Municipal Water District at Big Spring (CRMWD) has operated a cloud seeding program since 1971. The cloud seeding project is conducted from April to October in order to augment rainfall runoff into the District's reservoirs and increase water supplies for irrigation purposes.

B.I.G. SESSIONS SLATED

With forage management vital to most livestock operations in Texas, the forage session scheduled for 2 p.m., January 18 at the Blackland Income Growth Conference (B.I.G.) focuses on the key elements to sound forage management.

The program at the Waco Convention Center includes a look at the potential impact of the Endangered Species Act on forage production, nativegrass management, and new native grass species for the Texas Blacklands, forage legumes, and fertilization with animal waste.

Don Petty, Associate Director of Commodities with Texas Farm Bureau, leads off the session with a discussion of the potential impact of the Endangered Species Act. Introducing new grass species into the Texas Blacklands will be discussed by Wayne Richardson of Richardson Seed, Inc.

A special presentation on the production of forage legumes by Extension forage Specialist Dr. David Bade explores the techniques of overseeding and direct seeding. Of special interest to dairy producers, Extension Agronomist Dr. George Alston closes the forage session with a discussion on forage fertilization using animal waste. Two CEUs will be offered for private, commercial, and non-commercial pesticide applicators attending this session.

For the second year, the Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) Leadership Conference has joined the Blackland Income Growth Conference and the Mid-Tex Farm and Ranch Show. "The success of our first joint meeting last year convinced us to again bring our Leadership Conference to the more than 30-year tradition of the B.I.G. and Farm Show," said Tommy Klemcke of Texas Farm Bureau.

"We have a full program with the latest information farmers and ranchers need to run a profitable operation," said Ken Davis, President of the B.I.G. Conference. The two-day joint conference expands the commodity sessions to include cotton, grain, forage, horses, beef, dairy, swine, poultry, rice and commercial horticulture.

Special features of the joint meeting on Tuesday, January 17, include a luncheon program featuring Cowboy Poetry with Dan Willis, the Texas Family Forum, a one-day session on economic management, stress and health-related issues impacting families. Also scheduled is Expanding Texas Rural Business on and meetings of the Texas Corn Growers Association, the Blackland Cotton and Grain Association and the Dairy Herd Improvement Association. The TFB Leadership Conference opens Monday, January 16, at 2:30 p.m.


CORN SEMINAR

Dr. Cloyce Coffman, Extension Corn Specialist, will be in Cooke County on Friday, January 13, to present two programs on Corn Production for the Blacklands of North Texas. The programs will be held at 8 a.m. at Era at W.B. Hudspeth, Inc., and at noon at the Cooke County Electric Co-Op Building near Muenster.

Cloyce will cover the topics of planting dates, plant populations, herbicide selection and timing, and other factors of corn production. This year with producers unable to plant a large amount of acreage to wheat, they have an opportunity to look at alternative cropping systems. Two Continuing Education Units toward Private Applicator License Recertification will be offered at the seminar.

4-H LIVESTOCK WORKSHOPS

4-H members with livestock projects are invited to attend various livestock workshops to be held on Saturday, January 21, at the Cooke County Fairgrounds. Swine and Beef sessions will be held from 8 a.m. until 10. From 10 a.m. until 12 noon 4-H members with Dairy Goats and Sheep Projects will meet and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. 4-H members with Rabbit projects will have their project session. A variety of speakers will cover various aspects of Production, Fitting, and Showing. 4-H members are asked to pre-enroll by calling the County Extension Office 668-5412 by Friday, January 20.



From My Side of the Fence

by Ed Cler

An old friend, John Fisher, who with his brother Joe, founded Fischer's Meat Market in 1927, had interest in a variety of different ventures.

John, along with his good friend, Albert Andress, traded in cattle, sheep and wool and, at times, ran a herd of cattle on one place or another.

Brother Joe spent his time, from early morning till late evening, tending the store and perfecting their own brand of German sausage while John, who also assisted inside, looked after their outside interests, especially keeping a good supply of live beef on hand, ready for the slaughter house at all times.

After Albert Andress dropped out of the picture, John supplied those of us who ran sheep a market for our wool and continued to buy live beef for the Market.

In the middle '50s, I believe it was, John was still running cattle and had a small herd on the Charlie Hellman place just south of Muenster and, one late spring, he asked me to help work his calves. The next day, Pat Fisher and a man I remember only as Shorty and myself were penning the cattle when a rather large bull calf broke away and disappeared behind some buildings. We decided to work the others and worry about the runaway later.

After finishing our work with the penned calves, Pat went in search of the runaway and soon called that he had found him inside a granary that had an open door. Pat quickly closed the door, trapping the calf and soon after we had the calf down, Pat holding his head and immobilizing his front leg, while

Shorty held the back legs. I had just given the animal an injection of Blackleg vaccine and was bending over his body, preparing to make a major change in his outlook for his future when we realized we had company. A kitty cat of the striped variety had come from behind Shorty, hopped over his leg and was standing on the calf's hind quarter with his tail erect and Shorty found himself looking directly at the business end of the skunk's defensive system.

It was a tense moment. I managed to whisper, "Freeze, don't move!" and then the little stinker moved along, between my legs, over one of Pat's, onto the calf's neck and off onto the floor and, in his own peculiar gait, ambled off into another section of the building.

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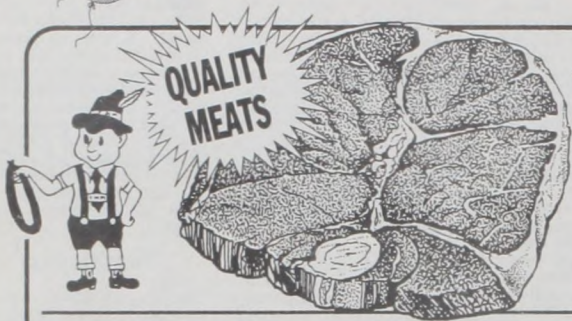
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