

HPWC Water Testing Beginning In Area

High Plains Underground Water Conservation District personnel are expecting to find drier than normal soil moisture conditions over most of the Water District service area when annual pre-plant soil moisture monitoring begins in mid-November.

The southern High Plains normally receives 16 to 17 inches of its annual rainfall by November. Through October, however most of the Water District services area had received only 11 to 13 inches of rain.

"We anticipate that soil moisture conditions will be so dry that most irrigators in the Water District will need to irrigate to fill their pre-plant soil moisture profile. Having a full soil moisture profile at planting helps ensure the maximum economic yields," says Mike Risinger, soil scientist with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and coordinator of the Water District's soil moisture monitoring program.

Data collected at the 271 soil moisture monitoring sites will be

Hunters Asked To Keep Watch For Dead Birds

Landowners, waterfowl hunters, and others within the Playa Lakes area of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Kansas are asked to notify State or Federal wildlife officials if they discover dead or dying waterfowl.

Upon notification, wildlife biologists will collect dead specimen and have them analyzed to determine cause and circumstances of death.

Although the playas are extremely important and beneficial to waterfowl, they can also present a threat by hosting diseases deadly to ducks and geese.

Each year thousands of waterfowl die from bird cholera, botulism, and other diseases. For example, in 1957, over 60,000 ducks and geese died on playas near Muleshoe.

Although the diseases are devastating to waterfowl, they are not usually a threat to human health nor domestic animals, except for birds. However, numbers of dead and dying birds and other animals can occasionally be discovered in agricultural fields or nearby water.

Their death may be a result of chemicals or other forms of toxic poisoning. It is therefore important for people not to handle the birds, said Don Clapp, manager of the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, or to be in the immediate area, and to report the incident to wildlife officials for safe collection.

Landowners, hunters, bird watchers, and other individuals are asked to report dead or dying waterfowl to local wildlife officials or contact Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, P. O. Box 549, Muleshoe, TX 79347; phone (806) 946-3341.

Through these reports, biologists will have an opportunity to study the cause and conditions which lead to the death of thousands of waterfowl each year and hopefully reduce additional losses.

used to construct soil moisture availability and deficit maps for the 1990 pre-plant season.

The maps will be provided to the news media for publication as soon as they are completed. These maps will illustrate the estimated moisture available in the soil profile for plant use; the moisture distribution within the soil profile; and the amount of water that must be applied to bring the soil profile to field capacity.

Water District personnel measure soil moisture conditions with neutron moisture meters. The neutron moisture meter is one of the most accurate soil moisture measuring devices available. Readings are taken at six-inch intervals throughout the five-foot soil profile by inserting a neutron probe into a previously-installed aluminum access tube.

Landowners who allow Water District soil moisture monitoring sites on their land are provided with data regarding their field's individual soil moisture conditions.

The High Plains Water District reminds producers that Water District personnel Jerry Funck, Obbie Goolsby, Arnold Husky and Mike Risinger will be out in the fields taking soil moisture readings from November to January.

Blue and white Water District vehicles are easily identified and personnel will be happy to answer landowners' questions while collecting the soil moisture data.

MICROWAVE TIPS

Some microwave recipes save little time.

For example, in one microwave cookbook there's a recipe for grilled cheese sandwiches. It takes about as long to microwave them as to do them on a pan on a conventional burner. And it's more complicated.

One has to heat the dish first, for microwaving. Then wax paper is used under the sandwich. The actual cooking time is short, of course.

But one can do the same thing by simply putting butter or margarine on the outside of the sandwich and browning it in a pan—in a few minutes!

Three Way News by Mrs. H.W. Garvin

The junior high Three Way basketball team played Amherst there Monday evening losing both games. The Three Way senior high school basketball teams played Cotton Center here Tuesday night, winning both games.

The Three Way School hosted a Turkey dinner at the cafeteria Tuesday noon. There was over two hundred students and others who ate lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dolle and Darla were in Lubbock most all week attending business and attending the memorial services of Mrs. Dolle's aunt Geneva Pherris of Lubbock, who was found dead in her home Monday. She was buried Friday in Lubbock.

Rev. and Mrs. James Gillentine and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gillentine and son and Rachel Gillentine spent Thanksgiving with their mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Mrs. Carr, Friday evening. Mrs. Garvin and Mr. and Mrs. Gillentine went to Clovis to spend Friday night with the Kenneth Fox family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dupler and Eugena spent Thursday in Sundown with Mrs. Dupler's mother and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Wittner spent Thanksgiving with their daughter, the Baxter Vaughn family, in Plainview.

DeWayne Simpson from Lake Charles, LA visited his grandmother, Mrs. J.M. Simpson, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCarty and children from Logan N.M. spent Friday and Saturday with her parents, the Joe Sowders.

Mr. and Mrs. Montey Toombs and children from Vernon spent Thursday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Toombs.

Rev. and Mrs. James Gillentine from Lubbock and Mrs. H.W. Garvin from Maple visited Mr. and Mrs. George Tyson Saturday afternoon.

Dinner guests in the W.T. Simpson home Thursday were their children and her mother from Shallowater and several other relatives.

Company in the Bill Dolle home Thanksgiving day were Mr. and Mrs. Scott Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Auston and Sharon Dolle and son from Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dolle from Littlefield.

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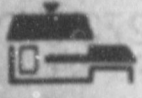
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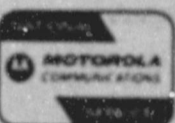
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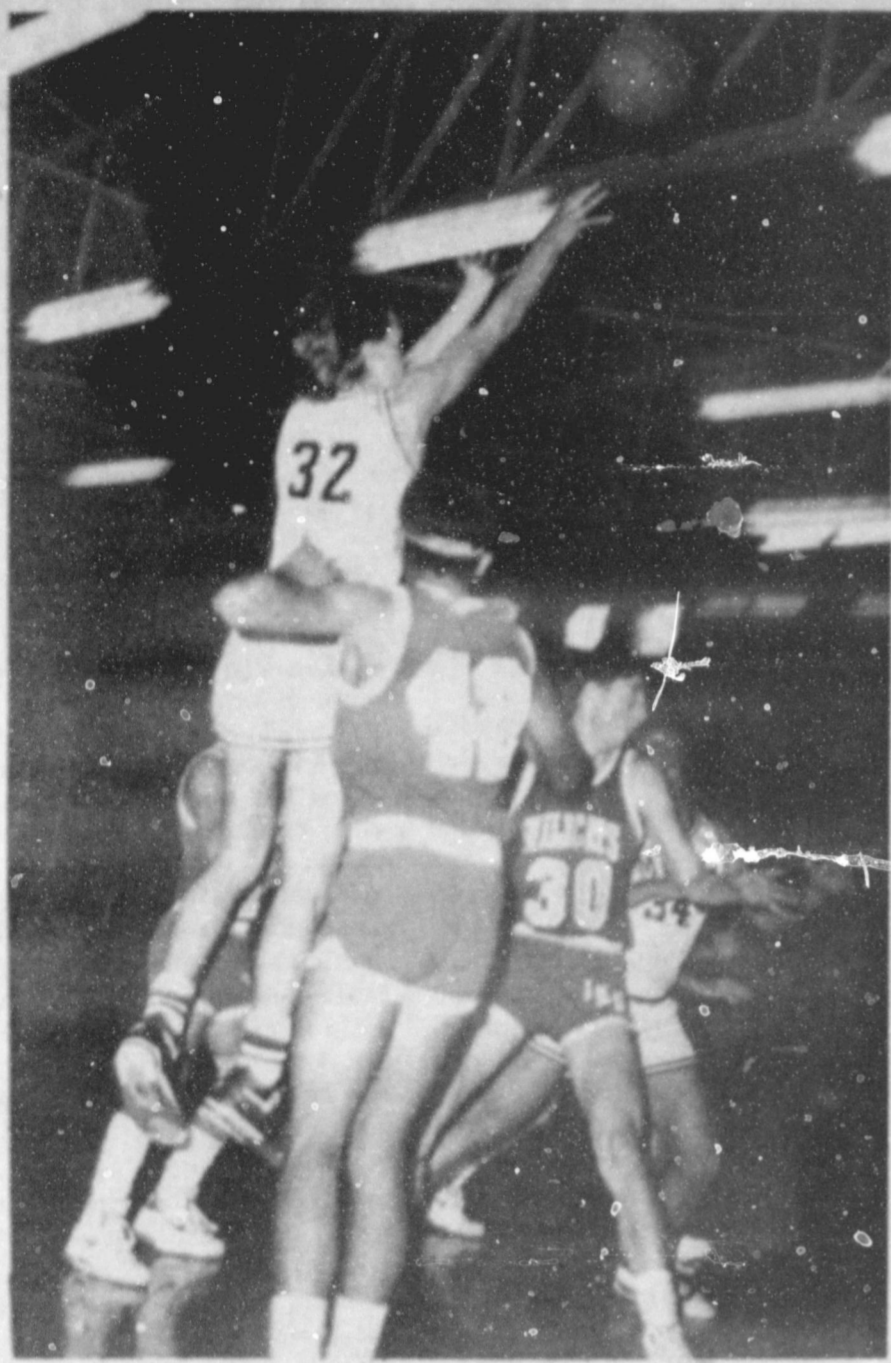
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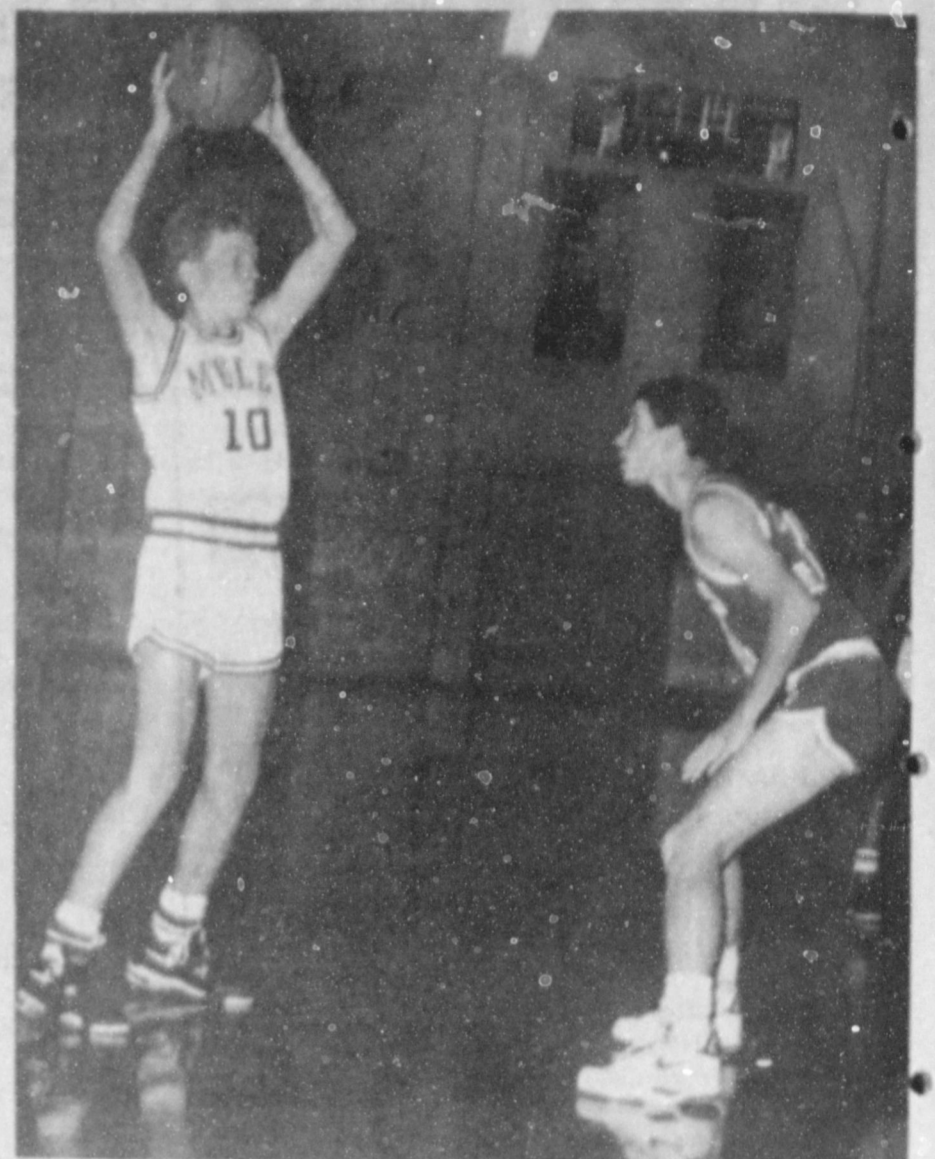
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JUMPING HIGHER THAN THE OTHERS—Mule Frank Precure No. 32, jumps high to throw the ball in an effort to score points against the Idalou Wildcats. Helping out his teammate is Mule No. 34, Michael Hardwick. Precure scored 14 points against his opponents in Saturday's game. (Journal Photo)



TRYING TO SCORE TWO MORE POINTS—Monica Swint (52) and Heidi Bohler (34,) both Lady Mules try to score two points against their opponent the Idalou Lady Cats last Saturday afternoon in the Watson Jr. High Gym. The Lady Mules came out on top with a score of 55-49. They played Morton Tuesday night. (Journal Photo)



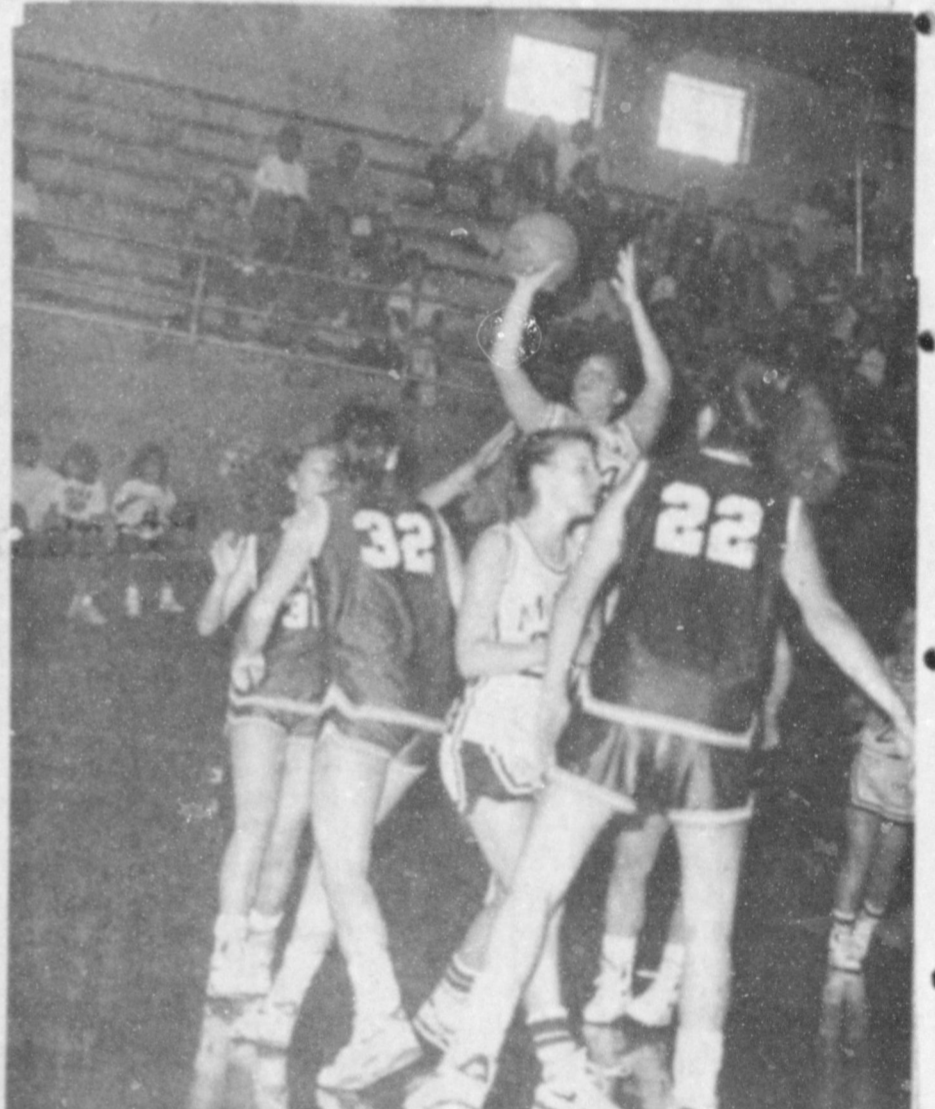
PYLANT LOOKING FOR SOME ASSISTANCE—Mule Brett Pylant No. 10, looks for one of his teammates to throw the ball to score two more points against the Idalou Wildcats. The Mules were victorious last Saturday afternoon over the Wildcats, by a score of 51-35. The Mules played the Morton Indians Tuesday night in Watson Jr. High Gym. (Journal Photo)



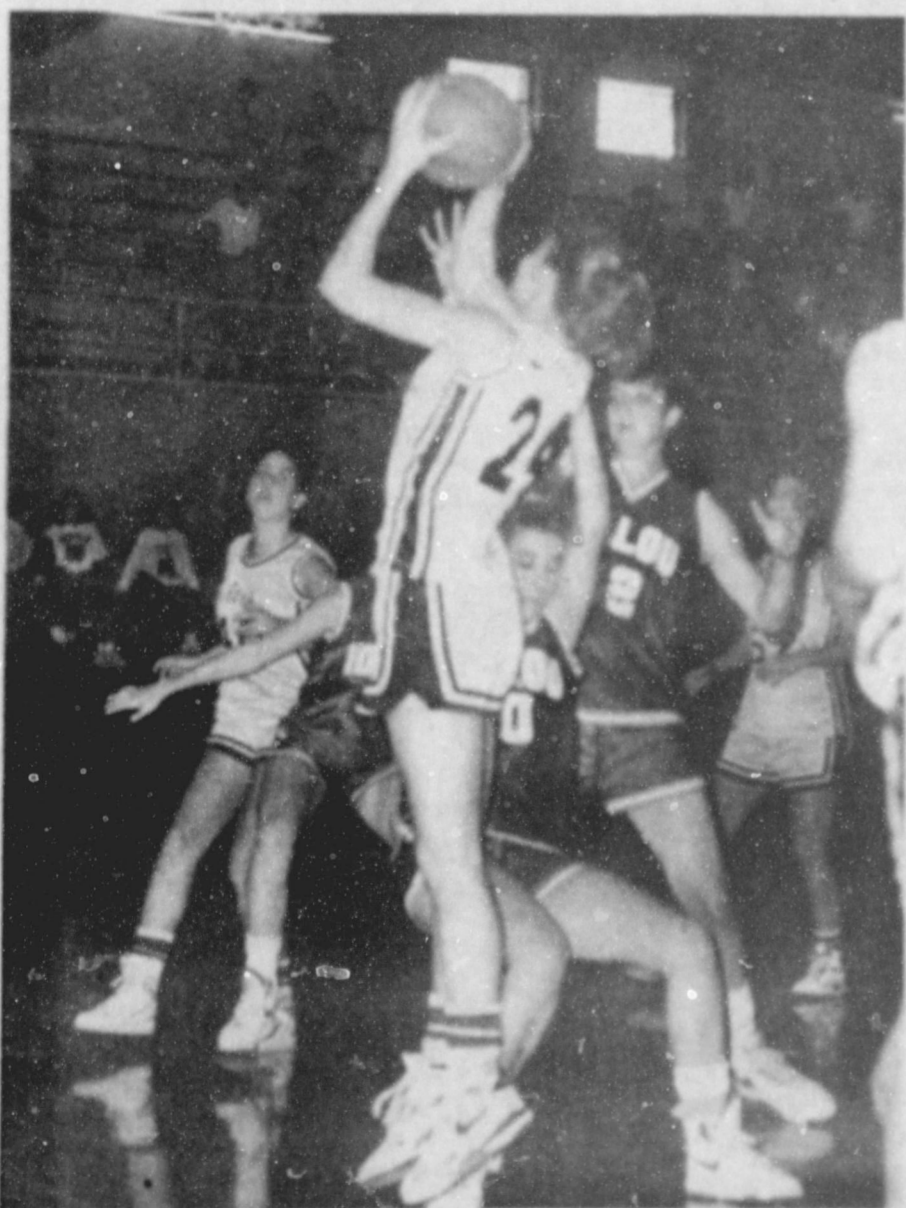
HARRISON SHOOTING FOR TWO—Lady Mule Amy Harrison shoots for two points while trying to keep the Lady Cats from tipping the ball from her. Coming to assist her is Lady Mule Monica Swint No. 52. (Journal Photo)



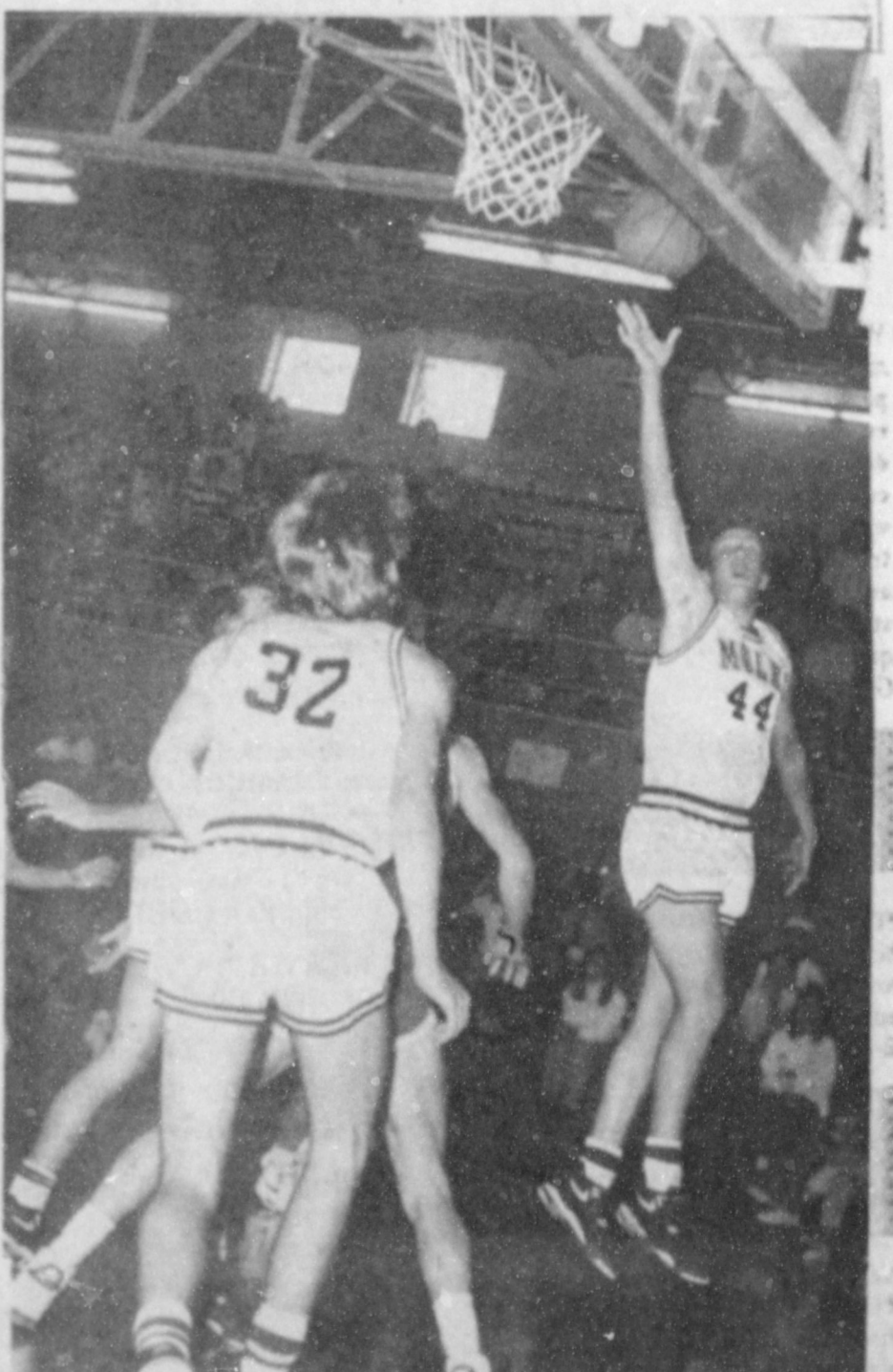
SOARING HIGH LIKE AN EAGLE—Muleshoe Mule Shawn Roberts No. 44 soars high in able to score against his Wildcat opponent in last Saturday's game. Roberts was successful in scoring this basket and contributed six points to the teams scoring. (Journal Photo)



JUMPING HIGH ABOVE THE OTHERS—Lady Mule Heidi Bohler No. 34 tries for two more points against the Lady Cats in Saturday afternoon's basketball game. They defeated the Lady Cats by a score of 55-49. (Journal Photo)



ADDING TWO MORE POINTS—Amy Harrison Lady Mule No. 24 adds two more points to her teams score against their opponent the Lady Cats in last Saturday afternoon basketball action. The Lady Mules were victorious over the Lady Cats by a score of 55-49. (Journal Photo)



ROBERTS SHOOTING FOR TWO—Muleshoe Mule Shawn Roberts No. 44 goes up for the goal against the Idalou Wildcats last Saturday afternoon. Coming in the foreground is Mule No. 32 Frank Precure to assist his teammate. (Journal Photo)

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Nov. 28	MORTON	H	5:00
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Jan. 19	DIMMITT*	H	5:00
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