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Wheeler County

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULED

Two hundred forty-four animals are entered in the 1995 Wheeler County Junior Livestock Show which gets underway on Friday, January 13 when all animals will be in place at 7:00 a.m. Members of Wheeler County 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters have been feeding and fitting their animals for several months in preparation for the show.

Eleven steers will be weighed beginning at 7:00 a.m. and the steer show will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday followed by the heifer show with six heifers.

Forty-nine lambs are entered in the market lamb show, which will begin at

12:00 noon on Friday, January 13.

One hundred seventy-eight hogs are entered in the market hog show beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, January 14.

One hundred of the top placing animals will sell in the premium sale at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 14.

Gary Hardcastle, president of the Wheeler County Livestock Show Association and general superintendent of the show, invites everyone to attend the show and auction sale. He said public support and recognition is very important to the youth who have invested so much money and effort preparing for the show.

Many local individuals are giving their time to make the show a success. Richie Kiker and Bret Begert will be in charge of the beef cattle show, Danny Hardcastle and Kyle Adams will serve as superintendent and assistant superintendent of the lamb show and Clifton Morgan, Jackie Sparlin, Russell Gaines and Jim Verden will direct the hog division.

Canadian Production Credit Association is furnishing the awards for the lambs and hogs and the Wheeler County Farm Bureau will supply the beef cattle awards.

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR "OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS"

The Wheeler Chamber of Commerce is once again taking nominations for the five outstanding individuals who will be recognized at the annual Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet on Monday, February 13, 1995.

It is the desire of the Chamber to recognize the most deserving individuals in each of the five categories. To be recognized are the outstanding Woman, Man, Employee, Teenager and Farmer/Rancher. Please make your ideas known and also list the reasons why the individual should receive the honor.

Your nominations will be considered by the committee appointed to select the respective individuals to be named. A form is printed, but it is not necessary for the form to be used.

Each nomination is to be accompanied by a list of reasons for the nomination. The list will be used in determining the most deserving. It is necessary that the nominations be returned by Tuesday, Jan. 31.

To: Wheeler Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 221
Wheeler, Texas 79096

I would like to nominate the following for the Outstanding (Woman, Man, Employee, Teenager and/or Farmer/Rancher)

Name: _____ (M. W. E. T. F/R)

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Name: _____ (M. W. E. T. F/R)

Reason(s) for Nomination(s): _____

Signed: _____

FIVE ARRESTED IN SNOWDEN CASE

(The following was the news story printed after the Times went to press last week. The article is from an Atlanta, Georgia, paper. The fifth person, a male, has since been arrested.)

By Mark Silk

DeKalb County police arrested four teenagers Wednesday in the shooting death of a construction worker who complained about a noisy car in the parking lot of a Stone Mountain convenience store.

Eric Wade Snowden, 19, had come to the area from San Antonio with his father to work on a construction project. He went to the pay phone outside the Circle K store on North Stone Mountain-Lithonia Road about 1:30 a.m., Dec. 15 to call his girlfriend.

During the conversation, Snowden

complained of a loud disturbance that was being made by a car driven by a woman, police said. A short time later, the conversation again was interrupted by the noisy vehicle.

Snowden then asked the car's occupants to quiet down, said DeKalb police Lt. Mac Worthington. He was shot repeatedly as he staggered across the parking lot.

"They're all bad," Worthington said

of homicides in DeKalb. "This one was especially bad."

Arrested on murder charges were Edquardo M. Kennebrew, 19, and Brandi Arlene Hines, 17, both of Stone Mountain; Lynleada T. Reid, 19, of Decatur; and Keith Barnard Ryals, 19, of Atlanta.

Police also are looking for a third male suspect.

Irrigation Conference & Trade Show Jan. 5

Irrigation system application efficiency will be the focus of the annual High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show on January 5 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

High efficiency center pivot, drip and furrow irrigations systems made a difference in producing the 1994 crop, according to Leon New, Extension agricultural engineer of Amarillo. Seasonal rains and mild temperatures usually occurring throughout June simply did not happen and created extreme demands for irrigation.

Now producers are looking back to see how current season yields and profits compare to past years and how to plan for the 1995 crop. With temperatures unseasonably hot, combined with little or no rainfall, farmers throughout the Panhandle and South Plains region were forced to begin irrigation well ahead of their normal schedule.

The High Plains Irrigation Conference is hosted by the Panhandle Economic Program, Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Three continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered for pesticide applicator recertification credit. Registration and trade show activities start at 8:25 a.m. The conference program begins at 9:25 a.m. A noon meal is included in the \$5.00 registration fee.

Speakers who will open and moderate morning and afternoon sessions are Paul Gross, District Extension Director of Amarillo, and Extension agricultural agents, Don Reeves, Potter County, Danny Nusser, Gray County and Dennis Newton, Deaf Smith County.

Three growers from around the Panhandle and South Plains are scheduled to discuss their production experience over this year's season.

Harold Grall of Moore County will review the ridge till technology he uses to conserve and manage irrigation water and rainfall.

Hutchinson County grower, Rex McCloy will address cutting crop production costs using today's irrigation technology.

Randy Hensley from O'Donnell will show how he used drip irrigation to boost cotton yields with limited irrigation water.

Weather, yield, and yield potential will be the focus of talks by two agronomists, Brad Lance of Pioneer Hi-Bred International of Lubbock, and Brent Bean of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Amarillo.

Bean will highlight economic comparison of short and full season crops to match irrigation capacity. Lance will discuss the influence of the past season's dry weather on corn early and full season hybrids.

Effective, safe strategies for chemigation will be addressed by Carl Patrick, Extension entomologist of Amarillo.

Leon New will discuss planning and managing irrigation systems for efficiency.

Freddie Lamm, research agricultural engineer from Kansas State University

at Colby will present results on the feasibility and use of drip irrigation in row crop farming.

Steve Amosson, Extension agricultural management economist of Amarillo will be on hand to discuss farm and ranch record keeping by computers, and the latest innovations in equipment and software for managing agricultural operations.

The trade show features exhibits by irrigation and chemigation equipment manufacturers and dealers with representatives there to show and discuss the latest technology with growers.

For more information, contact Leon New (806) 359-5401 or Don King, County Extension agent for Wheeler County at (806) 826-5243.

Shayla Ann Willis Rites Are Read In Sayre Dec. 24

Shayla Ann Willis was born April 28, 1994 in Boise City, Oklahoma to Sindi Dawn and Phillip Curtis Willis and went to be in the arms of the Lord on December 21, 1994 in Sayre, Oklahoma at the age of 7 months and 23 days.

She is survived by her parents, Phillip and Sindi Willis of the home; maternal grandparents, Ladon Miller of Sayre, OK and Conard Miller of Amarillo, TX; paternal grandparents, Leon and Catherine Willis of Sayre, OK; maternal great grandparents, Melvin and Barbara Ann Hill of Shamrock, TX, Juanita Vinson of Fritch, TX; paternal great grandmothers, Inez Lancaster of Sayre, OK and Marie Glidewell of Perkins, OK; maternal great great grandmother, Millie Hill of Shamrock, TX; 1 aunt, Leah Willis of Sayre, OK; 1 uncle, Rusty Miller of Sayre, OK; her godparents, Jay Ray and Sharon Laxton of Sayre, OK; many great aunts, uncles and other relatives.

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Plans To Be Made For Briscoe Exes Reunion

There will be a meeting at the Briscoe Cafeteria on Sunday January 8, 1995, 2:00 P. M. for ex-students and ex-teachers to plan for the reunion. All interested persons please plan to attend.

City of Wheeler Insurance Key Rates Are Dropped

Homeowners in 18 Texas communities should benefit from key rate reductions announced today by Texas Insurance Commissioner J. Robert Hunter.

The reductions in the key rate for each city should result in lower premiums on homeowners and dwelling insurance policies. All of the new rates take effect as of February 1, 1995.

The communities that will see a drop in their key rate are Coahoma, Edna, Galena Park, Giddings, Humble, McCarney, McLean, Ore City, Panhandle, Pecos, Sanger, Scagoville, South Houston, Stephenville, West Columbia, Wellington, Wheeler and Wilmer.

Commissioner Hunter said, "I congratulate all of the communities for improving their fire protection capabilities, which led to these reductions in their key rate. These reductions should be a nice gift for the new year."

Key rates are based on a complicated formula involving analyses of fire fighting capabilities and have a direct impact on the cost of homeowners and dwelling insurance.

Due to the drop in their key rate, homeowners in each community could see savings from \$24 to as much as \$139 a year in the price of a typical homeowners' policy.

Mustang Boosters Schedule Meeting

The Mustangs Booster Club will meet Thursday, January 12th in the football fieldhouse. All persons and parents interested in supporting the Wheeler athletes in the basketball program are encouraged to attend. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Childress Family Gathers For Reunion at Briscoe

Most of Fat Childress' brothers and sisters got together at the Briscoe Cafeteria Saturday for a catered meal prepared by Steve Walker and lots of visiting. Rick and Darlene Dyson sang much of the afternoon. There was a fun auction of handcrafted items and white elephants that paid for the meal. Some there were Bo and Martha Childress and Sam, Fat and Wanda Childress, Wayne and Pat Childress and Amanda, Cathy and Melvin Hunt and Shawn and Shelly, Roy Lott, Addie Swift, Mary Jane and Clyde Dukes and Stacie and Jackie, Helen and Richard Dyson, Jan and Clifford Berry and Shelly from near Liberal, Rick and Darlene Dyson and children, Kim Youree and children, Wynola Sanders from Pampa, JoAnn Bresciani from Crawley, Kenneth and Brenda Childress and Casey, Shawn and Tammy Jo Thompson and Shalie, Carol Remy, Jeff and Margaret Corcoran and children, Kevin Corcoran, Barry and Teri Corcoran and children from Tinker Air Base, Damon Remy from California with the Marines and Darren Remy. All of Fat's brothers and sisters except for Kenneth and Brenda spent the night Saturday and Sunday at the Kemp County place. Fat cooked breakfast. They did lots of singing, visiting and playing dominoes, etc.



SWEARING IN OFFICIALS: The above Wheeler County Officials were sworn into office Monday, January 2, 1995 at the Wheeler County Courthouse. Pictured from left to right are: County Clerk Margaret Dorman, Justice of Peace Doyle

Ramsey, Justice of Peace Guy Hardin, Commissioner Boyd Hiltbrunner, District Clerk Sherri Jones, County Treasurer Jerri Moore, and Commissioner Tommy Puryear.

CWE CHAT WITH EDITOR
By Louis C. Stas

The first snow of the season and of the year fell in Wheeler overnight Monday. We awoke to approximately 0.6 inches of snow. The moisture content was 0.06 inches.

—cwe—

Our 10" of snow received in 1994 was all measured the first of the year.

—cwe—

I was going to try Mrs. Flowers method of predicting the moisture for 1995. I was not home and also forgot. Hopefully she will report the results. The news this week was mailed before the onions were put in place.

—cwe—

It is time once again to select the Outstanding Man, Woman, Employee, Teenager and Farmer/Rancher to be recognized at the Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet on February 13, 1995.

—cwe—

The Chamber would appreciate your input in this matter. We have a form for you to fill out for your nomination, but they would also appreciate a few notes, listing the reasons for your nomination.

—cwe—

You are reminded that these are only nominations, the committee will make the selection.

—cwe—

Have you made your donation to the Livestock Boosters for your chance at a trip to Las Vegas. Time and tickets are running out. For either a \$10 donation or a \$50 donation you could go to Las Vegas. Contact James Masters or Betty Chapman.

—cwe—

And, remember you can also make a \$1.00 donation and have a chance at a print of a drawing by Wheeler's own Liz Shipp. You can also call the Farm Bureau office for one of those tickets.

—cwe—

Our intentions were to stay home over the weekend and see the new year in at home, but we ended up in Weatherford. Surprise! As you probably have guessed, we were setting around the card table when the new year arrived and for some time afterward.

—cwe—

It dawned on me that I failed to report on my trip through the goodies at the Open House at the First State Bank of Mobeetie Wheeler Branch. I did remember and found quite a selection of goodies made by the employees and/or their spouses. Everything was delicious.

—cwe—

WEATHER

DATE	DAY	Hi	Low	Pre
12-28	Wed.	51	33	0.00
12-29	Thurs.	53	36	0.00
12-30	Fri.	42	34	0.25
12-31	Sat.	42	23	0.27
1-01	Sun.	39	19	0.00
1-02	Mon.	47	22	0.00
1-03	Tues.	31	19	0.00
Low for the Year:		01-1-3	19	
High for the Year ('94):		06-25	109	
Total Moisture for the Month				06"
Total Moisture for the Year ('94):				14.45"
Total Snow ('94):				10.00"

Courtesy: KPDR-FM Radio

Hospital Notes

Old Admissions

None

New Admissions

12-27 Lorena Adams
12-29 Lindsey Fillingim
12-30 Ronald Chadwick

Ed Trimble

12-31 Ben Griffin

1-1 Ken Knibbs
Russell Bradstreet

1-2 Shirley Jolly

Dismissals

12-27 Jodi Walker

1-1 Lorena Adams
Ed Trimble

1-2 Shirley Jolly

ALLISON NEWS

By Christine Gilmer

I Chronicles 16: 25 & 29: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised? He also is to be feared above all gods. Give unto the Lord the Glory due unto His name; bring an offering, and come before Him; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Happy New Year! And God's blessings all through the year.

Our brother, Ray Giddens, was injured on Monday, Dec. 2, at the Britt Ranch, when a horse fell with him while he was helping round up some cattle. He was taken by ambulance to Parkview Hospital in Wheeler and from there to High Plains Baptist hospital. He has been in quite a lot of pain, had surgery last Thursday and they did x-rays on his back last Sunday afternoon.

Pray he will soon be better and well.

Peggy and Brad Chandler, Jana and Bridget went to Temple, Okla., to visit with Mark and Ronnie Stringer and family Wednesday morning. Brad's family went on to Oklahoma City Thursday and Peggy came back home Friday.

Jennie Walker and Peggy Chandler visited with Gertie Cornell at the Care Center in Wheeler last Sunday.

I had a wonderful time in Amarillo with my family through the Christmas holidays. Had a Christmas meal with my daughter, Johnnie and her husband, Darrel Harrison and their family Friday evening and had a gift exchange. Johnnie and me were Christmas day dinner guest with Jerry and Cathy Gilmer and their families on Christmas day both of their daughters and families were there: Kristi from Ohio and Kerri and family from Houston. We all attended Church Sunday, Christmas morning. Got to be with my daughter, Peggy White for a short while, while in Amarillo. Darrel was in Allison from Christmas eve to Tuesday night helping his brother, Willis remodel a bathroom for their parents, the Bruce Harrisons.

Wilma Gilmer's Christmas day dinner guests were Ruby Craig, Billy and Rhonda McWhorter, Tanner and Tyler from Wheeler; Jerry and Susan Finney, Jesse and Samantha from Pampa; Calvin and Lisa Farmer, Ryan, Matthew and Cory from Albuquerque.

This Monday morning in Allison is very cold, partly cloudy and we have frost also real winter weather.

Hiram and Darendra Begert spent Christmas with Darendra's grandmother, Clara Hill, in Erick.

J. R. and Leota Black's Christmas holiday guests were Jeffery and Tracy Black, Robert and Nathan from Texhoma, Tx., and Tim and Tina Thomas and Savanna and John Jay Williams from Amarillo and Ona Black from Wheeler Care Center and Keith

and Ann Boydston, Natalie and Jessica from Port Arthur, Tx.

Gary and Julie Boydston's holiday guests were Greg and Misty Boydston and Tori from Amarillo. Myra Grayson and MiMaria Yowell are staying with Gary and Julie until they can get a house to live in. The trailer home they were living in burnt Christmas eve night. Mi Maria had knee surgery last Thursday at Oklahoma City. She is doing well. We hope it will soon be all okay.

Anthony and Judi Cornell and their whole family spent Christmas with Judi's parents, Fred and Pauline Cordell at Cheyenne. New Year's eve,

Anthony and Judi took Jody and Carol Robertson and Logan to Canadian to eat Pizza. Judi and Anthony kept Logan overnight New Year's eve night.

Bill and Kay Donaldson's Christmas holiday guests were Allen and Vicki Donaldson, Ashley and Brett from Amarillo, David and Jackie Lewis, Daniel and Daranda from Panhandle and Jimmy and Dawn Donaldson, Darla Monty and Katie from Allison.

Edith Donaldson's holiday guests were Colie and Beth Donaldson, Brandon and Coby from Brownwood, Dianna and Duane Odneal from Billings, Montana, Bobby and Jane Helm from Wellington, May and Roland Morse from Dumas and Joe and Delores Whitten from Amarillo and Bill and Kay and Jim and Dawn Donaldson, Darla, Monty and Katie of Allison.

Edith Donaldson spent three days in Dumas before Christmas with

Roland and Mae Morse. Red and Anna Dukes were at Bridgeport, Tx., for an early Christmas with all of Anna's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren Dec. 17.

On the 27th, Red and Anna had a late Christmas with Red's children, grandchildren and one great grandson at Adeline and Jack Hammer's home at Panhandle. Last Saturday, New Year's eve, Red and Anna went to Dill City for singing at the Church of Christ to help sing out the old year and sing in the new. Last Sunday afternoon Minnie Bell and Clyde Vinson visited Red and Anna and played dominos. Sunday night they went to Glen and Nona Elmore's and played dominos after church.

Nelda Dukes family ate Christmas day dinner with her. Nelda's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and Todd and John Paul were at Nelda's home for a gift exchange and a late Christmas New Year's eve.

Pete and Margaret Gilmer's holiday house guests were Keith and Ann Boydston, Natalie and Jessica from Port Arthur, Becky and Jeannie Gilmer from Amarillo and Rodney and Linda Ingersoll and Andrew. They all visited Mabel Parker while they were here. Also there was a granddaughter, Christy, and Leonard Elick, Limmy, Luke and Joey from Los Angeles and another granddaughter, Janet Herchenroder, from Dallas.

Rodney and Linda Ingersoll and Andrew's house guest through the Christmas holidays were Paula and Tony Ingersoll from Amarillo.

Rita Grayson and Debbie Jones were in Amarillo last Friday for Rita's sister, Estelle Topper's, surgery on her neck. It wasn't malignant for which we were all thankful. Rita's guests last Wednesday were Billy and Everett Dollar from Ruidosa. All of Rita's family spent Christmas Day with her.

Jerry and Bonnie Hays from Dumas visited Rita last Thursday afternoon.

Lee and Sharon Hall's house guest from Tuesday until Friday were grandchildren, Jordan and Alisha Jones from Pampa. Lee and Sharon and Randy and Jordan and Alisha met Ronnie from W. T. A. M. Thursday night at Bobby and Tammy Jones in Pampa to celebrate Ronny's birthday. Ronny came home with Lee and Sharon and spent the night.

Bruce and Pearl Harrison's Christmas eve dinner guests were Vivian Wallace from Elk City, Darrel and Johnnie Harrison, Greg Harrison, Weldon and Janice Harrison, Barbie and Chad, Chuck and Kim Thompson, Christa and Kimber from Amarillo and Willis and Mary Harrison from Canyon, Gary and Juli Boydston and Amie, Eddy and Wanda Walker, Jonathan and Justin, Louise Boydston, Henry and Cheryl Dupont, Sabrina and Cody, Bennie and Debby Boydston, Heather and Jason, Shirley Chadwick from Virginia, Chris Chadwick from Kansas and Jeff Chadwick from Altus. Darrel and Willis and Mary and Vivian stayed over until Tuesday night remodeling a



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bathroom for Bruce and Pearl.

Verne and Susie Lohberger had part of their family with them for a meal and gift exchange Christmas eve. Christmas Day they ate dinner with

Alton and Ariel Lohberger family. Others there were Ariel's brother and wife and Suzanne Lohberger. Susie's nephew, Gilbert Sims, from Norman

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Jim and Sharon Wright observed their THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY in business in Wheeler on Sunday, January 1, 1995



David, Jim, and Mark Wright, Funeral Directors



Scott & Marcie Jim & Sharon David & Marci Mark & Topsy

Jim, Sharon, David and Mark Wright moved to Wheeler on January 1, 1965, after Jim and Robert Denson purchased Kirk Funeral Home, the business was operated as Wright-Denson Funeral Home. Jim bought out Denson in 1970 and the funeral home has operated as Wright Funeral Home since. Lewis and Inez Wright moved to Wheeler in 1973 to help with the business. In 1988 David returned to Wheeler and bought into the business. In August, 1991, Richerson Funeral Home was purchased; Mark Wright moved to Shamrock to operate that part of the family business and Wright Funeral Directors was formed. In January, 1993, Stickley-Hill Funeral Home in Canadian was purchased. David is married to Marci and the couple has one daughter, Taylor, 2. Mark and Topsy have three children, Meagen, 10; Brad, 8, and Tandy, 3. Scott Wright, born in 1965 after the family moved to Wheeler will graduate in May, 1995, from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. Scott and Marci have one son, Austin, 2.

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Worley on Jan. 14.
Mark 8:36 what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?
Fort Elliott Junior High will be playing in the Kelton tournament Thursday Jan. 5 against Allison at 3:30 girls and 4:30 boys.
Wheeler Christian Academy High School teams will play Fort Elliott at Briscoe Friday January 6 at 6:30. Booker H.S. will come to Fort Elliott Tuesday Jan. 10. Varsity girls and boys 6:30. Fort Elliott Junior High will go to Follett Monday Jan. 9. Fort Elliott High School will play at Kelton Friday Jan. 13 at 6:30.
Mobeetie XYZ will meet Friday night Jan. 6 at 5:30 at the Baptist Church for potluck supper, devotional and games. Everyone invited.
Dan and Chris Fillingim from Elk City visited Lindsey at Wheeler Hospital Monday.

Congratulations to Todd and Misty Alvey on the birth of their new baby boy December 23, 1994 at Amarillo. He is named Patterson Reed. Proud grandparents include Jim and Beth Alvey. Great grandparents include Clifford and Pauline Hefley. Patterson is welcomed by sisters Paige and Payton. They live at Pampa where Todd is County Attorney.
I talked to my sisters Valoise Massey and Mary Ruth Van Sant. All of Val's girls and families were together for Christmas with them and all were doing O.K. except for colds and flu. Sunny Ann is still in Maryland and teaches, has 2 daughters. Casey is teaching art in Arlington and Carol Jean is in Lawton. All are married. Val and Mary live at Hide Away Lake at Lindale.
Pauline Hefley, Isabel Moore, Oleta Jones and I enjoyed visiting over lunch at Maxeys Thursday. We celebrated Pauline's 78th birthday and her and Cliff's 60th wedding anniversary. Isabel's birthday was Friday and also her and Raymond's wedding anniversary. Thanks to Maxeys Thursday for bringing Isabel in to eat with us and paying for our lunch. Yeal!
Spending a few days with Eddie and Helen George were Amy and Dennis McPherson and Hilary and Mathew. Nice to see them all having lunch at Maxeys Thursday. Eating supper at Maxeys Thursday night were Darville and Sammie Atherton with Robert and Sue Mayfield and Tim, Ruth Wiley with Celeste Wiley and Liz Boring. Also Rev. Robert and Pat

Helsey. His arm was in a sling. Hope he is soon O.K.
Lindsay and B. J. Winton from Claremore, Oklahoma met Brad and Sue Chandler and Jana and Bridget at Pioneer City in Oklahoma City Thursday. They all had fun. B. J. and Lindsay came home with the Chandlers to stay till Monday. They all met at Pioneer City last summer and had been corresponding and calling each other. Nice to have them all join us for supper at Maxeys Thursday. Then we went out and played 80 with them.
The Chandlers went to Temple for Christmas Wednesday with Ronnie and Marki Stringer and Chandler and Kinin. Also there were Peggy Chandler and Cindy Burrus and Bret and Tiffany.
Ruby Zybach and great granddaughter Andrea Dukes were eating at Maxeys Thursday and buying groceries at Thriftway.
Granddaughter Lindsey Fillingim got real sick Wednesday night and entered Parkview Hospital Thursday with a serious fever infection. They had to pack her in ice for a few hours to get her fever down. It was very high. She's had lots of company, balloons, etc. Pray for Lindsey. Real sore throat. She was hoping to get to go home Tuesday.
Nice to see Harold Jones with Wayne and Joline Jones and David Jones at Maxeys Friday night. David suffered a very serious head injury while working on a rig several years ago. He has been in a rehabilitation

place, rides horses for therapy and can walk with a cane and brace and talk sensibly. Harold is a resident at Wheeler Care Center and walks with a walker and was enjoying his family.
Dick and Ruth Irvine had all their family home Christmas Eve and included Terry and Becky Tipps and Zachary, Adam and Casey from Fritch, Rich and Connie Irvine and Justin and Marie, Stephanie and Craig Brock and Bryant, Timothy and Joshua from Joshua, Sharron and Charles Gowin and Dakota from Pampa. Also visiting some during the holidays were Evelyn Free from Tyler, Estelle McAdam from Pampa and Mozelle Thomas from San Angelo. Rich and Connie are from White Deer. The Brocks were moving to Mabank.
Visiting Kay and Scott Luttrell Sunday for lunch and later were Cathy and Melvin Hunt and Shawn and his friend Sarah, Mary Jane Dukes and Jackie Addie Swift and Wanda Childress.
Ed Trimble is very ill with double pneumonia at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. Dan and Teresa Trimble have been visiting him.
Stacie Dukes had a party for youth at Fat Childress' Kemp County place Wednesday December 21. They watched movies and built a bonfire and had snacks. Some others there were Johnny Brannen, Amanda Shields, Kerl Nelson, David Helton, Misty Morgan, John Moffett, Ronnie Barr, Dana Trimble, Susie Luttrell, Jane and Clyde Dukes and Mack and Patty Shields.
Claudetta Laverty and Caaron Spent a few days with Gordon and Barber Laverty and Cheyenne, Danny, Casey and Shelby at Decatur. Saturday they all went to Dallas and went ice skating and came home Sunday.
Lois Meadows and Nova Powledge visited Lindsey Fillingim in Wheeler Hospital Monday and Fannie Mae Bradstreet.

Northwest Canadian. It is hoped that juveniles will be rehabilitated and should make many jobs in construction and later to care for them. County workers have been preparing the ground. Construction is set to start January 3 and be ready in 45 days.
"How confusing the beams from memory's lamp are; one day a bachelor, the next a grampa. What is the secret of the trick? How did I get old so quick?" Ogden Nash quoted by Laurie Brown in Canadian Record.
Don and Cindy Hartsfield and Hayden and Glory of Amarillo spent Sunday night and Monday with J. P. and Martha Meek.
John 15:8 "Herein is my father glorified that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."
Sylvia Brown spent several days with sister Floy Garrison in Berger. Saturday Rosalie Keelin met them for lunch in Wheeler and brought Sylvia home to spend the night. Visiting Rosalie Sunday were Gene Keelin and Daniel and Tracy. Rosalie, Sylvia and Floy also visited Ruth Taylor Saturday. Last Monday Rosalie visited old friend Fannie Callaway.
Enjoying a 42 party at the home of J. P. and Martha Meek Monday night were Nova Powledge, Lois Meadows, Doris Finsterwald, Evelyn Meek, Doyle and Beulah Grimes, Bertha and Bryan Eckles, Willis and Verna Fillingim and J.P. and Martha.
Sincere sympathy to family and friends of Robert Myers in his death.
Nice to have friends over for pile-on supper and 42 and 88 Tuesday night and included David and Rita Pearson and Dallas and Lindsey, David and Phyllis Hefley, Jimmy and Tammy Maddox and Jennifer and Amber, Larry and Vicky Nelson, Mack and Patty Shields.
A group of Gageby youth and friends went rapeling at Red Rock Canyon near Oklahoma City Wednesday. Some going were Charles and Lajo Crownover and Boyce, Jodie, Londa and Terri, Chuck and Phoebe Hartline and Aaron and Tamara, Gaye Hale and Elizabeth and Sarah, Courtney, Issac and Zachary Snider, John Moffett and Johnny Brannen. All returned safely. Yeal! In case you don't know what rapeling is, it's going down cliffs in a harness like thing. Probably not spelled right.
"All people smile in the same language."
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I talked to Rex Helton. He spent a week in Veterans Hospital at Amarillo before Christmas. He has an implant to release chemo for prostate cancer. He's had three kinds of cancer since 1982 and is alive with the help of the Lord and caring doctors. Lucy Ricketts was in the Abraham home in Canadian for a month while Rex was in the Veterans Hospital. Lucy is back with Rex and Lucille now. They were taking her to Pampa to the dentist Tuesday. Had to take her off blood thinners for awhile to be able to pull a tooth.
Enjoying lunch at Venson and Fay Smith home Sunday were Winnie and David Gilmer and Davy, Elva and Thurman Ring from Pampa and Trisha Hand and Monty.
Winnie Gilmer went to the wedding of Mique Snelgroves to Matte Ellis Sunday afternoon at Wheeler.
Some of Gageby Church youth went to Panfork Baptist Camp near Wellington Saturday night to the watch night service for area youth. They played games and puzzles and had devotional and food. There were also a group from Mobeetie. Sounded like fun. Some going were David Hale, Boya, Jodie and Londa Crownover, Sarah Hale and April Finsterwald.
Nice to have Bob and Charleen Carey of Sweetwater meet us at Cal's in Erick for lunch and a good visit Monday.
Nice to have David and Winnie Gilmer eat supper at the Wheeler Dairy Queen with us Saturday night. We then went to their house and played 42.
Bob and Gena Zybach went to Amarillo Friday and visited Ray Giddens in High Plains Hospital. He was seriously hurt when a horse he was riding fell with him. He is doing well and hopes to go home soon. He has had surgeries. Ray is Kathy Zybach's dad. Pray for Ray that he will continue to heal.
Eddie and Helen George got to have all their family together during the holidays and included Holly and John Paul Williams of Denton, Lee and Cary George and Amy and Dennis McPherson and Hilary and Mathew of Dumas.
Ground was broken for the new Boot Camp for Juvenile offenders in

Wheeler.
"O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home," by Issac Watts
Kenneth and Lou Dean Douthit were having most of their family together New Year's weekend for their Christmas celebration and included Mark and Stephanie Bowman from Arlington, Billie and Donald Stuckey from Boerne, Texas, LeAndra and Monty Whittenberg from Arlington, Bob and Debbie Kinnaman and Kirbie and Corey, Joe Bob and Julie Kinnaman and Dalton. Unable to come were Peg and Don North and Robyn from Florida.
Nice to have a call from Alice Bell Helton. She told me that Gladys Price (ex Briscoe School teacher) had written that her husband Sterling (ex railroad agent in Briscoe) passed away January 6 in 94. He had a blockage in

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Wheeler Vol. Fire Dept. Holds Training Meeting

The Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department met Thursday, December 29, 1994 at the Wheeler Fire Station. Eleven WVFD members, one Junior member and one area fire department member participated in Basic Firefighter Safety/Protective Equipment certification training. Dell Ford and Robert Ford taught the basic certification class. WVFD members receiving 3 hours training in Basic Firefighter Safety / Protective Equipment: Steve Walker, Robert Ford, Bobby McNeil, Luke Horton, Justin Rose, Kyndal Murray, Ken Daughtry, Chuck Hartline, Brandon Simmons, Dell Ford, Gary Davis and Michael Atherton. John Julian, Canadian VFD, also received 3 hours training in Basic Firefighter Safety / Protective Equipment. The Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of each month. The next training meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 1995, 7:00 p.m., with 2 hours of Basic Communications, to be taught by Robert Ford. The public is invited to visit the fire station and the meetings of the WVFD are open to the public.

WHEELER MENU

January 9 thru January 13, 1995
Monday: Breakfast: Juice, cereal, toast/jelly, milk
Lunch: Chili, cheese sticks, carrot sticks, pickle spear, crackers, milk/tea, pears, cookie.
Tuesday: Breakfast: Juice, biscuits/gravy, eggs/sausage, peanut butter, milk.
Lunch: Spaghetti/meat sauce, salad, corn, Texas toast, milk/tea, apricots.
Wednesday: Breakfast: Juice, cinnamon roll, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, milk.
Lunch: BBQ beef on bun w/slice cheese, french fries, brown beans, milk/tea, peaches.
Thursday: Breakfast: Juice, hash browns, pancake pup or toast/syrup, milk.
Lunch: Steak fingers, m. potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll/butter, milk/tea, cake.
Friday: Breakfast: Juice, cereal, toast/jelly, milk.
Lunch: Baked potatoes, chopped ham, grated cheese, bacon bits, sour cream, cookie sticks, bread, milk/tea, pineapple, peaches.
Menu subject to change.

Poem Written for SUMMER LEFFEW

Turnin' and Burnin'
She rides into the arena
and takes a deep breath,
Thirty girls have gone
before her, she's the only
one left.
Her family is in the stands
calling out her name,
And she vows that today
will be the day that she rides
into fame.
She pulls her hat down
real tight and smiles for the
crowd.
She can hardly hear her-
self think, they are scream-
ing so loud.
She whispers to her horse,
"Britches, let's show 'em how
it's done".
Then she turns toward the
first barrel and prays for the
"perfect" run.
She makes the first turn in
"picture-perfect" form,
And she heads for number
two like a tornado in a bad
storm.
Things are looking good -
she turns the second barrel
on a dime.
And she thinks to herself,
"Oh, God, let me have the
winning time!"
The wind blows off her hat
as she rounds number three,
She's going home a winner
tonight, just you wait and
see.
She's headed for home on
now and the crowd is on it's
feet,
She knows in her heart
that this time she won't be
beat.
As she leaves the arena
to give her horse a breather,
She hears those perfect
words, "Ladies and Gentle-
men, we have a new leader."
Love always,
Sala
December 1994
By - Sala Kaphart
Daughter of
Norman & Marty Leffew

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Wheeler County will accept bids for #2 diesel for the period of January 16, 1995 through April 15, 1995. Diesel is to be furnished by the provider at their location. Delivery points are required in Shamrock and Wheeler. Bids must be received by
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700# Hf. 63-69.50
Packer Cows: 34-40.75 Thin and defective 34 and under.
Packer Bulls: 45-57.00
Consignments for Jan. 6, 1995 include 15 pairs and some heavy springer cows from Mark Damron. These will be some of the same type cows that sold here last week. There was alot of interest in these cows and they sold good. We already have several calf consignments from 400 to 700#. Be sure and call and get your name on the list to reserve your spot.

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Mobeetie News

Happy Birthday to Freda Boyd and Lou Dean Douthit and Rhonda McWhorter on Jan. 5. To Nikki Scott, Tommy Whitlow, Annie Ruth Lee, on Jan. 6. To Carol McCurley, Clinton Stribling, Leonard Fulks, C. B. Brotherton, Donyell Benalle on Jan. 7. To Micheal Shorter, Sam Watson, Sue Reames on Jan. 8. To Lita Meadows, William Cornell on Jan. 9. To Curt Smith, Bonnie Maddox and Norman Morgan on Jan. 10. To Sallie May, Thomas Helton, Mary White and Anthony Hodges on Jan. 11.

Happy Anniversary to Darvel and Sammie Atherton on Jan. 5. To Robert and Geniva Hogan on Jan. 7. To Steve and Bertie Eudey, Larry and Vickie Nelson on Jan. 8. To Lynn and Paula Reed on Jan. 11.

Visiting Thur. with Doyle and Bulah Grimes was their grandson Brent and Gena Grimes of Hydro, Ok.

D. L. and Coleen Rector and Mindy of Amarillo visited Wed. with Jud and Lorene Rector.

Our sympathy goes out to the Family of Robert Myers.

Gary and Marilyn Grimes of Amarillo visited Doyle and Bulah Grimes Fri. and Sat.

Noele and Emma Nell Dewitt of Pampa visited Jud and Lorene Rector on Tues.

J. P. and Martha Meek visited Doyle and Bulah Grimes.

Scott and Neva Corcoran and Kayle of Kileen spent the weekend with Dale and Melba Corcoran. They also visited Jud and Lorene Rector and Verna Corcoran in Wheeler.

Tyler and Caitlyn Burch of Wheeler visited Sun. with Dale and Melba Corcoran and Jud and Lorene Rector.

Doug and Aline Corse delivered the Christmas box to Jap and Alice Bailey. Alice said she sure enjoyed their visit and the box.

Charlotte Coward went to Pampa to visit Claudia Quarles Tues. and they went out to lunch.

Jap and Alice Bailey visited Hugh and Mae Bailey Mon.

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Sat. Steve and Sammi Corse hosted a Birthday Dinner for Davis. He was 2. Those attending was Sammi's parents and brother, Randy and Zana Jones and Haley of Claude, George Corse of Miami, Pierce Walker, Doug and Aline Corse and Charlotte Coward.

Visiting with Ariza and Anna Belle Corcoran was her sister-in-law Sandy Stracore of Colorado City, Co and neice Eddie Lawter of Borger.

Dale and Melba Corcoran tended to Business in Amarillo Mon. They ran into Amy Garcia, Leah and Anissa at Walmart's.

The youth Dept. of the First Baptist Church had a good Group to attend the New Years Eve youth meeting at PanFork Baptist Encampment. They got home about 2 A.M. and most was in church Sunday.

Ray and Velma Forbes visited Mon. in Canadian with Rev. Norman and Carolyn Patton. Others there were Rev. Corey Patton and son of Weatherford, Rev. and Mrs. Jeff Patton of Sundown, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Nugent and daughters of Corpus Christi.

Ray and Velma Forbes visited Kelley and Edith Cross.

Arthur Don and Willene Burke visited last week with Loy and Pat Burke and Alvis and Jane Burke in LaVerne,

Ok. Kelley and Edith Cross spent the Christmas Holiday in Abilene with their children David Seitz, Arueda Seitz and David and Denza Graham and Caleb.

R. St. John spent the holidays in Las Cruse, N.M. with Bob and Betty St. John. He returned Mon.

Arthur Don and Willene Burke visited Sun. and Monday in Amarillo with their son David Mullens and Amber. They attended the wedding of their son Terry Mullins and Chris Daniel Sunday.

Dale and Melba Corcoran visited Thursday in Wheeler with Earl and

Pauline Barnes. Others there were Densel and Fern Reed.

Barry and Terri Corcoran, Cody and Justin of Oklahoma City visited Pete and Sue Seitz.

Visiting with Gordon and Wanda Estes during the holidays were their children Sheryl Estes of Plainview picked up Brennan and Cortney Ray in Amarillo and came in Dec. 23. Others there were Ray and Donna Estes, Stormy, Amanda, Spencer and Skylar of Pampa, Greg and Diane Estes, Amber, Ashley, Savannah, Bailey and Hailey, Brennan and Cortney stayed till Richard and Jennifer Ray came after them Mon.

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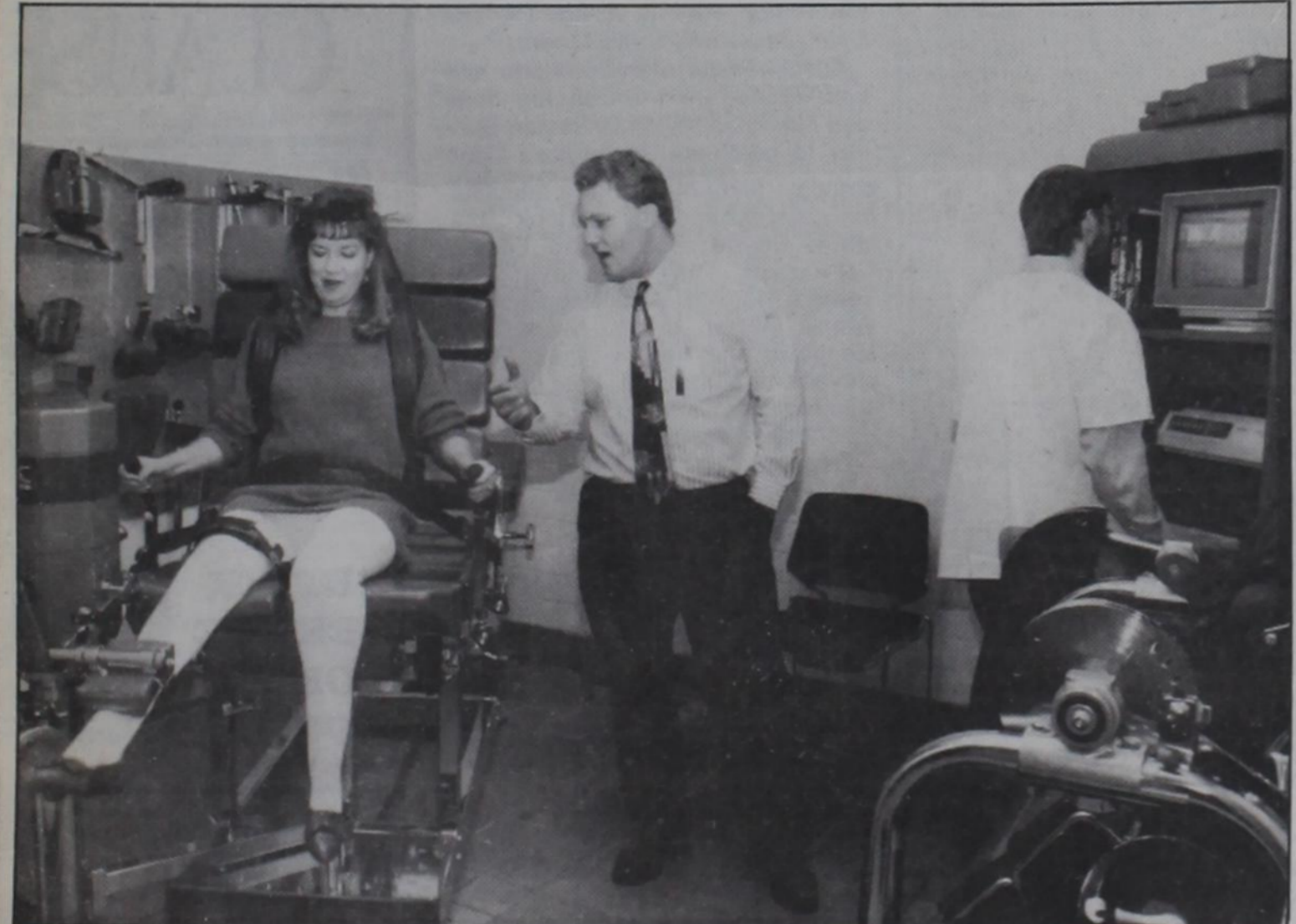
WEDNESDAY: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, mixed vegs., garlic bread, fruit.

THURSDAY: Apple pork patties, buttered potatoes, boiled cabbage, rosy applesauce.

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For many people, recovery means trying to juggle credit card payments while paying other bills and meeting daily expenses. It isn't easy to make ends meet. The pressure of the holiday season with its gift purchasing and extra spending may be over, but bill paying is just beginning.

Consumers generally make two types of purchases on credit: (1) the items they purchase for holiday gift-giving and entertaining before the holidays; and (2) those items purchased on sale after the holidays to take advantage of bargain prices. Credit cards, because of their convenience, are often used to pay for these purchases. The "buy now, pay later" makes us forget that we'll eventually have to pay off our purchases.

How we choose to repay credit card debt can make an enormous difference in overall cost. Convenience credit card users pay off their credit card in full each month, never paying a finance charge. This means that items purchased on sale or at bargain prices remain true bargains. No extra charges clutter the overall cost that you are paying. People who do not pay their monthly credit card bill in full each month are often called "revolvers", because they constantly revolve their balance; they almost always have a balance due and tend to pay only the minimum amount requested by the credit card company.

Repaying only the minimum due on credit card debt can take a real bite out of your money. All those holiday savings are quickly lost because the total cost of the item, plus any additional finance charge. A bargain may not turn out to be one after all. When consumers feel especially strapped, such as in the post-holiday period, they may feel rescued by charging the cost of routine items, like groceries, on their credit cards. But this practice can lead to costly mistakes, especially if the unpaid balance is not paid off quickly.

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SWEETWATER NEWS
By Lois Flowers

The old year is gone and most of us have made resolutions for the New Year. I always make one "Try to do better." Last year, I added one. Write all the brothers and sisters each month and hopefully they will answer. Worked pretty well this year. Too often families grow apart. Only five more years until 2000. We will see what happens then. We did quite well over the Yuletide. Cousins Harold and Mary Bollen had us over to Cal's for a Christmas Eve dinner. Eva and Elbert Atkinson, Brendon and Brad came that night bearing gifts. Martha and John Haag came down Sunday from Pampa. Brought us a music box he had made.

Allison (from Page 2)

was dinner guest with Susie and Verne. Recently Alton and Ariel attended the Andrea McGaughey's wedding at Tulia.

Verne and Susie celebrated their wedding anniversary last Sunday at Furr's Cafeteria at Pampa. Those attending were Alton and Ariel and children and Suzanne, Myrle Hunter and her daughter, Jeanie, of Pampa.

Edna May went to her daughter's, Linda and Dean Leib's home at Stinnett on Christmas Day and on her way home Monday, she visited her brother, Lee Richardson, in Stinnett and they ate lunch in Borger.

Rex and Virginia Miller had an early Christmas Sunday before Christmas at their daughter Texas and Sammy Patton's home near Pampa. Others there were Ronnie Childress and Duane and Gena Childress and Caitlin from Elk City. Christmas eve Tom and Mel Childress, Chase and Ashton from Salt Lake, Utah. Christmas Rex and Virginia's house guests were Jim and Marlene Miller, Dillon, London and Colton and Lynda and Mark Banger from Amarillo, Rex and Virginia went last Monday morning to Wheeler courthouse to the swearing in of the candidates and they also visited Ronnie Chadwick at Parkview hospital and went to the Care Center and visited Virginia's mother, Julie Dillon.

Vance and Caroline Boydston's holiday guests were Kevin Boydston from Lubbock. Kevin went home last Friday. Those at Lanora Morse home for Christmas eve were Caroline and Vance, Kevin and Kyle, Dick and Cletus Greene and Jamie. Monday after Christmas they all had their gift exchange at Lanora's and also Roy and Monica Greene, Jonathon and Alexis from Amarillo were there. Monday night they all went out to eat at the B&H at Cheyenne. Last Friday, Vance and Caroline took Lanora to Pampa for her eye checkup from her cataract eye surgery.

Recently Opal and Juanita Boydston and Forrest Boydston shopped in Pampa. The next day Opal and Juanita shopped at Elk City. Opal and Juanita's holiday guests were Curtis and Roberta Boydston from Dallas. Last Wednesday, Opal, Juanita, Curtis and Roberta ate dinner with Billy and Roma Brown. Neal Boydston and Corinna were dinner guests with Opal and Juanita last Thursday.

Virginia Jesseph from Hollis, Okla., visited the George Giddens, Wilma Gilmer and Christine Gilmer last Monday.

Ronnie Chadwick is in Parkview Hospital at Wheeler with Pneumonia, hope he is soon better and able to come home. We are praying for you, Ronnie.

Woke up Tuesday morning to a scant covering of snow on the ground, our first for the season. (Thought: If you don't have wrinkles, you haven't laughed enough.)

Sunday dinner guests in the home of Frank George were Charles and June Elliott from Pampa, Hector, Kathy and Hector Hank Badillo from Wheeler, Keavin and Toni Mercer from Canyon, Leon and Nadine Lane from Allison, Ross, Melanie, Paul and Audra Mathis from Hobbs, N.M. Ross and Melanie will be joining the staff at Boys Ranch Jan 27, as house parents. Other guests present for dinner were David, Linda, Crystal and Hank Gilmer and Betty Dyer of Allison. Mike and Teresa Dyer took Betty to Amarillo last Thursday for a check up on her recent surgery where she got a good report.

Mel and Linda Kelley came Monday from Clinton. Tuesday our grandchildren, Ginger and Ken DeMarquis came from Albuquerque and stayed until Thursday.

We went over to Erick. Stocked up for the snowstorm with my gift certifi-

cate. My gallon of milk usually costs \$47 but I learned how to beat that. Saw a man walk in, get the milk and walk out carrying only it. So that's how it is done! Visited with Dale, Sue, and Pauline Roberts, Blanche Kuykendall, Cecil Crawford, Ola Mae Coop, Ralph Rodgers, Lewis Keith, and Mrs. Riley while there.

With Theresa and Wilbur Nabors were their children, Larry and Gail Nabors, Bill, Linda, Julie, Jill, and Danielle Foreman, Pampa, John and Phyllis Doucette, Mark and Laura, Amarillo, Jerry, and Linda Nabors.

Rusty and Randy, of Pomona Springs, Colorado. Heard Carolyn Barham spent the holidays in California with relatives.

L. G. and Anne Reed called to visit a little. They spent Christmas at Elk with his mother Pearl Reed. With Iona Miller were Keith and boys, Bill, Matthew, and Travis. Margaret Hiller spent the weekend at Amarillo with Roy and Nell. Roy is a mail carrier and his folks on the route had given him enough treats to last till Easter.

January is an important time for us. We will have our 57th anniversary on the 8th and Joe will be 80 on the 18th.

With Lois and Leonard Bryan and Tim early were Cheri Pedigo, Burns Flat, Kent and Connie Bryan, Travis and Brittany of Strong City, Dale and Misti Bryan, Dallas, Deidre, and Drake, of Chattanooga, OK. They returned home and her parents, Billy and Norma Tipton, and Marty's boys went up to have Christmas Day with them.

On Sunday, Leonard and Lois, Arnel Lee and Shirley Bryan, Debra and Tim Wells, Tyler and Kallie Jo, of Ark. Terry Davis and Patricia had dinner with Albert and Lorene Bryan. On Tuesday, The Bryans attended funeral services for Albert's brother Robert at Martins Chapel in Elk.

Taw North, West Point, and Tyler North, Bethany college, were home for a few days with their parents, Jackie and Harvey.

They say a good part of these one car accident deaths are caused by the driver falling asleep. So take a nap, not a drink before you start out on a drive.

Memorial services were at the Fatheree Chapel for Essie Armstrong with burial in the Erick Cemetery. I always loved Essie because she was so good to David.

Services were at Martin Chapel for Flora Mae Vincent. She was the mother of our neighbor Zelma Rothenberger. Burial at Fairlawn. Mrs. Vincent had ten children all living and at the funeral except one in England.

Services were at Rose Chapel for Alta Cotton with burial at Fairlawn Cemetery. She was the mother of A. R. Cotton. Several from here attended



both funerals.

Faye and Leroy Allen had an early Christmas on Thursday. Present were Mildred Allen, Wanda, Frazier, CA., Ricky and Sherry Allen and children, of Hammon, Randy and Randilyn. Then Leroy and Wanda went to Catoosa to see Junior Ray and family.

We happened to find a card on our door from Curtis Page of Douglas, AZ. Said he'd dropped by to say hello. Sorry we missed him. Had greetings from readers in several states and not all kin, Ha. Really was proud of all the nice pictures.

Pat and Debby Anderson, Shannon and Jamie had as guests Christmas, Helen and H. E. Smith, Donnie and Carolyn Smith, Michael and Sheila Smith, El Reno, Daniel and Tina Smith, and baby Taylor, OKC. Michael and Sheila also visited her folks the Mike Sites. Millie went to Kingfisher to have Xmas with Judy and family.

With the Gerald Tiptons were Jan and Jeff Franks, and children, Jerry and Lisa Alexander, Jada and Joel, Randall and Tammy Fuchs and son, Carol Billingsly, and Rex Johnson.

Ray and Doris Smith had Xmas with her daughter and family, Martha and Bob Berry. On Monday they went to Thomas to be with Edward and Charlotte Smith, Jason and Jamie. Others there were Reba and Dave Reynolds, OKC, Lacey and Lindsey Jordon, Mary Shinault, Stevie and Tony, Rick, Gene and Kim, Kelly and Ryan, Owasso, Leonard, Anita, and family, Clinton. Tuesday a daughter, Patricia and Clinton Zimmerman, Brittany and Heidi, of North Dakota came to see them.

Eileen and Ed Logan had Xmas three times. Once with Sharon and Robert Shoffner, VA. Then a couple of days with brother Sherman Wilson. Then Charles, Lynette Bryan, Misti and friend Christopher.

Elbert and Eva Atkinson and boys went to Taloga on Friday to be with her mother and family. Sunday, Joyce and Barbara brought their mother Ruthie

out for the day. Bertha Coffey, Clyde and Ethel Dodd spent Christmas with Lee and Hobart Mayes at Elk.

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TUESDAY: Breakfast: Sausage Pups, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chili or Stew, Crackers, Cheese Sandwiches, Fruit, Milk, or Tea.

WEDNESDAY: Breakfast: Toast, Cereal, Jelly, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Meat Loaf, Corn, Green Beans, Rolls, Fruit, Milk, or Tea.

THURSDAY: Pancakes, Sausage or Bacon, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Hamburgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onion, Pickles, French Fries, Cookies, Milk, or Tea.

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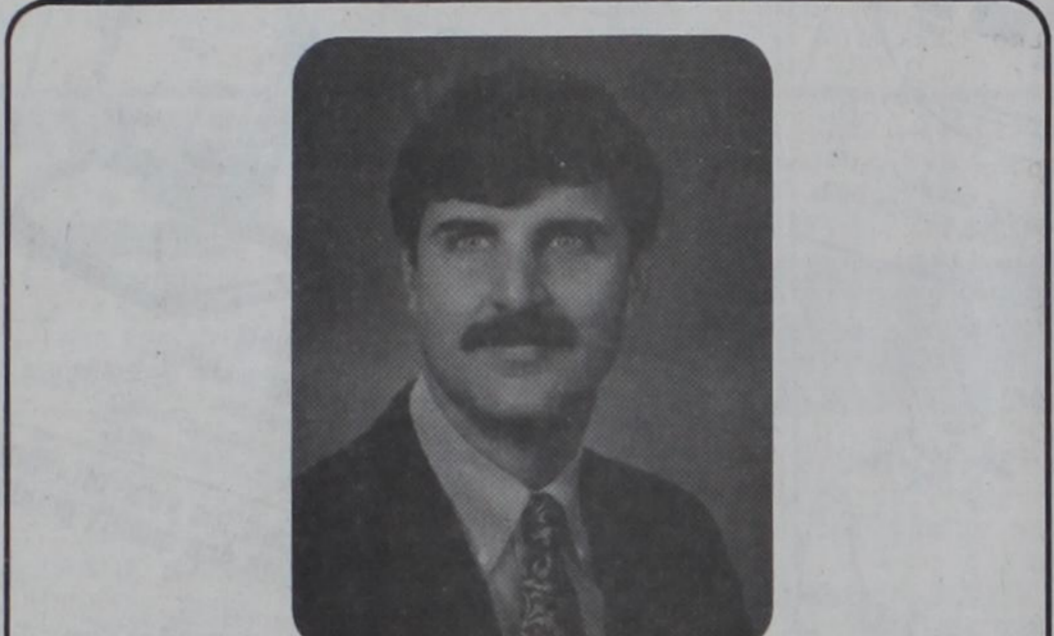
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Gageby (from Page 3)

intestines and seemed fine after surgery but died suddenly. They have one son, Bill, who is retired from Ford and lives in California. He has a son in California and daughter in Hawaii. Gladys was a dear lady. It taught school with her a few years. If you'd like to write to her, her address is Gladys Price 1410 Oak Grove, Mena, Arkansas 71953.

Alice Bell and Tom Helton's family got together at Jack and Sharon's home, NE of Wheeler Christmas Day and two other days. All couldn't come the same day.

Vetola Parker has been in Amarillo for tests and therapy for awhile.

Nice to have Cheryl Hudson Fraley and Steven John (sure a beautiful baby) come to church at Gageby Sunday. Nice to have Cheryl and Steven and Lois and Oden Hudson join us for lunch at the Dairy Queen in Wheeler Sunday. Also there were Glenn and Nona Elmore with great-grandsons Clay Zybach and Sam Britten, Claudy and Ina Mae Brotherton with Edith and Kelley Cross, Hestell Killingsworth with Fannie Mae Bradstreet and Marie Baker, Jim and Kay Batton, Rev. B. A. and Carlene Hyatt, Jesse and Curtis Moore.

Juanita Prater, Mary Lou Carter and Irine Zybach went to visit Jeannette and Morris Jahnel in Canadian Sunday to celebrate Jeannette's 22nd birthday. Mary made her a beautiful birthday cake and they also took pizza Hale, Boyce, Jodie and Londa Crownover, Terri Crownover and Tamera Hartline. Also singing were Winnie Gilmer, Martha Meek, Lois Meadows and Evelyn Meek. Will play the harmonica. Lots of good congregational singing.

"Another year is dawning
Dear father let it be,
In working or in waiting
Another year with thee
On earth or in heaven
Another year for thee."
Mi Marie Yowell had knee surgery Thursday and came through good.
"God be with you till we meet again."

ALLISON MENU

January 9 thru January 13, 1995
Monday: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, English Peas, Hot Rolls, Ice Cream, Milk.
Tuesday: Roast Beef, Green Bean Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Raisin Bars, Milk.
Wednesday: Pigs 'N' Blanket, Blackeyed Peas, Macaroni & Cheese, Jello Pinwheels, Milk.
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Here & There

By Laura Guthrie

So far 1995 has been a very good year. However a good rain or a medium snow would be a good addition. However this unusually warm winter could end any hour. Better not talk about it, the weather could change, and I've seen some changes that have been terrific - and terrifying. May be we'd better not tamper with the weather.

Yesterday, Sunday was quiet and restful. 1995 came in quietly, not even waking me up. (I'm smarter than I used to be - I don't stay up to see the New Year in. I know it will be here whether I watch for it or not. Tim wasn't even at home. He had a chore at his job which he had to do on Jan. 1, what ever day of the week it arrived. He was in the Canadian area and Melinda drove over there to have lunch with him.

Lavelle Stevens came to see me in the afternoon. She said she was starting the year right-visiting the shut-ins. I certainly enjoyed the visit. She came by today on her way to the Care Center. I joined her. She visited with Mrs. Heide and I chatted with Joe Clark, Zinnie Bailey, Mrs. Blevins, Mrs. Hardcastle and spoke a minute to Mrs. Kirk. Of course I spoke to several others, but so many I do not know. I spoke to Barbara who works there, but she was very busy. I saw Beverly Lewis as we were leaving just a Hello, but I enjoyed it all.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Shaw of Amarillo visited us one day last week. The Shaws are the parents of Beverly Guthrie, Bobby's wife of Amarillo. Their grandchildren are my great grandchildren - Bobby, Jr. and Megan.

Melinda was prompt about getting the Christmas glitter cleaned away, but it was pretty while it lasted. Today she (Melinda) jumped into the job of painting the wood work in the utility room. She must have had oderless paint. It didn't bother me a bit.

I did so enjoy the contacts of friends at Christmas time - mostly by mail, of course. From California to Arkansas, and all between. It was great. My cards and letters are still on my desk. I'll take time in a few days to enjoy them all over again. And thanks, everybody.

Joe Guthrie of Ft. Hood was with us again at Christmas time. I think he will probably separate himself from the Army in a few months.

I saw a very satisfying article in the Amarillo News Globe today. It was: "The Rush Limbaugh Show" is offered to radio stations in three hour segments or nothing." "Listeners in KVSF in Santa Fe, N.M. chose nothing." Of listeners to the station called in by poll vote on opinion 67% voted against Limbaugh. If all those callers had been I (or is it me?) there would have been 100% against. I listen just a bit now and then to see if he has improved. He hasn't.

Girl

(from Page 7)

tion to the local troops rather than make purchases, you may do so by sending a check to the Girl Scout Council in Amarillo. Indicate the troop that is to receive it and when the council has made the necessary paper work (for tax records since we are a non-profit organization), then the full amount of donations will be sent to the troop. Our troops are: Ft. Elliott Brownie Troop #1 and Junior / Cadette Troop #185.

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Aint It The Truth

By Ab Gunter

Recon we all make BoBos an have since time immemorial but seems like we always try to have some ridiculous excuse for most uv them. 49 years ago I wuz, like most young men, workin fer Uncle Sam. We wuz in the end uv WW2 an were on the island uv Okinawa. I was on a crew of an M7, it wuz an opened top tank so to speak, and we were on one of the hills there trying to deystroy some of them Jap 150 gun positions that wuz giving us a fit. Our big guns were throwing what was called the second largest barage of WW2. Shucks they wuz even shootin the so called Kitchen Sink an here wuz of Ab standin on the crest uv this hill, can't remember which one, but I got to watchin two Navy pilots not too far away an they would make a pass at the target straffing an firing rockets and I heard over my backpack radio that the Artillery was trying to get these planes out of there, they were flying too durn low and were in the line uv the Artillery pattern. One of the planes was going from left to right an shooting the rickets an the other plane was goin from left to right doin the machinegunnin. All of a sudden them low flying planes got in the way of some of our artillery rounds an that plane just exploded an the other airship hit some of the debre of the exploded plane. This second pilot ejected, his shute flared a bit but didn't open an this poor fellow went to the ground right in the middle of this terrible barage. I was standin there in awe of this accident an all uv a sudden something stung me on the left chest, I had my fatigue jacket open as it wuz warm an I thought I had been stung by a bee er something but I hadn't noticed any bees around. I looked down and found it was a ricached 25 cal Jap rifle slug, thank goodness it had hit this big rock I wuz leanin on, I sort uv snuck back away from this area and found the splaterd slug was still in my little belly but I couldn't get it out. Twasent a serious wound an finally got it out a bit later on, I figured I would go to our forward Aid tent that wasn't too far behind us an I went there but seen too many boys that were a lot more wounded than me an decided I really didn't need the 5 points you would get fer the Purple Heart. I have been so proud that I didn't have the medic

College Information HOTLINE

January 7 & 8, 1995, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The College Information Hotline (available via a toll-free call) provides timely information concerning post secondary educational opportunities to Texas students and their families. One weekend in January is set aside for the Hotline operation each year.

The toll-free number (1-800-892-4599) is publicized through radio, television, newspapers, and high school guidance offices throughout the state of Texas. A Hotline Information packet is distributed in December and early January.

Teams of high school and college admission counselors will man ten (10) incoming WATTS phone lines. Each year, about seventy-five (75) professional counselors from schools across Texas volunteer to field incoming calls. Spanish speaking counselors are available each shift. The Hotline is operated from the offices of the Greater East Texas Servicing Corporation in Bryan, Texas. All volunteers are members of the Texas Association of College Admission Counselors (TACAC).

The Hotline is directed to anyone in the state who has questions about any aspect of college admission, financial aid, degree programs, housing, student life and activities, or special programs.

Historically, callers are predominately high school students and their parents, but an increasing number of information requests are coming from middle school students, current college students, adults who did not complete college or have never attended, and veterans with questions about their benefits.

The 1995 Hotline is the tenth year the project has been in operation. Funding is provided by the Greater East Texas Servicing Corporation. The Texas Hotline is the largest project of its type in the nation. Last year, over a thousand (1000) calls about college admission and financial aid were handled by our volunteers.

During the calls, counselors spend much time counseling students and their parents about on planning for college and careers. Callers may also request information from specific colleges and universities. If counselors are unable to answer any of the caller's questions, they will research the answer and provide the information within the week following the call.

Admission representatives from over twenty-five public and private colleges and universities in Texas will be on duty throughout the weekend. Although it is impossible to guarantee that a counselor from a particular school will be present, we are often able to let the caller speak to a representative from the school of interest.

Hotline operators also field many questions about vocational and technical schools and community colleges. We will also provide information about any college in the United States.

Counselors' sources of information include college publications, computerized information systems, and the collective experience of the over seventy-five admission professionals who are volunteering their time. Members of the Texas Association of School Financial Aid Administrators will be available to assist with detailed questions about the financial aid process and application procedures.

extract this slug, wouldn't I look funny tellin some buddy bout my wound when even I can hardly see the scar. Recon there were many fellers that got a few scars that would have gotten em 5 points that didn't, I'm one that is happy I didn't. I see many of the boys that spent many months in hospitals an even now I see boys that are still having trouble with artificial limbs and are still true blue Americans an proud of it.

I had started this doins a bit early this morn as I had to go to the V. A. hospital fer a sort uv check up on my water system. I wuz a bit concern an wonderd just how an ole grizzled Vet would be treated in the hospital, well I found out. I got first class treatment and all the test an xrays that were made made me proud to be a Vet. Each dept that I went to treated me like a king an I noticed all the other folks that had problems was treated the same. I think I had 8 doctors at one time er another today and every durn one uv them would tell you what they were goin to do an then the results as to what they had found and I just couldn't believe it. The aids, nurses and everyone made you feel at home there an honest thats a switch. I have been to many other facilities and many uv them made you feel like some fatted beef ready fer slaughter an when I was to be discharged from one uv them facilities even I, the victim, hardly knew what they had did an why.

Excuse me fer the foolish rambling, just had to get it out an honest, I ain't tryin to enflagerate any uv you in any way. Sort uv like that word ENFAgerate, me an Mama built it an it can be used fer anything you want it to be used, angry, happy, confused er any other reason you have, try it an see.

Mama has made some more uv that Sourdough bread an its larapin, honest it is an taste better than that store bough stuff.

Enjoyed the visit an see you next week...Ab an Mama.

Who's Who Among American Jr. Colleges

Twenty five students at Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Sayre were selected for listing in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for the 1995 edition. The students were chosen as national outstanding campus leaders.

A University nominating committee and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

The following students join an elite group from more than 1,800 institutions of higher education in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations.

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Crown of Texas Hospice is pleased to announce that we are now providing quality hospice care in Wheeler. We provide hospice care in a variety of settings - private homes, nursing homes or in an acute situation, a hospital setting.

The following article is to help you become acquainted with hospice care, especially the care that Crown of Texas offers.

Kathy Kalina, BSN, RN, a Crown of Texas Hospice nurse and author of *Midwife for Souls - Spiritual Care for the Dying*, relates the following: "Hospice means a place of rest for weary pilgrims. We recently cared for a valiant four year old pilgrim, Brice Hedgpeth* or 'Little Big Man' - his family nickname, who'd traveled along and arduous road through half of his life, battling a brain tumor. He came to us the last week of his journey, and we were able to honor his wish to spend his remaining days surrounded by the comforts of home and family. To make this type of comfort possible we moved in with him, providing continuous care the last 48 hours of his life, keeping him comfortable and alert without the intrusion of high-tech equipment. Brice spent his time well - playing with his aunts and uncles, singing songs with his twin sister, and talking quietly with his parents and grandparents. At the last, we all got a glimpse of his destination as he bargained with an unseen guest for puzzles and books in heaven. There were many tears at this gentle departure, but those of us who provided his care left richer for having witnessed his innocent trust and manly courage." (Patient's name used at family request.)

The above true story is not unusual in the lives of Hospice staff and volunteers - where we have the privilege of encouraging life as long as someone is living. We not only see how important our program of care is to patients and families but we are told daily how important our program is to them. Unfortunately, many families experience Hospice only for a short time or not at all.

November was National Hospice Month - a good time to reflect on the impact of hospice. Hospice in America celebrates twenty years of offering compassionate, comprehensive care to terminally-ill patients and their families.

Hospice, a patient and family fo-

cusd program of caring for terminally ill persons - when curing the disease is no longer possible, has grown from a single New Haven, Connecticut hospice program in 1974 to more than 2,000 hospice organizations across the country today. More and more people are finding hospice is a form of health care which addresses basic human needs.

As hospice professionals, we consider that hospice care is about life and not about death because with the comfort care we offer, patients and their life (as we know it). When pain, whether it is physical, social, or emotional, is not controlled then quality of life suffers.

Fortunately for our patients and families, Medicare/Medicaid benefits provide almost 100 percent coverage for the patient's needs relating to the terminal illness. About 60 Percent of all hospice patients are cared for under this benefit. Hospice care is also covered by most private health insurance plans; however, no person is turned down due to their inability to pay.

John Mahoney, president of the National Hospice Organization stated - "When people think about issues of death and dying, they think about them in terms of fear - fear of dying alone, fear of dying in pain, fear of being a burden to the family and certainly the family is fearful of how they're going to get along after the family member dies. There are a lot of issues there, and they're more than just one dimensional. It goes to the basis of what hospice care is - a philosophy of care that addresses the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of patients and families."

Hospice has always encouraged families to be involved in their loved one's care. Most hospice care is done at home, where ever home may be. Medicare regulations require that 80% of all hospice patients in a program must be cared for at home.

As hospice heads toward a quarter century of service to Americans, the movement continues to expand. An additional service that hospice offers is that of a volunteer supported program. Volunteers help give that extra source of that is so important in America. The additional winner, of course, is the volunteer who has the opportunity to be successful helping others.

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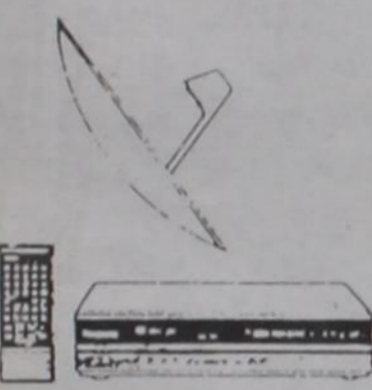
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Price outlook more favorable for commercial feeders in 1995

AMARILLO—Cattle feeders, rocked by low prices and high volatility in 1994, can look forward to slightly better fed cattle prices in 1995, according to Jim Gill, market director for the Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

However, Gill's price outlook for fed cattle is tempered by a mountain of meat the consumers will eat in '95, meaning any price gains in the fed beef sector will be small and hard won.

"Competitive meats will continue to offer stiff competition to beef prices," he said. "Pork production for 1995 is expected to be near 17.9 billion pounds, 1 percent above 1994. Total poultry production in 1995 will be near 30.9 billion pounds on a ready-to-cook basis, 5 percent above 1994 and the 20th consecutive year of increased poultry production."

On top of that, Gill says beef production will be near 24.4 billion pounds in 1995, 1 percent above the record production of 24.1 billion pounds in 1994. "1995 will be the eighth consecutive year of record production and will put per capita consumption at 67.1 pounds on a retail weight basis," he

predicted. Factoring all this, Gill predicted that fed cattle prices would range from \$68 to \$72 per hundred weight in the first quarter of 1995; \$64 to \$68 in the second quarter; \$65 to \$69 in the third quarter and \$68 to \$72 in the fourth quarter of the year.

For cow-calf and stocker operators, increasing supplies will mean lower prices, Gill said. "The beef cow inventory on Jan. 1 was slightly over 35 million head—about 1 percent higher than a year ago. Growth to around 36 million head is anticipated by 1996-97, and, along with the larger cow herd, calf crops are expected to trend slightly higher," he said.

"Because of the losses suffered by cattle feeders last year, 650-pound feeders will likely average \$75 to \$77 per hundred weight in 1995. That will be down slightly from the 1994 average of about \$80, and down sharply from the 1993 average of \$89."

While cattlemen will be struggling under the burden of heavy supplies, consumers will reap the benefit of lower retail prices. "Retail beef prices dropped a dime in 1994, reflecting the increased production for the year," he said. "It is likely retail prices will remain mostly steady in 1995, even as fed cattle prices move above the mid-to-high \$60 level the industry has seen."

If cattle feeders have a bright spot, it's the grain outlook. Gill said corn production for 1994 was more than 10 billion bushels, up sharply from the 1993 production of 6.5 billion bushels and above the previous record year of 1992 of 9.5 billion bushels. Meanwhile, sorghum production also increased, from 567 million bushels to 620 million bushels in 1994.

"Corn prices should trend below last year's level with prices likely to be near \$4.70 to \$4.90 per hundred weight," Gill predicted. "The same will likely be true for milo, with average prices from \$4.24 to \$4.50 in 1995, with normal seasonal price movements."

Severe headaches linked to tumor

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a male in my late 30s and have been bothered by severe headaches for several years. They've caused blurred vision. An ophthalmologist indicated I look as if I have choked discs and referred me to a neurologist. He sent me to an endocrinologist, who said I have acromegaly. I was placed on medication and now face the prospect of surgery to remove the tumor, and the possibility of radiation treatment. A CT scan showed the tumor is invading bone cells in my skull. An MRI showed that there are several tumors. What is acromegaly? Will the proposed treatment of surgery and radiation work? Will the tumor come back? Will the headaches stop?

DEAR READER: You have an unusual and extremely serious condition. A tumor (adenoma) in the pituitary gland is producing inappropriately large quantities of growth hormone. Not only is the tumor causing pressure on delicate tissues in the brain, the growth hormone is dangerously stimulating your whole body.

Without treatment, your looks will change: coarser features, prominent

jaw, arthritis, enlarging hands and feet and skull. In addition, you may develop diabetes and suffer nerve damage in your extremities. Acromegaly is the descriptive name given to patients with excess levels of growth hormone. In most cases, the combination of surgery and X-ray therapy will successfully treat the problem and curtail the complications I mentioned. If your features have been affected, they may not return to normal for years, however.

No one can predict if the tumor will regrow but your headaches will, in all likelihood, disappear. Without doubt, you should follow your specialist's recommendations.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've suffered from hypertension for a number of years and have been treated with medication. I happened to mention to a friend that I drink between three to five cups of decaffeinated coffee a day. He indicated that if I cut out the decaffeinated beverage, my blood pressure would drop. I did and it did. Why? I always thought that it was caffeine that elevated blood pressure. What's in the decaffeinated kind that also causes high blood pressure?

DEAR READER: I don't know. The traditional thinking has been that caf-

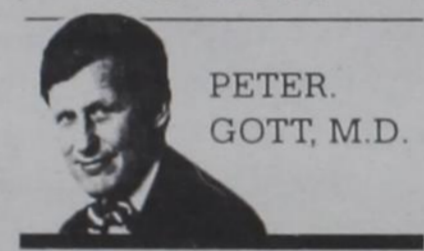
feine worsens hypertension but decaffeinated beverages do not. Your response is unusual and I cannot explain it.

Nonetheless, if avoiding decaffeinated drinks has brought your blood pressure down, stay the course. There must be something in the brew that was not healthy for you.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Hypertension." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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Never invest your money in anything that eats or needs repairing.

—Billy Rose

health hints

FACTS FROM EXPERTS AT THE AMERICAN PODIATRIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Don't Let Stress Go To Your Feet

(NAPS)—The ordinary—and the more than ordinary—stresses and strains of daily life can affect just about every part of your body, including your feet, scientists say. Fortunately, podiatrists today know what to look for, when it comes to stressed out feet, and to a great extent, what to do about it.

A dull, pulsating ache in the arch of the foot, for example, commonly known as foot strain is typically caused by fatigue and stress. Massage, warm (not hot) soaks, and rest is what podiatrists generally recommend. Sometimes special foot strapping or orthotic devices are required.

Another foot problem that can be caused by stress is sudden severe cramps in the arches. This may also be due to strained muscles, imbalance or poor circulation and should be checked.

A good way to relieve stress in your feet, and to help you feel better able to meet the stresses in your life, is to do a few foot exercises such as these:

- Shake your feet as you would your fingers to loosen tight muscles and relax.
- Sit on the floor with your feet pointing straight ahead. Curl your toes under and, with your heels on the floor, turn your feet inward. Hold for a count of two. Relax. Repeat ten times.
- To strengthen your foot muscles, try picking up marbles with your toes.
- Try to walk as much as you can. Use the stairs instead of the elevator. Walk to work.
- Keep your feet parallel to



Stress can become a pain in the foot. Walking, other exercise and podiatric care can help.

each other and pointed straight ahead when walking.

- When you walk, try to move at a steady pace, brisk enough to make your heart beat faster. Breathe more deeply as you do so.
- Keep your head erect, back straight, abdomen flat, legs out front and knees slightly bent as you walk. Swing your arms freely at your sides.
- Land on the heel of your foot and roll forward to push off on the ball of your foot.
- After a long, brisk walk, cool down to help pump blood back up from your legs to where it's needed.

Some stress in life may be inevitable, but the foot pain that can come from it is not. You can obtain further information on foot problems by telephoning 1-800-FOOT-CARE (366-8227).

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South Plains cotton group starts their own research facility

DALLAS (AP)— Cotton growers in Lamesa, some 60 miles south of Lubbock, didn't wait until this season's early drought to examine ways to eke out more of a living from the region's dry, sandy soil.

Five years ago, a local producer group, Lamesa Cotton Growers Inc., set up a 160-acre research farm at the northern outskirts of town to test new conservation and irrigation practices.

The result was a demonstrated 25 percent increase in profitability, reduced soil loss and a national award.

The project is called Ag-Cares, for Agricultural Complex for Advanced Research and Extension Systems. It's a cooperative effort of local cotton growers, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, including researchers from Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University.

In September, the group received the USDA Honor Award in Washington for its work in helping farmers adopt sustainable produc-

tion practices. Before Ag-Cares, all research was validated at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center at Lubbock. But soil conditions are different near Lamesa, more dry and sandy, and water is more scarce.

The new farm contains full-scale production plots,

simulating farming conditions in the area, with crops grown in different ways under irrigated and non-irrigated systems. The growers provided the land, an advanced irrigation system, equipment and materials.

"That is one energetic bunch of cotton producers," Kary Mathis, a professor of

agricultural economics at Texas Tech University, told The Dallas Morning News last week.

"They had the idea, they bought the land and they said, 'Let's do this on a commercial scale.' And that's what it's going to take, with state and federal (research) assistance drying up."

Agricultural lenders concerned about the outlook for farming

WASHINGTON (AP) — The dwindling number of Americans who are becoming farmers remains a primary concern for agricultural bankers, according to the American Bankers Association.

Other concerns include the long-term outlook for economic development in rural areas and the risk of environmental liability, the association's recent survey of 246 agricultural lenders found.

"Without question, the ability of our institutions to survive is directly tied to the soundness of our local economies," said Darcy L. Myers, chairman of the association's Agricultural Bankers Division and vice president of Norwest Bank Denver.

"The decade-long

decline in the number of family farms has left an ominous shadow hanging over many small towns," Myers said.

While 96 percent of the bankers surveyed said sufficient credit was available in their areas, 56 percent said they have seen a decrease in the number of credit-worthy borrowers in the past year.

Some 65 percent said there were too few beginning farmers in their areas. This was a decline from 74 percent in last year's survey, but the association termed the improvement "slight."

Asked to identify the top issue facing agricultural banking in the new year, 39 percent said the regulatory burden and 22 percent said rural development.

Nearly three-quarters of those surveyed said concerns about possible contamination of collateral land have influenced their lending activities. But 82 percent said they have not had to pay for environmental

Cattle producers should check nitrates in feed

Cattle producers whose emergency feed for beef cows this winter is hay harvested in August or later months from sorghums or small grains may want to have their bales tested for excess nitrate accumulations.

"Normally, nitrate, the primary form of nitrogen, is assimilated so rapidly in sorghums and small grains that its concentration in plant tissue is low," said John Biscoe, Beckham County, Okla., Ag Agent. "Problems can occur when plants are growing normally, then become stressed from drought."

There have been several times when weather conditions were favorable for excess nitrate accumulation in pastures containing at-risk forage crops.

The most notorious accumulators of nitrate are the sorghums, millets and Johnson grass. Other annuals that accumulate nitrate less frequently are small grains such as wheat, oats, rye and barley. Perennial grasses such as Bermuda grass and fescue only rarely contain dangerous levels.

Hay baled when the plants were stressed will retain its excess nitrate accumulation, even if fed this winter. When exposed to normal winter weather, a cow's intake of hay will likely be about 15 pounds per day, depending on individual feeding rates. During periods of snow or ice cover, a cow may consume 25 to 35 pounds per day.

If cows are in late gestation, excessive nitrate intake could kill or weaken the fetus so that calves may die at, or shortly after, birth.

Biscoe says that makes testing of at-risk bales an important investment for cow-calf operators.

"Nitrate levels of the 6,000 to 10,000 parts per million (PPM) range should not be fed as the sole feeding source to breeding-age animals," he said. "The general recommendation is it can be fed, but only if it is limited to 50 percent of the dry matter in the ration."

"If hay bales are found to contain excessive nitrate accumulations and it is economically impossible to discard the hay, they should be used as supplemental feed only."

Biscoe recommends that the hay be diluted in the total diet so that the entire dry matter intake is less than 6,000 PPM. "It is risky to feed bales which tested as having greater than 25,000 PPM," he added.

Producers should consider whether or not to risk of losing cattle is less than the potential economic loss of destroying the hay.

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Farm groups offer advice to Ag Secretary Nominee Glickman

WASHINGTON (AP) — While farm group leaders heap praise on President Clinton's choice of Dan Glickman as his new agriculture secretary, they also have no shortage of advice for the defeated congressman.

Glickman's knowledge of agricultural issues and experience with farm programs are seen as a major plus, and fellow Kansan Bob Dole, the incoming majority leader in the soon-to-be GOP-controlled Senate, expects swift confirmation.

"He's very honest and straightforward, and he understands the importance of agriculture to the rural economy," Chandler Keys, senior director of congressional relations for the National Cattlemen's Association, said of Glickman.

"But he's got a lot to

do," added Chandler, whose group represents the nation's cattle producers.

And there are lots of agendas among the many varied agricultural special interests.

"We want him to reform the Meat Inspection Act" to update the turn-of-the-century law, Chandler said. "That needs to be a top priority right out of the chute, and then get on with the farm bill and the reforms that (outgoing Agriculture Secretary Mike) Espy started."

The Ohio Farm Bureau Federation praised Glickman's experience with farm issues through 18

years on the House Agriculture Committee; but C. William Swank, the federation's executive vice president, said the veteran lawmaker's greatest challenge will be changing his focus.

"He will have to shake himself free of his old congressional habits and be a true advocate for agriculture," Swank said. "We also need a spokesman who will be able to represent farmers on issues such as the environment, food safety and conservation."

The selection of Glickman, turned out of office by voters in the November elections, comes at a time of retrenchment at the Agriculture Department. The agency must cut its staff by 11,000, reduce spending by up to \$3.5 billion and close nearly 1,100 of its 3,600 county offices.

"My challenge to the nominee will be to take hold of the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a strong manager," said Sen. Richard G. Lugar, R-Ind., the incoming chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, which will hold Glickman's confirmation hearings.

And Lugar said he'll have a host of specific

questions for the nominee. Among them:

— "Why are acreage-reduction programs sound public or fiscal policy when they require farmers to idle productive land and spread their fixed costs over fewer acres, negatively affecting their ability to turn a profit?"

— "Would our nation run a serious risk of losing its abundant food supply if commodity programs did not exist?"

— "What is the rationale for subsidizing some crops but not others? Is there evidence that producers of non-subsidized crops have prospered less?"

— "Why should there be any government involvement in the production of tobacco?"

The Denver-based National Farmers Union, which represents 253,000 family farms, praised Glickman's voting record but expressed concern that Kansas will become the political center of agriculture. Not only are Glickman and Dole from Kansas, but so is the incoming chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Republican Rep. Pat

(OUTLOOK)

sterility in the opposite sex or in offspring.

The research service selected 50 projects from among 300 proposed by ARS scientists to share in \$2.5 million allotted for the postdoctoral research associates program for this fiscal year.

As part of the program, which began in 1980, ARS provides job opportunities for scientists who are beginning their careers to work on the projects. The service still has positions open, said Essex E. Finney Jr., ARS associate administrator.

Other projects accepted

for funding propose to:

— Develop a genetically engineered vaccine to protect cattle and other livestock from foot-and-mouth disease.

— Use molecular techniques that would allow rapid detection of disease-causing salmonella bacteria in live and slaughtered poultry, cattle and swine.

— Use computer modeling to study use of B-carotene as a vitamin A source in humans with the aim of improving dietary recommendations for B-carotene. Foods rich in this substance have been linked to reduction of cancers and heart attack.

— Develop a bioengineered corn to express a protein that wards off a fungus that rots corn and produces harmful toxins.

Pumping iron strenghtens bones in older women, study finds

CHICAGO (AP) — Forty minutes of intensive weight training twice a week can help older women avoid the devastating hip and spine fractures that are linked to thinning bones, a study suggests.

Post-menopausal women who followed this regimen for a year built up their bones, increased the size and power of their muscles and improved their balance, researchers said.

"The study shows for the first time that a single treatment can improve several risk factors for spine and hip fractures in older women," said study leader Miriam E. Nelson, a physiologist at the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University in Boston.

"Bone density is only one element in these fractures," she added. "It may be even more important to improve women's muscle strength and balance to prevent falls, which are the greatest risk factor for fractures in the elderly."

Fractures caused by osteoporosis — the thinning of bones that accompanies aging — strike 1.5 million Americans annually, mostly women. The fractures often lead to long-term disability or death, and they cost more than \$10 billion a year in direct medical expenses.

The researchers studied the effects of strength training on bone thinning in 39 post-menopausal women ages 50 to 70. The findings were published in Wednesday's issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

A related article accompanying the study said Americans need to consume more calcium in order to build and maintain healthy bones.

In the study, 20 of the women underwent 40-minute workouts twice weekly with professional trainers. They used equipment that creates resistance with air instead of weights. The 19 other women remained sedentary.

All of the women previously had been sedentary and none had taken estrogen or other medications known to strengthen bones for at least a year before the study.

At the end of a year, the 20 women who had worked out showed a 1 percent gain in the density of leg and back bones, compared with a 2.5 percent loss in the 19 women who did not train, researchers said.

Also, the women who trained showed strength improvements in leg and back muscles of 35 percent to 76 percent above the nontrained group. And their balance improved 14 percent as tested by walking backward toe to heel, compared with a 9 percent decrease in the nontrained group.

In addition, women who trained developed an appetite for exercise, the researchers reported. Not counting the training sessions, the women increased their spontaneous physical activity an average of 27 percent, while the nontrained group slacked off by nearly that much.

Though the training sessions were held in a special facility, Nelson said she and her colleagues have developed comparable exercises that can be done at home using simple, low-cost leg weights and dumbbells. She is studying whether such home exercises work as well.

Gail P. Dalsky, an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Connecticut Health Center and a researcher on osteoporosis and exercise, said the findings are new and important. And she agreed that "we have to get away from these fancy exercise studies and go to something people can do at home."

TELCOT[®] Report

For The Week Ending December 22

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

The incredible offtake of U.S. cotton thus far this season has led USDA to announce a zero percent set-aside for the 1995-crop upland cotton acreage reduction program (ARP). The zero percent ARP is considerably lower than the 11 percent participating farmers set aside in 1994.

The new figure is a reduction from the preliminary level of 7.5 percent announced on October 31 and reflects tightened supplies resulting from a significant increase in U.S. upland cotton export sales. Most analysts feel that a zero percent ARP is needed to guarantee an adequate supply to service expected demand and rebuild stocks.

According to one analyst, the problems in India, Pakistan and China will not disappear in the next year, and it is time for the U.S. to step up to the plate and be the consistent reliable world supplier for cotton. The new ARP ensures that U.S. farmers will be able to grow cotton at their full capacity. In fact, one analyst pointed out that, by his calculations, a zero percent set aside projects a planted acreage of nearly 15.6 million acres, which opens the door for a potential record U.S. production of 20 million bales in 1995.

World supplies of cotton have tightened with the rise in demand and the erosion of yield prospects from insect and weather pressure. Indeed, U.S. cotton export commitments have exploded to a 15-year high as 1994-95 figures already exceed USDA's December projection of 8.2 million. Even without a

cotton marketing certificate in effect, U.S. cotton export sales continue at a steady pace. USDA announced export sales of 1994-95 U.S. cotton increased a net 76,200 bales in the week ended December 15, down from the previous week's total of 249,300.

Meanwhile, evidence continues to mount that India, Pakistan and Australia will not be able to help alleviate the world wide cotton shortage. This leaves the U.S. and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) of the former Soviet Union as the remaining suppliers of cotton to the world. However, the CIS within the past month has shown the typical strain in its transportation infrastructure. As time goes on, the focus on the U.S. as the primary world cotton supplier intensifies.

Pakistan has requested permission to buy 200,000 bales of U.S. cotton under USDA's GSM-102 export credit guarantee program. In order for Pakistan to buy cotton, USDA would have to switch some of the funds that were earmarked for other commodities under an existing fiscal 1995 package for that country, one source said. Some observers in Pakistan fear the country's crop may fall below 5.4 million bales. Earlier this month, USDA raised its forecast of Pakistan's 1994-95 cotton imports to 300,000 bales from its previous estimate of 130,000.

India's 1994-95 cotton production estimate has been cut to 9.9 million bales versus a previous estimate of 10.3 million bales. The textile industry there, facing a shortage of cotton for the second

year in a row, has asked the government to import cotton to help smaller mills since global prices are lower than domestic prices in that country.

The outlook for Australia's 1994-95 cotton crop has deteriorated in the past few months due to extensive drought and is now forecast to be the smallest since 1986-87, the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics said. In fact, Australia is expected to export only slightly more than 1.1 million bales of cotton this year.

Cotton in China has become such a precious commodity that gangs are stealing entire railcar loads. A national shortage has created a thriving black market, into which the gangs can easily sell their booty.

On the domestic front, the U.S. Census Bureau announced that domestic mills in November consumed cotton at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 11.157 million bales, up 1.92 million bales from the October figure.

Daily spot sales of Texas/Oklahoma cotton on TELCOT were somewhat erratic this week. However, volatility becomes a large factor in the market with prices in the 80-cent range, as one analyst explained. Sales on TELCOT for the five trading days ending December 22 totaled a healthy 114,444 bales, up from the previous week's total of 93,136 bales. Average daily prices received by producers selling on the electronic marketing system ranged from 73.56 to 76.69 cents per pound.

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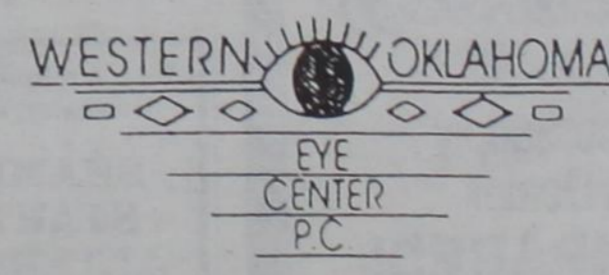
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