

ss--reliance or integrity, as "Don't you truss re--a reflecting surface, as "Ah jes hate to

mahself in the mere. --to render assistance, as "Ain't nobody

hep me?" ons--a substance used to close the cavities in

as "When ah open mah mouth real wad, in see mah felons.

ger--larger in size, height, width, amount, he begger them come, the harder they fall." r--a devout petition to an object of worship, on't never say a prior with yore hat on.'

--a high opinion of one's own dignity, tance, etc., as "Ah take prod in mah work. -afflicted with ill health or disease, as "Ah ck to mah stomach.

III--to assume a facial expression indicating ire, as "Small and the whole world smalls ew

that ain't all either!

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bably one of the best ambassadors Tahoka Bill Craig. He has made a name for himself ahoka all over the Southwest with his metal ure and oil paintings.

month, beginning March 6th, he will have in Scurry County Museum on the campus stern Texas College at Snyder, no small plishment, in my books.

cias, Bill, for causing Tahoka to be seen in a ight!

observe Public Schools In Tahoka; parents of Week February 28 through Tubb Elementary students March 4th as Texas State are invited to eat lunch with Teachers Association Presitheir children--Kindergarten on Monday, February 28th, dent Grace Grimes of Marshall urges all Texas at 10:35 a.m.; first grade on educators to participate as Tuesday at 10:45; second fully as possible in the grade at 11:00 on Wednesstatewide observance in this day; and third grade at 11:20 123rd year of free public on Thursday.

## Girls' Little Dribblers To Have Sign-Up Meeting On March 1st

Registration for Girls' Little Dribblers will be on Tuesday night, March 1st, at 7:30 at Sentry Savings and Loan in Tahoka.

Girls who are eight years old, but will be nine on or before August 31 this year, are eligible. Those who will be fifteen on or before August 31 are not eligible to participate.

Girls who wish to play basketball are invited to attend the March 1st meeting, along with a parent or guardian. Birth certificates must be provided and a membership fee of \$5.00 per girl will charged, to cover expenses of a charter, insurance, gym rental, etc.

because she was the first girl

child, her parents called her

Her college days were

spent at West Texas Normal

School and Southern Metho-

dist University and it was,

then that she herself

adopted the name "Lady

Caroline" to avoid the

confusion of being "Lavonia

Caroline'' to some and

Professionally, she was a

"Lady Caroline" to others.

school teacher, though her

desire was to work for a

newspaper and become a

foreign correspondent. Her

father convinced her that

"nice girls were school

teachers," thus squelching

her ambition to be a

"the little lady."

Practice will begin about April 1st, sessions to be from 3 to 5 o'clock each afternoon, games being played at night.

Practice will be once or twice weekly and game schedules will be set up at a later date. games to be played through May.

The City League will consist of three divisions-nine and ten-year-olds. eleven and twelve-year-olds, and thirteen and fourteenyear olds -- with four teams in each division. Coaches will choose teams and the all-star teams to participate in tournaments.

Those who are unable to attend the March 1st meeting and who need more information may contact Doris Pollard at 998-4043.

invited to have lunch with their children on Tuesday, March 1st; fifth-grade parents on Wednesday; and sixth-grade parents on Thursday, the 3rd.

Adults' meals are \$1.00 and visiting children, fifty cents.

High school and junior high students' parents are invited to visit the buildings any time during the special observance.

Local principals Melvin Burks, Clifton Gardner, Jim Marcus, and Tom Cooper extend an invitation to parents and other interested individuals to visit their schools at any time, but especially during Public Schools Week

Tahoka Weather High Low

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Some of her memories are

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At West Texas State Last Saturday Nineteen students from

Tahoka High and Junior High, accompanied by Mrs. Leah Taylor, attended the annual speech tournament at West Texas State University at Canyon on February 19th.

David Jolly, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Thomas Jolly, won

Jona Valentine, junior, advanced to semi-finals in the persuasive speaking division. She was one of twelve students, out of thirty-nine, to make the semi-finals.

Jayson Knox and Richard Cranford, both juniors, participated in the persuasive division also.

Sophomore debaters Carlton Ash and Darryl Stotts and eighth-graders John Brecheen and Randall Stotts were among the thirty teams, from twenty-three schools, debating at the tournament. Both Tahoka teams won one round each, Ash and Stotts defeating Plains and Brecheen and

16th; Joe Pierce, Chester, 10th; Alecia Reid, Cross, Tahoka Students Attend Speech Event

Ralph Huffaker, Hampshire,

third places in poetry

reading. Also participating

in that division were Wynne

Brookshire and Cloye Rose-

In the informative speak-

ing event, Donnie Clary,

junior, and Bryan Moore,

sophomore, represented Ta-

berry

hoka.

panied the group, as did Jim Bob Porterfield, Joe Brooks, and Marvin Pierce.

Stotts defeating Wilson Sheila Underwood, Starr-Academy in Amarillo. lyn Knox, Ella Mae Wilson, Gary White, Tahoka and LeeAnn Orr were among junior, had a first and two the fifty-nine entries in the

prose reading division. Tony Graves, Inola Thomas, and Ira White, all from Tahoka, observed various events.

Lindy Thomas, Tahoka ex-student and freshman at Texas Tech, was a judge and the group was also accom-(see Speech Event, page 2)

Deadline for filing is

### **Incumbent Joe Brooks Seeks Re-Election To School Board** also serving a second term.

Joe Brooks, Tahoka farmand Steve Greer have filed er who is serving his second three-year term, though not for places on the ballot also. consecutive terms, on the Board of Education for March 2nd, thirty days prior Tahoka Independent School to the April 2nd election. District, has filed for a place In the city election, on the ballot in the April 2nd scheduled for the same date. election. incumbent councilmen H. B.

McCord, Jr. and Ed Hamilton are seeking re-Three places will be filled with the election and Othell election, as is Mayor Mel Meeks, incumbent who is Leslie.

hoka's 'Lady', In Strictest Sense, Celebrates 82nd Birthday

#### MARY BRECHEEN

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st lived eighty-two l years by plodg day by day, that never been a good nor has she done that could be called

stimation of the of her life is at different from others, one proof surprise birthday her honor last attended by more people.

onally, on her she enjoys a meal brother-in-law and law, the R. M. and she did that nday, but was d shortly before ock when she was ed to a party in her

honor at the Methodist Church parlor. Stewart says that

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Elmer Owens, Mrs. David Midkiff, Mrs. Milt Draper, Mrs. Ray Adams, Mrs. Harold Green, Mrs. Lester Adams, Mrs. R. M. Stewart, and Mrs. Maurice Huffaker.

Mrs. Stewart's life has been anything but an "uneventful day-by-day plodding" and it began on February 20, 1895 at Mumford, a small community near Bryan. She was one of four children born to Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Dobbins and the family moved to Cameron where they lived until she was twelve years old, moving to Roscoe at that

time

'questionable'' newspaper She was christened Lavonia Caroline Dobbins and woman.

She taught at Silverton and at Roscoe and there she met the man in her life, G. M. Stewart, who was then manager of a lumber company. They were married June 1st, 1921 at the Dobbins home in Roscoe and very shortly moved to Tahoka. She did some substitute work in the public schools,

teaching ancient history and ninth-grade English, but most of her teaching, as such, has been private tutoring and teaching private lessons in Latin.

Mr. Stewart died in November of 1972 and left his widow, in her words, "a comfortable place to live and many warm, wonderful

tangible--her mother's sterling, gifts brought to her by friends when they traveled, a wealth of books, furniture which belonged to her father. etc.

Her time is not spent as the average 82-year-old. She walks a mile a day, attends Elaine Powers Figure Salon, drives her own car, and with the exceptionally keen mind of one much younger, she is an avid worker of crossword puzzles.

The honors afforded her have been many, as one might expect. She is a charter member of Phebe K. Warner Study Club in Tahoka, having been a member fifty-five years this April; she is an honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a society of women educators.

Of course she has assisted with a multitude of drives; she teaches a Sunday School class; yes, the list is long. But the greatest honor bestowed upon her, she says, was the scholarship given her name, the Lady Dobbins Stewart Scholarship, for deserving high school senior girls. Since 1970, seven girls have been assisted with a college education through this scholarship, administered by Phebe K. Warner Club.

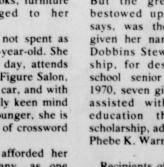
Recipients of the scholarship have been the former Judy Gossett, 1970; the former Donnie Dudgeon, 1971; the former Cathy Wells, 1972; the former Cynthia Barham, 1973; Becky Burks, 1974; Ruby Roe, 1975; and Belinda Williams, 1976. Mrs.



LADY STEWART, a resident of Tahoka for aimost jifty-six years, has influenced the lives of both young and old individuals.

art corresponds with each recipient often. As her name connotes. she is a lady in every way

and Tahoka has been richly blessed by being able to claim her as its "first Lady"--in every sense



# Obituaries

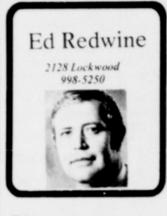
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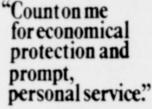
Funeral services for Mrs. W. E. (Effilee) Hemmeline of the Petty community were Saturday in the New Home Church of Christ with Garry King, minister, officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka. Mrs. Hemmeline died on

February 17th in Lubbock Hospitality House.

She was born in Lott on April 13, 1904 and attended school at Mazeland. She married Mr. Hemmeline in 1922 at Winters and they







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moved to Lynn County in 1953 from Big Spring. Her husband died in 1966

New Home Church of Christ. Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Joe Kennedy of Plains, Mrs. Lester Whitworth of Naples, and Mrs. Joe Caughey of Fort Worth; two brothers, W. T. Gobbel of Fresno, California and Eugene Gobbel of Arlington. Her nephews served as

She was a member of the

# Mrs. Estella Parker

Funeral services for Mrs. Estella Mabel Parker, 89, of Welch were February 21st in Anton's First Baptist Church with Leo Cole, pastor of New Home Baptist Church, officiating, assisted by Reverend White, pastor of the Anton church. Burial was in Anton

pallbearers.

Cemetery

Mrs. Parker died February 18th in a Lamesa hospital

after a brief illness. A native of Hunt County. she had been a Welch resident the past twenty-two months. She was the former Estella Mabel Hammock before marrying Jim D. Parker January 6, 1906 in Greenville.

Muleshoe, Filmore of Anton,

George of New Caney,

Jewell of Rapid City, South

Dakota. Clarence of Glen-

dora, California and Monroe

and Bob, both of New Home;

two sisters, Mrs. W. O.

Clark of Roscoe and Mrs.

She was a member of Woodmen of the World. Survivors include three Nazarene Church at Grassdaughters, Mrs. Hollie land. Phillips of Jacksboro, Mrs. O. E. Hughlett of Welch, and Mrs. Clem Shepherd of Elbert; seven sons, A. F. of

pastor of the Grassland church, and Rev. Charles Kirby of Lubbock. Burial will be in Grassland Cemetery. Mrs. Warrick died early Tuesday, February 22, in

Lynn County Hospital where she had been a patient for twelve days

JARS, WHILE THEY LAST

Walter Richburg of Rising She was born in Blanco Star; twenty-seven grand-County October 21, 1893 and children; forty-five greatattended school at Starkweather. She was married to grandchildren; and a great-John Wyatt Warrick in Pallbearers were Jimmie Coleman County on October

Mrs. Warrick was a

longtime member of First

Church of the Nazarene in

Her survivors include a

daughter, Mrs. W. L.

(Bernice) Gribble of Grass-

land; a son, J. C. of Caddo,

Oklahoma; a sister, Mrs. J.

C. (Ola) Allen of Lubbock:

five grandchildren and

fourteen great-grandchild-

Earl Winters

Services for Earl E.

Winters, 66, of Lubbock

were Tuesday, February

22nd, at the Abernathy

Church of Christ with Condy

Billingsley and Ed Scar-

brough, minister of the New

Deal Baptist Church, offici-

Burial was in Resthaven

Mr. Winters died Febru-

Winters was a farmer and

had lived in the Lubbock

area since 1928. He was a

member of the New Deal

Lions Club and the Aberna-

thy Church of Christ. He

served in the U.S. Army in

the European theater during

Survivors include his wife;

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Memorial Park.

Parker, Robert Barker, 31, 1910. He died in 1966. James Parker, Jessie Park-The Warricks moved to er. Eddie Parker, and Lynn County in 1921 from. Howard Parker. Coleman and moved to Lubbock about twenty-five years ago. Mrs. Rhea

# Pierce

great-grandchild.

Services for Mrs. Rhea Pierce, 76, of Slaton were February 21st in the Cooper United Methodist Church with Johnnie Williams, pastor of Crosbyton's United Methodist Church, officiating, assisted by Fred Brown, pastor.

Burial was in Englewood Cemetery at Slaton. Mrs. Pierce died February 20th in a Slaton rest home. She moved to the Slaton area in 1918 and was a member of the Cooper

United Methodist Church. Survivors include her husband, Ray; a sister, Gretna Shipman of Abernathy; and two brothers. Floyd and Furman Shipman. both of Abernathy.

The deceased was a sister-in-law of Mrs. Tom Russell and an aunt of Mrs. Bob Ballard, of New Home

# Mrs. J. W. Warrick

Funeral services for Mrs. . W. (Vada) Warrick, 83, a Lubbock resident, are scheduled for Thursday, February 24, at 2 p.m. in the

World War II. Rev. Buford Batlin of Lubbock will officiate, asone brother, F. L. of sisted by Rev. Edwin Porter. Shallowater; two sisters, Mildred of Lubbock and Mrs. Taylor Ballard of Abernathy; two step-daughters, Mrs. J. H. Cooley of

New Deal and Mrs. Ray Haney of O'Donnell; and nine grandchildren

WE HAVE A FULL SUPPLY OF JAR LIDS AND

### Lynn County News

**Speech Event** (cont. from page 1)

panied by Doug Taylor and Mrs. Patti Kilpatrick, from O'Donnell. Speech students will

attend a tournament at Floydada this Saturday, the 26th.



Training workshops for youth and adult 4-H leaders, in March, at the Texas 4-H Center are taking on a new flare. Workshops being planned deal with such new areas as "Aerospace," "Camp Counseling," and "Finding Summer Jobs."

A wide variety of 4-H leader training opportunities are being provided to meet leader interests. Experts in the various fields will provide the training.

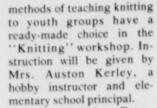
Workshops on the three subjects noted above as well as on "4-H Record Books" and "Knitting" will be held at the Texas 4-H Center March 26-27. Any leaders interested in attending should submit their applications to the State 4-H Office at Texas A & M University by March 21.

The workshop on "Finding Summer Jobs" will be conducted by Dr. Richard Floyd, economist in business development with the Extension Service. It is designed for older youth and will deal with techniques of finding suitable summer employment.

Robert Vaughn, NASA engineer and 4-H leader, will conduct the "Aerospace" workshop for those interested in projects involving model rockets. All phases of model rocketry will be discussed and each participant will build and fly a model rocket.

Leaders interested in the techniques of knitting and

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George McArthur, Extension 4-H and youth specia-"4-H list, will direct the Record Books" workshop, which will include beginning and an advanced section. Changes for 1977 will be discussed along with proper selection of report form entries, condensing material and judging record books.

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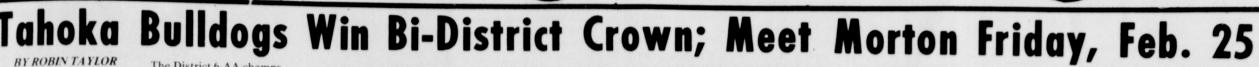


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The Tahoka Bulldog varsity basketball out-played District champions, Merkel, on ay night, the 22nd, to he bi-district title. The with Merkel was in County Coliseum at

Bulldogs, whose is now 24-7, will face

n Friday at 9 p.m. in

gion 1 playoff slated

oliseum in Lubbock.

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st Bailey made 6; Moore, 12; Clifford 8; Vink Miller, 8; Knox, 4: and Richard

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The District 6-AA champs Merkel, got 18 in the first quarter; 10 in the second; 16 in the third; and 7 in the final points

period, for a total of 51 The Bulldogs had 25 fouls. compared to Merkel's 23.

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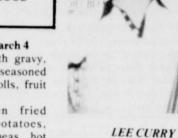
February 28 - March 4 Monday: Roast with gravy. mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, hot rolls, fruit salad.

Tuesday: Chicken fried d Graves was high or the evening, with rolls, peach halves. Wednesday: Fried chicken.

blackeyed peas, hot rolls, easy jello salad. Thursday: Baked ham,

rolls, applesauce cake. fries, lettuce-onions, pickles, K-4th Grade: Apricot halves. 5th-12th Grade: Apricot

cobbler.



steak, buttered potatoes. buttered English peas, hot mashed potatoes, seasoned

employed at Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Company seasoned green beans, buttered sweet potatoes, hot Friday: Hamburgers, French

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and cut glass. He is the son of Mrs. Wanda Curry.

DECA students went to Red River last weekend to ski. They also skated, played

Lee Curry, a first-year

DECA member and a senior

at Tahoka High School, is

where his duties are to stock

shelves, assist customers,

D.E.C.A.

**NEWS** 

ool, and played pinball. Those attending are Drunn Dockery, Ricky Meeks, Bridget Fowlkes, Susan Meeks, Terry Oglesby, Bob Gunnels, Teresa Harrell, Billy Burks, Clifton Wood, Barbara Stice, Lee Curry, Sandy Burks, Deanya Wood, Carol Ratcliff, Terry Atkinon, and Allen Elrod.

DECA sponsor, Craig Garner, his wife, and son accompanied the group, along with Paula Jones and Carol Downey

Teresa Harrell won a bronze metal for third place in a ski contest which she entered.

The club is grateful to the sponsors who contributed toward the enjoyment and safety of the trip.

# **DE Students Present Drama**

Tahoka High School distributive education students presented a drama entitled 'The Silver Whistle'' on February 17 with Craig Garner, sponsor, directing. The setting for the drama

was in a home for the elderly and characters were Toi Bragg, DruAnn Dockery, Ricky Meeks, Lee Curry, Bob Gunnels, Daniel Gutierrez, Clifton Wood.

Also, Barbara Stice, Bridget Fowlkes, Terry Oglesby, Billy Burks, Teresa Harrell, Carol Ratcliff, Wayla Craig, and Wynne Brookshire.

Student directors and crew members were Deanya Wood, Susan Meeks, Allen Elrod, Veronica Arellano, and Mary Rangel. Sandy Burks was mistress

of ceremonies.

# Student Of The Week



# **Rotarians Hear Program By** Lubbock Artist

Last Thursday's Rotary program was a demonstration on portrait drawing and painting by Mrs. Rosie Alford of Lubbock, reported to be one of the outstanding portraiture artists of the Southwest.

While her audience was watching, Mrs. Alford drew a portrait of her mother-inlaw, Mrs. Howard Alford. During the process, she talked on methods and techniques in this form of

Calloway Huffaker arranged the program. Several local ladies interested in art attended the meeting as guests of Huffaker and other

# **Rudd Receives Terry Award**

State Representative Jim D. Rudd of Brownfield was named the Outstanding Young Man of Terry County by the Brownfield Jaycees at the 37th annual Brownfield Jaycees Service Awards Banquet on February 12th. He was selected for his outstanding dedication and performance in church. community, and national affairs.

Rudd and his family returned to Brownfield from Austin, where they are residing during the 65th session of the legislature, to accept the award. He is serving his first term in the Texas House of Representatives.



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Miss McDaniel Is 4-H Princess Melinda "Lindy" McDaniel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McDaniel of O'Donnell, has been select-

ed by the O'Donnell 4-H Club to represent them at the Lynn County Livestock Show February 24-26. She will also represent the

O'Donnell club at the Southwest Junior Livestock Show March 13th in Lubbock.

# Cole Brecheen, **Mark Flippin On Dean's List**

Cole Brecheen, 1976 graduate, and Mark Flippin, 3 graduate of Tahoka High School, are among 556 students named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University for the 1976 fall semester, according to figures released by the ACU registrar's

office. Students qualify for the



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# Bridge Winners

Winners in last week's T-Bar Duplicate Bridge game were Mrs. Meldon Leslie and Mrs. Wilson Edwards, first; Mrs. Audie Norman and Mrs. H. B. McCord, Jr., second; Mrs. Juanita Szydloski and Mrs. Klydie Scudday, Brownfield, third; Mrs. Lillian McCord

and Roy LeMond, fourth;

and Mrs. Winston Wharton

and Mrs. Clint Walker, fifth.

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# LINDA SALDANA

Linda Saldana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Saldana, is a senior at Tahoka High and is employed at the school cafeteria as a cashier, through the Co-op program. She is a member of the National Honor Society. Future Homemakers, Pep Squad, and is vice-president of HERO's.

After graduation, Miss Saldana plans to work and attend college at a later date. Her hobbies are writing poetry, cooking, and sewing.

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honor by enrolling in at least twelve semester hours and by achieving a grade point average of at least 3.45 on a 4.0 scale. Brecheen will major in accounting and is a member of the University's senior

debate team. Flippin will graduate in May with a degree in mass communication. He is editor of the University yearbook, The Prickly Pear.

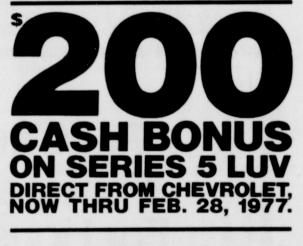
# **Billy Birdwell Finishes AF Photo Course**

An official at Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado has announced the graduation of Airman Billy E. Birdwell from the U.S. Air Force's photo processing specialist course conducted by the Air Training Command. Airman Birdwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Birdwell of Tahoka, is now trained to operate precision photographic equipment and will serve at Lowry AFB. Completion of the course enables him to receive academic credits through the Community College of the Air Force. Birdwell is a 1970 graduate of Tahoka High

School and received his B.A. degree in 1974 from Southwest Texas State

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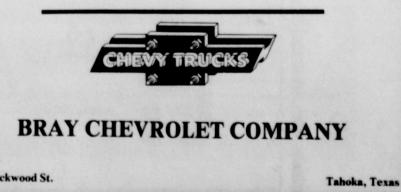
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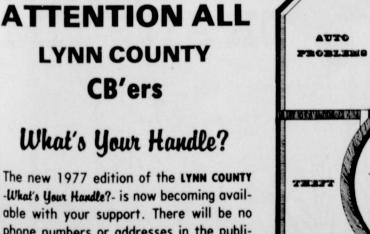




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# New Home News **By Florence Davies**

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Harold Capps of Irving on the birth of a son at 9:20 a.m. Tuesday, February 4th, in the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Hospital.

Timothy Vincent weighed nine pounds, nine ounces and has one sister, Elizabeth.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thurl Swinson of New Home and Mrs. Lutie Capps of Deport.

Mrs. Swinson went to Irving February 1st to be with her daughter and family. Thurl went on Friday, the 11th, and they returned home the 15th. **†**††

Mrs. Jewell Nelson went to Hobbs, New Mexico Friday afternoon to visit her

# COTTON ALLOTMENTS

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son. Wayne Nelson, and family.

Paige Pridmore celebrated her 12th birthday Friday as her mother accompanied her and a group of friends to Lubbock for a hamburger supper at MacDonalds, followed by a slumber party at her home

Guests were Lana Kieth, Patty Brewer, Lesa McBrayer, and Kristi Maeker. Her cousin, Michelle

Smith of Lubbock, spent Friday night, February 11th, with her and her grandmother, Jena Adams of Tahoka, visited with them earlier in the week. +++

We were in Crosbyton

Friday evening for the

Crosbyton Chamber of after attending funeral services for their aunt, Mrs. ommerce Annual Banquet in the Pioneer Memorial Rhea Pierce, in Slaton on

Building.

Mrs. Charles (Billie Jo)

Freeman, 1976 president of

the Chamber, and Jim

Reynolds, publisher of the

Crosbyton Review, were

named Woman and Man Of

The Year and the two

Mrs. Freeman, the Cham-

received standing ovations.

ber's first woman president.

and Reynolds, a five-year

resident of Crosbyton, were

recognized for their numer-

ous civic, church, and

volunteer activities in the

Other members of Billie

Jo and Charles' family who

were present are Wayland.

Ann, and Bryan Walton of

Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. Joe

Loyd Freeman, Greg and

Roger Freeman, Lubbock:

Mrs. Nora Freeman and

Mrs. Billie Wayne Freeman

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daughter, Nicki, of Artesia,

New Mexico visited with her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thurl

Swinson, last week from

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minor surgery last Tuesday

in Methodist Hospital and

was able to return to her

apartment in Knox Village

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Mr. and Mrs. Larry

Walker of Clyde and Mr. and

Mrs. Jessie Wheeler of

Lubbock visited the ladies'

mother, Mrs. Tom Russell,

on Saturday.

Mrs. Sallie Phifer had

Saturday until Tuesday.

Mrs. Don Moore and

and Susie of Hale Center.

Crosbyton area.

Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Smith of New Home and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Smith of Lubbock left by plane on February 11th for Windermere, Florida to visit their brother and sister-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Truett Smith. Gordon Smith, son of the Truett Smiths, is pastor of the Windermere Baptist Church. The Texas Smiths re-

turned home Thursday, the 17th. †††

Cindy Munsch and Holley of Lubbock came out Sunday afternoon and spent the night with Cindy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Haley.

111 Jack Clements was at Mangum, Oklahoma a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mutt Harrison moved last week to their new mobile home on Lake Stamford. They sold their home east

of town to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Best of Kermit

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kelly of Lubbock visited here Sunday afternoon with her brother and sister-inlaw, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Morris. †††

Visiting here with the Bob and Monroe Parker families after the death of Mrs. Stella Parker were, in the Bob

Jewell Parker and two sons, Rapid City, South Dakota; David Hughlett, Welch; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lyles and Kim, Lovington, New Mexico; and in the Monroe Parker home, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Freeman and Frances Williams, Commerce; Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Parker and son, Liberty; Mac and Tim Parker, Houston; Mrs. Ralph Skinner, Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shephard, Throckmorton; and Mrs. Lila Knight, Tahoka.

Parker home, Mr. and Mrs.

Clarence Parker, Glendora,

California; Mr. and Mrs.

Lynn County News

Among the out-of-town relatives here last week for the funeral of Mrs. Effilee Hemmeline, and visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hemmeline, were Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hemmeline, Denver City; Mrs. C. D. Frisbie and children, Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Caughey, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Whitworth, Naples; Mrs. Joe Kennedy, Plains; and a great number of nieces and nephews.

111 Seven-year-old Andy Correa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo Correa, was seriously injured about 5 p.m. on Monday when he rode his bicycle into the path of a pickup truck in the street near the tennis courts in New Home.

White's Ambulance from Tahoka rushed the lad to University Hospital where surgery was performed on his right leg and arm.

# Letter to the Editor

Letters to the editor do not necessarily express the views of this newspaper. All correspondence must be signed and in good taste before it will be published; however, the writer may request that his name be withheld. Letters are not edited as to grammar. ounctuation, and spelling.

Congratulations, Beverly Bryson

Tahoka has come a long way.

I think of certain ignorant, bigoted men who threatened a young black who wanted an education; who climbed the fence to damage our automobiles; who threat-



JOHN EDWARDS of New Home, third from left on back row, is one of more than hundred students at West Texas State University who are enrolled in a western-dance ch Others pictured are, back row, left to right, Brian Brockman, Vega; Darla Vincent, Arm Oklahoma; Yolanda Ortega, Dalhart; Randy Scoggins, Denver City. Front row, Pee H Roberson, Abilene; Julie Scarborough, Petersburg; Larry Robb, Dimmitt; Rhonda Ric Raton; Louis Brown, Adrian; and Una Alexander, Levelland. Edwards is a freshman an science major.

# Snyder Museum To Feature Work Of Artist Bill Craig

director at Western Texas Tahoka artist Bill Craig College. will have a special show in the Scurry County Museum at Snyder's Western Texas -

The museum is open each week day from 8 to 12 noon and 1 to 5 Monday through College during the month of Thursday, 1 to 4 on Friday, with no admission charge.

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The exhibit, to include some oil paintings and welded sculpture, will open on March 6th with a reception from 1 to 5 p.m. that day.

March.

Craig has received numerous awards in art shows throughout Texas and New Mexico and owns a studiogallery in Tahoka. "We are pleased to have his works in the Scurry County Museum," states Mrs. Aline Parks, public information

# Bridge Club Meets Last Wednesday

Short

The Wednesday Duplicate Bridge Club met on February 9th at the First National Bank Community Room with six tables in play. First-place winners were Weesie Carroll and Dink

south from the cou square on State Hi 350, the Big S Highway, turn at the c light marking the ho intersection, where a sign points to Western] College, Scurry C Museum. The building the south side of the c adjacent to the West P Lot.

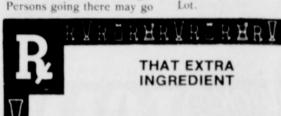
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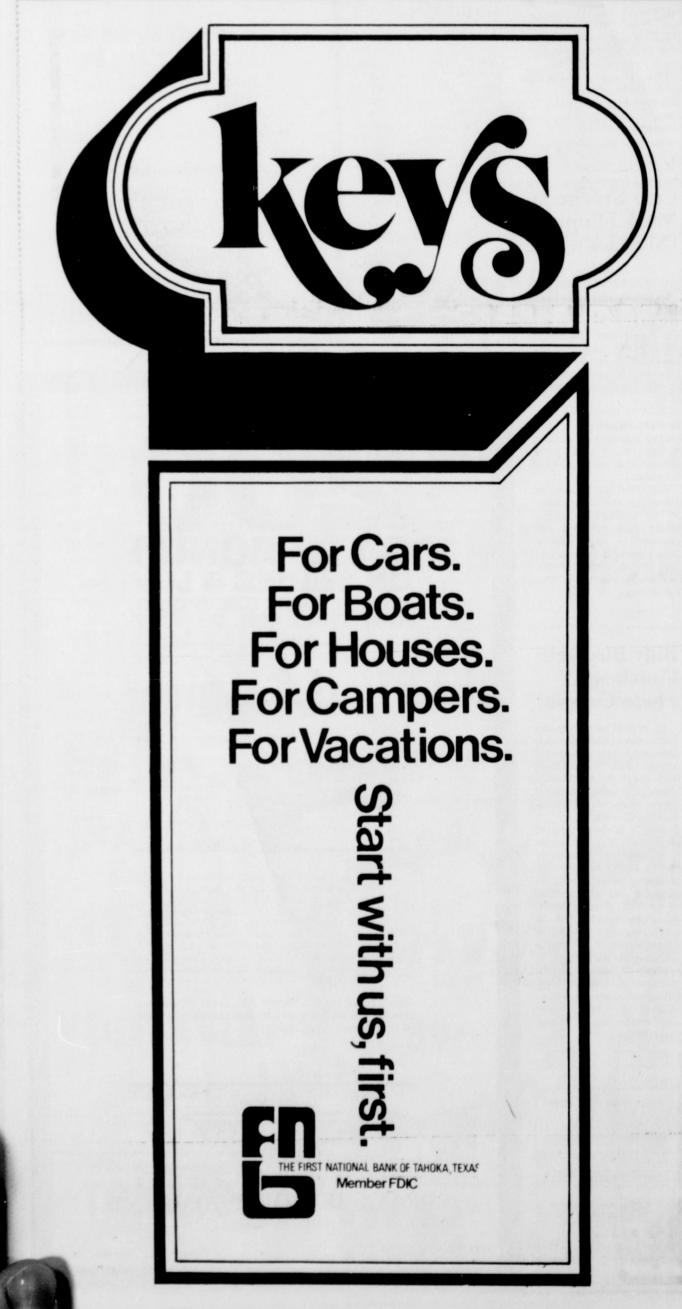


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ened my husband who was only obeying the law. How could they have lived in Tahoka?

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LaNeyl Bray

Dear Editor. My residence in the city of Tahoka has been two years

and of my twenty-one years on earth have I never seen such cruel and inhumane actions as that achieved by the poisoning of animals. As of Thursday, February 17, we have lost four dogs.

Where is our city dog catcher? It ceases to amaze me that our "fine" (?) city can afford new city official vehicles, etc., etc., but however, the dog catcher truck is broken down...or could it be that the taxpayers' money does not cover the hiring of an individual to be in charge of the stray dog population. The laziness of such party has resulted in the death of many owned dogs and few deaths of the pestilent strays that plague Tahoka.

The slight error of letting our dogs out of the pen for ten minutes resulted in their unmerciful death.

Not only am I angry and hurt at this loss, but I am also contemplating on what type of people (person) could and would participate in such barbarity as has been displayed to me! Aside from the torture ]

saw my dogs go through, I wonder if this guilty party ever thought of the danger the children in our community are being faced with just going out of their homes to play. This poison killed my dogs in less than twenty minutes; how long would it take to kill a child; an adult? A life may well be taken at the expense of this so-called 'solution.

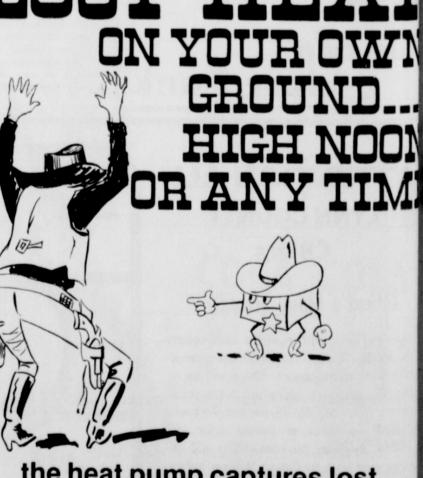
I hope that my point has been well made and you and I as interested citizens, as protection for ourselves, our family, and our animals, will band together and end this cold-blooded, savage injustice.

Mrs. Pug Paris

Jeanne McCord and Jerry Renfro won second place and Altah Thomas and Jean Dorman came in third.

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BENNIE SHEPHERD, left, and Mrs. Lillie Todd, both residents of Colonial Nursing Home, were named King and Queen at the Valentine celebration.

# Lillie Todd, Bennie Shepherd Queen And King At Colonial.

party.

event

Colonial Nursing Home residents Lillie Todd and Bennie Shepherd were crowned Valentine Queen and King at a party there on the 14th.

Refreshments were made by the O'Donnell Homemakers and by Wilma Gerner of Tahoka. Other refreshments

nursing home were celebrated by Joe Anderson and Mary Bohannon. Mrs. J. T. Miller, Anderson's daughter, brought a cake, as did C. . Bohannon On Wednesday of this

week, residents of the Chapparal Lodge Nursing Home at Denver City came to the Tahoka home to compete in an air-hockey contest.

February birthdays at the

#### A staff meeting was held on Monday at which time Lola Brito, Erlinda Calvillo, and Margarita Gutierrez received one-year awards and Betty Chavarria was presented a three-year pin.

\*\*\* The home is in need of dominoes, puzzles, balls, cards, or any kind of games. Donations of such items would be appreciated.

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At the Boy Scouts' annual Blue and Gold Banquet on Monday night, February 21st in Tahoka Cafeteria, Doug Palmer, Ronald Wyatt, and Bob Bouse, Scout executive from the South Plains Council in Lubbock,

Knight.

Mrs. Ronald Roberts: Keith Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Anderson; and Harvey Hallmark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Hallmark.

Jerry Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilf Miller, received his Bear Badge, Gold Arrow point, four Silver Arrows, and Webelo colors. Shawn Stotts, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Raymon Stotts, also received the Bear Badge and Gold Arrow point.

Stacy Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Edwards, received the Bear Badge and Wylie Stice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stice, was awarded the Webelo colors.

of Tahoka Lions Club, sponsoring organization o the Scouts, presented the Charter to the organization. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gaither, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Forsythe, and Mrs. Holloway were guests at the occasion.

# **4th In District**

grade son of Mr. and Mrs. place in the district Young Summers was the

# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24. In LCC's 'Hard Travelers'

A group from Lubbock Christian College who call themselves the "Hard Travelers", provided entertainment at the annual Sweetheart Banquet of the Tahoka chapter of Future Homemakers on February 10. The affair, at the Church

Are Featured At FHA Banque attended by more seventy students and gues The singing group p sented a variety of from the 1950 era on the 70s. FHA members particing

ing on the program are Te Corley, Pat Calderon, Wa da Elrod, and Deanya Wo of Christ annex, was

#### **Pythians Meet** February 15th a party with the Val

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Trudie Schuknecht and motif was enjoyed. Leona and Judy Holden were The newly elected Sw hostesses when the Pythian Sisters met on Tuesday, February 15th. Fifteen

heart, Dorothy Kidwell, honored and ladies who birthdays in January February were recogniz Games were played appropriate songs sung.



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#### Lynn County News

Lt. Knox Is Stationed At Kunsan AFB

2nd Lieutenant Raymond (Buddy) Knox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Knox, Sr. of Tahoka, is stationed at Kunsan Air Base in the Republic of Korea. He is a weapons system

officer in the F4 Phantom II fighters and during his one year in Korea, he will be assigned to the 35 Tactical Fighter Squadron of the 8th TAC Fighter Wing.

During his stay in Korea, Lieutenant Knox's wife will reside in Dallas.

Knox is a 1970 graduate of Tahoka High School and a 1974 graduate of Texas Tech. He was formerly assigned to the 31st TAC Fighter Wing, Homestead AFB, Florida

Arthritis Sufferers:

Eight new hospitals built by the Veterans Administration during the past five years provide almost 4,300



presented awards. Scouts and guests were entertained by Kustom Kuntry, a musical group from O'Donnell. The Citizen Activity A-

Eddy Holloway, president

# Summers Wins Scout Derby

Stephen Summers, third-Danny Summers, won fourth Pinewood Derby contest at Brownfield last Saturday. champion racer at the



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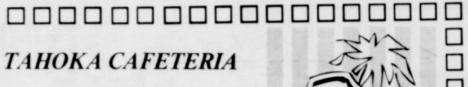
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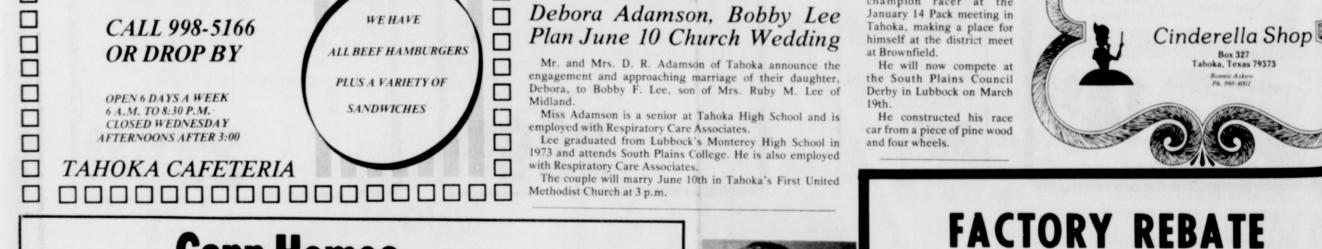
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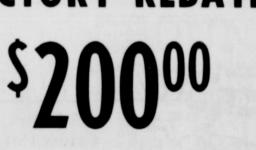
DAVID F. REDDELL

# Ex-Tahokan Is Officer In Dallas' TSPB

David F. Reddell, Engineering Operations Manager of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, was elected president of the Dallas Branch, Texas Society for the Prevention of Blindness, at the Society's Annual Meeting recently in Dallas.

Reddell grew up in Tahoka and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reddell.

He announced at the recent meeting that the Dallas Branch had raised close to \$50,000 in its recent campaign fund drive--almost three times the amount ever raised in the past. In addition, the North Texas Division--located in Dallas-which consists of Dallas. Fort Worth, and seventy-two surrounding counties--went well over its goal of \$100,000 for 1976, Reddell stated.



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ry 15th TY FARM BUREAU leaders who met with Senator h the Valent Hance in Austin are, left to right, J. W. Hawkins, tent of Terry County Farm Bureau; Leland White, ijoyed v elected Swe lent of Lynn County Farm Bureau; Senator Hance; hy Kidwell, Martin, Terry County Farm Bureau; and J. D. Atwell, County Farm Bureau Agency Manager. I ladies who n January

# m Bureau Leaders Attend ent Conference In Austin

Bureau leaders of

county presidents and legisnn County Farm lative and membership vere among more committee chairmen attendlocal Farm Bureau ing a Texas Farm Bureau



legislative conference and membership kickoff February 15 and 16 in Austin.

Speeches by Governor Dolph Briscoe and other high state government officials as well as leaders in the 65th Legislature were among highlights of the legislative conference which got underway at noon on February 15 and concluded at noon the next day.

The final session on the 16th served as the organizacion's 1977 membership kickoff. February 21-25 has been proclaimed as "Farm Bureau Week" in Texas and many county Farm Bureaus will be conducting membership drives during that period.

TFB President Carrol. Chaloupka presented TFB's legislative program at the February 15th dinner attended by state officials and most legislators. Main items in the program included recommendations on taxing agricultural land, local school financing, state inheritance taxes, underground water taxes and regulations, farm-to-market roads, and funding agricultural research and educa-

Governor Briscoe also spoke at the legislative dinner and discussed the goal of making Texas the number one agricultural

state in the nation. Other conference speakers included Lieutenant-Governor William Hobby, House Speaker Bill Clayton, Attorney-General John Hill, Comptroller Bob Bullock, Senator Max Sherman of Amarillo. Representatives Bill Sullivant of Gainesville and Tom Massey of San Angelo, TFB Executive Director Warren Newberry of Waco, and TFB State Affairs Director Pat Smith of



Lynn County News

TEXAS PELLET PRODUCTS, located east of New Home, is a new industry which produces cotton-burr pellets for livestock feed.

# New Industry In Area Produces Pellets For Livestock Feed

Texas Pellet Products, a new industry in the area owned by six cooperative cotton gins located at New Home, Wilson, Union, and Slide, is located east of New Home on Farm-To-Market Road 211.

Larry Lawson, manager of the business, says that burrs from the 47,000 bales of cotton ginned at the locations will produce 18,000 tons of cotton-burr pellets. At the plant, cotton burrs

are dumped into a large pit where they are transferred by air into cyclone separa tors where dirt and trash are extracted. The burrs drop into an auger and are transferred to large grinds. hammer mills, where they are ground into smaller particles. Then the powder substance goes through another cyclone separator for further cleaning and dropped onto a conveyor belt that moves pelleting substance to the pellet mill. Water and steam are added at the pellet mill stage of production and cotton burr pellets are produced at about 200 degrees Fahrenheit.

From the mill, the pellets are then dropped into a cooling pit where they are cooled and moved by air into

#### an overhead storage bin or into a storage warehouse and stored in bulk form

The pellets are sold to commercial feedlots, livestock feed manufacturers. and local or area livestock feeders

Some 100 tons of the pellets are being shipped per week to Fort Morgan and Sterling City, Colorado, such pellets going into commercial feedlot rations and the rations of a livestock feed manufacturer.

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Wilson ISD **Board Meets** 

At the February 14th meeting of the Board of Education of Wilson Independent School District. contracts were renewed for the '77-78 school year for Bobby Lee, vocational agriculture teacher; Charles Seagler, athletic director and head football coach; Mike Chance, band director; Bill West, assistant football coach and head girls basketball coach; and Earl Cummings, tax assessorcollector.

In other business, the trustees entered into a service contract with Lubbock Office Suppliers for the '77-78 year and contracted with Robert Abbe, C.P.A. to conduct the 1976-77 audit.

The board voted to establish a Career Education Program for the next school year and voted to participate in a non-food assistance program.

The Veterans Administration's construction appropriation for fiscal year 1977 is \$497.7 million.

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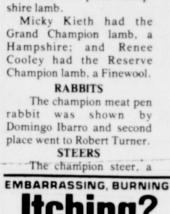
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Champion: Dwayne Webster Reserve: Brenda Barnett Champion: Renea Burrow Reserve: Brit McAllister **GRAND CHAMPION BAR-**

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Reserve: Donette Hancock

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Renee Cooley had the

Reserve: Monty Maloney.

Champion: Tony Burrow

Reserve: Mitch Clem.

Champion: Billy Paul

winnters are as follows:

At the annual New Home Cross, was shown by Vicki Livestock Show, 100 bar-Zant. rows, twenty lambs, forty Showmanship Belt Buck-

les were awarded to Micky Kieth in the sheep division and to Russel Barnett in the harrow show

Those in charge of the show express their thanks to individuals and businesses who supported the show and to FFA mothers for the concession stand and barbecue lunch.



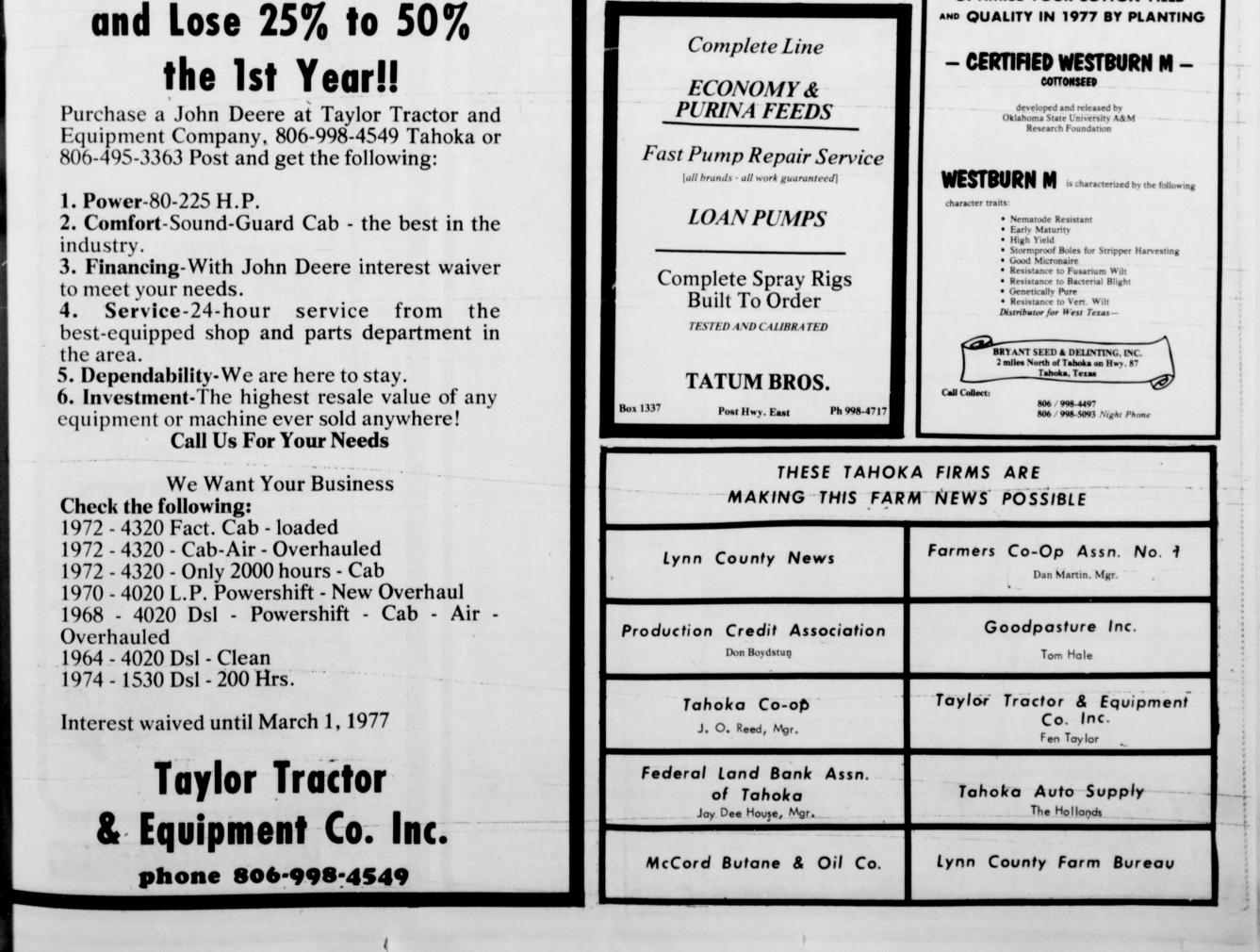
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Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Smith are the parents of a new baby son who weighed six pounds, thirteen ounces. He has been named Gregory Dale and has a "" brother. Gary, age three. The family lives in Roda, Spain where the father is stationed while serving in the U.S. Navy. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith of . Tahoka and Mr. and Mrs.

By Leona Waldrip

"Don Smith of New Home. A weekend visitor in the

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home of Mrs. Ora Curry was Callie Massey on Thursday night. Eight of the ten her daughter-in-law, Mary Lou Curry of Lubbock who is members were present for a nurse at Methodist installation of officers. Hospital.

+++ Mrs. Mable Morgan visited her daughter at Dimmitt for several days last week. **†††** 

to attend because of illness. Teachers from the local schools attended a Plan A Jimmy Dulin had surgery on his leg Thursday at professional meeting in Brownfield on Tuesday Methodist Hospital.

afternoon. Those attending were lnez

N:: 1.

About thirty-five persons registered at the luncheon meeting of the Lynn County Pioneer Club on Friday of last week, including seven visitors from Brownfield. Lonnie Howell, second

Jenkins, Mary Goldston,

Ann Adams, Gloria Perez,

Joe Downey, LaJean Adams,

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Club met in the home of

Leona Waldrip was in-

stalled as president, Callie

Massey as secretary, and

Thelma Dewbre, vice-

president-elect was unable

Louise Wyatt, treasurer.

The Past Noble Grand

and Betty Amerson.

vice-president, presided in the absence of Mrs. Teddie Kelley, president. **†**††

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hutcherson of Minden, Louisiana visited last weekend with Dr. and Mrs. K. R. Durham. The two couples left

Monday for a visit with Hutcherson and Mrs. Durham's brother in California. Mrs. Inez Jenkins spent

Friday night with her mother in Lamesa and on Saturday morning, the two of them drove to Dallas and spent the night with a brother.

On Sunday, Mrs. Jenkins attended a professional meeting, having to do with her school work.

They returned late Sunday after stopping in Mineral Wells for a short visit with a cousin.

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Mrs. Eloise Mendoza, teacher's aide in first grade has been out of school for several days, due to illness. Mrs. Kay Long has been

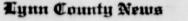
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Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock, will present its recommendations for a cotton program to succeed the 1973 Act to the House Committee on Agriculture February 24 and to the corresponding committee of the Senate February 28. The current farm program expires with the 1977 crop.

PCG testimony has been written and copies mailed to the hearing clerks of each committee. PCG President W.B. Criswell of Idalou and Donald Johnson, Executive Vice President, will be in Washington to give oral presentations and answer questions from committee members

House hearings are not based on specific legislation, since no bill was introduced in the House until February 17. Representative Tom Harkin, Iowa Democrat, introduced a measure on that date calling for elimination of the target price concept that is a part of present law, Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) loans at 95 percent of the cost of production, and a limitation of \$100,000 on individual producer loan eligibility.

Two bills have been introduced in the Senate. The first is co-sponsored by Georgia Democrat and Committee Chairman Herman Talmadge and Senator Bob Dole of Kansas, ranking Republican on the committee. The other is by Oklahoma Democratic Senator Henry Bellmon.

The Talmadge-Dole bill would extend the loan and target price concept through the 1982 crop. But the method by which the loan would be determined under this bill is a major departure from present law. Currently, the loan is set at 90 percent of the three-year average price of U.S. cotton in world markets, while the new bill would set loan levels at not less than 75 percent of cost of production. The target price would be set at a level reflecting 100 percent of production costs.

This system would set the 1978 cotton target price at about 51 cents per pound (compared to an expected 48 or 49 cent target in 1977) and the loan would be not less than 38.3 cents per pound (compared to an announced preliminary loan for 1977 of 42.58 cents).

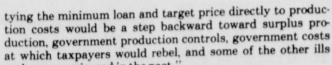
Bellmon's bill would extend present farm legislation for four years, retaining basic provisions of current law, with one major exception. It would allow producers to place commodities under CCC loans for periods up to five years. And the Secretary of Agriculture would be required to pay 50 percent of storage costs for commodities under loan.

In calling Senate committee hearings, Talmadge announced that his bill would be used as a starting point for discussions, but that none of its provisions would be considered sacred.

The PCG legislative policy, adopted January 18 by the producer organization's 52-man Board of Directors, asks for a market-oriented cotton program much like the program in effect since 1973. This would be a program founded on a

CCC loan rate calculated as a percentage of average market prices, a reasonable target price, continued provision for disaster payments, unrestricted planting and unrestricted access to world markets.

The written PCG testimony states that "For cotton, because of the intense competition we face with foreigngrown cotton and substitute fibers, we are fearful that



we have experienced in the past. The statement goes on to say "Since market prices, averaged over a period of years, of necessity must reflect production costs, we think our common objective of adequate price protection can be achieved by basing the loan on average market prices.

PCG members and other interested parties can obtain a copy of PCG's oral testimony and the producer organization's complete legislative policy statement from PCG's Lubbock office.

# Changes In Social Security Are Noted By Local Representative

Beginning in January 1977, a person who goes to the hospital under Medicare will be responsible for the first \$124 of his hospital bill.

When questioned about the new \$124 deductible, Richard McKeel, a claims representative for Social Security, noted that the law requires an annual review of hospital costs under Medicare and an adjustment of the portion of the bill for which a Medicare beneficiary is responsible, if these costs have risen substantially. The law provides a formula for determining the amount of any adjustment in the deductible amount

Mr. McKeel said the increase in the deductible results from continuing increases in hospital costs. He pointed out that hospital costs have been increasing over twice as fast as the overall cost-of-living and said that these inflationary increases in hospital costs are largely responsible for the 19 percent increase in the inpatient hospital deductible.

The hospital deductible amount, Mr. McKeel explained, is intended to make the Medicare beneficiary responsible for expenses approximately equal to the average cost of one day of hospital care. At the present time, the average hospital stay under Medicare costs about \$1,600.

Mr. McKeel said that when the hospital deductible amount changes, the law requires comparable changes in the dollar amounts that a Medicare beneficiary pays toward a hospital stay of more than 60 days, or a post-hospital extended care stay of more than 20 days.

When a Medicare beneficiary has a hospital stay of more than 60 days, he will pay \$31 a day for the 61st through the 90th day, up from the present \$26 per day. Should a beneficiary wish to draw on his "lifetime reserve" days, the extra 60 hospital days a beneficiary can use when he needs more than 90 days of hospital care in a benefit period, he will pay \$62 for each reserve day used. If he has a post-hospital



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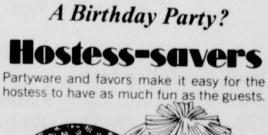
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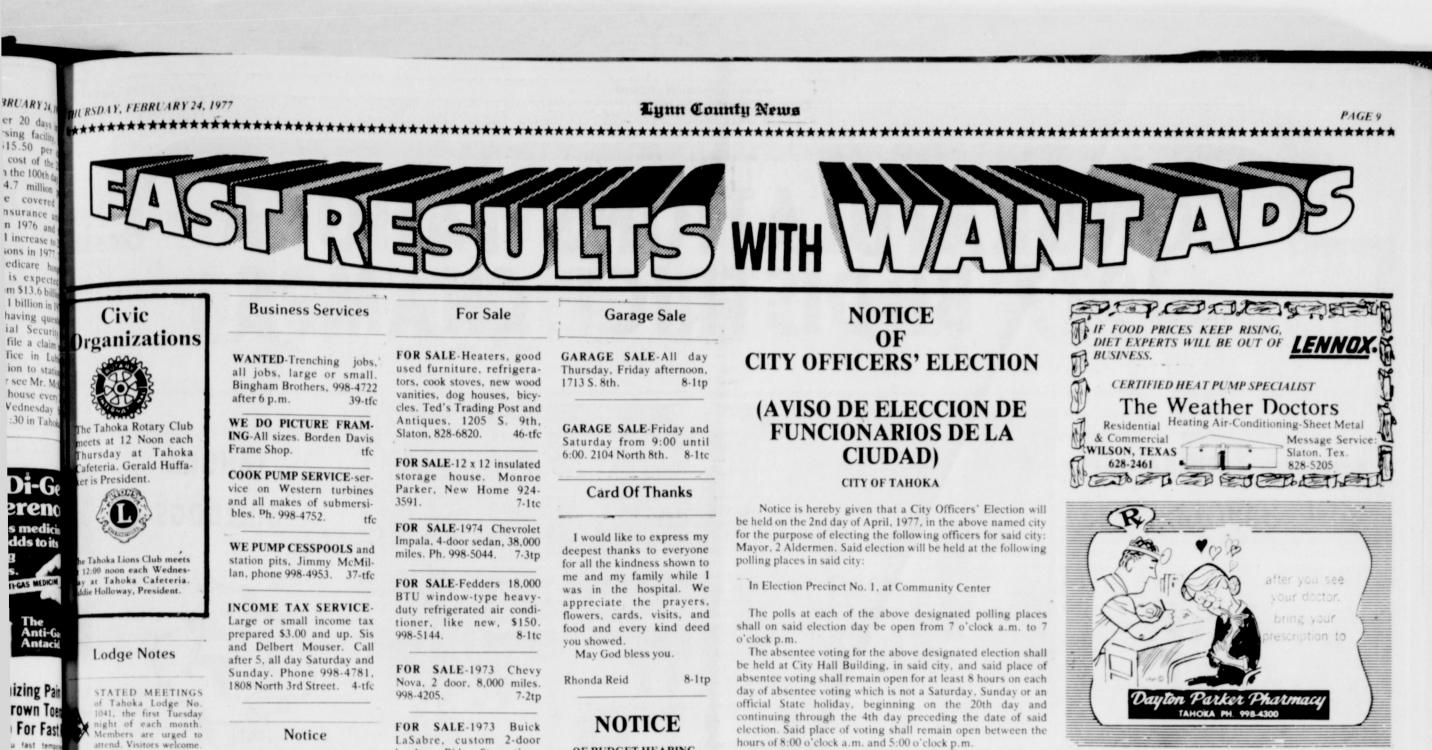
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