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By Don Nelson

Random thoughts while shaving with a blade:

I don't shave this way much anymore—probably a dozen times a year. But every time I get out my old safety razor and my can of Foamy, I wonder why I don't use them more often.

I guess I think I'm saving time when I reach automatically for my electric shaver every morning. Flip the switch and follow the familiar pattern, starting at the neck and working upward, *bzzz, bzzz, bzzz*. Up the cheeks to the sideburns, *bzzz, bzzz, bzzz*.

(How long should sideburns be nowadays? Some of the young guys don't have sideburns at all. I just try to keep 'em trimmed even, somewhere around the middle of the ear. I'm too old to worry about it.)

If I'm saving time with an electric shaver, it isn't much—maybe a minute or so. And maybe not.

When I was a college freshman, my roomie and I had a shaving race. I used my razor and he used the new electric shaver he had gotten for Christmas. I think he beat me by less than half a minute. Then again, he could blade-shave faster than I could, too. He'd do it with long, downward swipes, while I'd shave upward with short strokes. Neither of us ever converted the other.

What's a minute or two, anyway? Neither method takes more than five or six minutes. Why is a minute worth so much more while I'm getting ready for work than it is after I get to work and start wasting minutes?

Shaving with a blade reminds me of my youth, when I first learned the manly art of lathering up and drawing the super-sharp blade across my face to lop the occasional whisker.

(Do all fathers still teach their sons how to shave? I hope so. It's a bonding rite between father and son. A dad shouldn't just loan the kid his electric shaver. A boy needs to learn how to shave with a blade. It's like learning math: You may use a calculator the rest of your life, but you still need to know the basic way to do it.)

When I was a kid, there weren't many electric shavers around. The blade was the only way to go. *True*, *Argosy* and other men's magazines devoted entire articles on how to shave.

Those magazines are gone, but the interest in shaving isn't. *Time* magazine had a brief piece in a special advertising section just last week, entitled "The Quest for the Perfect Shave":

"Preparation is the key to a fast, efficient, comfortable shave. Here are some tips. Soaking your beard with warm water for at least five minutes will make it easier to shave. Then gently massage in your favorite shaving soap, cream, foam or gel. Shaving in the direction the hair grows works best. For a really close, smooth shave, repeat the routine for a second, much easier shave to remove small stubble. If you like to use an after-shave lotion, choose one that soothes and moisturizes, not one that contains alcohol, which can burn and sting."

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YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE! Nazareth's Jon Johnson wraps up Hart punter Raynea Garcia (2) and drags him down short of the first down marker during action Friday night at Longhorn Stadium. Garcia had faked the punt on a fourth-

and-five play, but failed to gain the necessary yardage and Nazareth took over. Also pictured is Nazareth's Jaret Schulte (66). Hart won the annual contest between the teams, 20-9.

Photo by Anne Acker

Graduation may go outside

Dimmitt school board members agreed Monday to consider a request by Dimmitt High School seniors to hold 1995 commencement exercises outside at Bobcat Stadium.

The request was presented by class President Lupe Mendez and six other members of the Class of 1995. Class members cited packed conditions at the Dimmitt High School auditorium and the desire to include more persons in the audience as a major reason for holding commencement outside.

For many years, graduation has been conducted inside the DHS auditorium. The facility seats 1,022, and most years seniors get 10 tickets per student. The football stadium holds 1,040 on the home side, with seating for another 775 persons.

"We're going to visit with some other school districts that have

graduation outside," said Supt. Les Miller. Miller said the district needed to answer questions about a stage, sound systems, what to do with overflow crowd if weather forces graduation indoors, and concerns about crowd control.

Hereford, for one example, holds graduation at Whiteface Stadium. The ceremonies have been held both in the afternoon and in the evening with various degrees of success. The event has not been rained out in several years but there have been some close calls. Wind has definitely been a problem with evening ceremonies; heat has been a concern with afternoon exercises.

The board may be forced to move graduation outdoors with very large classes coming through DHS. The class of 1995 has 68 members, but

there are 94 juniors, 109 sophomores, 122 freshmen and 132 eighth graders. Classes that big could force tickets to be cut to six per senior if graduation remains inside the DHS auditorium.

The board also amended its budget to include a \$25,000 grant for the single parenting program at DHS; heard a presentation from Rachel Goldsmith, a DHS junior, on her summer activities with FHA; appointed Petra Murrufu and Dolores Diaz to the Language Proficiency Committee; agreed to meet later this month to begin development of a District Improvement Plan; amended the scoring on teacher appraisals; and tabled consideration of records management.

Japanese meet here on corn exports

A group of Japanese trade representatives met with managers and operators of several area grain elevators last Wednesday, searching for food-grade corn to meet their growing needs.

The Japanese delegation met with grainmen and corn industry representatives at the Texas Corn Growers Association office in Dimmitt. The group also toured area elevators to get a first-hand look at some innovative corn cleaning techniques used at Edmonson

Wheat Growers.

"We had a really good visit," said Carl King of Texas Corn. "We were able to answer most of their questions in a positive way and I think some good will come from our meeting."

King said the Japanese had asked if the corn could be contained in 700 pound bags for shipment. The Japanese said this would meet their cargo container needs and would better serve their purposes in Japan. King was able to show several examples.

"They were happy we would be able to do this," King said.

A Japanese delegation last visited

here in April 1993 representing Koikeya Co., Ltd., the country's second-leading snack manufacturer. The company was looking for high-quality corn for use in corn chips and tortillas. King said the Japanese have many other specialty food products manufactured from corn, and the Texas group would like to meet all of the Japanese needs.

About a month after the group's 1993 visit, the Japanese bought yellow food-grade corn from Edmonson Wheat Growers. The company has since purchased about five million pounds of corn in the region and is looking to expand its purchases.

Hart farmer dies in weekend wreck

A Hart-area farmer died early Sunday in a Lubbock hospital from injuries sustained in a one-vehicle accident Saturday night near Hart.

Tommy Russell, 34, died in University Medical Center in Lubbock. He was originally treated at Plains Memorial Hospital, then was airlifted to the Lubbock hospital.

Services are pending with Wood-Dunning Funeral Home in Plainview.

Dept. of Public Safety troopers said Russell was not wearing a seat belt when his 1983 Chevrolet pickup went out of control on County Road 519 west of Hart. Russell was going south on the dirt road when his pickup went off the road on the right side, crossed the road and clipped a culvert. The pickup then veered right as the left front tire blew out, which caused the pickup to flip over one time.



VEHICLE IN FATAL ACCIDENT—This 1983 Chevrolet pickup driven by Tommy Russell was involved in a fatal accident Saturday night near Hart. Russell was going south on County Road 519 when the pickup went off the road on the right side, cross the road and clipped a culvert. The left front tire blew out as the pickup veered to the right, causing the truck to flip. Russell was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital for initial treatment, then was airlifted to a Lubbock hospital where he died just after midnight.

Photo by John Brooks

Agencies mull fate of city's roadside park

State and county agencies and the area's electric utility are asking for answers to a rhetorical question: What do we do with abuse of the roadside park on the outskirts of Dimmitt.

Representatives of the State Highway Dept., Castro County Sheriff's Office and Southwestern Public Service Company appeared before the Dimmitt city council Monday to talk about how bad abuse has been at the park and to ask for answers.

Roy Pilgrim, local manager of the Highway Dept. office, told the council that the park is very expensive to maintain. A recent trip by the *News* with Sheriff CD Fitzgearld showed a collection of alcoholic beverage containers and various paraphernalia ranging from personal items to trash to evidence of drug abuse and sexual escapades.

"The man who maintains it told me that when the service contract goes up the cost will be a lot higher," Pilgrim told the council. "He told me it costs more to maintain this park than any other roadside park."

Local SPS manager Calvin Marsh said the utility will no longer foot the bill for replacing lights at the park. There are eight high-powered lights at the park. Last spring a 20-year-old Dimmitt man was caught and convicted for shooting out all eight lights. He paid restitution and got his gun back, authorities said Monday.

Last weekend, seven of the eight lights had either been shot out or broken out by youths throwing beer bottles at the lights.

"Dimmitt has some good kids, some great kids," Marsh said. "This is probably 1% of the kids, but they're causing problems for everyone else."

Marsh said the cost for the lights will be billed to the state, but the state doesn't have money in its budget to pay for the constant replacement of lights. Marsh said SPS replaces at least one of the lights, worth about \$160, every Monday. Usually, he said, there are three or four that need new bulbs. Some require totally new fixtures, driving up the costs.

The park is out of the city limits, and the city has limited jurisdiction at the park. Police Chief Dewayne Haney said his officers could include the park in their patrols, and would radio in offenses to sheriff's deputies.

"We have 911 square miles to cover, usually with two men," Fitzgearld said. "We have more to worry about than the roadside park."

"We have 5,000 people we have to look after," Haney told the council. "It's hard for us, too."

Councilman Wayne Proffitt suggested public education, with handouts and videos for young people.

"I think education is important," Proffitt said. "They need to know how much this vandalism is costing."

Proffitt said an education effort would be even more important as the city's new park in the playa lake area on the south side nears completion. A fishing dock is being built on the east side of the lake, and land work is continuing for a softball field on the northwest side of the park and for walking-jogging paths going around the park.

"I'm afraid they will move there when it's completed," Proffitt said.

All agreed they did not want to chase young people out of the roadside park, fearing they would move their place to gather away from town further in the country. A spot about 10 miles southwest of Dimmitt, "The Forest" was a popular gathering place in the 1960s and 1970s. Since, youngsters have gathered in, and been chased from, parking lots in the middle of town and from Dimmitt Motor Co., near the Roadside Park.

City Attorney Jack Edwards brought up the idea of a Teen Court, where youngsters would help police the area and would handle punishment for persons who break the law at the park. Teens act as judges, attorneys and jurors with input and advice from adults.

The teen court program has been successful in Lamesa and Snyder and is in use in other places around the country.

Another suggestion, by Fitzgearld, was establishment of a reward of \$100 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons doing damage at the park. Tuesday, Castro County Crime Line began offering a \$100 reward for the destruction of lights at the park. Persons with information may call the Crime Line at 647-4711.

Callers may remain anonymous. A person who daily works with young people told the *News* that a large reward might help curtail crime. The person told the story of how a recent \$500 reward offer led the person who committed the offense to come forward to prevent his "friends" from collecting the reward money.

No action was taken by the city, but Pilgrim said input from the meeting will be used in a presentation to the district public affairs officers for the Highway Dept. before Oct. 1.

Some Dimmitt truck drivers got a final reprieve Monday night from the Dimmitt city council on parking north of the Azteca Complex in east Dimmitt.

The drivers will have to keep the area clean, and Azteca management will have to provide an area just to the west of the housing project for truck maintenance. The area must be kept clean, or the city will forbid

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Annual celebration planned Saturday

A full day of activities is planned Saturday for Dimmitt's fourth annual celebration of Sept. 16, the 184th anniversary of Mexico's independence from Spain.

The celebration is being sponsored by the Dimmitt chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

Events include a variety of ethnic food, articles, games, music, variety shows and door prizes beginning at noon at the Castro County Expo Building in Dimmitt. At 1 p.m., the flags of the United States of America and Mexico will be honored and the National Anthems of each country will be sung.

Events will include singer Josie Leivas at 1:30 p.m.; a presentation of candidates at 2:30 p.m.; a riddle and joke contest at 3 p.m.; a comedian from Chihuahua at 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.; children's talent

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Weather

	High	Low	Pcpn.
Thursday	87	55	.37
Friday	83	56	
Saturday	83	59	
Sunday	84	59	
Monday	85	59	
Tuesday	84	59	
Wednesday	85	61	
September moisture:	.93		
1994 total moisture:	17.45		

Temperatures and precipitation are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.

Forecast: Chance of rain through Friday. Highs near 82, lows about 58 through Friday.



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Behind the Headlines

Improving America's Schools Act attempts to nationalize schools

By PHILIP C. CLARKE

To supporters, it's a critically needed effort to overhaul the nation's lagging public education system. To critics, the "Improving America's Schools Act" is nothing less than an attempt by ideological educators and bureaucrats — "educrats" — to nationalize our local schools.

The first step was the enactment last March of the so-called "Goals 2000" bill. It established a set of ambitious achievement targets for all 41 million elementary and high school students in the country by the year 2000. Next came the ESEA — the Elementary and Secondary Education Act or "Improving America's Schools" — spelling out details of the sweeping reform program.

No one reasonably can quarrel with the high-minded objectives, from "all children in America will

start school ready to learn" to reducing the dropout rate to under 10%, eliminating illiteracy and making our kids first in the world in science and math. (They're currently behind Slovenia, Hungary, and South Korea.) The "devil is in the details," as the saying goes.

According to *Human Events*, the national conservative weekly, the new legislation stands to impose "unprecedented control by Washington over the traditionally autonomous local schools." Key provisions, it adds, "would effectively enact a national curriculum and begin to dictate to schools how they must spend their local education money." ESEA also "proposes to disburse \$12 billion in funds per year over the next five years — by far the highest expenditure ever." Even more alarming, says *Human Events*, "the 1994 ESEA would begin to tie receipt of funding by

local schools to a whole string of the most favorite liberal educational reforms."

The language of the legislation attempts to soft-pedal the costs. The nation's taxpayers already are staggering under an overall education spending bill totalling more than \$253 billion. At nearly \$6,000 per student, only Switzerland spends more on education. US spending on public education, per capita, now exceeds that of Japan by 85% and of Germany by almost 50%, although students in those countries greatly outperform our kids in competitive tests. But is more government intervention and new layers of federal bureaucracy the way to go?

"Provisions of 'Goals 2000,'" says Dennis Cuddy, a former senior associate with the Education Dept., "will inevitably lead to federal control of local schools." Cuddy, who has taught in the public schools and now writes extensively on education problems, notes that the legislation establishes an Education Goals Panel that will act as a national school board, and a National Education Standards and Improvement Council. This, he says, represents the widely controversial "Outcome Based Education" policy, or OBE, being pushed by today's social reformers. "Anyone knowledgeable about education," he adds, "knows that standards drive curriculum, so we'll eventually have a national curriculum."

The educator also questions the newly-created National Board of Professional Teaching Standards which will require the certification of teachers by a panel dominated by the leading national teachers' unions. Says Cuddy: "The ESEA legislation also speaks of school finance equity" and "the convening of conferences on equalization of resources among states," implying a socialistic redistribution of wealth."

Nor is this all. "After our education has been nationalized," continues Cuddy, "it must then be internationalized to fit into the New World Order. Toward that end, 'comprehensive regional centers' will be established to 'promote multicultural understanding,' among other things. And the bill declares that 'it is in the best interest of the federal government to ensure that all students have equitable access to quality education that will prepare them to function well in a culturally diverse... global community.'"

As Dennis Cuddy and other critics contend, such "educratise" ignores the crying need of our public schools: a return to the basics of teaching and solid learning.

According to Allyson Tucker, who heads the Heritage Foundation's Center for Education Policy, "The federalization that we are beginning to see in education is going to be disastrous. These are not true standards or improvements... (but) a way to impose a utopian and idealistic view of education on the curriculum. On the whole (the ESEA and Goals 2000 initiatives) will serve to do much more harm to our schools than good."

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HIGHLIGHTS
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AUSTIN — GOP gubernatorial nominee George W. Bush has agreed to debate incumbent Democratic Gov. Ann Richards in Dallas on Oct. 21, but that's a long wait for Texas voters who had hoped to see campaign coals turn cherry red from frequent debates.

The Richards-Bush confrontation — only 18 days before election day — will be piggybacked with a separate debate between Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and her Democratic opponent, Richard Fisher.

According to a report in *The Dallas Morning News*, the two debates will be fueled by selected residents and reporters who will ask questions of the candidates. The debates will be broadcast across Texas on television and radio stations.

The Hutchison-Fisher debate will take place in the first hour and the Richards-Bush debate will take up the second hour of the forum that is billed as "The Texas Debates: The People's Agenda."

According to the *Morning News* report, Richards was the first to agree to participate in the Dallas debate. She made her intentions known last month, saying, "The format allows regular folks to ask questions directly of the candidates."

Richards also has agreed to

debate Bush on Sept. 22 on CNN's "Larry King Live" television show. Bush has not decided whether to do the Larry King show.

Bush Blasts New Penal Code

From the office of Travis County Sheriff Terry Keel, a Republican, Bush accepted the terms of the Oct. 21 debate forum while calling the new state penal code "misguided public policy."

Bush said he is looking forward "to looking Ann Richards right in the eye," and pointing out what he considers faults in the penal code that went into effect Sept. 1, such as automatic probation for first-time nonviolent offenders.

Congressional Lines OK'd

Texas' Nov. 8 election can proceed with the current congressional districts but the Legislature must redraw three districts next year, a three-judge federal panel ruled last week.

The same Republican-appointed judges ruled last month that the three districts were drawn unconstitutionally only to increase minority representation.

A lawsuit filed in January claimed the odd-shaped districts amounted to "racial gerrymandering." The GOP plaintiff hoped lawmakers would be forced to draw new boundaries in a special session this fall.

U.S. District Judges David Hitner and Melinda Harmon and 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Edith Jones gave legislators until March 15 to submit a new plan.

Redrawing boundaries for the 18th and 29th districts in Houston and the 30th in Dallas could affect as many as half of the state's 30 congressional districts.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said the "court acted properly in not disenfranchising the voters, and in not disrupting the coming elections."

Former SA Man Indicted

A former San Antonio man is free on a \$50,000 bond after be-

ing charged in a federal indictment with funneling \$11,000 in illegal contributions to 10 current or former congressmen, including seven from Texas.

The 10-count indictment handed down by a San Antonio grand jury accused Leslie Alfred Tabor, 62, now of Georgetown, Tenn., the former president of Sherwood Van Lines of "causing the concealment by scheme and device."

Citing the Federal Election Code, the indictment alleged that Tabor disguised political contributions during the 1990 campaign to hide the fact that the money came from Sherwood Van Lines.

The indictment said Tabor used his wife, Ilene Tabor, "as a conduit" to funnel Sherwood money to the political campaigns of the 10 House Democrats, including former Rep. Albert Bustamante of San Antonio.

The other Texas lawmakers mentioned in the indictment were Reps. Greg Laughlin of West Columbia, Chet Edwards of Waco, Charles Wilson of Lufkin, Bill Sarpaluis of Amarillo, Pete Geren of Fort Worth and Jim Chapman of Sulphur Springs.

Other Highlights

■ An insurance industry group proposed a 17.7 percent increase in the standard rates for automobile coverage and Farmers Insurance Group recommended an average 12.5 percent rate boost. The proposals by the Texas Automobile Insurance Service Office and Farmers were the only rate recommendations filed by the industry before the Sept. 27 public hearing on auto insurance rates.

■ Former base closure chairman Jim Courter turned down a \$75,000 offer to help protect San Antonio's five military installations during the next round of cutbacks. J. Tullios Wells, incoming chairman of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, said Courter was fearful such a deal would be improper, considering his previous service as head of the federal commission studying base closures.

Letter

'Meno's proposal poses threat to local control'

Dear Editor:

The role of the local school board in the education of our youth is as varied as the needs of the community it serves. However, as a school trustee I believe there is one overriding obligation that best defines the local board's function, and that is to serve as the link between our community and our schools, a tie that binds our local educational process together. I am deeply troubled over proposals coming out of Austin that are aimed at severing that tie.

This summer, Education Commissioner Lionel Meno, who heads up the Texas Education Agency that oversees state regulation of our schools, released his final recommendations for changing our public school laws through a rewrite of the Texas Education Code. The Education Code is the primary body of law that governs Texas schools. Last year the state legislature directed Commissioner Meno to rewrite the code to make it more readable and to ensure that it was supporting, rather than impeding, student progress.

The idea of reworking this massive and convoluted body of law to ensure that it focuses on student needs and increases student achievement is a good one. Unfortunately, what Commissioner Meno has proposed does little to help our children and much to hurt community control over the education of our youth.

Under Commissioner Meno's proposals, the locally elected board of trustees would no longer have a say in the most important functions of governing a local school district, chiefly: 1) selecting school district personnel, and 2) certain student discipline decisions. In each case, the superintendent—not the school board, would make the decisions.

The superintendent, not the local school board, would hold hearings on proposed student expulsions. And a "hearing examiner" appointed by the commissioner, not the local school board, would hold hearings (at local district expense) on whether or not to discharge a local teacher.

In each case, and in many other recommendations scattered throughout Commissioner Meno's proposed code, the authority to govern is stripped from the elected representatives of the people and placed in the hands of appointed officials and school district employees. Decisions on how to spend taxpayers' money are made by those with no responsibility for raising local tax dollars.

As a volunteer elected by you, the citizens of this community, I am entrusted to serve as a guardian of your children, your interests and your tax dollars. I am your advocate for education excellence for our youth. And I am ultimately responsible, within reasonable limits, for the success of our local schools.

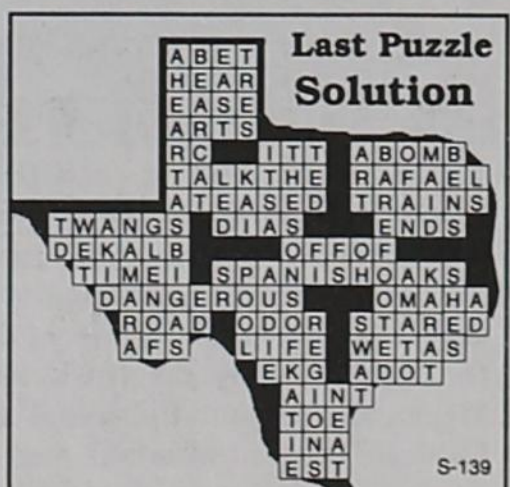
By taking authority away from the local school board, Commissioner Meno is taking authority away from parents and taxpayers. He is turning the educational system inward at a time when the community is demanding that it reach out. In the process, he is leaving out the very people that public schools were created to serve.

The fundamental role of the local school board is to serve as a link between the citizens and their schools. By weakening that link, Commissioner Meno threatens to break the chain of support that has bound the community to its schools for the generations of Texas.

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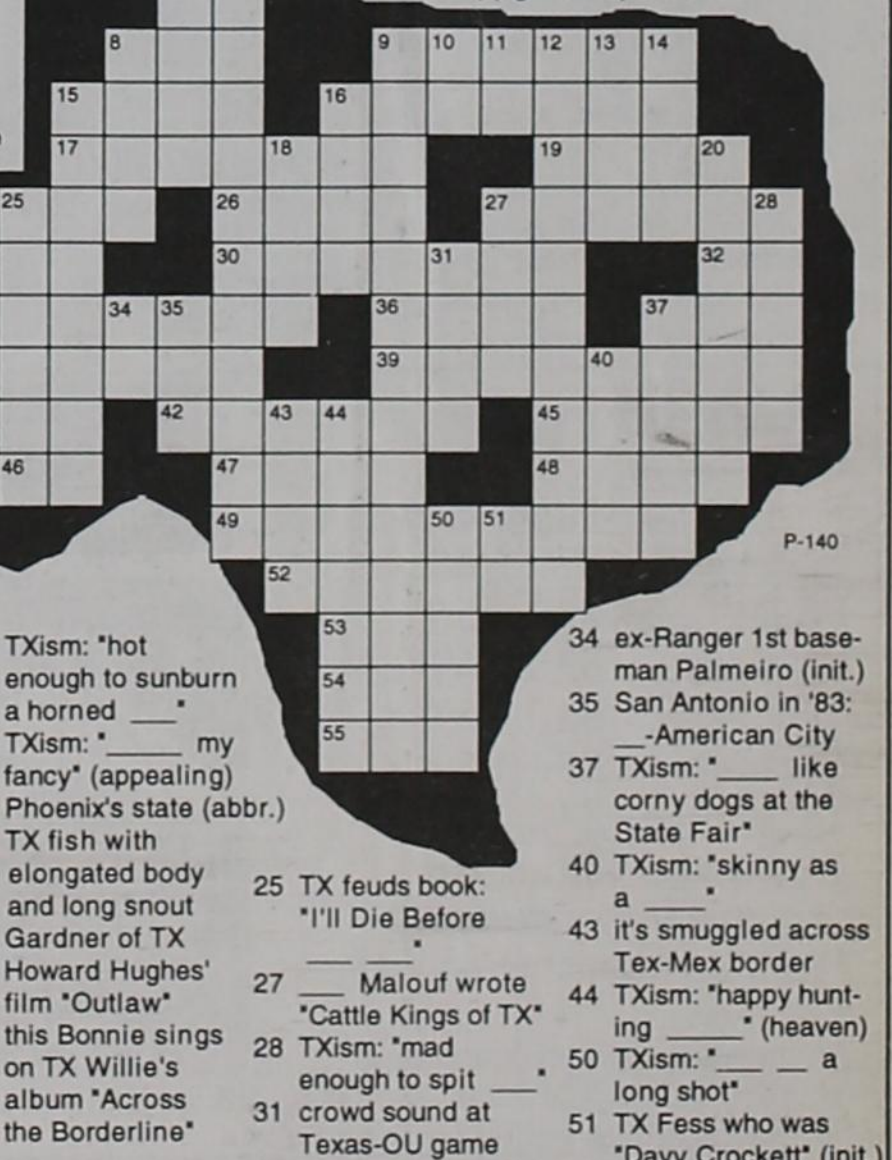
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On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Jackie McLeroy, Dude McLaren, Irene Bradley, Virginia Crider and Loranel Hamilton just returned from a cruise of the Inside Passage in Alaska.

They stopped in Juneau, where they visited the Gastineau Hatchery where the salmon swim up the largest fish ladder in Alaska.

The Mendenhall Glacier, which is one-and-a-half miles wide and hundreds of feet thick, was another sight. They visited the chapel by the lake, a little log church located where one can see Juke Lake as well as Mendenhall Glacier.

They went to the Salmon Bake, held outdoors and all you can eat. The menu included salmon, ribs, baked beans, salad bar, cornbread and beverages.

At Skagway they took the narrow gauge railroad and retraced the original route to the summit of White Pass. They passed Bridal Veil Falls, Inspiration Point and Dead Horse Gulch. The afternoon was spent shopping.

Glacier Bay was the next stop. John Muir found Glacier Bay where they saw the Grand Pacific Glacier and the Margerie Glacier. Many others were seen; one was a blue glacier.

Ketchikan is located in a rain

forest and it is called the Rain Forest of North America. They have an average of 154 inches of rain per year. They visited Totem Bright State Park and the Totem Heritage Center. They saw dozens of various types of totems.

Many other things were seen, such as whales, dolphins and bald eagles.

Doug and Cheryl Pybus have returned from a trip to Vienna, Austria and other sites in central Europe.

Cheryl said when Doug told her they were going to Vienna, she had to look on the globe. She knew it was somewhere in Austria, but didn't know for sure where, or where Austria was for sure.

They went with a large group of people from Affiliated Foods, Inc., and on arrival at the Hotel Vienna Marriott they knew they were in a place beyond anything the two "country kids" had experienced.

On their first night in Vienna they dined in the hotel ballroom at a Viennese buffet. They ate famous dishes dating back to Austria's imperial days.

The next day they went to the famous Hofburg Palace, the winter

residence of the Hapsburgs. They spent the morning browsing through the Emperor's Museum of Fine Arts, walking down the cobblestone streets of the old city and looked at the beauty of many architectural styles. All the buildings looked so much alike it was hard to remember which street they were on.

All the many churches in the city took several days to visit. They saw St. Stephen's Cathedral, which was more beautiful than words can describe.

They visited the largest baroque monastery in Austria, the Benedictine Monastery. It is by the famous Danube River. Doug visited a castle where King Richard the Lion-Hearted was held captive. While he was checking that out, Cheryl did some shopping in some unusual local handicraft stores. Everything was very, very expensive, so Cheryl didn't bring back many local handicrafts.

The countryside, with all its different castles and quaint villages, held so much history that it was hard to take it all in. They learned a lot about several different countries, but there is no place like home. It will be a trip they will never forget.

Cheryl said no matter what Doug said about Czechoslovakia, he

might not admit how scared he was but Cheryl kissed the ground when they got back to Austria. She said she was not that accustomed to men at checkpoints with guns.

I celebrated Labor Day in Amarillo with my daughter and her family, Mary Lynn and Bill Lankford and Kevin and Neely Lankford and children Adria, Matt and David. They cooked shish kabobs on the grill and we ate on the patio. Then we went to the Veterans Administration Hospital where Neely is a lab technician. We parked there to see the fireworks at the Discovery Center. We listened to the band concert and State Sen. Teel Bivins directed one song. It was a perfect evening for outdoor activities and the fireworks were beautiful. There were 40,000 spectators.

Girl Scout Troop 20 toured the museum on Sept. 6. Those enjoying the tour were Caitlin Buckley, Sharla Kenworthy, Angela Cartwright, Alexis Proffitt, Rae Odom, Kelsey Welch, Jaci Bishop, Holly Lane, Elizabeth Cartwright, Chelsea Lowance, Heather Snitker, Roseanne Rivera, Amber Bell, Javon Bell, Cassie Owen, Jerry Cartwright and Diane Cartwright.

On Sept. 7, US Army Col. Walter Richard Weber (Ret.) and Mrs. Verna Weber of Lombard, Ill., visited the museum. Col. Weber processed many of the Italian prisoners of war for safe shipment to the United States aboard returning ships that were coming back empty. Many items were contraband and removed from them. Other personal items (money and valuables) were received and returned to them in the US at the POW camps. Col. Weber served in Algiers, North Africa in June-August 1946.

Extension Agent Marilyn Neal and club members Oneida Hutto, Robin Gonzales and Mary Edna Hendrix attended a workshop

Thursday morning in Friona. The topic was "Trash to Treasures" and was conducted by the Parmer County Extension Agent. One of the talks was about how long it takes trash to decompose and turn into dust. It takes one month for paper, five months for cotton fabric, 14 months for non-synthetic rope, 13 years for a wooden stick, 100 years for a tin can, 500 years for aluminum cans and glass bottles. Plastic milk cartons and burger containers never decompose. Recycling is as easy as taking out the garbage. Newspapers, cardboard boxes, glass bottles and jars, aluminum and tin cans and motor oil should be taken to the proper places. She gave us some ideas on recycling some items and we all painted and decorated a tin can to use as a pencil holder for a desk. The Friona club women served crackers and cheese spread, cookies and iced tea for snacks, and we went to the Mexican food restaurant for lunch.

Emily Clingsmith was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center and served a delicious cherry dessert. Susie Reeves won high score and Elizabeth Huckabay won second high score. Others playing were Helen Braafladt, Louise Mears, Fern Dickey, Dugan Butler, Cleo Forson, Oleda Schumacher, Neva Hickey and Bernice Hill.

Congratulations to Coby and Connie Gilbreath on the birth of a baby girl, Carly Blair, born Sept. 6 and weighing 7 lbs., 4 ozs. She has two big sisters, Chauncey and Cailee. Grandparents are Betty and E.M. Jones, Edgar and Leta Dennis and Dorothy Gilbreath. Great-grandmother is Virginia Gilbreath.

It was "Roundup Day" at First Baptist Church Corral on Sunday morning with members and the Rev. Paul Kenley and Bill Newland all wearing western clothes. The adult classes met in Fellowship Hall for coffee and doughnuts. Jack Howell conducted the children's sermon by twirling a rope and telling the children that the Bible is their guide to living. Bro. Paul's sermon was entitled "The World's Greatest Roundup."

Sunday evening, members at FBC enjoyed the second annual all-church picnic on the church lawn. It was a perfect evening for an outdoor activity. The Men's Quartet, including Bro. Paul, Bill, Leslie Davis and Wayne Proffitt sang *I'll Fly Away* and other songs, accompanied by Walter Maynard. Cheryl Pybus, Charlie Summers and Dorothy Hospon gave testimonies.

Gregg and Lynn Sides invited the Jr. High and Sr. High United Methodist Youth to their home for a fun afternoon of swimming and paddle-boating on their lake.

Nazareth

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Esther Braddock of McKinney, Amy Braddock and girls, Carman and Olivia of Celina, and Megan Braddock of Seagoville, spent the Labor Day weekend here with Mary and Carl Dean Kleman and other relatives. They visited their uncles, Toney and Leonard Gerber and their aunt, Easy Schulte, who is a resident at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt. They also enjoyed visiting relatives and friends at the Labor Day picnic.

Many friends and relatives attended the marriage of Kenneth Lange and Carol Smith Saturday afternoon at Holy Family Church with Father Jerry Stein of Holy Name Parish in Happy officiating. Reception was held at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Dick Endres, his wife, Rosemary, and two children, Lisa and Jeff of Fort Worth visited his mother, Mattie Swirczynski over the Labor Day weekend. They took in all the picnic activities and enjoyed their visit.

This weekend, Ray's daughter, Cindy McMahan and son, Billie of Lewisville, visited with Ray and Mattie. Ray is doing quite well after his second chemo-therapy treatment.

Congratulations to Virgil and Carolyn Wilhelm on the birth of a boy, John Lawrence, Sept. 6, at Plains

Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He has a sister, Jessica, and a brother, Marcus. His grandparents are Lawrence and Pierina McGilvary of Groesbeck and the late Clarence and Hazel Wilhelm of Nazareth.

Florene Leinen, Dolores Heiman, Dorothy Pohlmeier and Virgie Gerber went to Lubbock Wednesday afternoon to the home of Evelyn Hill to celebrate Meta Stork's 97th birthday. She spent a week in Lubbock with Evelyn and Meta is now in Nazareth at the home of Dorothy and LeRoy Pohlmeier.

DMS to hold 'signing' of Constitution

Dimmitt Middle School students will celebrate the 207th anniversary of the US Constitution during a ceremonial constitution signing on Wednesday, and the students will be joined by a representative from US Sen. Phil Gramm's office.

The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. at the school.

Jennifer Crabtree, regional director of Gramm's office in Lubbock, will lead the signing ceremony and will deliver remarks on the significance of Constitution Week, which is Sept. 17-23.

"On Sept. 17, 1787, 39 delegates participating in the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia signed a document establishing the American system of government and identifying its powers," said Gramm. "In so doing, our founding fathers provided a free and independent people a national framework of self-rule unparalleled in history.

"The United States Constitution set out in clear terms how the American government was to operate. Since its adoption, we have amended the Constitution only 27 times. That is a testament to the remarkable vision of America's founding fathers," Gramm said.

Katie Brockman is home and doing well after having surgery at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

Kim Drerup is home to recuperate after having surgery at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt last week.

The Nazareth Band Parents catered a spaghetti dinner on Sunday for 28 Senior Citizens. Four band students did a good job of serving and helping to clean up. Guests for the meal were Father Neal Dee, Swede Schmucker of Hereford and Cindy and Billie McMahan of Fort Worth.

Sunnyside WITH TEENY BOWDEN

Ardis Barton brought in the first load of corn Sept. 3. Moisture was 23.6%. The patch yielded 70,000 pounds or so. Yields are averaging light all over.

We reported .60 inch of rain Wednesday night.

Larry Sadler participated in the one-arm duck hunt at Breckenridge over the weekend. I haven't heard whether or not he won a prize. Sharon stayed for the event.

Patricia Powell of Canadian met Friday with her daughters and their children at Verba and Ezell Sadler's. Cheryl Norman and sons Brett and Bryant came from Fort Stockton; and Tresa Sirmans and children Ken, Amber and Tiffany. Tresa and her children left Saturday. Patricia and Cheryl left Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown and girls of Plainview attended the evening service Sunday and visited for a while.

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MRS. CHAD SMITHSON
...nee Michelle Toudouze

Mr. and Mrs. Chad Smithson establish new home in Irving

Mr. and Mrs. Chad Smithson are home in Irving after enjoying a wedding trip to San Antonio and Houston.

The couple were wed Aug. 27 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in San Antonio. Rev. John Flynn officiated at the formal, double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the former Michelle Toudouze of Irving, daughter of Bill and Kathy Toudouze of San Antonio. Parents of the groom are Howard and Maretta Smithson of Dimmitt.

Large baskets of fresh flowers including carnation and white roses and star gazer lilies decorated the church. Satin bows marked the pews.

Gayle Trudeau sang *The Gift of Love* and *Ave Maria*. She was accompanied by organist Susan Kvasnicka of San Antonio.

Cara Obert of Garland, cousin of the groom, read an Old Testament scripture reading from Genesis 2:18-24; and Kevin Ormand, cousin of the bride, read from the New Testament, Colossians 3:12-17.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a formal gown designed with short sleeves, a beaded bodice, scalloped sweetheart neckline and a semi-cathedral-length train which was fashioned with a beaded and scalloped hemline.

She carried a bouquet of carnation and white roses and star gazer lilies.

Serving as maid of honor was Patricia Sarabia of San Antonio, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids included Kathleen Toudouze of San Antonio, sister of the bride; and Melissa Evans of Houston, Leslie Huntley of San Antonio and Jennifer Robertson of Irving, friends of the bride.

Bridal attendants wore tea-length

gowns of iridescent emerald green. The gowns featured portrait collars and full skirts. They carried flowers similar to those in the bride's bouquet.

Best man was Shane Smithson of Irving, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Billy Toudouze of Las Vegas, Nev., and Chris Toudouze of Houston, brothers of the bride; and Lloyd Champion and Eric Johnson, both of Irving, friends of the groom.

The unity candle was lit by the couple's mothers.

Ring bearer was Eric Odom of Dimmitt, cousin of the groom. Flower girl was Mary Claire Ellis of San Antonio, cousin of the bride.

Guests were seated by Greg Odom of Dimmitt and Clinton Smithson of Fate, cousins of the groom; and Bob Bechtold of Austin, friend of the groom.

After the wedding, the couple was honored with a reception at the Fair Oaks Country Club. Hostesses for the event were Cara Obert, Cherie Dinker and Debbie Elliott and music for the dance was provided by Tim Smithson.

The bride's table held a traditional wedding cake and the groom's table held a chocolate cake. Guests also were served a meal of roast beef, chicken fajitas, fresh fruits and dips, fresh vegetables and dips, spaghetti and three different pastas with sauce.

The bride works as an adjuster for Farmers Insurance and the groom is a loan officer for The Associates.

Mosier, Hula wed in formal ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Howard Mosier are home in Fort Worth after exchanging wedding vows on Aug. 6 in a formal, double-ring ceremony at Holy Family Catholic Church in Irving.

Father Greg Kelly officiated at the nuptial service.

The bride is the former Cindy Ann Hula of Arlington, daughter of Ronald and Judy Hula of Irving. Parents of the groom are Claude and Brenda Annen of Nazareth.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a formal, white satin embroidered gown fashioned with satin lace cut-outs, a Sabrina neckline and long, tapered sleeves with French satin sequin trim. The train flowed to full cathedral length.

She carried a cascading bouquet of white and fuschia roses accented

with stephanotis and greenery.

Maid of honor was Karen Hula of Irving, sister of the bride. Serving as bridesmaids were Kathy Aebersold of Irving, and Melanie German and Tracie Reynolds, both of Arlington, friends of the bride; and Lisa Hula of Fort Worth, the bride's sister-in-law. Junior bridesmaid was Sage Annen of Nazareth, sister of the groom.

The bridal attendants wore formal fuschia gowns with gathered sleeves and cape collar jackets and slim, floor-length skirts.

Mac Annen of Nazareth, brother of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen were Cody Annen of Nazareth, brother of the groom; Tom Cobb of Arlington and Damen O'Daniel of Los Angeles, Calif., friends of the groom; and Don Hula

of Fort Worth, brother of the bride.

Ushers were Wesley Dobmeier, Kurt Eckstrom and Tom Guerrero.

Flower girls were Brittany Hula and Kylie Hula, both of Fort Worth, nieces of the bride.

Music was provided by organist Marianne Lauda and soloist Adam Palma.

A reception honoring the couple followed at the church's Fellowship Hall.

The couple enjoyed a wedding trip to Ixtapa, Mexico.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington and she is employed as a civil engineer with Half Associates, Inc. in Fort Worth.

The groom graduated from Nazareth High School and is attending the University of Texas at Arlington. He is employed by Tipton Management Group.



MRS. BOBBY HOWARD MOSIER
...nee Cindy Ann Hula

The Bookshelf

By CINDY POTTORFF, RHODS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Storytimes are starting up again with the beginning of the school year. Children can be brought to the library Friday mornings at 10.

For parents unable to bring children to the library, storytimes will be offered at pre-kindergarten and Early Childhood Education classes in Dimmitt. Pre-kindergarten classes in Hart and Pybus Pre-School's First Baptist Church group also will have weekly storytimes.

Here are a few selections for adult readers at the library.

Mystery and romance readers wanting an unusual Victorian mix can check out Amanda Quick's *Mistress*. The cerebral but erratic Iphigina Bright poses as the Earl of Masters' mistress instead of her true self—an ex-schoolmarm and spinster. Things go awry when the Earl of Masters turns out to be alive instead of dead as his "mistress" had supposed. To make matters more complicated, people known by both Iphigina and the Earl are being blackmailed by someone in London society. How can the Earl and Iphigina get out of the mess? This is an entertaining book.

True crime buffs should check out *Esther: Her Murder Haunts a Small Town in Oklahoma* by Leonard Sanders. Esther Steele was a bastion of the tiny Oklahoma community of Granite. So her rape and

murder in her own bedroom shocked the entire community. What the murder investigation revealed shows how even tiny rural communities are places where people need to lock their doors at night.

"Mates are not always matches, and matches are not always mates," according to Magda Danvers, a professor dying of ovarian cancer in Gail Godwin's novel, *The Good Husband*. Magda's own husband, Francis, is an attentive, caring, ex-seminarian. His personality is the perfect foil to Magda's brilliance and charisma. Francis is the "good husband." The theme of the book is how, as Magda says, satisfaction or dissatisfaction in marriage can come from unlikely sources.

Houston room reservations due

Dimmitt students who need to reserve a hotel room during the Houston Livestock Show must turn in their reservations to David McCormick or Don Moore before Sept. 21.

To reserve a room, the hotel requires a one-night deposit of \$89.70. The rooms are four-person occupancy, and if you wish to reserve the whole room, cost will be \$89.70. If you will share with three other people, cost will be \$22.43. The cost for two family members, sharing with two others in a room, will be \$67.28. Three family members who will share with another individual in the room will be required to pay \$67.28 of the total room cost.

The reservations are due in Houston at the Astro Sheraton Complex, Days Inn, by Oct. 1. Reservations from Dimmitt will be sent no later than Sept. 21.

Money and reservation information can be delivered to McCormick at school or at his home at 1011 W. Maple; or to Don Moore at 1008 Cleveland.

Makeup artist will speak Wednesday

A makeover specialist with a humorous touch will speak Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Dimmitt High School.

Makeup artist Diane Carmichael will speak at the meeting sponsored by Beta Zeta Upsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. A \$5 admission will be charged at the door.

Carmichael is a humorous speaker specializing in teaching women the art of enhancing their eyes and faces. All interested persons are urged to attend the meeting.

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Church Happenings

Presbyterian Church

Today (Thursday) is International Peace Day. Presbyterians are responsible for the service at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home Sunday morning at 9.

Sunday is Theological Education Sunday. Sunday School classes will meet at 10 a.m.

"A Model" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday worship service, which is scheduled to begin at 11.

"Christ Who Brings Peace" from Ephesians 2:11-22 will be the subject of the mid-week Bible study on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the manse.

'See you at the pole' event set

Local students plan to gather Wednesday at Dimmitt High School and Dimmitt Middle School in the annual "See You At The Pole" event.

Students and adult leaders will meet at Dimmitt High School and Dimmitt Middle School flagpoles Wednesday at 7 a.m. After a brief prayer meeting, refreshments will be served.

The event is being sponsored for the fifth year statewide by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The local event is being coordinated by First Baptist Church. It is considered to be the world's largest simultaneous prayer meeting held each year involving youth. The event has spread throughout the US and several other countries, including Russia, Mexico, Canada, England, Germany, Australia and Brazil.

To meet court rulings, the event must be student-led, before school hours and outside of any school building.

Christian Church

The concert featuring savant Tim Baley will be held Sunday at 9:45 a.m. at Dimmitt's First Christian Church at 600 Western Circle Dr.

Baley will also present several special numbers during the worship service at 10:45 a.m. Following that, there will be a pot luck lunch in the fellowship hall.

The public is invited to attend all these events.

Baley is a pianist and also has done some graphic artwork, some of which will be displayed.

Evening worship and youth meeting will be at 6 p.m. Sunday.

The mid-week prayer meeting and Bible study will be Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Ministerial Alliance

Harry Riggs will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Hebrews 4:1-13 Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ in Dimmitt.

Linsky dinner is called off

The potluck dinner scheduled for Sunday to honor Mr. and Mrs. Alex Linsky and their son from the Ukraine has been cancelled due to a scheduling conflict.

The Linskys are here for an extended stay with Dr. Bill Murphy.

FFA members earn high places

Dimmitt FFA members Jay McCormick and Mandi Moore earned high placings with their livestock recently at the 106th Gillespie County Fair.

Moore exhibited the champion and reserve champion Chester barrows, a second place heavyweight Hampshire which won the reserve breed title, the reserve champion Yorkshire which was also the second place heavy Yorkshire, and the second and third place light crossbred barrows.

McCormick drove the first place lightweight and first place heavyweight champion and reserve champion Poland China barrows, the first and fifth place heavy crossbred barrows, and a third place medium crossbred barrow.



YOUNGSTERS MEET ESPY--Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy (center) met 13 county youngsters this summer during a tour of Washington, D.C. Pictured with Espy are (from left) sponsor Sherri Kenworthy; Derek Buckley, Rusty Wooten and Heather Wise, all of Dimmitt; Leon Birkenfeld of Nazareth; Delfina Gripp, Shawna Kenworthy and Shane Ethridge, all of Dimmitt; Secretary Espy; Beau

Hill and Cassie McLean of Dimmitt; Whitney McLain and Stacey Schulte of Nazareth; Kurt Webb and Wesley Wright of Dimmitt; and sponsors Tammy Robb of Nazareth and Lori Lemons of Dimmitt. The students were among several invited to participate in the private tour, and saw several sights and toured throughout the capital. *Courtesy photo*



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of Sept. 15-23.

DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Choices of turkey and dressing, *corn dog, beef and bean burrito with chili; garden peas, Spanish rice or *potato chips; *tossed salad with dressing, *fruited gelatin or fresh watermelon slices; hot rolls, crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choices of *pizza supreme, Monterey casserole or barbecued hot links; Ranch Style Beans, baked potato or potato salad; tossed salad with dressing, *assorted relishes or *cantaloupe wedges; hot rolls, whole wheat rolls or crackers; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choices of *Chicken fried steak, Italian spaghetti or fruit and cheese plate; *mashed potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower or seasoned green beans; tossed salad with dressing, *garden relish or chilled,

canned fruit; crackers, *hot rolls or flour tortillas; apple, banana or orange; and *milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choices of *toasted cheese sandwich with bowl of chili, hard taco with condiments or barbecue on a bun; *potato wedges, onion rings or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, coleslaw or fresh fruit salad; *hot rolls, old fashioned cornbread or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choices of *oven-fried chicken, cheese enchiladas or salad plate; refried beans, haystack finger salad or curly q's; *tossed salad with dressing, broccoli and cauliflower salad or gelatin with fruit; *flour tortilla or chips, crackers or white bread; apple, plum or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choices of *Hamburger on a roll, corn dog on a stick or Chinese plate; Ranch Style Beans, hamburger salad or *potato wedges; *tossed salad with dressing, *applesauce blushing or fresh fruit slices; hot

rolls, crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; or *milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choices of *fish nuggets, sausage and pepperoni pizza, salad plate with sandwich or fajitas with condiments; green beans, baked potato or French fries; tossed salad with dressing, *assorted relishes or *cantaloupe wedges; cornbread, whole wheat rolls or crackers; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

HART

THURSDAY: Enchilada casserole, tortillas, salad, corn, pineapple and milk.

FRIDAY: Submarine sandwiches, pickles, olives, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, potato chips, cookies, fresh fruit and milk.

MONDAY: Chili dogs, pinto beans, pickle spears, fresh fruit and milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken strips, broccoli and cheese, whipped potatoes, gravy, hot rolls, variety of cobbler and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Cheeseburgers (elementary) or C.B./submarine, sliced tomatoes,

pickles, lettuce, French fries, fresh fruit and milk.

THURSDAY: Mexican mix hamburger meat with potatoes, salad, flour tortillas, pineapple and milk.

FRIDAY: Spaghetti and meat sauce (elementary) or submarine sandwich, salad, bread sticks, Jell-O with fruit and milk.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: Burritos and chili, carrot sticks, cauliflower, peanut butter bars and milk.

FRIDAY: Roast, potatoes and gravy, corn, hot rolls, Jell-O and milk.

MONDAY: Chili dogs, green beans, fruit salad and milk.

TUESDAY: Enchiladas, tossed salad, hot rolls, grapes and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Mexican casserole, beans, sopapillas and honey, pineapple and milk.

THURSDAY: Frito pie, mixed vegetables, cornbread, peaches and milk.

FRIDAY: Baked potatoes, cheese and broccoli, pears, bread and milk.

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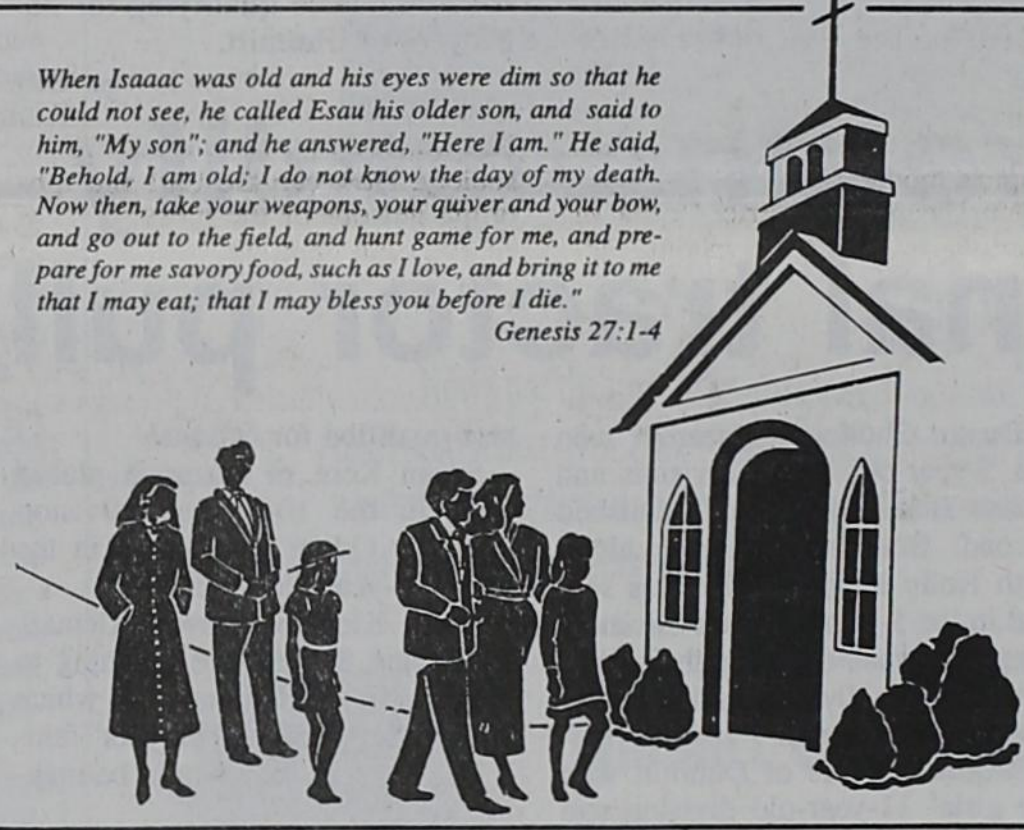
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When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his older son, and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." He said, "Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me, and prepare for me savory food, such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat; that I may bless you before I die."
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By DON TAYLOR

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Would you be interested in a worker who demands no benefits package, won't call in sick, doesn't ask for vacation during your busy season and will accept abrupt termination without recourse or hurt feelings? The worker I'm speaking of is a good sign.

Signs can help you increase sales. Research indicates that in some cases point-of-purchase sales increased by as much as 24% with a good sign. The research also shows that signs that point out product benefits generate even more sales.

Good signs will help your customers reach a buying decision. They will help your customers select the correct model, the right size or specific features they desire in a product. Signs also help customers compare prices, while giving

you the added advantage of explaining hidden benefits.

Signs are also a good way to drive your megastore competitors crazy. You can change prices in minutes by putting up a new sign, while many discounters are tied to regional or national promotions.

Good signs help you build your customers' perception of value. Professional signs add to your quality image, while hand written signs look cheap.

You can use a computer, word processor or custom sign making machine to make your own signs in-house. There are also many businesses who specialize in quick, custom-made signs.

Sign tips

Here are several tips for creating good signs:

- Be specific in the wording you use on your signs. Say "Steel Leaf Rakes - Flexible tines - \$4.99" not "Rakes - \$4.99."
- Make pricing and quantities easy to understand. "Large Paper Clips - 50

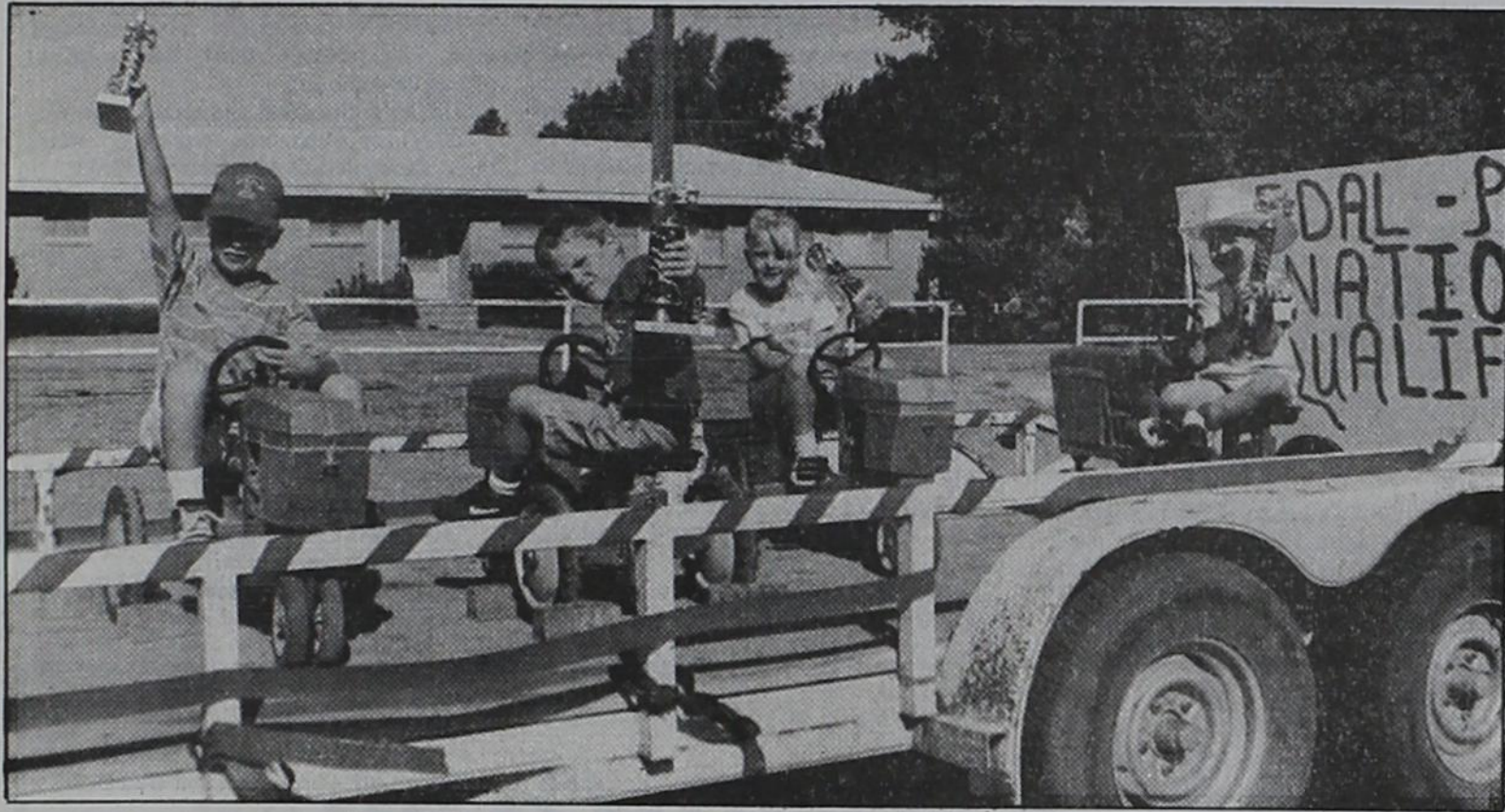
for 49 cents" not just "Clips - 49 cents." Point out value: "Less than one cent each."

- Sell the sizzle. Why is this product unique? Identify the special benefits, such as "Locally grown" or "Made in Texas," then sign them.
- Give your customers plain, simple facts, not hype. If you claim that your product is "improved," "fresher," "better," etc., prove your claims with facts.
- Use signs to explain what isn't obvious. "Keyless Door Lock—just enter your 3-digit code to unlock your door."
- Help the customer find the best value with the features they want. Show additional features as the price goes up. For example, on "good, better, best," models, show two, four and six features, respectively.
- Offer additional items. If you're selling paint, suggest brushes, masking tape, a drop cloth or razor blades.
- Don't waste space by pointing out the obvious. Don't say "Assorted Colors"

if you can see the assortment.

- Keep your signs positive and friendly. Don't use "don't." Say "Thank you for not smoking," not "Don't Smoke." Say "Shirt and shoes required by state law," not "No Shirt, No Shoes, No Service."
- Listen to customers' questions. If several customers ask the same question, you may need a sign.
- Listen to customers' praise. When customers say, "We really like ... because ...," the "because" is a benefit and should be signed.
- Use a sign to reinforce your advertising. Say "As Advertised." If something is important enough to advertise, it deserves a sign. We know one merchant who watches his competitors' ads and matches the price with an "As Advertised" sign. He doesn't say who advertised it. Move your business image up a notch with good signs. Signs are a low-cost way to increase sales and serve your customers more effectively.

You may write to Don Taylor in care of "Minding Your Own Business," PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.



WE'RE ON THE WAY TO OMAHA! These four Nazareth youths are among those who qualified for the National Tractor Pull in Omaha, Neb. on Sept. 24. Children from around the area competed in local tractor pulls and winners qualified for the

state pull in Lockney. First and second place winners there qualified for national. Pictured are (from left) Garrett Kleman, Dustin Schulte, Holly Kleman and Chase Black. Also qualifying for national is Brooke Moyers of Dimmitt.

Photo by Anne Acker

Harvest quality important for area cotton growers

Harvesting quality lint is becoming increasingly important across all areas of the Cotton Belt.

Discounts can be substantial for even slight deviations from what is considered to be the standard.

Unfortunately, for the grower it can be extremely difficult to grow a crop that measures up perfectly to every standard by which quality is judged. So many factors affect cotton lint that it is impossible to gain control of all the variables. Weather, fertilization, cultural practices, irrigation and insects are just a few of the elements which will impact the final quality of the lint a grower takes to the gin.

Even with so much uncertainty at stake during a growing season, a grower can still play a key role in influencing lint quality. Dennis Seidenberger grows 1,400 acres of

wind or an early freeze. The only predictable thing about it is that it will be unpredictable."

At the end of the season, the primary concern is to get the crop out of the field before adverse weather sets in. In West Texas, the stripper cotton near Garden City, an area that is often battered by unpredictable weather throughout the entire season.

"It seems like we're always fighting something in West Texas," Seidenberger said. "It may be hail or not enough rain or too much

threat of an early freeze is always looming on the horizon.

"Beating the weather means everything. My goal is to get the crop out before it starts raining or before we get a freeze. If I can accomplish that goal, then I've done a good job. It makes such a tremendous difference in quality."

A grower may not have control over the many factors which affect lint quality, but he does have influence. In terms of profitability, even a small amount of influence can make a big difference.

County youths qualify for national tractor pull

Four Nazareth and a Dimmitt youngster are among several area students who qualified for the national tractor pull, which will be held in Omaha, Neb. later this month.

Several county youths participated in the state pull in Lockney recently, and those placing first or second will advance to nationals.

Dustin Shulte of Nazareth won his 5-year-old boys' division and Chase Black of Nazareth finished second. Both will advance along with Holly Kleman, who was second in the 5-year-old girls' division. Garrett Kleman of Nazareth finished second in his division and also will qualify for national.

Brooke Moyers of Dimmitt won the girls' 11-year-old division and

also qualified for national.

Susan Kern of Nazareth placed third in the 10-year-old division and Rac Odom was fourth in the girls' 10-year-old division.

Holly Kleman, Garrett Kleman, Black and Schulte are planning to compete in the national pull, which will be Sept. 24, but Moyers' family was unsure they would be making the trip.

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was scared away once, but returned a few minutes later. Floyd snared the raccoon and put it in his truck. The raccoon was taken to the country and released.

Photo by John Brooks

More about

Annual celebration . . .

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and coloring contests at 4:30 p.m.; a Mexican costume contest at 5 p.m.; a dance contest for couples to dance La Charanga at 5:30 p.m.; music by a Dimmitt band, Los Faisanes de Dimmitt, at 6:30 p.m.; and a street dance featuring a Tulia band, Portencia de Tulia, at 8:30 p.m.

The celebration commemorates the Sept. 16, 1810 *Grito de Independencia* read by the Rev. Miguel Hidalgo in Dolores. The pastor demanded freedom from 300 years of harsh rule by Spain. Mexico finally gained its independence from Mexico in 1821. Hidalgo had been captured by Spanish forces and executed in 1811. His cause was continued by Jose Maria Morelos, who fought a defensive war until his capture and execution in 1815. The cause was then carried on by a citizens militia trained by Morelos and his followers which finally overcame the Spanish in 1821. In 1824, Mexico finally became a self-governing republic.

All proceeds from the local celebration will go to the LULAC scholarship fund, which helps provide for the college education of Dimmitt High School graduates. Officers of the Dimmitt LULAC chapter are Gloria Hernandez,

Desi Pesina, vice president; and Mary Lou Lumbrera, secretary-treasurer. Other members are Chevo Lumbrera, Carlos Hernandez, Cuca Ortega, Arturo Ortega, David Perez, Ernie Bernal, Rosa Jimenez, Leon Sandoval Jr. and Petra Gonzales.

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Another thing: I've tried those after-shave lotions that soothe and moisturize. They're greasy. I've got Iron, Aramis and Stetson in the cabinet right now. Strong, stronger, strongest. And all of 'em can burn and sting. Yeah!

When I was 11, I was the shoe-shine boy at Shorty Trimble's barber shop. Now, there was a place to get a shave. It was a 20-minute event, which I would watch in total fascination. . . .

First, a steaming, hot towel over the face. Then another, while Shorty whipped up the scented shaving lather in the big barber's mug. (I've heard that in some barber shops, customers had their own personalized mugs.)

Shorty would get a serious look on his face as he grabbed the slick black leather strap that hung on the

side of the barber's chair and stropped his straight razor on it. Then he'd go to work, using that long-bladed, super-sharp instrument that only barbers know how to use.

Shorty would always shave his customer twice, with another hot towel wrapped over the face between shaves. After the second time over, he'd reach for a wine-sized bottle of aromatic, astringent lotion and massage it on liberally.

The customer would leave feeling like a king.

Shorty's was a full-service barber shop, with a shoe-shine stand in one corner and a shower and dressing room in the back. On Saturday nights, we wouldn't close until 9 o'clock or later.

Barber shops were different then. Heck, everything was different then.

I read once about one of the great aircraft carriers of World War II being decommissioned and put up for sale. The Gillette Company bought it and made razor blades out of it. I couldn't imagine a whole

ship's worth of razor blades.

Just think. A lot of Navy veterans probably shaved with part of their old flight deck.

Remember Gillette Blue Blades? And Gillette Super Blue Blades? Then came Gillette Platinums. The ones I buy now are just labeled Gillette Razor Blades, but they're sharper than any of the more glamorous-sounding ones used to be.

I wonder if women don't use more razor blades than men do now. I figure most men use electric shavers, but I don't think women's shavers have ever caught on.

I polled the women in our office the other day. It was 100%—they all shave their legs with razors, not electric shavers.

I didn't ask, but I imagine they have their own razors, to keep peace in the family. Husbands keep count of the number of shaves on every blade, and they can tell. And they have a tendency to complain.

Maybe more guys shave with a blade than I realize. My youngest son, for instance. He shaves in the shower. He quit using his electric shaver when it was put on the suspect list as a possible cancer-causer, along with highline wires, electric blankets, heating pads and anything else that creates an electromagnetic field.

I think there are some mornings when I need an electromagnetic field to get me jump-started.

I find myself shaving with a blade more often in the fall, which is my favorite season. And on holidays.

Analyze that, Bubba. A blade shave, for me, isn't just a shave. It's a kind of celebration, right? A mood thing?

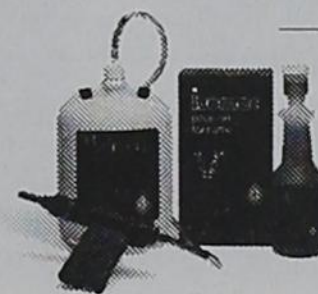
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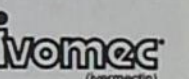


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Bailey County Electric Cooperative Association (the "Cooperative") intends to change the provisions of the line extension tariff. The changes may result in an increase or a decrease in the charge for a particular line extension. The changes are applicable to all customers served by the Cooperative and are expected to increase the Cooperative's revenues by a small amount. Implementation of the changes is subject to approval by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Persons who wish to intervene or comment on the changes should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible. The intervention deadline is October 7, 1994.

A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission's Consumer Affairs Office at (512) 458-0256 or (512) 458-0221 for text telephone. Please refer to Docket No. 13185.

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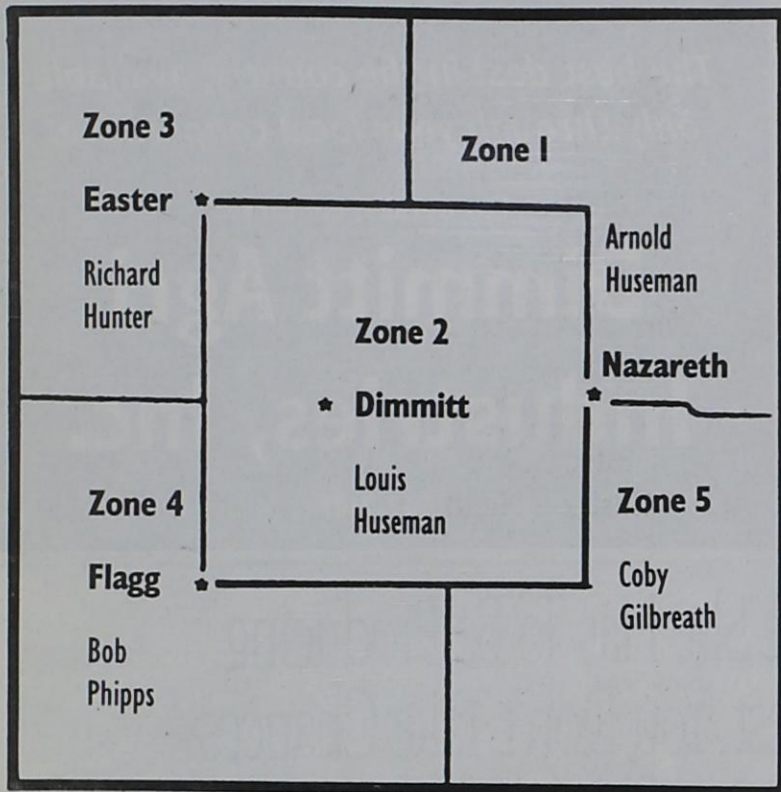
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The Running Water SWCD Board is made up of five local farmers who serve as a board member for their zone for four years. The directors now serving are:

- Zone 1: Arnold Huseman
- Zone 2: Louis Huseman, Secretary
- Zone 3: Richard Hunter
- Zone 4: Bob Phipps, Chairman
- Zone 5: Coby Gilbreath, Vice-Chairman

Each year the district holds a Conservation Essay and Poster contest. This past year they had over 800 posters and 20 essays from students throughout the county participating in this contest.

Holly Goode, from Dimmitt, won third place in the regional contest. The board would like to thank all the students for participating and would like to encourage them to continue to participate in this annual program.

In 1994, there were 10 conservation programs given to 247 students at Dimmitt and Nazareth schools and 29 producers attended the local CRP seminar.

The Running Water SWCD and the Dimmitt F.O. had a very successful year in 1994. They accomplished the following:

Technical services.....	346
Cooperators applying a practice.....	178
New cooperators.....	29/25,310 ac
Plans revised.....	20/11,403 ac
FSA plans written.....	18/7,410 ac
FSA plans applied.....	21/5,899 ac
GPCP applications.....	2/1,755 ac
ACP referrals.....	44
Cropland practices applied.....	53,227 ac
Pastureland practices applied.....	732 ac
Rangeland practices applied.....	4,849 ac
Irrigation wells checked.....	364
Irrigation pipeline installed.....	42/68,479 ac
Grassed water ways shaped and/or seeded.....	7 ac
Pasture planting.....	792 ac
Critical area.....	17 ac
Diversions.....	4/6,792 cuyd

Annual Poster and Essay Contest

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Third Grade 1st: Jose Gil III 2nd: Eric Schilling 3rd: Nicole Acker H: Carson Gerber	Essays 1st: Kristin Hales 2nd: Holly Goode 3rd: Nati Castillo

The district would like to thank all the kids for entering the poster and essay contests and to try again next year!

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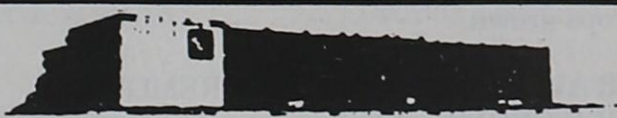
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In May 1990, the Running Water SWCD with the help of a grant, purchased a polysonic flowmeter for the local SCS personnel to utilize in checking producers' irrigation wells. In 1994 the local SCS personnel used the polysonic flowmeter to check 364 irrigation wells. Since May 1990, the flowmeter has been used to check 1,446 irrigation wells for the producers in Castro County. This would average out to be about 328 wells checked each year. A polysonic flowmeter was also used this year when six center pivot sprinklers were evaluated. Well checks for GPM, well evaluations, and pivot evaluations are provided free of charge to producers who request that their systems be checked. If anyone is interested they should contact the District Office.

Balance Sheet

Assets

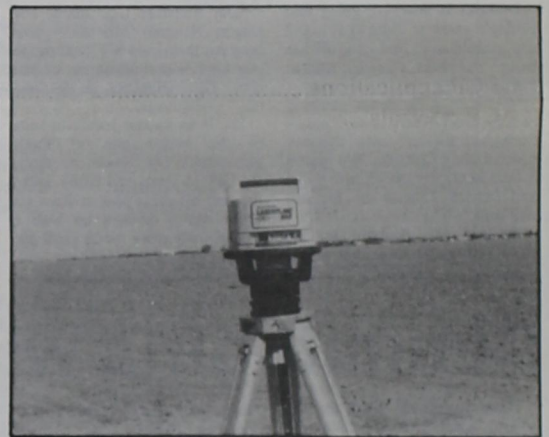
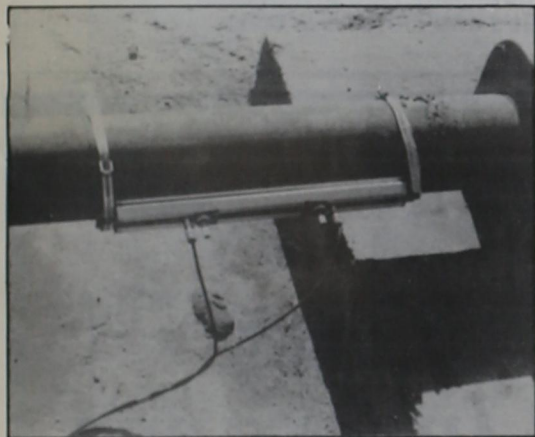
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Cash in Bank.....	1,973.65
Trust.....	1,952.81
State.....	20.84
Cash on Hand.....	0
CD.....	10,000.00
Total Current Assets.....	11,973.65

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GOTCHA!—Dimmitt defensive end Chad Ellis throws Sanford-Fritch running back Cody Newman for an 11-yard loss in the fourth quarter of Friday night's non-conference game at Fritch. The Bobcat defense gave up only 80 yards in posting a 20-0 shutout. *Photo by Don Nelson*

Bobcats blitz Eagles for first victory, 20-0

By JOHN BROOKS

Sanford-Fritch's wooden eagle almost never got off the ground during a balloon launch Friday as the Eagles came rushing through a booster sign just before the game against Dimmitt at Eagle Stadium.

The wooden eagle was attached to five helium-filled balloons. The eagle barely cleared the fence around the stadium, then became entangled in two separate sets of electric lines before ending its brief journey in some elm trees.

It went less than a block, kind of like the S-F offense in a 20-0 loss to the Bobcats.

Dimmitt is now 1-1 going into Friday's game at Tulia. S-F is 0-2 and scrambling to find some offense before this week's contest against Panhandle.

"We had a lot better showing than the week before (a 30-0 loss to Springlake-Earth)," said Dimmitt coach Danny Chisum. "We played a little better on the offensive line and Derrick Thomas ran the ball real well."

Thomas was doubtful for the game early in the week with a light strain of an Achilles tendon. He

practiced a little Monday and Tuesday and was near full speed Wednesday.

"We had him checked Thursday, then we assessed him during pre-game workouts Friday," Chisum said. "We had our trainer check him over right before the game and we determined Derrick would be able to play."

He went almost exclusively on offense and didn't play many downs at defensive back. The senior tailback picked up 126 yards on 21 carries. Dimmitt's offense gained 268 yards on the ground, with another 36 yards passing.

"Our fullbacks (Joe Juarez and Dagon Newton) had 123 yards between them, and it's good to see that kind of production out of that spot. That helps out in the long run," Chisum said.

The Bobcats saw plenty of tests of the strong arm of Eagle quarterback Tim Hayes. He threw the ball 11 times and easily sailed the ball 50-yards plus at least six times. Hayes hooked up with a receiver only twice for 28 yards and had two passes intercepted.

"We had pretty good pressure on

Hayes all night," Chisum said. "The defensive secondary played pretty well, too. It's important that they played well, because Tulia will spread us out and test us this week."

The offense was the star, driving for three touchdowns while just missing on a fourth.

Neither team moved the ball on its first possession and Dimmitt was ready to punt on its second possession after coming up a yard short on third-and-two at its 36. Punter Chad Ellis bobbled the center snap and took off running. He ran to his right, picked up two yards and kept the Bobcats in business.

Working against a 20 mph wind from the south, the Bobcats kept the ball on the ground. On the first play after gaining new life, Thomas ran for 16 yards and ripped off a 10-yarder two plays after that. Juarez picked up 14 on the next play to move the ball to the S-F 19, the first time all year Dimmitt had been inside the opponent's 20-yard-line. Juarez scored four plays later on a seven-yard run with 2:34 to play in

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Dimmitt girls win meet

Dimmitt led the field for the second week in a row, winning the small-school division Saturday at the Plainview Invitational cross-country meet.

Dimmitt edged Muleshoe, 60-66, to earn the Division I title.

"Our girls ran hard and everyone improved on their times," said Dimmitt coach Richard Wood. "I was glad to see us beat Muleshoe because they were fourth at state last year and they have about everybody back."

Nazareth was third with 75 points in the Swiftettes' first meet of the year and were paced by Misti Ball's third-place finish overall in 13:06. Hart was fifth in the nine-team field with 142 points, led by Isela Minjarez in 13:36.8.

The Hart boys ran for the first time ever as a team and placed seventh overall at the meet. They were led by Mario Guzman, 14th in 17:54. Other runners in the big meet were Miguel Gonzales, 36th in 19:23; Eric Montemayor, 41st in 19:37; Erasmo Castillo, 50th in 20:08; and Angel Pantoja, 85th in 22:43.

Also placing, in the boys division, was Casey Hoelting. He was third overall out of 200 runners, going three miles in 16:47.

Pacing Dimmitt was Amy Ethridge in 13:20.86. Also placing in the varsity division for Dimmitt were Kim Thomas, 11th in 13:25.34; Rochelle Harman, 14th in 13:27.73; Summer McLean, 15th in 13:32.28; Laura Torres, 21st in 13:37.69; Jacy Buckley, 37th in 14:03.92; and Randa Wood, 61st in 14:29.68.

Trailing Ball for Nazareth were Carie Wethington, sixth in 13:17; Tonya Wethington, 12th in 13:25; Amy Pohlmeier, 36th in 14:03; and Denia Durbin, 66th in 14:38.

Nazareth's junior varsity girls were third in their division with 103

points. Individuals included Celina Braddock, 17th in 14:29; Lynsey Hoelting, 24th in 14:53; Trina Johnson, 35th in 15:08; Sara Birkenfeld, 47th in 15:25; and Margie Durbin, 51st in 15:30.

Dimmitt's JV runners included Amy Matthews, 27th in 14:55.10; Sabrina Olvera, 28th in 14:56.61; Amber Matthews, 29th in 14:59.34; Carrie Bradley, 61st in 15:32.42; and Tina Williams, 86th in 16:10.48.

Dimmitt's junior high runners won their division with 49 points. Pacing Dimmitt was Shawna Kenworthy, first in 13:22.15; Stephanie Hinojosa, fourth in 13:34.44; Melissa Martinez, 11th in 14:06.61; Sandra Torres, 15th in 14:20.22; Lilia Dominguez, 18th in 14:33.86; Carol Summers, 31st in 15:03.06; and Stephanie Flores, 41st in 15:20.38.

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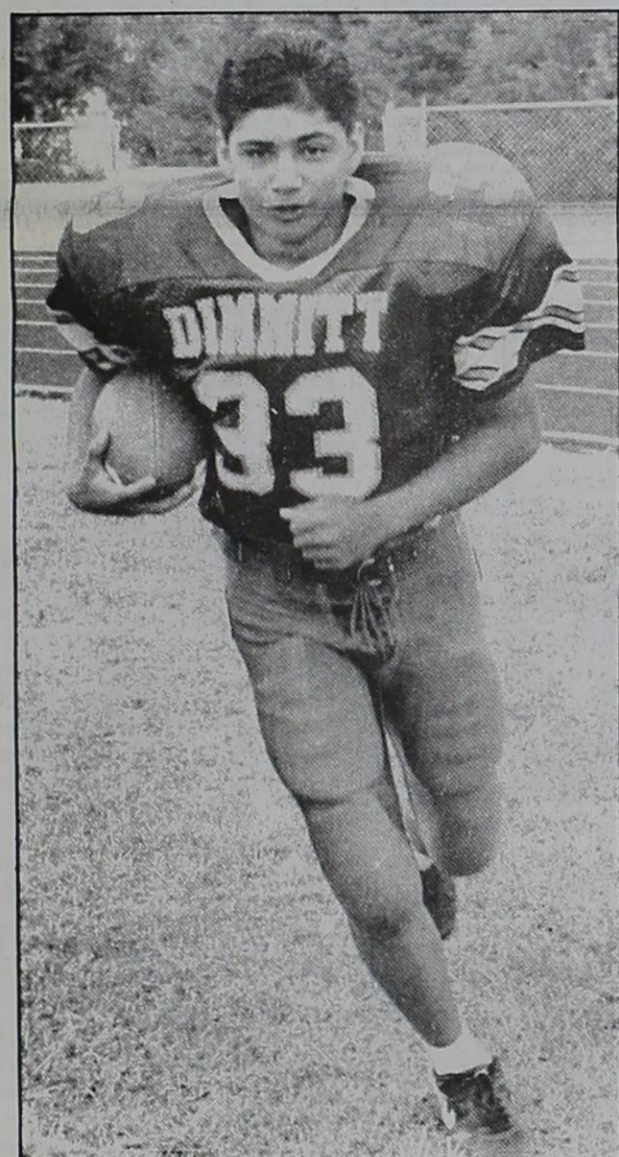
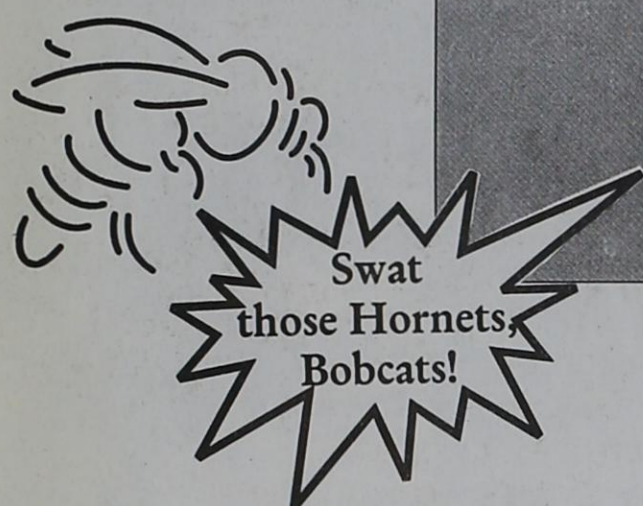
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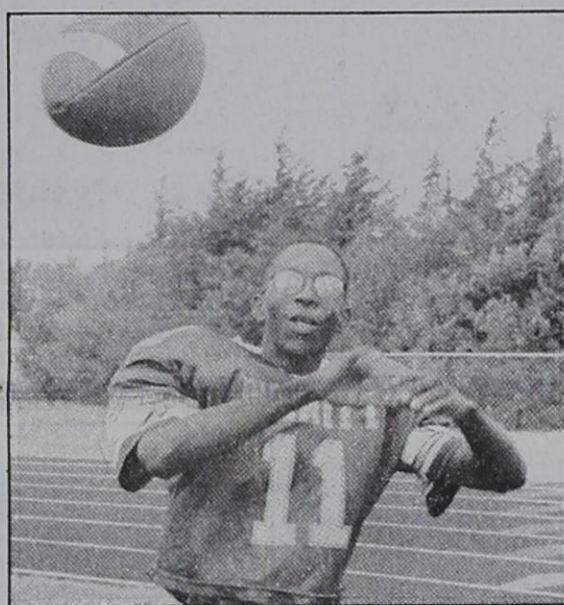
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VARSITY

Bobcats 0, Springlake-Earth 30			
Bobcats 20, Sanford-Fritch 0			
September 16	Tulia	There	8:00
September 23	River Road	There	8:00
September 30	Slaton (Homecoming)	Here	8:00
October 7	• Floydada	Here	7:30
October 14	• Shallowater	There	7:30
October 21	• Friona	Here	7:30
October 28	• Muleshoe	Here	7:30
November 4	• Littlefield	There	7:30

FRESHMEN AND JUNIOR VARSITY

JV 6, Springlake-Earth 7; Freshmen 6, Idalou 7			
JV 20, Sanford-Fritch 6; Freshmen 21, Sanford-Fritch 16			
September 15	Tulia	Here	5:30-7:00
September 22	River Road	Here	5:30-7:00
September 29	Slaton (JV Only)	There	6:00
October 6	• Floydada	There	5:30-7:00
October 13	• Shallowater	Here	5:30-7:00
October 20	• Friona	There	5:30-7:00
October 27	• Muleshoe	There	5:30-7:00
November 3	• Littlefield	Here	5:30-7:00

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH

8th Grade 22, Sanford-Fritch 0			
September 15	Tulia	There	5:00-6:00
September 22	River Road	There	5:00-6:00
September 29	Slaton	Here	5:00-6:00
October 6	• Floydada	Here	5:00-6:00
October 13	• Shallowater	There	5:00-6:00
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Big plays boost Hart over Naz, 20-9

By GERALD AALBERS and SCOTT BROCKMAN

Hart scored 20 points in six minutes and 23 seconds in the second quarter, then held Nazareth at the one-yard line twice to pull out a 20-9 win Friday.

"We just big-played them," said Hart Coach Danny Wilhelm. "We had three big offensive plays and two goal line stands. That's five big plays."

The game marked the third straight year for the Horns to beat Nazareth. The last two years have had playoff implications, but this year's game was played earlier because Hart was bumped back into Class AA.

"Our games before district are tougher this year than they have been in the past," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price. "Teams like Hart make you see what you need to improve on. Now that we know, we have a week to improve on those mistakes." (The Swifts have an off week this week.)

The win improved Hart's record to 2-0 while the Swifts fall to 1-1 on the season.

The teams battled to a stalemate in the opening quarter, then Nazareth opened the scoring in the second quarter when Coby Schacher dragged down Hart's Duke Chavers in the end zone with 9:27 left in the half.

The play was set up after Hart's defense shut down the Swifts' offense on a fourth-and-goal play. Nazareth had started the drive in excellent field position on Hart's 13 after recovering a fumble. An offside penalty against Hart moved the ball closer to the end zone, but the Swifts couldn't capitalize and Hart took over on its own four-yard line. On the 'Horns' first play, Chavers was brought down in the end zone and Nazareth took its only lead of the game, 2-0.

The Swifts got the ball back on a free kick from Hart and started at their own 20, but couldn't move downfield and punted back to Hart. Jeremy Card returned the punt

for 17 yards to the Nazareth 42, and it took just three plays for Hart to take over the lead for good. Quarterback Alan Valdez completed his only pass of the night, finding J.R. Lee between Swift defenders for a 33-yard touchdown play. The two-point run failed, leaving the score 6-2, Hart, with 6:18 left in the second quarter.



	NAZ	HART
First Downs	12	8
Rushes-Yards	47-102	29-177
Passing Yards	55	36
Total Offense	157	213
Passes Comp./Att.	8/21	1/2
Passes Int. By.	0	0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	6-4
Punts-Avg.	5-35.4	2-9
Penalties-Yds	7-40	8-60

Nazareth	0	2	7	0-9
Hart	0	20	0	0-20

SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter:
 NAZ: Coby Schacher, Safety
 HART: J.R. Lee 33 pass from Alan Valdez (run failed)
 HART: Lee 72 punt return (Raynea Garcia kick)
 HART: Duke Chavers 78 run (Garcia kick)
Third Quarter:
 NAZ: Quentin Dobmeier 3 run (Cody Annen kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—NAZ: Gaylon Schilling 19-20; Jon Johnson 13-28; Coby Schacher 9-39; Quentin Dobmeier 6-15; HART: Duke Chavers 12-108.
Passing—NAZ: Gaylon Schilling 8/21 for 55 yards; HART: Alan Valdez 1/2 for 33 yards.
Receiving—NAZ: Jon Johnson 2-20; Scott Brockman 2-13; Colby Pohlmeier 3-16 and Nathan Hoelting 1-6; HART: J.R. Lee 1-33.
Fumble Recoveries—NAZ: Bryan Charanza, Jaret Schulte, Jon Johnson and Ron Backus; HART: None.
Interceptions—None
Tackles—NAZ: Coby Schacher 7, Adam Johnson, Alston Farris and Ron Backus 6; HART: John Welps 13.

Nazareth's offense sputtered on its next drive, also, and was forced to punt again. That resulted in Hart's second big play of the game.

Card received the kick and took off to his right before slipping the ball to Lee on a reverse play. Lee cut upfield near the sideline, flirted with the line for a few steps, twirled away from a Nazareth defender, then beat several Swifts in a 72-yard footrace to the end zone. The extra point by Raynea Garcia was good for a 13-2 Hart lead.

"I was tired. I didn't know if I was going to make it," said Lee about his punt return. "It was good, though for our team. It got us going."

Nazareth's next possession was hindered by a holding infraction and went nowhere, so the punt team took to the field again.

It only took Hart one snap to pick up another seven points. This

big play was a 78-yard run by Chavers and extra point by Garcia with 1:54 left in the first half.

The Swifts went into the locker room facing a 20-2 deficit, but came out in the second half and forced a Hart turnover at the 'Horn 18. The Swifts turned that fumble recovery into seven points as Quentin Dobmeier barreled into the end zone from three yards out. Cody Annen's extra point made the score 20-9, Nazareth.

Nazareth had another chance to narrow Hart's advantage late in the third quarter and in the early part of the final period. Nazareth drove from its own 37 to Hart's one-yard line. The Swifts elected to go for the touchdown on a fourth and inches play, and officials ruled the ball didn't break the plane of the goal line and gave Hart possession of the ball just inside the goal line.

"We had two big goal line

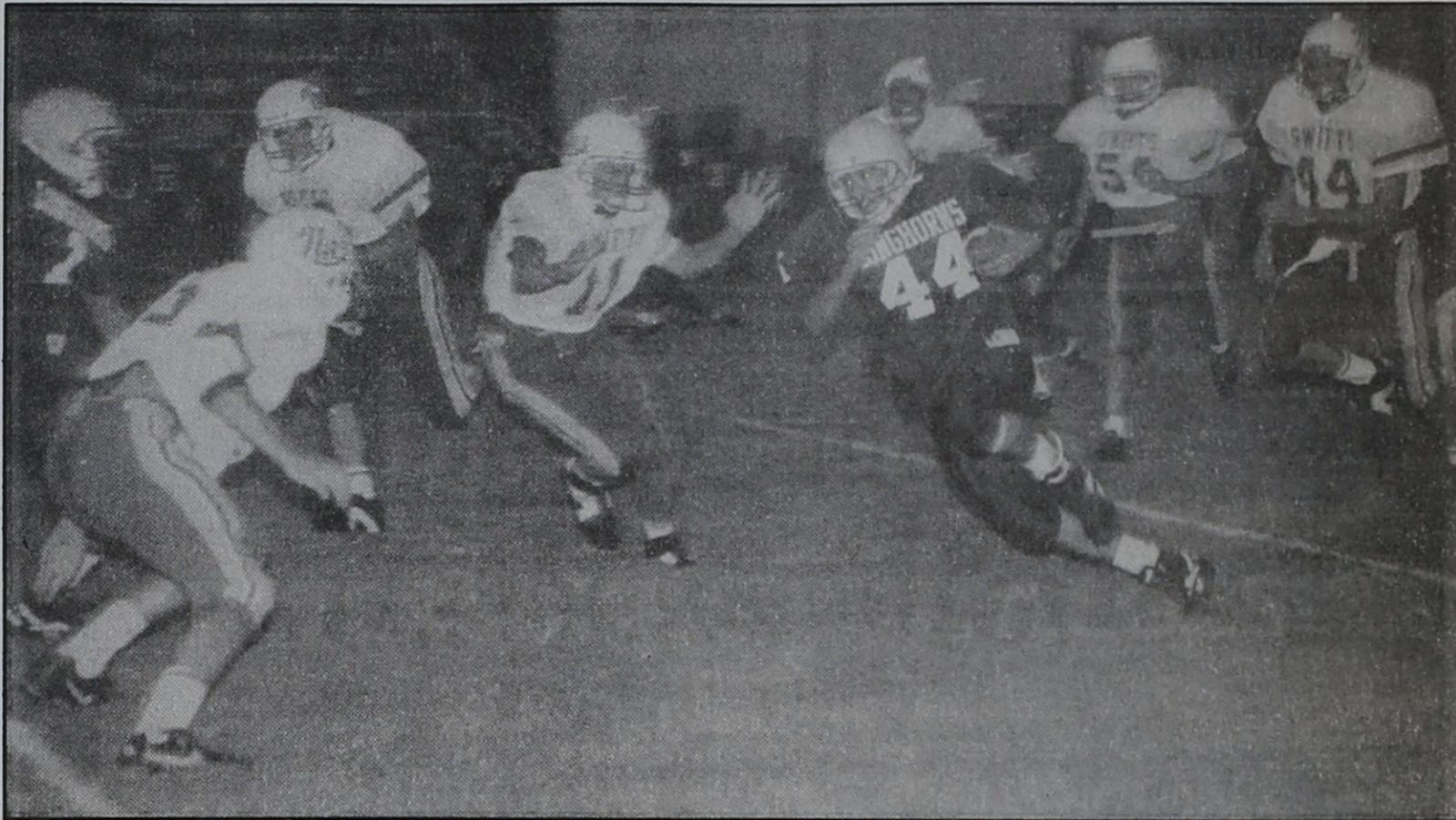
stands during the course of the game," said Wilhelm. We bent a little, but we didn't give up the points, other than the one touch-down. Defensively we played real well. Offensively, we've just got to get better."

Despite his team's loss, Price was pleased with parts of the game. The defense forced six fumbles and four of those were recovered by Bryan Charanza, Jaret Schulte, Jon Johnson and Ron Backus. The Swifts allowed Hart just 213 total yards on offense and recorded a safety. The defensive unit also shut out Hart in the first, third and fourth quarters.

"I was pleased with the way we played in the second half," said Price. "We showed a lot of heart in never giving up. I also was pleased with the defense—besides the three lapses where we gave up the touchdowns."

Wilhelm wasn't pleased with his teams' fumbles in the game (six total and four lost), saying "It's definitely a concern. We're going to work on fumble drills, hand-off drills and maybe we'll be able to do a little bit better job of concentrating and hanging on to the ball, especially in traffic."

Top-ranked Sudan is next for Hart. Read all about the Hornets on Page 15.



HE'S TRAPPED AND HAS NOWHERE TO RUN—Nazareth's Gaylon Schilling (15) and Scott Brockman (11) close in on Hart's Joe Longoria and stop the Longhorn tailback after a 10-yard gain and first down at the Nazareth 49 Friday night in Hart. Pictured at left is Hart's Duke Chavers (7). Other Swifts pictured include Bryan Charanza (54) and Coby Schacher (44). Hart won the annual cross-county battle, 20-9.

Photo by Anne Acker

JV scores late for first victory

Dimmitt's JV Bobcats scored twice in the last 90 seconds Thursday to take a 20-6 win over Sanford-Fritch at Bobcat Stadium.

Dimmitt took a 6-0 halftime lead when Kalem Thomas went 70 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter. The PAT failed.

Fritch scored in the third quarter to tie the score, but Thomas returned a blocked punt 25 yards for the winning touchdown with 1:30 to play in the game. Oscar Rueda ran for the two-point conversion to give the Bobcats a 14-6 lead.

After the kickoff, a Sanford-Fritch pass was picked off by Brandon Smith, who returned it 47 yards for a touchdown and the 20-6 win.

Coaches Gus Ortiz and Lanny Crow praised defensive standouts Smith and Michael Medrano, who each had an interception, the defensive line and linebackers. On offense, standouts included Rueda, Thomas, Joaquin Dominguez and the offensive line. The Bobcats had 208 yards on the ground and 34 passing.

The JV Bobcats host Tulia today (Thursday) at Bobcat Stadium. Game time is approximately 7 p.m.

Seventh graders outscore Eagles

Dimmitt's seventh grade Bobcats began their football careers Thursday by outscoring Sanford-Fritch four touchdowns to one in a scrimmage at Fritch.

Touchdowns were scored on a 69-yard run by Frederick Traylor and runs of 80, 45 and 68 yards by Sergio Navarro. Navarro had 235 yards on six carries, while Traylor had 102 yards on four carries.

Other offensive standouts were quarterback Justin Sutton, who coaches said ran the option well, and the offensive line, which did a good job opening holes.

Kyle Wood intercepted a pass and returned it five yards, and the first team defense caused five consecutive turnovers while giving up no touchdowns. The Eagles scored on a 64-yard run.

Coaches praised Sutton, Wood, James Jackson, Michael Penney, Armando Castaneda, Traylor, Navarro and Zack Morgan for their work on defense.

The seventh graders play at Tulia today (Thursday) at 5 p.m.

8th graders shut down Fritch, 22-0

Beau Hill led Dimmitt with 103 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Dimmitt 8th grade Bobcats to a 22-0 win Thursday at Sanford-Fritch.

Dimmitt rolled up 189 yards, all on the ground. Derek Buckley had 27 yards and Stacey Villanueva 12 yards to aid Dimmitt.

Jaime Lafuente and Eric Soldevilla each had five tackles to lead Dimmitt's defense.

Hill scored on a seven-yard run in the second quarter, and a two-point PAT gave the Bobcats an 8-0 halftime lead.

In the fourth quarter, Soldevilla returned a punt 40 yards for a touchdown. Hill later scored on a 15-yard run for the final touchdown.

The 8th grade Bobcats play Tulia there today (Thursday) after the seventh grade game.

9th Bobcats dump Eagles

Dimmitt's freshmen evened their record at 1-1 with a 21-16 win Thursday at Bobcat Stadium over Sanford-Fritch.

Dimmitt scored first when defensive end Richard Martinez hit the S-F quarterback and forced a bad pitch. Cornerback Stuart Sutton intercepted the pitch and raced 30 yards for the score. Zac Matthews ran for the two-point conversion to give Dimmitt an 8-0 lead.

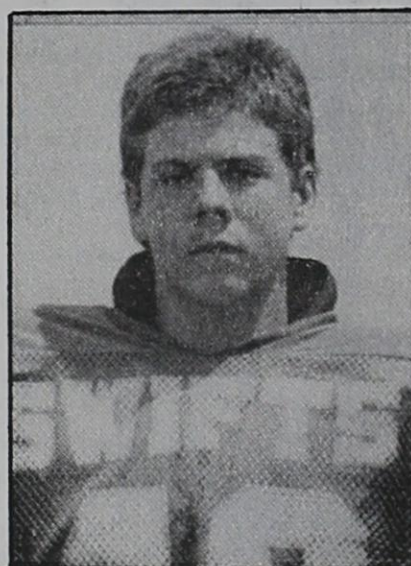
In the second quarter, Matthews ran 15 yards on the option to score. Charley Sanders kicked an extra point to give Dimmitt a 15-8 halftime lead.

Dimmitt took the lead for good in the third quarter when Sanders caught a 50-yard pass from Sutton. The PAT failed.

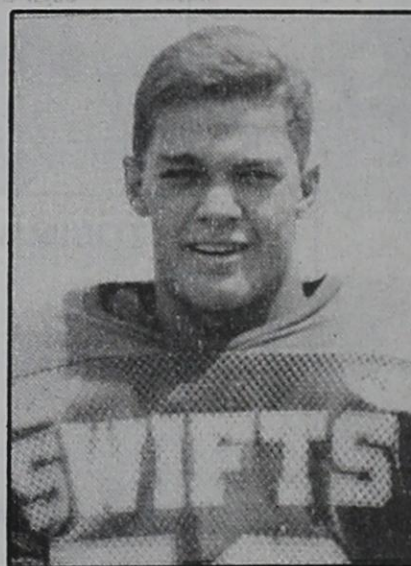
Dimmitt had 159 yards on the ground and 70 passing. Matthews had 57 yards, Cory Hopson 49 and Richard Martinez 50 yards. The offensive line of Andy Hill, J.J. Barrios, Rudy Alaniz, John Paul Ramos and Jason Hargove did "an outstanding job," according to coaches Cory Lynch and Bobby Feaster.

Coaches also praised Sanders at linebacker, defensive back Casey Smith and linemen Joey Murillo and Cody Davison for their work in the goal line defense.

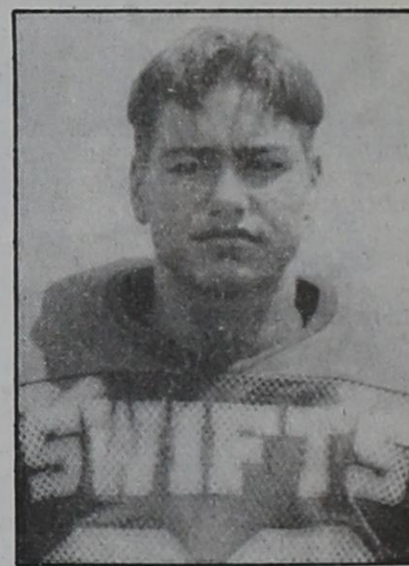
The freshmen host Tulia today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. at Bobcat Stadium.



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Bobcats blitz Eagles...

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the first quarter. The extra point kick failed, leaving Dimmitt with a 6-0 lead.

Dimmitt, with the help of two illegal procedure calls against Sanford-Fritch, stifled the Eagles and took over at its own 39 at the end of the first quarter. Working with the wind as the second quarter started, quarterback Joey Martinez hit Pablo Rodriguez with a 34-yard pass to the Eagle 9, Dwayne Espinosa, who spelled Thomas at tailback, carried the last three yards on third down; Martinez hit tight end Ellis for a two-point conversion to put the Bobcats up 14-0.

Dimmitt stopped the Eagles again when defensive end Freddie Ruiz recovered a S-F fumble at the Bobcat 42 with six minutes left in the first half. The Bobcats kept the ball for the next 5:32, running 16 plays and moving to the Eagle 3 before turning the ball over on downs. Each team was hurt by penalties; Dimmitt had a holding call on the first play of the drive; S-F was called for a personal foul which gave the Bobcats an automatic first down when it would have been fourth-and-14. The drive was keyed by long runs by Thomas and Newton as the Bobcats picked up 56 yards on the ground, but Newton was stopped at the two on fourth-and-goal from the three.

S-F went on its only sustained drive of the night on the first possession of the third quarter, helped by a huge Dimmitt mistake. The Bobcats held the Eagles at their 18 and anticipated great field position after a punt into the wind.



Game at a Glance

Score by quarters:
Dimmitt 6 8 6 0 -20
S-Fritch 0 0 0 0 -- 0

Scoring summary:
First quarter--Joe Juarez 7 run (kick failed), 2:34
Second quarter--Dwayne Espinosa 3 run (Joey Martinez pass to Chad Ellis), 9:28
Third quarter--Derrick Thomas 3 run (kick failed), 0:56

Statistics:

	DMT	S-F
First Downs	20	5
Yards Rushing	268	52
Yards Passing	36	28
Total Yards	304	80
Passes C/A	2/3	2/11
Intercepted by	2	0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Punts-Avg.	1-26	4-29
Penalties-Yards	9-77	10-95
Individual rushing: Derrick Thomas 21-124; Joe Juarez 9-81; Dagon Newton 7-42; Dwayne Espinosa 6-14; Adam Sanchez 3-11; Stephen Villanueva 1-4; Chad Ellis 1-2; Tobin Bossett 1-0; Joey Martinez 4-(-10).		
Individual receiving: Pablo Rodriguez 1-34; Derrick Thomas 1-2.		

The short punt hit a Dimmitt lineman in the back and the Eagles maintained possession at the S-F 41. S-F drove to the Bobcat 33 but Hayes misfired on two passes to end the drive on downs.

Dimmitt, buoyed by a 44-yard run by Juarez, drove 67 yards in nine plays to ice the game. Dimmitt had moved to midfield when a holding penalty drove the Bobcats back to their 41. Juarez then dashed



TOUCHDOWN! — Dimmitt running back Derrick Thomas (20) breaks out in a big grin as the referee signals a touchdown against Sanford-Fritch Friday night. The TD came on a three-yard dive with

56 seconds remaining in the third quarter, and capped a 67-yard drive. The score hiked the Bobcats' lead to 20-0, and that's how it ended. In center background is Dimmitt tackle Drew Musick (79).

Photo by Don Nelson

to daylight as the line opened a huge hole for the long run. Thomas scored three plays later to give Dimmitt its 20-0 lead with 56 seconds left in the third quarter.

Dimmitt was unable to cash in on two opportunities in Sanford-Fritch territory in the fourth quarter, but also held the Eagles at bay with two interceptions.

"We had a lot of improvement from the Springlake-Earth game to the Sanford-Fritch game in areas like composure," Chisum said. "Our composure was much better as a team, and I was happy with that. We played better, and we need to continue to improve because the caliber of competition is going to improve."

'Cats renew rivalry

Just because Dimmitt and Tulia are no longer in the same district won't keep the Highway 86 rivals from renewing auld acquaintance Friday at Younger Field in Tulia.

"We're going to have to be ready to play, because Tulia will be ready for us," said Dimmitt coach Danny Chisum. "This is their homecoming and they'll really want to win."

Tulia and Dimmitt used to be in District 2-AAA. Last winter's realignment by the University Interscholastic League moved Tulia to District 1-AAA. The natural rivalry was continued, though, with the non-district game.

The Tulia offense will likely try to spread the Bobcats across the field and create gaps in the defense for bowling-ball fullback Marcus Hicks (5-6, 180). Hicks, who is a star defensive tackle, "has great balance" according to Chisum and must be stopped upon first contact.

"Last year they beat us 16-0 and we could have cut his rushing by 150 yards if we had tackled him on first contact," Chisum said. "He has great balance but he's not Superman. He's just awfully hard to tackle."

Freddie Brookens, a 5-8 junior, will supplement Hicks at tailback when the Hornets run from the I formation. Tulia will also run from one-back and no-back sets with receivers spread across the field. Receivers Jason McCaslin and Foy Campbell will be the leading targets for quarterback Jesse Pitt.

"He has pretty decent skills," Chisum said of Pitt. "I don't think he can hurt us like Kareem White

could hurt us last year, but he's very good."

Tulia will run a split-six defense with three basic looks against the Bobcats.

"It's important for us to get them to play us even up, and that's going to depend on our offensive line," Chisum said. "If our line continues to come on we can play with Tulia."

Hicks will lead the defense at tackle, and "he gets pretty macho if you don't get him blocked," Chisum said.

"He really hurt us last year, and we need to do a better job against him," Chisum said.

Chisum said the Bobcats are generally in good health. There were problems Friday with leg cramps, but much of that can be attributed to changes in the weather. The temperature cooled 15 degrees during the game.

"Derrick came out of the game in good shape, and Chris Abalos twisted his knee a little but he should be okay this week," Chisum said.

The Bobcats are familiar with Tulia's offense and defense. The players know each other, too, and that should help.

"We won't see those Fritch kids until baseball season," Chisum said. "We see the Tulia kids in football and basketball and baseball and they see each other at all kinds of places all through the year. When there's someone you know and you see all the time you should want to beat them so that whenever you see that guy you can look at him and know you beat him on the football field."

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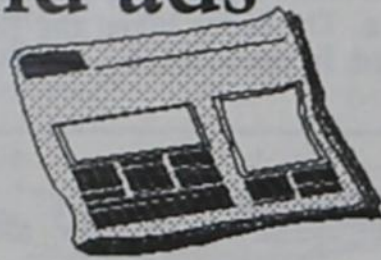


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24--Card of Thanks

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We would like to thank friends and neighbors for all their love, phone calls, food, cards and prayers. We would like to add a special thank you to Bro. Kenley and all who visited us in the hospital.
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25--Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 2161
THE ESTATE OF CAROLYN EDWARDS COMBS, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CAROLYN EDWARDS COMBS, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Administration upon the Estate of CAROLYN EDWARDS COMBS, Deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 23rd day of August, 1994, in the proceedings indicated below my signature hereto, which proceedings are still pending, and that I now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the probate court above named, are required to present the same to me at the address below, given before suit upon same or borrowed by the General Statute of Limitation, before said estate is closed and within the time described by law. My residence and mailing address is DARLA KAY RICE, 701 8th Street, Canyon, Texas 79015.
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Administrator for the Estate of CAROLYN EDWARDS COMBS, Deceased 25-23-1tc

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25--Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 2162
THE ESTATE OF WINSTON G. ROUNTREE, DECEASED
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WINSTON G. ROUNTREE, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that the Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of WINSTON G. ROUNTREE were issued on the 7th day of September, 1994, in Cause No. PR 2162, in the proceedings of the Estate of WINSTON G. ROUNTREE, Deceased, pending in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, to MARY LOU ROUNTREE, 710 Pine Street, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, are required to send the same to me, at the above address, within the time and within the manner prescribed by law.
MARY LOU ROUNTREE
Independent Executrix of The Estate of WINSTON G. ROUNTREE, Deceased 25-23-1tc

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CASTRO

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of Castro County in the following cases on the 2nd day of September, 1994, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10 a.m. on the 4th day of October, 1994, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said CASTRO COUNTY, in the city of DIMMITT, Texas, the following described property located in Castro County, to-wit:

Cause No. 9204-B6465, CASTRO COUNTY VS. GARCIA, JOSE.

Tract 2: all of Lot Seven (7), Block Four (4), Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

Levied on the 6th day of September, 1994, as the property of said Defendant to satisfy the judgement rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest at 10 percent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of CITY OF DIMMITT, DIMMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CASTRO COUNTY EDUCATION DISTRICT FOR DIMMITT ISD AND CASTRO COUNTY.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1994.

CD FITZGEARLD,
Sheriff, Castro County, Texas
By Jerry W. Jansa, Deputy 25-23-3tc

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Cause No. 9206-B6501 CASTRO COUNTY VS. STEWART, BELINDA K.
Lot No. Two (2) in Block No. three (3), Original Town of Dimmitt, in Castro County, Texas.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CASTRO

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of Castro County in the following cases on the 2nd day of September, 1994, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10 a.m. on the 4th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1994, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said CASTRO COUNTY, in the City of DIMMITT, Texas, the following described property located in CASTRO COUNTY, to-wit:

Cause No. 9210-B6563, CASTRO COUNTY VS. HERRERA, RUBEN.

A 32,470 square foot tract of land out of an 8.406 acre tract of land out of the Northeast part of Survey Number Three (3), Block M, Castro County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a 3/8 in. rebar stake set in the accepted east line of Survey 3, Block M, and in the west line of Noble's Drive, from which stake a 1-1/2 in. x 30-in. steel shaft set for the accepted northeast corner of said Survey 3 bears North 00 degrees, nine feet, 10 inches West 731.86 ft., and from said shaft an old sucker rod coupling at the northeast corner of Survey 9, Block M bears North 00 degrees, nine feet, 10 inches west 952.82 varas (2,646.7 ft.) and South 89 degrees, 55 feet, 0 inches East 1893.56 varas (5259.9 ft.); **THENCE** South 00 degrees, nine feet, 10 inches East at 224.04 feet a 1-1/2 inch steel shaft in the northeast right of way line of State Highway 86; **THENCE** North 67 degrees, 15 feet 10 inches West along said right of way line as monumented on the ground 187.36 ft. set a 3/8 in. rebar stake; **THENCE** North 00 degrees, nine feet, 10 inches West at 152.02 ft. set a 3/8 in. rebar stake; **THENCE** South 89 degrees, 51 ft. 10 inches East 172.69 ft. to the place of beginning and containing 32,470 square feet of land.

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CD FITZGEARLD,
Sheriff, Castro County, Texas
By Jerry W. Jansa, Deputy 25-23-3tc

More about City ...

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parking anywhere along the strip. Miguel Velasquez, Azteca manager, and three tenants who drive trucks appeared before the council Monday to ask for another chance from the city. Velasquez first appeared before the council last spring to answer complaints about the area's unsightly appearance. The owner of most of the land on the odd-shaped strip, Dimmitt Consumers, had complained about an assortment of trash including discarded oil and oil filters and various truck parts including a windshield and an engine block.

Velasquez agreed at the meeting to work with the city, but Consumers officials appeared before the council last month and complained the situation was no better. That's when the council ordered Dimmitt police to crack down on truckers throughout town. An ordinance prohibiting truck parking on any city street was firmly enforced beginning Thursday, with tickets written after one warning. Several truck owners have been fined \$50 or more after failing to move their trucks.

Velasquez, despite his promise to work with the city last spring, said the city did not give him adequate notice before posting signs last week prohibiting truck parking north of the Azteca complex. He agreed Monday to give notice to truckers who live at Azteca: Don't make a mess, dispose of your trash properly, don't pour oil or diesel on the ground, and repair your trucks on property owned by the Azteca Corp.

That's what the city council agreed on, and gave the truckers 30 days to clean up their act and their area. Despite assurances Monday evening that the area was clean, a spot check by the News Monday evening at 7:50 p.m., just after the city council meeting, showed trash including a discarded sack of potatoes, a propane bottle, chain link fencing, broken glass, beer bottles and other items in the lot where the truckers want to park their vehicles.

Hart and Sudan to tangle Friday

Hart will find out how sound its defense is this week when the No. 2-ranked team in Class A, Sudan, comes to town. Kickoff will be at 8 p.m. at Longhorn Stadium.

This time the two won't be fighting for a playoff berth, but that doesn't mean the intensity will be any less than it has been in the past two years.

Sudan, defending champion in Class A, posted big district victories over the Longhorns in 1992-93 and 1993-94. Sudan then went on to the state title game both seasons, winning it all last year.

Graduation claimed a lot of Sudan's key players, but the Hornets left little doubt that they are still one of the best teams in the area when they beat state-ranked Springlake-Earth, 18-6, Friday night.

"Sudan looks better this year, at this time of the year, than they did last year," said Hart Coach Danny Wilhelm. "We're looking at it as our last game before district play begins. It will be a big measuring point for us. We have got to play better offensively (to beat Sudan)."

With six starters back on each side of the ball, Sudan is sound on both offense and defense. The Sudan defense held Springlake-

Earth to 146 yards offense Friday while its offense reeled off 266.

The Hornets operate out of a Slot I on offense and are guided by junior signal caller Jerimi Bourland, (6-2, 170) who completed 7 of 10 passes for 153 yards and two touchdowns against a tough Springlake-Earth defense last week.

Bourland's favorite targets downfield are Jerald Weaver, a 6-2, 190-lb senior wingback, and Deshon Jenkins, a 6-3, 175-lb. senior split end, both of which caught TD passes last week. Weaver hauled in three passes for 79 yards and Jenkins caught two for 44. Bourland also likes to throw to tight end Jarrod Fisher (6-4, 220).

Weaver is one of Sudan's strengths in the backfield along with fullback Everest Williams (5-11, 190).

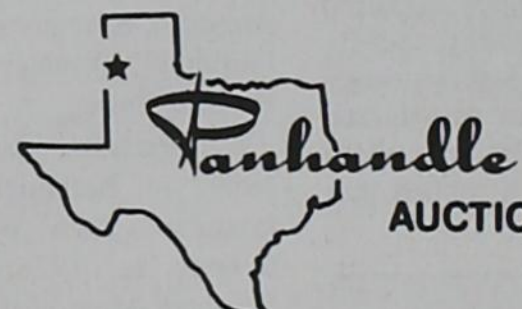
The line is anchored by returning starters Ryan Netherland (5-11, 185) and Alex Cruz (5-9, 190) at guards.

The Hornets' basic 5-2 defense is led by noseguard Williams and end Fisher, with several other solid veterans returning including Bobby Collins (5-11, 195) at tackle, Weaver at safety, and Britton Roberts (5-9, 170) and Roger Huey (5-6, 170) in the secondary.

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2nd DAY -- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 -- 1:00 P.M.

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Police Calls

Castro County sheriff's deputies were called to Coronado Acres on Sunday to investigate the theft of a horse and several other items. Deputies said a man told them he returned home Sunday and discovered his horse, worth \$2,500, two sets of trophy spurs, a children's saddle and a black Stetson were missing. The man said he and his girlfriend had broken up and she had removed some items from the house earlier.

Deputies also investigated an incident early Sunday morning that involved beer bottles and tire tools thrown at two vehicles near the Roadside Park. The occupants of both vehicles said the men had been arguing over friends at a local convenience store and took their fight outside the city limits.

Reports in the city over the past week included a woman finding two .22-caliber rifles inside her house; criminal mischief at the Azteca Complex, where someone threw

eggs at a vehicle; a radar detector stolen from a truck in the 600 block of E. Jones; retaliation at the Azteca Complex; a juvenile was assaulted by several persons in northwest Dimmitt; five children, ages 7 to 12, were abandoned in a vehicle at US Highway 385 and Grant; reckless conduct in the 300 block of SW Fourth, where suspects pointed a gun at two persons (the gun was later found to be a B-B gun); a bicycle was taken without consent; criminal mischief in the 200 block of W. Grant, where a window was broken; telephone harassment; public intoxication at two local stores; a young girl was hit in the face and mouth; and disorderly conduct at Dimmitt High School.

College workshop scheduled Monday

Parents of juniors and seniors at Dimmitt High School are invited to attend a workshop on post-high school education, Monday at 7 p.m. at the DHS library.

The program will cover a wide range of topics relevant to post-secondary education, including choosing a school to attend, admission policies and procedures, entrance tests, financial aid and other concerns. Handouts will be provided, and the meeting is open to all interested persons.

Adult education classes planned

Adult education classes for persons wishing to prepare for GED tests and for those wishing to learn to read, write and speak English, will begin Monday at Dimmitt High School.

Classes for adult basic education will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 18 at DHS. English as a second language courses will be taught at 7 p.m. in Room 28. Classes will meet each Monday from 7 to 9 p.m.

There is no cost for the classes, sponsored by the Dimmitt ISD and the Region XVI Educational Service Center.

Perez attending space academy

Dimmitt High School sophomore Alex Perez is living a dream this week. He is attending the US Space Camp/Academy in Huntsville, Ala. Perez, who is blind, is one of 140 visually impaired students attending the camp this week. He's one of 10 students from the Texas Panhandle chosen for the trip.

Perez and the other students will experience the same things as other students who attend the camp/academy, including use of simulators, a one-sixth gravity chair, a simulated weightless environment, extra-vehicular activity task boards, satellite repair and capture, sample astronaut meals, satellite construction, gravitation and motivation with microgravity, and participation in underwater exercises.

Funding for the trip is provided by the Region XVI Education Service Center's Visually Impaired Project through a federal proposal.

Perez is the son of Jose and Lucy Perez of Dimmitt. Alex was injured in an accident in Dimmitt about eight years ago which robbed him of his sight.

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County to stick with Blue Cross

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas will remain the county's health insurance carrier for the next year.

In a unanimous decision Monday, commissioners accepted the bid proposal presented by Doug Williams for Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Blue Cross is the county's current health insurance provider and commissioners elected to stay with the company, despite receiving lower bids from other insurance companies.

"It looks to me like we'd better stay where we're at," said Pct. 2 Commissioner Dale Winders.

County Judge Polly Simpson agreed with Winders, saying she was "in favor of staying where we are."

After opening bids at its last regular meeting, commissioners studied the different proposals, narrowing the choices to three—Blue Cross

and Blue Shield, The Maximum Security Life and US Life. A partial self-insurance proposal presented by Ted Parker & Associates had been rejected by the county because several members of the court said they were not sure a self-insurance plan would be in the best interest of the county at this time.

The bid from Blue Cross and Blue Shield was \$15,621.50 per month, based on 55 employees with five dependent care coverages. The bid from Maximum Security Life

was \$10,403.76; and US Life bid the insurance at \$14,061.95.

There were minor differences in the plans, and after studying each, commissioners decided that the best option would be to stick with Blue Cross and Blue Shield, given the claims experience and health problems among those covered by the plan.

★ Castro County will donate \$50 to the High Plains Research Foundation, matching the amount they donated to the group in 1993.

The foundation had requested the donation from the county.

"I don't see anything wrong with it (donation). We've helped them out for years," said Pct. 4 Commissioner Vincent Guggemos, who made the motion to approve the donation.

★ In other action, commissioners set fees for sheriff's and constable's services at \$40 each and discussed, but took no action, on options for vehicles for the county Extension agent, constable and sheriff's office.

Obituaries

George Erath

George Edwin Erath, 80, of Spur, died Sunday in Lubbock.

Services were Tuesday at the Highway 70 Church of Christ in Spur with Ernie Bishop officiating. Burial was in Spur Memorial Cemetery by Campbell Funeral Home in Spur.

Mr. Erath was born in Dickens County on Oct. 7, 1913. He lived in Dickens County all of his life. He married Gracie Patterson on March 9, 1938 in Spur. He was a farmer and a member of the Steele Hill Church of Christ and was a Mason.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Jessie "Bitsy" Erath, on July 23.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Linda Jackson of Lubbock; two grandchildren, including Denise Schilling of Dimmitt; and two great-grandchildren.

Jose Lara

Jose P. Lara, 60, of Dimmitt, died Friday.

Services were Monday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Guillermo Morales, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Park by Foskey Funeral Home.

Mr. Lara was born March 3, 1934 in Derry, N.M. He married Maria Mireles on Dec. 7, 1954 in Juarez, Mexico. He moved to Dimmitt from Juarez in 1968. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Church, the Sacred Heart Society and the Cursillistas Church Choir.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Olga Acevedo of Dimmitt and Rosa Aguirre of Denton; four sisters, Juana Maria Lujan and Lucia Pena of El Paso, and Darlina Corral and Rosaura Cordova of Juarez; and four grandchildren.

Sandy Parsons Jr.

Sandy K. Parsons Jr., 85, of Wellington, died Tuesday.

Services were Wednesday in First United Methodist Church in Wellington with Kerry Hookstra, minister of First Christian Church, and Charles Waugh, minister of Westview Christian Church in Amarillo, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery by Adams Funeral Home.

Mr. Parsons was born May 27, 1909, in Bennington, Okla. He graduated from Wellington High School in 1926. He attended Southern Methodist University and graduated from the Danforth College of Pharmacy in Fort Worth in 1930. He married Lois McMillin on May 6, 1928 in Sayre, Okla., and was a member of First Christian Church.

He owned and operated drug stores in Wellington, Memphis, Dimmitt and McLean, and retired in 1972. He received the Golden Pharmacy Award in 1980 and received a 50-Year Service Award from the Collingsworth County Chamber of Commerce.

He was very active in Boy Scouts for over 30 years. He received the Scoutmaster Key and the Silver Beaver Award. He was one of the organizers of the Collingsworth County Chamber of Commerce and served three terms as chamber

president. He and his wife received the Outstanding Grandparents Award on National Grandparents Day in 1986.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Sandy K. Parsons III of Dimmitt; two daughters, Mary Lockhart of Dimmitt and Sally Crelia of Wellington; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to Collingsworth General Hospital.

Boyd Dale Prather

Boyd Dale Prather, 66, formerly of Dimmitt, died Aug. 16 in Bedford.

Services were Saturday in Parklawn Memorial Gardens in Plainview with the Rev. Gene Meachum of First Baptist Church in Hale Center officiating. Arrangements were by Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mr. Prather was born and raised in Hale Center. He graduated from Hale Center High School and received his bachelor's degree in business administration from West Texas State University. He was a veteran of the US Navy, serving from 1945 to 1949.

Mr. Prather was a certified public accountant, opening an office in Dimmitt in 1960, and later worked in Corpus Christi, Dallas and Nazareth. He also had worked for Hart Aerial Sprayers and other area sprayers. He moved to Bedford in 1991.

Survivors include four sons, Ron Prather of Chicago, David Prather of Amarillo, and Mike Prather and Greg Prather, both of Atlanta; a brother, Dan Prather of Mississippi; a sister, Glenda Woodall of Oklahoma; and five grandchildren.

Tommy Russell

Services for Tommy Lee Russell, 34, of Hart, will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 in the First Baptist Church at Olton with Rev. William Johnson of Canyon officiating.

Burial will follow in Plainview Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Wood-Dunning Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mr. Russell died at 12:03 a.m. Sunday from injuries he suffered in a one-vehicle accident on County Road 519 near Dimmitt.

He was born April 4, 1960, in Plainview. He grew up in Olton and moved to Hart in 1969 from Petersburg. He graduated from Olton High School and was a member of Bohner Chapel, Baptist Church in Olton. He was a farmer.

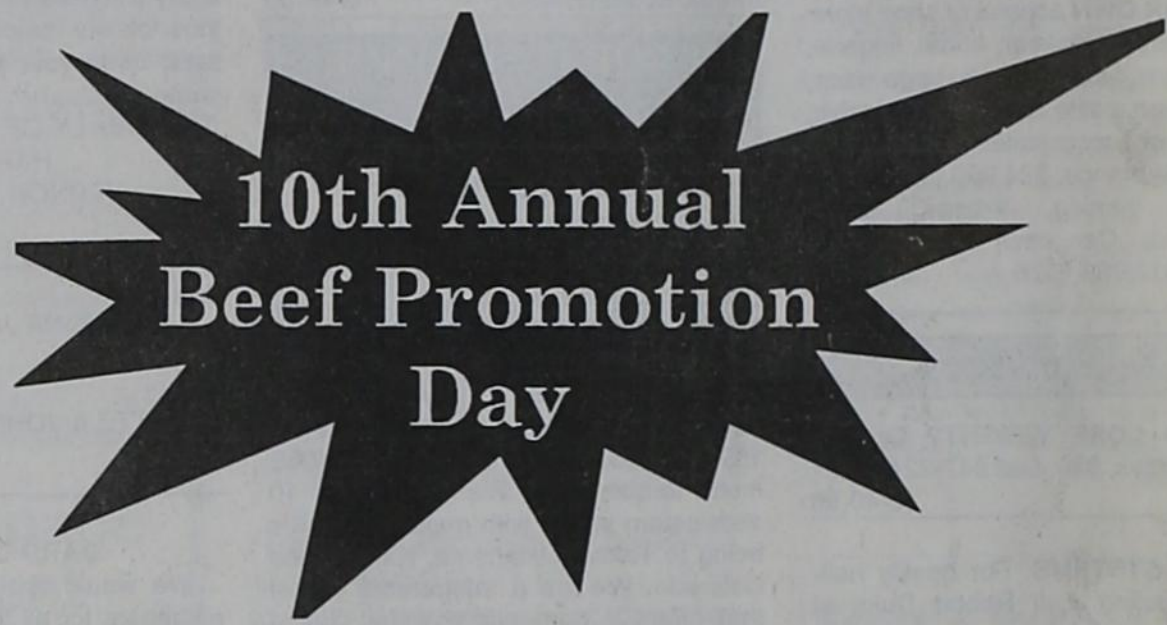
Survivors include five brothers, Roger Russell Jr., David Russell and Alfred Russell, all of Olton, and Gary Russell and Kevin Russell, both of Plainview; seven sisters, Doris McGee, Jennifer Russell, Malois Russell and Lisa Russell, all of Plainview, Mary Russell of Hart, Doris Stein Russell of Amarillo and Shirley Russell of California; his parents, Roger Sr. and Lucy Russell of Hart; and his grandfather, Roosevelt Russell of Plainview.

Pallbearers will be Edward Waters, Leo Gutierrez, Patrick White, Steve Coffman, Johnny King and Tracy King.

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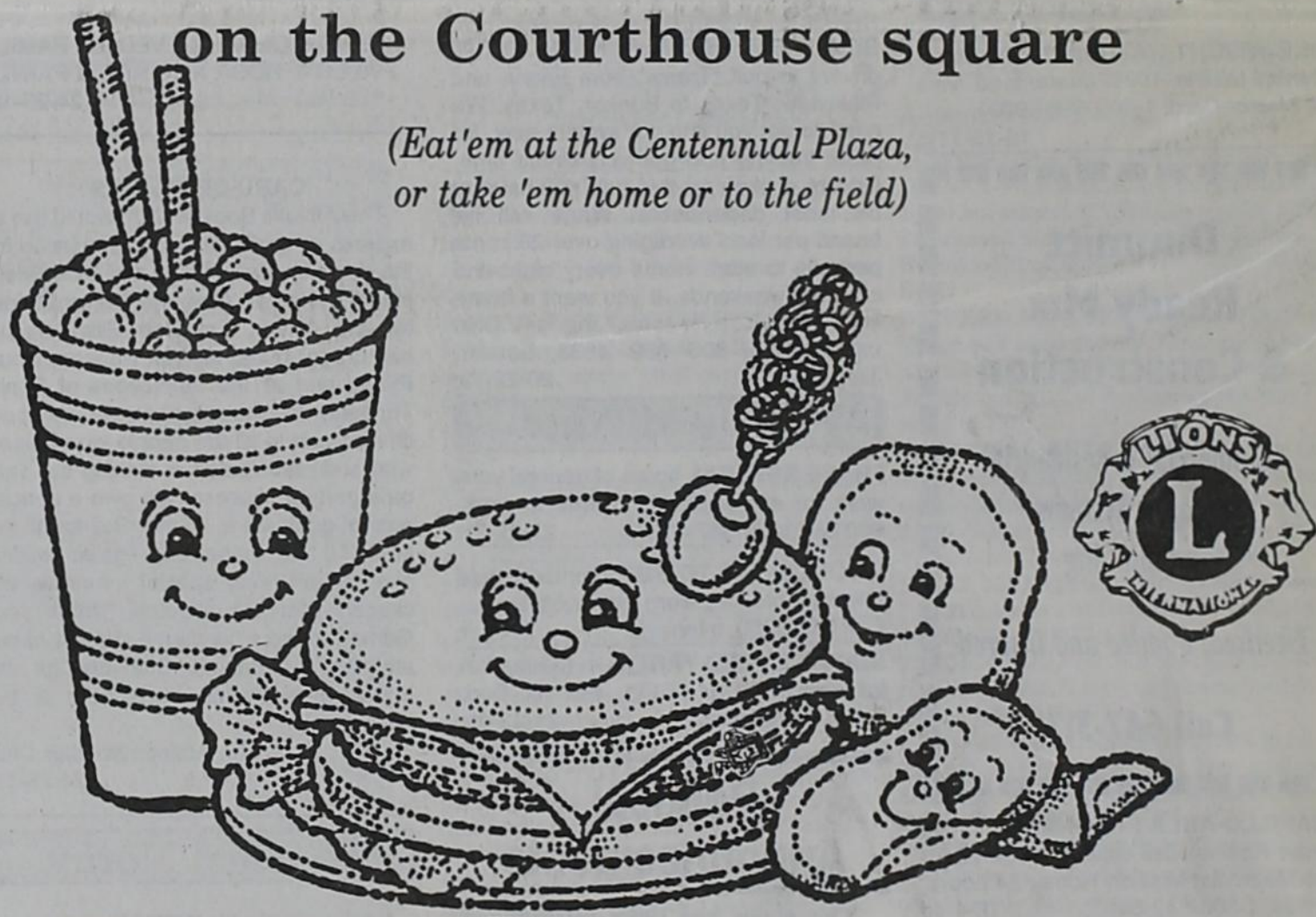
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CATTLE REPORT: HANGIN' TOUGH!

Beef demand high but supply drags down price

■ **TCFA President Les McNeill says feeders expect to wait a bit longer for price recovery**

By GORDON ZEIGLER

AgReview

PANHANDLE — Feeders knew last year that cattle numbers were edging too high, yet they didn't expect prices to dip so low, or take so long to correct.

Les McNeill, Texas Cattle Feeders president, said it may

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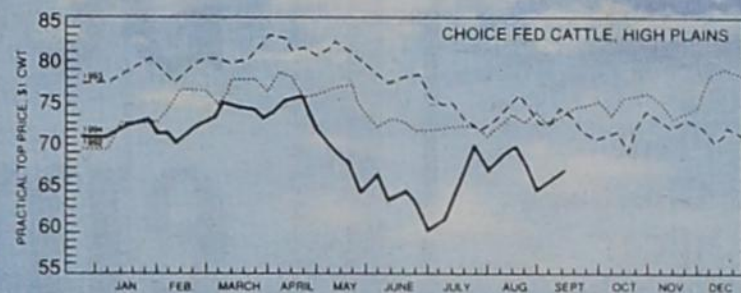
Nation's 'beef basket' is the Texas Panhandle

By GORDON ZEIGLER

AgReview Writer

When the cattle market loses ground — as it has within the past six months — it hurts worst where fed cattle are concentrated highest — and that pretty well describes the Texas Panhandle.

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CATTLE COUNTRY — Cattle graze under center pivots on a pasture between Olton and Hart. Donna Wailliams/AgReview

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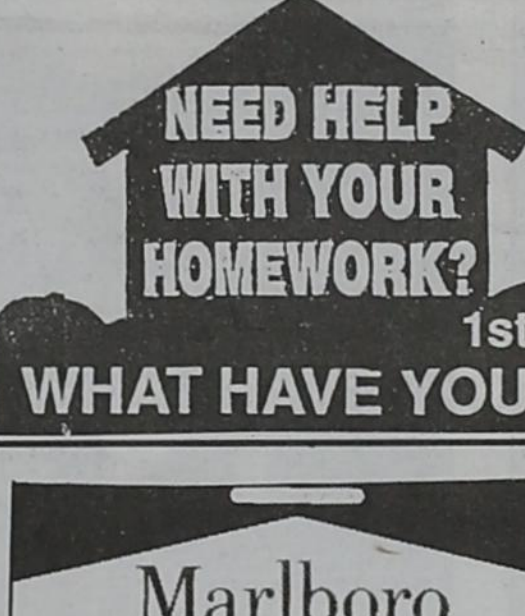
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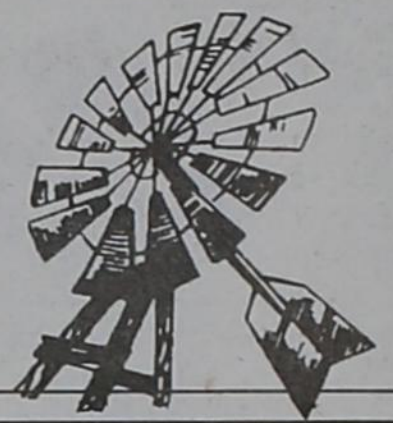
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Bob Carter discusses beef board emphasis

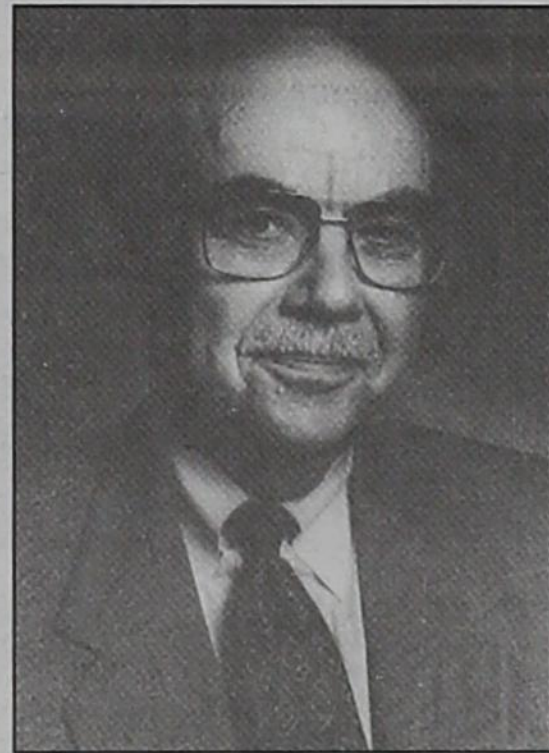
Beef Board Secretary-Treasurer offers viewpoint

By GORDON ZEIGLER

AgReview Writer

"Pretty darn good!"

That's how Plainview's Bob Carter, partner in C-Bar Feedyard, sums up the sales of beef to the consumer this past



R. M. "Bob" Carter

summer.

Carter, longtime cattle feeder and past president of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, is serving as secretary-treasurer of the nation's Beef Board.

It's the beef board's job to pump checkoff dollars into promoting the sale and consumption of beef. And anytime indicators show that is happening, guys like Carter are pretty happy about it.

"This slump in prices has been anticipated, I'd say the downturn in prices that started in February of this this has been anticipated for at least a year prior to that," Carter explained.

The advertising campaign and promotional campaign for this year was based on that knowledge "that we were going to have an excess supply of cattle" Carter said.

So what did the consumer do in that time span?

He ate more beef, lots more, according to recent surveys and sales figures.

"We have gone through very large numbers of cattle and produced big tonnage of beef all this year, and sold it

all," Carter said. "The demand is pretty darn good."

"We're in the phase of the exattle cycle where we are going to have big numbers of cattle to market for the next three to four years," Carter predicted.

With that in mind, it is hard to anticipate the real improvement in live prices of cattle in that period of time, Carter cautions.

"We have seen during this past an increase in advertising space that retailers are using to feature beef, and at the same time a decrease in pork and poultry featurings," he said. "That, I think is a direct result of our efforts to promote beef to the retailer to get additional featuring of beef."

A new wrinkle tried recently in about a dozen test markets, Carter said, was use of money saving coupons to stimulate beef sales.

"The first bunch of them were in early August and then there was another series about three weeks later. We haven't gotten the results to see how successful that was, but it was one of the devices we are using."

Carter is a strong believer in trying to match beef product to the health conscious and thrift conscious consumer.

For that reason, he believes beef popularity has grown thanks to a push by packers to more closely trim cuts of beef prior to shelving in the market.

"That has been really pushed by all of the major packers . . . to achieve a closer trimmed retail product," he said.

The current market is yielding cattlemen lower margins than many in recent times while packers and retailers are in a more advantageous position to buy low, then resell to a beef-hungry consumer market.

Despite criticism afoot concerning the current state of affairs, Carter waxed philosophical about the state of things.

"It's the packers job to buy the live cattle as cheap as he can and it is my job as a producer to sell them to him as high as I can," Carter said. "When we have a bountiful supply, it makes my job harder and his easier."

Beef Board announces promotion efforts for FY 1995

Robert M "Bob" Carter of Plainview attended the Summer Meeting of the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board in Denver, June 23 - 25, in which the new marketing emphasis of the promotional arm of the industry was announced.

During the meeting the Beef Board established a fiscal year 1995 budget which addresses the current cattle market situation and coordinates check-off investments based on program spending at both the state and national level. Carter serves as secretary-treasurer of the Beef Board and as a member of the Beef Board's Operating, Executive, Planning, Administration and Budget and Finance Committees.

Due to the current market situation — the increase in beef supplies and sharp drop in cattle prices — the 1995 budget puts added emphasis on promotion and foreign marketing programs that have the potential to move beef short-term, yet does not jeopardize other programs that benefit the industry in the long-run.

The FY'95 budget (Oct. 1, 1994 - Sept. 30, 1995) also takes into account a Combined Statement of Beef Checkoff Activities, which is an incorporation

of financial information from each state beef council, as well as the National Cattlemen's Association, the Beef Industry Council, the U.S. Meat Export Federation and the Beef Board, to detail the spending of all state and national check-off funds — thus improving the coordination, efficiency and effectiveness of the checkoff program.

The FY'95 Beef Board budget is as follows: Promotion — \$25,150,000; Research — \$4,200,000; Consumer Information — \$3,000,000; Industry Information — \$4,000,000; Foreign Marketing — \$5,000,000; Producer Communications — \$500,000; Evaluation — \$200,000; Program Development — \$450,000; USDA Oversight — \$250,000; and Administration — \$2,250,000 (by law, the administration budget can be no greater than 5 percent of revenue and actual administrative expenditures have been much less.)

The Beef Board Executive Committee also acted to create a task force, with representation from NCA, BIC, MEF and the Beef Board, to develop a contingency plan for dealing with sharp declines in the cattle market. In related action, the Beef Board encouraged NCA to pursue additional sources of

commodity contingency funds from USDA and encouraged BIC to solicit voluntary funding from the packing industry.

Another highlight of the meeting was the presentation of 1995 draft project authorization requests. Beef Board committees reviewed and prioritized proposed projects and made recommendations as to whether the individual projects merit 1995 beef checkoff funding. The funding recommendations will be passed on to the Beef Promotion Operating Committee for final funding decisions in September.

The Beef Board is accountable for overseeing the national, one-dollar-per-head beef checkoff program including planning, budgeting, evaluating programs, collecting checkoff assessments, assuring compliance with the Beef Promotion and Research Act and Order and certifying state beef councils. The Beef Board's 107 members are appointed by and held accountable to the Secretary of Agriculture. Board members represent all segments of the beef industry including beef, veal and dairy producers and importers.

Cattle, livestock industry vital part of Castro County

The cattle feeding and livestock industry in Castro County had its official beginning in 1883, when J.W. Carter, the county's first settler, purchased land in Castro County.

In 1993, the county ranked second in the area in fed cattle numbers and boasts the region's largest feedyard.

Between those two statistics came years of "blue northerners," grasshopper plagues, prairie fires and "black duster" sandstorms,

as well as years of change and persistent growth.

The root of survival for the cattle industry was the native grasslands in the area—Buffalo Grass, Blue Gama, side oats gama and mesquite. But in order for the cattle to feed off of the grasslands, moisture was needed to help the grasses grow. However, the elements didn't always cooperate.

Over the years, the cattle industry in Castro

County survived many natural as well as man-made threats, but the early years seemed to create the worst obstacles.

The disasters continued in the 1930s with the black duster sandstorms that buried the county's cattle forage under a layer of sand.

With one disaster after another, many of the early settlers moved on.

Of those that stayed, a few farmers and ranchers began to construct small feeding pens and fed their cattle on the farm.

With the onset of irrigation and the increased production of grain sorghum in the county in the 1940s and 1950s, the number of farmers and ranchers feeding their cattle on the farm grew.

Large commercial feedlots started springing up in the county in the late 1960s and soon they mushroomed into one of the county's biggest industries.

Today, feedlots in Castro County feed over 650,000 head of cattle per year, according to the 1993 Fed Cattle Survey released by Southwestern Public Service Co.

The report listed 660,981 head fed in the county

last year, which was up considerably from the 626,392 fed in 1992.

The region's largest feedyard, Bar G Feedyard, has an annual capacity of 75,000 head. Other feedyards in the county include Dimmitt Feedyard, 45,000; Rafter 3 Feedyard, 40,000; Seven X Feed Yard, 30,000; Cluck Feed Yard and Hill Feedlot, each with 20,000; LS Feeders, 17,000; Smith Cattle Feeders, 14,000; Texzona II, 12,000; Sunnyside Cattle Co., 10,000; Beef Co., 9,000; and Bridges Cattle Co. and Look Cattle Feeders, each with 5,000.

The fed cattle numbers alone do not represent the entire livestock industry in the county. Also included should be the sheep, swine and ostriches, as well as horses. Then there are the marketers and processors. And of course, numerous support industries add to the economy, including feed suppliers, health supplies, veterinarians, and hardware suppliers and repairers.

From the early-day tradition of the open range cowboy to the modern day technology of feedlots and scientifically formulated feeds, the cattle and livestock industry is an important part of our area's economy.

(Information for this story was obtained in part from the Castro County History, Vols. I and II.)

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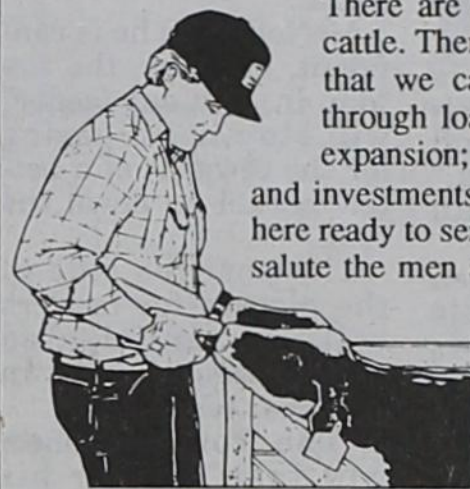
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McNEILL, from Pg. 1

it may yet be a while before things head back in the direction of higher fed cattle prices.

"You can't get out of an over production cycle that quick. It takes a year or two to work out of one of these situations," cautioned McNeill, of Carson County Feedyards in Panhandle.

"I don't think we have any choice but to hang tough right now. It is the nature of our business to have ups and downs in it like this," McNeill added in an interview Saturday.

The damage has been extensive among cattle feeding entities across the cattle feeding region, due to eroding prices.

"There is no getting around the fact this industry has been terribly, terribly hurt," said McNeill. "I have seen estimates of the amount of equity lost just in the

Texas, New Mexico area. It is probably, when I saw these figures, in the range of \$167 million for January through July. So it has probably grown since then."

Unfortunately, there will be some casualties.

"We are going to have some new players here," he said. "Some have lost equity and can't come back."

McNeill said he is confident, however, the "day in, day out feeder" will stay in preparing for the rewards of a better market on down the road.

The positive side of the picture for feeders will be anticipated cheaper feeder cows in the near term.

"The cow-calf man will take less for his cows. You've got to cut production. So it kind of flows down here. You'll get the dis-benefit of a bad market. No one likes that."

"There's been too

much production in the cow/calf end, plus we had an easy winter and some competition from competing meats."

McNeill said feeders are thankful that beef demand has been good.

"The retailer has done a good job. And the industry has done a good job of advertising and has moved a lot of tonnage."

McNeill compared the current spell in the market with other memorable downturns in the past.

"The '73 break . . . that was very devastating," he recalled. "And the dairy buy out was what changed our market considerably. And, more recently, in August of 1991, when we took such a drastic drop in the market cattle were losing \$200 to \$250 a head."

What distinguishes the current market, however, is its duration.

"This has lasted so long and it involves so

POSITIVE SIGNS IN THE BEEF INDUSTRY:

- USDA announced it will purchase up to \$50 million worth of fed beef for the National School Lunch program;
- The National Cattlemen's Association and Beef Industry Council held a special background briefing for national news media on the current beef price and supply situation;
- USDA estimated the 1994 corn crop to be the second-largest in US history, leading to lower prices that will help stimulate more exports and domestic consumption;
- The BIC's new beef coupon clipping campaign is in full swing;
- The latest Gallup Poll shows in-home beef purchase intent is up 14 percent and out-of-home purchase intent up 10 percent.

many more cattle," he said. "It has just dragged on longer than anticipated."

"We knew we had too many cattle on feed due to cattle on feed reports and numbers being reported. We knew had some adjustment coming, but didn't know it would be this drastic. But it's not this unusual to have this kind of adjustment when have this many cattle."

Aggravating the market was a mild winter, with cattle performing well through the spring and summer.

This combination of "too many cattle on feed, and too many doing too well" dealt the market a double whammy for cattlemen.

Fortunately, for cattlemen, a huge beef demand was present to move lots of tonnage into the packing plants.

In 1993, for instance, a growth of demand in the wholesale meat market of five percent was experienced.

Demand for beef from the food service sector grew a whopping 10

percent.

"This is the only way to get yourself out of these predicaments, you sell yourself out of them," McNeill said.

"I think that, hopefully, on down the road we will see better times coming. But we have much to work through."

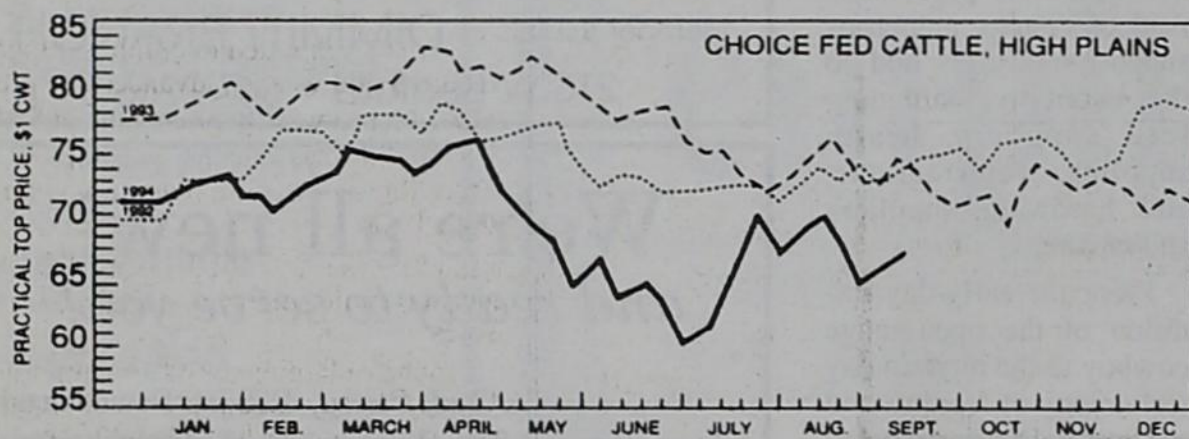
Feeders have seen prices which hit highs near \$83 cwt. in 1993 dip to \$60 cwt. in mid-June, climb to \$70 in July then dip back to the low 60s in August.

"I don't know if we can hold prices," McNeill said. "We think we have hit bottom, seen a turning point, but the next week your down in the mid 60. It's hard to know where we stand."

"We've done our

homework selling cattle," he stressed. "We realize we have got lots to sell. There has been no holding. Granted, we've had a lot of big cattle, but it was not due to holding them."

"There has been enough around for packers to buy without putting a little time on them. We've been pushed into a corner due to numbers available. It's not something we've liked but it's been a part of our business."



Courtesy Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Amarillo

Choice fed cattle, High Plains

The above report reflects market activity through Sept 8.

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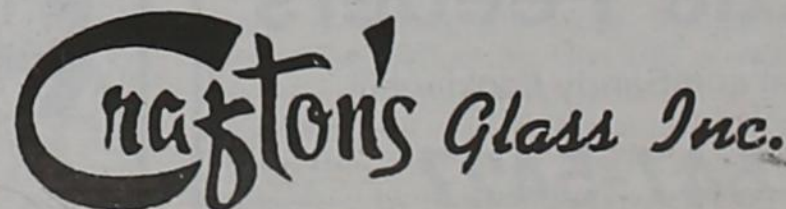
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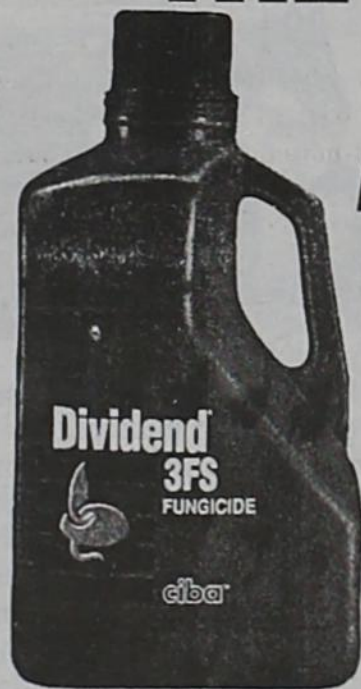
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Region's feedlot capacity at 3.07 million in 1993

CATTLE, from Pg. 1

The 1994 Fed Cattle Survey of Southwestern Public Service Company sheds light on the state of the Texas Panhandle/Eastern New Mexico cattle region — called the Cattle Feeding Capital of the World.

Total capacity of feedlots in counties served by SPS stood at 3,071,450 in 1993.

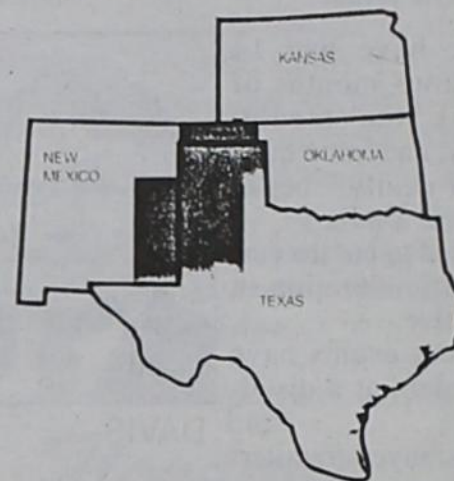
Actual number of cattle fed in the region was 6.269 million in 1993.

Of the 14 packing plants in the survey, total annual capacity was listed at 5,292,600 head.

Growth of the fed cattle industry appears steadily upward since 1984. The numbers of cattle fed grew from approximately 5.3 million in 1984 to 6.269 in 1993.

Capacity of the region's feedlots has also grown — from 2.6 million head in 1984 to 3.07 million in 1993.

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Recorded weekly gain set in July marketings

Feedlot managers the week of July 15 saw record one-day and weekly cattle price advances and near-record weewy sales in Texas, according to Knight-Ridder Financial News.

In Texas, fed cattle cash prices soared \$3.00 per hundredweight July 11, matching the record one-day gain set June 22, 1986.

Prices continued to climb, setting a record \$7.00 weekly advance. The previous record weekly price gain, at \$5.00, was in the week of June 22, 1986, according to Jim Gill, market director with Texas Cattle Feeders Association. Top trade was \$69.00. USDA reported 115,000 cattle sold in Texas during the week.

Tom Brink, director of research for Cattle-Fax says it is important that the industry continues to sell cattle, because it will have to move the largest supplies of cattle of the year in the next three weeks.

U.S. cattle on feed hit 7.37 million

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of cattle on feed totaled 7.37 million head in July, down 3 percent from July 1993 but up 5 percent from two years ago, according to the Agriculture Department.

July placements were 1.53 million head, up 2 percent from the same month a year ago and 7 percent from 1992.

Disappearance — cattle lost for a variety of reasons, such as death or movement from feedlots to pasture — accounted for 55,000 head in July, a decline of 32 percent from last year and a drop of 35 percent from 1992.

Net placements, which account for disappearance and other factors, totaled 1.47 million in July, up 4 percent from 1993 and 9 percent from two years ago.

Marketings for July dropped 2 percent from 1993, to 1.65 million head. This also marked a 2 percent decline from 1992 levels. These were the lowest marketings for July since 1984.

The July estimates are based on monthly reports from seven states.

Of the total cattle on feed, 90.8 percent were at feedlots housing more than 1,000 head.

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Ernie Davis suspects that packers may be muscle flexing in cattle market

By GORDON ZEIGLER

AgReview Writer

"We have had 14 continuous months of red ink the feedlot industry, and lost a quite a bit of equity," began Dr. Ernie Davis as he tried to put the current cattle situation in perspective.



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Recent events have put feeders at a disadvantage and packers/buyers/retailers at an advantage, he says.

"The packers/buyers are still playing hardball with us," Davis said. "It looks to me that if they continue to push down these prices, we eventually will get to where we thin out the numbers in feedlots. Whenever that happens we can get recovery."

Davis admits he thought that could be achieved by October or November, but it doesn't appear likely.

An analysis of recent cattle prices in real terms was almost shocking to marketing specialists.

"When our prices dropped in June to \$60.50, we went back and looked at that," Davis said. "Not in nominal, but in real terms, that is the lowest price we have had in real dollars in the history of the cattle feeding industry."

"That is not the best indication there at all," Davis said. It is bad for everybody. What is happening, during that same time when that price got that low the last week in June, the retailers' margins were the largest they have ever been been at \$1.42 — the retailers are not backing off on their prices, and the margins, for both the retailers and the packers have been good. The feedlots have been victimized by it."

The full impact is seen when comparing prices today to a year ago.

"Now we are seeing those losses in the feedlots reflected in 7 to 8 weight cattle prices," Davis said.

During an interview on Friday, Davis noted that prices were down \$11 from a year ago in 5 to 7-weight feeder weaned cattle coming out of the herds, the prices are some \$10 to \$12 below a year ago, he indicated.

"There is no good news," Davis volunteered. "This is absolutely, probably one of the most dismal markets we have had in a long time."

In talking to some of the producers — many who feel like they are still above the break even level here — Davis sees concern for the next three years.

"So far as feeder prices are concerned, feeder calves will see a continual decline as we thin the herds," he said.

So where is any good news. Davis said the best news for some will be that price of feeders and feed will be coming down, leading to inputs and cost of production coming down.

"We may get to where we can break even at \$70 per hundred weight, but we've got to get prices back there," Davis said.

The first three weeks in August fed cattle in the Texas Panhandle sold at \$70.38. Last year it was at \$76.96. The five year average is \$73.19.

"Numbers like these kind of tell you where we are," Davis said.

"The thing I am most concerned about right now is the price information we are getting. The packers/buyers are putting on more and more pressure on feedlots to sell on a formula basis, or forward contract. They want control of the cattle, control of the market."

With the prices the prices we are collecting on the market, we sometimes wonder if they are really reflective of what contract cattle and formula cattle are bringing... the formula changes from customer to customer. How many formulas are out there?"

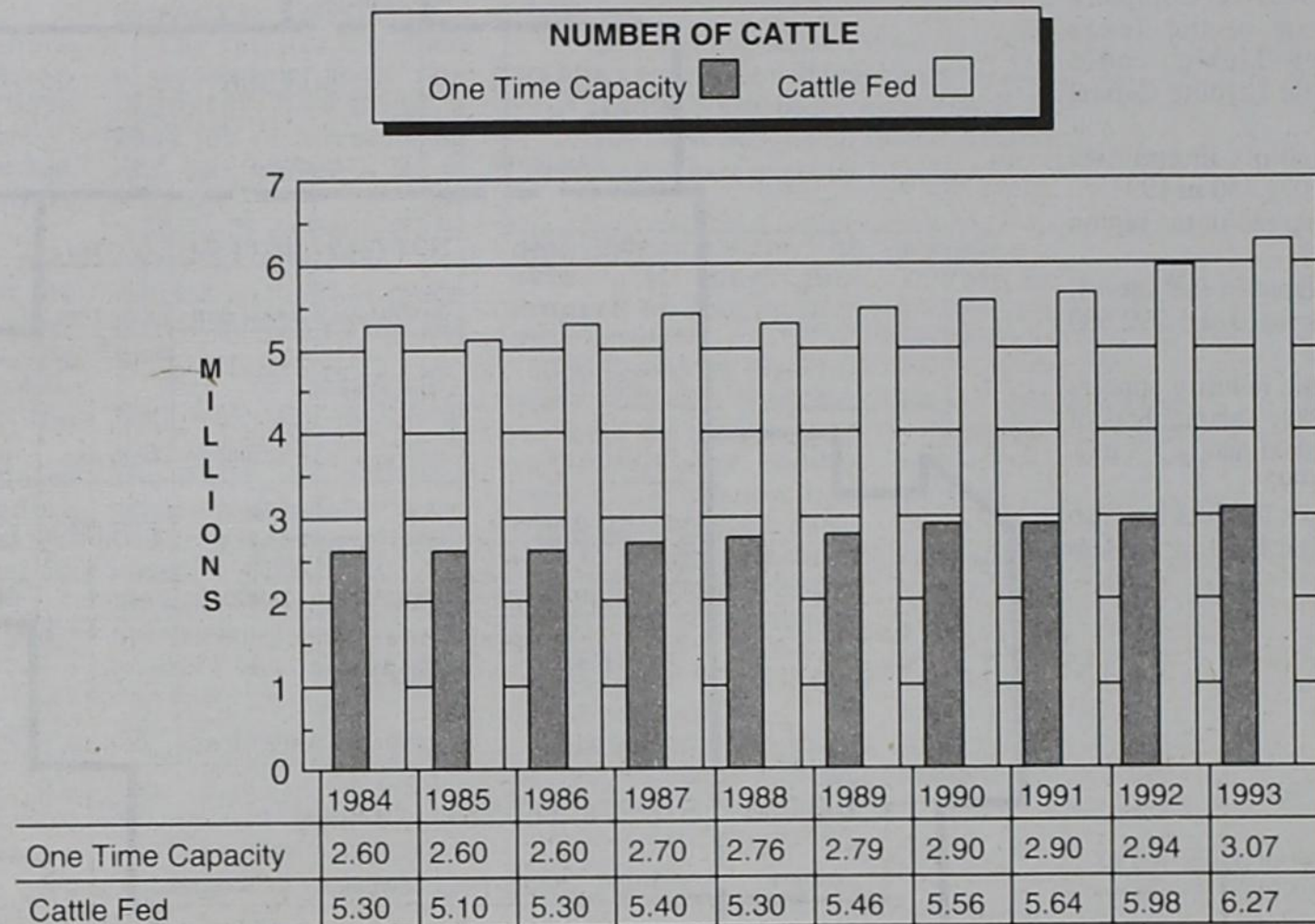
"I think the situation has gotten out of hand," Davis concludes. "The packers have gotten so large, and they are flexing their muscle and trying to control this industry and are doing a pretty doggone good job of it."

"Packers and the stockyard administration has the power or will to regulate and make sure that industry is playing on a level view. They've got the regulations there, if they would force that. I don't see a lot of activity by packers and stockyards in being active players in that market."

"I think packers and stockyard administration are being intimidated by the large packers."

(Dr. Ernie Davis, Livestock Marketing Specialist with the Texas A&M Extension Service, is an authority on the cattle markets. He writes a regular column which appears periodically in the West Texas Country Trader and AgReview.)

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Feedlots With Capacity Over 5,000

State	County	Feedlot Name	Site No.	Capacity	State	County	Feedlot Name	Site No.	Capacity
NM	Chaves	Bogle Farms, Inc.	96	12,000	TX	Hale	Hale County Feeders	86	10,000
NM	Curry	Clovis Feedlot	97	11,000	TX	Hale	Texzona Cattle Feeders	84	35,000
NM	Curry	Mesa Livestock	120	8,000	TX	Hansford	Caprock #1	22	30,000
NM	Curry	Oppliger Cattle Feeder	119	30,000	TX	Hansford	Caprock #2	24	32,000
NM	Curry	Oppliger Land and Cattle	98	18,000	TX	Hansford	DGC Feeders	23	8,500
OK	Beaver	McGuire Feedyard, Inc.	90	10,000	TX	Hansford	Flint Rock Land & Cattle Corp.	27	10,000
OK	Beaver	Tri-State Feeders, Inc.	14	22,000	TX	Hansford	Frontier Feedyards	25	42,000
OK	Cimarron	Boise City Feed Yard, Inc.	1	10,000	TX	Hansford	Palo Duro Feedyard	28	32,000
OK	Cimarron	Cimarron Feeders	2	62,000	TX	Hansford	Spearman Cattle Feeder, Inc.	26	40,000
OK	Cimarron	Felt Feed Yard	3	10,000	TX	Hartley	Caprock Industries #4	29	54,000
OK	Cimarron	Stafford Feed Yard	4	10,000	TX	Hartley	Hartley Feeders, Inc.	5	25,000
OK	Texas	Brookover's	9	11,000	TX	Hartley	XIT Feeders	30	55,000
OK	Texas	CRI Feeders	11	43,000	TX	Hemphill	Canadian Feedyard	95	30,000
OK	Texas	H. C. Hitch Feedlot	6	44,000	TX	Hockley	Hockley County Feedyard	89	14,000
OK	Texas	Hitch Feeders I, Inc.	8	60,000	TX	Hutchinson	McCloy Feedlot	34	12,000
OK	Texas	Pride Feeders #1	10	43,000	TX	Lamb	Littlefield Feedyard	117	27,500
OK	Texas	Texas County Feedyards	12	26,000	TX	Lamb	Olton Feedyards, Inc.	80	38,000
OK	Texas	Texhoma Cattle Feeders, Inc.	100	8,000	TX	Lamb	Springlake Cattle Co.	116	10,000
TX	Armstrong	Holland Feed Yard	37	5,000	TX	Lamb	Sudan Livestock & Feeding	81	23,000
TX	Bailey	Coyote Lake Feedyard, Inc.	77	22,000	TX	Lubbock	Lubbock Feedlots, Inc.	92	48,000
TX	Bailey	WES-TEX Feed Yards, Inc.	79	25,000	TX	Moore	Cactus Feeders, Inc.	31	63,000
TX	Carson	Carson County Feedyards	38	14,500	TX	Moore	Dumas Cattle Feeders, Inc.	32	22,000
TX	Castro	Bar-G Feedyard	67	75,000	TX	Moore	Texas Beef Producers	33	46,000
TX	Castro	Beef Co., Inc.	63	9,000	TX	Ochiltree	Jade Cattle Feeders, Inc.	103	7,000
TX	Castro	Bridges Cattle Company	127	5,000	TX	Ochiltree	Perryton Feeders, Inc.	109	25,000
TX	Castro	Cluck Feed Yard, Inc.	64	20,000	TX	Ochiltree	Saguaro Feedyard, Inc.	110	15,000
TX	Castro	Dimmitt Feedyard, Inc.	65	45,000	TX	Oldham	FSW Cattle Co.	35	27,000
TX	Castro	Hill Feedlot	68	20,000	TX	Oldham	Kirkland Feedlot	112	10,000
TX	Castro	L S Feeders, Inc.	66	17,000	TX	Parmer	Bovina Feeders	56	42,500
TX	Castro	Look Cattle Feeders	69	5,000	TX	Parmer	Caprock Industries, Inc. #5	62	35,000
TX	Castro	Rafter 3 Feedyard	49	40,000	TX	Parmer	Cattletown, Inc.	57	43,000
TX	Castro	Seven X Feed Yard	70	30,000	TX	Parmer	Farwell Feeders, Inc.	58	25,000
TX	Castro	Smith Cattle Feeders	73	14,000	TX	Parmer	Friona Feedyards	59	28,000
TX	Castro	Sunnyside Cattle Co.	71	10,000	TX	Parmer	Lazbuddie Feeders	55	10,500
TX	Castro	Texzona II	72	12,000	TX	Parmer	PACO Feedyard	61	37,000
TX	Cochran	Whiteface Feedyard, Inc.	88	36,000	TX	Parmer	Paco Feedyard — 2	78	5,000
TX	Dallam	Carrizo Feeders	15	10,000	TX	Parmer	West Plains Feedyard	60	72,000
TX	Dallam	Coronado Feeders	111	58,000	TX	Potter	Tascosa Feedyard	36	15,000
TX	Dallam	Nortex Feedlot	16	17,500	TX	Randall	Lone Star Feedyard	53	42,000
TX	Dallam	Potter & Potter	13	5,000	TX	Randall	Randall County Feedyard	54	65,000
TX	Deaf Smith	Barrett & Crofoot East	44	45,000	TX	Sherman	Dean Cluck Feedlot	18	15,000
TX	Deaf Smith	Barrett & Crofoot West	48	65,000	TX	Sherman	Freeman Feedlot, Inc.	19	5,000
TX	Deaf Smith	Bartlett #2	46	42,000	TX	Sherman	Hart Start, Inc.	17	5,000
TX	Deaf Smith	Champion Feeders, Inc.	45	32,000	TX	Sherman	Morris Stock Farm	7	6,500
TX	Deaf Smith	Circle 3 Feedyard, Inc.	124	20,000	TX	Sherman	Stratford Feedyard	21	80,000
TX	Deaf Smith	Frio Feeders	123	7,000	TX	Sherman	Walter Lasley & Sons, Inc.	20	18,000
TX	Deaf Smith	Great Plains Cattle Feeders	122	26,000	TX	Swisher	Bartlett No. 1	74	35,000
TX	Deaf Smith	Hereford Feedyards	47	48,000	TX	Swisher	Swisher County Cattle Co.	75	50,000
TX	Deaf Smith	Keeling Cattle Feedyard	125	17,000	TX	Swisher	Tulia Feedlot, Inc.	76	25,000
TX	Deaf Smith	Lookingbill Feedyard, Inc.	126	6,000	TX	Swisher	Wrangler Feedyard	118	45,000
TX	Deaf Smith	MC-6 Cattle Feeders, Inc.	121	22,000	TX	Wheeler	Heritage Beef Cattle Co.	42	30,000
TX	Deaf Smith	Southwest Feedyard	50	42,000	TX	Wheeler	Wheeler Feedyard, Inc.	43	12,000
TX	Deaf Smith	Sugarland Feedyards	51	28,000					
TX	Deaf Smith	Tri-State Feedyards, Inc.	52	15,000					
TX	Deaf Smith	XCL Feeder, Inc.	115	6,000					
TX	Floyd	Caprock Industries, Inc.	87	35,000					
TX	Gaines	Agri-Tech Feeders Corp.	94	35,000					
TX	Gray	McLean Cattle Co., Inc.	113	20,000					
TX	Gray	Moody Farms	41	12,000					
TX	Gray	Tejas Feeders, Inc. East	39	15,000					
TX	Gray	Tejas Feeders, Inc. West	40	20,000					
TX	Hale	C Bar Feedyard	82	18,000					
TOTAL CAPACITY									3,046,500

State	Capacity
Texas	96
New Mexico	5
Oklahoma	13
Total 5000 + Feedlots	114
Lots Under 5000 Head	11
TOTAL	125

Grape cloning is subject of A&M research project

LUBBOCK — The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station has been evaluating grape varieties for the Texas High Plains since 1968 and has helped to identify the commercial varieties now being produced.

Now, Experiment Station scientists are seeking to identify the vine clones which have the best results in this high-producing region.

Clones of a variety are different sources of the same variety which may differ in vigor, yield and fruit quality due to viruses and mutations. Better clones may result in double the yield in many cases compared to poor clones.

"What we want to accomplish here on the Texas High Plains is to identify which of the clones are most adapted to our micro-environment and then find methods of identifying the clones already planted here on the High Plains so that growers may request replacement vines and new planting vines from the best clones," said Dr. William Lipe, Experiment Station professor of viticulture.

Unfortunately most of the vineyards now in existence on the High Plains and the rest of

Texas were planted with unknown clones.

"What this means to the Texas grower is that he does not know what clone he or his neighbor planted in the past and cannot request more vines of the most desirable clones, n added Lipe.

Most Texas growers get their grape vines from nurseries in

late 1980s California Foundation Plant Materials did not identify the clone on material they distributed and today many nurseries in California still do not identify the clone.

The four primary grape varieties planted on the Texas High Plains are Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chenin Blanc and

smaller planting of Riesling, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Semillon, Cabernet Franc and Melon.

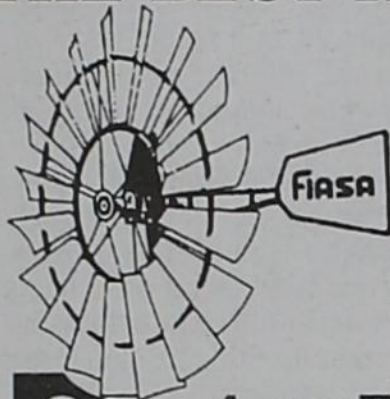
Clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir are planted at the Experiment Station in Lubbock and at the cooperative Texas Agricultural Experiment Station-

farm at Brownfield. The Experiment Station at Lubbock represents the sandy loam soils of the Central High Plains.

facility in Halfway, representing the clay-loam soils of the Northern High Plains.

"This research should provide identification of the most suitable clone of each variety and in each area and hopefully help us to identify the better clones that exist in growers' vineyards," said Lipe.

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Couch chosen to take district extension post

COLLEGE STATION—The Texas Agricultural Extension Service has named Dr. Martha E. Couch to the position of district director-home economics for the Panhandle area, effective September 6. She fills the position held by the late Dr. Judy Flynn.

Couch is a 22-year veteran of the Extension Service, having served as 4-H and youth development specialist for the Panhandle and South Plains areas the past 19 years, with headquarters at Lubbock. She also served as county Extension agent in Gaines County for three years.

"We are extremely pleased that Dr. Couch has accepted this key leadership and management position for the Panhandle area," said Kyle Smith, assistant director for county programs with the Extension Service. "She is well versed in the region and knows the Extension faculty, many Extension clientele and supporters."

Couch will be officed at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center at Amarillo.

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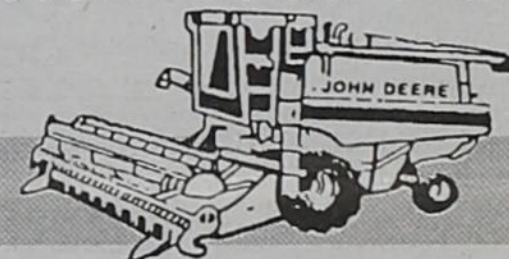
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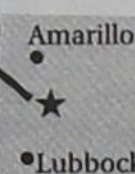
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Equine program debuts this fall at West Texas A&M

The fall 1994 semester is providing West Texas A&M University agriculture majors with a new degree emphasis option.

"Students will have an equine industry and business option," Dr. John L. Pipkin, WTAMU's director of

the equine industry program and associate professor of animal science, said. "It will be an integration of business and science principles to horses and the horse industry."

Pipkin said the program will provide students with a broad base of horse and horse industry knowledge as

well as animal science and business training.

"The program is very unique because it is the only one of its kind in the United States," Pipkin said.

According to Pipkin, there has been wide response to this program across the country.

"The potential stu-

dents recognize the marketability of a merge of the two areas," Pipkin said. "There are many facets of the horse industry including recreation, show, race, as well as allied industries such as health, equipment and feed."

Pipkin forecasts enrollment of between 50 to 100 majors within

three years.

Along with the degree emphasis option, Pipkin plans some aesthetic and functional changes

to the WTAMU Horse Center in the near future.

"We are planning a renovation of the facilities to incorporate addi-

tional teaching and research facilities," Pipkin said. "We also plan a modification of the facility to better meet animal housing needs."

Pipkin began his appointment Dec. 15, 1993.

Message is clear: Consumer, buy and eat more beef!

Consumers get word: "Buy beef now!"

Listed below are results of some of the recent programs funded through checkoff investments of state beef councils and the Beef Board, and through investments of packers and processors. For information, contact BIC Update editor Joanne Fields at 312/670-9230.

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Program moved an additional 585,838 pounds of beef and increased net beef sales by close to \$1.7 million. Texas was one of three state beef councils participating in the program.

Beef recipe releases moved more beef during the biggest grilling holidays— Memorial Day, Father's Day and Fourth of July. The recipes were picked up by 673 newspapers with a combined circulation of more than 19 million.

The Fast Family Favorites full-color recipe page has been requested, to date, by food editors from 94 newspapers with a combined circulation of 6 million.

To promote beef within the foodservice industry, BIC participated in three trade shows during July. Checkoff-funded materials were distributed to foodservice representatives from schools, colleges, nursing homes, hotels, motels and other institutions.

Dietitians found our "Beef is as easy as 1,2,3" ad to be the most interesting ad in a recent issue of the Journal of the American Dietetic Association, according to READEX scores.

About 110,000 "Eat well, grow strong" posters, developed to teach children how beef fits into a healthy well-balanced diet, have been distributed since March. Survey results indicate that nine out of 10 teachers have used, or

plan to use, the poster and accompanying educational materials. Findings also show 98 percent of teachers felt the program was "very good" or "good."

To reach youth outside the classroom, a publicity program targeted at youth-oriented media has been launched. News releases, camera-ready games and puzzles, and a video news release will be distributed to youth media during the next few weeks.

Farm safety is object of unique John Deere program

Deere & Company has produced and released three 30-second public service announcements (PSA's) on tractor safety as part of its safety education efforts. The announcements were distributed via satellite to over 650 television stations throughout the U.S. during March.

"Accidents involving farm tractors of all sizes and brands claimed over 300 lives in 1992 according to National Safety Council estimates," says Al Higley, spokesman for Deere & Company. "These public service announcements represent one approach among many that John Deere is using to remind farmers and their families to operate tractors safely at all times. The goal of this and other efforts is to help reduce the number of tractor accidents and fatalities rural America experiences each year."

These PSA's address three of the most common types of accidents involving farm tractors: runovers, overturns, and pto (power takeoff) driveline entanglements. Although John Deere tractors are shown in the announcements, the information on safe operation is

appropriate for all tractor brands.

One of the PSA's focuses on resisting the temptation to let children (or anyone else) ride along on a tractor designed for only one person — the operator. A rider who falls from a moving tractor could experience a serious injury — or worse.

A second announcement warns farmers about the danger of attempting to bypass the normal procedure for starting a tractor. Bypass starting by shorting across electrical connections on the starter while standing on the ground is a dangerous practice. It puts operators in a position where they could be

run over if the tractor is left in gear, starts, and moves.

The third PSA provides several safety reminders for

tractor owners and operators. These safety messages include equipping older tractors with a ROPS

More information about John Deere safety materials is available by writing Deere & Company.

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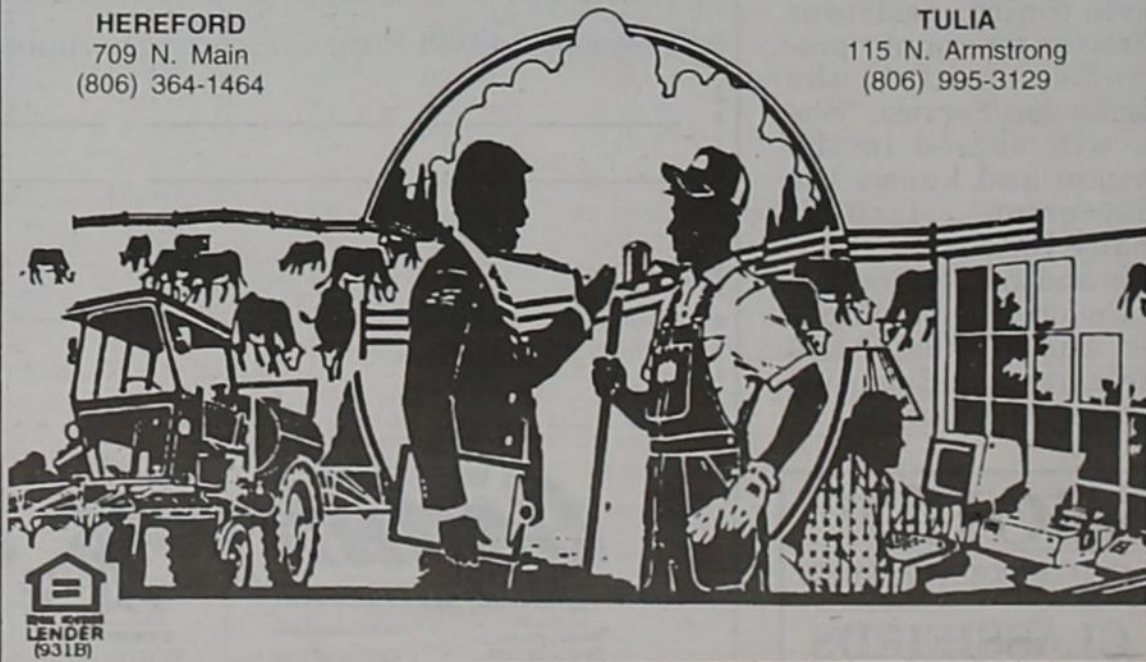
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