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NAZARETH PROCESSION—A color guard from the Nazareth American Legion Post leads the procession in Nazareth Monday morning celebrating the closing of the Holy Year and the opening of the Bicentennial Year. Holy Family Church was packed with parishioners as Bishop Lawrence DeFalco of Amarillo celebrated the mass and delivered the Papal Message. From the youngest to the oldest, all those attending joined the four-block procession, including uniformed members of all church organizations.

United Way goes over top

Dimmitt's first United Way drive topped its goal on schedule Tuesday, with more donations and pledges still expected.

AT TUESDAY morning's final report meeting in the Colonial Inn, Campaign Chairman Bob Caddell reported the total stood at \$9,782.11—just \$218 short of the \$10,000 goal—and announced, "We're going over the top."

During the day he contacted team captains, workers and businesses that had not reported, and by midafternoon the total reached \$10,326.51.

The campaign's success capped a three-week drive that has resulted in contributions by more than 1,000 local families and individual wage earners to date. Approximately 110 workers, headed by 25 team captains, have been contacting potential donors since Nov. 17.

THE SUCCESSFUL drive also climaxed more than a year's work by organizers and directors of the United Way of Dimmitt, Inc.

A steering committee to study the feasibility of a United Way here was first appointed in the summer of 1974, and the board was organized last fall, with Bob McLean elected as president. Board members met with United Way leaders in Amarillo, Lubbock, Tulsa and Hereford to learn procedures, policies and fund-drive organization.

The local UW received its state charter as a non-profit corporation earlier this year, and in August Caddell was named as the first campaign chairman, with Garnett Holland

heading the budget committee and Robert Ryan serving as treasurer.

ELEVEN different organizations that provide more than 20 programs and services will benefit from United Way funds during the coming year.

They are Dimmitt Little Dribblers, \$850; Boy Scout Troop 275, \$300; Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, \$250; American Field Service, \$500; Texas Girls Basketball, Inc., \$1,100; Cub Scouts, \$750; Salvation Army, \$1,500; South

Plains Council, Boy Scouts of America, \$750; Dimmitt Baseball Commission, \$2,550; Satellite Training and Work Center, \$1,200; and United Way of Dimmitt, \$250.

THE \$10,000 total was less than half of the amount requested by the 11 participating organizations, but United Way directors were reluctant to set a first-year goal that might be out of reach.

In cutting the budget requests, the UW board noted that many of the organizations have alternate sources of income—such as civic club support, concession stand sales, group earnings, team sponsorships, advertising sales, etc.—which they hope will tide the organizations over during the coming year.



Thanks to you, it worked!

Pheasant season to open Saturday

Thousands of hunters will invade the area's stalk fields, fence rows and lake beds at dawn Saturday in search of the Panhandle's most popular game bird.

PHEASANT season will officially open one-half hour before sunrise Saturday and continue through Dec. 28, giving hunters two full weeks and three weekends to chase the wary birds. Legal shooting hours end one-half hour after sunset each day.

Bag limit is two per day and four in possession, and only roosters may be taken. The ringneck cock is distinguishable in flight by his long tail feathers and his cackling.

Game Warden Chuck Cosper urged hunters to be especially careful not to accidentally shoot hens this season.

"A LOT OF the stalk fields have been plowed early, taking away most of the pheasants' cover," Cosper said. "As a result, they'll be bunched up more along fence rows and small brushy areas, and are liable to come up in bunches."

Because of the number of plowed stalk fields and the risk of a higher than usual kill-off, the Easter Lions Club will not hold its traditional Pheasant Dinner and Hunt this year. However, the Dawn Lions Club will serve meals and provide guided hunts.

The pheasant population "is up considerably," Cosper reported. He said that pheasants numbering as many as a hundred in a group have been sighted by Parks and Wildlife Dept. personnel.

EXTRA game wardens from throughout North Texas are being assigned to patrol Castro, Deaf Smith and Parmer Counties during pheasant season, Cosper said.

All land in Castro County is privately owned, and it is un-

lawful to hunt on any land without the consent of the landowner or his agent. Any fence, gate or waterway officially encloses land. Should hunters trespass, the landowner may not make a citizen's arrest himself, but must contact a local law enforcement agency to press charges.

Hunters are urged to observe all "Posted" signs and not hunt near any farm animals or houses. Most landowners in Castro County allow hunting without charge, but require hunters to ask for permission and restrictions.

YOU MAY shoot from a vehicle while on private property, but may not shoot from any public roadway.

Shotguns need not be plugged for pheasants, but if you plan to hunt geese or ducks also during the day, your gun must be plugged to three-shot capacity as required by migratory game-bird laws.

Huseman rites are conducted

A funeral mass for Rudolph Anton Huseman, 62, of Nazareth, was conducted Tuesday morning in Holy Family Catholic Church of Nazareth by Rev. Stanley Crocchiola, pastor, after a rosary service Saturday evening and a service Sunday afternoon at the church.

MR. HUSEMAN died Friday. Burial in Holy Family Cemetery was directed by Wallace Funeral Home of Tulsa.

Mr. Huseman, a farmer, was a lifelong resident of Nazareth. Survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Louise Hollenstein and Mrs. Wilhelmina Vinton, both of Hereford; and three brothers, Amil, August and Vincent, all of Nazareth.

Nazareth pageant slated Wednesday

The first of three presentations of the Nazareth Christmas Pageant will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Holy Family Catholic Church.

A COMMUNITY project with a cast of 54 plus a choir, the pageant will be presented for the fourth year in celebration of the Christmas season.

Nazareth residents enact scenes from the nativity story and perform original music as well as traditional carols and hymns.

Scenery and costumes which form a rich background for the pageant, and special lighting for the several scenes, are all the work of the church members.

Visitors from other states and from over this area have attended past performances

and are expected this year. Presentations are scheduled at 8 p.m. Dec. 17, 19 and 23.

The pageant director is Mrs. David Acker and the choir director is Sharon Brockman. Richard Birkenfeld is the director's assistant.

Dress rehearsal will be held tonight (Thursday) when new costumes will make their appearance for the first time.

Deadline Tuesday for 'greetings'

Deadline for "Operation Christmas Greeting" and for the Hart and Nazareth "Community Christmas Greeting" projects is Tuesday, Dec. 16.

The sponsor in Dimmitt is the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

RESIDENTS who wish to convey their holiday greetings to local friends through the community benefit projects must make contributions by that date in order to have their names listed in the Christmas edition of the Castro County News. Names at Hart also appear in the Hart Beat.

The Hospital Auxiliary's fund goes for needed equipment at Plains Memorial Hospital. At Hart the proceeds will go to the Hart Cemetery Fund.

Donations may be made in Dimmitt at the First State Bank, and in Hart at the Farmers State Bank.

John Gullion's funeral held

Funeral services for John Gullion, 73, of 709 W. Grant St., who died Saturday afternoon, were held Monday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church.

REV. ROY Barringer, pastor of the First Christian Church of which Mr. Gullion was a member, officiated.

Dennis Funeral Home directed burial in Castro Memorial Gardens. Nephews of Mr. Gullion were pallbearers.

Mr. Gullion died in Plains Memorial Hospital after an illness of several months. His birthplace was Clarksville.

Surviving are his wife, Mildred, and a sister, Mrs. John E. Smith.

Short cotton harvest ends

With cotton harvest about 95 percent complete, this year's crop in Castro County will apparently fall considerably short of the 1974 total of 27,600 bales, according to ginners' reports.

SOME GINS have already closed their runs, as good harvest weather has enabled cotton farmers to get the crop out of their fields early—in contrast to conditions in some recent years when rainy fall months delayed harvest far into the new year.

Short yields are attributed to unseasonably cold weather in September. Othel Fry at the Flagg Gin said there was some damage from worms in that vicinity, and the Easter Community Gin reported planted acreage down from last year.

Quality was characterized from "very poor" to "pretty good."

Gins at Hart are expected to complete the season this week, and those in other parts of the county say their work is 90 to 95 percent finished.

Mrs. Murphy dies Tuesday

Mrs. Ola T. Murphy, 81, former county and district clerk here, died Tuesday in Plains Memorial Hospital.

FUNERAL services will be at 2:30 p.m. today (Thursday) in the Bedford Street Church of Christ, with Ronnie Parker and Viggo Ulrich officiating. Burial will be in Castro Memorial Gardens, under the direction of Dennis Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 27, 1896, in Thornton, Mrs. Murphy had been a Dimmitt resident since 1925. She served as Castro County and district clerk 10 years, from 1943 through 1952.

She is survived by five sons, John P. of Atascosa, Dr. Bill D. of Dimmitt, Roy of Olton, Ray of Sunray and Fawayne of Astoria, N.Y.; three stepsons, E. F. and W. A. of Graham and V. P. of Elgin; three stepdaughters, Mrs. L. L. Chandler and Mrs. Vivilene Duke of Big Spring and Mrs. Jack Edwards of Olton; four sisters, Mrs. Onell Tiley of Wickett, Mrs. Lillamae Wright of Dimmitt, Mrs. H. P. Austin of Pecos and Mrs. Katharyne Pylant of Oklahoma City; 21 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Trellis Summers, Dale Maxwell, Bill Gregory, Jack Miller, Carlos Calvert, D. C. Taylor, Kent Birdwell and Don Nelson.

Sr. Citizens get building, slate bazaar

The Senior Citizens of Castro County, Inc., will hold a bake sale and bazaar in the former American Legion Hall Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

THE SENIOR Citizens have rented and cleaned up the building, located on Southeast Third Street, and will use it for a meeting place. They invite the public to visit them there Saturday and shop for home-made food and bazaar items.

Irene Blanton was elected secretary-treasurer of the organization at its meeting last week, to succeed Myrtle Behrends, who has resigned.

Appreciation was expressed to county residents for various aid given the Senior Citizens. A special "thanks" was extended to Jack Cartwright for a much-needed new stove.

MEMBERS also voiced appreciation to each individual and business firm that supported their quilt project. Proceeds from the project totaled \$155, and Mrs. Charlene Howell was the lucky person who received the quilt.

Country-gospel benefit show on tap Sunday

A Country and Gospel Jubilee, which will benefit a young cancer victim and the Pettit Boys Ranch, will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the County Expo Building.

ADMISSION is free but contributions will be received to be shared by Ricky Head, son of a Levelland law officer and cancer patient, and the Boys Ranch which is located near Whiteface.

Entertainers will include Hershel Wilson and the Singing Disciples, the Hazel Family, Johnny Ray Watson, David House and Yvonne Colbert.

"Highpockets" Duncan, owner of the Morton radio station, will act as master of ceremonies. Also expected to be present is Dub Bolis, Lubbock TV weatherman. Appearance of Santa Claus is promised, too.

THE PUBLIC is invited for an afternoon of gospel singing, country music and humor.

Stock show plans will be discussed

Junior Fat Stock Show plans for 1976 will be discussed at the Dimmitt Young Farmers' meeting tonight (Thursday) in the DHS vo-ag building. The Young Farmers run the annual February event.

Susan Ryan of New Zealand, who is the foreign student in Dimmitt High School this year, will present the program beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Anyone interested is invited to hear Miss Ryan tell of her country and her life as the daughter of a farmer in the island republic off the coast of Australia.

Up and down

	Hi	Lo
Thursday	71	27
Friday	71	31
Saturday	71	24
Sunday	62	20
Monday	63	25
Tuesday	57	25
Wednesday	68	30
1975 Moisture to date	14.00	

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Fuller and Mrs. Davis win top Farmer-Homemaker awards

Bruce Fuller was presented the Star Young Farmer Award for 1975, and Doricell Davis was recognized as Young Homemaker of the Year, as the Dimmitt Young Farmers and Young Homemakers held their 12th Annual Awards Banquet Saturday night.

MALISSA Moore was introduced by Brenda Bruton as the Young Homemakers' Little Sister, and Mark Welch was cited by Larry Gray as the Outstanding Senior FFA Boy at the dinner in the high school cafeteria.

Joan Snider presented the award to Mrs. Davis and Richard Connell introduced Fuller after greetings from the president of the Texas Young Farm-

ers, Dimmitt's Howard Smithson.

THE AGRI-Business Award was presented to John Davis by Arlie Petty. A special award, a gas grill by courtesy of Pioneer Natural Gas Co., was presented by Smithson to Ronnie Gfeller.

Don Moore, introduced by Ed Standlee, was acclaimed as the Hardworking Young Farmer of the Year. Richard Connell was given the title of Hard Luck Young Farmer by Larry Gray.

The banquet speaker was Joe Brown, farm director of a Lubbock radio station. Charles Summers, president of Dimmitt Young Farmers, was master of ceremonies and introduced guests.



Photo by M. L. Simpson
STAR YOUNG FARMER BRUCE FULLER (RIGHT) Receives plaque from Richard Connell



Photo by M. L. Simpson
'YOUNG HOMEMAKER' WINNER DORICELL DAVIS (LEFT) Award presented by Joan Snider

Shop Dimmitt first! Stores will be open until 9 o'clock tonight

Sheffy's chatter

By MYRTLE SHEFFY

Nancy Hays was the honor guest at a coffee Wednesday morning in the home of Mrs. Charles Vandiver. Nancy will move to her new home on N.W. Texas Ave. in Hereford soon. She and her family have lived in Dimmitt for more than 30 years. They had the Hays Implement before selling to Jim Hays and sons. David and Ann Hays have bought Nancy's house at 805 W. Bedford.

At the party the hostesses gave Nancy a wooden hand painted plaque inscribed "Bloom where you're planted." And Nancy, you have. Everyone will miss Nancy. And all say we are glad it is only 19 miles, so she can come back to see all the friends often.

Esta's house was pretty with Christmas decorations. And the club girls helping serve cinnamon rolls and coffee were Sue Merritt, Carole Dyer, Dorothy (Ted) Sheffy, Shirley Stephens, Myrtle Lois Moran and Aural Davis. Probably a hundred friends came by. Mrs. Kent Hance of Lubbock, Nancy's daughter, and a sister Mary from Hereford came.

"OPEN HOUSE" to say Merry Christmas will be in the home of Mrs. Glen Merritt Dec. 13. That is a Saturday, at 10:30 a.m. till noon. All friends are invited to come out to the farm for a cup-o-coffee. Other hostesses are Darlene Dowell, Geneva Schaeffer, Mary Cluck. Do go.

And Mrs. George Bradford will be hostess the same morning Dec. 13, 10:30 to noon with a coffee and bridal shower for Nancy Vardell, who will be married soon. Several ladies will help Mrs. Bradford. They say all friends are invited to come by.

Ray and Allan Bradley and Kent and Beverly Lindsey went to Las Vegas last week just to see the town and then on to some of the ski places.

Peggy Webb says she and Bessie Mae Bradley kept the babies. The folks went out there in the Webb's camper car.

Ivor and Hazel Bagwell are home from a visiting and rest vacation to Colorado. They went to Denver to visit their daughter Nelda and Mr. Fallwell. He is a lawyer for an oil company, a corporation lawyer. All we hear is the hospital Pink Ladies big bazaar and meal last Friday.

MR. AND MRS. Elmer Grussing of Willman, Minn. were here awhile back for a visit with their son Jim. They are kin of the Ailt Feldmans.

Jim Grussing and Diane Ward are making plans for their wedding Jan. 17. Diane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Lee Ward. Jim is with Dale Fowler.

Charles and Esta Vandiver were in Georgia and other places back east a while back. A stop in Savanna and Charleston, S. C. and a while in Atlanta, Ga. Pat Moran took them to the Governor's Mansion and on a tour of the beautiful house called the Swan House. They saw many of the old homes and historical sights. The people there are making ready for the big Bicentennial for next year and out from Charleston at Hilton Head Island the Vandivers and friends got to attend the World Invitational Tennis Classic with all the greats playing. It will be on TV, ABC sports the last week in June with Chris Shenkel, Billy Jean King narrating. That was fun. Then home to have the party for Nancy.

MYRTLE Sheffy was hostess to her bridge club Thursday afternoon in the home of her daughter Ruth Jackson. They served the chicken souffle salad with Ruth's good fresh apple nut and carrot cake and coffee. Guests were Ruth Wooten, who won high score, and Gladys Cleavinger second high, Josie Bradford, Opal Bearden, Cletha George, Maggie Boren, Ceal Carlile. The other member Retta Cluck was in Amarillo with her son Junior Cluck who

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If I were President Ford I would go to China, or any other far away point, too, if I had a Ronald Reagan and a large segment of the Republican party nipping at my heels along with his avowed enemies, the democrats. After all, he was apparently much safer in China than at home, as a whole week passed without a single attempt being made to remove him from office by the assassination route.

Henry Kissinger will be off on another world tour soon. It is much easier to travel than it is to appear before congressional committees.

Cotton has been somewhat of a disappointment this year, so were sunflowers. Sunflowers made a good crop but the price was down. The price of cotton was up but the yield was disappointing. The cold weather in September lambasted cotton just like the agronomists said it would at the time.

Ex-resident's funeral held

Funeral services for Roy G. Smith, 85, of Plainview, a former resident of Dimmitt for almost 30 years, were conducted Wednesday afternoon in Lemons Funeral Chapel at Plainview with Gene Polvado, minister of a Plainview Church of Christ, officiating.

BURIAL was in Plainview Memorial Park.

Mr. Smith died in Central Plains Hospital Monday morning after a short illness. He came to Dimmitt from Petersburg in 1929 and moved to Plainview in 1957. Active in civic work, he was a deacon in the Church of Christ here.

He was born in Henrietta June 24, 1890 and grew up in Chickasha, Okla., moving to Petersburg in 1908. He married Pearl Shankle there in 1911.

Survivors are his wife; three daughters, Faye Chapman and Lilla Mae Baker of Plainview and Kitten Tatro of Carson City, Nev.; two sisters, Mrs. Alta Hadaway of Brownfield and Mrs. Steve Williams of Garrison; a brother, Cloyd of Jal, N.M.; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

is at St. Anthony's Hospital for a checkup.

Belle McAfee Brandt is home from a visiting trip with her children. First to Amarillo to see Jay Lee McAfee and family, on to Eldorado to see the daughter Lorena and husband John Colcote and kids, Gary, Charlene and Susan Warnock. And the other son Ronnie and his Mrs. and children Teal and Shannon of Houston came to Lorena's to see her.

Mrs. Cecil Dennis and Jo Warren and Seale's Florists were hostesses at their annual Christmas open houses. Both houses have many pretty arrangements for your holiday decorations. Go by and look.

Kent Hance of Lubbock was here Saturday and visited his mother Beral Hance.

GEORGE AND Irene Blanton flew down to Dallas on a recent weekend to see the Cowboys and New York Giants play. George's daughters Georgene Woods and family and Lanelle Stevenson and family met them at the airport and went to the game with them. The girls plan to come here for the Christmas holidays.

Aural Davis went home with daughter Suzie and Roy Ellis who flew down here for her. They live in Kansas. Aural says they had a tour of old Dodge City, had their picture made in Miss Kitty's Long Branch and saw all the sights and the museum.

Oh yes! Castro County's historical committee met at the courthouse one evening. The meeting talks were led off by

Clara Vick. She suggested markers at the points of interest and she wants your opinion about getting a museum started in Dimmitt. Helen Richardson was elected president.

Helen took Mrs. O. K. Howe to the plane in Amarillo Saturday. She went on to Kansas to attend the funeral of her sister. And Mrs. Howe was hostess to the birthday party last Sunday for Jeanie Miller.

HERMAN AND Rose Acker and Jack and Mary Flynt have been to Houston to see the kids (who are adult) Arnold and Sharon Acker and Alice and Jay Garrison. The Arnold Ackers were hosts to the big family dinner with Ackers and Flynts and Jack the 3rd and Elaine and baby and Mrs. Flynt's brother and family came from Dallas. 18 people were there. Another day Arnold's boss Tad Lemon took the Ackers out to a very elegant supper club for a show and food. Herman helped with a little carpenter work on the house of Arnold and Sharon.

George Grimm was the lucky winner of the hospital auxiliary quilt but the sisters-in-law argued about who needed it most, so guess what, Neva Hickey got the pretty quilt. Fast talker, that lady.

Guests of Neva and Era Hickey on Saturday were Mrs. Bryant Eddleman and Mrs. Jerry Baird of Silverton and Shelly Hickey and her friend from Amarillo. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Snider

of Roscoe came by for dinner Saturday with cousins Joe and Lois Scott.

Josie Bradford and I made a quick trip to Plainview Friday. We met Irene Balwin who sends greetings to cousins Mrs. Carlos Calvert and the Travis Campbells.

A BRIDAL shower honoring Alice Rush was held Nov. 29 in the home of Mrs. Keith Simmer in Hereford. Decorated pastries, finger sandwiches, almond tea and coffee were served from a table covered with a white linen cloth and a centerpiece of American Beauty roses. Sondra Hastings and Debbie Dannevik served and Ginia Sheffy registered guests. Twenty-two ladies assisted Mrs. Simmer with hostess duties. Alice will be married Jan. 10 to Frank C. McRoberts III in St. George's Episcopal Church in New Orleans.

Claude and Cleo Forson spent Thanksgiving with Cleo's brother and wife in Lubbock. Then they drove on southeast to Salado to visit Claude's sister and husband. They stayed a week there.

A few friends went to Polly Bell's house last Thursday to celebrate her birthday and have cake and coffee. The ladies did some china painting and some talking. They were Viola Nelson, Gail Nelson, Jo Gregory, Mamie Birdwell and Bish Bradford.

Sunday Jack and Murna Miller were hosts to her family, mother Mrs. Lucy Welch at South Hills Manor and her sister Nora Welch of Abilene,

Murna's sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Dee Struve of Friona, a brother Mr. and Mrs. Louis Welch and son Lyn of Abilene and Kim came home from A.C.C. And a while back Murna and Jack made the big dinner for Lucy Welch's children. All seven were here, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Brown of Rockford, France Welch of Dallas, Dr. and Mrs. Rex Johnston of Los Angeles, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Melford Welch of Friona and the Friona people were here too.

WANDA NELSON was hostess to her bridge playing friends Thursday with a luncheon and games. Guests were Pat Braafladt, Carlee Warren, Becky Killingsworth, Mary Gabel, Fran Gabel, Dianne Hatla, Joan Thrasher, and Martha Jo Hyman came by for lunch and Patti Summers came later for coffee.

Jay Lee and Reba Touchstone were at Waco for the holiday dinner with son Calvin (Wig) and Barbara Howard and the girls. They took the ride down the Brazos River on the

showboat "Brazos Queen." They took the dinner tour. You sit on the top deck for your tea and cokes to see the country, go below deck for the meal. Reba says the trees were still beautiful in their fall colors. "Why not make a trip to Waco?"

Sunday Beral Hance visited in Lubbock with her granddaughters Sherilyn and Kerli Hodges. Beth Hodges of Panhandle was spending the weekend with them and attending a bankers' meeting. They also visited with Kent Hance and family.

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IGLESIA BAUTISTA JOE BAILES MEMORIAL 300 N.E. 7th Pastor Van Earl Hughes Secretaria Sara Salinas Tesorero Gabriel Montiel Estudios Biblicos 10:00 a.m. El Sermon 11:00 a.m. BIENVENIDOS A TODOS!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 1201 Western Circle Drive Rev. John Street, Pastor Sunday - Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Training Union 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Wednesday - Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 8:10 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Marvin Roark, Pastor Jim Massey, Music & Education 110 S.W. 3rd - Ph. 647-4356 Sunday - Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. MYF, Jr. Hi & Sr. Hi. 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship 6:30 p.m. Wednesday - General Meeting, WSCS 9:30 a.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH 412 North East Street Sunday - Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Training Union 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Monday W.M.U. 4:30 p.m. Tuesday Brotherhood 7:55 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Friday

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH William E. Summers, Pastor 302 S.E. 2nd Sunday - Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Christ Ambassadors and Children's Church 6:00 p.m. Evangelistic Service 7:00 p.m. Wednesday - Mid-Week Service 7:30 p.m.

the Long Arm of God There may be times when your church seems to be growing slowly, when you become discouraged because your work seems to bear no fruit. Don't be discouraged. The Lord would say to you in Deut. 1:21, "Fear not, neither be discouraged," for I am with you. During the very time you are discouraged, the Lord may have good news for you. This period of time may be more spring than winter. It is an open secret that God's arm is not shortened that he cannot save; neither is his ear heavy that He cannot hear. Therefore, let us keep on working and praying that we may in our hearts possess the land of rest and comfort and peace with God. "The glory of the Lord shall be thy reward." He tells us in Isaiah 58:9, "Then thou shalt call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and He shall say, Here I Am." We pray that the church and its fellowship will be your dearest treasure. May the church be the place where your "heart interest" lies. We invite you to attend services this week. The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God. ©Coleman Adv. Ser.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH Rev. Raphael Chen, Pastor 1001 W. Halsell - Ph. 647-4219 Sunday - Mass in English 7:00 a.m. Mass in Spanish 10:30 a.m. Religion Classes 9:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday & Saturday - Mass 7:00 a.m. Holy Days - Mass in English 7:00 a.m. Mass in Spanish 8:00 p.m. Confessions - Friday 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Baptism by Appointment

CHURCH OF CHRIST S.W. 4th at Bedford Viggo Ulrich, Minister Sunday - Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday - Bible Class for all 7:30 p.m. NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. James Alexander, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 7:30 p.m. Wednesday - Mid-Week Services 7:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Western Circle Drive Rev. Ed Manning, Minister Sunday - Church School 10:00 a.m. Common Worship 11:00 a.m. CHURCH OF CHRIST NE 7th & Andrews Fred Joiner, Minister 647-4261 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday - Mid-Week Services 8:30 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 600 Western Drive Roy E. Barringer, Minister Phone 647-5478 Sunday - Bible School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship and Lord's Supper 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday - Bible Study 8:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 5th and Halsell Jim Hedrick, Pastor Sunday - Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. NYPS 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Wednesday - Mid-Week Service 7:30 p.m.

LA IGLESIA DE DIOS DEL PRIMOJENITO East Halsell St. Pastor, Gustavo Ornelas Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sermon 11:00 a.m. Lord's Supper and Feet Washing 11:30 a.m. Evening Worship 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Services 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (Northside) Third and Halsell Streets Leonard Tittle, Minister Phone 647-5284 Sunday - Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday - Ladies Class 2:00 p.m. Mid-Week Service 8:00 p.m.

SUNNYSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Raymond Jones, Pastor Sunday - Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Training Union 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Night - Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

LEE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH Bobby Gordon, Pastor Phone 647-2300 Sunday - Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Training Union 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Wednesday - Mid-Week Services 8:00 p.m.

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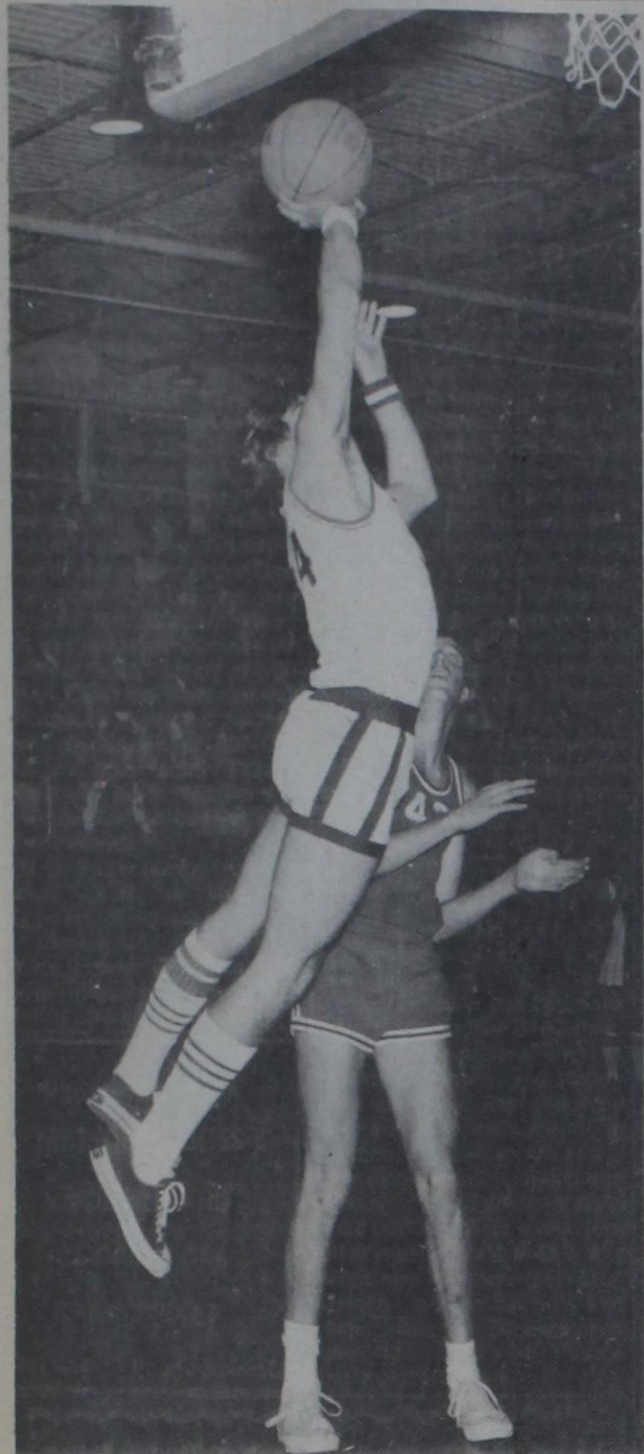
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UP AND IN—Dimmitt's Gary Nutt goes high to sink a baseliner layup against Valley in the semifinal game of the Plainview Tournament Friday night. This was the final basket of the third quarter and gave the Bobcats a 51-31 lead. Dimmitt went on to top the spunky Patriots, 74-51, then defeated Abernathy in the championship game Saturday night.

Frio Visitors numerous

By MRS. OWEN ANDREWS

The Community Thanksgiving supper was held Tuesday night in the fellowship room of Frio Baptist Church. The Hereford Chamber Singers were guests and after the supper brought a concert of patriotic and spiritual songs. The group of 24 persons was directed by Bill Devers and accompanist was Mrs. Devers.

Mmes. Frank Robbins, T. L. Sparkman and Fred Walton were in charge of arrangements for the supper and decorations.

HERE FOR the Thanksgiving holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mobley and their children Mr. and Mrs. Kent Mobley, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Mobley and Cammie, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Laughlin and Kyle, all of Farmington. They were visiting the Mobley relatives here and with Mrs. Raymond Mobley's relatives around Dimmitt. On Thanksgiving Day they and Mrs. H. M. Mobley, Austin Mobley and Nell Miller were dinner guests at the Floyd Cole home. The Cole children, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Vinson and daughter of Childress, Mr. and Mrs. Sol D'Amato of Stillwater, Okla. and Beverley Cole of Lubbock spent the holidays here. Also guest of Bill Cole and the Cole family Thanksgiving was Betty Hodges, who is a teacher in the Amarillo School system.

Mrs. Spicer Gripp went to Gallup, N.M. to visit her daughter, Mrs. John Stokes, Mr. Stokes and the couple's two daughters. The newest one is Amy Danelle, who was born Nov. 21, weighing 8 pounds, 4

ounces. The other Stokes daughter is three-year-old Shelby.

TAKING Thanksgiving Day with the Andy Axes were daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Larry George and daughter of Dimmitt and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis and two children of Hereford. The other Axe daughter Mrs. Tommy Needham lives at Kopperl, where Rev. Needham is pastor of the Baptist Church. The Needhams are parents of a daughter born Nov. 28. She weighs 5 pounds, 14 ounces and has been named Christina Ruth. The Needhams have two sons, Gary, 6 years old, and Craig, almost three.

Spending the holidays with the Frank Robbins were their children from Lubbock, Steve, Genie and Patti and Tom Dodd, a guest of Steve from Martin, Tenn. Also there were Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Cook and Mrs. Daisy Moreman of Hereford.

Here for the holidays with the Adolph Knabes were Adolph Sr. from a veterans hospital, son Darrell of Denton and his fiancée Karen Currin from Bryan. Also, Mrs. Dwaine Knabe of Amarillo was here Saturday for Miss Currin's shower.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Andrews and sons visited relatives in the Marlowe, Okla. area during the holidays.

On the go

Sarah Northern and Millicent Davis have made a tour into the pecan country near London Junction and San Saba with Mac and Sue McCollum. They saw the pecan shellers in operation at Brady. The McCollums are doing fine and send best wishes to their friends in Dimmitt. On their return home, they visited the Don Malones in Odessa. Mrs. Fannie Malone came to Dimmitt for a visit with old friends. After a week's stay Sarah and Millicent took Mrs. Malone back to Odessa and came back by Lubbock and spent the night with Charlie and Ruby Hastings.

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Utilities can't pass on state fee, chairman says

Utility companies in Texas cannot properly pass on to consumers a fee which the firms are required to pay to the state under the Public Utility Regulatory Act of 1975, the chairman of the new Public Utility Commission has ruled.

W. GARRETT MORRIS, who heads the three-man commission, gave the opinion in a public statement issued last week.

"It has come to my attention that certain utilities which will eventually come under the jurisdiction of this commission have already, are planning to, or are considering passing on to their ultimate consumers a rate increase equal to the assessment they are required to pay the state under the provisions of the act."

Regulated utilities are required by the act to pay the state one-sixth of one percent of their gross revenues to defray the expenses of the commission's regulatory activities, Morris explained. He said his research on the bill convinced him that this is an assessment and not a tax.

Consequently, he said, a utility is violating its rate schedule unless it has prior approval from the appropriate regulatory agency for a rate increase before passing it on.

"The commission lacks jurisdiction presently to act in this matter, but it is my opinion that it is an improper pass-through," his statement continued. "Further, I feel that an individual consumer would be entitled to enjoin such a utility from assessing it on his bill if prior approval for an increase has not been obtained from the appropriate city."



FLOYD BOSSETT ... Studies WTSU test results

Student conducting plant science test

Is organic or inorganic fertilizer better for Kentucky blue grass? West Texas State University sophomore Floyd Bossett of Dimmitt has spent the last seven weeks of his plant science lab conducting an experiment to find out.

BOSSETT divided his plants into three groups. One he treated with nitrogen, another with compost and the last with a mixture of compost and nitrogen.

"We won't know until we dry and weigh the grass, but

we are guessing that the group treated with the mixture is better," he said. "We feel that inorganic fertilizers are a little bit better than organic. The organic fertilizers are good, but they are hard to apply."

Plant science greenhouse experiments are designed to make students more aware of plant production principles and the methods and procedures of carrying out a controlled experiment, according to Dr. Tom Thomason, professor of plant science and lab director.

What's cooking at the schools

HERE ARE the school lunch menus for Dimmitt Schools for Dec. 15-19.

MONDAY — Meat loaf, creamed potatoes, mixed greens, fruit, rolls, butter and milk.

TUESDAY — Stuffed weiners, green beans, tossed salad, gelatin, rolls, butter and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Barbecue on a bun, blackeyed peas, corn, apple cobbler, milk.

THURSDAY — Turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, green peas, sweet potatoes, celery sticks, prune cake, milk.

FRIDAY — Sandwich tray, lettuce, pickles, potato chips, orange and milk.

MAN does not live by words alone, even though now and then he has to eat them.



[Compiled from the Community Birthday Calendars of the County Home Demonstration Council and the Nazareth American Legion Auxiliary.]

DEC. 11 — Ellen Gregory, Ann Lust, John Stork, Robert Kleman, Karen Birkenfeld.

DEC. 12 — Dan Reeves, Cecil Dennis, Shelly Cross, Helen Backus.

DEC. 13 — Vivian Pigg, Janet Schmucker, Val Hatla, Angie Wilhelm.

DEC. 14 — Tina Soler, Jimmy Henderson, Sonny Hochstein, Sister Josetta, Chad Huseman, Weldon Wilhelm, Chuck Birkenfeld, Peggy Venhaus, Lee Kleman.

DEC. 15 — George Sides, Timothy Lust, John Wait Sr., Sonya Schulte, Helen Burt, Kathy Acker, Mary Kleman, Josephine Ball, Manuel Trevino Jr.

DEC. 16 — Durward Strickland, Bryan Huseman, Randy Huseman.

DEC. 17 — Joe Brockman, Dwayne Schulte, Tony Fritz.

DEC. 18 — Richy Behrends, Rick Wright, Freddie Sepeda, Aurelia Schoenenberger.



AERIAL ACT—Dimmitt's Jim Birdwell goes into an aerial half-twist as he leaps high off the baseline to sink a basket against Valley in the semifinal game of the Plainview Tournament Friday night. This second-quarter

basket gave the Bobcats a 19-17 lead over the Patriots. The Bobcats went on to defeat Valley, 74-51, and the following night they posted a hair-raising two-point victory over Abernathy for the tournament championship.

Heart film available

Available for showing to Dimmitt organizations, a film titled "I Am Joe's Heart" has already been seen by some under sponsorship of the Castro County Unit of the American Heart Association.

CAROL LANTZ, education chairman of the unit, presented the film last week at the Kiwanis Club luncheon and has other engagements to show it.

She terms it "an excellent film, which emphasizes that we need to slow our fast pace of living and enjoy life more, also that we should recognize the necessity for physical check-ups."

Happy Helpers member honored

The outstanding member for 1975 in Happy Helpers 4-H Club of Easter, Tammy Behrends, was recognized at the annual Christmas party and awards banquet last Thursday in the Easter Community Building.

TAMMY is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Behrends. One of her recent accomplishments was winning a red ribbon at the district 4-H Food Show in Lubbock Saturday.

Highlight of the club party was a surprise appearance of Santa Claus to give out gifts to

WT honor society initiates student

Kathleen Brockman of Nazareth was one of 29 West Texas State University students initiated into Kappa Delta Pi, education honorary, at its Dec. 2 meeting in Canyon.

MISS BROCKMAN is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Brockman of Nazareth.

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CHURCH MEMBERS OBSERVE END OF THE HOLY YEAR MONDAY
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Nazareth

Bishop on hand for Holy Year pilgrimage

By MRS. AGNES BROCKMAN

On Monday morning, Nazareth Parish sponsored a Holy Year Pilgrimage, beginning with the Holy Mass, followed by Procession, the Papal Blessing, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and a meal at noon in the community hall. A nice crowd attended. Bishop DeFalco was the celebrant and Father Chris Portee of Clovis and Father Schaffle of Umberger were also present and took part. The Bishop was presented with a painting by Irene Wilhelm.

prised Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wells with a housewarming on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Sybil Steffens, Regina Steffens and Cornelia Annen attended the funeral in Slaton of Mrs. Emma Bollinger last week. She was the former Emma Schilling.

The children of Mrs. Flora Backus honored her with an open house party Sunday, Dec. 8 at the parish hall in Happy. The occasion was to celebrate her 90th birthday. Many relatives and friends came by to offer their good wishes.

Jerry Kern and Victor Hartman spent several days at Angelfire in New Mexico last

week.

A NUMBER of Christmas parties are taking place at this time in the parish. The Order of Martha held their annual party on Tuesday with a dinner, singing of Christmas hymns and games. The Catholic Daughters party was held on Wednesday evening with the singing of hymns, exchanging names of secret pals for the coming year and a delicious lunch was served.

Next Sunday the Christmas party for the Christian Mothers Society will take place.

Visiting in the Brigitta Dohmeier home for the past two

weeks were her brother and sisters from Nebraska Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Hochstein, from Hartington, Mrs. Chris Ligges from Frodyce and Mrs. Dorothy Herfkens from Wynot. Weekend visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herfkens and girls from San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. David Irlbeck and boys from Grygla, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Tim Hellstein from Kansas City and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schulte from Kingsbury.

MISS JACKIE Book of Hereford spent Sunday visiting her folks the George Books Jr. and Mrs. Agnes Brockman. Not much change in the wea-

ther here, as we still haven't had any moisture and the temperature gets down to freezing practically every night. And we have some wind and dust every now and then.

PUMPKIN or potato pie is a traditional ending to a holiday dinner, and it's a rich source of Vitamin A, needed for growth and protection against infection. This vitamin keeps the mouth and digestive system linings in good condition and helps night vision, Frances Reasonover, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, says.

Braddock herd recognized top

The Vincent Braddock herd, Dimmitt, has been designated as the top herd enrolled in the Production and Type Performance Registry (PTPR) for group 3, in 1975.

THIS competition recognizes the top Brown Swiss PTPR herds in each of the three herd size categories: group 1 (5-39 head); group 2 (40-99 head); and group 3 (100 - more head).

According to Marvin L. Kruse, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association, the Ira Inman PTPR Award recognized the top Brown Swiss herds in the nation based on: (1) DHIR herd fat average; (2) herd type classification average; (3) percent of cows bred and owned; (4) percent of lactations completed during the year; and (5) number of years on official DHIR test.

Kruse describes Production and Type Performance Registry as a program which combines official DHIR test with Type Classification. It encourages breeders to maintain or improve type characteristics of their cattle while breeding for increased production.

The Braddock herd's average production was 14,405 lbs. milk, 585 lbs. butterfat on a mature equivalent lactation herd average basis, and the herd's average type score was 85.2 points.

TO HELP a child become independent, don't do for him what he can do for himself, Mrs. Ilene Miller, family education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension

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TUESDAY - Cheesburger on homemade bun, buttered potatoes, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Fried fish, tartar sauce, cornbread, cabbage salad, blackeyed peas, buttered rice, milk and butter.

THURSDAY - Chili beans, cornbread, buttered spinach, pickles, onions, peaches, milk and butter.

FRIDAY - Roast beef, hot rolls, whipped potatoes, green beans, cherry cobbler, milk and butter.

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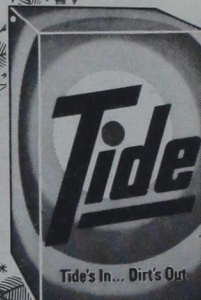
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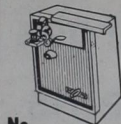
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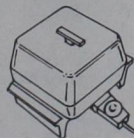
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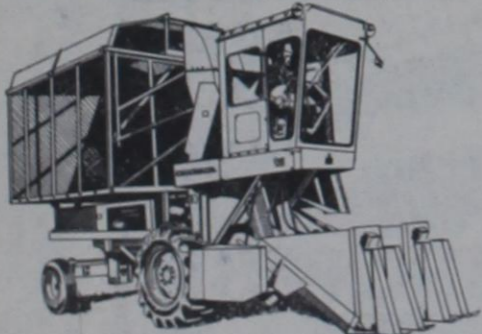
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Kiwanians' trees arrive

Christmas trees are on sale now by Dimmitt Kiwanis Club members, after a delay in shipment, it was announced at the club luncheon Monday by Danny Lewis, sale chairman who gave members their assignments to man the tree lot.

NEXT WEEK'S luncheon will be replaced by a Ladies' Night Christmas party Monday, when a covered dish dinner will be served in the community room of the courthouse.

Scenes from "down under," in her homeland of New Zealand were shown by Susan Ryan, American Field Service student in Dimmitt High School, who was the program guest.

Varsity schedules

Here are the varsity basketball schedules for the coming week. Girls' games start at 6:30; boys' games begin at 8. Varsity games are usually preceded by a boys' and/or girls' junior varsity game.

DIMMITT

Thursday through Saturday—Bobcats and Bobbies in Tulia Tournament.

Tuesday—Tulia, there.

HART

Thursday through Saturday—Varsity boys and girls in Springlake-Earth Tournament.

Tuesday—Littlefield, here.

NAZARETH

Thursday through Saturday—Varsity girls in Abernathy Tournament.

Tuesday—Bovina, there.

Next Thursday—Amherst, here.



DIMMITT CELEBRATION—Dimmitt's Immaculate Conception Church celebrated the annual Feast of the Immaculate Conception Monday evening with festivities and a mass. Here, 9-year-old Vicky Davila, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toribio Davila, takes her place as Queen of the Feast in the church foyer as a

preliminary to Monday night's mass. Flanking Miss Davila are princesses Mary Anes (second from left), daughter of Mrs. Ophelia Anes, and Norma Gonzales (second from right), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Gonzales.

Schulte named MVP

Swifts breeze to Kress title

Elaine Schulte, Nazareth's all-state forward, was named the Most Valuable Player in the Kress Tournament as the Swifts breezed to the championship last weekend.

SCHULTE scored 93 points in three games and led in offensive rebounding to pace the Swifts to lopsided victories over Happy, Dimmitt B and Littlefield.

Also named to the all-tournament team for their winning

performances were guard Vera Birkenfeld and forward Cheryl Hartman.

The Swifts dominated Happy, 67-51, in the first round Thursday as Schulte burned the nets for 36 points.

In the second round Friday, Nazareth walloped Dimmitt B by an 82-27 count as Coach Kathy Wilson cleared the Swift bench. Hartman was Nazareth's top scorer with 32, followed by Schulte with 23. Bir-

kenfeld was the top Swift guard with six rebounds.

IN THE championship game Saturday night, the Swifts jumped to a 29-9 first-quarter lead over Littlefield and breezed to a 77-55 victory as Schulte scored 34 points and collected 12 rebounds. Birkenfeld led in defensive rebounding again with eight.

Bobcats defeat Eagles by 56-55 in heart-stopper

Dimmitt's Bobcats overcame a seven-point deficit and a fourth-quarter Canyon stall to win a heart-stopping 56-55 victory over the Eagles at Canyon Monday night.

DIMMITT led only twice in the game—by 2-0 after the opening basket, and by 56-55 after Johnny Hampton sank the winning shot with nine seconds left.

The Bobcats trailed the taller Eagles by 9-15 at the end of the first period and by 24-29 at halftime.

The Eagles, ahead by 47-40 going into the fourth quarter, went into a stall when the Bobcats started chipping away at their lead. Dimmitt's defense kept putting on the pressure, though, and forced a walking violation with 20 seconds left and the Eagles leading by 55-54.

HAMPTON made his game-winning shot from the top of the key with nine seconds left, then Brad DuLaney applied full-court pressure and forced his man to lose time behind the midcourt line while trying to bring the ball down. Canyon got off a hurried baseline shot but it bounced off the rim as the buzzer sounded.

Jim Birdwell led Dimmitt's scoring with 16, while Hampton contributed 12. Jerry Schaeffer scored six in the final period to aid Dimmitt's winning rally.

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Bobcats win Plainview Tournament

Trailing by 12 points at the end of the third quarter, Dimmitt's Bobcats put together a 29-point outburst in the fourth to capture a 73-68 victory over Abernathy in the championship game of the Plainview Tournament Saturday night.

JIM BIRDWELL led the Bobcat surge with 15 points in the fourth, and finished with 34 for the night. Keith Crum added 14 and Danny Vaughan 12 in the hard-fought victory.

It was the fourth straight year for Coach Kenneth Cleveland's Bobcats to capture the Plainview Tourney championship.

Abernathy, once beaten by Dimmitt and determined not to let it happen again, led throughout the title game until

the fourth quarter—by 20-16 at the end of the first, by 36-29 at halftime and by 52-44 after three.

DIMMITT started with a 67-54 victory over the pesky Clovis JV in the opening round last Thursday. The score was tied at 16 after the first and the Bobcats led by only one, 27-26, at halftime. A big third quarter

gave Dimmitt a 47-35 pad, though. Birdwell sank 35 points and Vaughan 12 to pace the Bobcat cause.

In the semifinals Friday, the Bobcats forged a 74-51 victory over one of the finest Class B teams in the area, Valley. The short but quick Patriots moved to a 13-9 first-quarter lead, but the Bobcats took control in the

second and led 31-21 at halftime and 51-33 after three quarters. Leading Dimmitt's scoring were Birdwell with 20 and Vaughan and Jerry Schaeffer with 10 each.

BIRDWELL, who scored 89 points in three games and turned in outstanding defensive performances, was named to the all-tournament team.

Cats, Bobbies in Tulia Tourney

Dimmitt's Bobcats and Bobbies will both play Valley High School teams today (Thursday) in the opening round of the Tulia Tournament.

THE BOBBIES will tip off at 4 p.m. and the Bobcats' game will start at 5:30.

If Dimmitt's teams win their first games, they'll play at the same times Friday.

The Dimmitt-Valley girls' winner will play the Abernathy-Slaton winner at 4 p.m. Friday. Losers of the two opening-round games will meet at 10 a.m. Friday.

The Dimmitt-Valley victor will meet either Abernathy or Slaton at 5:30 p.m. Friday. The first-round losers will play at 11:30 a.m. Friday.

HERE'S Saturday's tournament schedule:
1 p.m.—Girls' consolation.
2:30—Boys' consolation.
4—Girls' third place.
5:30—Boys' third place.
7—Girls' championship.
8:30—Boys' championship.

Dimmitt sweeps four from Farwell

Dimmitt's Bobbies handed the Farwell girls their first defeat of the year Tuesday night, 55-45, as the Dimmitt varsity and junior varsity teams swept a four-game series here. Beth Cleveland scored 22, Kathy Wales 17 and Joyce Wooten 10 as the Bobbies fought back a third-quarter surge by the Farwell team to win a 10-point victory.

THE BOBCATS coasted to a 67-40 victory over the Steers as Jim Birdwell sank 20, Danny Vaughan 16 and Keith Crum 11. It was the 11th straight win for the undefeated Bobcats.

In the junior varsity boys' game, David Espinosa sank 14 points to pace Dimmitt to a 61-41 victory over Farwell's JV. In the girls' junior varsity bout, Dimmitt won by 37-27 as Mimi Salinas netted 14 and Amy Merritt 11.

Nazareth girls, Hart boys win

Leading through all four quarters, Hart boys outscored Nazareth 61-48 Tuesday night, but the Nazareth girls downed Hart's girls 83-49.

The Hart JV boys were also victorious by a 49-24 margin. IN THE varsity boys' game, Hart was ahead after the first quarter by 20-10, at the half by 29-23 and at the third quarter 41-34. Marlin Hart led the Longhorn scoring with 14 points, tied by Derwin Huseman of Nazareth.

Nazareth's girls stayed ahead of their opponents by a wide margin, going into the final frame at 62-30. First quarter score was 26-12 and the halftime tally was 40-26.

Sheryl Hartman paced the Swifts with 34 points, and LaDonna Hart tallied 33 for Hart.

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Bobby Wynne, who lives in Hereford, joined Reeve-Fleming Chevrolet this week. He has twenty years' experience as a mechanic and was formerly service manager of Orval Watson Ford in Hereford. He is certified by National Automotive Service Institute as a Master Automotive Technician and is one of the few certified mechanics in the Amarillo area. His specialty is tune-ups, front-end, steering, electrical systems, and transmissions.

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Church hosts Llanos Altos Brotherhood

By TEENY BOWDEN

Eighty-six men from 13 churches attended the Llanos Altos Brotherhood meeting at the church Monday night. The missionary speaker, Jerald Pinkston of Indonesia, spoke on "What is a Missionary?" The Pinkstons are living in Plainview while home on furlough.

GERALD GRAHAM was admitted to High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo Monday afternoon and underwent surgery Tuesday to have the steel plates removed from his legs and to have some cartilage removed. He was dismissed Friday morning.

Ten women participated in the Lottie Moon Foreign Mission program at the church Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. John Seiver, president of the Baptist Men, had charge of the program Wednesday night. Twenty were present for this service. The church goal is \$1200 for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Mrs. Embree Roy Sadler and Mrs. Raymond Jones had charge of the morning services. Mrs. Cliff Brown had charge of the display and promotion.

Mrs. Embree Roy Sadler, Mrs. John Gilbreath, Mrs. Winston Waggoner and Mrs. L. B. Bowden helped with the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary bazaar in Dimmitt Friday. Mrs. Sadler and Mrs. Gilbreath attended the workshops held each day this week making things for the bazaar.

Mrs. L. B. Bowden attended the Castro County Historical Committee meeting in Dimmitt Thursday night. The purpose of the committee is to preserve our local heritage in every way possible. Your suggestions, information and ideas would be appreciated. Contact Mrs. Helen Richardson, chairman of the committee.

MR. AND MRS. Cliff Brown, Lee and Lynn and Gale Jones attended the International Club Banquet at South Plains College at Levelland Sunday night as guests of her niece, Dawn Swinney.

Rev. Raymond Jones, Area RA Director, attended the RA Mission Rally of Llanos Altos Association at Plains Baptist Assembly at Floydada Friday,

Friday night and Saturday. 43 boys from four churches attended.

Dina Jo and Belinda Hampton participated in the senior division of the District 2 4-H Food Show at Texas Tech in Lubbock Saturday with approximately 150 young people from 20 counties. They each won a red ribbon.

There was a good turn out for the turkey shoot sponsored by the Lions Club Saturday afternoon.

JACKIE CLARK was one of four new directors elected to the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at their noon meeting Thursday.

Mrs. Noah Spencer visited in Lubbock Tuesday and had lunch with her aunt, Mrs. Gladys Bearden while Noah was taking his dialysis. Mrs. Bearden is also a niece of Mrs. Homer Bartlett of Dimmitt. Rev. Raymond Jones took Noah for his dialysis Thursday.

Mrs. Vernon Orr attended the Texas Tech School of Medicine "Project Next Step" in Lubbock Monday night for continuing medical data. Dr. John Lowe of Ann Arbor, Mich. was the guest speaker.

MR. AND MRS. Billy King and family, Jimmy and Margaret of Monument, N.M., Mr. and Mrs. Marshall King of Jal, and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Sutton and Brandy Jean of Hobbs spent the weekend with Mrs. Lillie King and with her family.

Monday set for SS man's visit

Castro County residents who have business or questions concerning Social Security are invited to visit with the Social Security Administration representative, who will be in Dimmitt Monday.

HE WILL be in the courthouse at 9 a.m. County residents may also obtain service at the Social Security Office at 1401-B West 5th Street, Plainview.

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in Happy. They were hostesses for the 50th anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Oller in Happy Sunday. The Ollers are the parents of Mrs. Billy King. Mrs. King and Mrs. Lloyd Blanton also attended the anniversary celebration Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Akers of Lubbock spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer.

Bob Duke of Tech, Larry Duke of Angelo State University and Sandra Duke of WTSU were home last Thursday for Thanksgiving with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duke. They took dinner to their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Duke, who didn't feel like getting out.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duke left last Thursday evening for Stephenville where they spent Thursday night with her aunt and uncle. They went on to Duncanville Friday and visited with her sister and three brothers and their families until Sunday. On the way home they stopped in Weatherford for the first Monday flea market which is held on Saturday and Sunday as well as first Mondays. Larry Duke stayed with his grandparents.

MR. AND MRS. Roy Phelan spent the weekend with relatives in Weatherford.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Bowden visited Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. James Powell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Sadler returned home from their trip to San Antonio Thursday night.

Lee Brown and the Springlake-Earth Wolverines lost to Meadow Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. They won Thursday night over the Brownfield junior varsity, lost to Meadow Friday night and lost to Ropesville Saturday night.

Gale Jones and the Wolverettes lost to Hale Center Tuesday and played in the tournament at Meadow.

LYNN BROWN and the Springlake-Earth junior varsity participated in the tournament

in Amherst Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They won over Sudan Thursday night, lost to Lubbock Christian High School Friday night and lost to Anton Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Wilson and Daneen participated in a benefit for Ricky Head of Denver City in Muleshoe last Saturday.

Mrs. Hershel Wilson and Daneen attended the revival services in Hobbs over the

weekend where Mr. Wilson has been leading the singing this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud McClesky of near Charlotte, N.C. visited Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Duke and Robert and Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Waggoner. Mrs. McClesky is a niece of Mrs. Duke.

MR. AND MRS. Jimmy Waggoner and children visited in Dimmitt Sunday to help her

dad Vernon Hasley celebrate his birthday. Other members of the family were also present.

Several in the community have had a 24-hour virus this week which is quite severe for 24 hours and leaves you weak for another two or three days.

Community meeting will be Monday night at 7 p.m. Bring cookies. Plans will be discussed for our participation in the county Bicentennial celebration.



IN STEP—Dimmitt guard Mel Nelson drives for the midcourt line but is fouled by Sanford-Fritch's Denise Ashby in the third quarter of the Vega Tournament championship game Saturday night. The Bobbies outscored S-F in three quarters but came out on the short end of a disastrous 24-8 third quarter as the Eagles won, 63-51. It was the Bobbies' first loss of the season.

King urges corn producers to attend state meeting here

Corn producers will hear the president of the National Corn Growers Association, John Curry, speak at the fourth annual meeting of the state association Friday morning, Dec. 19, in the Castro County Expo Center.

THE MEETING will start at 10 a.m. sharp because of Curry's flight schedule, said Carl King, president of the Texas Corn Growers Association. King will give his annual report following the address by the national association president.

A business meeting is scheduled after a coffee break, with the main items including discussion of a charter, check-off fees, goals and elections.

Reports will be heard from Barry Love, treasurer; Ray Joe Riley, chairman of the charter committee; Glenn Odom, resolutions chairman; and James Welch, chairman of the nominations committee.

THE ALL-DAY meeting will also include an afternoon program on corn production, conducted by the Extension Service and TCGA.

Lunch will be served at noon

by members of the Town and Country Home Demonstration Club. The meal will be provided by Dimmitt Agri Industries, Inc., W&C Grain, Inc., Bruegel & Sons Inc., Castro County Grain Co. and Easter Grain Co.

"This is a very important meeting and we urge all corn growers in the region to be present," King said.

"OURS IS a young organization but it has already made significant progress, especially in research and development, in getting irrigation gas reinstated to its original classification, and in working for legislation to benefit corn growers," King said.

He added, "Texas is fast becoming a leading corn-producing state because so many farmers are switching to corn."

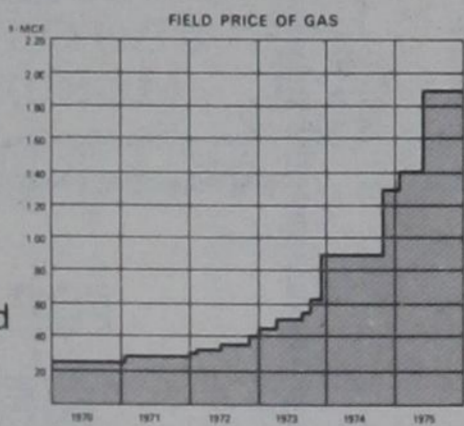
"The TCGA needs your attendance and your support," King said to area corn growers. "This is your organization and is pledged to do the job you want it to do. It can become as big or as small as you want it to be."

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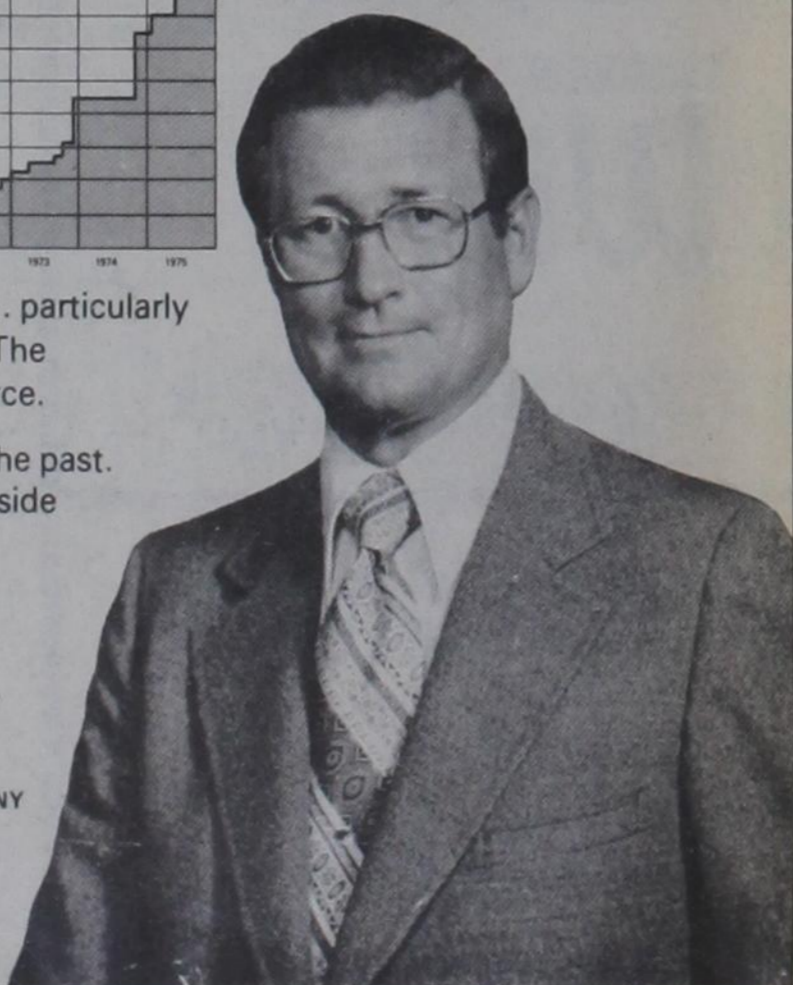
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Girls place in district food contest

Two Castro County 4-H Food Show contestants placed as alternates to the state show in district competition at Lubbock Saturday.

CINDE SIDES was named alternate in Main Dishes and Elaine Acker of Nazareth in Side Dishes. Both competed in the senior division.

Castro County's junior entrant, Wendy Bruegel, received a blue ribbon for Side Dishes and Tammy Behrends a red ribbon for Main Dishes. Juniors do not advance to state competition.

Kelly Bagley took third place in Snacks and Beverages as a senior, and Laurie Sides won a blue ribbon in the junior division. Beth Benton, junior entrant in Breads and Desserts, received a blue ribbon.



[Compiled from the Community Birthday Calendars of the County Home Demonstration Council and the Nazareth American Legion Auxiliary.]

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Newlyweds home after honeymoon

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Francis Dobmeier are at home in Nazareth following their recent marriage and a trip to New Mexico and Colorado. The bride is the former Suzanne Marie Schulte.

SHE IS the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schulte. The groom's parents are Mrs. Brigetta Dobmeier and the late Leo Dobmeier. Both families reside at Nazareth.

The marriage was solemnized Nov. 29 in Holy Family Catholic Church of Nazareth, with Rev. Stanley Crocchiola officiating at the double-ring ceremony in a setting of autumn colors.

Deep yellow gladiolas and mums with greenery decorated the altars, and more of the flowers with fern and baby's breath filled baskets beneath tall candelabra on either side. Mrs. Bernie Wethington was

her sister's matron of honor. Another sister, Lynn Schulte, the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Tim Hellstein of Kansas City, Kan., and his cousin, Patti Hochstein, were bridesmaids.

ATTENDING the groom were Arnold Ely as best man; his brother, Don Schulte, the bride's cousin, Russell Schacher, and T. C. Cameron as groomsmen.

Wesley Dobmeier, nephew of the groom, carried the rings. Ushers were Bruce Schulte, Sam Birkenfeld, Glenn Dobmeier, Bruce Warren and Dayrl Bush.

Mrs. John Slavik played organ selections and accompanied the soloists, Mrs. Richard Hoelting and Norene Klemm, whose numbers included "Speak Softly Love" and "My Sweet Lady."

LACE beaded with seed pearls trimmed the bride's gown of candelight silk organza worn over bridal taffeta. Double frills of lace formed a Bertha collar circling the low neckline of the Empire bodice. Wide lace cuffs caught the sheer sleeves at the wrists.

The gently flared skirt was finished with a scalloped lace hemline which swept into back fullness and a circular chapel train, embossed with lace appliques. A caplet of seed pearls held tiered veiling that fell just below the waist.

Her pearl earrings were the bridegroom's gift. She carried a bouquet of yellow rosebuds, gladiolas and baby's breath.

PRINCESS style gowns of fall green were worn by her attendants. Matching hoods lined in deep green printed silk were attached at the round neckline. Their bouquets were of yellow gladiolas and mums with fresh leaves.

At the reception in the com-



Socially Yours

Home and hobby

Let's stop, reflect, count our blessings

By IRENE KEATING

As the year draws to a close we're all thinking of many things. First on the list perhaps is the rush of Christmas and

community hall, fall leaves and tall tapers flanked baskets of gladiola on the table.

Mrs. Slavik played dinner music on the organ.

FOR THE wedding trip, Mrs. Dobmeier wore a brushed denim pantsuit with blue print blouse.

She is presently employed by Continental Telephone Co. and was a 1974 graduate of Nazareth High School. The groom, who operates his own trucking business, graduated from NHS with the 1972 class.

how you'll get everything done. We also need to reflect on the year and count our blessings. If you had a list of goals to accomplish, think back to see if you attained these goals. Even if you didn't write goals on paper I'm sure you have some on your mind that you wanted to accomplish. Perhaps some from this year will carry forward into next year. Maybe you think of goals as New Year's resolutions. If this works for you that's okay, but I am not good at keeping resolutions and do better on goals that are realistic. I guess my problem is that my resolutions aren't realistic!

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4. Here are some suggestions for gifts for your gardening friends:
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 - c. Garden tools of all types, limited only by the extent of your friendship or your budget.
 - d. A subscription to a garden magazine.
 - e. A good book you have enjoyed.
 - f. A collection of annual or vegetable seeds.
 - g. An attractive plant container or hanging basket.
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MISS WARD is a 1975 graduate of Dimmitt High School and is now employed by Texas Energy Co. Grussing, an employee of Dale Fowler Ford here, graduated from Clara City, Minn. High School. A Jan. 3 wedding is planned.

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Beet contract agreement is reached early

The Texas-New Mexico Beet Growers Association and Holly Sugar Corp. have reached an agreement on the 1976 Sugar Beet contract.

THE announcement was made jointly by James W. Witherspoon, executive secretary of the association, and Bob Ginn, agricultural manager for Holly Sugar Corp. Witherspoon and Ginn said they feel this early agreement will be very beneficial to the growers in making plans for the 1976 crop. Growers need to make their field selections and make arrangements for fertilizer and chemicals for insect and disease control programs.

Ginn further stated growers have been requesting sugar beets for 1976. With this information, the agriculturists can plan and start taking soil samples for nitrate analysis and providing other services to growers to assist them in producing a high quality, profitable crop in 1976, he said.

Ginn stated that several new growers are requesting acreage for next year and that 38,000 acres will be contracted.

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Conservation

Popular pheasant needs helping hand from farmer

By WILLARD E. RICHTER
Soil Conservation Service
Biologist

The ring-necked pheasant is a remarkable bird in more ways than one.

IT IS the most colorful gamebird found in Texas. It has been described as having characteristics of other animals, such as sly as a fox, healthy as a horse and as many lives as a cat, when it comes to outsmarting hunters or enduring adverse climatic conditions.

Since its introduction into Texas in 1939, the ring-neck has slowly increased its range and numbers in the Texas Panhandle. Eleven counties now have pheasant populations that can be considered moderate and well established. Most sportsmen, and many landowners in the Panhandle would like to see the ring-necked pheasant expand its range and increase its numbers.

A closer look at the pheasant's habitat needs will provide the answers that will enable it to prosper throughout more of the High Plains and South Plains areas.

FOOD AND cover are the critical habitat needs. Without good food and adequate cover throughout the year, the pheasant cannot prosper.

Being a seed or grain eater, the bird has established itself in the irrigated croplands where such food as small grains, corn, grain sorghum and soybeans are a significant part of the cropping systems. Following the harvest of grain crops, there is abundant grain and seed available to the pheasants and other game birds such as dove and quail.

Soil Conservation Service personnel made a survey of waste grains during the 1975 harvest season. The survey was made in 11 Panhandle counties and was made up of 53 samples. Crops sampled were sunflowers, corn, grain sorghum and soybeans. Random samples were collected following harvest, and calculations were extended to show the average pounds per acre of waste grains



HE CAN WINTER WELL ON HARVEST LEFTOVERS
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available as feed for pheasants or other birds.

THE SURVEY revealed that sunflowers averaged 38 pounds of waste grain per acre, grain sorghum 89 pounds per acre, corn 113 pounds per acre and soybeans 138 pounds per acre.

Projecting these figures to the total acreages of these crops under irrigation in the Texas Panhandle shows there is ample food for gamebirds on the ground immediately following harvest. To be beneficial to the gamebirds on a long-term basis, these waste grains and crop residue must be left on the soil surface through the critical winter months. This can be achieved by residue management practices, such as deferring all tillage practices as long as possible or adopting minimum tillage or no-tillage practices. Chiseling or one-time disking will leave most of the crop residue and waste grains on or near the soil surface and available as food and winter cover for wildlife.

PROPER crop residue management provides other benefits than food and cover for wildlife. It protects the soil


from wind erosion, it holds precipitation in the form of snow in place for absorption into the soil and it prevents crusting of soils from rains, reducing runoff and allowing better utilization of available moisture.

Corn and grain sorghum residue provide the best winter cover for wildlife in the Panhandle. Sunflower residue provides the least soil protection and wildlife cover, and therefore cool-season cover crops, such as rye or winter peas, are required to provide adequate soil protection and wildlife cover.

Leaving fence rows, odd areas, equipment yards, playas and abandoned farmsteads in natural weedy vegetation during the fall and winter months provides excellent cover for non-migratory game birds such as the pheasant or quail. In the Panhandle croplands where the pheasant makes his home, there is very little natural vegetative cover.

FARMERS who adopt crop residue management practices that will provide the pheasant with the necessary food and cover throughout the lean winter months will be rewarded with increased pheasant populations throughout the irrigated croplands.

On Wall Street
By Bob Hill
A. G. Edwards & Sons, Inc.



The Federal Bureau of Investigation recently confirmed a rumor that's been floating around Detroit for over a year. It seems Ford Motor Co.'s cars are extremely popular with car thieves. In a survey completed in late 1974, the FBI found that 36% of the 1969-74 model cars stolen were Fords, but that Ford's share of the car market in that period was only about 24%.

PART OF the problem is the popularity of some Ford models. The Mark IV is in big demand. A company spokesman was quoted as saying that the criminal element is quite fond of the Mark IV. The other part of the problem is the steering column locks. Beginning with the 1970 models, the federal government required that all new cars have steering column locks. Thieves discovered that the 1972-75 Ford cars were easier to steal than other cars. In late 1974, according to the FBI survey, car thefts in Mich-

igan hit Fords for 71% of all the cars stolen in the state.

The company first discovered the problem in the summer of 1974 when reports began to filter in from law enforcement agencies. Ford then moved quickly by redesigning the ignition locks and retooling the steering column and lock at a cost of over \$1 million. However, owners of late model Fords have no way to get the locks on their cars retrofitted.

None of the automobile companies are taking any pleasure out of Ford's predicament. Auto thievery is a tremendous problem for the car manufacturers. Even with the addition of steering column locks in 1969, auto thefts have jumped 11% to almost one million cars last year. The car manufacturers can build a theft-proof system into a car, but the cost of the security system would be more than the car. Auto thieves are a determined lot and highly imaginative. They can always

find a new twist to get around car locks. The most effective way to combat car thefts is to stay in close touch with law enforcement groups.

THE first-grader was talking about the recent fire in his school. "I knew it was going to happen," he said, "because we had been practicing for it all year."

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Pioneer honors Joyce Templeton

A Dimmitt resident was honored last Thursday night at Pioneer Corporation's annual service award dinner for employees in its natural gas division.

RECEIVING the award from Dimmitt was Joyce Templeton, a five-year employee of Pioneer Natural Gas Co., who serves as a distribution office clerk in the Dimmitt office. Ms. Templeton received her award at the Tascosa Country Club in Amarillo.

K. Bert "Tex" Watson, president of Pioneer, presented the award at a banquet which was the last of three such events held this week by the company at different cities in its service area. A total of 187 awards, representing 2,390 years of combined total service, were presented during the week.

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Methodists will present Christmas musical Sunday

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THE FIRST performance will be at the church's regular worship hour at 10:45 a.m., and will also be broadcast on KDHN Radio. The second performance will begin at 6:30 p.m.

"Love Came Down" is a musical worship service that includes new Christmas songs, new arrangements of traditional Christmas carols, beautiful but little-known Christmas folk music, and narration. It was written by Sonny Salsbury—who also wrote "The Backpacker Suite"—and was arranged by Salsbury, Kurt Kaiser and Charles F. Brown.

Directed by Jim Massey, the church's music and education director, the one-hour program will combine vocal and instrumental soloists, actors, special lighting and props.

SOLOISTS are Wendy Voit, alto, "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"; Beth Jones, soprano, and her daughter

Mary Beth, flutist, "My Joy, My Love"; Charles Axtell, tenor, "Go Tell It On the Mountain"; Jim Massey, baritone, "Silent Night" in German and English; and Linda Roberts, soprano, "Love Came Down."

Deanne Clark is the organist and Don Nelson is the narrator. Amy Merritt and Kyle Touchstone will portray Mary and Joseph.

Both performances are open to the public. Sunday morning's performance will be preceded by a presentation by the church's children's choir.

DJHS 8th boys second at Tulia

Dimmitt's eighth grade boys' team finished in third place in the Tulia Junior High Tourney Saturday.

THEY defeated Tulia B by 25-8 in the opening round, then lost to Slaton 35-16. In the third-place game, Dimmitt won over Vega 22-13 to notch their second win of the season.

Eighth grade B-team girls from DJHS took part in the Tulia Tourney over the weekend, losing to Tulia B in the first round, 25-23, and dropping a 40-16 decision to Valley A.

In other junior high action during the week, Dimmitt's 8-B lost to Hereford LaPlata by a 36-11 count here and the 7-B crew dropped a 32-18 decision.

BOYS' teams won and girls' teams lost in a four-game junior high stand against Friona here Monday night.

Dimmitt's seventh grade boys defeated Friona 25-19 and the eighth grade took a 22-20 victory.

First loss of the year for the Dimmitt eighth grade girls was registered when Friona came out on top of a 26-24 tally. The Dimmitt girls are now 6-1 for the season. Top scorer for Dimmitt was Vicki Cleveland with 13 points.

Seventh grade girls evened their season's record at 2-2 when they lost to Friona 29-11.

View from the Library



By CARLTON MOYERS
Librarian

Rhoads Memorial Library is a member of the Texas Panhandle Library System. This means that your library cooperates with other libraries in the area (Hereford, Pampa, Dumas, Amarillo, and several others).

WHEN YOU ask for a book we don't own, we call Amarillo Public Library and usually fill your request in a day or so by mail through interlibrary loan from Amarillo, the major resource center (MRC).

We run a fairly busy interlibrary loan service and now we would like to extend another system benefit to the citizens of Dimmitt and Castro County.

At all libraries in the Panhandle System registered borrowers from Dimmitt and Castro County can go into those libraries and check out materials.

It's called reciprocal borrowing and greatly extends resources of area libraries to everyone, except for Rhoads Memorial patrons who have the inconvenience of not being able to borrow books from other libraries due to one missing item—a library card.

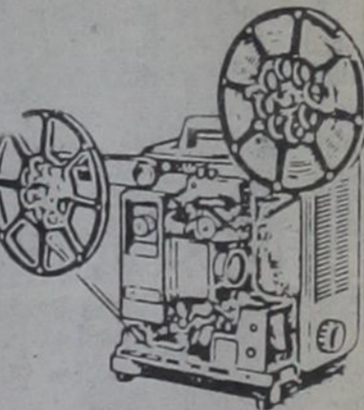
WHENEVER anyone wants to borrow books from Rhoads Memorial, they fill out a card which is kept on file in the library. So far, so good, but try to check out a book in Amarillo. Your card on file in Dimmitt doesn't get you any books from Amarillo.

Well, soon we'll issue library cards that will be carried by you, the patron, to be used at Rhoads Memorial Library and at other libraries in the Panhandle System. They're being printed now and we expect to process them soon.

In addition to previously mentioned benefits derived from system membership, we're in the process of completing an order for \$875 worth of books in the general area of government, the field Rhoads Memorial Library has been assigned to specialize in.

WE'LL be getting materials for tracing legislation through Congress and sources for checking up on different people in Washington and some basic materials in government.

During January we'll order \$1000 worth of materials in the



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Farm credit loans grow

Farmers in the United States are borrowing more money than ever from their own banking system, says Johnny Feagan, an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

FEAGAN points out that the number of loans made through the Farm Credit System, which is made up entirely of farmers and farm cooperatives, was almost 20 percent higher for the year ending June 30 than a year ago.

"Loans through the Farm Credit System to farmers and agricultural cooperatives totaled 130.4 billion this past year, up almost 20 percent," points out the specialist. "Loans outstanding in June totaled \$30

billion, a 22 percent increase over last year."

The Farm Credit System is made up of several different banking organizations which are all under the control of the Farm Credit Administration.

FEDERAL Land Banks make long-term loans through local Federal Land Bank Associations. Federal Intermediate Credit Banks make short and intermediate-term loans to local Production Credit Associations, while Banks for Cooperatives finance individual farm cooperatives.

The cooperative segment alone made loans of \$8.6 billion, up 26.5 percent over last year.

There are 450 agricultural

cooperatives in Texas with a total of 150,000 members, notes Feagan. These cooperatives combined to do more than \$750 million in business this past year.

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TEXAS TALK

By Jim Hays



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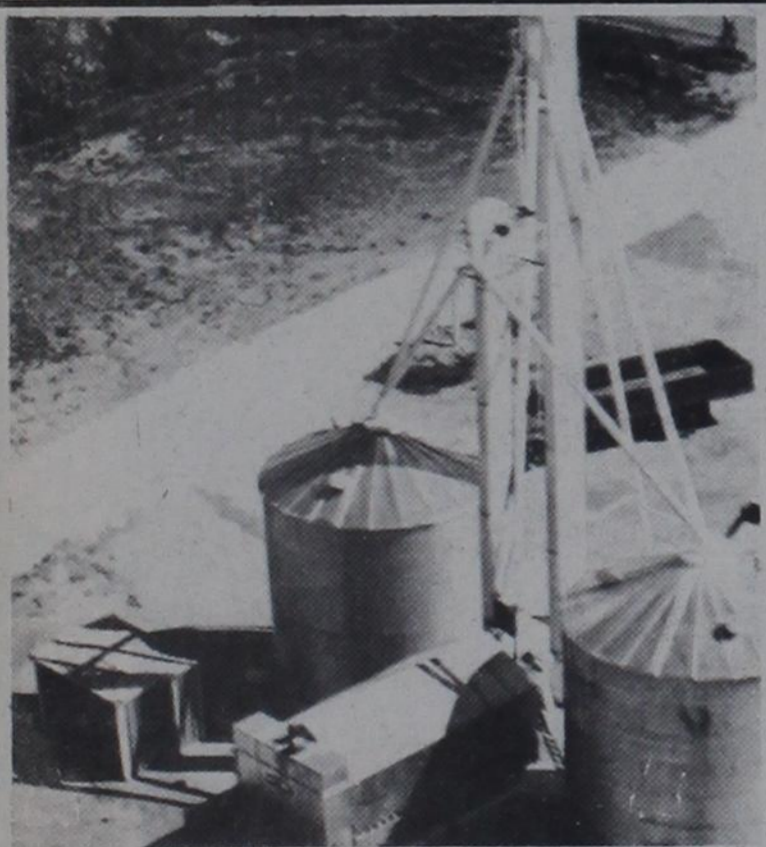
Three Dimmitt hunters bagged seven whitetail deer Saturday and Sunday at the Fort Lightning Ranch near Meard.

TOMAS PINA, Nicho Triana and Juan Sotello got their seven deer with seven shots, including two running shots. They bagged three deer Saturday and four Sunday. Their bag included two bucks and five does, as they were hunting with special permits.

The bucks were both eight-pointers. The oldest buck was 4½ years old and others ranged from a year to 2½ years in age, according to a check by the ranch owner.

Pina said the oldest buck and the two oldest does were "real heavy," field dressing at least 100 pounds each. Others were in the 75-pound range, he said.

Pina has bagged his limit nine years straight, but this was the first deer hunt for Triana and Sotello.



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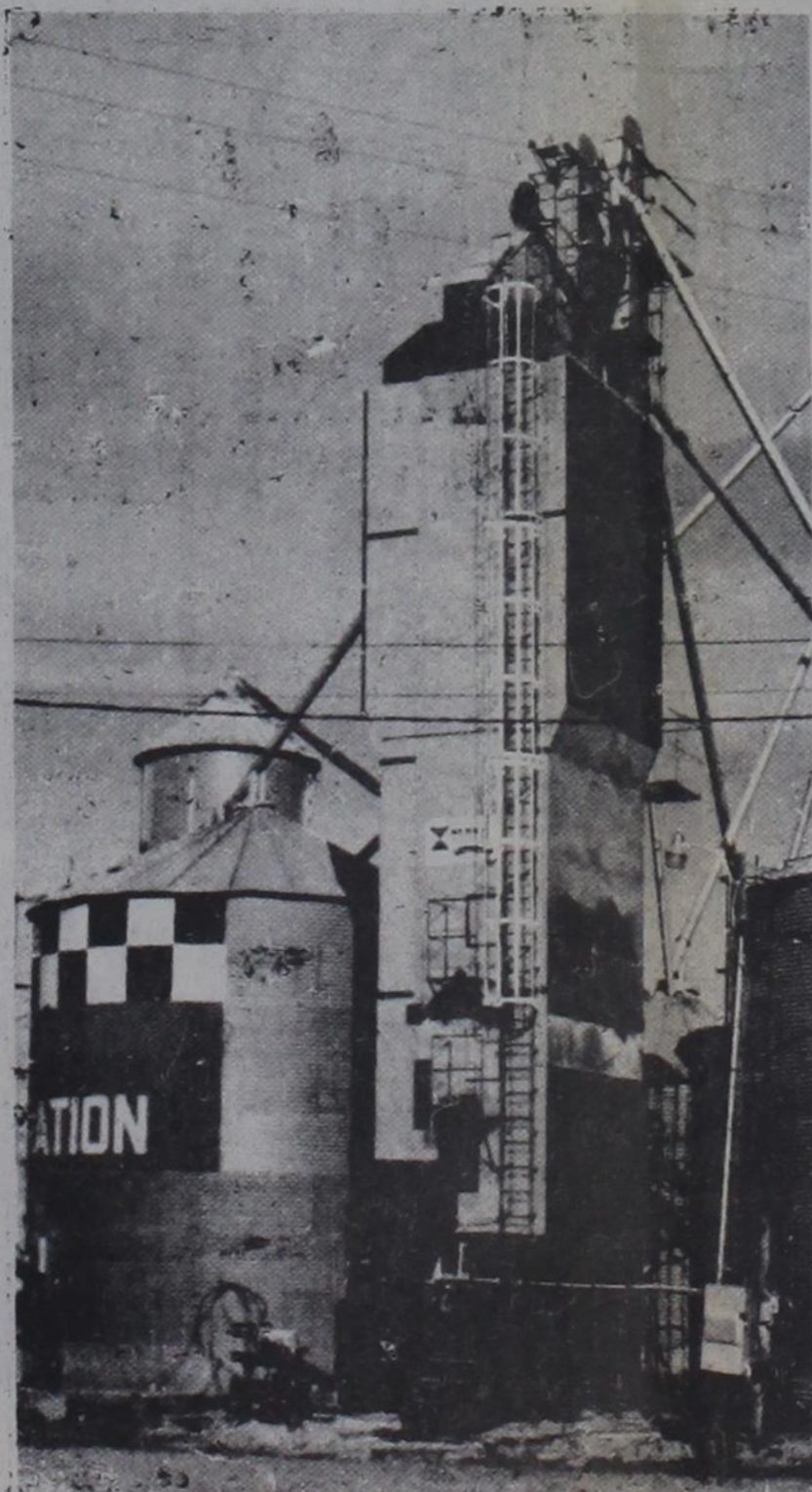
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Bobbies second in Vega Tourney

Outmatched on size, Dimmitt's Bobbies were unable to overcome a third-quarter barrage by the bigger Sanford-Fritch Eagles and had to settle for second place in the Vega final go-round 63-51—their first loss of the year—after advancing to the title game via a 72-30 victory over White Deer

in their initial game Thursday and then putting the Vega girls out of their own tourney finals for the first time in 12 years with a 46-44 edge in the Friday night contest.

The Bobbies placed three on the all-tourney team as forwards Beth Cleveland and Kathy Wales and guard Mel Nelson were chosen for the select list.

Cleveland led the Dimmitt scoring in all three games, racking up 32 points against Sanford-Fritch, 24 in the Vega clash and 20 against White Deer for a three-game total of 76 points.

VEGA finished third in the tourney and Panhandle won consolation.

Leading Sanford-Fritch 29-28 at halftime, the Bobbies saw their opponents sink the first six shots they put up at the start of the third quarter and go in front by 11 points. Denise Ashby scored 12 unanswered points for Sanford-Fritch on outside pivot shots.

"We had the fewest number of turnovers we've had so far," Coach Sam Nichols said, "but the ones we had came at a critical time, and they got so far out in front of us with that third-quarter barrage that we couldn't catch up with them."

"WITH ASHBY hitting from outside, if we had pressured them they could have started driving under on us and then would have really been hard to handle, because of their height," he added.

Dimmitt outscored Sanford-Fritch in the first, second and fourth quarters.

Cleveland and Wales delivered two clutch baskets in the final 45 seconds of the Vega game to seal Dimmitt's semi-finals victory. With 10 seconds remaining, Cleveland sank an eight-foot jump shot for the winning basket.

DOWN BY 13 at halftime, the Bobbies outscored Vega 21-6 in a big third quarter to go ahead, then held onto the two-point lead during the fourth to win the nip-and-tuck battle.

All the Dimmitt girls played against White Deer last Thursday, when the Bobbies scored 47 points in the second half to White Deer's 11. Sandra Tischler's 18 points almost matched Cleveland's 20.

Nazareth girls, Hart boys win NJHS tournament

The Nazareth girls and Hart boys won the Nazareth Junior High Basketball Tournament last weekend for the second consecutive year.

HART defeated Springlake-Earth eighth grade 36-18 in the first round and Happy 37-21 in the second to move into the finals. The championship matched the young Longhorns against the Springlake-Earth seventh grade.

The Longhorns were never threatened as they posted a 32-18 victory in the title game. Luther Isaguirre scored a total of 64 points for the Longhorns in the three games.

NAZARETH'S girls defeated the Springlake-Earth seventh grade 28-16 in the first round and came up with a 37-22 victory over Hart to gain a berth in the finals. The young Swiftettes narrowly slipped past Springlake-Earth eighth grade 29-27 to capture first place.

Doretta Ramaekers led in tournament scoring for Nazareth with 43 points.

DIMMITT'S seventh grade boys lost their first game to Bovina by a 27-19 count, but bounced back to defeat Nazareth seventh 53-17 to advance to the consolation finals.

Springlake-Earth eighth grade boys eked out a 35-34 win over Dimmitt's seventh graders in the consolation game.

In the girls' consolation finals, Bovina outscored Happy 24-12. For third place in girls' play, Hart defeated the Canyon White team 32-25. Happy boys beat Bovina 38-27 for third place.

On the go

MR. AND MRS. Wayne Harsh Sr. are here from East Wenatchee, Wash., visiting his mother, Mrs. Irene Harsh, and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Harsh. The Jim Harshes recently returned from a stay at their place in Minnesota.

THE HORSE would have a good laugh today if he could see all the motorists adjusting their shoulder harnesses.

DJHS girls win tourney

Dimmitt's eighth grade girls won the Muleshoe Junior High Girls' tournament Saturday, defeating the host team 43-29 in the championship game.

THEY earned the championship game spot by outscoring Canyon 44-29 as Lori Dyer canned 29 points in the second round. Dyer again led the scoring with 24 points against the Muleshoe girls.

Action began for the Dimmitt contestants as they beat Friona 35-18 in first-round play, led by Dyer's 24 points.

TODAY'S gentleman is the fellow who holds the door open for his wife while she carries in the groceries.

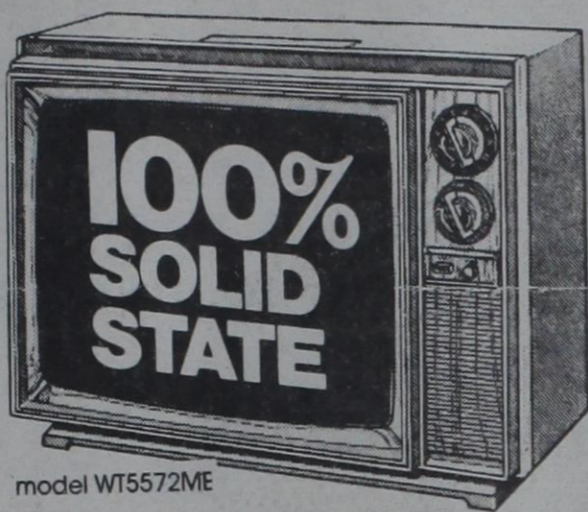


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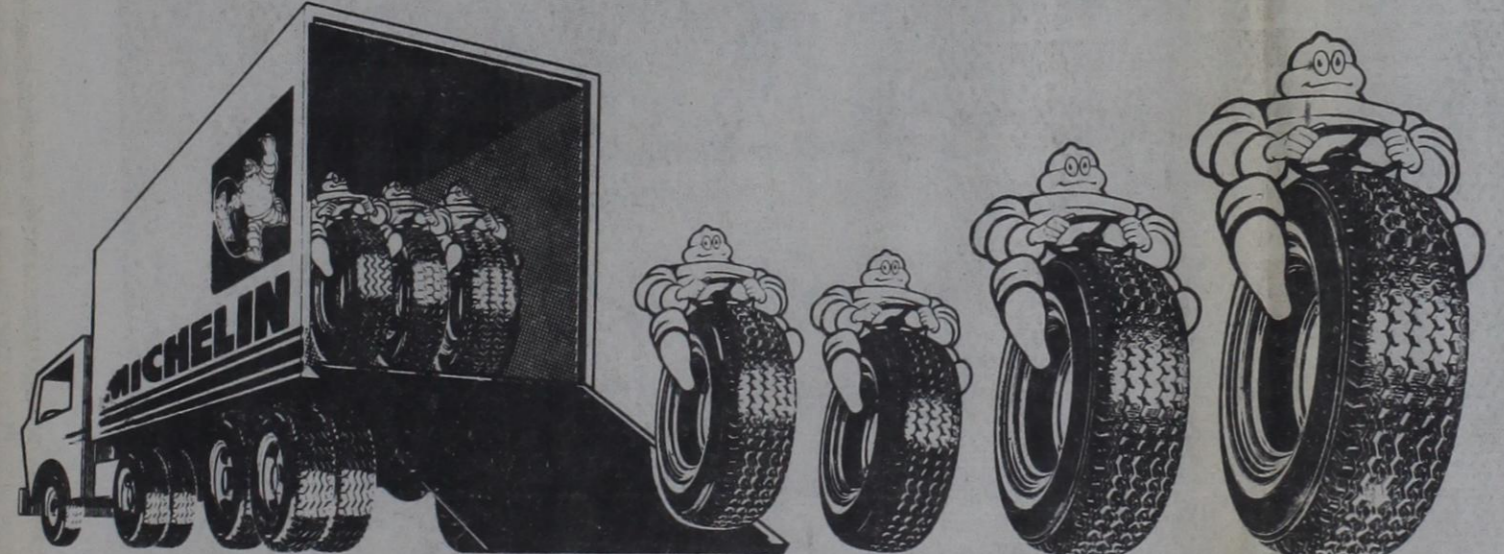


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PGC elects Reinhardt

Dick Reinhardt, currently president of the board of Dimmitt Agri Industries Inc., has been elected to the board of directors of Producers Grain Corporation of Amarillo.

THIS ACTION was taken at the annual stockholders meeting of PGC last week.

Reinhardt is a local farmer and rancher who has resided in the area 30 years. He is serving his second term as president of Dimmitt Agri Industries and his fifth year on its board of directors. He has been active in cooperative marketing several years.

The local co-op is a member and stockholder of Producers Grain Corp. and originates a large volume of grain that is marketed through the regional cooperative.

PGC is a multi-million dollar federated cooperative engaged in grain marketing, feedlot operations and feed manufacturing for its local cooperative members in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona and Kansas.

It owns facilities in Amarillo, Plainview, Lubbock, Fort Worth, Colton, Calif., and an export facility at Corpus Christi.

Producers Grain Corp. pioneered the first cooperative-to-cooperative sale of grain sorghum to Japan several years ago. Today it is the largest volume seller of grain sorghum to Japan.



CONVENTION DELEGATES—The Castro County Farm Bureau was represented by eight delegates at the Texas Farm Bureau convention in San Antonio Nov. 30-Dec. 3. Pictured at the registration table are [first row

from left] Gale Sadler, Verna Sadler, Kay Gfeller and Sue Summers. Second row, from left: Larry Hausmann, Francis Wilhelm, Ronald Gfeller and Charles Summers.

Eight represent county at Texas FB convention

The Castro County Farm Bureau was represented by eight delegates at the 42nd annual convention of the Texas Farm Bureau, Nov. 30-Dec. 3, at the Convention Center in San Antonio. Some 1,500 persons from all parts of Texas

attended. POLICIES to guide the state's largest farm organization next year were adopted by the more than 1,000 voting delegates representing the majority of the 210 organized county units. Also approved were re-

commendations on national issues. These will be forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting Jan. 4-8 in St. Louis.

Delegates registered Sunday, Nov. 30, before participating in the evening's activities which included a vesper service, discussion meet and talent find.

The Monday morning agenda included addresses by TFB President Carrol Chaloupka and Gov. Dolph Briscoe. TFB Secretary-Treasurer Reed Lang presented the financial report. Featured at a luncheon for ladies was the First Lady of Texas, Mrs. Janey Briscoe.

SPECIAL conferences were held Monday afternoon on Livestock and Animal Health, Community Services, Cotton, Poultry, Wheat and Feed Grains, Rice, and Farm Bureau Services. Also discussed were Field Crops, Research and Education, Farm Labor, Young Farmers and Ranchers, Natural Resources, and Dairy.

Tuesday's activities began with district caucuses and the administrative report by Executive Director Warren Newberry. County Farm Bureaus were recognized at a special awards and recognition program that

Local woman's sister killed in car mishap

A Canyon woman, Melba Lynn Stevens, 24, who was killed with her husband, Keith, 25, in a one-car accident early Saturday near Canyon, was the sister of Mrs. Chris Wade of Dimmitt.

MR. AND MRS. Wade attended funeral services for the couple Monday afternoon in the First United Methodist Church of Canyon. Burial was in a Canyon cemetery.

The accident occurred on a private dirt road leading to the Stevens' home about a mile east of Canyon, just off State 217.

According to the Department of Public Safety report, the couple was returning home after a visit with friends in Amarillo, and Stevens apparently lost control of the small foreign car he was driving. The car veered into a slight embankment, turned sideways and smashed into a tree beside the road.

Time of the accident was placed at about 1:30 a.m. The wreckage was discovered about five hours later, and Canyon volunteer firemen used metal saws to free the bodies.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Stevens were graduates of Canyon High School. She had worked in the purchasing department of West Texas State University and he was a construction worker in Amarillo. They left a 4-year-old son, Shannon.

Other survivors of Mrs. Stevens are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Kelley of Canyon; sisters, Mrs. Wade of Dimmitt, Michelle and Tammy Kelley, and a brother, Mike, all of Canyon.

Convention business session began Tuesday afternoon and continued through Wednesday. The last order of business was the election of directors and the president. The president for 1976 is Carrol Chaloupka of Dalhart.

AT A vacation camp for children, a little girl fished for a while, then threw down her pole in frustration and said, "I quit. I just can't seem to get waited on."



ALL-TOURNAMENT players from Dimmitt in the Vega Tournament over the weekend were

[from left] forward Kathy Wales, forward Beth Cleveland and guard Mel Nelson.

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