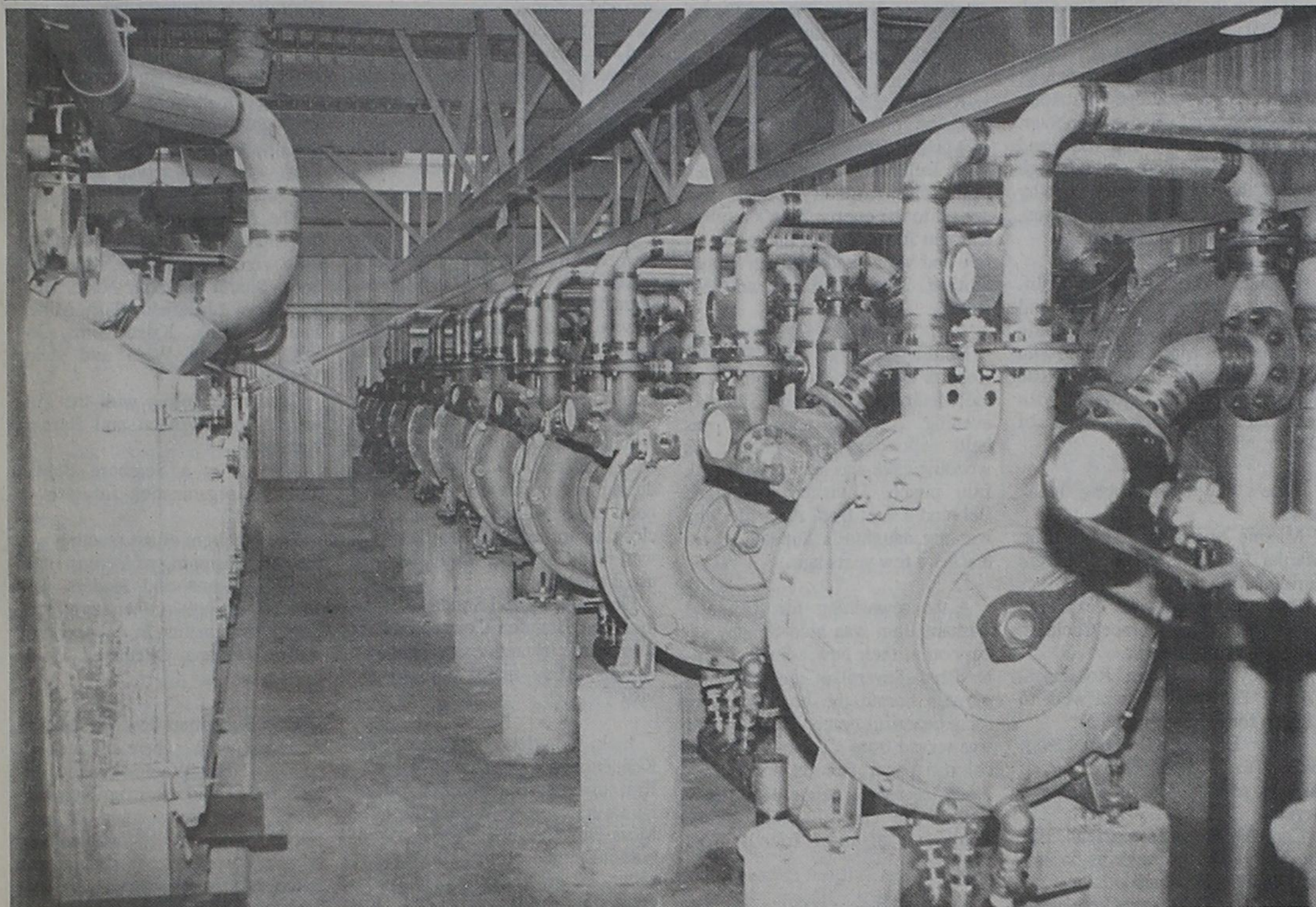


City, school elections May 5th

Bond election set Tuesday



MILLHOUSE UPGRADE—Part of American Fructose Corp.'s 30.5 million expansion project includes the addition of this new final washing system for starch. Protein is removed from the starch before it is transferred to the refinery. American Fructose had originally

hoped to have its expansion project completed by April 1, but plant officials say it will be later in the month before the majority of construction is complete. (See related story on Page 11).

The bond issue election for the Dimmitt Independent School District will be Tuesday, with voters marking their ballots for or against "the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$1,300,00 and the levying of the tax in payment thereof."

Those eligible to vote in the election include all registered voters who live within the DISD. Landowners holding property in the district but not residing within it may not vote.

Absentee balloting continues today (Thursday) and will end Friday. Absentee ballots may be cast at the Dimmitt City Hall administrative offices at 200 East Jones from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Jo Hamilton is the absentee voting clerk, with alternates Betty McClure and Dorothy Baldrige.

Polling site for the election will be the Dimmitt City Hall meeting room, and polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Election judge will be Oscar Wylie, with Ysleta Ball as alternate.

Controversy in the election is centered around whether the district needs a new gymnasium, which is

included in the proposed improvement package, recommended by a 41-member long-range planning committee, composed of local citizens.

Regular elections for DISD school board members and for the Dimmitt Board of Aldermen will not take place at the uniform election date of May 5, because of class-action lawsuits filed by Larry Gonzales. The suits both ask for injunctions to stop any further elections until single-member districts are worked out, in an effort to give minorities more opportunity to win a spot on the two governing boards.

DISD board members and city aldermen whose terms would have expired will continue to serve until the lawsuits are settled and new elections can be set.

"We're trying to settle out of court without lengthy litigation," Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins said. "We are in negotiations right now, and we hope to have it settled before August. We want the precinct lines drawn the same for both

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County conventions are set for Saturday

County conventions for the Democrat and Republican Parties are both set for Saturday, with the Republicans meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Dimmitt City Hall, and the Democrats meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Courthouse basement meeting room.

Delegates and alternates elected at the Republican precinct conventions held March 13 will deliberate on resolutions for submission as part of the possible party platform, and will elect party officers, according to Republican County Chairman Deanne Clark. She added that four delegates and four alternates will be selected to attend the Republican State Convention scheduled for June 29-30 in Fort Worth.

County Democratic Chairman David Schaeffer said the Democrats will also decide on resolutions and elect county-level party officers, as well as naming eight delegates and eight alternates to the State Democratic Convention, set for June in Houston.

Absentee voting for runoff elections for both the Democratic and Republican parties begins Monday, continuing through April 6, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each of those days. Absentee ballots for either party may be cast at the County Clerk's office in the courthouse.

The runoff elections are set (for both parties) on April 10, with balloting from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A runoff is required for Democrats to settle the race for the nomination for governor between Ann Richards and Jim Mattox.

The Republican runoff will decide between Grady Yarbrough and Wes Gilbreath for land commissioner; between Richard McIver and Rick Perry for agriculture commissioner; and between Buster Brown and Pat Hill for attorney general.

Voting boxes 1-4 will be consolidated into one location for the Democrats, according to Schaeffer. The combined polling site will be in the district court room on the second floor of the courthouse. He noted that the other boxes will remain at their regular locations—5 at the Hart Golden Group building, 6 at Flagg Fertilizer, 7 at the Frio Baptist Church, and 8 at the Nazareth City Hall.

Castro County Republicans will consolidate all eight voting boxes into one for the runoff, with that voting location set in the courthouse basement meeting room.

"Voters anticipating problems with the stairs are encouraged to vote absentee, or they may ask the voting clerks to bring a ballot upstairs or to the curb," Clark said.

Clark noted that persons who did not vote in either party's primary may select which runoff election in which they want to vote, but added that those who did vote in one of the party primaries must vote in the same party for the runoff.

Two opponents speak out

One present and one former member of the Dimmitt School Board spoke out this week on why they are opposed to the \$1.3 million school bond issue.

They are Jimmie Cluck, farmer and cattleman, who served three terms on the school board from 1973 to 1982, and Dr. James Sims, dentist, who was one of two school trustees to vote against calling the bond election.

Here are their statements:

JIMMIE CLUCK

The people of this community, and the people all over the state,

1:1

By Don Nelson

When School Board President David Schaeffer asked me last fall if I would serve on the DISD's Long-Range Planning Committee, I said no at first.

A journalist normally turns down such requests automatically, especially when tax levies are involved. It has to do with professional objectivity.

"Well, I thought it would be good if you could help define some of the problem areas and help devise some solutions," David said. "This committee will be asked to draw up a long-range plan to address the physical needs of our schools into the next century. You've been involved with the schools a long time, and I think the committee could benefit from your input."

Heck, I'm not immune to flattery. Besides, I am involved in Dimmitt's schools. I graduated here, back when the present junior high was the high school. It was in the old cracker-box gym on the south end of it that I didn't make the basketball squad. It was in those terrazzo hallways and oak-floored classrooms that I acquired and broke up with girlfriends, edited the school newspaper, and maybe learned some history, algebra and literature. It was in the old auditorium at the north end that I sang *Stout-Hearted Men* at the 1951 graduation. Dimmitt's population was about 1,000 then.

don't know how this state education finance bill is going to come out. It's all an unknown factor right now. To call this school bond election right now is real bad timing.

That is one of the biggest considerations—we don't know what the Legislature is going to do on school financing.

We have read that the state may be \$1.5 billion to \$4.5 billion short on funding for the schools. If they raise our state taxes enough to fund the schools as they are indicating, then we will not be able to afford that tax plus the tax increase for the school bond issue.

Another factor is that our work-

men's compensation insurance rates in Texas are about the worst anywhere. The EXCEL meat-packing plant in Friona has already shut down one phase of its operation and has laid off 200 people, and they're considering shutting down altogether at Plainview and moving to Kansas or Nebraska because the workmen's comp rate is killing them. They say they can build a new plant in another state and pay for it in five years with what they will save from having to pay workmen's comp in Texas.

All of us in this county who are paying workmen's comp are faced with the same unfair rates. If it continues, it will put many wage-earners out of work.

If we add more school taxes to what we're already paying in property taxes, workmen's comp and everything else, it could close down several businesses and force others to operate on a family-only basis. That would put a lot of people out of work, and our population would move elsewhere.

If our state and local governments do not realize this fact and correct it, we could lose some of our biggest businesses and in-

dustries. Cattle industries are moving north to Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado for cheaper grain and to avoid more taxes.

The 1980s were disastrous for farmers here. Many are still trying to pay out, and a lot have lost their land, and there have even been some deaths that can be attributed to worrying over financial troubles. Many a man's and woman's life has been shortened due to worry and trouble that the '80s have caused. Extra property taxes are certainly not what our farmers and businesses need right now.

Back in the 1970s I would have supported a bond election, but with the times the way they are now, I just can't.

I want the community to know that I AM in favor of fixing up the school cafeterias, classrooms and other needed renovations. I think we should come up with an alternative plan that would let us use the surplus monies we have on hand to help the classroom teachers, fix up the cafeterias and do whatever is needed that we can afford to do. But let's not sink our school district into another \$1.3 million worth of debt right now.

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Commissioners accept Sageser's resignation

At Monday's meeting of the Castro County Commissioners' Court, the commissioners voted to accept the resignation of County Extension Agent—Home Economics, Deanna Sageser, who is quitting so that she can spend more time with her family.

Sageser told the commissioners the resignation would be effective April 6.

Area Extension supervisor Dr. Kathy Volanty told the court that it may be 60 days or longer before a replacement for Sageser is found.

Sageser served here for three years, coming here from Muleshoe, where she had served as the extension agent. She had trained as an assistant agent at Pampa. She said her new address will be a Kress rural route.

"We accept this resignation with regret, and appreciate all you have done for us," County Judge Polly Simpson said.

Simpson reported on the West Texas County Judges and Commis-



THIS PEG-LEG CALF is named—what else—"Peg," and belongs to Laddie and Pat Evan of Dimmitt. The eight-month old male was obtained from a feed yard, and Pat says she bottle fed it until it was old enough to feed itself. A defect probably since birth has prevented the calf from straightening his 'knee' on the left front leg, and a piece of PVC pipe was put in service to keep the calf's shoulder from getting out of joint. Pat teaches second grade at Richardson Elementary and Laddie has a trucking service. Pat says she raises a few calves "just for fun."

Weather

Readings recorded at 7 a.m. daily for the preceding 24 hours.

	Hi	Lo	Pr.
Thursday	81	43	
Friday	74	44	
Saturday	50	22	
Sunday	25	22	
Monday	33	25	.05
Tuesday	54	30	
Wednesday	50	37	tr.
March Moisture			0.39
1990 Moisture			3.38

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Nazareth

By Virgie Gerber, 945-2669



STRIVING TO SUCCEED—Nazareth educators and administrators proudly show off the three certificates of achievement the Nazareth Independent School District received from the Texas Education Agency. The TEA honored the school for its mastery of the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills test. For the third straight year,

100% of all Nazareth students taking the test, passed it. Pictured are (from left) N. Dean Johnson, NISD superintendent; Johnny Mason, former NISD superintendent; Jim Peggram, Nazareth High School principal; and Mary Nell King, Nazareth Elementary School principal.

Nazareth schools recognized by TEA for academic excellence

Nazareth Independent School District's motto, "Striving to Succeed," has become something for the students to identify with no matter what they do, whether it's in academics, the classroom, band contests, ag judging or sports.

The Texas Education Agency recently recognized the school for its outstanding achievement on the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills Test, better known as the TEAMS test. 100% of all Nazareth students taking the test in the 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 school years mastered all three parts of the test—reading, writing and math.

The TEAMS test is given to each student in the first, third, fifth, seventh, ninth and 11th grades each year. Nazareth achieved an "elite" status among Texas schools when all of its students aced the test in 1988-89 for the third straight year.

Only 103 schools districts out of 1,061 in the state were recognized all three years by the State Board of Education's academic recognition program.

"In 1986, when we first began looking at student academic performance on the TEAMS test, your school set a standard," said Victoria Bergin, deputy commissioner of curriculum and program development for TEA, in a letter she wrote to Mary Nell King, Nazareth's elementary school principal. "In 1987 we were pleased by the success you achieved for the second time. It became obvious that good, solid teaching of basics; development of excellent campus plans; and the promotion of comprehensive staff development were the foundations for your instructional program. It was not something out of the ordinary or temporary.

"You now have sustained achievement for the third consecutive year, something that no one

expected from any one school over this period of time. You, your staff, students and community are to be commended for your dedication and hard work. These are the underlying currents that sustain this high caliber of student performance," Bergin wrote.

The letter concluded with a congratulations to the school "for having demonstrated this meritorious accomplishment on being among the ranks of the 103 prestigious schools honored for academic excellence."

Nazareth administrators attribute the school's "academic excellence" to teachers, parents, the community, tradition, and especially the students because, they want to achieve.

"The students have to live up to high expectations from everyone—their parents, teachers, the community—they are expected to learn," said N. Dean Johnson, Nazareth superintendent. "The success comes from good teaching, parental support and student endeavors. They work hard."

Even though the TEAMS exam is a means of testing students at specific grade levels, Johnson said it's the teaching and instruction from the first year of school on that makes a difference in Nazareth's success.

Johnson was hired by Nazareth's board of education last year after Johnny Mason, who had served as superintendent of the school for 11 years, decided to retire. Johnson said the main thing that drew him to Nazareth was its reputation for giving quality education.

"A lot has been written about me transferring here this year because of the basketball program, but I was well aware of the school's test scores and academic performance. That was a major factor in my

coming here," Johnson said. "It gave me not only an opportunity to work with a community, staff and students that have high academic priorities, but it's also a good school for my children to attend."

"Education is the top priority among the community and parents," said Mason, who was superintendent of the school during the 1986-89 period in which TEA recognized Nazareth for its achievement on the TEAMS test. "I think it's always easier to continue to achieve once you've started. Once you taste the victory, you find out how good it is and just keep trying harder to be the best you can be," Mason said.

King, who has been employed with Nazareth for five years, attributes the school's academic success to the teachers.

"The teachers really deserve a big boost. We have good teachers here. They are dedicated and caring. There's a strong background of community and family support, also. I think the stability of the school population has a lot to do with it. Most of the kids stay here and finish school. It's expected of them," she said.

The school was also congratulated by Montie Hasie, chairman of the state board of education, in a letter written to Jim Peggram, Nazareth High School principal, who has spent 17 years with the school.

"The board is extremely proud to honor your campus in the academic recognition program to promote improved student mastery of basic skills. I hope that the recognition your school receives will encourage you, your staff and students to build upon your reputation for exceptional performance. The precedent your campus has set will serve to motivate other schools to strive for the same educational quality," Hasie said in the letter.

A beautiful service was held Sunday morning at Holy Family Church for the first communion class consisting of Cassie Birkenfeld, Melanie Book, Andrea Braddock, Meredith Braddock, Bridget Hochstein, Clay Hoelting, Dawn Ramaekers, Judy Schacher, Jill Schulte, Sara Schulte, David Verkamp, Stanton Wethington and Karen Wilhelm.

Father Neal Dee celebrated the mass. They students were instructed by religion teacher Sister Adrian Wewers.

Lucy Leinen is happy to be home after three weeks in Central Plains Regional Hospital following surgery. Arlene Steffens of Slaton was with her last week. Arlene has gone home now, and Lucy would enjoy company.

Brigetta Dobmeier visited in Nordyce, Neb. for a week with relatives. A special event was her sister's, Chris Tigges' 80th birthday celebration.

Loralea Acker would enjoy birthday cards on her March 30 birthday at the Ronald McDonald House in Amarillo.

Ronny and Jo Braddock of North Dakota were here over the weekend to help load and move Velma Sla-

vik's household things to Houston, where she will be living close to Judy Forestieri and family.

Vincent and Rosemary Ramaekers of Umbarger and Alma Conrad visited in Colorado Springs, Colo. with LeRoy and Coletta Hoelting last week.

Jim Skarke is recuperating from head surgery which was performed last Thursday at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. He is taking chemotherapy now.

The Nazareth Legion Auxiliary sponsored a week-long volleyball tournament including a men's and mixed division. Proceeds will go to help send two girls to Girls' State this summer. Winners in the men's division were: 1. Todd Hill, Mickey Hochstein, Stan Schulte, Joey Waldo, Brent Durbin and Sid Gerber; 2. Jim Schmucker, Kenny Kern, Shawn Wilhelm, Randy Hochstein, Paul Huseman and Brian Schmucker.

In the mixed division, winners were: 1. Paul and Edith Huseman, Annette Hoelting, Joe Kleman, and Jim and Sandee Hoelting; 2. Karen Gerber, Rusty Houston, Karen Schulte, Joey Waldo, and Jim and Bobbie Schmucker.

Everyone enjoyed the good

food at the concession stands as well as the fun games.

Anyone seeking revenge or just wanting to play more volleyball can sign up for a volleyball tournament sponsored by the Nazareth Booster Club on April 5-7. Let's all come out and support them.

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of Martha Bauman. She was born here and attended school at Nazareth.

Virgie Gerber is home recuperating from her recent foot surgery.

Hilda and Florence Heiman, Meda Guyer and Isabelle Skidmore visited in Nazareth last Thursday with her sister, Amy Schmucker and family, and Toney and Mary Gerber, Easy Schulte, Ella Hoelting and Virgie Gerber.



Four Cat Card Club Winners for this week have been named at Dimmitt Middle School.

Fifth grader Jennifer Ewing was nominated by teacher Dawn Goolbsy, who described her as "an excellent teacher's assistant."

Sixth graders Sammy Ramirez and Manuel Martinez, and seventh grader Tobin Bossett were all selected for turning in lost items.

Winners of Cat Card privileges get to attend school-sponsored functions free during the week of their selection, and get to go to the head of the cafeteria line. Coupons for redemption are also offered by local merchants.

Students are nominated by teachers, with final selection made by DMS Assistant Principal T.J. Parks.



What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for April 2 to 6.

DIMMITT

MONDAY — Corn dogs, French fries, dill spears, carrot sticks, orange cake and milk.

TUESDAY — Chicken fried steak, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, peanut butter cups, rolls, and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Pizza, fried okra, whole kernel corn, fruit cobbler and milk.

THURSDAY — Baked ham, creamed potatoes, corn nuggets, rolls, butter, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY — Salmon patties, buttered potatoes, black-eyed peas, rolls, butter, fruit salad and milk.

HART

MONDAY — Steak fingers, green beans, whipped potatoes, cream gravy, wheat rolls, apricot cobbler and milk.

TUESDAY — Enchilada casserole,

tortillas, salad, buttered corn, pineapple cake and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Cheeseburgers, French fries, salad, pickles, pears and milk.

THURSDAY — Ham and cheese sauce, buttered potatoes, sweet peas, cake and milk.

FRIDAY — Battered fried fish, cornbread, macaroni and tomatoes, black-eyed peas, apple cobbler and milk.

NAZARETH

MONDAY — Tacos, corn, hot rolls, applesauce and milk

TUESDAY — Pizza, tossed salad, hot rolls, fruit cocktail and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Hamburgers, French fries, dessert and milk.

THURSDAY — Frito pie, tossed salad, corn, cornbread, cookies and milk.

FRIDAY — Fish, macaroni and cheese, green beans, hot rolls, peaches and milk.

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- ★ CASH
- ★ GROCERIES

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- AJAX.....32 OZ. 99¢
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We support the school bond.
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 price for quality education for the students of
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Please join us and vote **YES** April 3rd.

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Janice Bell Charlie Nino	Gayle Smith Dorothy Cook	Dani Tune Gus Ortiz	Karen Newman Harold Broadstreet	Randy Schumacher Edith Graef
Juanita Summers Pam Bell	Elaine Steinle Joe Rivera	Joyce Wright Suzan Sanders	Wilda Wright Raymon Rodriquez	Geneva Malone Johnny Webb
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Katy Wright Danna Beck	Pam Josselet Darrell Buckley	R.L. Stockstill Donna Grabble	Betty Freeman T.J. Parks	Alan Steinle Nancy Greer
Sara Hill Debbie Schumacher	Jerry Durham Marty Hursh	Rosie Flores Laverne Bernethy	Donna Underwood Judy House	Dalia Gregory Beth Buckley

People



Darryl Hoelting and Brenda Sue Wilson

April wedding set

Brenda Sue Wilson and Darryl Lee Hoelting plan to exchange wedding vows April 21 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Glenda Bohlen of Oklahoma City, Okla., and the late Gary Thomas Wilson. Parents of the prospective

groom are Ronnie and Regina Hoelting of Nazareth.

Wilson is a graduate of American Technical Institute. She is employed by the Amarillo Police Dept.

Hoelting, a graduate of Amarillo College, is employed by KFDA-TV in Amarillo.

Applications accepted for Recruitment Grant

Delta Kappa Gamma is accepting applications for its recruitment grant for college students from Castro County who is majoring in education and who has been accepted by the education department of a college.

Deadline for applications is May 1, and anyone interested should contact Shirley Barnes at 938-2243 or Nancy Greer at 647-4523. Written correspondence should be addressed to Delta Kappa Gamma Recruitment Grant Committee, in care of Shirley Barnes, P.O. Box 328, Hart, 79043.

To qualify for the grant, students must have attend a Castro County high school, must have official verification of acceptance by a college education department and must submit a letter of application along with the verification letter.

The grant was established by the Iota Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma and is made possible through donations of local members to the fund. It is a chapter of key women educators who are interested in honoring students who show a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.

Bridal shower honors Hanold

Mrs. Frederick Hanold, the former Tina Pat Jones, was honored Saturday with a bridal shower in the home of Mrs. M.A. Tidwell of Dimmitt.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Tidwell, the honoree, and her mother, Mrs. Carolyn Jones.

The serving table featured an ecru table runner. A candelabra filled with plum-colored silk magnolia flowers and candles centered the table. Chocolate cream puffs

garnished with fresh raspberries, Ruvii slices, and topped with raspberry sauce along with spiced pecans were served by Ruth Jackson. Raspberry tea and coffee were served by Betty Huckabay.

A vacuum cleaner and pieces of the bride's chosen china were presented by the hostesses.

Special guests included the bride's grandmother and aunt, Tina Rawlings of Dimmitt and Patsy Rodgers of Midland.

Dyslexia is topic of meeting at Hart

Dr. Howard Stewart will present a program on the learning disability of dyslexia and language disabilities of children at the Hart Golden Group Building tonight (Thursday) at 7.

Dr. Stewart is the chairman of the Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas, based in Lubbock. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children of Dallas. Dr. Stewart is also the Grand Orator for the Grand Lodge of Texas.

The Dimmitt Masonic Lodge, along with other area Masonic

Lodges, is sponsoring the meeting.

All persons interested in the learning skills of children are urged to attend, especially teachers, principals and day care employees.

Dr. Stewart hopes to update those present on the progress made in these areas in recent months.

Forum airs 'pro' views on bond issue election

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce sponsored a forum on the Dimmitt school bond issue Tuesday night, with three speakers in favor of the proposition giving their views. Also, about 27 questions from callers were answered.

The forum was held live on 1470 KDNH Radio station and was also broadcast on Cable TV Channel 8.

The forum, billed as a pro-and-con debate, turned out instead to be a pro-only discussion.

Moderator Wayne Collins reported that no opposition spokespersons accepted the invitation to appear on the program and present an opposing viewpoint.

Questions raised by callers included whether the multi-purpose activity center would be attached to the existing high school building, what guarantee is offered that the bids for the project will not exceed the \$2.6 million estimate, and whether any of the funds would be used to staff the new facilities.

DISD Supt. Robert Ryan said that the attachment of the buildings would have to be addressed in the actual architectural plans for the project. DISD School Board President David Schaeffer said that such plans have not been obtained yet because of the estimated \$15,-

000 to \$20,000 cost to have any drawn up accurately.

"We felt it was best to wait and see if the bond issue passes, although I feel confident that it will," Schaeffer said.

Schaeffer also said that there is no guarantee that the bids will not exceed the estimate. He said that he has confidence in the architectural firm that consulted with the long-range planning committee that drew up the project proposal. He said the firm, BGR of Lubbock, has a lot of experience in school construction and would be able to make a reasonable estimate.

Ryan pointed out that state law prohibits the use of bond funds for other than the purpose for which they are designated, which would be the school building improvements.

Another caller asked whether teachers and staff were forced to sign a petition favoring the bond issue. Ryan noted that such action would be against the policy of the school administration.

"To my knowledge there was no forcing of anyone to sign a petition, and if I am proven wrong, then appropriate action would be taken," Ryan said.

More about Elections scheduled . . .

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the city and school, so that it won't be quite so confusing."

"We are pretty much in agreement, we're just trying to reach an agreement on where to draw the boundary lines," Collins added.

Other elections in the area will be held May 5, including a charter election for the City of Dimmitt, and school board and city elections for Hart and Nazareth.

DIMMITT

Dimmitt city voters will decide May 5 whether or not to adopt the proposed city charter, drawn up by the 15-member Charter Commission. Balloting will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt City Hall meeting room. Voting judge will be Carole Dyer, with Phil Lemons as alternate.

Absentee balloting will be held from April 16 through May 1 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each week day at the city administrative offices. Absentee clerk will be Jo Hamilton, with Dolores Baldrige and Betty McClure as alternates.

HART

Elections for the Hart schools and for the city of Hart will also be held May 5, with balloting for both to be held at the Golden Group Building from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Terms are expiring for incumbent school board members Danny Rodriguez and Harold Bob Bennett.

Both men have filed for re-election and are being challenged by Jerry Miller and Kent Irons.

The term of City Commissioner Stanley Dyer is expiring, and he

More about

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four, and nine had volunteered to serve. If you're going to pack a committee, that's hardly the way to do it.

We started with those state recommendations which, if not heeded, could threaten the accreditation of our schools: More classrooms for those in kindergarten through third grade to meet the state-required 1:22 teacher-student ratio. Physical education space in middle school and high school. More classrooms and lunchroom space in the high school to allow for more flexible scheduling. A true "media center" in the high school (something that had been strongly recommended by the Texas Education Agency 20 years ago). Computer labs in all schools, with students to learn keyboarding in the elementary grades. (My gosh, when I was a kid we didn't have the chance to learn the keyboard until we were high school sophomores. But now, kindergartners are learning to read via computer — and learning well, I've found.)

I think all of us were appalled at the condition of the Richardson Elementary kitchen. If the school district had more than two million dollars in surplus funds, why hadn't the school board or administration used some of those funds to keep that kitchen up to par?

(The answer to that kitchen question is complicated. For your benefit, we asked it of DISD Business Manager Gene King this week. His answer is on Page 12.)

We spent three months at it. We looked. We took notes. We asked for input from department heads.

We had some long, hard discussions with school principals. We argued. We drew up a "wishbook." We called in a school architect to estimate costs. We discussed options and alternatives. We set priorities. Then, from those priorities, we drew up a plan.

The proposal to be voted upon Tuesday wasn't the best solution to the schools' physical needs.

As Charles Axtell said in his letter to the editor last week, the best solution was to build a new junior high school with a large cafeteria and gym, move the seventh and eighth graders out of the middle school, then move the third graders from Richardson Elementary to the middle school. That would have freed up more space in all buildings for classrooms, computer labs, media center, etc., without having to tack on extra classrooms anywhere.

But the junior high plan, we felt, was just too expensive. It would have cost about \$4.5 million, and would have required a \$3.2 million bond issue and a 20% tax increase. Fat chance.

So we went back to our priorities list and pared it down, so that the tax increase would be well below 10%. The \$1.3 bond-issue proposal was the result.

As one member of the committee, I can say that we served and acted in good faith. The bond-issue plan isn't the best or the most expensive, but it would bring our schools' physical facilities closer to the first-rate level, which I feel the students and the community of Dimmitt deserve.

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Cinderfella contest set

The second annual Dimmitt High School "Cinderfella" contest, a high school male beauty pageant, will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. in the Dimmitt High School Auditorium.

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Obituaries

Martha Bauman

Rosary for Martha Bauman, 76, of Hart, was recited last Thursday, March 22, at St. John's Catholic Church in Hart.

Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Friday in St. John's Catholic Church with Rev. Norbert Choong, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Hart Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Flemins Funeral Home in Dimmitt.

Mrs. Bauman died March 21 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt after a brief illness.

She was a housewife, a member of the Good Neighbor Club and the Catholic Daughters. She was a Catholic.

Survivors include a daughter, Patsy Warren of Hart; a son, Joseph Bauman of Lubbock; a sister, Cecilia Annen of Nazareth; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Hart Volunteer Fire Dept.

Mary Behrends

Mary B. Behrends, 63, of Hereford, mother of Earl Behrends of Dimmitt, died at 11:30 p.m. Sunday in Deaf Smith General Hospital in Hereford after a lengthy illness.

Services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ in Dimmitt with Benny Baker, minister, officiating.

Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Flemins Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Behrends was born in Lipan and moved to Hereford in 1955. She married Clarence Behrends in 1955 in Hereford. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Earl of Dimmitt and Bob of Arlington; two daughters, Kyrene Thomas of Dumas and Tammy Turmel of Bryan; four brothers, Paul Dyer of Gallup, N.M., Glenn Dyer of Victoria, Alfred Odell Dyer of Taft, Calif., and Conrad D. Dyer of Albany, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home in Portales, N.M. or to a favorite charity.

John C. Fulfer

Funeral services for John Calvin "Slim" Fulfer, 81, of Worland, Wyo. were held March 20 in the First Baptist Church of Worland. Burial was in the Riverview Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Worland.

Mr. Fulfer died March 17 at Washakie Memorial Hospital in Worland.

Born July 30, 1908, in House, N.M., Mr. Fulfer moved to Dimmitt in 1938. He married Jayne Burnham in 1939. She died Nov. 8, 1981. He married Maxine Dupree on Feb. 14, 1982 in Worland. He had moved to Worland in 1957.

Mr. Fulfer was a member of the First Baptist Church of Worland.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine; two sons, J.C. "Lefty" of Kingston, Okla., and Standee Clay of Houston; a brother, J. Bradley of Hale Center; six grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and 18 step-great-grandchildren.

Kenneth Mercer

Kenneth Mercer, 30, of Dimmitt, died last Thursday, March 22, in Lubbock.

Services were held Saturday in Rix Chapel at Hereford.

Burial followed in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors of Hereford.

Mr. Mercer was born in Dimmitt and had lived in Hereford until moving back to Dimmitt in 1985. He married Jo Ann Castillo in 1980 at Hereford. He was a member of Mount Sinai Baptist Church in Hereford. He was a refinery operator at American Fructose in Dimmitt.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Yvonne Marie Mercie of the home; a son, Leonardo Wayne Mercer of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chancie Mercer of Hereford; a brother, Quintin Mercer of Hereford; a sister, Pamela Montgomery of Hereford; and his grandmothers, Nellie Brady of Friona and Mammie Moton of Hereford.

C.E. Leasure Jr.

Services for C.E. Leasure Jr., 62, of Hereford, were held Wednesday at the First Baptist Church of Hereford with Dr. Ron Cook, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Rest Lawn Memorial Park under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Leasure died at 2:45 p.m. Monday in Westgate Nursing Home following a lengthy illness.

He was born in Blackwell, Okla. and moved to the Jumbo Community in Castro County in 1929. He graduated from Dimmitt High School. He married Louise Young in 1947 at Hereford. He owned Leasure Body Shop in Hereford, was a member of the Hereford Lions Club and was a deacon with the First Baptist Church. He served in the US Navy during World War II.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Ray and Steve, both of Hereford; a daughter, Cynthia Allison of Amarillo; his mother, Sadie Leasure of Amarillo; two brothers, William Lloyd of Sacramento, Calif., and Jon Merle of Amarillo; and six grandchildren.

Gladys Morris

Gladys Morris, 90, of Hereford, mother of Mildred Sheffy of Dimmitt, died at 1:25 a.m. Monday at Westgate Nursing Home in Hereford.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Booker First Christian Church with Rev. Chuck Lightfoot officiating.

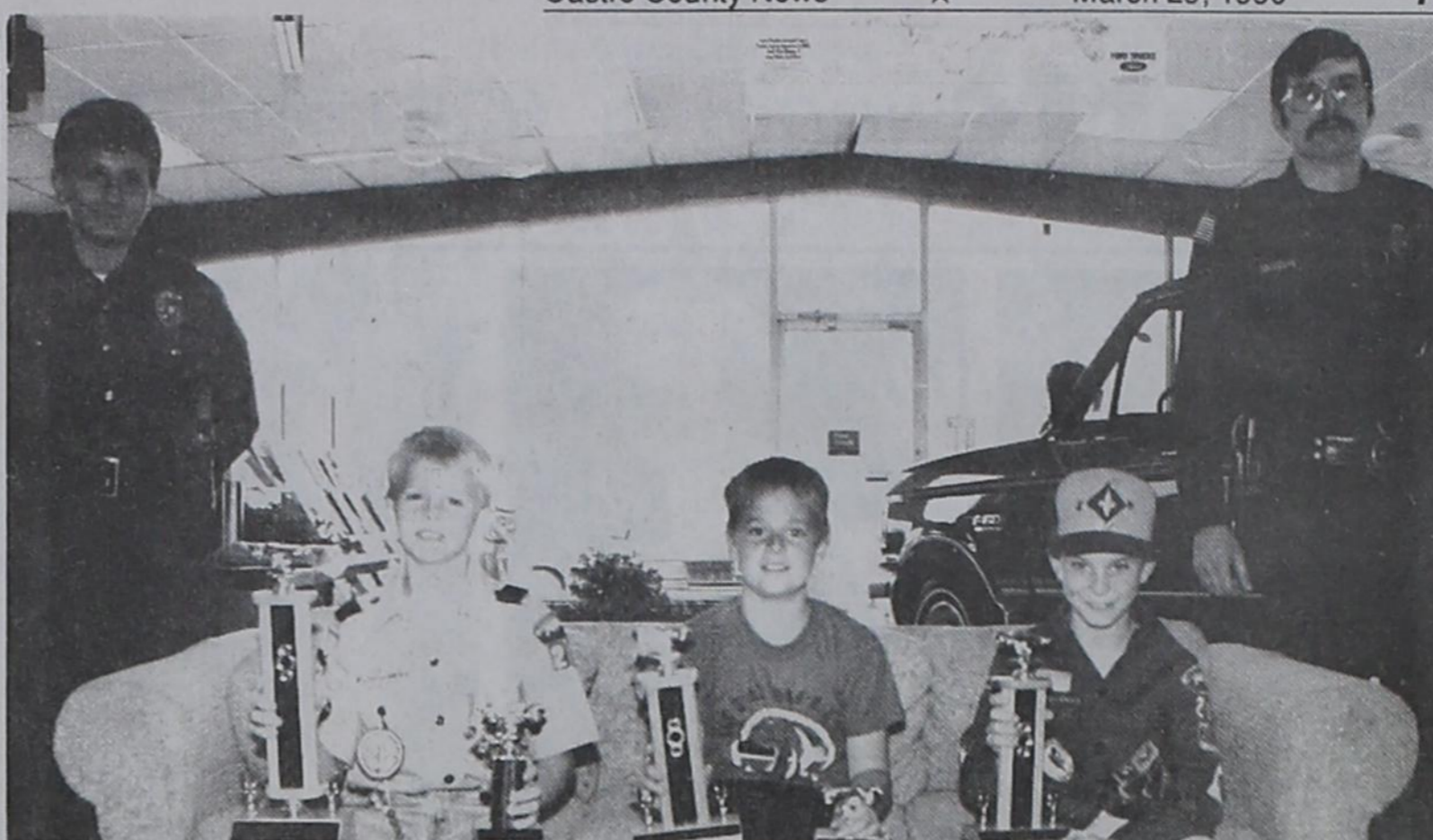
Arrangements are under the direction of Foskey-Flemins Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Morris was born June 4, 1899 in Indian Territory, Okla. She married Leonard Morris on April 29, 1925, in Woodward, Okla. She was a housewife.

She was a charter member of the Booker First Christian Church and worked in that church until 1980. She taught school at Huntoon in Booker for two years.

Survivors include two daughters, Mildred Sheffy of Dimmitt, Peggy Dixon of Boulder, Colo.; a sister, Mary Hummer; a brother, Glenn Morgan of Booker; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be to Kings Manor Methodist Nursing Home in Hereford or a favorite charity.



KINGS OF THE HILL—These three youths captured the top three spots in the Cub Scouts' annual Pinewood Derby, which was held Saturday at the Expo Building. Scouts received a car kit and make a wooden race car which they raced in the Derby. Wesley Mays (seated, left) led the top of the pack with a first place finish, Nathan Boothe

(seated, center) was second and Timothy Proffitt (seated, right) finished third. Members of the Peace Officers Association from Castro County, represented by Rita Ramos (standing, left) and Mitch McDonough (standing, right) provided the trophies for the Scouts.



RACING SCOUTS—Members of Dimmitt's Cub Scout Troop, Pack 267, competed in the Pinewood Derby Saturday. The scouts raced wooden cars that they built and painted. Rita Ramos (standing, left) and Mitch McDonough (standing, right) represented the Peace Officers Association, which sponsored the trophies. Winners in each division were

(back, standing from left) Wesley Mays, Kurt Webb, Tanner Griffith and Michael Penny. Brandon Ellison (seated left) and Timothy Proffitt (seated, right) finished third in their respective divisions. Second place winners were (seated, second from left) Nathan Boothe, Daniel Proffitt, Bobby Miller and Terry Miller.

Police Calls

Icy roads caused at least two accidents Saturday morning, with one resulting in injuries to Dimmitt resident Rena Lumbrera.

Lumbrera was treated and released at Plains Memorial Hospital. She was a passenger in a vehicle driven by Javier Lumbrera. The vehicle had been heading north on US 385 and rolled over about 2.4 miles north of Dimmitt. The accident was attributed to the slick road conditions.

Another one-vehicle accident Saturday morning involved Zona Vilas of Dimmitt. It happened south of Sunnyside on US 385 just over the county line into Lamb County. She said she was driving about 40 mph, on her way to Lubbock, when her 1984 Chevy van skidded off the road, turned completely around, hit an embankment, and then turned onto its right side.

"I was hanging in my seat belt, and finally got it unfastened," Vilas said. "I was able to get the driver's door open, but I couldn't raise it enough to get out."

She said that Brian and Brady Nelson of Dimmitt were behind her in a pickup and stopped to render aid. She added that a man from Hereford also helped in getting her out of the van.

"The Nelsons said they were going to a gift show in Lubbock, but they sat there with me for at least an hour, until a Lamb County deputy from Springlake came out to the accident site," Vilas noted. She said the deputy was delayed in coming, because he was called to help with a bad wreck north of Littlefield.

"Then, I sat with the deputy for almost another hour, waiting for a Dept. of Public Safety trooper from Lamb County to come," she recounted.

Vilas said she was taken to her doctor for x-rays and a checkup, but had no injuries other than muscle soreness and soreness in her hip and back. She reported that the estimate for repairs to the van was over \$4,000.

A 21-year-old Dimmitt man is being held on felony burglary charges under \$5,000 bond in connection with a recent burglary at the home of Emmett Broderson of Dimmitt, in which \$1,160-worth of tools were taken from a shed.

A husband and wife were both taken into custody in an incident at 12:48 a.m. Friday at the Dimmitt Motel. Police received a report about an assault, with a gun involved. Upon investigation, a 29-year-old suspect was arrested for reckless conduct in the discharge of a handgun. His wife, the victim of the alleged assault, was charged with disorderly conduct and public intoxication. The woman was fined in municipal court and released. The man pled guilty and was fined \$203, and was released.

A 25-year-old Dimmitt man is being held on \$750 bond on charges of criminal mischief. He is accused of causing \$100 in damage to the front door of the house of an acquaintance in an incident March 20.

Zane Ellison, owner of The Parts Haus in Dimmitt, told police March 20 that someone had apparently broken into his business and took an amount of cash and an old muzzle-loader rifle. Total value of the missing items was set at \$775. Officers said entry apparently was gained through the north window of the building, which had been removed. Footprints were found near the building. Investigation is continuing.

A 33-year-old Dimmitt man was charged with public intoxication, reduced from charges of assault, family violence. Police reported that they were called to the apartment of the man and his wife, and arrested him for reportedly shoving her around. The man remained in jail Tuesday, laying out a fine of \$200 on the public intoxication charges.

Anthony Kirby told police Friday that someone had taken gasoline out of a ditch and an air compressor at his business. He valued the amount of missing gasoline at \$43. Footprints were found in the area. Investigation is continuing.

At about 9:45 p.m. Monday, Hester Reyes called police to report that she had seen a heavy set white male, wearing a dark coat and a

baseball cap, taking a bicycle off of her front porch. The bike was valued at \$104.

Janice Hargrove of Dimmitt told police Friday morning that someone had entered her residence sometime during the night and moved her husband's wallet and her purse into the kitchen. The wallet had been on the dresser in the bedroom, and the purse had been in the living room. Nothing appeared to be missing from either. Police said entry was apparently gained through cutting the screen to the kitchen door window in the garage. Damage to the screen was estimated at \$50.

Scott Richard Stahl told police Friday night that the passenger side window of his 1985 Camero was broken out by a thrown beer bottle. He estimated repairs at \$700. The car was parked in the east parking lot at Dimmitt High School, near the tennis courts.

A Plainview man was picked up on outstanding DPS warrants out of Lubbock, paid the fines owed and was released early Friday.

Bobcat Relays are cancelled

The annual Dimmitt Bobcat Relays, originally scheduled for Saturday, were cancelled due to the icy road conditions and damp, foggy weather.

Coach George Racer, the track meet's director, said the meet will not be rescheduled, because there is no time before district.



DISD Taxpayers and Property Owners DID YOU KNOW:

- That only 38% of Dimmitt Independent School District land remains taxable as irrigated farm land and is declining every year? Dryland farm land is less than 1/2 value of irrigated farm land. (Official Records)
- That as irrigation goes out, more tax burden will have to be placed on homes and commercial property?
- That farm income and program benefits have declined and program benefits are projected to decline further? (USDA)
- That building a 1.3 million dollar, 1500 seat minimum gymnasium will raise taxes each year until the bond is paid off in 2005? The total payoff in 15 years at 8% would be over \$3,000,000 in tax?
- That this bond issue is a scheme by a few to build a **BIG NEW BASKETBALL GYM** that will place a higher tax burden on all taxpayers?
- That if this bond is voted down, school improvements can still be made? Let's put our tax money on improving academic education for our children.
- That taxes can and likely will be raised again in addition to bond retirement taxes, forced by State Legislature?
- That DISD taxes were raised by 28% last year?
- That as taxes get too high to pay, our homes can be sold for taxes to pay off the bonds?
- Higher taxes won't bring in new businesses. Higher taxes force out businesses and cost jobs.
- VOTE THIS BOND ISSUE DOWN**, and then ask School Board to bring forth another bond issue with a choice.
- That the county can expect new taxes for new jail construction with next inspection?

Sports



Tami Ball



Darla Leavitt



Renae Josselet



Halley Bradley



Gloria Gauna



Becky Rodriguez

County hoopsters reap post-season honors

The Dimmitt Bobbies, Nazareth Swifts and Swiftettes continue to reap basketball honors for the 1989-90 season.

Three county roundballers

earned all-state honors, two were named to the All-South Plains Team, six were listed on all-regional teams, two were selected to the *Amarillo Globe News* Super Team and two agreed to play in an all-star

tournament.

Nazareth's Darla Leavitt repeated as a Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) Class A first-team all-stater this year. She also made the first team Region 1-

A TABC all-regional squad. The *Globe News* named Leavitt its "Player of the Year" among all classifications and listed her on its Super Team as an inside player.

Dimmitt's Renae Josselet, a junior, was named to the Class AAA TABC all-state second team. She was a first-team all-regional selection in Class AAA and was honored as the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's* All-South Plains Most Valuable Player in Class AAA.

Noel Johnson of Nazareth was named to the TABC Class A all-

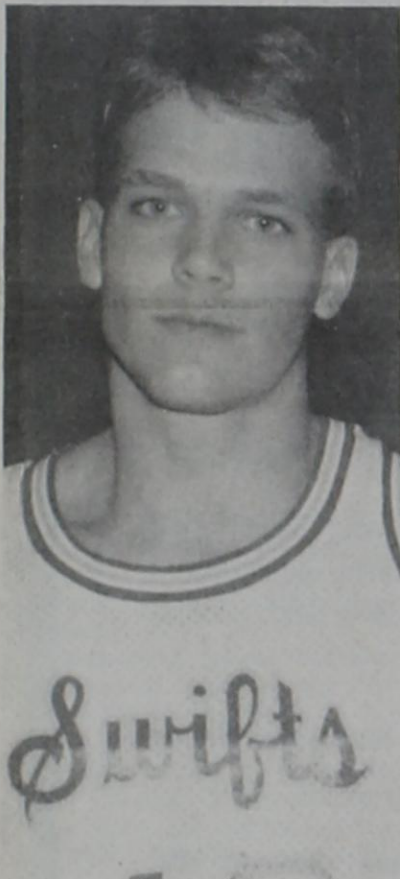
state second team and 1A all-regional first team.

TABC bestowed third team all-regional honors on two Nazareth seniors—Tami Ball for the Swiftettes and Brian Schmucker for the Swifts.

Gloria Gauna, a Dimmitt senior, was named to the Class AAA All-South Plains squad and made the all-Region 1-AAA second team.

Dimmitt freshman Halley Bradley was named the *Amarillo Globe News's* "Newcomer of the Year" for 1989-90.

Gauna and Becky Rodriguez, a senior from Dimmitt, will play on the west team in the Golden Spreal All-Star Game, scheduled April 5-7 in Amarillo.



Brian Schmucker



Noel Johnson

Golf tourney is scheduled

The annual Hereford edition of the Red Raider Cup Golf Tournament will be held Wednesday, April 18, at John Pittman Municipal Golf Course in Hereford.

The \$35 entry fee will cover green fee and cart rental for the "Florida Scramble," social hour and dinner at the Hereford Country Club.

Non-golfers may attend the social hour and dinner for a \$15 fee.

Anyone interested in competing in the tournament should call Brent Warner, 364-2782, with their name and handicap or mail entry to Dave Hopper, Box 150, Hereford 79045 by April 16. Interested competitors may also call 1-258-7255 to enter.

Golfers will sign in April 18 at 12:30 p.m. and play is scheduled to begin at 1. A social hour will follow the tournament at 6 p.m. and the dinner is scheduled to begin at 7.

The tournament is being sponsored by the Hereford Texas Tech Red Raider Club.

Volleyball tourney set

The Hereford YMCA will sponsor a volleyball tournament April 5-7 at the YMCA.

Anyone interested in entering the co-ed open division, co-ed A, co-ed B or men's divisions should call the YMCA at 1-364-6990 for an entry form. Deadline for entries is April 3. An entry fee of \$30 per team is required with entry.

There must be a minimum of six teams to form a division. If not enough teams are entered, the co-ed A and B divisions will be combined.

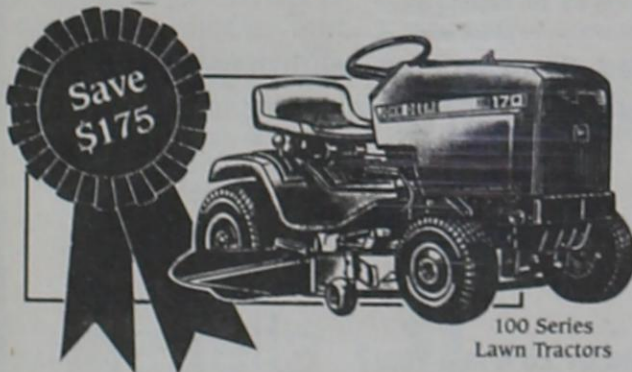
Games will be played starting at 6:15 on April 5 and 6 and at 1 p.m. on April 7.

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How much more EMPHASIS will there be on basketball with a new gym?

One of your larger businesses pays 40% of the school taxes. Can we afford to pay their 40% if they close?

Why does DISD spend \$6,000 to \$7,000 per year on tennis shoes? Do the varsity players really have FOUR pairs?

Why did our choir have to settle for second-hand used choir robes to perform in?

Why do the band parents have to earn money for uniforms and shoes?

Can the county expect new taxes for law enforcement salaries to compete with Texas Penal System? —Possible

Does it really cost \$2,500 for the chartered bus to send the boys team to Austin?

Did you know that our library can be linked with several university libraries via computer at a cost of \$1,800 per year?

Why was \$24,000 spent on tennis courts?

WHAT ABOUT THE CAFETERIA!!!!!!!!!!!!

Teachers, put your thinking caps on! If the board cut your budget by 20% and raised taxes by 28% with the FUND "bulging", what will happen after half the fund has been used for improvements? You can have the improvements without the bond! Now it's your turn to tell the administration and board, **WE CAN'T AFFORD IT; WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY!!!** Count the vacant buildings in Dimmitt There will be more with a tax increase.

"OUR FIRST CONCERN IS QUALITY EDUCATION"

Sandy Heiman resigns

Nazareth school will lose more than a basketball coach

By ANNE ACKER

Next year when the Nazareth Swiftettes walk into the basketball gym and begin working to defend their 1990 Class A State Championship, there will be something missing.

Sandy Heiman, who has been the Swiftettes head coach since 1986, announced Friday that she will be resigning her post at the end of the school year.

With Heiman's resignation, Nazareth will also be losing an individual who has taught many subjects to its students throughout the years. Her coaching talents weren't restricted to the basketball court either. She has been Nazareth's tennis coach since 1981-82 and took over as cross country coach in 1985-86.

She was hired by the Nazareth Independent School District in the 1981-82 school year as an assistant coach and teacher. Through the years she taught biology, journalism, health, driver's education and more to students.

After working as assistant coach under Joe Lombard (now head coach at Canyon High School), Heiman

was named Nazareth's head coach for the 1985-86 school year.

Heiman amassed an impressive 152-19 record as Nazareth's mentor. Her teams won three state titles (1988, 1989 and 1990), finished as a state finalist in 1986 and as regional finalist in 1987.

She was rewarded for her efforts during the 1989 season when she was honored as the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame's Basketball Coach of the Year in January.

She guided several girls' and boys' tennis doubles teams and singles players to district, regional and state championships during her tenure and was named the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame's Tennis Coach of the Year in 1986, 1987 and 1988.

As Nazareth's head tennis coach, she saw her charges take six state doubles' crowns and one singles title.

She coached tennis in her first year at Nazareth (1981-82) and saw the doubles team of Roxane Birkenfeld and Brenda Hoelting capture the gold medals at the 1982 state meet. In 1983, Heiman coached two girls' singles players, Leona Gerber and Ramona Heiman, and a boys' doubles team of Sid Gerber and Kenneth Kleman to the state meet. 1984 brought a return of state championship medalists for Nazareth—Gerber and Ramona Heiman teamed for the state title in girls' doubles and repeated as state champions again in 1985. Heiman saw two of her doubles teams win state in 1986—the girls' team of Ramona Heiman and Traci Hill and a boys' team of Todd Hill and Kenny Kern. Hill and Kern repeated as champs in 1987 and Traci Hill teamed with Stephanie Brockman to win the girls' crown in 1987. The girls' team defended their title in 1988. Brockman took to the courts as a singles player in 1989 and won the state crown, while the girls' doubles team of Tami Ball and Jenny Brockman were stopped in the state semifinals.

In cross country, Heiman's Swiftettes won state in 1985, 1986 and 1987 and finished third at the state race in 1988 and 1989.

"This was a very difficult decision for me to make. This is the best place in the world to work and I care a lot about the kids. I'm happy with the program, the kids, the administration and my fellow teachers, but this was a decision I had to make," Heiman said.

"It was a family decision. I just decided it was time to get my priorities straight. My daughter, Kelsey, is getting older and she demands more of my attention. She's definitely my main priority right now. I want to spend time with my family and that's the main reason I'm resigning," she said.

"I'm thankful I've still got ties here in Nazareth (she married Wayne Heiman, and his family still lives in Nazareth). I'll never have my ties completely broken with the community and I'm really happy about that."

Heiman said she plans to try and get a job teaching in Canyon, but if she can't she would like to substitute teach there.



Sandy Heiman

Scouts race in Pinewood Derby

Wesley Mays, Nathan Boothe and Timothy Proffitt finished as "Kings of the Hill" with first, second and third place finishes, respectively, at the Dimmitt Cub Scouts annual Pinewood Derby, which was held Saturday at the Expo Building.

Around Christmas every year the Cub Scouts are given a car kit and have to build a Pinewood Derby Car with the help of their fathers. They race the cars to see who can win in each division — Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos—and also compete at a district meet.

At this year's district meet, Mays finished third.

Awards are also presented for the "Cubbiest" car, which can mean the car has an outstanding charac-

teristic or the youth did most of the work on it himself. The cars are also judged for the best paint job.

Tiger Cubs winners include Tanner Griffith, first; Daniel Proffitt, second; and Nick Hernandez, third.

Winners in the Wolf division were Michael Penney, first; Bobby Miller, second; and Mark Casares,

third.

Top car entries in the Bear division were raced by Kurt Webb, first; Nathan Boothe, second; and Brandon Ellison, third.

Webelos' best entries were made by Wesley Mays, first; Terry Miller, second; and Timothy Proffitt, third.



There are about 20 million more men in the world than there are women.

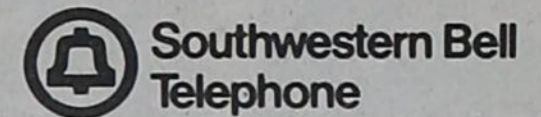
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Approval of this application would remove all rates, terms and conditions applicable to billing and collection from Southwestern Bell's Intrastate Access Service Tariff. Intrastate billing and collection service would continue to be subject to PUC regulatory oversight only to the extent that (1) Southwestern Bell would be required to maintain current price lists at the Commission for the service, and (2) the revenues or losses from the service would be subject to the regulatory treatment specified in P.U.C. SUBST. R. 23.27(p). Further, under procedures established by P.U.C. SUBST. R. 23.27, the PUC's General Counsel, the Public Utility Counsel or any affected person could seek a subsequent review of the rates, terms and conditions of this service.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings, or who would like further information, should call or contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, (512) 458-0100. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Information Office at (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf.

The PUC has assigned this matter to Docket No. 9224. A prehearing conference will be held on April 19, 1990, at 9:00 a.m. at the Commission's offices at 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard in Austin, Texas. The deadline for filing motions to intervene is April 26, 1990.



Kids, Inc. Schedule

MAJOR BOYS

TODAY: 5:30 p.m., Rubie Lee Real Estate vs. Dimmitt Ready Mix; 6:30 p.m., Flagg Fertilizer vs. Dimmitt Consumers; 7:30 p.m., B&W Aerial Spray vs. Associated Insurance.

FRIDAY: 7:30 p.m., Hill Feed Lot vs. Lane Dirt Service.

MONDAY: 6 p.m., Associated Insurance vs. Rubie Lee Real Estate; 7 p.m., Dimmitt Ready Mix vs. Lane Dirt Service.

MAJOR GIRLS

FRIDAY: 5:30 p.m., OPM, Inv. vs. Contel; 6:30 p.m., La Coiffures vs. Coleman Pharmacy.

TUESDAY: 5:30 p.m., Coleman Pharmacy vs. Contel; 6:30 p.m., La Coiffures vs. OPM, Inv.

MINOR BOYS

TODAY: 5:30 p.m., Wallace Motor Co. vs. Dimmitt Equipment; 6:30 p.m., Dimmitt Agri Industries vs. Castro Oil and Gas; 7:30 p.m., S&S Cattle Co. vs. Easter Grain Co.

MONDAY: 5:30 p.m., Castro Oil and Gas vs. S&S Cattle Co.; 6:30 p.m., Wallace Motor Co. vs. Dimmitt Agri Industries; 7:30 p.m., Dimmitt Equipment Co. vs. Easter Grain Co.

MINOR GIRLS

FRIDAY: 5:30 p.m., Karyalls by Karen vs. American Fructose; 6:30 p.m., Bob Towler Equipment Co. vs. First State Bank; 7:30 p.m., Headhunters vs. Castro Co-op Gin.

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Blood drive is April 9

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hold a blood drive in Dimmitt Monday, April 9, from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School library.

The DHS Student Council is sponsoring the drive, the fourth annual of its kind at Dimmitt High School.

Last year, 68 individuals donated blood and this year the center is hoping for 75 to 100 people to donate.

Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens' Menu

MONDAY — Lima beans and ham, spinach, cornbread, salad, dessert, tea and coffee.

TUESDAY — Hamburger casserole, black-eyed peas, salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

WEDNESDAY — Oven fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, English peas, salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

THURSDAY — Kraut and sausage, potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

FRIDAY — Spaghetti with meat sauce, beets, salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

Retired teachers schedule meeting

The Castro County Retired Teachers' Association will hold a meeting Monday at 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Citizens' Center in Dimmitt.

An interesting program is planned for the meeting and new officers will be elected.

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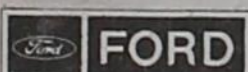
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- '87 DODGE half-ton, SWB, Blue.....\$6500
- '86 FORD half-ton 4X4, Red, local owner.....\$6000
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TELL US WHY

WHY weren't the true "SURROUNDING" Districts included in the list of rates quoted last week?

LAST WEEKS QUOTE:

- DIMMITT—.87
- FRIONA—.77
- TULIA—1.00
- CANYON—1.1885
- MULESHOE—1.01
- LITTLEFIELD—1.095
- RIVER ROAD—.94

HERE IS THE REST OF THE DISTRICTS:

- SPRINGLAKE-EARTH—.809
- HEREFORD—.704
- HART—.6939
- LAZBUDDIE—.854

WHY was this covered up?

WHY weren't we told the BGR Architects quoted \$1,494,000 for the GYM complex?

WHY haven't we been presented a preliminary drawing of the proposed GYM?

WHY all the concern for the high school girls going back and forth (that are really not going back and forth) and nothing mentioned about 7th and 8th grade running to HIGH SCHOOL FOR TENNIS?

WHY NOT TAKE DONATIONS TO BUILD THE GYM COMPLEX SO ALL CAN BE INVOLVED JUST LIKE THE F.F.A. FARM WAS BUILT?

WHY would we want to build a \$1,000,000 GYM and have dances in it as quoted in last weeks paper?

WHY haven't we been informed where the GYM complex is to be built?

ABI Agriculture Business Industry

County groundwater levels decline

Castro County groundwater levels declined an average of 1.98 feet in 1989 in 89 privately-owned wells measured by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in its 539,700-acre service area in the county.

This decline indicates a reduction of 160,291 acre-feet of water from storage in the Ogallala Aquifer last year in the part of the county lying within the boundaries of the Water District.

The change in groundwater levels within this portion of Castro County during the 10-year period from 1980 to 1990 was a decline of 14.4 feet. Groundwater levels declined 4.3 feet during the five-year period from 1985 to 1990.

Groundwater levels in the Ogallala Aquifer in the Water District's 5.5 million-acre service area had an average decline of one foot from January 1989 to January 1990, indicating a net reduction of 825,000 acre-feet of groundwater stored in the Ogallala Aquifer.

In 1985, groundwater levels in the Ogallala Aquifer in the Water District service area showed a zero net change for the first time in the Water District's history. In 1986, a one-half foot average rise in water levels was recorded, followed by an average rise of .9 of a foot in 1987. Below average precipitation resulted in heavier pumpage in 1988 and

caused groundwater levels to decline one-half foot.

Drier than normal pre-plant soil moisture conditions and below average precipitation during the growing season caused irrigators to apply heavier and more frequent irrigations than normal in 1989.

A network of 1,018 privately-owned observation water wells is used to determine the annual change in the quantity of water in storage in the Ogallala Aquifer within the district. Depth to water measurements are taken during January and February of each year after water levels have had time to stabilize from pumping during the previous growing season.

By comparing the current depth to water measurements with those taken early in the previous year, district staff members determine what changes in groundwater levels have occurred.

Of the 15 counties or portions of counties making up the Water District, 13 showed an average decline in the depth to water measurements in 1989. These counties were Armstrong, Bailey, Castro, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Hale, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Parmer, Potter and Randall. Counties showing increases in groundwater levels during 1989 were Cochran and Hockley.

Castro County	Average Change	Change in Acre-Feet/Year
1963-64	-4.27	-345,678 acre-feet
1964-65	-3.61	-292,248 acre-feet
1965-66	-2.37	-191,863 acre-feet
1966-67	-3.77	-305,200 acre-feet
1967-68	-3.36	-272,009 acre-feet
1968-69	-2.66	-215,340 acre-feet
1969-70	-2.62	-212,102 acre-feet
1970-71	-4.67	-378,060 acre-feet
1971-72	-2.15	-174,053 acre-feet
1972-73	-2.25	-182,149 acre-feet
1973-74	-2.95	-238,817 acre-feet
1974-75	-2.99	-242,055 acre-feet
1975-76	-2.90	-234,769 acre-feet
1976-77	-3.86	-312,486 acre-feet
1977-78	-3.15	-255,008 acre-feet
1978-79	-1.87	-151,385 acre-feet
1979-80	-2.82	-228,293 acre-feet
1980-81	-3.06	-247,722 acre-feet
1981-82	-2.23	-180,529 acre-feet
1982-83	-1.71	-138,433 acre-feet
1983-84	-2.27	-183,767 acre-feet
1984-85	-1.44	-116,575 acre-feet
1985-86	-0.78	-63,144 acre-feet
1986-87	-0.16	-12,952 acre-feet
1987-88	-0.03	-2,429 acre-feet
1988-89	-1.45	-117,385 acre-feet
1989-90	-1.98	-160,291 acre-feet



TOTS 'N TEENS won the merchants' division of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Un-Egg Contest in secret balloting held Friday at a meeting of the Retail Merchants Committee. Darlene Wooten is holding the egg-shaped string sculpture that was voted the winner. Tots 'N Teens will be refunded the \$15 participation fee for the merchants who are serving as sign-up stations for the children's division of the contest. Deadline for entry for the kids is April 7.

Un-egg contest deadline is April 7 for children

Children's entries for the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Un-Egg Contest must be turned in by April 7 for judging.

A first place prize of \$10 and runner-up prizes of \$5 will be given in each age category.

Entries may be turned in at one of the official egg stations: Tots & Teens for entries from children age 6 and under, Sheffy's Western Wear for ages 7-8, Thriftway for ages 9-10, and Maria's Restaurant for ages 11-12.

The competition is open to those age 12 and under, with competitors divided into four age categories: 6 and under, 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12.

An eligible "un-egg" is a decorated egg shape, as long as it is not a real egg.

"Judging will be handled by four bald headed men," Chamber executive director Delores Heller said. "Entries will be judged on creativity, neatness and personal appeal."

After judging, the entries will be distributed among all participating businesses for public viewing.

Businesses participating in the Easter season promotion will pay a \$15 fee, display a window poster denoting their participation, and will be listed in one co-op newspaper ad.

The winner of the business division of the Un-Egg contest is Tots 'N Teens, with an oval string sculpture in an Easter basket.

Cotton Talks

Officials of Plains Cotton Growers Inc. have secured Phillip C. Burnett of Memphis, Tenn. as one of two guest speakers for the 25-county producer organization's 33rd annual meeting next Thursday, April 5.

Registration for the event will begin at 9 a.m. in the east end of Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall. The official meeting is to conclude at 12 noon, followed by a catfish and chicken buffet luncheon served to all attending.

Burnett is executive vice president of the National Cotton Council, the US industry's multi-segment organization headquartered in Memphis, with offices in Washington, London and Hong Kong. He joins a previously announced speaker, Lester J. Smith of Greensboro, N.C. on the PCG program. Smith is vice president and director of purchasing for Cone Mills, the largest American producer of denim and corduroy.

The producer meeting is scheduled in conjunction with the April 5-7 Texas Cotton Ginners Association convention and trade show, which annually fills the Civic Center with over 6,000 ginners, producers, oil millers, warehousemen and industry suppliers. Exhibitors from all across the Cotton Belt, normally numbering over 125, will have on display equipment and materials related to all phases of cotton production, transportation and processing. If history repeats, they will occupy every inch of the 300,000 square foot facility's exhibition space and spill over into parking lots.

"PCG is fortunate to get two such knowledgeable individuals to address its membership," said Executive Vice President Donald John-

son. "The ability of our farmers to move a step ahead of our competitors in satisfying cotton quality needs of textile customers will have a lot to do with the future of High Plains cotton production. I feel certain we can learn a lot about customer satisfaction from Lester Smith."

In addition to his position with Cone Mills, Smith, a textile engineering graduate of Texas Tech University, is a member of the American Textile Manufacturers Institute Cotton Committee, the New York Cotton Exchange Board of Managers and a member of the US Dept. of Agriculture's Advisory Committee on Cotton Quality Measurement.

The other speaker, Phil Burnett, Johnson said, is one of the best qualified people in the nation to analyze the ins and outs of current Washington debate on a 1990 farm law. At least for the next several years, provisions of the next farm law will be a dominant factor throughout the agricultural economy and especially in the High Plains cotton economy.

Burnett became executive vice president of the National Cotton Council in February of this year after seven years as president of the Cotton Board that administers producer-funded research and promotion programs conducted by Cotton Incorporated. He joined the NCC field staff in 1966, was promoted to the executive vice president's staff, and in 1972 advanced to the council's assistant Washington representative. In 1977 he returned to the Council's Memphis office as program coordinator and assistant to the executive vice president, a position he held for four years before joining the Cotton Board.

Church Happenings

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Bishop Leroy T. Matthiesen will celebrate the Christ Mass at St. Laurence Cathedral in Amarillo today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. The priests of the diocese will renew their ordination promises and the holy oils will be blessed during the service.

Students in the seventh through 12th grades will have their last CCD workshop of the year Saturday, April 7 (earlier because of

Holy Week) from 1 to 6:30 p.m. To mark the occasion, the Holy Cross Society will prepare a picnic lunch for the youths at the long break. A program will be scheduled to make it an hour-long break. The topic will be, "10 Good Reasons to be Catholics."

Fr. Norbert Choong and Patrice Schaff will be the presenters.

Contemplative Retreat Day, and a Weekend Contemplative Retreat will be held April 6-8 at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center in Amarillo. Fr. Pat Hawk, retreat master, will instruct and direct anyone interested in this ancient Christian tradition. Newcomers are also welcome. Please call in advance for fees and reservations at 383-1811.

Presbyterian Church

"The Art of Having Fun" workshop will be Friday evening and Saturday at First Central Presbyterian Church in Abilene.

Annual Gathering of Presbyterian Woman of Palo Duro Presbytery will be Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at Fain Presbyterian Church in Wichita Falls.

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, April 1.

Sunday church school classes are Sunday at 10:00 a.m. "The Victory of a Deathless Life" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday service for the public worship of God at 11:00 a.m.

Morning prayers Wednesday at 6:30 a.m.

"Marriage and Divorce and Blessing the Children", Mark 10:1-16, will be the theme of the Lenten service Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Ministerial Alliance

Claude Hendricks will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Matthew 5:17-20 on Tuesday, April 3, at 10:00 a.m. at the Assembly of God.

Edward D. Freeman, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will be the Welfare chairman for the month of April.

Jimmy Davis is recognized by State Bar

Jimmy F. Davis of Dimmitt was recently recognized as a certified member of the College of the State Bar of Texas, during ceremonies held in Austin during an annual banquet.

The college was created by the Supreme Court of Texas as a means of recognizing members of the State Bar who voluntarily further their legal education. To qualify for membership, attorneys must complete 80 hours of continuing legal education within a consecutive three-year period. An attorney must then complete 30 hours of study each year to maintain membership. Currently, there are 4,600 members.

Davis was one of 1,471 Texas attorneys honored during the banquet.

Texas Supreme Court Justice Eugene Cook delivered a speech about the Texas Lawyers' Creed, a code of ethics for lawyers endorsed by the Supreme Court of Texas. Awards were given to several attorneys including a new award for the best article written for a continuing legal education seminar, which went to Dan Price of Austin.

DYF to meet

The Dimmitt Young Farmers will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 p.m. in the Dimmitt High School ag shop to discuss changing or amending rules for the annual Castro County Junior Livestock Show.

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting.



EASTER CREATIVE "UN-EGG" CONTEST

This is a contest for kids to decorate an egg shape as long as it is not a real egg. Un-egg creations may be turned in until April 7th (one week before Easter).

EGG STATIONS (Businesses where Un-eggs will be judged)										
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Eggs will be displayed at one of the participating merchants.

Winners in each category will receive:
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Completion date delayed on American Fructose expansion

A \$30.5 million expansion project which began last June at American Fructose Corp. in Dimmitt was scheduled for an April 1, completion date, but officials of the company say that's been moved back to the end of April.

Work on the project is about 80% complete right now, according to Bill Ballentine, the plant's director of operations, but only 60% of the completed areas are on-line and ready to go to a higher rate.

The end result of the expansion will be a plant capable of turning out almost 50% more high fructose corn syrup, automated to the point that it will require no more employees than at present.

Once the project is completed, American Fructose will begin processing 54,000 bushels of corn per day. Now they are only capable

of processing 35,000. The total output of high fructose corn syrup will go to 2.5 million pounds per day from the present 1.5 million.

"The systems that were there couldn't be expanded as they were," Ballentine said. "In some areas, we've built new systems, put those into operation, then we've torn out the old system and added it to the new. That's been going on since November," said Ballentine.

"We'd hoped to have the project completed by April 1. Right now we're still shooting for the end of April (for completion of the expansion project). Right now construction at the millhouse is pretty well along and emphasis is moving to the refinery, although work is still continuing throughout the plant," Ballentine revealed.

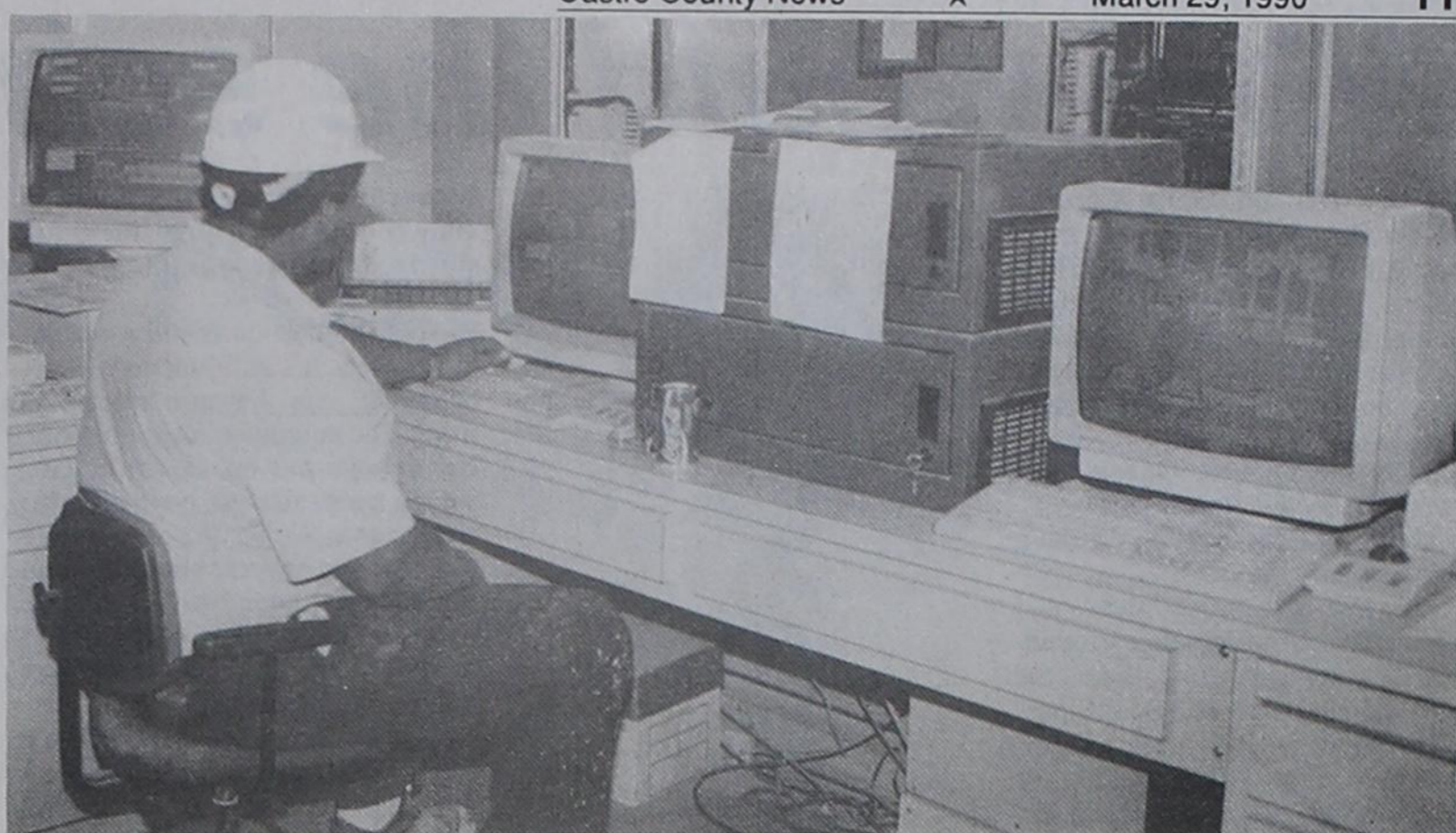
The delayed completion of the project has already caused compli-

cations at the plant.

"It's hurting us. We're behind on orders right now and the sooner we can get the construction completed the sooner we can get everything back on track," Ballentine said. "The construction is constantly going on. We get interrupted because of the construction and, as a result, we're not able to cover all of our orders right now."

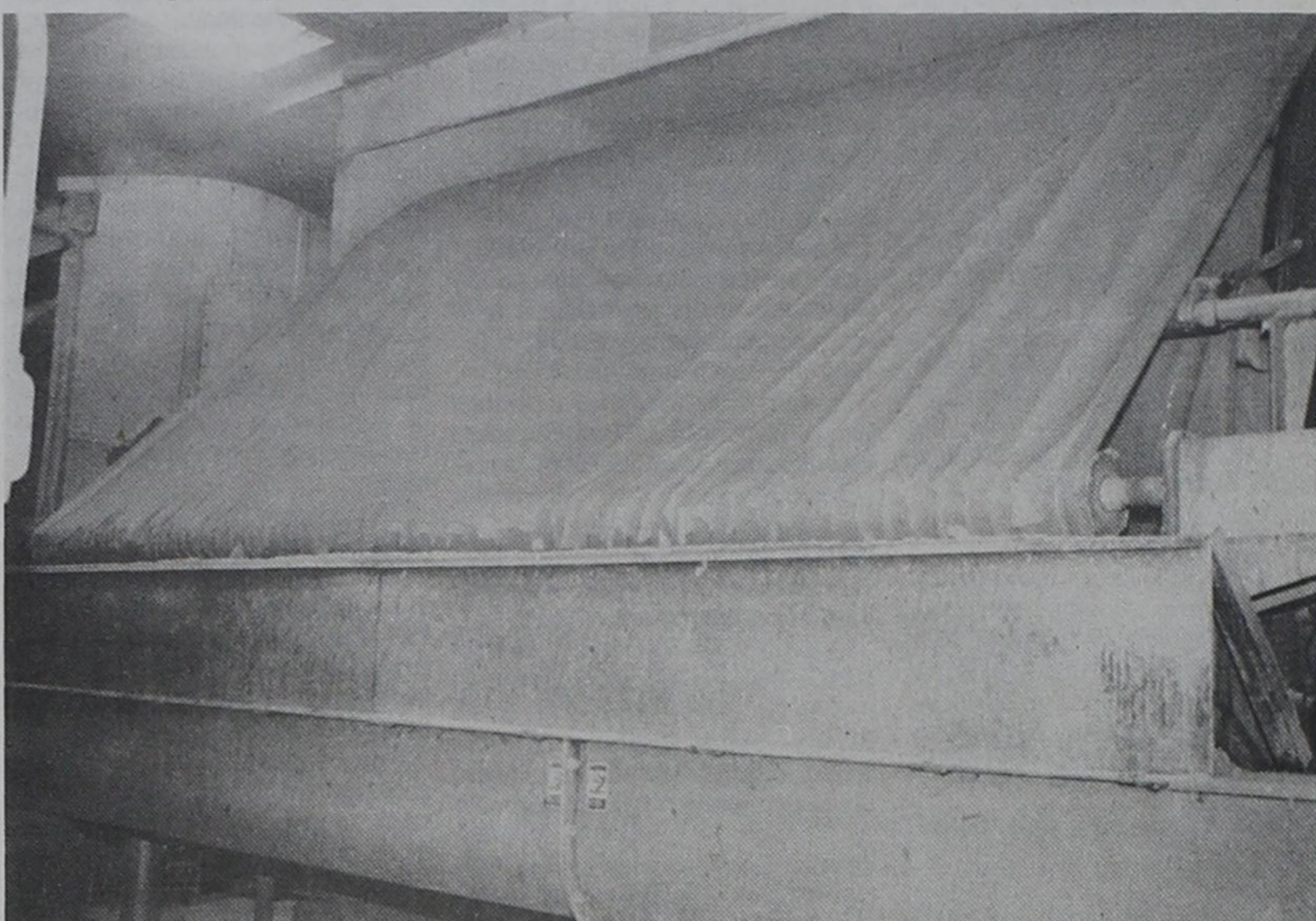
"We may find an interim step about mid-April that would allow us to increase our processing from 35,000 bushels per day to 40,000 or 42,000 per day," said Eddie Adams, production manager.

Once the major part of the expansion is completed, the plant will begin processing at the increased rate, but work on odds and ends to bring the project to completion will continue.



HERE'S WHERE IT ALL HAPPENS—Randy Porter, mill operator at American Fructose Corp. in Dimmitt checks out the computer monitors that control the plant operations. The new systems

under construction for Fructose's current expansion project are controlled from this computer system.



THESE ARE NEW gluten belt filters that have been installed during an expansion project at American Fructose Corp. in Dimmitt. The machine

mixes water with gluten, which is a high-protein animal feed, just before the gluten is transferred to the dryers.

Sunnyside By Teeny Bowden, 647-5703

John Bridges died at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock after he suffered his second stroke March 19.

He was born and raised in Sunnyside and was baptized into the Sunnyside Baptist Church in 1944, when he was 10. He started to school in Sunnyside the last year the school was open (1942) and graduated from Hart High School. He helped Howard with the farming and livestock for a year or two after he and Evelyn McNeill were married.

A large number of Sunnyside people attended the services at the First Baptist Church in Earth last Wednesday afternoon. Eddie Haydon and Ray Joe Riley were pallbearers.

Eddie and Sherry Haydon spent Monday night and Tuesday with Beck Bridges in Canterbury Villa. Others stayed with her, too. Beatrice McCloy (Sis) of Morse arrived about 12 noon March 19 and had dinner with the Haydons and Teeny Bowden. Teeny went with her to Lubbock Tuesday afternoon to pick up her sister, Ruby Maude Fulfer (Tooter) from the airport. She lives in Placentia, Calif. They are both John's cousins. They spent Tuesday night with Teeny.

The Crime Watch Program will be held next Thursday, April 5, at 7 p.m. Deputy Joe Hoard will bring a program on arson, and could have a guest speaker. Coffee and cookies will be served. Everyone is invited.

Leona and Ronnie Blanton spent the weekend in Lubbock with one of her sisters. On Monday morning they flew to Albuquerque because Ronnie has to undergo some tests. He had an MIR Tuesday and after that the doctors would determine what comes next. They hoped to return home by Wednesday.

Rev. David and Debra Fletcher and Harmony visited with Rev. Murle and Wanda Rogers in Lockney on Tuesday.

Emma Jean King and Madge Robb worked on books and family stories at the library last Thursday afternoon. Stories are still coming in, but we need more. Mrs. Robb worked on the books and family stories at Teeny Bowden's house Friday afternoon.

.05 of an inch of rain was recorded from the drizzle and light rain Friday and the light snow and freezing drizzle Saturday. The temperature Saturday morning was 24 degrees and it never got above freezing all day. The high Sunday was barely above freezing.

Visitors in the Sunday morning services were Jewel Milliaken, mother of Joan Norrell; Becky and Kathy Norell; the pastor's nephew, Brian; and Jade Vick, niece of Rita Brown. All of the visitors attended Sunday School but Joan and her mother.

Rita Brown and Jade Vick had lunch with Teeny Bowden before joining Clara Vick and her family for a reunion in Amarillo before her sister, Joy, returns home Monday. Rita's son-in-law, Scott Roberts, rolled his pickup on the ice on the way to work Saturday morning near Hollywood Road. He was going about 25 or 30 miles an hour. He walked away, but the pickup

was totaled. He may have sustained head and neck injuries, but he wasn't hospitalized. He seemed to be okay Sunday night.

Clyde and Judy Damron, Justin and Tracy, left last Friday for Houston to attend the wedding of Clyde's sister, Mary. They came home last Sunday night.

Brian Gillispie of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, nephew of Rev. David Fletcher, spent the weekend with the Fletcher family.

Carl Dean and Terri Carson, Deacon and Joshua came for the funeral services of John Bridges Wednesday and spent the night with Lillian.

Margaret Williams and Britni of Eunice spent last Saturday, Sunday and Monday with her parents, Billie and Emma Jean King.

Greg George and his roommate at Texas Tech University, Donavon, spent Wednesday night and stayed until Friday afternoon with Lillian Carson and her guests. They also visited Lee and Louise Bradley, Sharon, Jack, Justin and Joel.

Walk-a-thon organizers are sought

The American Parkinson Disease Association is seeking volunteers nationwide to organize Walk-a-Thons for April 21-22 to benefit the research efforts of the association.

Parkinson's is a degenerative disease, which mainly affects persons over 40, and causes a characteristic tremor or shaking brought on by disrupted communication between the brain and muscles.

Researchers say an alarming number of young people have also been diagnosed with the disease, and the theme of this year's fund raising effort, "Take the first step," is dedicated to them.

A 10-year-old girl, Emily Hamilton, had been wheelchair-bound for seven years before being properly diagnosed as having Parkinson's. She is now able to walk, ride a bicycle and swim — normal activities for other 10-year-olds.

For more information on organizing a local Walk-a-Thon, contact Martha Jo Hyman at 647-5552 or write to American Parkinson Disease Association, 60 Bay St., Suite No. 401, Staten Island, N.Y. 10301.

Museum group plans meeting

The board of directors for the Castro County Museum will hold their regular monthly meeting tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. at the museum.

Everyone is invited to attend.



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What would the school plan cost you?

If the Dimmitt ISD's proposed \$1.3 million bond issue were to be adopted by the school district's voters Tuesday, how much more school tax would you pay?

What would your total property taxes be with the additional school bond tax added on?

Who would pay the biggest share of the bonded indebtedness?

How does the school district's surplus figure into it?

For the answers to these and other financial questions surrounding the proposed bond issue, the News interviewed DISD Business Manager Gene King and Castro County Appraisal District Director Jerry Heller. Here are our questions, and their answers:



King

GENE KING

Business Manager,
Dimmitt Independent School District

NEWS: What is the school district's reserve right now?

KING: \$2.8 million.

NEWS: Could all of that reserve be tapped if the school board changed its policy?

KING: Yes, it could be tapped, but it wouldn't be a very wise idea.

NEWS: Is it a state law that a school district has to maintain so much in reserve?

KING: No. It's school board policy to keep three months' operating capital in reserve. We have a \$6.4 million budget, so that would be \$1.6 million we need to keep in reserve—a little over \$500,000 a month.

NEWS: When was that board policy passed?

KING: It goes back to the reappraisal in 1969, when the school district was broke and in debt. This school district started the school year of 1968-69 about \$125,000 in the red. They had borrowed from the bank to begin the school year. And that's when they had the reappraisal. The whole county was reappraised. When that reappraisal was done, we implemented it in 1969; the city and county held off. When the board set the tax rate in 1969, they set it to generate extra revenue, and from that point on the district started building toward having three months' operating expenses in reserve.

NEWS: Is that what eventually built up to the present \$2.8 million reserve?

KING: Well, that started it, but the

Richardson Elementary kitchen allowed to deteriorate while these surplus funds were building up?

KING: The kitchen is still a workable kitchen. It's still functional, still operating; we haven't missed a meal. The equipment is getting old, but through our maintenance staff, we've been able to maintain that equipment. We've got a stove or two that don't work, but we've still got adequate equipment over there to handle the problem, although it's getting now to where parts are almost impossible to find.

It's just like if you're driving a 1975 model car. It's still running and you can still repair it, but eventually it wears out. That's the point we're getting to in the Richardson kitchen. We could still serve meals over there another couple of years, probably, without going in and redoing the thing.

Part of that problem is not just the equipment, but the design of that kitchen. The kitchen was designed to serve one dining room—the one on the west. It was designed with all the stoves and all the equipment lined down the middle, so you could move from the cooking and the equipment to the serving line. Then they built the bigger, larger dining room on the east. The kitchen wasn't designed or equipped originally to handle two lunchroom crowds in two directions.

That kitchen is still functional; it still operates. It's getting old; most of that equipment was put in there in the early '60s. We work on it a lot—pretty well constantly. We have a maintenance man going in there about every morning to check things.

One of the problems in buying new equipment for it, such as new stack ovens, is electricity. But that's a problem throughout the whole building.

The lunchroom issue has been blown a little out of proportion. We haven't missed a meal in that lunchroom. We feed 1,200 kids a day there, and we serve breakfast and lunch both. To say that the lunchroom has gone to pot just isn't so. It's still functional. It's just like a farmer's equipment or anybody else's equipment—you aren't going to throw it out until it quits.

NEWS: Do you think it would have been better for the committee and the school board to call this bond election later, after the Legislature has met to work out the new public school financing plan?

KING: No, I don't see that the Legislature is going to have any effect on the financial needs of this school district. We have \$126,000 taxable value per student; we're ranked in the bottom third in the state in taxable wealth. So if the Legislature is going to take the money from anyone to equalize funding, I can't see them taking it from the bottom third—who are they going to give it to? I don't see that the Legislature is going to hurt us where state funding is concerned.

The state average property-tax rate for school districts is 97 cents. We're a dime below that, although we're in the bottom third in taxable wealth. So somebody's doing something right here.

JERRY HELLER

Director, Castro County
Appraisal District

NEWS: Can you give us a general idea of what percentage of the bond issue would be paid by what taxpayer groups? For instance, American Fructose (the district's largest taxpayer), other major institutional taxpayers, the district's landowners, business owners, homeowners, and those who have only personal property to tax?

HELLER: The top five taxpayers in the school district, listed in order, would pay these percentages: American Fructose 19.2% (approximately \$28,000 per year), Goodpasture 2.5%, Dimmitt Agri Industries 2.4%, Continental Tele-

phone 1.8%, and Southwestern Public Service Co. 1.6%.

As to the percentage of total tax paid on different types of property in the school district, they are: farm land 31%, industrial 27%, residential 17%, commercial 9%, farm improvements 6%, utilities 5%, personal automobiles 4%, and other miscellaneous property 1%.

NEWS: During the last decade, Texas voters have approved constitutional amendments exempting cattle and farm equipment from property taxes, and taxing farm land on production value instead of market value. What impact have those amendments had on the school district's tax base, income and tax rate?

HELLER: 1981 was the last year we taxed both cattle and farm machinery. At that time this category accounted for 8% of the tax roll. Of course, now there are many more cattle and they are worth more now than they were then.

In 1982, cattle were exempted, and part of the farm machinery. Then, in 1983, all farm machinery was exempted.

The loss in value due to changing the tax base on farm land from market value to production value was \$32,400,000 for 1989. On No. 1 irrigated land, "production value" runs about 62% of market value. On dryland, the figure is approximately 80%.

To raise the same dollars of tax revenue, the tax rate would be 30% to 35% lower if all of these items were taxed as in 1981. Nowhere else in Texas do these three exemptions have more effect than in Castro, Deaf Smith and Parmer Counties.

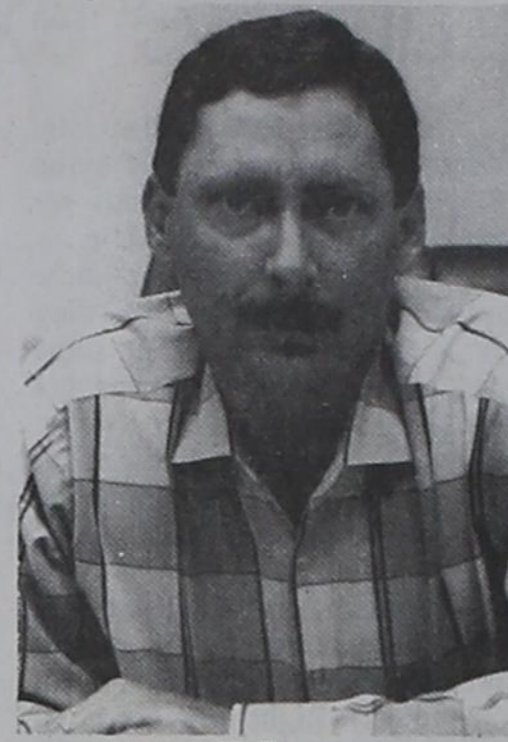
NEWS: We pay property taxes not only to the school district, but also to the High Plains Irrigation District, the city, county and hospital district (depending on where we live and work). What is the TOTAL property tax load on \$100 valuation now, for property inside the city, and for property that is outside the city but within the school district? What were the total tax loads five years ago? And what will the total tax loads be if the school bond issue passes?

HELLER: In 1989, the property tax totals per \$100 of taxable value were \$1,763.72 inside the city and \$1,538.72 outside the city. (These totals include the hospital district tax of 35 cents, county tax of 30.75 cents, city tax of 22.5 cents and irrigation district tax of .72 of a cent.)

In 1984 the property tax totals were \$1,478.15 inside the city and \$1,197.75 outside the city.

If the bond issue were to pass and all the other rates remained the same, the totals would be \$1,833.62 inside the city and \$1,608.62 outside the city.

NEWS: If the school bond issue



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were to be adopted, certain taxpayers and certain properties would be exempt from the extra tax. Would you explain these exemptions?

HELLER: If a person owns and lives in a home and is over 65, and has applied for the exemption, his or her school tax is frozen at the level it was when he or she turned 65. This applies to the home only, and the tax does not go up on that home, regardless of what the value or rate does.

NEWS: It has been said that more than \$300,000 in delinquent property taxes are on the books. Is this true?

HELLER: There was \$305,000 of tax, penalty and interest as of Feb. 28, 1990. Of this, \$168,157 is tax and \$136,843 is penalty and interest.

However, this amounts to less than 1% delinquencies.

For instance, the amount of 1988 tax still delinquent is 1.56%; 1987, 1.04%; 1986, .93 of 1%; 1980, .77 of 1%, and of course it is less and less the farther back you go.

Every year since 1984, we have collected more total tax (including penalty and interest) than was assessed. There is more delinquent tax and P&I collected each year than what goes delinquent. As of Feb. 28, 1985, there was \$280,576 delinquent, then as of Feb. 28, 1990, there was \$168,157 delinquent.

We have numerous lawsuits filed all the time. We can't sue everyone at the same time because it would bog down the court system. However, if someone is on the delinquent tax roll and doesn't pay, they will be sued eventually.

What all this amounts to is, if we had 100% collection on Jan. 31 each year, taxes would have to be raised by 2% to 4% to raise the same amount of dollars.

The collection rate has always been good, so when you consider the economic situation the last five years, it is excellent. These percentages are consistent for the county and hospital district also.

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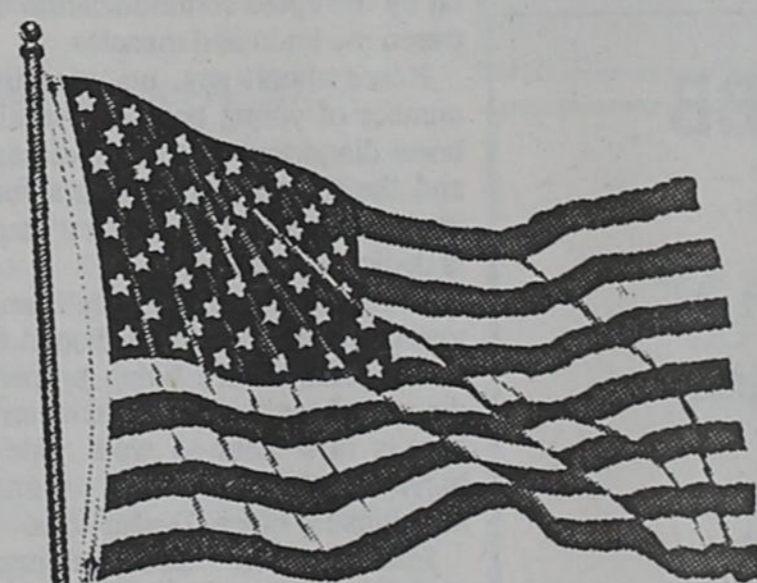
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Our United States of America was founded in large by refugee freedom seekers formulating the Declaration of Independence and a Constitution protecting basic freedoms, to include freedom of speech, with the right of choice by one-person, one-vote concept. This contingent effort, without intimidation and oppression, entitles us as citizens to live in harmony, with debatable issues resolved through majority rule. Coupled with a purge of personal and democratic values the forthcoming issue, being both emotional and debatable, could fracture community and personal relationships without serving valid interests. In keeping with the democratic principles of this nation, we have the authority and obligation to act on this issue based on its merits without neglecting feelings, rights and freedoms of friends and constituents.

A Concerned Citizen
(Name on file at News office)

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Two opponents speak out . . .

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DR. JAMES SIMS

If people will use a common sense approach to this issue the MOST needed improvements as recommended by the COMMITTEE can be done WITHOUT the bond issue burden on the taxpayers.

The committee worked hard and long and their information and figures can be used to make this issue work for both sides. Neither side wants to lose and neither side has to lose. Our community and students can be the winners!

The committee recommended using \$1,300,000 from the current surplus funds.

Richardson Elementary

Items I, II, III of their PLAN should be on the agenda and approved at the next board meeting. Plans, bids, etc., could be in place and work started immediately after school is out. This would include FIVE CLASSROOMS, THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM, AND COMPLETE RENOVATION OF CAFETERIA FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT AT RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY. (I apologize to Mrs. Kirby and her staff and to Mr. Miller and his staff for not knowing about and fixing these problems.)

The total cost estimate from the committee report is \$455,000 for these items. WE STILL HAVE \$845,000 to attack the high school problems!

More about

Commissioners accept . . .

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sioners Association convention which she attended in Abilene last week, and announced that she was elected a director for the association.

Simpson said that a board of five directors heads the association, which has 119 member counties.

"This is a real honor for me," she said.

In other business, the commissioners approved the expenditure of \$1,086 for two hand-held radios for use by Justice of the Peace Marshall Young and Constable James Dobbs.

The commissioners also signed a grant application, asking for \$2,783 in funds available through the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission criminal justice division. The money will be spent in the juvenile probation office, which is used jointly by Castro, Hale and Swisher counties. David Allenson, juvenile probation officer for the three counties, said he had been advised that the grant would have a greater chance of approval this year if it was applied for through Castro County. The funds are mostly used for payment of the costs of placing juveniles in the Lubbock Youth Center.

"We have had a good success rate with those we have sent there," Allenson said, adding that the per diem cost is cheaper than most other juvenile facilities around the state.

The commissioners gave approval for the National Association of Counties to present a program on deferred compensation to the county employees. NACo representative Bud Taylor gave a similar presentation to the court. The program provides an additional source of retirement income for employees through a payroll deduction plan, with income taxes on that portion of income delayed until the funds are withdrawn from the program, whether for retirement, dismissal or death.

In approving payment of accounts, the commissioners agreed to pay Dimmitt Ready Mix \$1,829.38 for preparing the floor for the auxiliary generator building, \$1,658.25 for survey markers for County Surveyor John Alldredge, and \$600 for repairs to the floor of the Expo building.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Harold Smith requested discussion of closing of county roads during construction, termination of employees and retirement benefits for employees that are on "reduced salaries." He also made a request for payment to his part-time employees who were dismissed recently.

County Attorney Jimmy Davis told Smith that roads cannot be closed without the specific consent of the entire commissioners' court. He noted that caution or detour

Dimmitt High School

BUILD FIVE MORE CLASSROOMS OR CLASSROOM/OFFICE combinations as needed plus a new LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER. Locate these in the space west of the cafeteria and south of the main building utilizing the two walls and double doors already present. ESTIMATED COST: \$500,000. This estimate is based on the committee's estimated cost of \$200,000 for five classrooms and the actual cost of the library/media center at Richardson Elementary of approximately \$200,000 in 1988. An extra \$100,000 was included to be sure.

RENOVATE AND ENLARGE THE PRESENT CAFETERIA. Take out the east wall and expand eastward into the parking lot thereby doubling or tripling the present size and capacity as to whatever needed. ESTIMATED COST: \$300,000. We still have \$45,000 left!

RENOVATE AND ENLARGE THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES. Estimated cost: \$45,000.

Total estimated cost for all improvements above: \$1,300,000. NO BOND ISSUE REQUIRED!!!

All of the above improvements are the MOST CRITICAL on the committee's plan and deserve immediate attention. You will note Item IV calling for new computer equipment and wiring for computers has not been addressed. The committee's estimated cost of this

item was \$50,000-\$75,000 and they recommended it be done over a 10-year period. This amount could come out of our regular budget.

BUILD A GYM. All of the above improvements should be completed first! Dimmitt Independent School District would then know what the true financial condition is regarding STATE FUNDING, ASBESTOS REMOVAL, LAWSUITS, ENROLLMENT, LOCAL ECONOMY, ARCHITECT PLANS, ACTUAL COSTS, ETC.

The long standing board policy requiring three months' operating expenses in reserve is a local policy. This could and should be changed by the board to two months. This would free approximately \$600,000 to be used. The state has hinted that future funding may be based on how large your reserve fund is and if too large your funds could be cut.

A bond election might still be needed for \$300,000 to \$400,000 or less depending on size, etc. The interest alone saved on a 15 year, 7% bond of \$300,000 VS. that on the \$1,300,000 presently called for would almost pay for the gym.

I appeal to both sides to look at this COMMON SENSE PLAN with an open mind. If your FIRST concern is REALLY quality education, we can work together and try to forget the past few weeks. Our schools, community and both sides will all be winners!

signs could be used, but added that any detours must also be approved by the entire court. He said the closing could not be done on a blanket basis, but rather on a case by case basis for each road.

Simpson said she thought it would be a lot of trouble to do it on that basis, adding that Smith would only be able to ask for such approval twice a month.

Pct. 4 Commissioner Vincent Guggemos advised Smith to make use of caution signs and expect drivers on the roads to use discretion according to the driving conditions.

Pct. 3 Commissioner Jeff Robertson asked Smith whether this was another attempt to sidestep insurance requirements for volunteer haulers. Smith replied that he wanted to do it "for safety reasons only."

Smith proposed that the county pay the back pay owed to part-time employees who were dismissed from Pct. 1 because of a lack of funds in that precinct's budget for part-time help.

Simpson asked County Treasurer Oleta Raper whether any of the employees had come to ask for their wages.

"They came and asked me one time for their checks, and I told them there were no funds to pay them," Raper said.

Smith told the commissioners he would like to have spelled out the proper procedures for dismissing employees.

Davis presented a draft proposal for insertion in the county personnel policy manual. He noted that employment of Castro County employees can be terminated at any time by either the employee or employer with or without cause and without liability for failure to continue the employment so long as constitutional rights have not been violated. This is known as "at will" employment, and no county employee has an employment contract, expressed or implied.

Davis enumerated reasons that may not be used for dismissal of employees, including discrimination or retaliation in various protected areas, including race, age, sex, and those who may have filed Workers' Compensation claims.

Smith inquired whether payment of wages could be adjusted for workers who are retirement age, so that they could still draw full Social Security benefits.

Raper said that they could draw benefits as long as they do not work 900 hours in a year, or earn over \$9,300.

However, Simpson said they would have to be classified as part-time, and pointed out that Smith has no more funds available for paying part-time help.

Smith also presented a list of eight questions to the court, including "Why do you not want Harold to build all-weather roads? Why do you not want to abide by the law in

commissioners' court? Why can't Harold make a motion when the items are on the agenda?, and Why is abusive discretion used against Precinct 1?"

Robertson replied that the court is not against the all-weather roads as long as they are built within the law and within the precinct's budget.

Simpson told Smith that the court does abide by the law, "and you're the one trying to break it."

She then asked him how the court had not abided by the law.

"You're breaking the law when it says funds shall be judiciously and equitably divided," Smith retorted.

Robertson noted that the county had recently recounted precinct road miles at the insistence of Smith, and added that the recount had caused Pct. 1 to lose funds.

Simpson also remarked that Smith has never been denied the opportunity to make a motion.

Smith promptly entered a motion to buy Workers' Compensation coverage for the volunteer workers hauling road materials in his precinct, but the motion died for lack of a second.

Simpson also denied that abusive discretion is used against Pct. 1.

Smith asked why the excess \$5,000 in his budget for gross pay couldn't be transferred to part-time.

County Auditor Shirley Brockman replied that she had recommended against the transfer at the time it was earlier requested, because some of Smith's part-time workers were approaching 900 hours of employment, which would require their placement on the payroll as full-time employees.

Smith told the other commissioners that he is consulting with a private attorney on several matters regarding the commissioners' court.

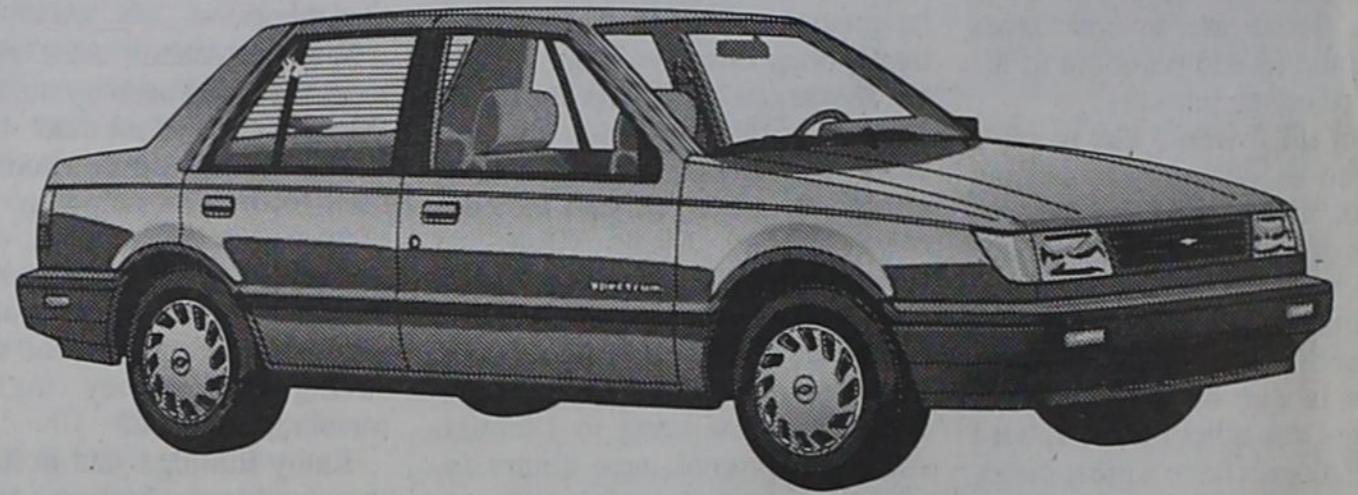
Robertson asked whether he needs to obtain separate liability insurance coverage, in case the county insurance is cancelled because of volunteer haulers in Pct. 1 who continue to work without showing proof of coverage as required by the county's insurer, Upshaw Insurance.

Davis advised Smith to tell any who are hauling without proof of insurance to stop immediately, because it could jeopardize the insurance for the whole county.

"I want you all to tell them," Smith said.

"It is up to you to tell them," Simpson replied.

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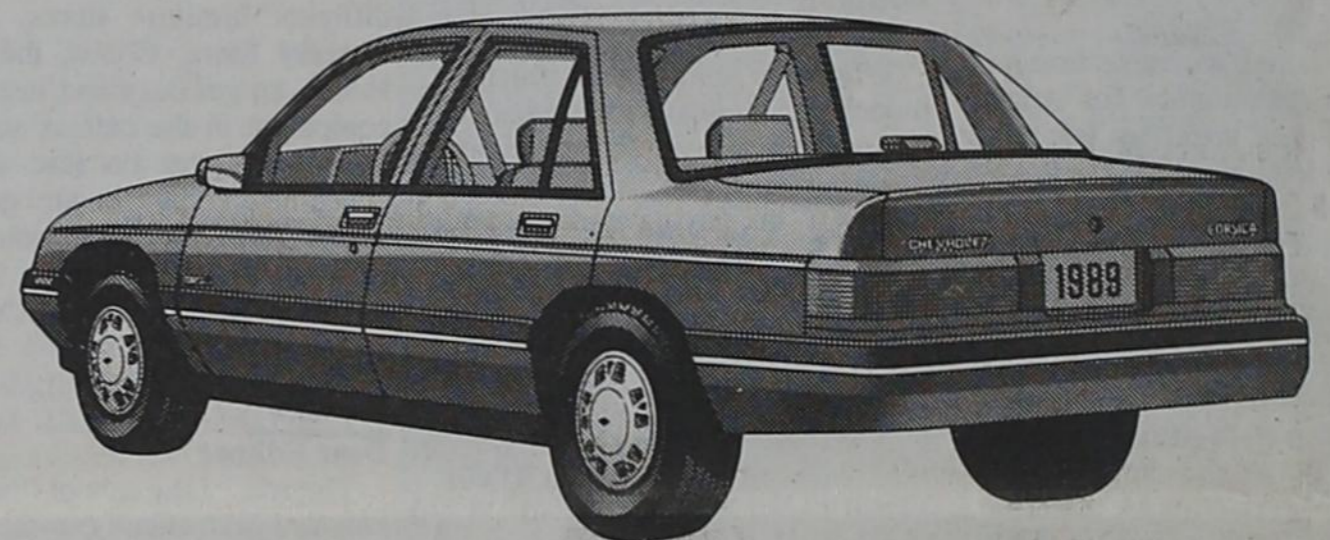
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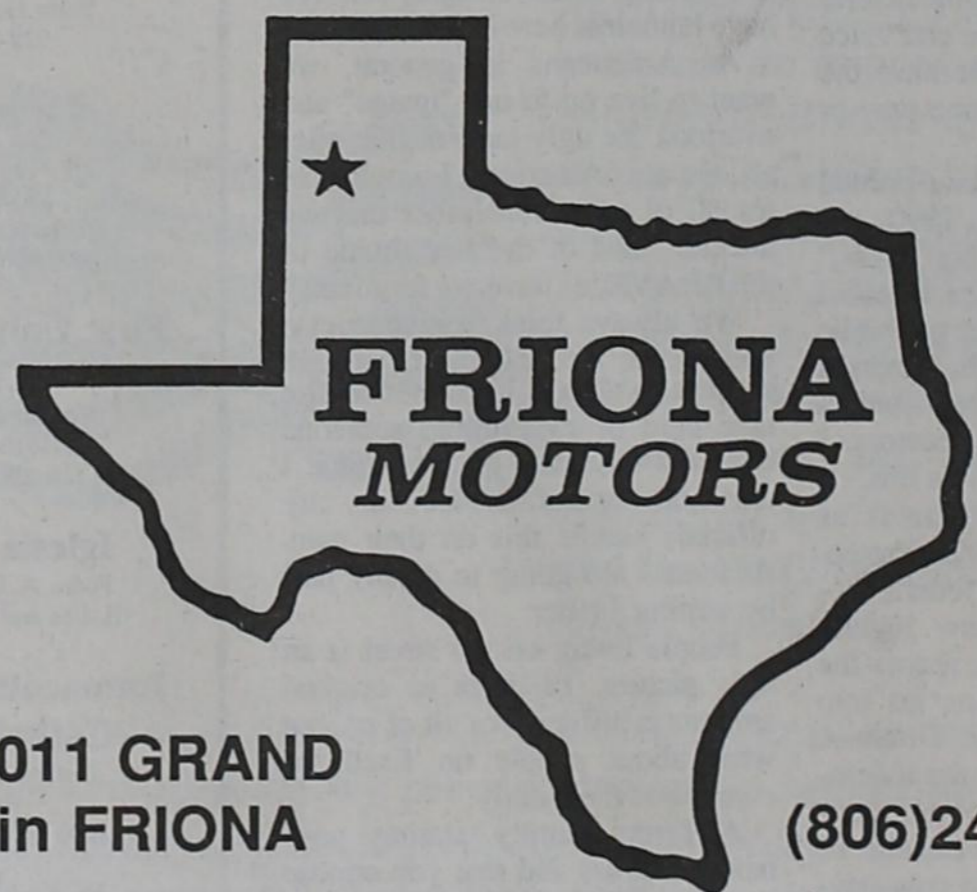
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