

FOOTBALL KICKOFF '94



CASTRO COUNTY NEWS

Hart's back in Class AA. Nazareth is ready for the playoffs. Dimmitt wants to break through. Who will make it? Who is licking their chops, hungry for the season to begin? All the answers are on Page 6 in our big pre-season preview!

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Japanese looking for more corn

The Japanese have experienced a small "taste of Texas," and now they hunger for more.

A trade delegation from Japan will be visiting area corn handlers and processors Wednesday at Texas Corn Growers Office in Dimmitt. Representatives from elevators handling food-grain corn will bring samples to the TCGA office.

A Japanese delegation first visited with area agricultural representatives in April 1993 in their search for food-grade corn.

The delegation represented Koikeya Co., Ltd. of Japan, the second-largest snack manufacturing company in the country. Koikeya was searching for corn to use in manufacturing corn chips and tortillas.

A month after the delegation's initial visit to Dimmitt and other area towns, Koikeya purchased yellow food-grade corn from Edmonson Co-op Elevator in Hart. The Japanese company has since purchased five million pounds of corn from the Panhandle-South Plains region and is now looking to expand purchases, according to Carl King, president of Texas Corn Growers Association who was responsible for organizing the delegation's initial trip to Castro County.

"The Japanese have many specialty food products which are manufactured from corn. They know they can buy the highest quality corn from Texas producers," King said. "And if they're willing to pay for it, we will sell them the highest quality corn available from anywhere in the world."

He said the Japanese are more interested in sampling white corn this time, but samples of both white and yellow will be offered.

Football season is here!

Teams ready for regular season openers

Dimmitt will renew an old traditional rivalry Friday at Bobcat Stadium as the 1994 football season begins its regular season.

Springlake-Earth will come calling for the first time in a dozen years at Bobcat Stadium. Also, Hart will travel to Anton for what's become a traditional first game for those schools, and Nazareth meets Lubbock Christian. All three games start at 8 p.m.

The Bobcats' fans have a full schedule of activities on Friday afternoon. There will be a community pep rally at 4 p.m. Friday at the gazebo, and the community is urged to attend. A tailgate party featuring hamburgers and all the trimmings will be served on the practice field west of Bobcat Stadium Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$4 per person for hamburgers. The event is sponsored by the Dimmitt Booster Club.

Friday is also Parents Night. Parents of varsity football players will be honored with their sons before the game.

S-E at Dimmitt

Word has it that a sign in Springlake-Earth's locker room is reminding the Wolverines of a 77-0 whipping administered by the Bobcats a few years ago that ended a rivalry between the schools. Coaches decided they didn't need any more of that, so the teams didn't schedule each other for a few years.

Until now. The Wolverines have bounced back from not-so-good days in the early 1980s to prominence in Class 2A circles. They were loaded last year and went to the regional finals. They bring back four offensive and five defensive starters, plus a whole slew of people who got a bunch of action while beating up on the New Deals and Mortons of District 3-2A.

Usually, if a team loses that many starters they're not favored to do as well. Not the Wolverines. They received four first-place votes in the pre-season Associated Press poll and are ranked anywhere from

second to sixth in the state depending on who you ask.

"They play with a lot of poise and character and don't let many things bother them," said Dimmitt coach Danny Chisum. "They play ball for four full periods and play well. We have got to play well to stay with them."

"They're going to come at us with two tight ends and split us across the field. They have very wide splits in their offensive line and create a lot of seams for their running backs. They run the option; that's 80% of their offense."

Chisum said the Bobcats have to stop fullback Israel DeLeon, who is a stout 5-10, 180 lb. senior who doubles at linebacker. DeLeon had 950 yards last season to help lead S-E to a 12-1 record.

Leading the offense will be quarterback Brian Hulett (6-3, 190). The son of head coach Rick Hulett, the senior quarterback passed for 1,001 yards and 17 touchdowns last year while running for 728 yards and 19 TDs a year ago.

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LET'S DO THE SWIM—Dimmitt noseguard Chris Abalos (left) uses a swim move to fight off the Abernathy center during the final pre-season scrimmage Friday at Bobcat Stadium. The Bobcats face Springlake-Earth Friday at Bobcat Stadium in the 1994 regular season opener.

Photo by John Brooks



MAN INJURED IN ACCIDENT — Dimmitt volunteer firefighters work to free a man from a small pickup after an accident Tuesday 10 miles south and four miles west of Dimmitt. The man apparently turned in front of another vehicle on FM 145 in front of Texzona Feedyard. The man

was treated at Plains Memorial Hospital and airlifted to a Lubbock hospital for treatment of internal injuries. A full report on the accident was not available at presstime Wednesday from the Dept. of Public Safety.

Photo by John Brooks

Sarpalius defends vote on crime bill

US Rep. Bill Sarpalius defended his vote against the crime bill at a town hall meeting Tuesday afternoon at Dimmitt City Hall.

Fourteen persons showed for the meeting, where Sarpalius also reviewed crop insurance, congressional accountability, education, unfunded mandates, the federal debt and healthcare.

Sarpalius, who said he has conducted more than 450 town hall meetings across the far-flung 13th District since being elected in 1988, said he had "several problems" with the crime bill which passed Congress last week.

"The bill goes way beyond outlawing 19 assault rifles," Sarpalius

said. "The ATF will outlaw 180 guns which will affect 50% of gun owners. Last year it was the Brady Bill, this year it was this bill. There will be another and another and another."

"Gun control doesn't work. Washington, D.C. has the toughest gun control law in the nation. You can't have a gun in D.C., period. It is against the law, but D.C. leads the nation in murder, rape and drugs."

Sarpalius said he would rather see a law that would enhance penalties for any crime committed with a gun.

"If you rob an Allsup's and you have a gun, instead of five years for

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Nazareth moves annual holiday picnic to Sunday

Nazareth will celebrate Labor Day a day earlier this year with its annual parade and other festivities Sunday.

The day's activities will begin with a parade at 10 a.m., followed by a roast beef dinner, arts and crafts show, bingo and other games. A hamburger supper and dance will conclude the celebration.

Proceeds from the day's events will benefit Holy Family Church, Community Hall and the Nazareth Fire Dept.

The parade will begin at the American Legion Hall and will turn south at the fire station, then east at Joe Drerup's. The parade will pass in front of the school and will travel around Thelma Wethington's home before turning south on Second street. When the parade reaches City Hall, it will head east, then will make a second pass in front of the Community Hall and will return to the starting point along the same route.

Those entering the parade are asked to be at the Legion Hall at 9:30 a.m. and the parade is set to begin at 10. Theme for the parade

will be *All in The Family*, and those decorating floats are asked to follow this theme. Prizes are \$75 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place.

After the parade, hay rides and barrel rides will be given and the bingo games will begin. A roast beef dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Hall. Plates will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. The arts and crafts show will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the hall.

A variety of games will be set up at 1 p.m. The children's games including bingo, a raffle, "plinko," duck pond, bean bag toss, fishing hole, pick-a-pocket and caps, will be held in the CCD Building. Other games for all ages will be held in and around the Community Hall.

An auction will be held at 2 p.m., featuring livestock and goods donated by area businesses.

Hamburgers will be sold from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Community Hall.

The Community Hall will sponsor the dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with music by Rowdy Ace of Amarillo. Admission is \$5 per person.

Wanted: Rain

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

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Thursday	92	63	
Friday	94	64	
Saturday	96	64	
Sunday	96	60	
Monday	96	57	
Tuesday	94	56	
Wednesday	93	62	.31

August Moisture	2.00
1994 Moisture	16.52

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Hutchison will visit Saturday

US Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison will make a brief stop in Dimmitt Saturday at City Hall.

Hutchison will arrive in Dimmitt about 11 a.m. and will make a brief appearance at City Hall. She is expected to make a statement and field questions for a short while.

The trip is part of a whirlwind campaign swing through Northwest Texas. Hutchison, elected in a special election in 1993, will face Democrat Richard Fisher in the general election in November.

Hospital board hears audit

The hospital board finally got the audit report last Wednesday night that it has been awaiting since July.

Although budgets have been adopted for both Plains Memorial Hospital and Castro County Community Clinics, the late audit has delayed the setting of a tax rate for 1994-95, according to board chairman Garland Coleman.

The tax rate must be set by Oct. 1. The board's next regular meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 28. However, several board members said they felt a special session would be in order to discuss the tax rate before Sept. 28.

In the meantime, the board is looking at two special sessions next week to discuss other matters. Coleman said the board "probably" will meet in executive session Tuesday night to discuss contracts for physicians and physician assistants, "which may or may not result in any action afterward"; and will

interview a prospective new physician in a closed session at noon next Wednesday.

Larry Anderson of the Lubbock CPA firm of Mason Warner & Co., P.C., told the board that accounting holdups in the rural health clinics were responsible for the audit report's delay.

This was the first year for Castro County Community Clinics to be audited, and the CCCC administrative staff "just was not prepared for the kinds of things we would want and the questions we would be asking, not having gone through it before," Anderson said.

"We've done the audit here at the hospital for several years, and I don't recall that we've ever missed delivering a report in July," he added.

"What would be our chances of getting it in June?" board member Bill Clark asked.

"That would be difficult," Anderson answered. "It's not impossible, but it's very difficult to do. If you want it done that quickly, we'll make the commitment if the hospital district will make the commitment."

"Every month that we can cut off of that would be helpful to the board," Clark said.

The audit's balance sheet showed that the hospital district has total assets of \$6,435,473, an increase of \$772,817 over 1993. Of that total, current assets are \$3,974,765 (down \$272,000); limited-use assets are \$127,135 (up \$37,000); property assets are \$2,035,720 (up \$731,645); and other assets are \$297,853 (up \$276,641, in amortized figures on start-up costs for the rural health clinics and the goodwill factor in the purchase of the Medical Center of Dimmitt).

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On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Lucile Dollar has returned from a two-week visit to daughter Brenda and Bill Allen and their children and their families in Anchorage, Alaska. They spent the weekends at Brenda and Bill's lake house. It was beautiful, and Brenda and the family spend most weekends at the lake.

On her way home, Lucile visited her brother John and Jackie Jackson in Renton, Wash. Her daughter Pamela and Kevin Rush came down, and Pamela's son Jeffery and Klicia Thompson also visited from Portland, Ore. The temperature in Anchorage was up to 72 degrees and they thought it was hot.

William and Rosetta Bellinghausen spent last weekend in Ovilla visiting their son and family: David, Melody, Jordan and Canaan Bellinghausen. Melody, Jordan and Rosetta met a friend in Duncanville and ate at Polly's Tea Room. This is a pretty place with beautiful colors. The waitresses wore long black dresses with puffed sleeves and white linen aprons. Their waitress was from Russia and she always curtsied when she left the table. They ate tomato and celery soup, BLT sandwiches and ice cream that came in several flavors.

While the Bellinghausens were in Ovilla they attended a going away party for Dr. Melody's secretary, Julie Jackson, that was held at the Tia Mexican Cafe. They asked Julie to wear a Mexican hat and they all clapped and shouted "Ole!" Those attending were David, Melody, Jordan, Canaan, William and

Rosetta, and the office crew from Melody's clinic. The grandparents enjoyed hearing Jordan and Canaan playing the piano. Jordan played *Pink Panther* and Canaan played *Chariots of Fire*.

Out-of-town visitors at the museum last week were Martin Marco Gomez from Santa Rosa; David and Johnny Asua and Nicholas Orf of Memphis, Tenn.; Lorene Dirk of Wadsworth, Ill., who came with Louise Braddock from Nazareth; and Mildred Kyle of Albuquerque, N.M., who was in Dimmitt visiting her sister, Maureen Henderson.

Edna Reinart attended the Urbanczyk family reunion on Aug. 14 at Thompson Park in Amarillo. This year the children of Felix Urbanczyk, Edna's father, were the hosts. Charles and Lori Albus of Pampa, Felix's sister's daughter, were co-hosts.

Anton Urbanczyk, Felix's father, came to America when he was three years old and was a charter member of Panna Maria, Texas, near San Antonio, the first Polish settlement to be established in America.

A highlight of the day was the balloon launch in memory of Anton's descendants who have died. The hosts served Polish sausage with all the good foods that go with it.

On July 30, Edna attended a Reinart family reunion in Umbarger, hosted by the Leonard and

Helen Batenhorst family. The Reinarts were the first family to come to Hereford from Lindsey, Tx., in 1924.

Members and guests of the Presbyterian Church enjoyed an ice cream social and fellowship Sunday evening in their fellowship hall. Cake and homemade ice cream were served. Ed Freeman, pastor, gave a short devotional.

The children's choir of First Baptist Church presented the musical *Trail of Treasures* by Dennis and Nan Allen on Sunday evening. The stage was decorated like a forest with small pine trees and shrubs. The backdrop was a huge forest scene painted by Taryn Hays. The musical was directed by Bill Newland, drama by Elaine Steidle and slides by Sherry Schaeffer.

The children marched in from the back with their hiking clothes and back packs on. Along with the children's choir, the main characters in the play were David Schaeffer, Alexis Proffitt, Tanner Griffith, Rae Odom and Daniel Proffitt.

At Scene 1 they sang *Mountains, Molehills, Marigolds and Mars*; at Scene 2, *Let Everything That Breathes*; Scene 3 *My Father's Child*; Scene 4, *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*. As they marched out they sang *Trail of Treasures*. A hotdog cookout was served to the children and parents following the service.

Alice Young, daughter of Richard and Colletta Young of Spokane,

Wash., and former Dimmitt residents, was visiting in Dimmitt over the weekend. She has been working in Glorieta, N.M., at the Baptist camp this summer and will return to Spokane this fall to go back to college. Alice was visiting Sharla Jackson, who is attending Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Bobby and Wanda Murdock were in Amarillo recently to watch their son-in-law, Doug Smith, play ball at Southwest Park. Doug plays with the Beebe Lumber team and they were playing the Coulter Baptist team on which Randy Lunsford plays.

While at the ballgame the Murdocks visited with C.B. and Jean Lunsford of Danville, Ark., former Dimmitt residents. Their son Randy and Jeri Lunsford and family live in Amarillo; their son Steve and Melissa Lunsford live in Danville and have a baby, Brandon Anthony, who was born May 24.

The Lunsfords raise chickens and just closed out 75,000. They enjoy reading "On The Go" in the *News* and would like to see more news about their friends who are still living in Castro County.

Other Dimmitt folks who attended Bill and Mary Lynn's 35th wedding anniversary recently in Amarillo were Bobby and Wanda Murdock and Debbie, Doug and Alyson Smith.

The Murdocks were in Littlefield on Sunday and they saw Ellis and Centrie Mayberry. Ellis is the pastor of a Church of Christ and they have a restaurant now called the M's Barbecue and Fish Cafe, just off US Highway 385 past the depot.

The Thursday Bridge Club met

at the Senior Citizens Center last week with Neva Hickey as hostess. She served homemade ice cream, cake and lemon cookies for treats. Bernice Hill won high score and Susie Reeves and Bill Thornton tied for second high. Others who played were Ferne Dickey, Cleo Forson, Helen Braafladt, Dude Mc-Lauren, Mary Small, Edith Graef, Virginia Crider, Lorann Hamilton, Alma Kenmore, Louise Mears, Emily Clingsmith, and Ina Rae Cates.

On Aug. 6, the Carl Bruegel family hosted the Cox Family Reunion (Juanita Bruegel's side of the family) at Carl and Gail's home. Almost 100 relatives attended from as far away as Oklahoma, New Mexico, Missouri, Arizona, California and Alaska.

Carl had prepared a whole hog in a real "pit" barbecue and was

hounded for his personal recipe, which he keeps very private. Gail kept very busy for several weeks prior to the event, baking and preparing her own brand of special cuisine. Games of volleyball, horseshoes, kites and croquet were the hit among the younger set. Occasionally, the older ones enjoyed the impromptu bluegrass and '60s classics which were supplied by Joe Fisher (Juanita Bruegel's nephew) and Roy Hardegree (Juanita's cousin).

Prizes and certificates were given out to the oldest, youngest, farthest away, greatest number of grandchildren present and other "silliness."

A family tree, which was casually started last year for a school project, has now been added to and expanded to reach almost 1,000 names. Now that's a healthy tree!

Sunnyside

WITH TEENY BOWDEN

Eldon Lilley of Dimmitt, a former resident of the community, died Aug. 23 at 4:30 p.m. He was admitted to Plains Memorial Hospital on Aug. 18 after having a stroke. He knew the family and could still talk until Friday night when his lungs started filling with fluid. He never recovered. Oma is staying with Twila and Lynn West for a few days to get some sleep and rest.

Bess Bills went back to Methodist Hospital in Plainview for her checkup and to get the stitches out Thursday, but the reports were still not ready. She was to go back Wednesday to have a consultation with a specialist from Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

I attended the Llanos Altos Association's church clerk seminar at the area center Tuesday in Plainview. The church letter has been completely changed so it was necessary in order to instruct. The church also has access to computer software and they reviewed it, too. I met a girl there from Hale Center who went to school with Cliff Brown. She told me Cliff and Naomi were their closest friends. Cliff is not doing well at all and Lee is having lots of medical problems and has been rushed to emergency several times lately. I tried to call but I couldn't find the phone number.

The Mission Men of the Llanos

Altos Association were back Thursday morning to finish the trim on the church. The personnel changed a little. Rev. Ron Redding, pastor, and Bill Brisco came Thursday from Lee Street and they and Al Webb came back Friday. Verba Sadler fixed their dinner Thursday; others helped Friday and Saturday. Saturday, the Rev. Anthony Sisemore, Ezell Sadler and Embree Roy Sadler were the local helpers. They finished the job Saturday morning.

We received .30 inch of much-needed rain Tuesday night (Aug. 23).

Verba and Ezell Sadler were at the lake the first part of the week, but came home Wednesday.

Bob and Dottie Ott returned to their home in Avinger Thursday morning. They visited with their son and his wife, Don and Sherry Ott, at Roswell, N.M., and his sister, Evelyn and her husband, Harry.

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Nazareth

WITH VIRGIE GERBER, 945-2669

The annual Labor Day picnic will be held Sunday morning after mass. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. from the American Legion Hall parking lot. After the parade a

Two Dimmitt youths show livestock

Jay McCormick and Mandi Moore of the Dimmitt FFA participated in livestock shows in Beaver, Okla., and Perryton over the weekend of Aug. 20-21.

McCormick drove his heavy-weight limousin steer to the reserve grand championship of the Beaver Cow Chip Classic Livestock Show. The steer was first in its class and the champion Limousin in the show.

In the barrow show, McCormick exhibited the top Class 4 crossbred, a second place Class 3 crossbred, third place Class 2 crossbred, third place Class 1 and Class 3 Poland Chinas, and a fourth place Class 1 Hampshire.

He also showed two crossbred lambs that finished in the top eight of their class.

Moore exhibited the top Class 2 Hampshire barrow, a second place Class 1 Chester, a Class 2 Chester and a Class 2 Yorkshire. She also showed the fifth and sixth place Class 2 crossbred barrows.

At the Perryton Wheatheart Classic Steer and Lamb Show, McCormick showed the second place exotic heavyweight steer.

number of activities will begin, including a roast beef dinner, CYO concession stand and hamburgers for supper. If everyone does their appointed job, it should be a super fun day.

Our sympathy to the family of Gregory Schacher, 56, who died Saturday. Funeral mass was read Tuesday afternoon in Holy Family Church with Rev. Neal Dee, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery.

Prayers are asked for Ray Swirczynski, who is home to recuperate after his second series of chemotherapy treatments. Ray's two sons, Donnie and Kenny of Gainesville, and his two daughters, Carolyn of Muenster and Jeanie of Irving, have spent some time here with Ray and Mattie.

Many Wilhelm relatives attended the funeral mass celebrated for Susan Wilhelm, 91, of Canyon. Services were in St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial was in the Happy cemetery.

Max Acker is home after accompanying Kenneth and Barbara Acker and Barbara's parents from Dallas to Ruidoso, N.M. for a week's vacation. She enjoyed the horse races and nice, cool, rainy weather.

Prayers are asked for Sidney Gerber, who had a lymph node biopsy at Lubbock Methodist Hospital last week. He received a good report — no returning Hodgkins disease!

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FIND "NEWSY"

We've hidden "Newsy" somewhere in the *CASTRO COUNTY NEWS*.

If you find him (and he may be any size, anywhere), come to the *Castro County News* office, 108 W. Bedford St., during business hours, 8-5 Monday through Friday.

The first two to come in and show us where they found "Newsy" in this issue will win a 2-liter bottle of soft drink. (One win per month, per family. No phone calls, please.)

Last week's winners:
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Nyssa Martinez



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- OCEAN SPRAY RUBY RED & TANGERINE GRAPEFRUIT JUICE.....48 OZ. **\$ 1.89**
- NABBISCO COOKIES **\$ 2.29**
- PECAN PASSION.....14 OZ.
- NABISCO CHOCOLATE CHIP CHIPS AHoy COOKIES.....18 OZ. **\$ 2.39**
- THIRST QUENCHER, ASSORTED FLAVORS **89¢**
- POWERADE.....32 OZ. **\$ 3.49**
- PIONEER, ASSORTED BISCUIT & BAKING MIX.....60 OZ. **\$ 1.59**
- BIRDSEYE CORN-ON-THE-COB.....4 EARS **\$ 2.69**
- RAID FLYING INSECT KILLER.....12 OZ. CAN **\$ 1.99**
- PILLSBURY CHEESE COFFEE CAKE.....13.75 OZ. **\$ 1.99**
- PILLSBURY APPLE COFFEE CAKE.....13.75 OZ. **\$ 1.99**

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MRS. JAMES STEWART HUTCHINS
... nee Shana Kathleen Birkenfeld

Couple establishes new home in Bryan

Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart Hutchins are home in Bryan after exchanging wedding vows on Aug. 20.

The bride is the former Shana Kathleen Birkenfeld, daughter of Herman and Marilyn Birkenfeld of Nazareth. Parents of the groom are James and Hermelinda Hutchins of Humble and the late Nancy Hutchins.

The couple exchanged wedding vows in a formal, double-ring ceremony at Holy Family Church in Nazareth with the bride's brother, Father Darryl Birkenfeld, officiating.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, wore a fitted gown of ivory regal satin. The sweetheart neckline was accented with scalloped lace and beadwork. The sheath bodice was embellished with beads, sequined trim and a designer bow. The long, tapered sleeves featured lace cutouts and formed lace-trimmed petal points. The trumpet skirt flowed into a full train, which was accented with cut-outs and double-edged European lace.

She carried a cascading bouquet of mixed ivory flowers accented with teal satin rosebuds and mauve day lilies. It was trimmed with matching ribbon, baby pearl strands and miniature beaded hearts.

For "something old," she carried her paternal grandmother's gold rosary entwined in her bridal bouquet. "Something new" were pearl drop earrings, a gift from her proxy godparents. She "borrowed" a pearl necklace from her matron of honor and wore the traditional wedding garter for "something blue."

Matron of honor was Gail Hooks of Canyon, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids included Belinda Cinque of Kingwood and Sherrie Gard, both of Humble, sisters of the groom; Sara Birkenfeld of Nazareth, niece of the bride; and Karen Peddy of Seminole, sister of the bride.

The attendants were attired in tea-length dresses of embossed teal bengaline. The two-piece dresses featured semi-fitted bodices and flared peplums. The bridesmaids carried miniature fan bouquets accented with teal, mauve and ivory flowers and matching lace and ribbons.

Best man was Randy Bills of Humble, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Bob Birkenfeld and Greg Birkenfeld of Nazareth and Joel Birkenfeld of San Antonio, brothers of the bride; and David

Hooks of Canyon, the bride's brother-in-law.

Guests were seated by Keith Birkenfeld and Clyde Birkenfeld, both of Nazareth, and Alan Birkenfeld of Logan, Utah, brothers of the bride.

The groom wore a charcoal gray tuxedo with matching gray accessories and the groomsmen were dressed in gray tuxedos with teal bow ties and cummerbunds.

John Gard of Humble, nephew of the groom, was ring bearer. Flower girl was Jamie Birkenfeld of Nazareth, the bride's godchild.

Candles were lighted by Micah Gard and Jessica Cinque, the groom's nephew and niece.

Guests were registered by Theresa Birkenfeld, sister-in-law of the bride.

Acolytes for the mass were Mark Birkenfeld, Blake Birkenfeld and Craig Birkenfeld, nephews of the bride; and the offertory gifts were carried by Kent Birkenfeld and Darlene Schulte, proxy godparents of the bride.

Musical selections were performed by Greg and Glenda Birkenfeld, accompanied by instrumentalists Marcia Hoelling, Dwayne Kleman and Bruce Ehly.

A reception honoring the couple followed in the Nazareth Community Hall. The tables were decorated with arrangements of fan-shaped wallpaper and lace mounted on wood-based candleholders and copper napkin rings.

The bride's and groom's tables were draped in matching ivory lace tablecloths over mauve underlays.

The bride's four-tiered wedding cake was accented with teal and mauve flowers and the cake top featured satin wedding bells. Serving punch was Tammy Drerup of College Station, friend of the bride.

The groom's cake depicted a computer with a "Gone Fishin'" message on the screen.

The reception was followed by a dance.

The bride graduated from Texas A&M University in 1993 with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism and she currently is an assistant sports information director with Texas A&M University's athletic department.

The groom holds an associate degree in marketing from Harris Community College in Houston and attended Texas A&M. He is manager of information systems for OMC Industries in Bryan.

Breast screening clinic is planned

A breast cancer screening clinic will be held in Dimmitt on Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Plains Memorial Hospital.

The clinic is a project of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

Appointments may be made by calling 1-800-377-4673 or 1-359-4673. Cost for the screening is \$70 and financial aid is available for those who qualify.

The screening includes a breast exam and one-to-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in

breast cancer detection, and a mammogram by a mammography technician.

Breast cancer affects one in nine women. The key to boosting your chances of winning the battle against cancer are early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing breast self-exam each month.

The American Cancer Society urges all women to have their first mammogram by age 40. Those who have a close relative with breast cancer or other risk factors may be asked by their doctor to have a mammogram at an earlier age.



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt from Sept. 1-9.

DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Choice of *barbecue on a bun, beef enchiladas, steak or chicken nuggets with gravy; refried beans, German potato salad or *potato wedges; *tossed salad with dressing, *fruited gelatin or fresh fruit slices; hot rolls, crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: No school.

MONDAY: No School.

TUESDAY: Choices of barbecue sandwich, beef enchiladas or *chicken breast strips; potato salad, refried beans or *tater tots; tossed salad with dressing, orange wedges or *hay stack salad; *hot rolls, old fashioned cornbread, or flour tortilla; apple, orange or banana; *milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choices of cheese pizza, *corn dog or Chinese egg roll; garden peas *pork and beans or Chinese style vegetables; tossed salad with dressing, coleslaw or *chilled fruit salad; hot rolls, cornmeal twist rolls or fortune cookie; apple, plum or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choices of *steak fingers with gravy, Hoagie sub sandwich, beef and bean burrito; rice pilaf, *macaroni and cheese or Mexicali corn; *tossed salad with dressing, *fruited

gelatin or fresh watermelon slices; *hot rolls, crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of *crispy fish portion, pigs in a blanket or salad plate; *French fries, baked potato or pasta salad; tossed salad with dressing, *assorted relishes or cantaloupe wedges; hot rolls, *whole wheat rolls or crackers; apple, tangerine or plum; and *milk, punch or tea.

[Students in pre-kindergarten through second grade will be served menu items designated with an asterisk (*).]

HART

THURSDAY: Enchilada casserole, tostados, salad, pineapple, blueberry muffins and milk.

FRIDAY: Burritos, cheese wedges, corn, peaches, chocolate cake and milk.

MONDAY: No school!

TUESDAY: Carne guisada, mashed potatoes, salad, flour tortillas, Jell-O with fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken strips, whipped potatoes with gravy, green beans, carrot sticks, hot rolls, variety of cobbler and milk.

THURSDAY: Cheeseburgers, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, french fries, fresh fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Submarine Sandwiches (elementary), Char-steak (secondary), baked potatoes, salad, sliced bread, strawberry shortcake and milk.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, pork and beans, apple crisp and milk.

FRIDAY: Fish, green beans, cornbread, pineapple and milk.

MONDAY: No school!

TUESDAY: Ham, fried okra, peas, cornbread, peaches and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Nachos, carrots, applesauce, hot rolls and milk.

THURSDAY: Sloppy Joes, corn, pears and milk.

FRIDAY: Lasagna, tossed salad, hot rolls, fruit cocktail and milk.



Jason Wethington and Nikki Schulte

September vows planned

Kenneth and Cynthia Schulte of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Nikki, to Jason Wethington, son of Melvin and Joy Wethington of Nazareth.

The couple plans to exchange vows at 3 p.m. on Sept. 24 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Nazareth High School. She graduated from West Texas A&M University in Canyon in December, 1993 with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

The prospective groom graduated from Nazareth High School in 1992 and he works as a custom harvester.

After the wedding the couple plans to live in Nazareth.

Museum group plans meeting

The Castro County Museum Association will hold its regular monthly meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7 at the museum.

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Sarpalius plans mobile office stop on Sept. 12

US Rep. Bill Sarpalius' mobile office will be in Dimmitt on Sept. 12 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the courthouse.

The mobile office allows the congressman to bring his office's services directly to his constituents.

"I have always believed that to be an effective public servant you have to go to the people and hear their wants and needs," Sarpalius said. "I was elected not just to represent you, but to serve you. That's why I have this mobile office."

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More about Sarpalius...

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robbery the judge would double it to 10 years because you used a gun," Sarpalius said.

Sarpalius also said the 100,000 law enforcement officers in the bill will send very few cops to rural America, and the only help Texas will see is an increase in Border Patrol agents in South Texas.

Sarpalius also said he was troubled by the bill's emphasis on prisons instead of rehabilitation programs, saying there were no rehab programs in the bill.

Sarpalius also defended his vote last year on the "tax cut" bill. Sarpalius came under attack here and at many other town hall meet-

ings across the region for his vote on the largely partisan law.

"Since that bill went into effect, 16 households in Castro County saw their taxes go up and 1,885 saw their taxes go down," Sarpalius said. "Our goal was to stimulate the economy and we have seen 3.5 million new jobs in America. Employment is up 3.8% in Castro County. There have been 5,500 new jobs in Amarillo in the past year, 2,400 on the other end of the district in Wichita Falls.

"We have also reduced the deficit by 41%. That is a good step but we have a long way to go."

Sarpalius also said the agriculture committee is looking forward

to work next year on a new farm bill, and said the US Dept. of Agriculture must agree to maintain the Conservation Reserve Program to meet the demands of GATT.

Sarpalius showed several charts detailing the federal deficit and federal spending, showing that \$844 billion, 52.5% of the federal budget, goes to entitlement programs; \$247 billion, 17%, on defense; \$257 billion, 16%, on domestic programs; \$212 billion, 13.2%, on net interest; and \$21 billion, 1.3%, on international programs.

"The cancer on the federal budget is the programs we have to fund," Sarpalius said.

City approves slight tax hike; fee hike likely

Dimmitt's city council ordered a stop to enforcement an apparently vague peddler's ordinance and ordered the local law back to the drawing board.

The council also adopted an official tax rate of 27.5 cents per \$100 of value. That is a slight increase over last year's rate of 27.3 cents. The small increase was needed to raise the same amount of money as last year's rate.

The city is almost through with the budget process for the 1995 fiscal year which begins Oct. 1. The city will likely increase fees for water, sewer and garbage, largely because of mandated state and federal programs and accompanying staff fees.

The council first adopted a peddler's ordinance several years ago to cut down on itinerant merchants in the city. The law was also designed to allow local residents who might receive faulty goods a chance to know who to call for replacement or refund.

The ordinance has caused confusion among some merchants, including at least one door-to-door food salesperson, and several employees at City Hall.

City employees said a representative of Minute Man, a frozen food sales company in Lubbock, had complained about the need for a permit. The ordinance called for payment of a bond and a background check on persons who are not full-time merchants in the city.

City employees said the law called for too many departments to handle prospective solicitors, and Police Chief Dewayne Haney said some parts of the ordinance couldn't be handled.

"The Dept. of Public Safety will not allow us to run background checks on their computers for this purpose," Haney told the council. "If we do and they catch us, they will come in and jerk our computer out of here."

Haney said the computer system

could be used to see whether someone had a warrant for their arrest.

"We are glad to do whatever you want us to do," Haney told the council. "We just need to know what you want us to do."

City Attorney Jack Edwards will consult with city employees on other potential problems with the ordinance, write a new draft and re-present it to the city council.

The council also agreed to keep its health and life insurance with Gililland and Associates in Hereford. The Blue Cross-Blue Shield plan has a rate decrease of 4.8%, negotiated by Gililland. The plan will also cover city council members, Gililland said.

The council also held a budget workshop for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

The amoeba is considered the lowest form of animal life.



Presbyterian Church

Sunday school classes will meet Sunday at 10 a.m.

"Life in the Holy Spirit" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's communion meditation Sunday at 11 a.m.

"Christ, the Friend of the Poor," from Philippians 2:4-11, will be the subject of the mid-week Bible study Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the manse.

Ministerial Alliance

Lillith Ardhuerumly will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Hebrews 1:4-2:18 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Hart.

Christian Church

Dimmitt's Christian Church will host savant Tim Bailey on Sept. 18. The pianist-artist will give a concert and show some of his paintings as a part of the morning worship service at 10:45.

The public is invited to hear Bailey, who has performed here before.

Following the worship service, there will be a potluck fellowship luncheon.

Together We Can

School board sets rate, adopts \$8 million budget

Dimmitt school board members approved a budget of \$8 million after a budget hearing Monday at the school administration building.

The board also set the tax rate at \$1.175 for this year. The tax rate is about three cents higher than last year and will raise \$2.3 million.

Much of the money for the 1994-95 budget, \$5.2 million, will come from state funds; much of that money will be spent on payroll and other employee expenses. Food services will generate about \$512,690, according to the budget.

Local program spending, including everything from blackboard chalk to a new bus, is planned to total \$7.22 million, compared to \$6.98 million for the 1993-94 school year. Part of the increase comes from some state-mandated teacher pay raises; an administrative pay raise; and increases to pay for a new school bus, a lease payment on another school bus, and other needs that were precluded in a 6% budget cut two years ago and a 10% slash last year.

The district anticipates receiving \$693,861 in federal funds. Most of that money is pass-through, with exactly enough to pay for the program. Others allow the district discretionary funds to pay for copying and other office expenses.

If all goes as planned, the district will have a "profit" of about \$101,000 at the end of the year to go into a reserve fund. The district keeps about \$2 million in reserve to pay for emergencies and in case the state or federal government agencies are late in paying for programs.

The board also approved all substitute teachers for the 1994-95 school year. The 50 substitutes had to attend an in-service workshop to qualify for call when teachers are out. The board also approved amendments to the 1993-94 school year budget and read a thank you note from Kindergarten teachers at Richardson Elementary School. The teachers appreciate the new air conditioning system installed over the summer at RES.

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Services provided by CCHD include Plains Memorial Hospital, a home health agency, ambulance service and two clinics. The top three entries will be published in the News. The deadline to enter is Sept. 24.

The logo will be used on letterhead, forms, business cards, ads and other appropriate places.

Entries should be on 8 1/2 by 11-inch white paper with the entrant's

name and address on the back, and all entries become the property of CCHD.

Logos should be sent to Logo Contest, Plains Memorial Hospital, PO Box 278, Dimmitt 79027 no later than Sept. 24.

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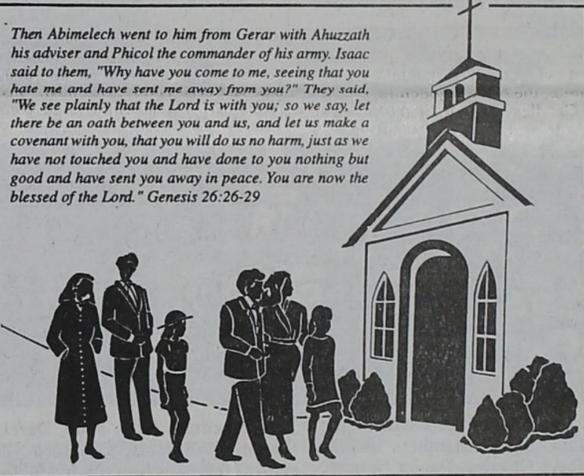
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Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath his adviser and Phicol the commander of his army. Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, seeing that you hate me and have sent me away from you?" They said, "We see plainly that the Lord is with you; so we say, let there be an oath between you and us, and let us make a covenant with you, that you will do us no harm, just as we have not touched you and have done to you nothing but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the Lord." Genesis 26:26-29

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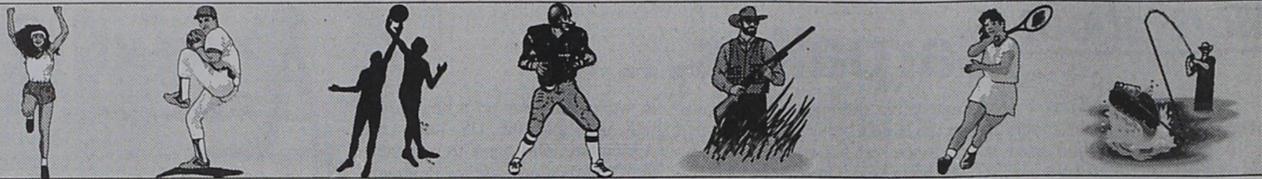
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Sports



Dimmitt hopes tougher schedule pays dividend

Rumor has it that Dimmitt head football coach Danny Chisum drew up this year's Dimmitt Bobcat football schedule to correlate with the 50th anniversary of those tough, deadly World War II battles.

He didn't, but Dimmitt will be going through its own version of a death march before it ever plays a District 2-3A game. Two of the teams in the pre-district slate, Springlake-Earth and River Road, are ranked in the state's Top 10 in Class 2A (S-E) and 3A (RR) by the Associated Press.

Throw tough Class 3A teams like Sanford-Fritch, Tulia and Slaton in the mix, and you have a tough schedule. It's tough enough that the Bobcats could win, say, two of the first five games and be a good football team.

"Or we can go 5-0 and be a great football team," said Chisum, starting his second year at the Bobcats' helm. "At the very least our players are getting exposed to some outstanding football teams and will get to see what it takes to make up a championship football team."

"If we're ever going to run with the big dogs we've got to get off the porch, and that's what we're doing this year. We could have found five teams we could beat and be 5-0 and not be a very good football team. We want to go up to another level, and we want to get our kids to understand what it takes to play on a championship level."

The Bobcats have been picked anywhere from third to fifth in District 2-3A ("Those sportswriters are basing their picks on the old Bobcats," Chisum said, "and I really want to feed those predictions to them when the season's over") and have a fair amount of returning

players back from last year's 2-8 season. Fullback Joe Juarez, tailback Derrick Thomas, tight end Chad Ellis, guard Gerald Barrios, center Dustan Buckley and split end Tobin Bossett are back on offense; defensive backs Adam Sanchez, Thomas and Juarez, and tackles Buckley and Justin Stroud are back on defense.

The biggest move so far has been moving Thomas from linebacker, where he was honorable-mention all-state last year, to defensive back. The cast will also include Sanchez, Juarez, Tobin Bossett and Stephan Villanueva, meaning the Bobcats should have three of their fastest players on the field on defense at all times, and should be able to give someone a breather when necessary.

"Last year we weren't real strong in the secondary," Chisum said. "We're much better this year." He didn't rule out moving Thomas back to linebacker if he has to, but trusts the linebacking chores at the outset to juniors Fermin Sanchez (strongside) and Emilio Nino (weakside).

"Fermin and Emilio both did a great job for us Friday (against Abernathy)," Chisum said. "Fermin finds a way to get to the football and we expect him to do a great job for us."

The defensive line will be bolstered by Stroud, a 6-0, 250-lb. veteran of last year. In the middle will be Chris Abalos, who has to step into the hole left by district defensive MVP Jimmy Casas.

"Chris has shown good quickness and strength with us just working in our base defense," Chisum said. "When we work in the rest of our defense we expect him to make

big plays for us just like Jimmy did."

Also keying defensive line play will be tackles Will Sanders and Tucker Schumacher, who can also spell Abalos at noseguard.

"We've been real pleased with Chad Ellis and Freddie Ruiz at defensive end," Chisum said. "Freddie is a little undisciplined but he has played well. Our ends have had some real good shots at the quarterback and have turned them some flips in our two scrimmages. Now we need to get our people in the middle and our linebackers through."

The offense will revolve around the quarterback, of course — but which quarterback? The only sure thing is that he will be just under 6 feet tall and weigh about 160 pounds. Not even Chisum was sure early in the week between Jason Wooten and Joey Martinez. Martinez was a little ahead after the first scrimmage against Cooper; Wooten had a better scrimmage against Abernathy, Chisum said.

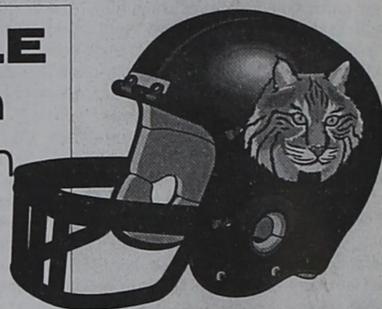
"I'm pretty confident with either one of them in the game," Chisum said. "They both do a lot of things well, run the offense well, throw well. I'm not sure who will start this week and won't decide until late in the week, but they'll both see plenty of action."

Wooten was even with Martinez last year until blowing out a knee halfway through the season. Martinez led the junior varsity the rest of the way. Wooten rehabilitated his knee in time to play shortstop on the Bobcat baseball team last spring.

"Believe me, we're pleased with our backfield," Chisum said. "Derrick and Joe are strong back there

1994 SCHEDULE

- Sept. 2...Springlake-Earth
 - Sept. 9...at Sanford-Fritch
 - Sept. 16...at Tulia
 - Sept. 23...at River Road
 - Sept. 30...Slaton
 - Oct. 7...Floydada*
 - Oct. 14...at Shallowater*
 - Oct. 21...Frona*
 - Oct. 28...Muleshoe*
 - Nov. 4...at Littlefield*
- (Parents Night is Sept. 2; '94 Homecoming is Sept. 30)
*District 2-3A game



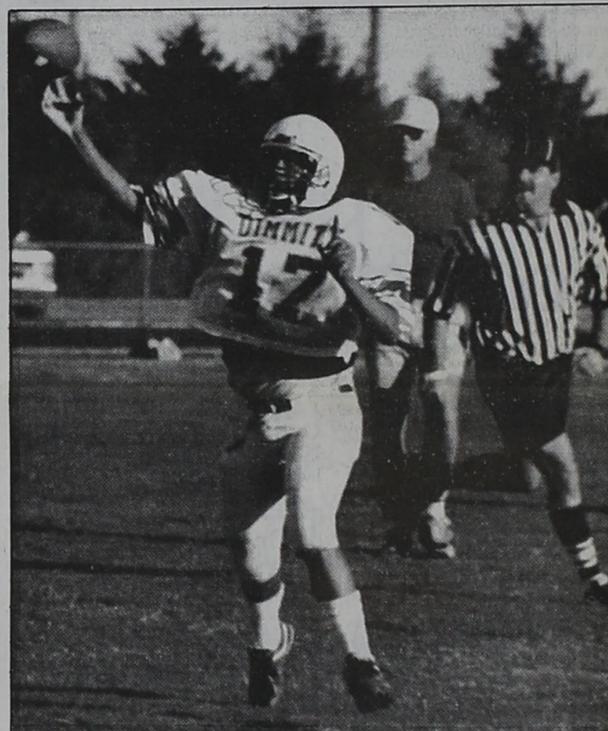
DIMMITT BOBCATS

Coach:
Danny Chisum
(second year)
Offense: Multiple I
Defense: 5-2
Returning Starters:
4 on offense,
5 on defense.
Returning lettermen: 15.
Biggest question:
Offensive line.
Most important player:
Derrick Thomas

(Thomas gained almost 1,300 yards last year) and we're counting on them this year, too. Plus, we have good backups for them with Adam Sanchez and Arturo Silva, so we're confident we are in very good shape and might be able to rest some folks there occasionally."

The Bobcats are in good stead with their receiving corps, too, and opponents can anticipate Wooten and Martinez using their good arms to try to hook up with receivers.

(Continued on Page 11)



JOEY MARTINEZ lofts a pass during Friday's scrimmage with Abernathy at Bobcat Stadium. Martinez is competing with fellow junior Jason Wooten for the starting quarterback job. Coach Danny Chisum is not yet settled on a starter, and said Martinez and Wooten will each see plenty of action Friday in the season opener against Springlake-Earth.

Photo by John Brooks



THE 1994 DIMMITT BOBCATS will face Springlake-Earth in the season opener Friday at Bobcat Stadium. Squad members include (Bottom row, from left) Joe Juarez, Albert Charles, Dagon Newton, Dwayne Espinosa, Pablo Rodriguez, Chris Abalos, Tucker Schumacher, Emilio Nino, Omar Sanchez and Dan Matthews; (second row, from left) assistant coaches Bobby Feaster and Gus Ortiz, Freddie Ruiz,

Joey Martinez, Zeke Nino, Derrick Thomas, Jason Wooten, Gerald Barrios, Will Sanders, Arturo Silva, assistant coach Dean Price and student teacher-observer Justin Shultz; (top row, from left) head coach Danny Chisum, assistant coach Lanny Crow, Tobin Bossett, Bobby Rodriguez, Adam Sanchez, Drew Musick, Chad Ellis, Justin Stroud, Dustan Buckley, Fermin Sanchez, and assistant coaches Don Bell and Cory Lynch.

Photo by John Brooks



Here are the Harris Rating System's picks on this week's games in the area. Home teams are listed in capital letters.

- S'lake-Earth 20 over DIMMITT
- Hart 6 over ANTON
- NAZARETH vs. LCHS (not rated)
- River Road 14 over FRIONA
- Floydada 18 over LOCKNEY
- LITTLEFIELD 7 over Brownfield
- Shallowater 6 over ABERNATHY
- CHILDRESS 1 over West Texas
- CANADIAN 21 over S'Ford-Fritch
- Morton 11 over FARWELL
- NEW DEAL 11 over Kress
- Olton 29 over BOVINA
- Petersburg 21 over CROSBYTON
- White Deer 1 over VEGA
- Valley 14 over GROOM
- Wellington 8 over BOYS RANCH
- WHEELER 12 over Gruver
- Panhandle 7 over SPEARMAN
- Sudan 1 over STRATFORD
- HAPPY 6 over Highland Park
- Clarendon 24 over CLAUDE
- QUANAH 27 over Memphis
- Levelland 16 over AMA. CAPROCK
- BIG SPRING 6 over Borger
- Tulia 17 over CANYON
- DUMAS 3 over Dalhart
- Slaton 16 over Idalou
- POST 26 over Lub. Cooper
- Hale Center 8 over Lub. Roosevelt
- Amarillo 7 over CLOVIS
- Odessa 7 over PALO DURO
- Hereford 3 over TASCOSA
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- Randall 14 over LUBBOCK

Lub. Monterey 19 over ABILENE
Abilene Cooper 14 over BROWNWOOD
Frenship 15 over MIDLAND

RATINGS

Here is how Harris rates area teams in Class AAA, AA and A. The teams' power ratings follow each team's ranking and name.

- CLASS AAA: 18. River Road, 186; 24. Slaton, 185; 49. Littlefield, 179; 54. Childress, 178; 83. Brownfield, 172; 85. Tulia, 172; 86. Friona, 172; 93. Denver City, 171; 110. Perryton, 167; 134. Shallowater, 153; 150. Dimmitt, 161; 152. Seminole, 161; 159. Floydada, 160; 177. Muleshoe, 155; 178. Sanford - Fritch, 154; 187. Lubbock Roosevelt, 152; 196. Lubbock Cooper, 149.
- CLASS AA: 10. Springlake-Earth, 184; 12. Post, 181; 16. West Texas High, 180; 18. Canadian, 179; 33. Clarendon, 173; 62. Hart, 165; 65. Idalou, 164; 75. Panhandle, 163; 82. Abernathy, 161; 84. Hale Center, 160; 88. Olton, 160; 99. Seagraves, 157; 104. Spearman, 156; 125. New Deal, 153; 140. Amarillo Highland Park, 148; 154. Memphis, 146; 155. Boys Ranch, 146; 166. Morton, 143; 167. Lockney, 142; 179. Crosbyton, 139; 196. Tahoka, 131.
- CLASS A: 2. Sudan, 179; 6. Wheeler, 174; 14. Plains, 166; 15. Spur, 165; 19. Anton, 163; 23. Petersburg, 160; 32. Nazareth, 154; 38. White Deer, 152; 40. Vega, 151; 47. Kress, 147; 48. Happy, 146; 51. Claude, 146; 58. Booker, 142; 83. Whiteface, 133; 87. Farwell, 132; 106. Bovina, 123; 108. Valley, 122; 118. Smyer, 108; 119. Groom, 108.

Harris has high hopes for teams

The county's three football teams have good shots at earning a playoff berth this season, especially Nazareth and Hart, which are picked first and second in their respective districts, according to the Harris Rating System.

The Dimmitt Bobcats are tabbed as an outside threat to claim one of the playoff berths from District 2-AAA.

The Harris Rating System, which is headquartered in Brownwood, compiles an "unbiased evaluation" of each team in the state every year. Through its unique "power rating" system, Harris has racked up a super 80% accuracy record in game predictions over the years.

The News will carry Harris' weekly picks on upcoming games among area teams each week during the season.

Here is Harris' pre-season assessment of our local teams and their districts.

District 2-AAA

DISTRICT STRENGTH: Average. About same in 1994.

DISTRICT OUTLOOK — Littlefield is always the team to beat. Friona made great strides toward the top last season. Its improved play will continue, so look for the Chieftains to emerge as the district runner-up. However, both Dimmitt and Shallowater could nip coach James Morton's plans in the bud. A long season could await Floydada and Muleshoe.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS: TB-LB Derrick Thomas (185) of Dimmitt; RB Juan Gamboa (170), LB Coley Carthel (210), RB Chris Hanna (165) and tackle Dale Perez (240), all of Friona; OT-LB Edward Rodriguez (195), back Daniel Garbarino (170), and back Jake Adair (160), all of Muleshoe; end Jay Lusk (175), tackle Brandon Adams (215) and guard Wes Evans (190), all of Shallowater; QB-DB Sammy Rodriguez (165), back Pete

experience on defense. This year finds an offense with that legacy where eight starters are on hand. The lines will be very good. Replacements have to be made in the backfield, except for the quarterback position. Coach Lewis Boomer says, "We have some big shoes to fill in the defensive line and secondary." There is plenty of talent here in tackles Chris Ward and Jeremy Contreras and backs Joey Polk and Mark Duran.

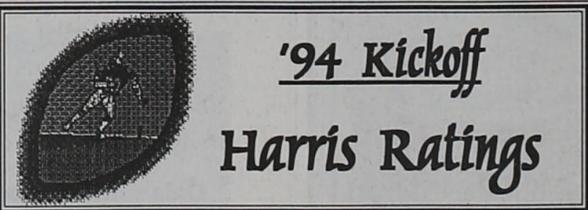
with their play. It will this year.

Dimmitt: Power Rating 164, up five; stronger. 3-7 last year. 15 lettermen, four offensive and five defensive regulars return. Dimmitt had positive notions of making the playoffs last year; however, everything remained virtually the same as it was the year before. The '93 team had some good talent back, too. This year's team should accomplish more than its two predecessors. The best athlete in the district may reside here in TB-LB Derrick Thomas. A good year could be had by Dimmitt in '94.

Shallowater: Power Rating 163, down 11; weaker. 8-1-2 last year. 11 lettermen, six offensive and five defensive starters return. Shallowater moves up to Class AAA this year after having played in AA all these years. The team is fresh off a playoff run that showed an 8-1-2 record. Coach Keith Kitchens always leaves you hanging, saying his team will be the same as the year before. It worked for awhile until last year. The Red and Black were much better than the year before. Keith says his club will be the same this year, however, this time a weaker team is going to show up.

Floydada: Power Rating 160, down 10; weaker. 5-5 in 1993. Floydada returns 10 lettermen including four offensive and three

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Cooper (165) and Center-DE D.G. Hollums (210), all of Floydada; QB-Safety Joey Polk (190), tackle Chris Ward (200), tackle Jeremy Contreras (250) and FB-LB Mark Duran (185), all of Littlefield.

PROJECTED FINISH: 1. Littlefield, 2. Friona, 3. Dimmitt, 4. Shallowater, 5. Floydada, 6. Muleshoe.

TEAM OUTLOOKS

Littlefield: Power Rating 179, no change; same. 10-1 last year. 17 lettermen, eight offensive and five defensive starters back. Last year Littlefield inherited a wealth of

Friona: Power Rating 172, up 9; stronger. 5-5 last year. 18 lettermen, eight offensive and eight defensive starters back. Friona wasn't but 5-5 last year, but it was still a vastly improved team over past editions dating back six years ago. The team was a pitiful 6-44 over a five-year stretch. Then came 1993. The Chieftains are now ready to make a run at a playoff spot now that Tulia has been moved to District 1-AAA. Coach James Morton says, "We are going to be more competitive with good team chemistry." The team, though, must find a way to become more consist-



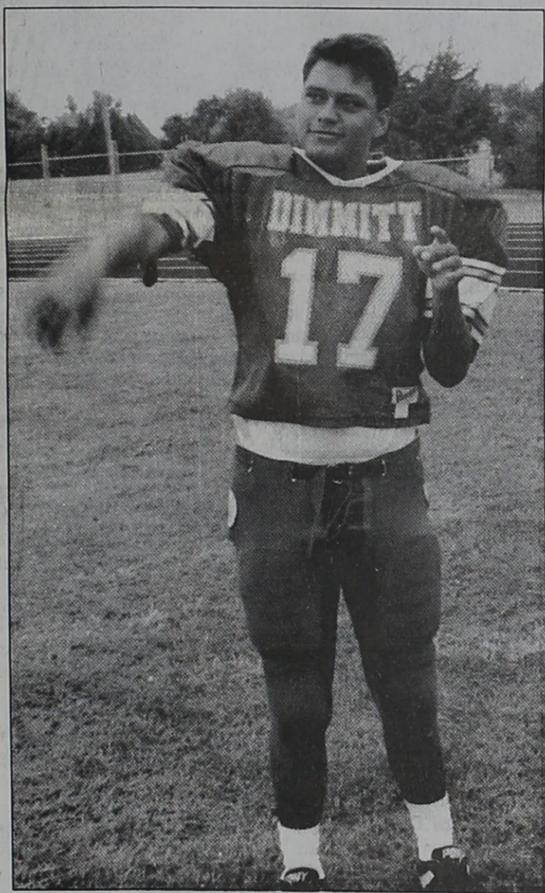
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September 16	Tulia	There	8:00
September 23	River Road	There	8:00
September 30	Slaton (Homecoming)	Here	8:00
October 7	* Floydada	Here	7:30
October 14	* Shallowater	There	7:30
October 21	* Friona	Here	7:30
October 28	* Muleshoe	Here	7:30
November 4	* Littlefield	There	7:30

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September 1	Springlake-Earth (JV Only)	There	7:00
September 8	Sanford-Fritch	Here	5:30-7:00
September 15	Tulia	Here	5:30-7:00
September 22	River Road	Here	5:30-7:00
September 29	Slaton (JV Only)	There	6:00
October 6	* Floydada	There	5:30-7:00
October 13	* Shallowater	Here	5:30-7:00
October 20	* Friona	There	5:30-7:00
October 27	* Muleshoe	There	5:30-7:00
November 3	* Littlefield	Here	5:30-7:00

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH

September 15	Tulia	There	5:00-6:00
September 22	River Road	There	5:00-6:00
September 29	Slaton	Here	5:00-6:00
October 6	* Floydada	Here	5:00-6:00
October 13	* Shallowater	There	5:00-6:00
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'Horns hope Class A success carries over

Hart has had a taste of playoff fever the past two years in Class A, and the Longhorns want to continue their postseason feast this season in Class AA.

The Horns were shuffled from the Class A district which produced the state finalist in 1992 and state champion in 1993 back into their old district, 3-AA, in the UIL biennial realignment.

Hart Coach Danny Wilhelm said the main difference between competing in District 3-AA and 2-A will be the size—Hart will play seven district games again, compared with five the last two years.

"We're going to have to be prepared to play every week," said Wilhelm. "This district is tough from top to bottom."

There's little doubt about who the favorite in that district is—Springlake-Earth. But Hart has plans of unseating the Wolverines from the top spot. The Longhorns have had a successful playoff run in the past two years, but the district championship has eluded them. They hope to change that.

We'll just need to prepare and ready to play each week. We can't have any letup during district."

Hart has a load of veterans back who know what it's like to play tough district games and they know what it takes to get to the playoffs, then advance through the playoffs.

Hart returns seven starters on offense and seven on defense, and has three additional lettermen back on which to build its team.

Wilhelm welcomes back almost his entire offensive line with seniors Chris Hernandez (5-8, 190) and Manuel Minjarez (5-8, 195) at tackles, Andy Bennett (5-10, 216) at center and Clint Emery (5-8, 175) at guard. They are joined in the trenches by sophomore guard, Juan Romero (200 lb.).

Also returning to the starting offensive lineup are junior fullback Raynea Garcia (6-0, 194), junior wide receiver J.R. Lee (6-1, 170) and junior tailback Eddie Chavers (6-1, 190), who played only part of a season last year (the latter part, including playoffs), but still managed to gain 700 yards rushing.

narrowed his choices to two—John Welps, a 6-0, 165-lb. junior; and Alan Valdez, a 155-lb. senior.

"Right now, we're planning on working both (Welps and Valdez) at quarterback," Wilhelm said. "Welps worked as our second quarterback last year and logged quite a bit of playing time. Valdez moved here this year (his father was hired as a coach). He has played some for Lubbock High's varsity. He stepped in here and hasn't missed a beat. He's comfortable with what we're doing. Both Alan and John are doing a really good job at quarterback. Both might see some time at split end and tight end, too."

Offensively, Hart will run out of the Pro-1, and Wilhelm said he might use some wishbone. He also plans to throw the pigskin a lot more this season and says he should be able to do that with either quarterback and a corps of talented receivers like Lee, who he describes as a "big target with good hands." Wilhelm added that depth at the receiving positions is good, with at least one backup set for each spot.

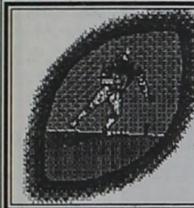
1994 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2...at Anton
 Sept. 9...Nazareth
 Sept. 16...Sudan
 Sept. 23...at Abernathy*
 Sept. 30...New Deal*
 Oct. 7...at Hale Center*
 Oct. 14...Lockney*
 Oct. 21...at Springlake-Earth*
 Oct. 28...Olton*
 Nov. 4...at Morton*
 ('94 Homecoming is Oct. 7 vs. Lockney;
 Parents Night is Oct. 28)



Hart Longhorns

Coach: Danny Wilhelm (second year)
 Offense: Pro I
 Defense: 5-2
 Returning Starters: 7 on offense, 7 on defense.
 Returning lettermen: 13.
 Biggest question: Quarterback.
 Most important player: Manuel Minjarez

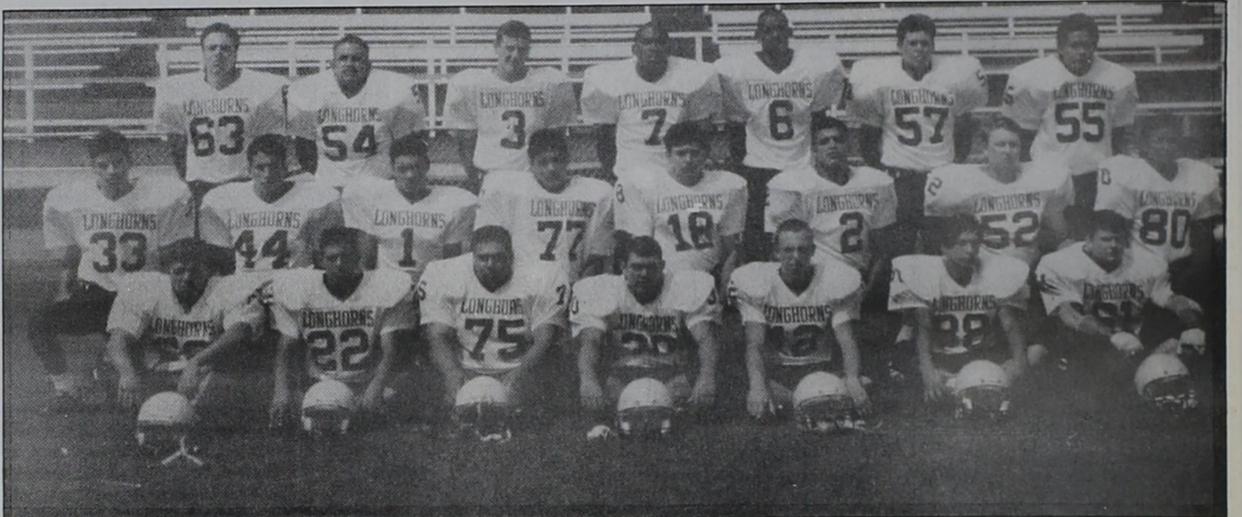


'94 Kickoff
Hart Longhorns

"Springlake-Earth has been tough year in and year out; they advanced to the quarterfinals the past two years. After that everybody is pretty competitive—Abernathy, Hale Center, Morton, Lockney, Olton, New Deal and us.

Starting tight end is newcomer Jeremy Card, a 5-9, 160-lb. junior, and split end will be Felix Rocha, a 155-lb. junior.

Hart lost its quarterback to graduation and Wilhelm has been searching for a replacement. He's



HART'S 1994 LONGHORNS hope to capitalize on their playoff experience in Class A as they move back to Class AA this year. The 'Horns include (bottom row from left) Manuel Minjarez, Sergio Martinez, Rafael Maya, Armando Minjarez, Jeremy Card, Ismael Carrasco and Clint Emery; (middle row, from left) Efrain Corrales,

Joe Longoria, Felix Rocha, Abel Dominguez, Alan Valdez, Raynea Garcia, Andy Bennett and Matthew Huerta; (top row, from left) Travis Bennett, Juan Romero, John Welps, Eddy Chavers, J.R. Lee, Felipe Guerrero and Jesus Beames.



KALEM'S SAILIN'—Dimmitt junior varsity running back Kalem Thomas (20) finds a hole and scoots for yardage Friday in a scrimmage against Abernathy at Bobcat Stadium. The JV shut down Abernathy while scoring three times. The JV opens its season today (Thursday) at Springlake-Earth. Photo by John Brooks

He says the line will be the strength of the offensive unit with four of five starters back, and although the line won't be extremely big, "These guys are tough, physical and aggressive. They're smart and quick."

Wilhelm would like to see improvement in the team's blocking, though.

"After our scrimmages, we found out we need to work on knowing who to block, when to block and then just getting the job done if we want to move the ball effectively."

Hart's basic defense will be a 5-2 and with seven regulars back, the Longhorn defense, which has been among the best in the area the past two years, should be in top form again.

Those returnees are Minjarez at noseguard, Bennett at tackle, junior Alberto Barron (5-7, 165) at end, Hernandez and Garcia at linebackers, Card at corner and Lee at free safety. Rounding out the defensive unit are Emery at tackle, Welps at end, Rocha at the other corner and letterman Joe Longoria, a 5-9, 160-lb. senior, at strong safety.

Minjarez was named the Defensive Most Valuable Player last year in District 2-A, which included state champion Sudan. Hernandez was another all-district selection.

Defensively, Hart should be quick and aggressive, Wilhelm said. "We do a good job of getting to the football. Our secondary is much improved, even though we lost a couple of players."

Hart's special teams have been another plus for the Horns in past years, coming up with big plays in several games, and Wilhelm hopes for the same this season. Garcia will be the placekicker, along with Lee. Handling the punting chores will be Romero and Garcia.

Other returning lettermen are Travis Bennett, a 5-11, 171 senior guard-defensive end; and Ismael Carrasco, a 145-lb. senior wide receiver-cornerback. Rounding out Hart's roster are sophomores Armando Minjarez (180-lb. fullback-linebacker), Sergio Martinez (140-lb. quarterback-free safety), Felipe Guerrero (180-lb. guard-linebacker), Gerardo Gonzales (210-lb. guard-tackle), Dusty Ortiz (220-lb. tackle), Abel Dominguez (185-lb. tackle - defensive end), Gabriel Montemayor (255-lb. tackle), Mat-

thew Huerta (190-lb. tight end-defensive end); junior Miguel Martinez (265 lb. tackle); and seniors Efrain Corrales (140-lb. wide receiver - free safety; Jesus Beanes (196-lb. center-tackle) and Rafael

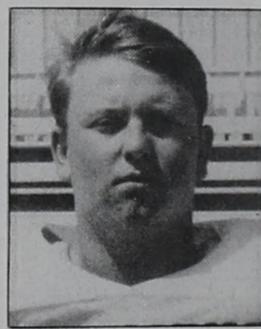
Maya (228-lb. guard-noseguard).

The Longhorns will open the season at Anton Friday at 8 p.m., then will host Nazareth and Sudan before beginning 3-AA play on Sept. 23. The district schedule in-

cludes Abernathy on Sept. 23, New Deal on Sept. 30, Hale Center on Oct. 7, Lockney on Oct. 14 (Homecoming), Springlake-Earth on Oct. 21, Olton on Oct. 28 and Morton on Nov. 4.



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Nazareth serves notice: we want those playoffs

There is a hunger in Nazareth this year and it can only be satisfied by winning a playoff berth.

The Swifts have been denied a playoff ticket for two straight years, despite tying for the district championship in 1992. The Swifts have suffered just four losses in the past two seasons, but never advanced beyond district, losing a coin flip to Sudan (state finalist) and Hart (state quarterfinalist) in 1992 and dropping games to eventual state champion Sudan and regional semi-finalist Hart last season.

Hart and Sudan are gone from the district schedule this season, and the Swifts' chances of achieving their goal of winning district are bright.

Nazareth is experienced on offense and defense, with seven and eight regulars returning, respectively. Several of those players have been through the 1992 and 1993 seasons and they are ready to clear that hurdle and get on with the meet.

Schilling completed 74 of 138 passes for 976 yards last season and one of his favorite targets was Brockman, who hauled in 21 passes for 384 yards. Pohlmeier accounted for another 200 yards receiving.

Schilling also is capable of running with the ball if a situation calls for that to happen.

Ten of the 11 offensive starters also will start on the other side of the ball, and eight of those 10 are returning starters. Schulte and Schacher are defensive ends, Jon Johnson is noseguard, Charanza will be middle linebacker, Farris and Schilling are outside linebackers, Brockman is the safety and Pohlmeier is a cornerback.

Adam Johnson and Backus will start at the tackle positions and Quentin Dobmeier, a 5-11, 160-lb. junior, holds the other cornerback position.

Price has changed up his main defense this season, switching from a 27 to 5-3. Quickness and hustling are strengths of the defensive unit.

Sept. 9. They have an open date on Sept. 16, but come back with games against Petersburg and Anton to close out the non-district schedule. The District 2-A race features games against Vega on Oct. 7, Bovina on Oct. 14, Claude on Oct. 21, Happy on Oct. 28 and Farwell on Nov. 4.

"Our non-district schedule is a little tougher than it's been in the past and that will be a plus for us. It should help us get ready for district. We've got to stay healthy. That's going to be the big deal in this district," Price said. "I don't know how the other teams will be, but I don't see anyone being to the point Hart or Sudan was. That should leave more room at the top and hopefully we can squeeze in and win the district."

Most pre-season polls in the area, and the Harris Rating System, favor the Swifts to claim the district championship, but say Vega will be running close behind. Happy could be an outside threat, and nobody completely counts out Bovina, Claude and Farwell from making it a close race for the top two positions.

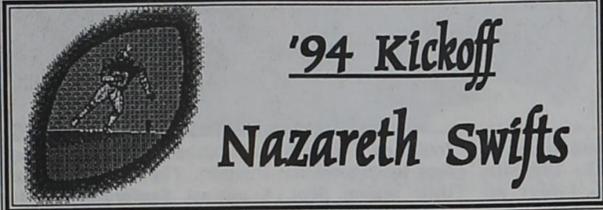
1994 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2...Lubbock Christian
 Sept. 9...at Hart
 Sept. 16...OPEN
 Sept. 23...Petersburg
 Sept. 30...at Anton
 Oct. 7...Vega*
 Oct. 14...at Bovina*
 Oct. 21...Claude*
 Oct. 28...at Happy*
 Nov. 4...Farwell*
 ('94 Homecoming is Oct. 7 vs. Vega)
 *District 2-A game



Nazareth Swifts

Coach:
 Rick Price
 (fifth year)
 Offense: Multiple I
 Defense: 5-3
 Returning Starters:
 7 on offense,
 8 on defense.
 Returning lettermen: 12.
 Biggest question:
 Running backs.
 Most important player:
 Gaylon Schilling



"Our goal is always to make the playoffs. We also want to win district, and if that happens, we have a goal farther down the road to have success in the playoffs," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price who has a 32-10 record in his four seasons at Nazareth.

The Swifts will continue to run the Wing T on offense and will field a veteran unit. Leading the pack of returning starters on offense are six seniors including center Bryan Charanza (6-1, 170), strong tackle Ron Backus (6-0, 155), tight end Scott Brockman (6-2, 170), end Colby Pohlmeier (6-3, 190), and quick guard and tackle Alston Farris (6-0, 175) and Jaret Schulte (6-0, 175). Another returnee is quarterback Gaylon Schilling, a 6-2, 170-lb. junior.

The offensive unit is experienced, but a couple of key holes in the backfield were left by graduating seniors and Price has been working on filling those positions. He thinks he's found the right combination in lettermen Jon Johnson, a 5-10, 150-lb. senior who will take over at fullback and Coby Schacher, a 6-2, 190-lb. sophomore who will start at tailback.

"I was worried about our running game earlier, but it's coming along now. We've still got some learning to do, but I think our running backs are going to be just fine," Price said.

Rounding out the offensive lineup will be strong guard Adam Johnson, a 5-10, 150-lb. senior; and either Justin Bingham (5-10, 130) or Nathan Hoelting (6-2, 170) at flanker.

"One of our main offensive strengths is getting good blocking from the line and good quarterback play," Price said.

"I thought we'd try this out to give our ends a little help. We had three starters back in the secondary and I thought it would be easier to find some help up front," Price said.

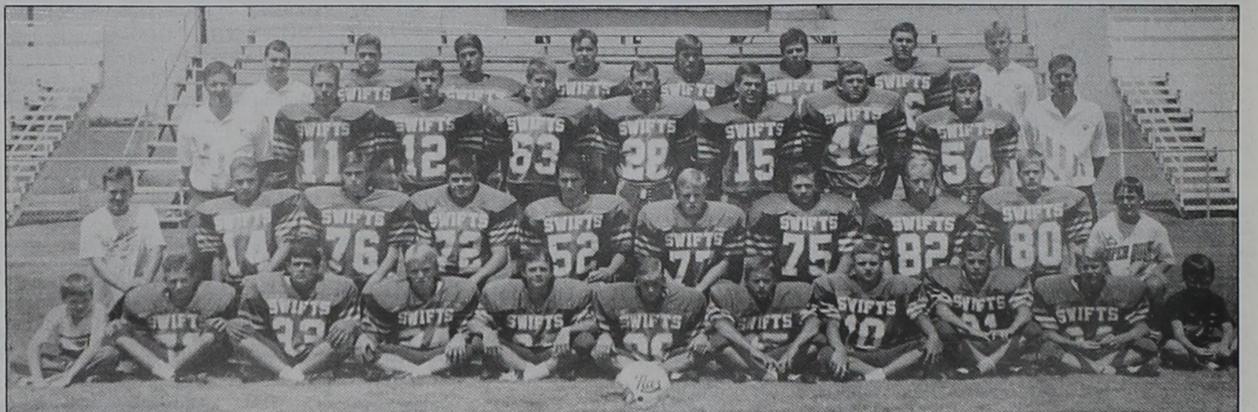
Price said the Swifts suffered a few breakdowns in coverage during the first scrimmage, but he was pleased with the unit's performance in Friday's scrimmage with Valley. The Swifts shut out the Patriots and managed to outscore Valley by two touchdowns.

Price said he was faced with replacing his kicker this season, and he's looking to Schacher for kick offs and to Cody Annen (175-lb. sophomore) for extra points and field goals. Brockman will be the punter.

Price said his team has depth at almost every position except the backfield, where the only backup at runningback is Dobmeier.

The rest of the Nazareth roster features several freshmen including flanker Darren Huckert, tight end Jerad Birkenfeld, runningback Jason Maurer, runningback Derrick Schacher, guard Shane Etheridge, guard Stacey Schulte, tackle Leon Birkenfeld, tackle Jayson Burnam, flanker Barry Hoelting, flanker Josh Merritt and flanker Kit Schulte; and sophomores tackle James Wilhite, tackle Nick Gerber, guard Malcom Jones, tackle B.J. Kern and end Marcus Brockman.

The Swifts will open the season against Lubbock Christian Friday night, then will take on Hart on



MEET THE '94 SWIFTS—Members of the 1994 Nazareth Swifts' football team are (back row, from left) Coach Buster Brown, Ron Backus, Adam Johnson, Alston Farris, Jon Johnson, Quentin Dobmeier, Jaret Schulte and Coach Joey Waldo; (second row, from left) Coach Rick Price, Scott Brockman, Nathan Hoelting, Nick Gerber, Colby Pohlmeier, Gaylon Schilling, Coby Schacher, Bryan Charanza and Coach Mark Makeever; (third row, from left) manager Matthew

Kern, Jerad Birkenfeld, Jayson Burnam, Cody Annen, James Wilhite, B.J. Kern, Malcom Jones, Justin Bingham, Marcus Brockman and manager Mitchell Brockman; and (front row, from left) manager Wade Price, Leon Birkenfeld, Derrick Schacher, Jason Maurer, Shane Etheridge, Kit Schulte, Stacey Schulte, Darren Huckert, Barry Hoelting, Josh Merritt and manager Luke Price. Photo by Anne Acker

Softball tourney planned

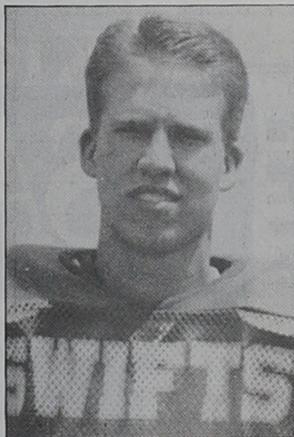
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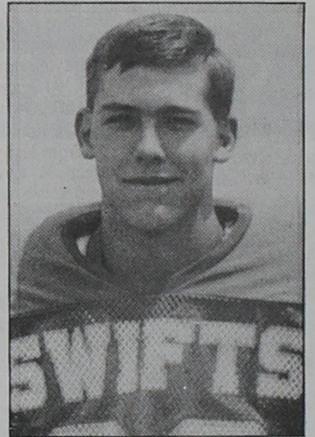
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 defensive starters. Coach Dean Bates at Floydada will be short in numbers and it will affect his team this year—or so he says. He needs to keep everybody injury-free to be able to compete. Dean has some quality players, namely QB Sammy Rodriguez and back Jeff Cooper.

Muleshoe: Power Rating 155, up seven; stronger. 3-7 last year. 13 lettermen including eight offensive and eight defensive starters return. Muleshoe improved to some extent last year and is sure of more improvement this year. This makes the second straight year that coach Randy Adair will have fielded experienced squads. He says they are "poised to have our first winning season since the mid '80s." He figures he can line up with quality at every skill position he has. Developing a winning attitude is one thing that Randy must work on with his boys.

District 3-AA

DISTRICT STRENGTH: Above average to strong. Little weaker in '94.

DISTRICT OUTLOOK: Springlake-Earth's dynasty will continue for at least another year. No one is going to touch them. A number of teams think they have a shot at second and probably do. Hart is the one most likely to succeed. The 'Horns have grown accustomed to playoff activity. This means a lot, even if they did come about it in Class A. The loser of the Morton-Lockney tussle will be residing in the cellar when it's all over. Neither team thinks it will be them.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS: QB-DB Tanner Johnson (160) and center-DE Matthew Raissez (190), both of Lockney; tackle John Williams (240), end Ryan Moudy (180), RB-LB Israel DeLeon (170), QB-Safety Brian Hulett (180), all of Springlake-Earth; QB-DE Kyle Smart (200) and TE-LB Albert Alvarado (180), both of Morton; QB-LB Cory Forbes (175), center-DT Colby Schuler (205), and OG-LB Donnic Pierson (190), all of Abernathy; RB Chris Sharkey (210), RB - Safety Dustin Martin (170), both of New Deal; RB Michael Wilborn (185) of Olton; center-NG Manuel Minjarez (190), center-DT Andy Bennett (210), OT-LB Chris Hernandez and RB-Safety Eddy Chavers (190), all of Hart; tackle Robert Gamez (200), TE-LB Jeremy Hooks (160), OG-LB Jeff Newsom (165) and OG-LB Steven Espinosa (185), all of Hale Center.

PROJECTED FINISH: 1. Spring - lake - Earth, 2. Hart, 3. Abernathy, 4. Hale Center, 5. Olton, 6. New Deal, 7. Morton, 8. Lockney.

TEAM OUTLOOKS

Springlake-Earth: Power Rating 184, down six; weaker. 12-1-1 last year. 12 lettermen, two offensive and five defensive starters return. Springlake - Earth has fashioned two quarterfinalist teams in a row. The Wolverines went 12-2 in 1992 and 12-1-1 in 1993. Both teams fell prey to state finalist Goldthwaite. Could this scenario happen a third straight time? No doubt the Wolverines will capture another district championship, despite losing nine starters off its offense. The team is very well coached by Rick Hulett. QB Brian Hulett is back for his senior year. The club won't be as good as the '93 team, but it will still be potent enough to conceivably advance as far as the quarterfinals again. Good ones joining Brian are tackle John Williams, end Ryan Moudy and LB Israel DeLeon.

Hart: Power Rating 165, down six; weaker. 11-2 last year. 13 lettermen, seven offensive and seven defensive starters are back. Hart's two-year stay in Class A got it a 23-4 record. It was a Top Ten team both years. The club now returns back to AA where it closed out with a 5-5 mark in 1991. This team should be able to top that mark in its re-entry. The Longhorns have solid line performers, both offensively and defensively. They lack experienced people at the skill positions. The club should have enough going for it to come in second behind Springlake - Earth. Center-DT Andy Bennett is one of those good linemen back.

Abernathy: Power Rating 161, down two; about same. 4-5-1 last year. Nine lettermen, two offensive and two defensive starters return. Abernathy was the most improved team in the district last year. The rise in strength came much quicker than thought. Two offensive and two defensive starters among just nine letter winners is all that is back for 1994 action. But coach

sure is good to be rid of old loop members Sudan and Hart," states Coach Rick Price at Nazareth. Sudan has moved to another district. Hart has been elevated to Class AA. The Swifts will have a very quick defense. On offense, the passing game will still be a threat. The club has been able to throw the football very well in the past. Two good athletes return in TE Scott Brockman and QB Gaylon Schilling. These two will be able to hook up for some good yardage.

Hale Center: Power Rating 160, up four; stronger. 5-5 last year. 13 lettermen, eight offensive and eight defensive starters return. Hale Center's thinking is about like Abernathy's. Coach Keith Mullins also has visions of a playoff trip. The



catch here is that Keith's boys had just one more win in '93 than in '92, and last year's team was loaded. The Owls return 16 starters (eight each way), which is the same amount of experience they had last year. Eleven seniors are on hand. This could make a difference in '94.

Olton: Power Rating 160, up eight from last year. Eleven lettermen, five offensive and five defensive starters return. After having made three straight ventures into the playoffs, Olton got laced in a 3-7 last year. The Mustangs were expected to be a weaker team, but not to the extent that they were. Coach Bryan Davis says, "We could be competitive if we can avoid injuries. We look the same as a year ago." The team, though, should be better than that, however. Runningback Michael Wilborn (200), only a junior, is one of the best backs around.

New Deal: Power Rating 153, down two; about the same. 3-7 last year. Nine lettermen, four offensive and four defensive starters back. Coach Brad Eblen is optimistic in '94, but the club may be in for a big letdown. It went 5-5 in '92 following an 8-1-1 effort in '91. The team logged a 3-7 last season. Brad returns four offensive and four defensive starters in an effort to become better and feed his optimistic point of view. He seems to think the '94 team will be better. HRS doesn't agree.

Morton: Power Rating 143, up 17 from last year; stronger. 1-9 last year. 17 lettermen, eight offensive and seven defensive starters. Morton had back-to-back 1-9 seasons in '90 and '91, then jacked itself back up to a 4-6 in '92. The '93 11 had to settle for another 1-9. The '94 group shows much more promise with 17 lettermen returning to the fold. Coach Eddie Gill now plans to vacate the cellar, letting Lockney see what it's like down there.

Lockney: Power Rating 142, down 17 from last year; weaker. 6-4 last year. 10 lettermen, four offensive, four defensive starters. Lockney had a bevy of nine offensive and 10 defensive holdover starters in '93, reversing its record of 4-6 in '92 to a 6-4. This team doesn't have that kind of experience. This means it will be headed in the opposite direction this year. A much improved unit last year now stands to lose all that it had gained a year ago.

District 2-A

DISTRICT STRENGTH: Average. Same in '94.

DISTRICT OUTLOOK: Nazareth and Vega are the two best teams in the district, but Happy and Claude aren't totally out of contention. Farwell and Bovina are.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS: TB Lance McClaran (165), QB Cruz Marrufo (170) and FB Jimmy Bonham (210), all of Bovina; TE Scott Brockman (170) LB Bryan Charanza (170), QB Gaylon Schilling (170), all of Nazareth; FB-LB Luis Martinez (215), TB-LB Lance Sides (200), C-DT David Newkirk (230), and tackle Joaquin Segovia (220), all of Vega; QB-DB Brock Anderson (180), lineman Justin Mahoney (165), both of Farwell; QB-Safety Rusty Baker (175), OG-DE Zachary Davis (150), all of Claude; and tackle Mike Coile (230) and C Jarrett Moroney (180), both of Happy.

PROJECTED FINISH: 1. Nazareth, 2. Vega, 3. Happy, 4. Claude, 5. Farwell, 6. Bovina.

TEAM OUTLOOKS

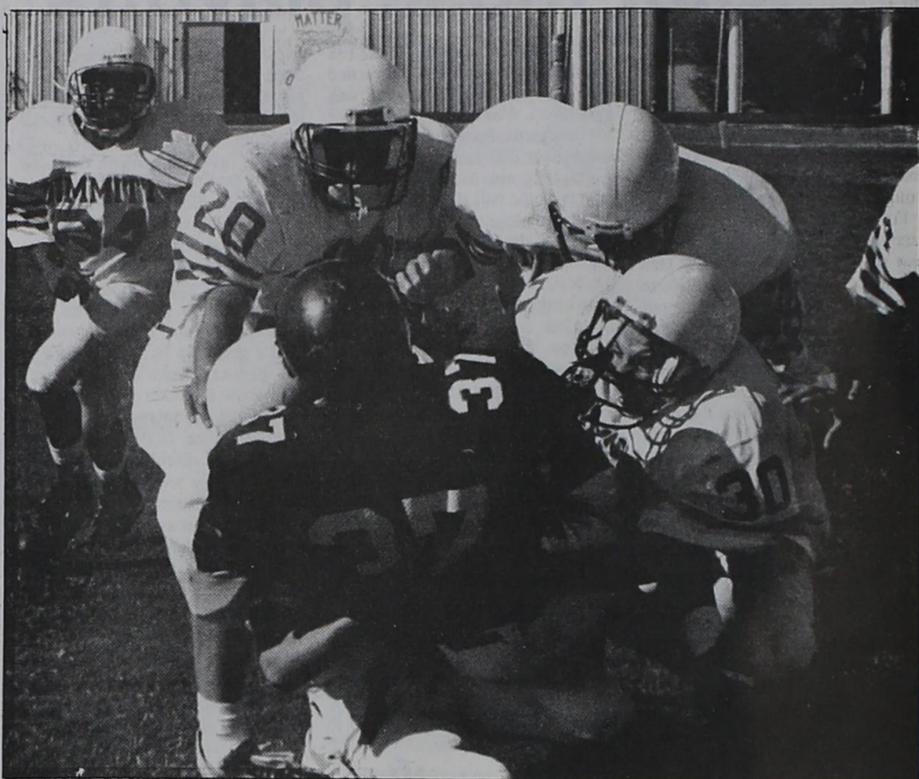
Nazareth: Power Rating 154, same as last year. 7-3 in 1993. 12 lettermen, seven offensive and eight defensive starters return. "It

sure is good to be rid of old loop members Sudan and Hart," states Coach Rick Price at Nazareth. Sudan has moved to another district. Hart has been elevated to Class AA. The Swifts will have a very quick defense. On offense, the passing game will still be a threat. The club has been able to throw the football very well in the past. Two good athletes return in TE Scott Brockman and QB Gaylon Schilling. These two will be able to hook up for some good yardage.

Vega: Power Rating 151, up 10 from last year; stronger. 4-6 last year. 17 lettermen, nine offensive and 10 defensive starters are back. Vega returns a strong nucleus of experience that numbers nine offensive and 10 defensive starters among 17 letter winners and expects to make a stronger showing in 1994. Coach Rick De Masters says, "This team has matured both physically and mentally." The Longhorns will be led by FB-LB Luis Martinez (215). Vega will be pushing Nazareth for loop honors.

Happy: Power Rating 146, down 25; much weaker. 9-2 in 1993. 10 lettermen, two defensive and two offensive starters return. Happy loses a good portion of the '93 team that had a very good 9-2 season. The club was loaded in '93 with nine offensive and nine defensive holdovers. The '94 unit is far from being in the same shape since there are only two offensive and two defensive regulars on hand. After three consecutive playoff excursions, the Cowboys are going to have to sit out in '94.

Claude: Power Rating 146, down three; little weaker. 4-5 last year. 12 lettermen, five offensive, six defensive starters return. Claude has made great progress since 1990. The club has been competing well. The Mustangs even won a district championship in 1992. Coach Donnie Snodgrass thinks his



DOWN THEY GO—An Abernathy ballcarrier is gang-tackled by four members of the Dimmitt freshman team during a scrimmage Friday at Bobcat Stadium. The freshmen tied the Abernathy

freshmen, 1-1, with Zac Matthews (20) scoring the lone touchdown for Dimmitt. The freshmen open their season Sept. 8 against Sanford-Fritch at Bobcat Stadium.

Photo by John Brooks

'94 11 has an outside chance for the playoffs. There are some good skill players back, but linemen are in demand.

Farwell: Power Rating 132, up 14; stronger. 1-9 last year. 12 lettermen, six offensive, six defensive starters back. Since posting a shiny 11-1 back in 1990, Farwell has seen everything come unrav-

eled. The club has gone 2-6-1, 4-6 and 1-9 in the last three years. The Steers still don't own the talent to compete. They will place a lot of responsibility on some young players this season.

Bovina: Power Rating 123, up eight from last year; stronger. 0-9 in 1993. 13 lettermen, eight offen-

sive and eight defensive starters back. Bovina, winless last season, returns eight offensive and eight defensive starters in an effort to put something together and chalk up something on the board besides a zero in the win column. The strength of the team this year is found in the backfield, which will be led by TB Lance McClaran.

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Rules changes clamp down on fighting in '94

(Editor's note: Gerald Aalbers, pastor of First Baptist Church in Hart, is also a certified football official. He spends most of his Friday nights, and occasional Thursdays and Saturdays, on the football field. Usually he's the referee, the guy in the white hat who is the head game administrator. Aalbers will also be writing game stories this year for Hart Longhorns games for the News.)

For the first time in several years, there are only a handful of new rules for the new season. Understand that we're talking about high school football in Texas and college football nationwide; pro football is another matter.

In officials' seminars, we have been told that the reason for the low number of changes in the rules is because the game is now being played like what most desire the game to be played. There are a few rules changes, however, and this article will touch on the major ones.

A point of emphasis from the football hierarchy is the relative safety of the game. Last year marked the third year in a row that there were no cases of quadriplegia or death resulting from the game. When I first heard that statistic, I wanted to know about paraplegia, and perhaps the frequency of injuries. Make no mistake: The game is not a contact sport—it is a collision sport. Injuries will happen. The number one injury for football players is to the knee, and most of those injuries occur during practice.

As far as penalties are concerned, in 1993 holding was the most common, being called 2.3 times per game (high school and college). It still remains the one call that coaches believe is not called often enough. Illegal procedure was the next most frequent foul.

In other points of emphasis, the rules committee was very much concerned about several brawls that broke out during college games last year. Consequently, stringent rules for fighting have been introduced. Unsportsmanlike conduct, taunting and the like continue to have no place in the game and have been made a point of emphasis for coaches and officials alike to enforce.

Player conduct

There is now a definition in the rule book for fighting. You may hear a lot about this; here it is: "Fighting is any attempt by a player, coach or squad member in uniform to strike an opponent in a combative manner unrelated to football. Such acts include, but are not limited to: (a) an attempt to strike an opponent with arm(s), hand(s), leg(s) or foot (feet) whether or not there is contact; (b) An unsportsmanlike act toward an opponent that causes the opponent to retaliate by fighting."

Along with the definition comes a rule that simply says, "Squad members in uniform and coaches shall not participate in a fight..."

The penalties for such a foul get serious in a hurry—15 yards and disqualification. At the high school level, there is an immediate disqualification for that game. At the

college level, if the fight occurs before the game or in the first half, the participant is disqualified for the rest of that game. If it occurs at halftime or later, the participant is disqualified for the rest of that game, plus the first half of the next game.

If a participant is disqualified for a second time later in the season for participation in a fight, he is disqualified for the remainder of that game, plus the remainder of the season. Furthermore, if a coach or substitute squad member leaves the team area to participate in a fight, there will be disqualification for the rest of that game, plus suspension for the next game.

At the high school level, it will be disqualification for that game. This is no change.

Now let me give you a scenario: The hot dog running back on one team gets tackled by a linebacker. While still on the ground, the running back says, "My mother could be a linebacker on your team," which draws an attempt to strike the man who said it from the one hearing the taunt. If caught, the result is disqualification for both the taunter and the one who attempted to strike the taunter. Both are dead ball fouls. They do not automatically offset, but should be enforced in the order in which they

Boosters plan tailgate party before S-E game

If you're going to the Dimmitt Bobcats' opening game Friday at Bobcat Stadium and sitting on the home side, you're being asked to wear purple and white, show up early and bring an appetite for hamburgers and a blanket to sit on.

The Dimmitt Athletic Booster Club will hold a tailgate party from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday to kick off the season. The club will serve hamburgers, chips and soft drinks for \$4 per person on the practice field west of Bobcat Stadium.

Everyone wearing purple and white will have their name put into a drawing sponsored by the Dimmitt Athletic Booster Club, and at halftime one name will be drawn. The winner will receive a purple "Snug Bug" to zip up in during colder games later in the season.

Fans should be sure to register just inside the gate at the home stands when they arrive for the game. Registration will end at kickoff, and no one may register twice.

occur. The penalty could be half the distance to the goal for one foul, and 15 yards for the next foul.

On top of everything else, the rules committee decided that the jurisdiction of the officials begins 60 minutes before the kickoff of college games. Somebody has to babysit. In high school, thank God, the jurisdiction still begins at just five minutes prior to kickoff.

You can tell that the brawls that took place on the field during several games in 1993 definitely marred the game's reputation. The rules committee is determined to put a stop to it.

Play of the game

For the last three years, there has

More about Bobcats...

(Continued from Page 6)

"We have three good kids at tight end with Chad Ellis, Freddie Ruiz and Zeke Nino, and Tobin Bossett has us in good shape at split end," Chisum said. "We've got Stephan Villanueva and Joe Juarez we can run at wingback and be in good shape. Tobin has enough speed to surprise some people. If we ever catch the ball behind the defense we've got enough speed that someone will have to run hard or they can't catch us."

Buckley, at center, leads the line along with guard Gerald Barrios. Both started much of last year and will be called on to be leaders this season, Chisum said.

"During the intersquad scrimmage, against Cooper and against Abernathy, the line played a little better each week," said the coach. "We need a good week of work this week to get ready for Springlake-Earth, then we need to continue working."

"We have a ways to go because these kids are still learning. If they get their body on the defender's body we've got backs who can go the distance. They need to work on keeping their splits as wide as they're supposed to so the backs will have a place to run."

Joining Barrios in the guard corps will be Abalos and Emilio Nino. Drew Musick, Will Sanders and Justin Stroud will lead the bunch at tackles, with Tucker Schumacher again able to bounce between guard and tackle and spell anyone at either position during games.

been a minor change involving the free kick (kickoff) portion of the game.

Two years ago, a rule was introduced that said all players on the kicking team have to be between the nine-yard marks (lines 12 inches in length, every 10 yards, 9 yards from the sidelines, or tops of the numbers if the field has them) after the referee signals the ball is ready for play.

Last year, it was added that there has to be at least four players on each side of the kicker when he kicks the ball.

This year, the rear restraining

line for the receiving team has been deleted. It used to be that there had to be at least five receiving team players between 10 and 15 yards from the point where the ball was kicked. The forward restraining line is still 10 yards from the ball. This could make for some very interesting returns—several men deep and set up to block—as well as more opportunity for onside kicks if the receiving team does not stay up close.

Additionally, it has been determined that what would otherwise have been offensive pass interference, if the ball was not catchable, is not pass interference.

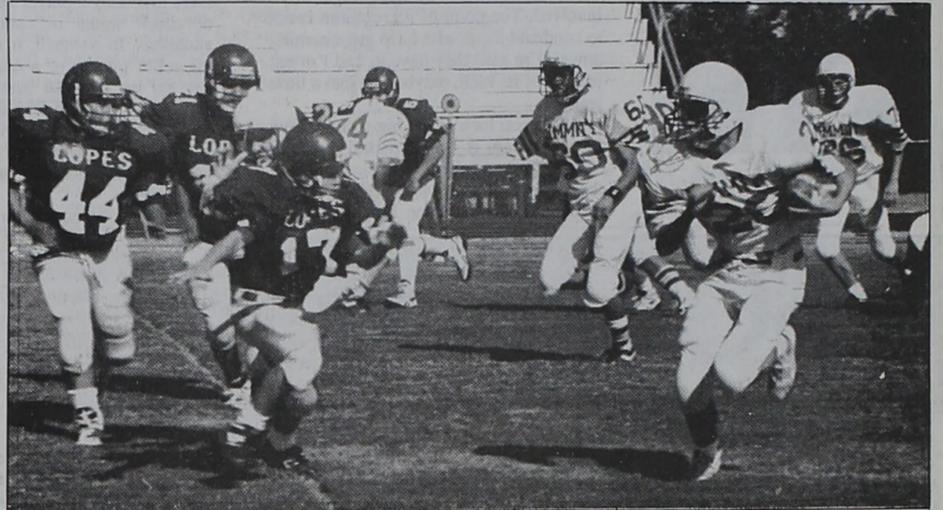
Player equipment

The jersey must cover the shoulder pads, and, if it reaches below the top of the pants, it must be tucked in the pants. By Aug. 1, 1996, all jerseys must be long enough to be tucked in the pants and will be tucked in.

As of Aug. 1, 1996, all non-team logo labels must be concealed.

Gloves, if worn, must have a label in them indicating that they meet NCAA specifications. In the UIL, this applies this year only if the gloves were bought after July 1.

No electronic media is allowed on the sidelines for use by coaches—things like fax machines, computers and the like.



RAMBLING FOR A TOUCHDOWN — Zac Matthews (20) of the Dimmitt freshmen turns the corner en route to a 70-yard touchdown on the second play Friday during a scrimmage against Abernathy at Bobcat Stadium. The freshmen settled for a 1-1 tie against the Antelopes. Photo by John Brooks

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These workshops are designed to encourage informal discussion concerning the programmatic environmental impact statement to evaluate the long-term storage and disposition of fissile materials (primarily plutonium and uranium).

Workshops will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

To register for one of the September 7 workshops or obtain other information call 1-800-448-4235.

• Depending on number of registrants, morning session could be canceled.

Country Club holds scramble

The team of Jerry Watts, Audrey Shottenkirk, Tony Fisher and Sheryl Clayton won the weekly Friday night scramble at the Country Club of Dimmitt.

They combined for a 30. The team of Kevin Gwyn, John Kovacs, Jerri Horton and Reyes Sanddval Sr. won a playoff for second with a 32. Placing third, also with a 32, were Jerry Heller, Kellie Proffitt, Glen Adair and Cyndy Reynolds.

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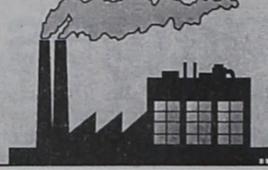
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By DON TAYLOR

Increasing our value

The recent baseball strike caused me to start thinking about what our labor is actually worth. As I pondered the salary of a \$5 million per year baseball star, I began to calculate just how much that really is.

For example, a \$5 million player who plays every game will earn more than \$30,000 per day. That's good money if you can get it.

Some of us who earn considerably less might be quick to judge these salaries as excessive because of the large sums involved. The point of this column is not to condemn those who have great earning power. I'm glad they have it, and I'm not jealous of it. Well, maybe I'm just a little jealous.

When you look at the big picture, how much we earn is only a partial indicator of our value to others. There are folks at the bottom of the wage scale who are grossly overpaid. Some minimum-wage

earners are worth less proportionately than million dollar ball players.

The focus and thrust of this column is to help us make sure we don't fall into the "worth less than we're paid" category. My personal goals are to be worth more than I'm paid, and to be paid very well.

Add value to your work

I've found in examining the lives of successful people that they all work hard to increase their value to others, ultimately increasing the amount they are paid. Here are a few of their secrets:

—Become a "go to" person. In sports there is usually a player who the manager or coach wants in control of critical situations. In baseball, it's a hard-throwing relief pitcher or a clutch hitter who can get on base. In basketball, it's the person you want to take the last shot. In football, it's the back who will always get the two yards needed or the receiver who can stay inbounds and pick up the first down.

You can increase your value as you

build a reputation of getting the job done. Become your organization's "go to" person. Concentrate on accomplishing the work, not on finding reasons it can't be done.

—Say "I don't know," if you don't know. However, never say "I don't know," without following up with, "but I'll find out."

When you have the answers, you can help solve the problem. More importantly you'll acquire knowledge, and knowledge will increase your value to others.

—Value other people's time. Don't call unnecessary meetings. Keep appointments on time. Don't waste an associate's time by discussing last night's television reruns. Work hard to keep all discussions on track.

—Look for work that needs to be done. Most jobs have some slow times. Instead of coasting, use these opportunities to increase your value.

When you see something that needs doing, write yourself a reminder note—even if you don't have time to do it then.

When a slow time comes you'll have something to do. It's a great way to increase your job security.

—Capitalize on your mistakes. If you do anything at all, you will make mistakes. However, we should remember that mistakes are the building blocks of experience and experience is the foundation of success.

Therefore, don't focus on the mistakes you've made. Instead, learn from them, harness their power and use the experience to increase your value. Mistakes can teach you what you need to learn.

—Keep your integrity. Honesty is still the only policy. Your personal value is not tied to the integrity of our nation's leaders. Our superiors will judge us on our own merits.

You'll never lose value by being honest. You'll find that honesty builds trust and trust adds value and satisfaction.

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ASCS News

By SCOTTY ABBOTT
COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TCGA is against planting CRP acres back to corn

The Texas Corn Growers Association has announced it is against a move to put Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres back into corn production.

According to the organization, such a move would create a situation that would place even more pressure on low corn prices. It would also cost the federal government billions in added farm crop subsidy payments.

The National Grain and Feed Association recently held a meeting which pondered the question, and railroads and large grain handlers were among the idea's supporters.

"The idea of advocating taking land out of the successful CRP program and putting it back into corn is ridiculous," said Carl King of Dimmitt, president of TCGA who took part in the meeting. "It would finish off a lot of farmers already facing lower prices from the GATT and NAFTA."

"History tells us that growers receive lower corn prices any time there is a minimum six billion bushel carryover of feed grain stocks. That level would be more easily reached if CRP land is planted in corn."

When initiated in 1985, 36 million acres were placed in CRP in an attempt to prevent runoff on highly

erodible land. Of those, three million were from corn, 1.7 million for sorghum, 7.5 million from wheat and three million from soybeans. It is projected that 19.5 million acres will come out of CRP next year.

"We need fewer acres in corn production, not more," said King. "Supply management, along with stronger loan rates, will help generate a corn price that is fair for grower and processors."

Conservation program approval period

On Sept. 7, the Castro County ASC Committee will review and approve requests for cost-sharing on eligible conservation practices during their regularly-scheduled meeting. Practices to be cost shared are: reorganized irrigation systems, constructing sod waterways, constructing terrace systems, installing livestock pipeline, and livestock storage facilities.

Applications received after Friday may not be able to be considered due to the time it takes to perform technical determinations. Please file your request in a timely manner.

CRP haying and grazing

Producers may hay or graze CRP acres from the date they are approved until Sept. 30. The cost to hay or graze the CRP acreage will be 25% of the annual rental payment. Producers may graze 100% of their CRP acres but the annual rental payment will only be reduced on 75% of the acres. Producers may hay only 75% of their CRP acres. The annual rental payment will be reduced on all acres hayed.

CRP producers who own or lease livestock and have suffered a 40% loss of normal production of hay and pasture may use hay harvested and grazing from CRP acreage. CRP producers may sell harvested hay or rent or lease standing CRP acreage to a livestock producer who has suffered a 40% loss of normal production of hay and pasture.

Producers may either hay or graze CRP acreage, but not both on the same acres.

Before any haying or grazing occurs, the participant must:

- 1) File an application on Form CCC-653 to determine a 40% loss of hay and pasture if the participant owns or leases the livestock and will use the feed from the CRP acreage.
- 2) Agree to sell harvested hay, or rent or lease standing CRP acreage only to an approved livestock producer who had completed Form CCC-653 and has suffered a 40% loss of hay and pasture.
- 3) Agree to re-establish at their own expense any failures of ap-

proved cover resulting from haying or grazing.

Producers must report the acreage to be hayed or grazed as well as the acreage not to be hayed or grazed. These acreages must also be identified on a photocopy of the farm.

Producers who intend to graze the CRP cannot stock the acreage in excess of the SCS's Forage Inventory and Annual Grazing Plan.

The acreage to be hayed may only be hayed one time. The hay must be baled by Sept. 30. Hay must be removed from the CRP acreage by Dec. 31.

Participants are required to sign a register, meet all requirements and be approved before any haying or grazing can occur.

On or before Oct. 14, participating producers must report to the ASCS office the acreage hayed and the tons of hay harvested and/or the number of livestock grazed and the acres grazed.

For more information, please contact the ASCS office.

CRP maintenance

CRP participants must maintain the CRP cover and all required conservation practices on CRP land. Participants must also take any actions necessary to control weeds to maintain the production capability of the soil and prevent creating a problem or becoming a nuisance to other farms.

Measurement service

We are in the process of completing your measurement service requests for spring seeded crops. You will have five working days to come in and report the acres measured. If you must destroy acres, you also must do this within the five working days from receipt of the notice.

1995 wheat program

Provisions of the 1995 wheat program are: zero acreage reduction requirement; target price of \$4 per bushel; and no paid land diversion.

Other provisions will be announced as they become available.

1994 loan rates

1994 loan rates for Castro County are wheat, \$2.59 per bushel;

barley, \$1.74 per bushel; oats, \$1.02 per bushel; rye, \$1.52 per bushel; corn, \$2.17 per bushel; grain sorghum, \$3.49 per cwt.; cotton, 49.9 cents per pound; and soybeans, \$4.61 per bushel.

The interest rate for loans disbursed in August is 5.375%.

New loan service fees—revised

New loan service fees have been established for all commodities currently eligible for CCC commodity loans. The fee for all crops except cotton will be the smaller of:

- .5% times the gross loan amount; or
- \$45 per loan and \$3 per each bin above one for farm stored loans and \$45 per loan and \$3 per warehouse receipt over one for warehouse stored loans.

This is different than what I told you previously.

Loan service fees for cotton will be the smaller of the following:

- .5% times the gross loan amount; or
- \$7.50 per loan and 90 cents per each bale pledged for warehouse stored loans.

ACR and CU for pay maintenance

It is the responsibility of the producer to be sure that weeds are controlled on ACR and CU for pay acres in a timely manner. Failure to control weeds will result in loss of program benefits.

'93 NL deficiency payments

1993 crop wheat, barley and oats will not earn Not Limited (NL) deficiency payments due to the 12 month national weighted average market price for each exceeding the national loan rate before reduction.

USDA requests comments on 1995 feed grains

The US Dept. of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corp. is seeking public comment on the 1995 acreage reduction program (ARP) percentages for corn, barley and grain sorghum. These percentages must be announced by Sept. 30. Public comments are also being sought on whether to exempt malting barley producers as a condition of eligibility for loans, purchases and payments from complying with acreage reduction requirements.

CCC is proposing that the 1995 ARP percentages be set at any percentage within the range of 0 to 12.5% for corn and 0 to 20% for grain sorghum and barley. CCC is also required to propose various program options, accompanied by an analysis, for the feed grain program. The options are to be accompanied by an analysis that includes estimated planted acreage, production, domestic and export use, ending stocks, season average producer price, program participation rate, and cost to the federal government. Details are in the Aug. 4 *Federal Register*.

Comments must be received by Sept. 14 to be considered and may either be faxed to (202) 690-1346 or mailed to: Grains Analysis Division, USDA/ASCS, Room 3742-S, PO Box 2415, Washington, DC 20013-2415. All comments will be available for public inspection. The regulatory impact analysis on the 1995 feed grain program may be obtained from the same address.

Holiday

The ASCS office will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day.

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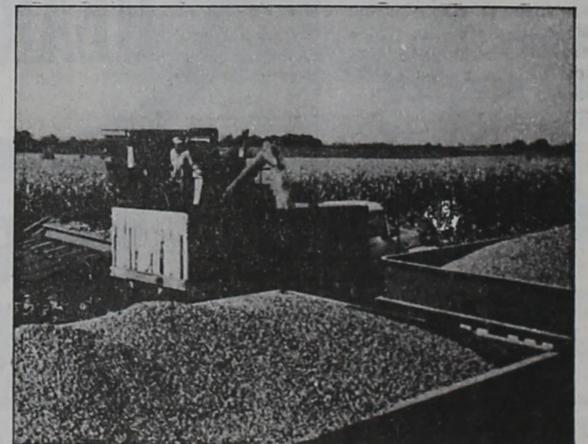
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Insects of interest

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General conditions

Most of the area corn is approaching maturity quickly and harvest will come early this year. Cotton is looking good with some boll shed mainly due to the carrying capacity of the plants being reached. Some greenbugs are still a problem in some of the area grain sorghum. Soybean podworms need to be watched for in the area soybeans. Producers are actively preparing for wheat planting.

Sorghum

Some reports of spider mite infestations have been reported across the area. A field is considered to have an economic infestation when the spider mites cause death of leaves in the lower one-third of the plant. Greenbugs still are a problem in some fields, but beneficial insect numbers seem to be on the increase, especially parasitic wasps and lady beetles.

If more than 20% of the green bugs appear brown and swollen from being parasitized, then application of an insecticide is not generally necessary. Also, plants undergoing drought or other stress cannot support as many greenbugs without suffering yield reductions.

Headworms in sorghum is a pest that we need to closely monitor. Use a five gallon white bucket to examine the sorghum heads for headworms.

Cotton

Most area cotton is approaching "cutout."

This means no new fruiting branches or squares are being formed. Cutout may be a natural process, an internal signal that the plant is nearing the end of its mission. The remaining energy stored in the plant must be reserved to mature those bolls it is now carrying.

If a few aphids are present in a field that needs to be treated for bollworms, add an aphicide. It has been observed that fields sprayed for bollworms and aphids that four ounces of Bidrin added to a pyrethroid worked extremely well to suppress an aphid flareup.

Dr. Kater Hake, Extension cotton specialist, has some suggestions to finish out the year:

1) Surface irrigation should be concluded, while some pivot irrigation may be continuing where there are immature bolls. Do not put additional water on, unless you know the soil moisture status. Drying down the soil is necessary to avoid late season quality and harvest problems.

2) Start a harvest aid program with low rates of low cost materials. If the weather stays warm, the 1994 crop should be easier to defoliate and bolls should open just as rapid as the 1993 crop, due to this year's shorter-statured plants. During the next two weeks, high rates of Prep should not be needed unless excess water or nitrogen was applied. There will always be exceptions.

3) Use a sharp knife to inspect the seed for the proper time for harvest aids (lack of jelly, seed coat tan, cotyledons dry and tan to yellow).

Most of the area cotton has been sprayed for bollworms. The area cotton bollworm traps continue to fluctuate, but overall the average numbers are lower than a couple of weeks ago. Late-planted fields need to be monitored closely for this pest well into September. According to Dr. Jim Leser, the presence of squares is not a prerequisite for successful establishment of young bollworms. In fact, small, tender

bolls are often preferred by one-to-three-day-old worms.

Soybeans

Monitoring for the soybean podworm, which is the corn earworm, should begin soon.

Female moths lay eggs on the terminal leaves of soybean plants. The young larvae feed for a few days, and then move down the plant to feed on developing soybeans. Large populations during pod-filling stages can produce yield losses by feeding on pods.

The most effective way to sample for podworms is to select a random site in the field and unroll a white piece of cloth that is 36 inches by 42 inches going from one row to the next. Vigorously shake the plants from both rows bordering the cloth, using both hands and forearms. Repeat this in at least five locations in the field. In this way, two three-row-foot sections (six feet total) can be sampled simultaneously. The economic threshold is two to three podworms per row foot.

Corn

Corn is maturing quickly with harvest approaching. Corn is mature when the grain has about 30% to 32% moisture. The best time to harvest depends on your harvest and storage system.

Early harvesting of grain corn generally is best because you have less lodging from stalk rot and severe storms. There is less chance of waterlogged fields which delay or prevent harvesting. Ear drop is less. Less grain is shelled when the ears hit the snapping rolls.

Southwestern corn borer adult numbers caught in the area pheromone traps have dropped the past couple of weeks. However, scouting efforts should definitely intensify for both the Southwestern and European corn borers on the later-planted fields. As stated previously, these later-planted fields act like a magnet for borer moths as they begin to dry down and become less attractive.

Some spider mite populations are beginning to flare and are causing some concern in moisture-stressed fields. However, it has also been observed that some populations are crashing as corn gets closer to maturity. Generally, treating mites at this time would only be justified in the later-planted fields.

Wheat

Wheat planting has begun, and some wheat has even reached the two leaf stage. Greenbugs have also been noticed in these early-planted fields. With favorable conditions, newly-born greenbugs begin reproduction in one week, and can produce up to 80 offspring during a 25-day reproduction period. As a result, greenbug populations can explode under favorable conditions. Frequent scouting of the wheat is needed to track greenbug populations. Heavy rainfall and grazing tends to reduce greenbug pressure, as does cold temperatures.

Small or stressed plants and thin stands of wheat are most susceptible to greenbug injury and control measures are warranted at much lower greenbug populations than for healthy, vigorous wheat at later growth stages.

Sorghum producers seek to keep granular carbofuran on market

Sorghum growers are battling the federal government to prevent a pesticide from being taken off the market.

The National Grain Sorghum Producers, based in Abernathy, are working with the Environmental Protection Agency to keep granular carbofuran on the market. NGSP has submitted a proposal to EPA to keep the product available for sorghum in a five-state area.

NGSP's proposal outlines a comprehensive stewardship and monitoring plan to ensure that growers can use granular carbofuran without posing undue risk to birds. EPA is expected to make a decision within the next few weeks on whether sorghum growers will be allowed to continue to use the product.

"We sent our plan to EPA earlier this summer," said Jack Eberspacher, NGSP executive director. "The 126-page document outlines a complete stewardship and monitoring plan for using granular carbofuran on sorghum. We received excellent cooperation from Extension personnel and university researchers from several states and from our state associations in preparing this proposal. They helped us to pull together information that validates our claim that sorghum growers need granular carbofuran and that provides for a plan to oversee the use of granular carbofuran."

"EPA is getting a lot of pressure from several environmental groups to completely ban the product. These groups are pushing hard for a ban, and it seems as if they won't be satisfied until they have eliminated most of the pesticides that American farmers use."

The controversy over the proposed ban is based on whether the granular carbofuran provides too much risk to bird populations. EPA officials and several environmental groups are claiming that granular carbofuran has been responsible for numerous bird kills in the past few years, while sorghum growers say that EPA's own figures don't support EPA's stance on the issue.

"We contend that no one has come up with any science-based,

factual data that granular carbofuran poses as much risk to bird populations as the environmental groups and EPA says it does," Eberspacher said. "EPA has no justification for banning an effective pesticide that sorghum growers depend on."

He said that if EPA is allowed to ban this product because of a perceived risk to birds—even though the facts don't support that perception—then all agricultural pesticides are in danger of being removed from the market.

"This issue is critical to American agriculture since EPA's decision on granular carbofuran will set the precedent for what happens to other agricultural pesticides in the future."

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Ag coalition wants to protect Texas private property rights

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is one of a group of 29 farm, ranch and ag organizations that have joined to form a new property rights coalition—Farmers and Ranchers for Property Rights (FRPR)—to reaffirm the right of Texans to own and manage their own property.

The coalition of farm groups represents a combined membership of over a half a million people. The coalition said that "the widening circle of state and federal regulation has put every landowner at risk, particularly those in the agriculture community who use their land to make a living."

TSCRA pointed out a recent announcement by a government agency that could impose financial hardship with compliance and curtail activities on private property. Currently, no provisions are made to compensate property owners for lost income or property value resulting from government mandates.

Recently, the US Fish and Wildlife Service announced it was considering designation of parts of 33 Texas counties as critical habitat for the golden-cheeked warbler, a songbird listed as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act.

The coalition said there are other regulatory threats to private property rights besides the ESA: designation of federally-protected wetlands, the Coastal Zone Management Plan, the Outstanding Natural Resource Waters program, ecosystems management and mitigation that often requires landowners to set aside some portion of their land to protect fish and wildlife resources.

TSCRA President Tom Beard of Alpine said, "Our new coalition wants to teach politicians and bureaucrats that they can't attack us, ignore our rights or take our property. We are ready to fight back—in the political and legislative arenas, and in the courts."

"America's ranchers and farmers are, without a doubt, the world's best caretakers of the land and the water that the land depends on. Ranchers and farmers are the stewards of America's land, water and air. We must tell what we do and convince the politicians to let us do it."

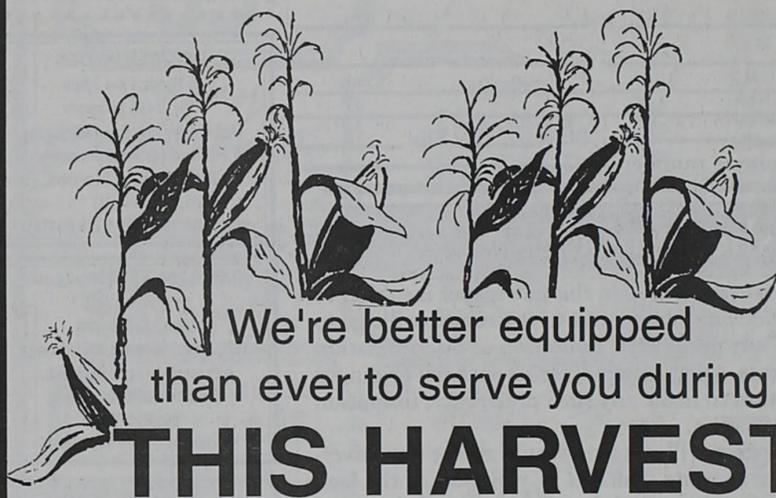
FRPR's efforts will include activity in this year's elections and support of passage of a private property rights law in next year's state legislative session.

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

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



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22--Notices

WEIGHT WATCHERS is now meeting every Monday in Dimmitt. For more information, please call 1-800-359-3131. 22-40-1tc

LOGO CONTEST — Castro County Hospital District needs a logo to symbolize what we are all about. The hospital district will have a hospital, home health agency, ambulance service and two clinics. First prize will be a Realistic AM/FM Stereo Mate Headphone Radio, a \$40 value from Kittrell Electronics; second prize will be a Soundesign Telephone Clock Radio, a \$30 value from ALCO; and third prize will be dinner for two at Dairy Queen. Top three entries will be published in this newspaper. All entries become property of the hospital district. Winning entry may be used on letterhead, forms, business cards, ads, etc. Please submit entries to: Logo Contest, Plains Memorial Hospital, P.O. Box 278, Dimmitt TX 79027 no later than Sept. 24. Entries should be on 8-1/2 by 11-inch white paper with entrant's name and address on the back. 22-20-2tc

22--Notices

Political Announcements

The News has been authorized to list the names of the following candidates for public office, subject to the Nov. 8 general election. The candidate's party affiliation is designated by a "D" for Democrat or "R" for Republican, and precedes the candidate's name.

For County Treasurer:
D—Oleta Raper (I)

For County-District Clerk:
D—Joyce Thomas
R—Shirley Hollums

For County Judge:
D—Irene Miller
R—Robert Hawkins

For Commissioner, Pct. 4:
D—Vincent Guggemos (I)

For State Senate, 30th District:
D—Steven A. Carriker (I)

For Judge, 64th District Court:
D—Jack Miller (I)

For Justice of the Peace:
D—Marshall Young (I)

Political Adv. Pd. by Candidates

23--Lost & Found

STRAYED: 6 head of mixed steers and heifers. Branded GO on left side or left hip. Lost from north of Dimmitt. 647-2518 or 647-4559. 23-19-1tc

24--Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
The family of Eldon Lilley wishes to thank each and everyone for their kindness, food and flowers. We thank Dr. Hardee, Dr. Patel and especially the nurses, ambulance drivers and hospital staff for all their thoughtfulness.
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A great big special thank you to the staff at Dr. Hardee's, the staff at the hospital and the ambulance crew. Thanks also to the people of Dimmitt and Castro County, Bro. Paul and Bill, and to everyone who had a part in taking care of the farms. Thanks to those who made phone calls, brought food, sent flowers and cards and to all those who prayed for us or visited us in the hospital. Thanks to the Methodist Men's Breakfast Group for the cards and prayers. Dimmitt is a very special place in which to live.
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25--Legal Notices

ADVERTISEMENT TO BIDDERS
Sealed proposals addressed to Board of Trustees, Nazareth Independent School District, 101 S. 1st Street, Nazareth, Texas 79063, herein called "Owner" will be accepted for the construction of Nazareth Independent School District 1994-95 Band Hall Project, Nazareth, Texas.

The work will be let under separate multiple stipulated sum agreements for the work as set out in the plans and specifications. Bids will be received at the Nazareth Administration Building Board Room located at 101 S. 1st Street, Nazareth, Texas, until 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, 1994. Bids will be opened publicly and will be read aloud at that time. Plans and specifications have been prepared by Stephen L. Butler, Architect, P.O. Box 1307, 1406 4th Ave., Canyon, Texas 79015 and may be obtained at the School Offices or from Greg Huseman, Construction Manager, P.O. Box 302, Nazareth, Texas 79063. Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope. Bid bonds of not less than five percent (5%) of the highest contract amount will be required with the bid on contract amounts of \$25,000 or more payable to the owner. A performance and payment bond will also be required of the successful contractor.
In case of ambiguity or lack of clarity in stating prices in the proposal, the owner reserves the right to adopt prices written in words or reject any proposal and to waive all formalities.
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed proposals for Modification of Picnic Areas, A.D.A. on highway(s), Various in Parmer, Castro, Swisher, Bailey, Lamb and Lubbock will be received by the Texas Dept. of Transportation located at 135 Slaton Rd., Lubbock, Texas, until 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8, 1994, then publicly opened and read. All prospective bidders are notified that there will be no pre-bidders' conference. Bidding proposals, plans and specifications will be available at the office of Woody Marcy, 135 Slaton Rd., Lubbock, Texas; telephone (806) 745-4411.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WASTE DISPOSAL PERMIT AMENDMENT
RAFTER 3 FEEDYARD, INC., P.O. Box 1127, Dimmitt, Texas 79027 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (Commission) for an amendment to Permit No. 02330 to authorize an increase in the number of head at the feedlot from 25,000 head to 40,000 head. The proposed amendment would also incorporate improvements constructed after the permit was originally issued. Stormwater

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will be retained in two storage ponds. Wastewater from the ponds is to be disposed of by evaporation and/or irrigation on agricultural land. Manure/solids are to be removed from the site by a contract manure hauler. No discharge of pollutants into the waters of the State is authorized by this permit.

The feedlot is on the east side of Farm - to - Market Road 1055, approximately one and a half mile south of the intersection of Farm - to - Market Road 1055 and State Highway 86 in Castro County, Texas. The feedlot is in the drainage area of the White River Lake in Segment No. 1240 of the Brazos River Basin.

The Executive Director of the Commission has prepared a draft permit based on the application submitted by the applicant and other information presently available.

Legal authority: Section 26.028 of the Texas Water Code and 30 TAC Chapter 305 of the Rules of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

This application is subject to a Commission resolution adopted Aug. 18, 1993, which directs the Commission's Executive Director to act on behalf of the Commission and issue final approval of certain permit matters. The Executive Director will issue this permit unless one or more persons file written protests and/or a request for a hearing within 30 days after publication of this notice.

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If you wish to request a public hearing, you must submit your request in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address and daytime phone number; (2) the permit number or other recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing;" (4) a brief description of how you, or the persons you represent, would be adversely affected by the granting of the application; (5) a description of the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your proposed adjustment to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for a hearing. If one or more protests and/or requests for hearing are filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application to the Office of Hearings Examiners where a hearing may be held. Commission public hearings are evidentiary legal proceedings similar to civil court non-jury trials. Although general comments from the public may be submitted either in writing prior to the hearing, or orally at the start of the hearing, the law requires that the Commission's decision about whether to approve or deny the application be based on evidence and testimony submitted during the public hearing, presented under oath and subject to cross-examination by the other parties. Public comments are not evidence and cannot be the basis for the commission's ultimate decision. In the event a hearing is held, the Office of Hearings Examiners will submit a recommendation to the Commission for final decision.
If no protests or requests for hearing are filed, the Executive Director will sign the permit 30 days after publication of this notice or thereafter. If you wish to appeal a permit issued by the Executive Director, you may do so by filing a written Motion for Reconsideration with the Chief Clerk of the Commission no later than 20 days after the date the Executive Director signs the permit.
Requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted in writing to Chief Clerk's Office, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711, telephone (512) 463-7908. Information regarding hearing procedures may be obtained by contacting Kerry D. Sullivan, Assistant Chief Hearings Examiner at the same address or by telephone at (512) 239-4100. Information concerning any technical aspect of this application can be obtained by writing Elizabeth Davis, Wastewater Permits Section, at the same address or by telephone at (512) 239-4433.
Issued this 23rd day of August, 1994.
GLORIA A. VASQUEZ
Chief Clerk
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More about

Bobcats . . .

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"We've got to be able to stop their quarterback, and they throw the ball real well," Chisum said. "They have a good offensive scheme."

The Wolverines will employ a 5-2 defense with most of their defenders within five yards of the ball.

"They play real tight and their secondary is not very deep," Chisum said. "They play the run first, and we hope they get a little concerned with our passing game. I think our good speed on the perimeter will help us to throw some long against them."

"Their free safety (Hulett) is good about being around the football, and their fullback (DeLeon) is awfully good at linebacker. These guys are going to give us some different looks at linebacker."

Chisum isn't yet set on his starter at quarterback, between Jason Wooten and Joey Martinez. He will probably name his starter Thursday but both will receive plenty of action.

"They both throw the ball well and run the offense well," Chisum said. "Right now I'm confident with both of them."

Friday's game is the first of five tough pre-district games for the Bobcats.

"I hope our schedule leads to the fans coming out, because they're going to see some good football teams," Chisum said. "We had good attendance the other night at our scrimmage and we expect a pretty good crowd Friday. This is the renewal of an old rivalry between the two schools. I know out at Springlake and Earth they've been talking about this game a bunch."

Hart at Anton

Hart is making the transition from Class A to AA this year and the Horns hope to get their 1994 season off to a good start with a win over Anton Friday in the season opener.

Kickoff is slated for 8 p.m. in Anton.

Hart Coach Danny Wilhelm said Anton will be a big challenge for the Horns. The Bulldogs' scrimmages with Sundown and Hale Center were "fairly even," and he added that Anton probably outscored Hale Center last week.

Wilhelm is worried about containing Anton's star rusher, James Stewart, a 6-1, 185-lb. senior tailback who gained 1,000 yards last year and returns to lead Anton's I-formation offense.

"Stewart can score from anywhere on the field at any time," Wilhelm said. "They like to get him outside on the perimeter on options and sweeps and they like to throw the ball to him as well. Our first priority is to shut him down."

Directing the Bulldog offense will be returning quarterback Clint Conkin (6-0, 175), who operates behind an experienced line including senior guards Isidro Martinez (5-7, 180) and Isidro Guzman (5-9, 150), and tackle Bo Kesey (5-10, 190). The starting fullback is an-

other veteran performer, Chris McClure (5-10, 190), and split end Clinton Stephenson (5-10, 150) is also experienced.

Defensively, Anton has switched from last year's 5-3 defense to a 4-3, Wilhelm said.

McClure is the middle linebacker and Stewart is a strong side linebacker and Wilhelm said he can cover from sideline to sideline.

Conkin, Stephenson and Ricky Gutierrez (5-7, 150) all logged playing time in the defensive backfield last year and give Anton a lot of experience deep.

The line includes veteran performers Kesey, Guzman and J.R. Christy (5-10, 195).

LCHS at Nazareth

Nazareth will host Lubbock Christian High School Friday night at 8 at Swift Field to kick off the 1994 regular season.

The Swifts are coming off of two successful scrimmages, including a 2-0 shutout of Valley last week.

In that scrimmage, the varsity unit scored twice—once on a 66-yard run by quarterback Gaylon Schilling; and another one on a 3-yard rush by tailback Coby Schacher.

"We did a good job with the things we had worked on in practice during the week, but we still need to improve in some areas," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price. "We dropped some passes we shouldn't have."

He said the team will have to iron out a lot of those problems this week in the season opener.

Price watched Lubbock Christian in a scrimmage, and said the team "misses their big running back they had last year," but still fields a good team.

He said the Eagles will operate out of the Wing T on offense and 5-2 on defense and they have six offensive and four defensive regulars back from last year's 9-2-1 team which advanced to the TAPPS state championship game, losing the title game on penetrations.

"They will try to throw some, but they like to run the ball more," Price said. "They could surprise us, though. Last year they came out and had success throwing the ball against us. We're going to have to be ready for anything."

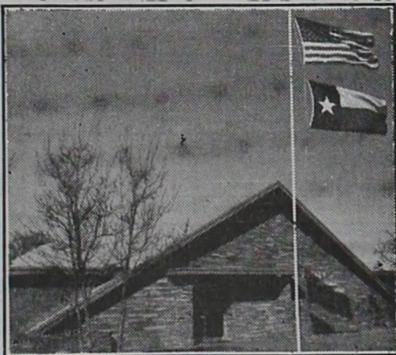
Directing the LCHS offense this season is veteran quarterback Jett Raymond, a 5-11, 163-lb. senior. He is joined in the backfield by returning starters wingback Tatum Stallings (5-6, 148) and tailback Tory Brown (5-9, 171). Opening holes for the backs will be veteran linemen Ben Walker (5-9, 159) and Todd Whitaker (5-10, 166) at guards and Odessa Jones (5-10, 237) and Reagan Bullard (5-11, 192) at tackles. Tight end Mitch Jones (5-10, 163) also is experienced at his position.

Those players pull double duty, working the defensive side of the football as well.

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Of the current assets, \$1.6 million is in certificates of deposit (up \$500,000 from last year).

The balance sheet shows current liabilities of \$313,448 (up \$111,510), new long-term debt of \$2,934, and fund balances totaling \$6,119,091 (up \$659,400).

"Our current liabilities are up just a little bit," Anderson said, "but we still have a good, solid current ratio of over 10 to 1," with general funds at \$3,959,170.

Anderson cited these statistical highlights in the hospital district's operations during the year:

— Net patient-service revenue was up about \$800,000, with overall figures of \$3.3 million for the hospital and \$417,000 for the rural health clinics. Most of the increase was due to the hospital's recording 120 more patient days during the year.

— Revenue from outpatients showed a significant increase, from \$804,300 in fiscal '93 to \$1,626,242 in '94 (up by \$822,000). About \$400,000 of this increase is attributable to the rural health clinics, while the home health agency brought in \$130,000 more than the previous year, and emergency room physician fees were up by about \$250,000.

— Net income was down from \$1.3 million in fiscal 1993 to \$659,000 in '94, a drop of \$641,000.

— Castro County Community Clinics had operating income of \$423,236 and expenses of \$891,902 for a net loss of \$468,666.

— Cash flow (including both the hospital and rural health clinics) showed a net drop of \$587,000.

Because last Wednesday night's open session lasted 4-1/2 hours, the board postponed its executive session until Thursday night. The board voted on only two action items:

— To sponsor nurse's aide Lisa Rodriguez in two years of LVN school with a loan of \$8,000 which can be forgiven after her certification if she returns to the local hospital district to work.

— To sign a letter showing interest in becoming an authorized health-care provider for Blue Cross/Blue Shield's two "preferred provider" (PPO) plans and its health management (HMO) plan. Although BC/BS needed the "letter of interest" signed immediately for

its own certification purposes, there is no commitment on the hospital district's part at this stage to become part of the plans.

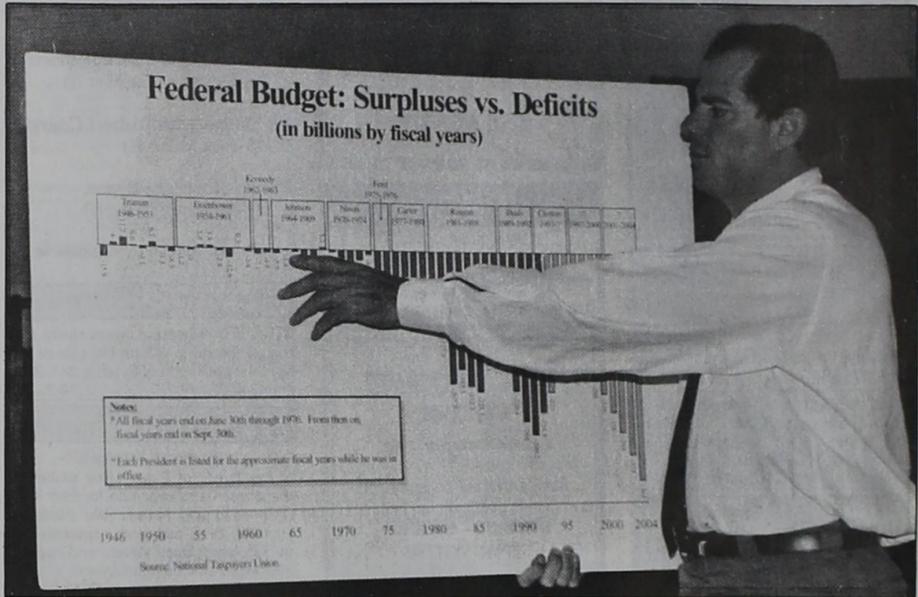
Also, Coleman appointed a four-person committee to consult with attorneys in drawing up proposed standard contracts for physicians and physician assistants, and urged the committee to "get started this next week." Named to the committee were board members James Welch and Bill Clark and administrators Steve Goode and Vince Moss.

Goode and Moss reported that three prospective new physicians are now in contact with the hospital district, and that a fourth physician

has inquired and is scheduled to visit.

A fifth prospect, Goode said, was hired away by Carthage at a guaranteed salary of \$180,000 a year for clinic work only, with no emergency room or obstetrical duties. The local offering is \$120,000 per year for clinic work, plus a fee schedule for on-call, supervisory and emergency-room duties, with obstetrical service required.

Moss said another physician assistant "apparently wants to come here," and added, "The possibility is that we could have a nurse practitioner, a PA and two physicians at the Medical Center of Dimmitt, which would require us to take another look at expanding the facility."



SARPALIUS REVIEWS DEFICITS—US Rep. Bill Sarpalius reviews a chart on the national deficit during a town hall meeting here Tuesday at City

Hall. Sarpalius is pointing out that the last federal budget with a surplus was during the Johnson Administration. Photo by John Brooks

Obituaries

Eldon Lilley

Masonic graveside services for Eldon Lilley, 81, of Dimmitt, were held last Wednesday, Aug. 24, at Westlawn Memorial Park in Dimmitt.

Burial followed under the direction of Foskey Funeral Home.

Mr. Lilley died at 4:25 p.m. on Aug. 23 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt after a lengthy illness.

He was born Nov. 4, 1912, in Cross Plains and lived in Sunnyside for 37 years before moving to Kingsland. He moved to Dimmitt in 1980.

He married Oma Sweatt on Dec. 16, 1935, in Clovis, N.M. He was a farmer until his retirement. He was a member of the Castro County Masonic Lodge #879.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Frankie Johnson of Silver City, N.M., Tommye Wilhite of Amarillo and Twila West of Dimmitt; two sisters, Hester Hull of San Antonio and Esta Mae Rogers of Big Spring; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Scottish Rite Children's Hospital, in care of Castro Lodge #879, P.O. Box 100, Dimmitt 79027.

Gregory Schacher

Gregory L. Schacher, 56, lifetime resident of Nazareth, died Saturday in Amarillo after a lengthy illness.

A prayer service was held Monday night at the CCD Building in Nazareth.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth with Father Neal Dee, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery under the direction of Bell Avenue Chapel of Schooler-Gordon-Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mr. Schacher was born June 7, 1937, in Castro County. He farmed all of his life. He was a member of the Nazareth City Council and Catholic Order of Foresters. He was a member of Holy Family Church in Nazareth. He married Billie Ragland in 1969 in Nazareth.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Dale Johnson of Silverton and Lester Johnson of Amarillo; three daughters, Gayle Perry of Amarillo, Donna Whitlock of Wharton and Peggy Rabe of Buffalo; a brother, Steven Schacher of St. Paul, Minn.; four sisters, Clara Cowell of Amarillo, Marion Durbin of Nazareth, and Gracie Holley and Louise Russell, both of Plainview; and seven grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the Lorelea Acker Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of Nazareth ISD, Box 189, Nazareth 79063; or the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center.

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Corn: Harvest kicks off

Cotton picking not far away...

By GORDON ZEIGLER

AgReview Writer

Harvest will hit a crescendo in the weeks ahead on the High Plains, and corn cutting will be the target of the first wave of crop gathering activity.

The South Plains cotton crop — that portion of it on irrigated acres — has been given a clean bill of health with expectations of good yields and quality.

And in the midst of this flurry of harvest fervor, farmers will soon be treated to some annual farm and ranch trade shows — including the Farmer Stockman Show in Lubbock and the annual Farm and Ranch gathering at the Amarillo Civic Center.

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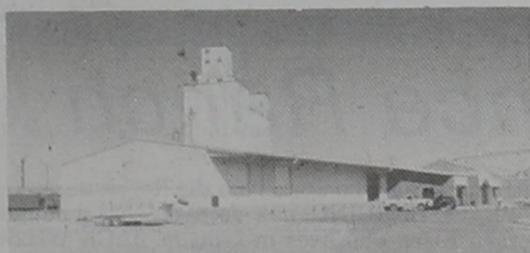
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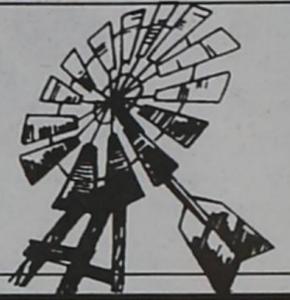
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HALE FARM MUSEUM LABOR DAY BBQ — The annual fundraiser event for the Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum features a brisket dinner from 5l to 7 p.m. at \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Tours of the museum collections will be provided.

Sept. 17-18
GOLDEN SPREAD ANTIQUE EQUIPMENT SHOW — Donald Sell Farm in Perryton will be the site of the original old tractor show of the Texas Panhandle.

Sept. 20-22
SECOND ANNUAL SEMINOLE TRACTOR SHOW — Event will be held in connection with the Farm and Oil Celebration.

Sept. 23
LEVELLAND HARVEST FESTIVAL — Big celebration including displays of old tractors.

Farm museum slates Labor Day barbecue

The annual fundraiser barbecue for the Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum just south of Hale Center on Interstate 27 is set for Labor Day. The museum will have open house from 9 a.m. until dark. The brisket dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at a cost of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, payable at the site. Volunteers will be available to give tours of the museum collections all day.

Keepin' old tractor era alive

By SCOTT LUCE

ABERNATHY — Poppin' Johnnies are a fascination area men who seem almost as caught up in with big tractors as kids are with theirs.

"Little boys with big toys" was one interpretation of the first gathering of the Plains Chapter of the Texas Two Cylinder Club several years ago at Jimmie and Gale Davis' house.

Eighteen tractors - vintages 1934 to 1992 - were brought to the Davises home on the south edge of Abernathy for a day of fellowship and, in general, stories of problems and triumphs during restoration.

All the tractors were John Deere except for Eugene Crumpler's 1951 Oliver Standard 70.

"He takes care of the north side of Abernathy and I take care of the south," Jimmie said about Crumpler's collection north of Abernathy.

Some of the enthusiasts came from as far away as Amarillo and Ira. The more seasoned owners all talked about growing up working farms with the same type tractors that they were now displaying.

The tractors were in various states of restoration. Some were immaculate, glowing green with bright yellow trim. Others were up to snuff mechanically but not yet painted and detailed.

"The reason people like John Deere is because they're easy to work on and easy to restore," Jimmie said.

It was only a partial gathering for the group which met Aug. 18. At that meeting the group voted to affiliate with the Two-Cylinder International Club. Gale had copies of a proposed charter offered by the international club available for the new club members.

Don Sarchet, of Amarillo, master of ceremonies, announced to the group that suggestions were being taken for a name for the club.

Sarchet has traveled extensively through America attending various tractor and antique farm equipment shows.

"We enjoy getting together and swapping stories about restoring tractors and using the tractors as kids," Sarchet said.

Sarchet was once one of those "kids" that drove tractors on farms.



HISTORY PRESERVED — Tommy Applewhite drives unusual tractor in an area parade. It is part of the outstanding collection of tractors and implements at the Hale County Farm Museum.

In later life he said he went to a doctor for an ear examination. The doctor told him there was nothing wrong with his ear but he had TDE. "I had tractor driver he said with a chuckle.

The many years of driving tractors that had no mufflers had diminished his hearing.

The sound of the "Poppin' Johnnies" was still sweet to the people attending. Groups would move from tractor to tractor to watch owners (and sometimes any bystander that wanted to) crank their tractor.

Then they would all step back to listen to the old two-cylinder engines labor through their fire, fuel and compression stages, all the while nodding approval and hollering comments and questions to each other.

The din reached a crescendo when all the tractors were awakened for a mini-parade down Jimmie and Gale's driveway. As each tractor was driven by the gallery, Sarchet would introduce the driver and tractor adding pertinent information about each one.

The John Deere Co. has a slogan, "Nothing runs like a Deere". It was quickly evident that nothing produced now runs like the Deere of old.

"These are antiques because John Deere doesn't make anything like that any more," Jimmie said.

What they do make was dis-

played in the massive 1992 John Deere tractor at the edge of the rows of its predecessors.

The new one was in sharp contrast with its enclosed cab, air conditioner and heater, stereo and a host of levers and digital displays. The only way to get TDE now is to play the radio too loud.

The new ones may have more creature comforts but the old ones are the most beautiful to someone bitten by the antique tractor bug.

The club organized in October, 1991. It was chartered in the state organization's Area 16 with Don Sarchet of Amarillo as its first president. Other officers were Jimmie Davis, Abernathy, vice president; Eddie Earnest, Plains, secretary; and Phil Gunderman, 5716 93rd, Lubbock, 79424, treasurer. Reporter was Gail Davis.

A total of 42 member families joined the club at the initial meeting.

The club is associated with the Two Cylinder Club International of Waterloo, Iowa. It has 20,000 members nationally.

Some members of the club have from one to 15 or 20 old tractors they have collected and are restoring or trading.

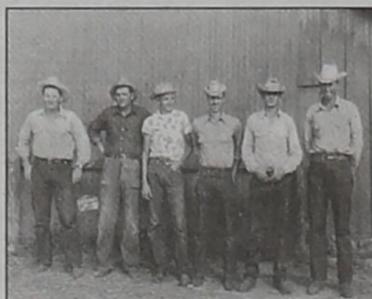
Area 16 is not restricted to the Soluth Plains, and includes the 79-zip code area, covering the Texas Panhandle, South Plains and Permian Basin. Information is available from the Davises.

Big 'shindig' Saturday at Nance Ranch

Fiddlers music contest, '50s era cowboy reunion spices Canyon weekend

CANYON — While Fiddlers compete for prize money, former cowboys on the Nance Ranch will once again, through echoes in their minds, saddle up and ride across the range land to tend the vast herd of Hereford whiteface cattle on the ranch.

On Saturday Cowboys from the 1940 and 1950 era will gather to relive those days of tending the one-time largest herd of registered Herefords in the world. Forty-one years ago, on September 23, 1953, over 1200 head of these cattle were sold at the dispersal sale on the Nance Ranch. George and Lucille Nance



THE 'COWBOYS' — A 1951 gathering of ex-Nance Ranch cowboys shown above includes Orville Gray (left), Percy Hawthorne, Lowell Hill, Donnie Stroup, Raymond Welch and Jim Riley.

had established the Ranch in the early 1920s and had successfully built the Ranch into a showplace for social gatherings as well as an efficient working ranch employing several cowboys.

Early cowboys

from the 1930s who worked on the Ranch were: PEARL HARDING, now deceased, has a daughter, Doreen Kiser who lives in Canyon. JACK WILSON, now deceased, has a daughter, Allie Mae Clark who lives in Canyon and a nephew, ROB GROVES, who worked on the ranch while he attended WT. He now works on the Frying Pan Ranch at Bushland. GEORGE SANDERS was the herdsman in 1938. BUD MINOR, now deceased, was one of the early managers of the purebred operation. His wife lives in Canyon and a cousin, Bailey Reece, lives in Canyon.

In the 1940s, HAROLD BYARS who lives in Canyon was the herdsman. RAYMOND, KENNETH, AND WAYNE WELCH, three brothers who live in Amarillo, worked on the Ranch from 1944 to 1953 and

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ORVILLE (RED) GRAY who lives in Canyon worked closely with the Nance herd from 1945 to 1953.

In the early 1950s, BRYANT STROUP,

DECEASED, and sons: DONNIE STROUP AND LARRY STROUP and daughter, GLENDA ANDERSON WHO LIVES IN Canyon all worked for the Nances. JIM RILEY was the manager in 1951. HOWARD

MILLER, who lives near Fort Worth, was manager in 1953. LOWELL HILL lives in Amarillo now. He worked on the Ranch 1952 to 1954. PERCY HAWTHORNE, deceased and whose wife, Reathal, lives in Canyon, worked

in the early 1950s along with his brother, JAMES HAWTHORNE. James lives in Canyon now. TOM HENRY lives at Happy and was working on the Ranch when Mr. Nance died in 1954.

The festivities will begin at 5 pm. The top money-winner Shepard-Cunningham Chuckwagon will cater the Bar B Q meal and reservations must be in by Sept. 1. The free

Fiddlers Festival will be inside the air-conditioned barn where visitors will be able to visit with the Cowboys and listen to the music. *(By the Canyon News)*

Abilene, Texas, angler recalls bass fishing 'moment'

By **DANNY REAGAN**
Abilene Reporter-News

ABILENE— All anglers live for moments.

My fishing partner Ron lives to see a huge largemouth hit his buzzbait rippling across the still waters of a secluded cove.

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I live to be on a submerged point of land where the white bass are likely to congregate while the sun comes up as a squashed, bright red ball, spilling a crimson stripe along the water.

Where suddenly that water boils all around the boat with shad somersaulting a half foot into the air to escape their pursuers.

It goes back to childhood.

When my grandfather dragged me out of bed at the Possum Kingdom cabin to accompany him while it was still dark to a place he knew "they'd be at."

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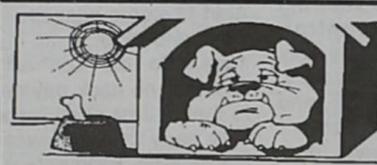
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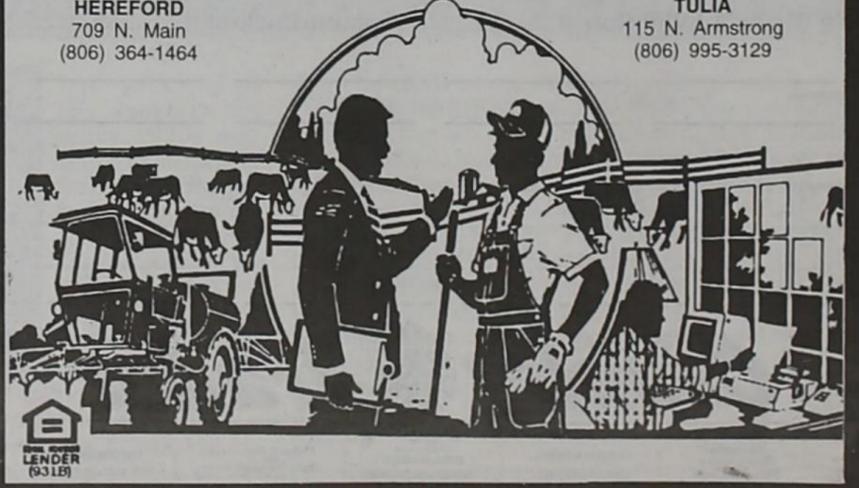
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Ag biotechnology stirs debate over ethics, controls

By KEITH SCHNEIDER

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EAST LANSING, Mich. — A genetically altered tomato and a genetically engineered cow hormone are on the market, each winning federal approval after years of scrutiny.

But other new products are likely to have a much easier journey to the grocery store. The Clinton administration is planning to give the agricultural biotechnology industry broad authority to market most genetically engineered crops without intensive government review.

To the delight of biotechnology executives, President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore are enthusiastic about the technology; they consider it largely harmless but with huge economic potential.

Some scientists, however, including a number here at Michigan State University, one of the nation's leading centers of agricultural research, dissent from that view.

Two Michigan State scientists have called aspects of the government's work on regulating the crops of the 21st century scientifically inadequate.

Dr. Gus A. de Zoeten, the chairman of the botany and plant pathology department, and Dr. Richard Allison, a plant virologist, say that a broad class of the gene-altered crops — those engineered to resist viral diseases — may be more risky than the government believes and should not be exempted from federal oversight, as the Clinton plan proposes.

The Michigan State scientists also say that the government has not supported enough research to assess the risks of genetically engineered plants, and that in the absence of clear scientific data federal agencies are relying too heavily on the opinions of experts.

"Everybody has a stake in this area of plant

research," said de Zoeten. "The companies have billions of dollars invested in new crop varieties. Scientists at the agricultural universities are working closely with these companies, and they have an interest in seeing that the technology is successful. My stake is to have scientists lead the way in doing the research on safety and not just to base their opinions on what they think will happen."

Many consumers, too, are uneasy about the new techniques. In February, a genetically engineered dairy hormone intended to increase milk production in cows went on sale to farmers, prompting protests in New York, Atlanta, Seattle and other cities about the safety of milk.

The significance of the protests was not lost on Calgene Inc., the biotechnology company that won the Food and Drug Administration's approval to sell a tomato engineered to stay on the vine longer for better taste. Calgene voluntarily sought government review to quell public worries about the safety of the tomato and to smooth its path to the market this summer.

The Clinton administration's proposal for overseeing the new crops essentially follows the hands-off approach to plant biotechnology of the Reagan and Bush administrations, but with two important differences.

Since 1987, depending on the plants being tested, the Department of Agriculture has required companies either to submit applications for field trials involving genetically engineered crops or, more recently, to simply notify the government.

Roughly 2,000 field trials have been conducted without incident in 42 states and Puerto Rico on vegetables, fruits, and grains containing genes from species as diverse as chickens, fish, bacteria and viruses.

Where the Clinton plan differs is that after the field-testing stage, the administration proposes to exempt most of the new crops from federal oversight when they are sold to the public. Virtually the only altered crops the administration wants to watch more closely are those containing bacterial genes that produce a natural defense against insects. Under the plan, the marketing of such pesticidal plants will be regulated for the first time by the EPA under the federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, the nation's pesticide control law. The administration is proposing safety tests for such plants, though precisely what sort of tests has not been decided.

Some scientists who support crop-engineering have criticized the proposed rules as unnecessary. They note that classical plant breeding, which produces the bounty that most Americans take for granted, never came under government regulation. They argue that producing new crop varieties through genetic engineering is just as safe as classical breeding and that any regulation at all of plant genetic engineering could squelch innovation.

"Genetic engineering has provided agriculture with the most important set of tools for making plants resistant to diseases and insects ever discovered," said Dr. Susanne Huttner, a molecular neurobiologist and director of the University of California Systemwide Biotechnology Program.

"If the EPA had been around to regulate crop development 50 years ago, we would not have the remarkable variety and quality of fruits, vegetables and grain we enjoy today."

De Zoeten and Allison of Michigan State disagree with that view. They say the administration's regulatory program is not strict enough, especially for the class of new plants engi-

neered to resist viruses. Allison and a colleague, Ann E. Greene, drove the point home in March, when results of their research were published in the journal Science.

The idea of such alterations — first performed in 1986 — was to vaccinate plants by inserting into them pieces of genes from plant viruses. Most scientists considered this safe. They also believed it would enable farmers to reduce the use of chemical pesticides to kill the insects that carried the viruses.

Allison's research, which was jointly sponsored by the Department of Agriculture and Monsanto Co., showed that the inserted genes can recombine with natural plant viruses and produce wholly new viruses at a rate higher than had been theorized by experts at the EPA and the Department of Agriculture.

The implication of the research, said Allison, was that engineering plants to be resistant to viruses might lead to entirely new types of viruses that could cause widespread damage to American harvests.

"Before this, everybody assumed there were no or very low risk factors with genetically engineered plants," said Dr. Robert G. Gast, a soil chemist and director of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Michigan State. Dr. de Zoeten, he said, "has had

concerns that this assumption was not necessarily true." Allison's work, he said, "showed specifically it wasn't true."

Allison's paper was disputed in the same issue of Science by a team of California researchers, who said he was overestimating the risks. Nevertheless, his conclusions caused a small commotion in the scientific community not only because of the thoroughness of the research but also because of where it occurred.

Dr. Walter R. Fehr, a plant breeder and director of the Biotechnology Program at Iowa State University in Ames is one of a number of top scientists around the country who have expressed support for Michigan State's new spirit of criticism.

"What Michigan State did was a piece of research which allowed them to ask a question that's legitimate," he said. "We are shirking our duty to the public if we do not examine those questions with the

best science we have."

But west of here, in Kalamazoo, Mich., where the Asgrow Seed Company is engineering cucumbers, squash and melons to be viral-resistant, executives worry that the Michigan State paper will prompt the Government to reconsider its view and impose stricter controls on testing and marketing such crops.

"The important question always when you are talking about Government regulation is, What is the danger and what are the consequences of the event if something goes wrong?" said Dr. Hector D. Quemada, a molecular biologist and associate director of vegetable biotechnology at Asgrow, a subsidiary of Upjohn Co.

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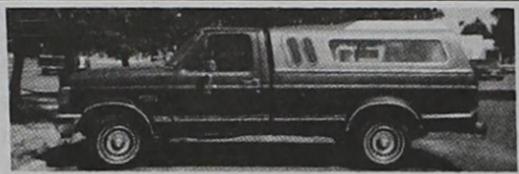
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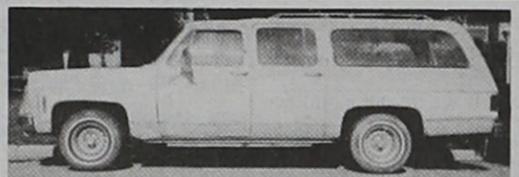
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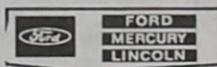
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Farm-based Grange sees membership dwindle

By **BOB BATZ**

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DAYTON, Ohio — Virginia Reeder sounds like she's flipping through a family album as she reads aloud the roster of the Community Grange in Centerville.

"This lady has passed away. This man's in a nursing home. This couple has retired to Florida," said Reeder, a Granger since 1922.

For many years, local Granges, with their commitment to farm, family and the flag, played a major role in the annual Montgomery County Fair.

But when this year's 141st fair opens Wednesday at the fairgrounds on South Main Street, members of only one Grange — Community — will be showing their stuff.

The Grange, once America's largest and most influential fraternal farm organization, has fallen on hard times.

Ohio, which boasted 630 Granges with 42,000 members as recently as 1981, now has 441 with about 21,000 members.

During that same span, Montgomery County has gone from nine Granges with 500 members to six with about 225 members.

"It's dying," said Spring Valley's Lewis Northern, deputy master of the Montgomery County Grange.

"And it will continue to go down the hill until we start getting young people enthused about the Grange. There are people out there who don't have the foggiest idea of what the Grange is all about."

Reeder, 84, isn't sure how long her chapter will survive.

"Once, we had more than a hundred active mem-

bers, but now we thank our lucky stars if we get 10 to a meeting," she said.

She was 11 when she joined the youth group of the Community Grange. Members would meet in the Washington Twp. Hall — adults in one room for lectures, children in another singing songs and doing skits.

"It used to be that voices filled the hall, and they were strong, loud voices," Reeder said. "But now our meetings are more like a whimper."

Art Long, a member of the Montgomery County Fair board of directors, blames the decline on the Grange's failure to adjust to changing times.

"The Grange has a program it has never updated, and as a result, few young people are involved because the organization has nothing to offer them," said Long, 82, a member of the Grange for 49 years.

The decline began in the 1970s, when the farming life began to disappear.

Today, Montgomery County has fewer than 900 farms, down from 1,020 in 1989, according to the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Even though there are 26 Granges in five Miami Valley counties — Montgomery, Darke, Preble, Miami and Greene — some have only a handful of members. Most, having abandoned their Grange halls to cut costs, meet in churches and schools.

In Preble County, still heavily agricultural, five Granges have a combined membership of fewer than 200.

The Bellbrook Grange, one of the more active units in the Dayton area, has 80 members.

The Madison Grange still maintains its hall at 302 W. Main St. in Trotwood.

"The decline in membership has been a gradual thing," said Glen T. Nelson, Madison's acting master. "If we're to survive, we need more people in the 30-to-50 age group because most of our current members are in their 70s and 80s."

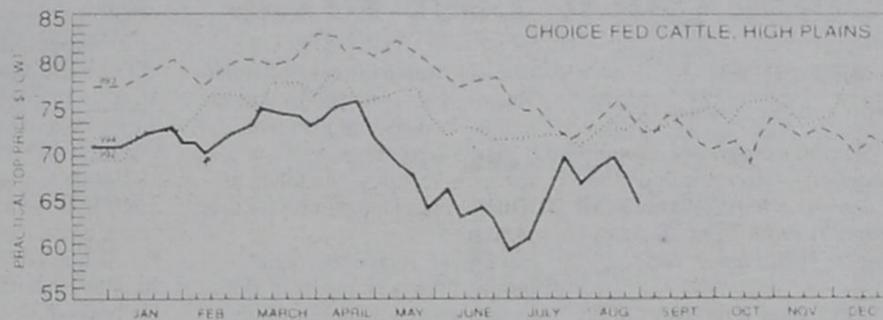
Samantha Mercer, 26, is one of the few exceptions. She joined the Bellbrook Grange when she was 13.

"For our family, the Grange was a way to spend some time with each other," said Mercer, who's in charge of programs for the local organization.

To attract younger participants, the Grange

accepts members who don't have farm backgrounds, according to Howard

Zimmerman, deputy master of Miami County's Granges and a member of the Ohio State Grange executive board.



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West Texas :

Some call it 'Lost Texas'

By MIKE COCHRAN

Associated Press Writer

"For all purposes of human habitation — except it might be for a penal colony — those wilds are totally unfit." — U.S. Army explorer W.B. Parker, 1854.

"They show no pictures of my province or even of neighboring provinces," — Author Jim Corder, writing about his childhood home, 1988.

JAYTON, (AP) — A century and a half ago, an Army explorer stumbled onto a hauntingly remote and desolate chunk of Texas prairie and was not much impressed.

W.B. Parker branded the hills and plains "inhospitable" and declared:

"Destitute of soil, timber, water, game, and everything else

that can sustain or make life tolerable, they must remain as they are, uninhabited and uninhabitable."

He vowed never to return, except in memory, "and then in reminiscences too painful far to be pleasant."

A giant, jagged rectangle between the skyscrapers of Dallas to the east and the fertile High Plains of Lubbock to the west, the land Parker visited was eventually settled but rarely boomed.

Bypassed by major highways and only fitfully romanced by King Cotton or Big Oil, it remains today a region with little population or prosperity and even less political clout.

With no name or identity of its own, it often is overlooked or ignored even by other Texans.

"We're really kind of stepchildren here," says Micky Parker, the librarian in Jayton, population 638.

Joy Cave, a Guthrie schoolteacher, put it this way: "We don't belong to anybody. We belong to ourselves."

So where is "here?"

Certainly it is well west of Fort Worth, where the West purportedly begins, and north of Interstate 20, which stretches from Fort Worth to Midland-Odessa and beyond.

It's also south of the

Red River that borders Oklahoma and just to the east of the geological phenomenon known as the Caprock that marks the Texas High Plains.

By circumstance, not choice, it is an ill-defined territory, relentlessly raw and decorated by hard-scrabble farms and ranches and small and struggling towns.

To be sure, there are more inhospitable and less populous areas of Texas, such as Big Bend, the Permian Basin or even the Badlands west of the Pecos.

But those places compensate. The Big Bend has mystique, beauty and a national park. The Permian has deep, rich oil fields. And the Badlands has history and Hollywood.

Some will argue that "here" is the Rolling Plains, but that never stuck. A few from "here" might attach themselves to the "Big Country" to the south around Abilene, but that's stretching things a bit.

Worse yet, some folks in the Big Country even want to change that name to the "Texas Midwest."

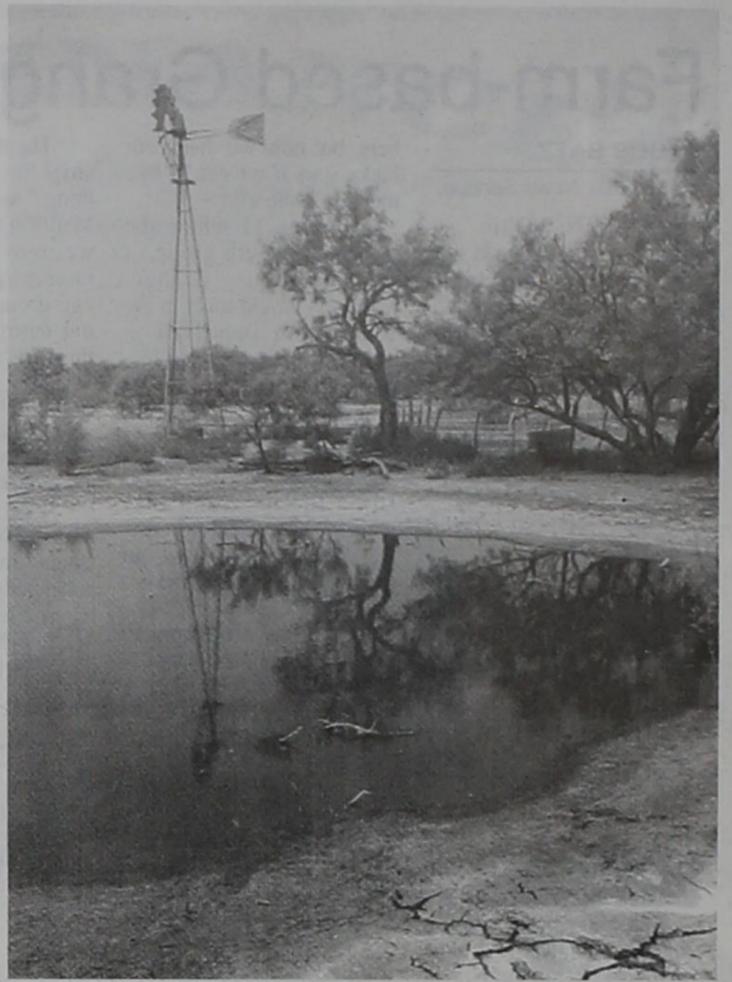
A true map of "here" probably would include all or large parts of Dickens, King, Knox, Kent, Stonewall, Fisher, Foard, Cottle and Motley counties and bits and pieces of Scurry, Jones, Garza, Haskell and Borden.

That's roughly 8,500 square miles, an area larger than the whole of Rhode Island, Delaware and Connecticut.

The largest town is Hamlin, population 2,788. Most are under 1,000.

In all, less than 25,000 people live in this phantom state within a state, many on small farms and larger ranches where the earth yields too few crops and a relative trickle of Texas crude.

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Jim Corder jokes.

"I'm always looking for West Texas or my part of it, and not finding it," writes Corder in "Lost in West Texas," a whimsical and charming book that deals largely with his nameless homeland.

"My part of West Texas doesn't show up much in books," thus leaving a "hole" in Texas, he grumbles.

"They miss the strange and lonesome beauty: the view one

sees of the Double Mountains down the Salt Fork from the highway bridge between Swenson and Jayton; the first dramatic drop into the deep of the Croton Breaks..."

An English professor at Texas Christian University, Corder was born near Jayton, but even he cannot pinpoint the boundaries of his province. "It just doesn't have any identity, except in the minds of the people who live there," he told a reporter recently.



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