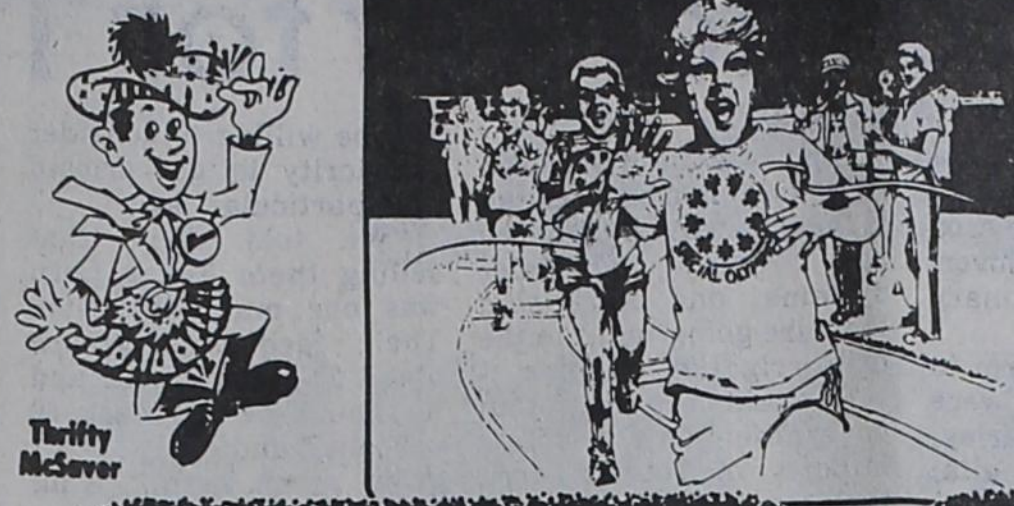


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Egyptian trip could lead to market for Texas corn

For farm leaders Ray Joe Riley and Carl King a December trip to Egypt was a trip they hope will eventually result in another market for US agricultural products.

The visit, sponsored by the Agricultural Industrial Development branch of the US government and the Egyptian government, was a "reconnaissance visit."

The trip, Riley said, "was to assess and visualize areas of agriculture in Egypt for expansion and development, using ideas that exist in Texas and the US."

Riley said they wanted to see if ideas here could be applied to the situation in Egypt, "to utilize their land and water, crops, livestock, etc. to an advantage for them as well as any parties that participate with them in any joint ventures or areas of furnishing materials."

King said one of the overall goals was to eye the possibility of selling them Texas corn for a

balanced ration for their livestock.

The Dimmitt men visited with top officials in Egypt. They visited research farms in the Delta region, Cairo and Alexandria.

King said the Nile River is the lifeblood of everything in the country. He said the water supply from the river would be adequate to farm anywhere in Egypt, and the water is free.

The climate, similar to that of the desert regions

of Arizona, makes it possible to grow two crops per year.

King said the major crop in the country is Clover, which is their primary livestock feed.

At the research farm in Alexandria there were crops of wheat and barley, horse beans, alfalfa, watermelons and corn.

The corn, King said was (white) U.S. variety, with two ears per stalk. King said it would yield about 8,000 to 9,000 pounds per acre. The corn was hand

planted.

King said the main form of irrigation used in Egypt is flood irrigation, but they saw some sprinkler systems, and King said they are going more to the drip irrigation systems.

He said the Egyptian government law prohibits imports of foreign corn that would compete with their subsidies to their farmers. However, King said, "Since we left Egypt they have called Washington and said they would give free land, free water

and be willing to consider a priority to get around that particular law.

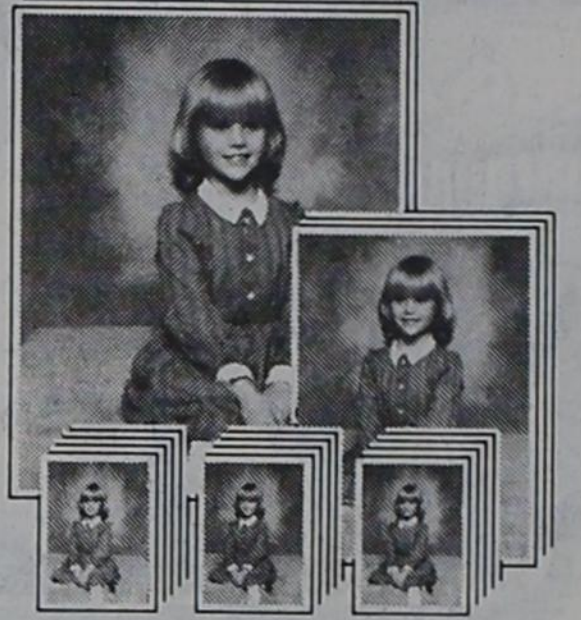
"We told them that selling them Texas Corn was our main objective. Their feed rations are about 20 percent corn and it should be at least 60 percent, and they don't grow much corn," King said.

"After they receive our report, maybe we can get some concessions that will eventually enable us to sell them corn from West Texas."

Riley and King are filling out reports about their trip now, and it could be from three to six months before they know anything.

The reports will reflect whether or not it is feasible to go ahead with a full-fledged study.

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ASCS news

Farm program sign up starts Monday

"We will begin accepting applications for the 1984 farm programs on Monday," Charley E. Hill, County Executive Director, said. The 1984 acreage reduction programs were announced last August for wheat, and during the fall for corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, and cotton.

Hill said to be eligible for loans and target price protection farmers must sign up and comply with the acreage reduction program requirements.

To emphasize the conservation aspects of the 1984 programs, land removed from production will be put into an acreage conservation reserve (ACR). "We encourage farmers to place their more erosive land into the ACR, while continuing to balance supply with demand," Hill said.

For reducing their wheat acres by 30 percent of their base, farmers will be eligible for target price protection at \$4.45 per bushel, price support loans at \$3.30 per bushel, and the option to reduce their acreage an additional 10 to 20 percent for a payment-in-kind at 75 percent of their program yield, according to Hill.

Farmers who reduce their feed grain acreage by 10 percent of their base will receive federal target prices of \$3.03 per bushel for corn, \$2.88 for grain sorghum, \$2.60 for barley and \$1.60 a bushel for oats. They also will be eligible for loan rates of \$2.55 a bushel for corn, \$2.42 for sorghum, \$2.08 for barley and \$1.31 per bushel for oats.

The upland cotton program offers farmers a target price of 81 cents

per pound and a loan rate of 55 cents per pound for reducing their cotton acres by 25 percent of their base.

The ASCS official said participation in the acreage reduction programs is a way in which farmers can control over-supply situations. "The programs also will provide a degree of insurance for farmers against price fluctuations and adverse weather conditions," he added.

Contracts signed by program participants will be considered binding and will provide for liquidated damages for failure to comply with program requirements. The sign-up period ends February 24th.

Dallas EPA spokesman said Monday that 90 percent of EDB usage was on soil.

A proposed EPA phase-out of EDB in grain storage and processing is being appealed by nine chemical companies including J-Chem in Houston. The process could take up to two years.

Local TDA officials and members of the grain industry indicated Monday that EDB is not used by West Texas farmers or grain storers.

Carl King, president of Texas Corn Growers Association said that elevators in Castro County do not use EDB to his knowledge.

He also said that Temik and Phorate, chemicals used extensively here on cotton and sugar beets, contain no EDB.

King said his organization would not "jump into the water yet, until we have more facts."

The EPA concluded that EDB in food is an extremely high cancer risk, but as yet there are no specifics on health effects or what constitutes dangerous consumption levels.

EDB ban to have little effect here

The outlawing of ethylene dibromide (EDB), a chemical used on soil, stored and processed grain and produce should have little effect on West Texas agribusinessmen.

The environmental protection agency has concluded that EDB poses an increased risk of cancer, mutations and reproductive disorders. The Texas Department of Agriculture is convinced that the chemical (EDB) is harmful to the public.

The EPA banned the use of EDB as a soil fumigant in late September. A

conference set today

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Included on the program will be Dimmitt agricultural consultant Olan Moore, along with others speaking on subjects ranging from surge flow irrigation and use of soil sensors, to pending water legislation.

The Center in Amarillo is located at 6500 Amarillo Blvd., West.

The program is expected to conclude by 3 p.m.

Aldermen undecided

After an executive session nearly four hours long, the Dimmitt Board of Aldermen reported that they were still unable to make a decision on the proposals for use of the city's 99.8 acres surrounding the sewage disposal plant and lake, and use of the lake water.

Several farmers met with the board to discuss personal financial matters in the special meeting held Monday, beginning at 3 p.m.

The aldermen announced that they will try to have a decision made at their next regular meeting, Monday at 6:30 p.m.

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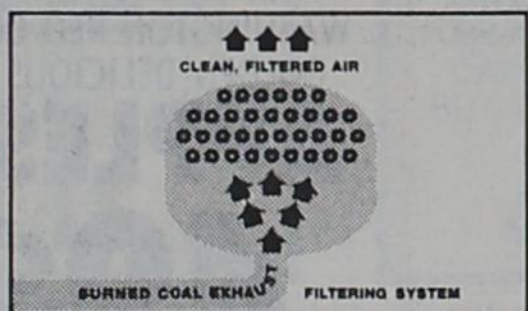
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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS—Three college students from Dimmitt who are being assisted by Dana Wall Memorial Scholarships receive their spring tuition checks from Dimmitt Young Farmers Scholarship Chairman Stan McDaniel (right) and President Tommy Kenworthy. The scholarship students are (from left) Tim Wales, a sophomore at

Texas Tech; Danny Underwood, a junior at Texas Tech; and Lonnie Robb, a freshman at Clarendon Junior College. The Dimmitt Young Farmers have awarded \$6,000 in scholarship money since they established the Dana Wall Memorial Scholarships three years ago to assist agriculture students from Dimmitt.

More about
County Commission ...

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she is out of the county on county business.

Gave State Trooper Ron Morgan permission to have the (county owned) gas pump used by troopers, repaired.

Voted to advertise for bids for the radio building for the Sheriff's Department.

Approved the payment of a \$12,450 bill from Brown, Graham, and Co. CPA for the April and year end audit for the county. They also approved the payment of a \$3,067.70 bill to West Texas Equipment.

Selected the Salary Grievance Committee. New members are: Richard West, Cecil Braddock, Melvin Barton and Doyle Underwood.

Set County holidays. They are: April 20, Good Friday; May 28, Memorial Day; July 4, Independence Day; Sept. 3, Labor Day; Nov. 22-23, Thanksgiving; Dec. 24, 25, 26 Christmas; and Jan. 1, New Year.

Heard estimates from three contractors concerning a caliche road which would lead to Cluck Feed Yards.

Discussed with City Manager, Paul Catoe, and Alderman David Hays, the

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possibility of a pipeline to pump water from the sewage disposal plant in Dimmitt to farms north and east of town.

More about
School board...

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said he has not made up his mind yet.

Ryan informed board members that the bids on carpet for the classrooms in Richardson Elementary and the administration building were re-let with different specifications, and will be decided on at the February meeting of the board.

Karen Bailey of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) visited the board meeting and spoke briefly. She told the board that she feels the Texas legislature will call a special session this summer and will consider the recommendations of the Perot Committee on education.

"There will probably be a change in the flow of dollars to the local school systems, but not necessarily any change in the amount of dollars," Bailey said.

Part of the change in financing will probably include about a \$2,000-\$3,000 raise in the minimum pay for teachers, she remarked.

Bailey also gave the opinion that testing of teachers will be the coming thing in a couple of years, and that a "career ladder" may be used in determining pay levels, rather than "merit pay."

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Cut calories with citrus

Substituting citrus for the high-calorie sweets you have been eating during the holiday season can help get your weight under control without breaking your food budget.

Consumers often think that citrus prices will double or triple after a freeze such as the one that struck Texas in December. But things may not be so bad for consumers since part of a bumper crop of Texas grapefruit and oranges was harvested before the freeze, and a large supply of juice was already in storage from last year, says Marilyn Haggard, a food and nutrition specialist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service.

Even if prices go up a few cents per pound, citrus fruit is a particularly good buy, says the specialist, because it has a high proportion of nutrients for the calories. The high nutrient-density of oranges and grapefruit is also an advantage for dieters who want to keep their calorie intake low without sacrificing good nutrition.

Because Texas citrus is known for its sweetness, it makes an excellent low-calorie snack. A half grapefruit, for example, contains only 55 calories and a whole orange has just 64 calories. Most people know that citrus is high in vitamin C, but may not realize that just one orange provides 110 percent and half a grapefruit provides 80 percent of the recommended daily allowance, says the specialist. In addition, citrus has negligible sodium and is high in potassium. This is important for people on

sodium-restricted diets, and those interested in overall good nutrition.

All Texas citrus is tree-ripened and ready to eat when you buy it. Select firm, well-shaped, heavy grapefruit and oranges for more juice inside, suggests Haggard. Texas citrus are very thin-skinned fruit. Slight skin defects, such as scars or scratches caused by wind brushing the fruit against tree branches will not affect the eating quality.

'FORAGE SYSTEMS' TO BE FEATURED

"Forage systems" will be the focus of the 1984 Forage and Grassland Conference in Houston, Jan. 23-26. The national conference at the Sheraton Crown Hotel, 15700 Drummet Blvd. near the Houston Intercontinental Airport, will feature special forums on lean beef production systems, modern methods for grading and classifying hay, forage fertility and grazing systems.

Major highlights will include the annual Texas State Hay Show, Jan. 24; a special awards banquet that evening featuring country comedian Jerry Clower; and a Texas Forage Producers Seminar the evening of Jan. 25. Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Jon Ford will speak at 9 a.m. Jan. 26.

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Conservation program will have little effect

The USDA's new resource conservation program announced by Secretary of Agriculture John Block in December will likely have little effect on conservation efforts in Texas.

The new program sets aside \$20 million for use in a cost-sharing arrangement with producers who agree to use approved conservation practices on highly erodible land for a minimum of 5 to 10 years. The cost-sharing program would cover 90 percent of the costs of converting such land to grass or trees. Land committed to this new conservation initiative would be considered as cropland acreage for conservation reserve or other set-aside purposes.

As with the Agricultural Conservation Program already in place, this new initiative is aimed at targeting funds and efforts to areas of greatest need, points out Dr. B. L. Harris, soils specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Harris notes that areas in Texas currently targeted for conservation efforts under the ACP include the High Plains, Blackland Prairies and Lower Rio Grande Valley.

The specialist points out that the new USDA conservation program will likely have limited impacts on the state:

It has the potential for converting highly erodible cropland into grass or timber cover. In the case of water erosion, this will also reduce silting and clogging of streams, lakes, road culverts and other structures. Wind erosion and blowing sand also will be reduced, he said.

"Potential benefits of the program along with the high cost-share rate and the additional benefit of counting conserved acres as cropland should make the program popular

and cause it to be quickly over-subscribed. Thus the relatively small amount of money allotted to the program will not go far," Harris added.

"While targeted areas have yet to be defined, emphasis will likely be placed on conservation efforts on marginal cropland more subject to erosion.

"Only small changes in overall crop production in Texas are expected due to the limited scope of the program and the relatively small amount of harvested crops grown on highly erodible lands.

"If current ACP funds are redirected, highest priority will likely be placed on those locations where soil erosion is of primary concern and clear evidence exists of resource damages by erosion.

"Long-term contracts spelled out in the program (5 or 10 years) will provide for continuity of conservation practices while preserving the cropland acreage base of program participants," Harris said.

"Clearly, the intent of the new program is to reduce erosion, starting with that land most subject to erosion. Thus it reflects USDA's renewed

commitment to resource conservation," he added.

"While the intent of this new conservation program is sound, the funds are too limited to accomplish a great deal nationwide," said Harris. "In Texas, farmers could easily utilize the entire \$20 million. For the program to have major impact, more resources will have to be committed."

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Sports

HHS teams finish 2-3 in Lazbuddie tourney

Hart's Lady Longhorns started the Lazbuddie Tournament Thursday by setting a new tourney scoring record, then went on to finish as runner-up Saturday.

The Longhorns, meanwhile, brought home the third-place trophy.

The Lady Longhorns chalked up their tourney scoring record with a 103-4 victory over Temple Christian Academy in the opening round Thursday morning. Coach Johnny McDonald's girls sank 67 percent of their field shots and 77 percent of their free throws as six players scored in double figures. Diana Montiel led the way with 22, followed by Noemi Ponce with 19, Maricela Carrasco with 12, and Sheryl McLain, Lori Sarabia and Susie Reyna with 10 apiece. Susan Rodriguez was Hart's top defensive player with eight rebounds.

Every girl on the Hart squad scored in the lopsided contest.

The Lady Longhorns kept their roll going in the semi-finals with a 50-47

victory over Bovina. Although Bovina scored more field goals (21 to 18), Hart won it at the free throw line, hitting 14 of 24 charity tosses to Bovina's five of 18.

Susie Reyna paced the Lady Longhorns with 18 points while Noemi Ponce sank 10.

In the championship game against Vega Saturday, the Lady Longhorns fell behind 12-16 in the first quarter and were never able to catch Vega. By halftime, Vega built a 38-25 lead. The two teams matched point-for-point in the third, and Vega added two points to its lead in the fourth to win by a 66-49 count.

Susie Reyna was Hart's high scorer with 20, while Sheryl McLain scored 11. Reyna and McLain also were tops on the boards for Hart with seven rebounds apiece.

McLain and Lori Sarabia were named to the all-tournament team.

In the boys' division, Longhorns opened with a 69-31 victory over Temple (Continued on Page 16)



KENNETH AND KEVIN CLEVELAND will be honored in Amarillo Sunday as the Basketball Coach of the Year and Player of the Year by the Texas Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame. In background is Dimmitt High School's trophy case commemorating

the undefeated Class AAA state championship team of 1982-83. The Clevelands are the first father-son combination ever to win the two TPSHF honors in the same year.

Hall of Fame to honor coach and son Sunday

Dimmitt's "first family" of basketball will receive a double honor Sunday.

Kenneth and Kevin Cleveland both will be honored at 2 p.m. Sunday at the 26th Annual Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame awards program in Amarillo.

Kenneth will be announced as Basketball Coach of the Year, and Kevin as Basketball Player of the Year.

It is the first time in the history of the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame that a father and son have been honored at the same time.

"We were surprised and pleased," Kenneth said. "An honor like this comes along very seldom, and having a son honored at the same time makes it extra special."

Kenneth guided Dimmitt to its second straight Class AAA state basketball championship last season, and its third state crown since 1975. He was honored as PSHOF Coach of the Year after the 1975 state championship.

More about

Morton, Levelland

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George Razor said. "We were just outmanned. But I don't think our boys were afraid of them, although they could have been. They never backed down. I was extremely proud of our kids."

Here are the tournament results:

BOYS' DIVISION
First Round (Thursday) — Levelland 59, Friona 31; Morton 78, Tulia 65; Littlefield 49, Petersburg 27; Dimmitt 52, Muleshoe 25.

Semifinals (Friday) — Morton def. Levelland; Dimmitt 50, Littlefield 32. Consolation semifinals (Friday) — Tulia def. Friona; Petersburg 37, Muleshoe 36.

Third Place (Saturday) — Littlefield def. Levelland. Consolation (Saturday) — Tulia def. Petersburg. Championship (Saturday) — Morton 63, Dimmitt 42.

GIRLS' DIVISION
First Round — Dimmitt 42, Muleshoe 27; Levelland 43, Littlefield 20.

Semifinals — Dimmitt 30, Tulia 23; Levelland def. Friona. Consolation semifinals — Tulia def. Littlefield; Friona 34, Muleshoe 26.

Consolation (Third Place) — Friona def. Tulia. Championship — Levelland 41, Dimmitt 24.

LEAD poisoning is a significant contributor to waterfowl mortality in the Central Flyway.

Driving course set Saturday

A defensive driving course will be offered Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Dimmitt City Hall meeting room.

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BACK HOME AGAIN—Congressman Kent Hance visits with Ellen and Don Gregory of Dimmitt during the \$100-per-couple fund-raising reception in his honor Thursday evening at the Senior Citizens Center. The reception raised \$21,000 for Hance's US Senate

campaign, and the public chili supper that followed hiked the total to \$22,800 — twice the amount that Hance had targeted in his home county for his campaign.

Well measurements are made in January

The 1983 decline in the water level in the Ogallala aquifer in Castro County is expected to be less than the past 10-year average of 2.85 feet. The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District maintains a network of 89 wells it measures in January of each year in the county. All of the wells are privately owned and these landowners generously allow the Water District's staff to measure their wells to keep the public informed on changes in water storage.

It is believed by Water District officials that less water was pumped from the aquifer in 1983 due primarily to the large number of acres placed in the Federal Payment-In-Kind (PIK) program, reduced pumpage resulting from the high cost of energy to pump water, and the better conservation techniques being utilized by the farmers.

Comparing last year's water level measurement to this year's measurement could be compared to comparing last year's bank statement to this year's bank statement. The water levels indicate the quantity of water taken from the water bank as well as the quantity remaining in the water bank. Historically more water has been withdrawn than has been deposited by nature each year.

Fortunately, the rate of depletion has decreased in recent years due to an increase in conservation efforts by area farmers. Conservation practices contributed to the decreased rate of decline include: furrow dikes, underground pipeline, tail-water return systems, drop-line sprinkler systems, and general improvements in efficiency of all kinds of existing irrigation systems.

Cattle feeding

With Texas being a major cattle feeding state, Texans should be interested in the overall cattle feeding industry, says Menzies McWilliams, Castro County Extension agent.

He lists these basic facts about the industry:

- In 1983, almost 25 million head of fed cattle were marketed in the U.S., with Texas accounting for 4 million or 16 percent.
- While Texas was not the leading state in 1982, it ranked second only to Nebraska which fed only 425,000 head more. In 1980, Texas was the foremost feeding state.
- The five major cattle feeding states in the nation are Nebraska, Texas, Kansas, Iowa and Colorado. Each had fed cattle marketings of more than 2 million head in 1982.
- Feedlots in the U.S. that had capacities of 1,000 head or more represented only 3 percent of the lots but accounted for 77 percent of the output.
- Only 188 feedlots operating last year had a capacity of 16,000 head or more (at the time), yet these lots alone accounted for 37 percent of the national output of fed cattle.
- In 1982 Texas boasted 68 lots with such super large capacities (16,000 head or more).
- Texas also had another 81 feedlots with capacities of 1,000 to 15,999 head.

The Eskimo Open set this weekend

The Castro County Country Club will sponsor its annual Eskimo Open Golf Tournament Saturday and Sunday.

Tee-off time is 12:30 p.m. both days. Players will play 18 holes each day, and the format is scramble.

Entry fee is \$20, which includes cart.

The tournament will be played regardless of the weather conditions.

Saturday night activities included a stew and cornbread dinner and a juke-box dance. The activities are open to the public. Saturday night activities are free for tournament participants and \$3 per person for non-participants.

Any wishing to enter may call Sterling Sasser Club pro, at the pro shop, 647-4502.

More about HHS teams...

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Christian as Bruce Finch sank 15 points and Paul Ramirez netted 14.

"We started slow in the first quarter, but turned it on and played an excellent three quarters the rest of the game," Coach Sam Browning said.

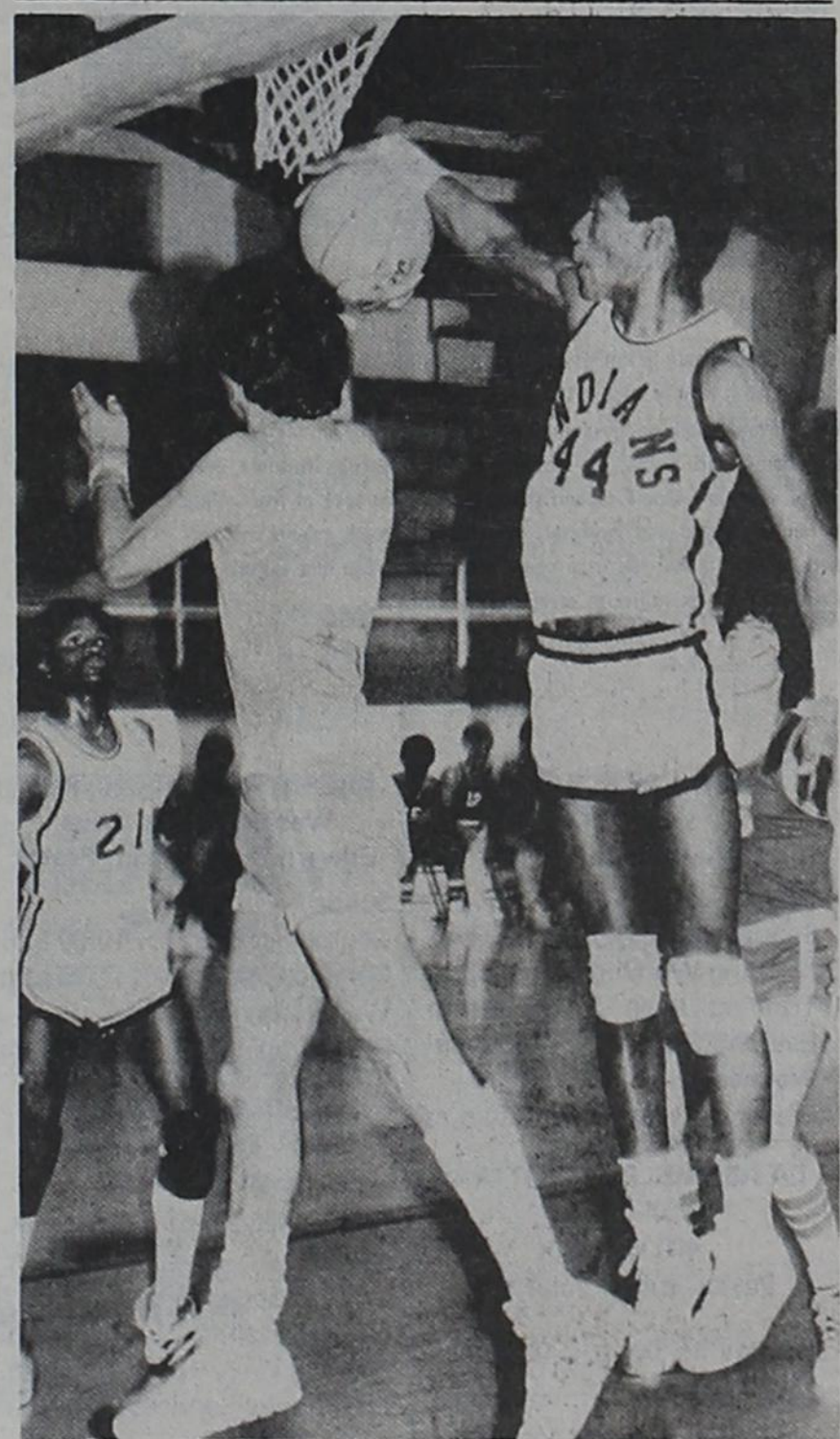
Although the Longhorns lost their semifinal game, they got to test their district's top-ranked team, the Bovina Mustangs. Bovina won it, 48-39.

"We played the type of game we had to play to stay close to them," Browning said. "They're the No. 1 team in our district and we played them within nine points, and we feel like we can beat them when we play them again."

Pacing Hart's offense were Ramirez with 12 points and Rusty Ammons with 11.

The Longhorns downed Springlake-Earth 50-42 for third-place honors Saturday, with Omar Longoria scoring 16 points and Bruce Finch 12.

Paul Ramirez of Hart was named to the all-tournament team, and Coach Browning commented, "I felt like we had several other players who played as well as Paul did. We had a good tournament, an excellent effort from our players, and it will help us going into district play."



JAMMING—Morton's Jerry Joyce (44) puts a perfect block on a shot by Dimmitt's Martin Alvarez during the championship game of the Dimmitt Freshman Tournament Saturday night. The 6-3 Joyce scored 36 points to lead the Freshman Indians to a 63-42 victory in the title game. Eight boys' teams and six girls' teams competed in the tourney.

Police calls

Castro County Sheriff's Deputies have arrested two suspects in the Jan. 1 burglary of the Lorenza Lee residence northeast of Hart.

The married couple, from Hart, remain in the county jail, awaiting arraignment.

Taken in the burglary were two televisions, a radio, a .22-calibre rifle, a mantel clock, assorted jewelry and household items, and meat from the refrigerator, valued at an estimated total of \$4,500.

Deputies reported that several Hart area residents gave information on the possible location of some of the stolen items, leading to the arrest of the pair Monday. Two items were recovered at their home, and other items were located at the home of a friend of the couple in Lamb County, and at the home of the woman's mother in Hale County. These two were not charged in connection with the incident.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee have identified the items that have been recovered, although a few things are still missing.

In other incidents throughout the week, law enforcement officers handled an attempted burglary, four DWI's, an assault and a public intoxication.

An attempted burglary was reported Monday at 6:45 p.m. when Jay Isham, manager of Castro Co-op Gin in Dimmitt, observed

a Spanish male approaching the gin office on foot. Isham decided to investigate and followed the man in his pickup. Isham reported that as he rounded the corner of the office, the man ran. In examining the building, he discovered a broken window.

Investigating police discovered no signs of entry and nothing was reported taken.

The suspect was described as having shoulder-length hair, about 18 or 20 years of age, wearing a red coat and blue jeans.

Dimmitt Police Chief Don Franklin reported that no further progress has been made in the Hays Implement burglary case, since they are waiting for the Attorney General's opinion on issuance of warrants for two of the suspects, implicated in the incident by an accomplice who is in custody.

Last Thursday, a 25-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested on assault charges arising from a domestic dispute.

Saturday, a 35-year-old Clovis man was arrested on DWI charges, which also was a violation of his probation; and a 34-year-old Hereford man was arrested on DWI charges.

Other DWI's were a 29-year-old Dimmitt man arrested Monday. Also on Monday, a 41-year-old Dimmitt man was apprehended for public intoxication.



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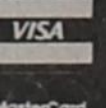
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