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Tractors are recovered

A former Friona policeman and a Mexican national have been charged in federal indictments in connection with the recent theft of around 15 tractors from throughout the area.

Two of the tractors were taken from Castro County in the string of thefts, which took place mainly between March 15 and May 15, and those two, owned by Donald Gilreath and Carl Jones of the Flagg area, have been returned to Dimmitt.

Mark Ancira, 36, formerly of Friona, and Pedro Payan, age 45 to 50, were indicted in the federal court in Dallas for interstate transportation of stolen property. Ancira faces 18 counts and Payan 15.

Castro County Sheriff Lonny Rhynes announced last week that the arrests were made through cooperative investigation efforts of area police, sheriffs' departments, the Dept. of Public Safety, the FBI, US Customs agents, and the US Border Patrol, as well as Mexican law enforcement authorities.

Most of the tractors had been taken across the border into Mexico, crossing over from Columbus, N.M., using falsified sale papers. They were then transferred to Payan, who deals in used implements in Mexico.

Payan was apprehended in June in the US, waiting to take one of the stolen vehicles across the border. He has refused to waive extradition, and so is being held without bond. A second tractor was found in the back yard of Ancira's Deming, N.M. home at the time of his arrest.

With the help of Mexican authorities, another 10 tractors were located in Mexico and were seized to be returned to the US. Nine of them traveled in a caravan across the border at Presidio July 23.

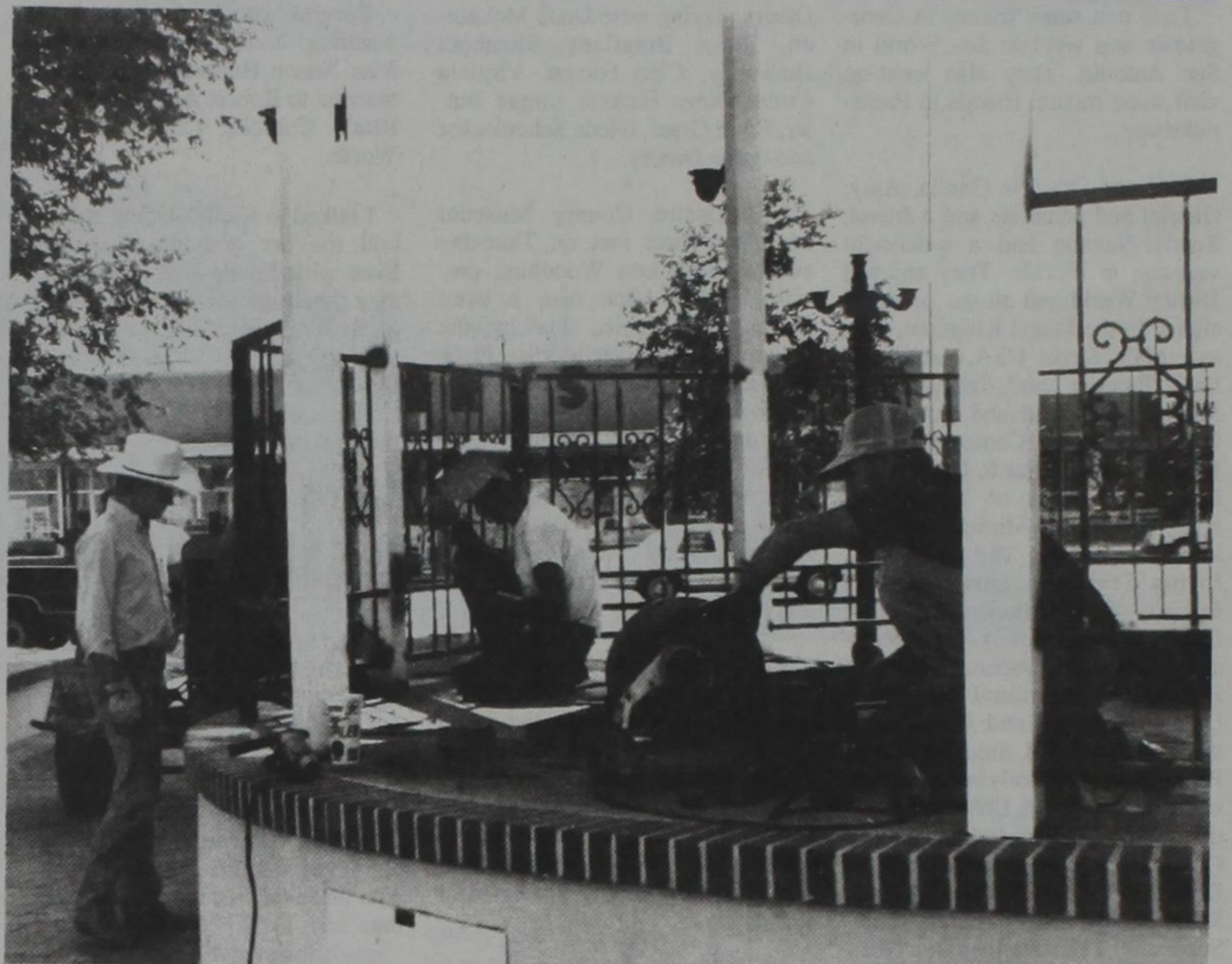
Ancira became a suspect in the lengthy investigation after he had been stopped two separate times and thefts were reported in the vicinity shortly afterward.

Rhynes said area law enforcement personnel formed a task force in May on the tractor thefts, and exchanged information and compared evidence. DPS Trooper Jerry Johnson of Lubbock acted as coordinator of the effort. Others who Rhynes said were instrumental in the investigation and arrests included DPS Trooper Archie Blackwell of Midland, Border Patrol Special Agent Wayne Weimers of Presidio, and Sheriff Rick Thompson of Presidio County.

"Individually, we could not have caught these men and gotten the property returned, but working collectively we were able to succeed. All involved did a super job of collecting evidence and sharing information," Rhynes said.

Rhynes said the tractors, valued at from \$12,000 to \$50,000, were sold for around \$10,000 each in Mexico, most of them to Mennonite farmers. One tractor suffered a broken block, but the two from Castro County were returned in fairly good condition, although some accessories had been removed and additional operating

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ONE STEP CLOSER—Scotty Abbott examines the metal work by Larry Robb and Rick Bagwell on the gazebo railings. Other Dimmitt Young Farmers

were on hand Monday to help install the railings and bench supports. Photo by Danette Baker



CENTENNIAL PLAZA DESIGNER
... Robert Hawkins of Hart

Hawkins dubs gazebo project 'second wife'

By FREDA MCVAY

When Robert Hawkins accepted the responsibility as chairman of the Centennial Plaza project last year, he probably never thought that by the end of July he would be referring to it as "my second wife."

In fact, there's a good chance he had no idea how much work he had let himself in for.

But if you've watched him work during the last few months, there's no doubt it has been a "labor of love" for the Hart farmer and contractor, and a source of great pride for the dozens of other volunteers.

The actual groundbreaking for the project was April 8, but months of planning had preceded that event. Hawkins and other members of the Centennial Commission began by studying a variety of styles of gazebos in the area, and not being completely satisfied with any of them.

"My wife and I were visiting in Albuquerque, N.M., for the balloon festival when we saw the gazebo there in Old Town," Hawkins recalled. "I thought that it was closest to what we wanted."

Next came the actual designing of the plaza. Hawkins' son, Phillip, seemed a logical choice, since he had had three years study as an

architectural engineer at Texas A & M.

"I shot pictures of the area in the northwest quadrant of the square, and even got up on top of the court house to get an angle from up there," Hawkins said, "then I sent it off to Phillip and asked him to design it for us."

Six weeks later, Hawkins reported, he got all the material back with a note from his son saying, "Daddy, I can't do it—I just don't have time."

At this point, Hawkins decided to do it himself. The self-styled mechanical engineer said he has designed farm machinery and other machines, "so I figured I could do this."

Making a few changes in the basic design of the gazebo in Albuquerque, Hawkins began working on the plaza's circular design.

"Sometimes I'd wake up at 2 a.m. and have an idea, so I'd jump up and draw it out," Hawkins laughed.

He said that part of the project took him "about three weeks." Then the actual labor began. Hawkins gives a lot of credit to the men and women who have volunteered their time and services throughout

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By Don Nelson

The two boys grinned, gritted and grunted as they tugged and pushed against each other. It was a territorial game they were making up in the late-evening shade under the gazebo roof.

As Robbie Hawkins and I sat on a nearby bench and talked of brick, granite, shipping dates and deadlines, the boys sparked a memory that had all but disappeared in the recesses of my mind. . . .

Of the days when Charles Simon, Jimmy Manning, Richard Wood, Robert Benton, J. C. Newton, Tom Miller, Jim Jowell, Wayne Clark, Tommy Sherrill and I would tire of sliding down the fire escape of the big red school house and wander to the little gazebo on the south edge of the school yard and make up our own games. . . .

Of the times we would shinny up the posts, reach into the soffits and raid the pigeons' nests. Of the beautiful white squab I brought home one day, which I petted and fed by hand, and continued to pet and feed for years as he made his roost under our back-porch eave. (I learned for sure he was a "he" after he disappeared once—for so long that I thought he surely was no more—and then reappeared on his eave one late-summer day with his

mate and two offspring). . . .

Of the day when I managed to get onto the gazebo's roof, and leapt dramatically into space as Captain Marvel did at the Rio on appointed Saturday afternoons, and learned for myself that discretion is, indeed, the better part of valor. . . .

I didn't learn until years later that that little wooden bandstand at the school yard had once stood on the courthouse square.

I didn't even remember that it was four-sided until I saw it again recently in a picture of the county's second courthouse.

And I could have had no inkling that one day I would be in on planning and building its successor, back on the courthouse square.

(In those carefree days I had no long-range plans, other than becoming president, or maybe even a cowboy. Certainly not Captain Marvel.)

And eleveny - something years later, in May 1990, I had no thoughts other than the matter at hand when I excused myself from the meeting, repaired to the men's room, and returned to discover that I had just been elected.

When the time came for the

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Absentee voting ends Monday

Voters may cast absentee ballots through Monday in the state constitutional amendment election, and the special election allowing taxpayers to vote on tax exemptions for the Castro County Education District.

The special elections have been set for Aug. 10.

Absentee voting in Dimmitt will take place at the Dimmitt City Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with Oscar Wylie serving as absentee clerk. Dimmitt residents who wish to obtain an application for ballot by mail must request one from Wylie at 201 E. Jones, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, before Friday.

Hart residents will vote absentee at the Hart School Business Office. Applications for ballots by mail should be requested from Absentee Clerk Nancy Bowden at P.O. Box 490, Hart, Texas 79043.

In Nazareth, residents may vote absentee in the superintendent's office at the school from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Aug. 6. Absentee ballots by mail should be requested by Monday from Barbara Schulte, absentee voting clerk, at P.O. Box 189, Nazareth, Texas 79063.

Voters will decide the fate of two constitutional amendments adopted by the 72nd Legislature.

According to the Texas Research League, Proposition 1 would make the property tax exemption policy of the newly-created county education districts consistent with that of other taxing jurisdictions. At the same election, voters in each county education district will be asked to approve (contingent on passage

of the amendment) exemptions from county education district taxes and taxation of non-income producing tangible personal property.

Proposition 2 would authorize the Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue up to an additional \$300 million of state general obligation bonds to replenish the college student loan program.

In addition to the constitutional amendment election, voters in the county will vote on three tax exemptions which have been drawn up by the newly-formed County Education District.

The County Education District was created from recently passed legislation concerning the school

financing in Texas. Under the new laws, Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth school districts will be lumped together into one taxing unit that will have to adopt a common tax rate.

Everyone used to be a resident of just one school district, but now they will be residents of two—their regular district and the County Education District, so in essence, taxpayers will be paying taxes to two school districts.

Each county education district is governed by a board of trustees composed generally of one trustee from each school district within its boundaries. The county education

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Hart Days '91 kicks off this week

New events will team up with "old favorites" for this year's Hart Days Aug. 5-10, and planners are hoping that the celebration will be the best ever, in honor of Castro County's 100th birthday.

In addition to the traditional parade, the carnival, pageants and other activities, this year's Hart Days will include a Little Dinner Theater Aug. 8, and a Blind Volleyball Tournament Aug. 9.

The contestant lists for the "Miss Hart" and "Simply Irresistible" pageant have been finalized, with 11 high school girls vying for the title of "Miss Hart" at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the elementary school gym.

Sandy Farris, chairman of the pageant committee, announced the following entries:

Christi Neinast, Tanya Leible, Debra Barefield, Catrina Waller, Shiela Aalbers, Shea Bennett, Kristi Davis, Mandy Davis, Lisa Reyna, Erica Beanes and Traci Knox.

"Simply Irresistible" entries, in the 4-7 years old division, were announced by Gloria Ponce, chairman. They are Rachel Malone, Amanda Carrasco, Amber Ponce, Isaias Ponce III, Kelly George, Melanie Davis, Mallory King, Blake Jones and Zack Jones.

Stanley Dyer, coordinator of the week-long celebration, announced that Aug. 9 will be the deadline for entries in the annual parade, which starts at 10 a.m. Aug. 10.

"County and Country," theme of the parade, will reflect not only the centennial year, but also the renewed patriotism in the U.S. since the Gulf War. Entries will compete for trophies and ribbons in six

divisions, floats, bicycles, antique cars, antique farm equipment, "walking people," and riding clubs.

Persons interested in being in the parade may phone 938-2143 for further information. Entries will gather at 9 a.m. that Saturday on Ave. A for judging.

One of the new events, the Little Dinner Theater, is slated for Aug. 8, and sponsored by the Hart Golden Group. A meal of brisket, red beans, potato salad, bread, apple pie and drinks will be served in the HGG Center.

The Happy Hatters, a women's musical group from Dumas, will provide the entertainment. A limited number of tickets is available at \$10 each, until 150 tickets are sold. Tickets are available from any HGG board member or Fina Vaughan.

Another new event, a "Blind Volleyball Tournament," is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 9, sponsored by Chi Psi sorority. The

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Weather

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

	Hi	Lo	Pr.
Thursday	68	57	
Friday	75	58	
Saturday	83	62	
Sunday	85	61	
Monday	88	58	
Tuesday	89	58	
Wednesday	92	58	
July Moisture			5.23
1991 Moisture			12.97

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On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

A family picnic was held recently at the Farwell Park to honor Ruby Byrnes of Farwell, formerly of Dimmitt, and her brother, Amos Newby of Lubbock. Byrnes and Newby are the only two surviving children born to Fred and Julia Newby. Among those attending from Dimmitt were Stan, Jackie and Rala Byrnes.

Howard and Maretta Smithson took a few days off and visited with their family and friends in Wichita Falls, Dallas and Temple.

They met some friends in Georgetown and went to Sea World in San Antonio. They also went to visit some mutual friends in Fredericksburg.

Paul and Ortensia Garcia, Amy, Gabriel and Michelle and a friend, Tessie Newton had a wonderful vacation in Florida. They enjoyed Disney World and all the beautiful sights. In the Magic Kingdom, they saw Main Street USA, Adventure Land, Frontier Land, Fantasy Land, Mickey's Starland and Tomorrow Land. At Epcot Center they enjoyed Spaceship Earth, Universe of Energy, Wonders of Life, Horizons, World of Motion, Journey into Imagination, The Land, The Living Seas, and attractions and exhibits from Mexico, Norway, China, Germany, Italy, the American Adventure, Japan, Morocco, France, International Gateway, United Kingdom and Canada. At the Disney MGM Studios Theme Park, they saw Hollywood Boulevard, the Magic of Disney Animation, Backstage Studio Tour, Here Come the Muppets, Let's Make a Deal, the Backlot, The Great Movie Ride, the Monster Sound Show, Superstar Television, Star Tours and Indiana Jones Epic Stunt. At Discovery Island they enjoyed all the exotic birds, animals and reptiles and 250 species of plants. They had fun at the Disney Village, Marketplace and Pleasure Island, where there is shopping, entertainment and dining. Most of the other places have food and entertainment as well.

The Garcias stayed at the Disney's Port Orleans Resort, the newest in accommodations, and it has all the charm of New Orleans and its French Quarters. There is a huge swimming pool, landscaped gardens, open air restaurant, a river landing where boats transport guests to nearby shopping and dining at the Disney Village and Marketplace, and Pleasure Island.

Out-of-town visitors at the Museum last week were Ronnie and Nancy Burks, Alison and Rochelle, all of Dallas, who were here visiting with Charles and Opha Burks; Misti and Clint Howell of Oklahoma City, who

came with Charlene Howell, Inez Lee, April and Christy Morgan (The Howells also visited with C.D. and Linda Fitzgerald); Amy and Tasha Newton of Lubbock, who came with Robbie Calhoun.

Louise Mears was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center for lunch and a day of bridge. Louise reported the group enjoyed a delicious lunch, which included fresh corn. Susie Reeves won high score and Louise won second high score. Others playing were Dude McLaurin, Helen Braafladt, Elizabeth Huckabay, Cleo Forson, Virginia Crider, Neva Hickey, Dugan Butler, Edith Graef, Oleda Schumacher and Ferne Dickey.

The Castro County Museum board members met on Thursday evening with Lon Woodburn presiding. Clara Vick read a letter from another Italian thanking the Texans for a wonderful visit. Plans were made for the parade and open house at the museum, which will be held during Castro County's Centennial Harvest Days celebration. Cheese and crackers, Rice Krispie treats and iced tea were served to Lon and Mary Woodburn, Clara Vick, Madge Robb, Dale Winders and Mary Edna Hendrix.

Bob Smith and his wife, Thralene, have been visiting his sister, Mrs. Rials and other relatives in Dimmitt. Bob is a professor at San Bernardino College in California.

Graham, Karen, Gabe and Brittny Sheffy of College Station, have been visiting Dorothy Sheffy for a few days.

Katie, Curt and Bruce Bills of Earth (children of Randy and Joyce Bills) were visiting Rex and Darlene Wooten and Amy over the weekend.

The Centennial Singers presented their first gospel concert on Sunday evening at the First Baptist Church. Members of Lee Street Baptist Church were special guests for the services.

Some of the special music was provided by Don Webster and his brother, John; a quartet by Jerry Jansa, Bill Murphy, Charles Axtell and Richard Young; Vicki Barns; Karon, Barbara and Jimmy Moss; Al and Kathy Webb; and Ed Freeman.

William and Rosetta Bellinghausen returned home Sunday. They, along with Rosetta's niece, Maria Rosarin Petracconel, spent a week with David Bellinghouse and

his wife and children in Grand Prairie. On Saturday, they all went to New Waverly to attend the wedding of Colby Oldham, who is the grandson of Rose Acker. Rose has been in Huntsville this week, assisting Alice, who is preparing for the wedding.

O.A. (Shorty) Oldham of Dimmitt, grandfather of Colby, also is in Dallas visiting with his son, Eugene, and he also attended the wedding.

Several people have received wedding invitations from Rubye Mae Annen Hubbard, who will be married to Robert A. Musser, in St. Rita's Catholic Church in Fort Worth.

I talked to Emily Ramey and she told me her granddaughter, who lives with Edwin and Norma Ramey (her aunt and uncle) in Chicago received word that she has been awarded another \$10,000 scholarship. She plays soccer at Quincy College, where she is classified as a sophomore this year.

Sunnyside By Teeny Bowden, 647-5703

Ezell and Verba Sadler got home from Hubbard Creek Lake Monday night. She seems to be OK from her fall, except she is still having headaches.

Gale and Verna Sadler were supper guests of Teeny Bowden Monday night. She brought them up-to-date on several of the special meetings.

Gale and Verna Sadler left Wednesday to attend Joshua week at Glorietta.

Eddie and Patti Guffee of the Llano Estacado Museum in Plainview had dinner with Clara Vick and Teeny Bowden Tuesday, at K-Bob's. They also visited with Madge Robb.

The Guffees were very pleased with the history book and Eddie was quite surprised at the large picture of himself with the mammoth. He and Ray Joe Riley both thought the pictures were large. Even Teeny thought the tribute to herself was large and much more than deserved.

James and Joan Norrell returned home July 21, from visiting with South Carolina relatives. They received word Saturday night that his brother-in-law, Ronald Snyder had died unexpectedly. He had been on a kidney machine and had been doing well with his new transplant surgery.



WHICH WAY TO THE SWIMMING POOL?—This unidentified county denizen seems to be checking traffic before pulling out from his parking place. The county has had balmy weather for the

past weeks, 68 to 92 and the lows moving slightly from 57 to 61. The forecast is calling for more of the same, with no rain in sight. Photo by Linda Maxwell.

Together We Can

grandchildren from Friona were visitors in the Sunday night services. They still have Albert whom they adopted while here, and several others, but are no longer keeping foster children, because they are not allowed to discipline them. They said to tell everyone hello.

Hart Days Arts & Crafts Show

Saturday, Aug. 10
8 a.m. until ?
Old Hart Lumber Building
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We Salute

Robert Hawkins

As the parades and summer celebrations draw closer, the "Centennial fever" is really going around.

Several projects already have been completed. For instance, the Centennial Quilt in the courthouse foyer is a beautiful tribute by our talented quilters.

Other projects are being completed, such as the "Year in the Life of Castro County" photo collage, and the second half of our own Centennial Mural on West Etter Street, across the street from the bank.

Final planning sessions and rehearsals are underway for the Centennial Hart Days celebration Aug. 5-10, the Centennial Pageant Aug. 11-12, and the County Fair and Centennial Harvest Days in Dimmitt Aug. 16-17.

The main focal point of this special year is the Centennial Plaza, being built as a permanent tribute to all the people of our county. And the individual most responsible for its existence is Robert L. "Robbie" Hawkins of Hart.

As a member of the Centennial Commission, he took on the task of designing the plaza. He and his fellow commission members visited and brought back photos from other such projects throughout North Texas and New Mexico — especially gazebo designs. (Our gazebo, incidentally, is a scale-model replica of the one that stands in Old Town, Albuquerque.)

Once the gazebo design was chosen, Robbie designed the plaza around it, with three walkways, benches, park lamps, Centennial trees, etc. He did all the measurements and grade surveying, contacted builders, got bids and compiled cost estimates. His own Hawkins Dirt Co. did the site preparation — for a bid of \$1. Ever since he first fired up his big front-loader, things haven't been the same on the courthouse square.

The plaza is now almost complete, and every square foot of it has Robbie Hawkins' fingerprints on it. He has given total dedication and commitment to the project.

And it has been well worth his efforts. It's a beautiful plaza, and is a meaningful tribute to our county and our people.

Robbie, we're glad you're part of Castro County — especially in this Centennial year!



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Holy Cross sponsors teen dance

The Men's Holy Cross Society is sponsoring a teen dance, Saturday, Aug. 3, from 8 p.m. until midnight at the Expo Building.

"Kat" Rock and Roll Show from Amarillo will provide music. Admission will be \$3.50 per person and is limited to junior high and high school students.

Nazareth

By Uirgle Gerber

Sister Celestine Marie has returned to St. Scholastica Convent in Fort Smith, Ark., after spending some time here with her family. She was here for the funeral of Earl Backus. She spent several days with Evelyn Backus and Robert and Mary Verkamp.

Marie Venhaus has returned to Dumas after spending several days with relatives. She also attended the Backus funeral.

Rosella O'Hanlon of Tipton, Okla., and her children, Robin and Ryan, spent the weekend here with her mother, Adeline Pohlmeier.

Alma Conrad spent several days in Dumas with her family, Clyde and Angie Venhaus.

Our sympathy to Willie Faye Huseman and her family during the illness and death of her mother, Bennie Faye Hicks. Funeral mass was read at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Amarillo and burial followed in Memory Gardens in Amarillo.

Dwayne, Nan and Cody Davis spent the weekend in Abilene at a food show sponsored by the Independent Grocers.

Liz Matos of Amarillo was the honoree at a baby shower Sunday afternoon at the new home of Kevin and Christine Acker. Many relatives and friends of Liz and her husband, Greg Matos, attended the shower. It was hosted by Christine Acker, Elaine Wilhelm, Faye Wilhelm and Mary Lynn Olvera.

Keith and Karleen Hoelting were honored Sunday evening on their 10th anniversary with a surprise party at the home of Carl Dean and Mary Kleman. A basket of unlabeled tin cans were given to the couple, but how did two "empty" cans get mixed in with the rest?

Going to Dallas this weekend were Lucille Drerup, Eihel and Dan Schmucker, Joe, Imogene and Tracy Drerup, all of Nazareth; Danelle Barber of Lubbock; Jim and Evelyn Ball of Plainview; Tammy Drerup of Bryan and Wade Drerup of Irving. They all attended the wedding of Gayle De Cardenas, daughter of Arthur and Grace De Cardenas of Dallas, and Shawn Harris of Dallas. They were married at St. Patrick's Catholic Church and a reception followed in the church hall.

Congratulations to Dwayne and Terry Huseman of Amarillo on the birth of a girl, Mindy Ann, born on July 9. Grandparents are Gary and Fredda Boyer of Amarillo and Artie Huseman of Nazareth.

Leon Huseman and his wife of Dallas, Monica Young and her son, Phyllis Price and her daughter, all of Lubbock, spent the weekend with their mother, Artie Huseman. After attending mass at Holy Family Church Sunday morning, they visited with Virgie Gerber and her family.

Kathleen Mattingly of Logan, Iowa is here visiting her sister, Marilyn Birkenfeld, and other family members. She enjoyed attending the wedding of her niece, Kelly Schilling, to Chris Gerber on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday they visited her nephew, Father Darryl Birkenfeld, in Hereford and also with Wirt and Irene Albracht. Father Ed Karasek, pastor of the Catholic Church in West Texas, which is close to Waco, also visited in the Birkenfeld home. He was a classmate of Father Darryl's from the seminary in Santa Fe, N.M.

Relatives from Nazareth attended the wedding mass Saturday morning for Sandra Jean Gerber, daughter of Glen and Vickie Gerber of Dalhart, to Jeffrey Todd Chado, son of Stanley and Virginia Chado Jr. of Amarillo. The two were wed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Amarillo. A reception followed at the Harvey Hotel in Amarillo.

Many friends and relatives attended the wedding of Chris Gerber and Kelly Schilling on Saturday afternoon in Holy Family Church with Rev. Neal Dee, officiating. A reception and dance were held in the Community Hall.

Urban Ball spent a few days with his sister, Esther Braddock in McKinney. They enjoyed a Texas

Ranger's ballgame on Friday evening when Kenny Braddock's 7-year-old son, Wade, had the honor

of throwing the first ball at the game.

Keith and Karleen Hoelting and children Mandy and Brett vacationed in Arlington recently. They enjoyed a few Ranger ballgames and the Wet and Wild Park.

Some members of the Florence and Lucille Schacher family enjoyed a get-together Sunday at the home of J.C. and Jocelyn Pohlmeier. Visiting here from California are Virgil and Rosalie Davis and their sons, Eric, Kevin, Paul and Craig.

Evelyn and Dean Hill and Evelyn's friend, Nada Williams of Lubbock, visited with Meta Stork and other family members Sunday.

Members of the Leonard Gerber family and Marla Ramaekers enjoyed Sunday at Lake McKenzie. The day was spent visiting and boating.

YES members train at Tech

Five county YES (Youth Exchanging with Seniors) project members met at Texas Tech recently for a two-day training session. Those attending were Danna Beck, Yvonna Hays, Martha Jo Hyman, Kalina Pohlmeier and Carolyn Osborn.

A total of 20 counties in the Texas Panhandle make up the YES project. Castro County has recently joined the pilot program. In the future, project coordinators hope to implement the program in other parts of the county.

Ten students from Dimmitt, who are members of the National Honor Society, 4-H or FFA have received intensive training for this project. Youth are matched with Senior Citizens to provide services like letter writing, running errands, light housekeeping, yard work and such. There is no charge for the services. This opportunity allows trained students to give back to the community various tasks and services for senior participants.

Hays and Hyman are coordinating student service hours. Call any of the above people or the Extension Office, 647-4115, if you know of someone who would like to participate in this free program.

Another training session is scheduled soon for students in Hart, Nazareth or Dimmitt who are interested in the project. Call and register at the Extension Office.

Shot clinic set

An immunization clinic offering vaccinations against several childhood diseases will be held in Dimmitt on Friday, Aug. 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Castro County Expo Building.

Vaccinations offered include polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella and mumps.

The Texas Dept. of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size and the ability to pay.

SPS, Extension Service plans cooking school

School-age children are invited to attend "Rappin' Recipes," a cooking school scheduled for Wednesday at the Hale State Bank in Hart.

Two class times are available — 10-11 a.m. and 2-3:30 p.m. — and are limited to 15 students each.

"Don't miss this," said Carolyn Osborn, CEA - Home Economist. "There will be free demonstrations, recipes and tasting."

The cooking class is sponsored by SPS and the Extension Office. Call 647-4115 for reservations.

Fair books available

Harvest Days fair books are now available at the Extension Office.

"Decide what category you want a ribbon in and 'Go For It,'" said Carolyn Osborn, CEA-Home Economist.

Persons may have a fair book mailed to them by calling the Extension Office, 647-4115.



WATER SPORTS, DIMMITT STYLE—Who says you need 75 horsepower to tow a water skier? Kenny Ebeling does the job with

one horse at the water-filled excavation along Highway 86 west of town in June 1984. The skier is Gay Mayhew. Photo By Don Nelson

Harvest Days events planned

The 1991 Castro County Harvest Days activities kick off Sunday, Aug. 11, with the opening performance of the Centennial Pageant, and activities continue throughout the week, culminating with a street dance on Saturday night, Aug. 17.

This year's celebration will incorporate the county's 100th birthday celebration into each activity.

The Centennial Pageant, a community variety show featuring local musicians, actors, dancers and more, will be held Aug. 11 at 2:30 p.m. and on Aug. 12 at 8 p.m. Both performances will be held at the Dimmitt High School Auditorium. Bill Sava directs the program.

Admission to the Centennial Pageant will be \$3 per person, if tickets are purchased in advance or \$4 at the door. Children 5 years old and younger will be admitted free of charge.

The county fair and annual quilt show will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Aug. 15 and entries in each show must be turned in at the Expo Building that day. Anyone interested in entering a quilt should contact Yvonna Hays at 647-5214; and those wishing to enter the fair should contact Carolyn Osborn or J.D. Ragland at 647-4115.

On Friday, Aug. 16, the arts and crafts show opens at 9 a.m. and will remain open until 6 p.m. The fair exhibits and quilt show also will be open.

Senior Citizens will be honored with tours of all exhibits from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 16.

Several events have been planned throughout the afternoon including a "Good Food and Exercise Tips" program, given by Cinde Sides Ebeling from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; "Window Panes to the Past," presented by John Green, education director of Panhandle Plains Historical Museum, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.; a style show featuring new fall styles, presented from 3 to 4 p.m., directed by Kosy Komer of Hart; a program entitled "Pet Talk," given by Jay Rapp, sponsored by Dimmitt Veterinary Clinic and Merrick Pet Foods; and a pet show from 5 to 5:45 p.m.

At 6 p.m. a Centennial Plaza Dedication Concert, featuring the Centennial Singers, will be held. At 7:30 p.m., a Cowboy Poet and Musicians Program entitled "Spur Jingles and Saddle Songs" will be held at the Dimmitt High School Auditorium. Admission to the program will be \$3 per person.

Saturday's (Aug. 17) activities kick off with the opening of the fair exhibits and arts and crafts show at 9 a.m. (and continuing until 5 p.m.) The annual Harvest Days parade will begin at 10 a.m. and this year's parade theme is "Once in a Lifetime."

Registration for the Early Settlers Reunion is slated to begin at 10 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, 218 W. Jones, in Dimmitt.

After the parade (about 11 a.m.), the official dedication of the Centennial Plaza is planned.

From 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., a Centennial Car Show and Swap Meet will be held at the First State Bank parking lot.

Outdoor games including a pillow fight, parachute jump, dunking board, horseshoe pitching, water polo, pumper teams, spur and bit making and a great duck race will be held throughout the afternoon (from 12 noon to 4 p.m.)

The Castro County Museum will hold an open house from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at the museum and everyone is invited to attend. The new

county history books will be available at the museum.

The Top of Texas Cloggers will perform from 3 to 4 p.m. and after that prizes will be awarded for the costume contest.

An art show and authors reception, sponsored by the Art Club, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library.

Trophy presentations for winners in the car show will be given out at 5 p.m. at the bank parking lot.

A barbecue supper, catered by Dyers Barbecue of Amarillo, will

be held from 6 to 8 p.m. The meal is being sponsored by the Dimmitt Promenaders and advance tickets may be purchased from a member of the group for \$6 for adults and \$4.50 for children. Tickets at the door will be \$6.50.

A square dance, with Gary Smith serving as the caller and Bill Harman calling the rounds, will be held at the Expo Building at 8 p.m.

A steet dance to the music of Nazareth's Rough Riders Band, will be held east of the courthouse from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight.



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12—Notices

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14—Cards of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
The family of Earl G. Backus would like to thank everyone who expressed their love and concern by sending cards, flowers, food and their prayers during the loss of our husband and daddy.
14-16-1tp

15—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
Castro County Commissioners Court will accept bids to patch and seal coat Cemetery Road, Hart, Texas, Precinct 1. Bids will be opened on Aug. 12, 1991, at 10 a.m. at Commissioners Court. Bid forms and information are available at office of County Judge, (806) 647-4451. Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities. Hart Cemetery Association is requesting information on seal coating of parking lot adjoining the road and by the Cemetery fence to be done at the same time. Information on this can be obtained by calling L.C. McLain at (806) 938-2210.
MRS. M.L. SIMPSON JR.
COUNTY JUDGE
15-15-2tc

BID NOTICE
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LEGAL NOTICE
Castro County Commissioners Court will accept bids until 10 a.m., Aug. 12, 1991, for painting inside the courthouse. Latex enamel to be used on walls and ceilings with oil base on trim. Minor repairs will need to be included in the bid for preparation of painting. Glidden, Jones - Blair, Sherwin Williams or the equivalent of top-line paint will be used. Bidder will be responsible for clean-up and disposal of all trash connected with job. Approximate time frame for completion of job to be included in the bid. Any other information can be obtained at the county judge's office or by calling (806) 647-4451. Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities.
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LEGAL NOTICE
The City of Dimmitt Administrative office is accepting quotes on a new office copy machine through Friday, Aug. 9, 1991. Quotes should be mailed to P.O. Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, or delivered to 200 E. Jones Street. For additional information contact Reesford Burrous or Jo Hamilton. Quotes will be reviewed at the regular Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 19, 1991. The City reserves the right to reject any and all quotes.
15-15-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE
NO. PR-2043

THE ESTATE OF
JIMMY BUCKLEY, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JIMMY BUCKLEY, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of JIMMY BUCKLEY, Deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 23rd day of July, 1991, in the proceedings indicated below my signature hereto, which proceedings are still pending, and that I now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same to me, at the address below, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law.
My residence and mailing address is Steve Buckley, P.O. Box 875, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

STEVE BUCKLEY,
Independent Executor
of the Estate of
JIMMY BUCKLEY, DECEASED
15-16-1tc

Locals to be honored at centennial events

Local authors, artists and poets will be honored at separate events in August in celebration of the Castro County Centennial. Local artists will be honored with an art exhibit Aug. 14-20 in Rhoads Memorial Library.

Sponsored by the Amateur Artists' Club, the show will be open to anyone from Castro County who wants to show, according to Frances Frazier, president of the Amateur Artists' Club. She added that club members are working on

some special paintings featuring local landmarks for the show. Those interested in displaying work in the show should contact Frazier at 647-4340.

authors living here now or who lived here in the past. Writers who have had articles published in magazines or professional journals, and those who have published theses, will be included, along with those who have written books.

During the same week, a cowboy poets presentation is planned for Aug. 16 at the Dimmitt High School auditorium. Titled "Spur Jingles and Saddle Songs," the event will feature Alvin Davis, director of the Texas Tech Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock, as the program emcee.

Book club members will serve refreshments and prepare a display of the works of the authors. The writers or a member of their families will be invited to attend the tea.

Those interested in the local program as poets or advertising sponsors may contact Tammy Wilhite at 647-3669.

An authors' tea will be sponsored by the Dimmitt Book Club Aug. 17, honoring all local authors. The tea will be held at Rhoads Memorial Library.

Anyone with information on local authors is asked to call librarian Cindy Pottorff at 647-3532.

Those to be honored will include

Stubblefield jumps to higher rank

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This story was brought to the News by Sylvia Stubblefield, Tom Stubblefield's mother. The article was published in the June 26 issue of *The Aschaffenburg Forum*).

bigger and better leaps ever since.

When most college students want to put a twist on graduation, they usually wear bikinis or cut-off shorts under their "cap and gown."

But Stubblefield had to go one further when he graduated in 1979—he decided to jump out of an airplane and float down to the campus with all his friends and family watching.

Since that time, Stubblefield has done about 1,400 exciting jumps—including a jump into the Mighty River Raft Race last summer.

All eyes were cast toward heaven June 15. Everyone was waiting for a Lance soldier's free fall through the sky.

At 3,500 feet above Fiori athletic field, Tom Stubblefield was passed a baton decorated with the chief warrant officer 2 crest by Col. Stuart Watkins, a close friend stationed in Frankfurt.

After a perfect stand-up landing under his black, blue and pink parachute, Stubblefield was officially promoted from warrant officer 1 to chief warrant officer 2 by Lt. Col. Dwight Gray, commander of 3rd Battalion, 12th Field Artillery.

Stubblefield is the son of Ted and Sylvia Stubblefield of Dimmitt. What better way to jump to a higher rank than by parachute?

Plummeting thousands of feet, only to be hoisted aloft with the pull of a parachute cord isn't something that just happens overnight.

It all began 20 years ago when Stubblefield started sport parachuting.

He has continued to perform

15—Legal Notices

BID NOTICE
The Board of Trustees of the Dimmitt Independent School District will accept bids for the 1991-92 school year until 3 p.m. on Aug. 9 on the following items.

1. Fuel.
2. Bread.
3. Milk, juice and ice cream.

All bids will be submitted to the school administration office, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
15-16-2tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Nazareth Texas Community Development Program

The City of Nazareth is currently making plans to apply to the Texas Department of Commerce for Texas Community Development Program funds. Two public hearings to solicit the input of the community in the preparation of the Community Development Program will be conducted.

The first public hearing will be held at City Hall, 2nd & St. Joseph Street at 8:00 p.m., August 5, 1991 to discuss housing and community development needs, use of past TCDP awards, amount of funds available and eligible activities. The City encourages individual citizens and citizen's groups to make their views known at these public hearings and welcomes the full participation of its citizens in the development of this TCDP application. General information on the TCDP program will be available. Citizen comments may be delivered in advance to City Hall at any time. Groups representative of persons of low and moderate income may request technical assistance in developing TCDP proposals by contacting the person listed below.

The second public hearing will be held at City Hall, 2nd & St. Joseph Street at 8:00 p.m., August 19, 1991 to allow citizens an opportunity to comment on the proposed project, amount of funds requested and estimated amount proposed for activities that will benefit low/moderate income persons.

More detailed information on proposed activities, amount of funds and proposed location of activities will be available for inspection at City Hall after the second hearing. Handicapped individuals who may have difficulty in attending these meetings should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Para residentes necesitados de interpretes, favor de comunicarse con la municipalidad antes de las audiencia publica.

For further information, contact Leona Acker, City Secretary at the City Hall at 945-2285.

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JESUS MALDONADO, HEREFORD, TX.
JOY HILL, JAL, N.M.
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LISA CLARVO, QUITAQUE, TX.

People

Gerber and Schilling wed in double-ring ceremony

Kelly Schilling and Chris Gerber exchanged wedding vows Saturday in a formal, double-ring ceremony at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth with Father Neal Dce, pastor, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Schilling of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gerber of Nazareth.

Music was provided by vocalists Greg and Glenda Birkenfeld, and pianist Marcia Hoelting.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin floor-length gown accented with embroidered laces which were richly embroidered in pearls and sequins. The fitted bodice of white chantilly lace over satin was designed with a basque waistline. The sweetheart neckline was edged in beaded lace and the entire bodice was overlaid in appliques which were embroidered with pearls and sequins. The back of the bodice was created with a low vee, and it also was enhanced with appliques. The Victorian sleeves were full at the top and gathered midway between her shoulder and elbow. The lower part of the sleeves was fitted. Appliques accented with pearls accented the sleeves. A large butterfly bow of satin marked the waistline in the back. The skirt was edged with scalloped lace and the skirt flowed into a chapel-length train.

She wore an elbow-length veil featuring a circlet of silk flowers and pearls. A pouf accented the back of the halo.

She carried a bouquet of coral and white roses, which was decorated with coral and white lace bows.

Shari Penquite of Earth, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Ramona Schulte and Annette Schmucker, both of Nazareth; and LaDale McCallister of Lubbock, all friends of the bride.

The bridal attendants wore tea-length dresses of coral taffeta, fash-



MRS. CHRIS GERBER
... nee Kelly Schilling

ioned with puffed, gathered sleeves. The gowns featured bows, which marked the back waistlines.

Best man was Stanley Gerber of Nazareth, brother of the groom. Groomsmen included Kyle Schilling of Dimmitt, brother of the bride; Ricky Backus and Mark Kleman, both of Nazareth, friends of the groom.

Guests were seated by Jey Penquite of Earth, the bride's brother-in-law; Jon Wych of Lubbock, brother-in-law of the groom; Rus-

sell Hoelting and Chris Schmucker of Nazareth, both friends of the groom.

Candles were lighted by Karen Farst and Vicky McKenzie, both of Lubbock.

Nikki Schulte, cousin of the bride, registered guests.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Nazareth Community Hall. A dance was held later in the evening, with music provided by the Rough Riders Band of Nazareth.

After a wedding trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple will make their home in Ulysses, Kan.

The bride is a graduate of Nazareth High School and she received a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Texas Tech University.

A graduate of Nazareth High School, the groom holds a bachelor's degree in ag economics from Texas Tech University. He currently is employed with DeKalb Pfizer Genetics in Ulysses.

HHS class sets 15-year reunion

Hart High School's Class of 1976 has scheduled its 15-year class reunion Aug. 10.

An ice cream get-together will be from 4-6 p.m. in the Community Room of Hart Bank. At 9 p.m. the group will gather at the Barry George home for visiting and live music.

Interested persons may phone Carol Armstrong Satterwhite at 792-9768 (work) or 745-9608 (home).



THE CENTENNIAL SINGERS are making this special year a musical one as they travel to the county's communities and special events to perform. Here, they sing the title song from the patriotic musical, *Liberty*, at the July 4 Picnic. They also are presenting a program of old-time gospel hymns at the county's churches on Sunday and Wednesday evenings on request. Their next ap-

pearance will be at the annual Hart Days Sing-Along next Wednesday night, and they will perform at the Centennial Plaza dedication concert in Dimmitt Aug. 16. The Singers are directed by Richard Young, youth and music minister of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, and accompanied by Walter Maynard.

Photo by Danette Baker

Bridal shower honors Williams

Angela Williams, bride-elect of Chad Davis, was honored Saturday with a bridal shower at the home of Mrs. Donnie Nelson.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Nelson, the honoree and her mother, Colleen Williams, and the prospective groom's mother, Doricell Davis.

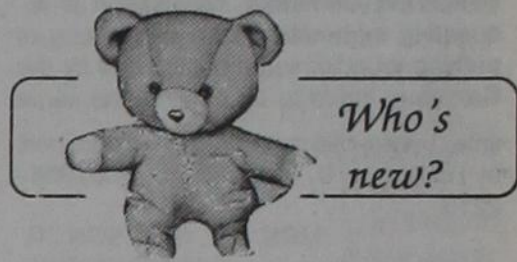
An ecru linen and lace cloth covered the table, which held a pedestal crystal punch bowl, crystal cups and saucers and candleholders

and a silver coffee service. A pink and blue silk floral centerpiece accented with ivy which trailed onto the table, completed the decor.

Guests were served French pastry with a flower on each plate, Hawaiian lemonade and coffee.

Serving guests were Maggie Paxton and Shellie Nutt.

Special guest was the bride's mother, Colleen Williams, of McAllen.



Who's new?

Plains Memorial
Ruben and Loretta Mendoza of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Stephanie Rae, who was born at 2:15 p.m. on July 19 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed in at 9 lbs., 2 oz. and was 21 inches long. She joins big sister Erika, who's seven years old; and Adam, who's four. Paternal grandparents are Jesus and Mariade Jesus Mendoza of GTO, Mexico. Maternal grandparents included Reyes and Ramona Sandoval of Dimmitt.

Liz Murphy of Galveston is the mother of a baby boy, William Jeddiah Murphy, who was born at 7:44 p.m. on July 14 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. William weighed in at 8 lbs., 12 oz. and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Dr. Bill Murphy of Dimmitt and Charlyne Murphy of Abilene.

Blanca Lydia Munoz and Pablo G. Rangel of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Vanessa Juliana Rangel, who entered the world at 2:05 a.m. on July 16. She weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz. and measured 22 inches in length. She joins siblings Obeth and Celsar. Paternal grandparents are Felis and Clara Rangel of Mexico. Maternal grandparent is Refugio Munoz of Mexico.

Republicans set social

All Republican primary voters, and independents are invited to a "pot luck" summer social Aug. 3, at the Gary Hardee home.

Jennifer Sava, Girls State Repre-

sentative and Casey Summers, Boys State Representative will tell about their experiences. Bonnie Maynard and Mac Thornberry, State Republican Executive Committee members from this district will update those present on the GOP.

The group will also discuss the proposed constitutional amendments.

Ice cream social set

A Centennial Ice Cream Supper will be held Saturday, Aug. 17, at Summerfield.

The ice cream social is slated to begin at 8 p.m. and will be held at the Summerfield Baptist Church's fellowship hall.

The event will be sponsored by the Summerfield Community and it is open to everyone in the county.

Each family attending is asked to bring either a cake, cookies or freezer of ice cream.



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NAZARETH'S MUSICAL HERITAGE remains alive today with the hometown country and western band, The Rough Riders. The Rough Riders will join with the Nazareth Knights of Columbus in sponsoring a benefit outdoor concert on Aug. 10. Proceeds from the event will benefit the KC's State

Deaf Program. The Rough Riders, (pictured from left) Raymond Falcon, Dwayne Schulte, Marcia Hoelting, Greg Birkenfeld, Glenda Birkenfeld, David Bownds and Bruce Ehly. The annual concert will be headlined by Les Taylor, a former lead singer of the band, Exile. *Courtesy Photo*

Police Calls

Gary Lee Stringer, employee of Monterey Construction, advised police of three separate vandalism incidents that caused more than \$200 in damage. Last Tuesday, Stringer said someone broke the window of a 1974 blue Ford van, which was parked on the south side of Dimmitt High School. That same day, he told police

that a window on the south-west corner of Richardson Elementary was broken. On Wednesday, the third incident occurred, also at Richardson Elementary. An unknown suspect apparently threw a rock through a window of the building's new wing.

Dimmitt Police arrested a 19-year-old Dimmitt male and a 17-year-old Dimmitt female early Sunday morning for assault and family violence. The suspects advised police they had assaulted each other before officers arrived.

Raul Jackson, clerk at the Fast Stop gas station, informed police that on Saturday night, a truck driver had pumped \$30.00 worth of diesel into his semi-truck and drove off without paying.

Sunday night, an employee of Allstate Security summoned police to the Star Dance Hall in reference to a fight. A 46-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested and booked at the county jail for disorderly conduct.

Police arrested a 23-year-old Dimmitt man Sunday morning on charges of criminal trespass. A 34-year-old Hale Center remained booked in the county jail last Tuesday on a theft warrant. Last Wednesday, an 18-year-old Dimmitt girl was arrested for burglary of a vehicle. A one car roll-over Sunday morning caused more than \$500 to an 1980 black and silver Mercury owned by Ramon Paul Nieto, 19, of Earth. No one was injured. Department of Public Safety trooper issued Nieto a citation for failure to maintain liability insurance.

Dimmitt police investigated a two-car collision last Thursday night on 700 W. Cleveland. Dan Heard of Dimmitt backed into a 1985 blue Chevy suburban owned by Joe Anthony Beames of Dimmitt. The vehicle was unoccupied at the time of the collision. Police issued Heard a citation for backing unsafely.

Suds and Sounds

Nazareth's outdoor concert to benefit KC's Deaf Program

Nazareth's annual "Suds and Sounds" outdoor concert will be held Saturday, Aug. 10, from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Nazareth Community Ballpark.

The Suds and Sounds concert will be co-sponsored by the Nazareth Rough Riders Band and the Nazareth branch of the Knights of Columbus. All proceeds from the charity event will benefit the Knights of Columbus State Deaf Program.

Admission charge will be \$10 per person and gates will open at 2 p.m. Barbecued sandwiches and soft drinks will be sold, and coolers and refreshments will be allowed. Glass containers will be prohibited. Those attending may bring lawnchairs, as seating is limited.

This year's show will be headlined by Les Taylor, a former lead singer of the country band Exile. Taylor recently has launched a solo career with his album on Epic Records entitled *That Old Desire*. The voice behind the hit singles *She's Too Good to Be True* and *It'll Be Me* (Radio and Records' Song of the Year in 1986), Taylor is now performing solo and has released a new hit single, *I've Got a Mind To Go Crazy* plus a curret duet single with Shelby Lynn, entitled *Very*

First Lasting Love. Preceding Taylor's show will be performances by four bands including Slow Motion of Amarillo, a country and western band; and the Moondogs of Hereford, a rock-and-roll and country band. The Rough Riders also will perform.

A strong musical heritage has been molded and kept alive in Nazareth for the past four generations. It began with fiddle players who were among the first settlers in the community in the early 1900s and advanced to brass bands and home singing parties in the 1920s and 1930s. Eventually a full-fledged western swing band, Melody Six, was formed in the 1950s and 1960s

and the western band sound is still alive today with the Rough Riders. The seven-member Rough Riders group have either been born in Nazareth or have lived there for many years. As a tribute to the community's musical heritage, the Rough Riders organized the Suds and Sounds concert more than eight years ago. Throughout the years, many popular country bands have graced the outdoor stage, including Canyon and Zaca Creek. An added attraction to the event will be the addition of a 2,400-square-foot wooden dance floor, constructed by Wilhelm Carpentry of Amarillo (owned by Stephen Wilhelm, a former Nazareth resident).

Kalina Pohlmeier advances to state

Kalina Pohlmeier's first place in the district contest secured her a spot at the State 4-H Fashion Show in Nacadoches, Aug. 22-24.

The Nazareth High School student designed and constructed a drum major uniform to wear during the fall as she directs the band, said Carolyn Osborn, CEA-Home Economist.

Pohlmeier won the senior division at the district contest held July

23. Other county 4-Her's participating in the district contest were: Jessica Kern (second place), Susan Book (third place), Mitchell Brockman, Kaci Schulte, Denia Durbin, Karmen Pohlmeier (first place), Margie Durbin, Brandi Rice, Janay Johnson, Tisha Rice, Lena Durbin. Lyndy Mitchell and Rachel Wall, both of Hart, also qualified, but were not able to attend the contest.

Senior Citizens Menu

Senior Citizen Menus
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Sports

Southwest Outdoors

with Mel Phillips



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The Dallas Cowboys are at camp; can dove season be far behind? Early reports indicated that the dove season should be excellent, but count on an early cold front pushing our birds to the south. It happens three out of four years.

One of the best gifts to give a young hunter is a hunter safety course. Effective Sept. 1, all hunters born between Sept. 2, 1971, through Aug. 31, 1975, must have completed a certified hunter education course to hunt legally in Texas. Call the Texas Parks and Wildlife at 1-800-792-1112 for the nearest safety class.

Don't just send the youngster to

the course, take it with him/her. Make it a special event by adding a trip to the gun range to sight in the rifles. The hunter education course will take some 10 hours, but the memories of those first hunts will last a lifetime. Every hunter and fisherman fondly remembers the thrill and anticipation of their early trips. Why not make the end of the safety course even more special by having a victory dinner or presenting the new hunter with that first gun?

If you haven't been to the gun range, it is time to go. While there, check out the newest concept in target shooting: sporting clays. Using a little imagination, the boys at the range can have the clay birds coming at you, going straight up, bouncing on the ground, or can send a darting pair of mini targets that would make even the elusive white-wing dove a little jealous. Sporting clays are fun and, by improving your shooting, will make this year's first trip even more productive.

Tip of the week: Tired of trying to read the little + or - signs on the old boat battery? A can of red paint can make charging the batteries lots easier. Just spary some on the positive post side of the battery. This idea really comes in handy when setting up the charger in the dark of the night.

Tournament scheduled

The annual "Dandies and Darlins" partnership golf tournament gets underway with a practice round Friday at the Castro County Recreation Association.

As many as 60 teams may be competing in this year's tournament, according to golf pro Bill Glenn. At press time 50 teams had entered from the area, including teams from Lubbock, Amarillo, Hereford, Canyon, Wheeler, Friona, Tulia, Vigo Park, Farwell, Vega and Littlefield.

The one-man, one-woman scramble will be flighted according to the lowest handicap, Glenn said. Entry fee is \$100 per team, including carts. Deadline for entries is Friday night, or when 60 teams have been signed up.

Play will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday morning, and dinner will be served at the club Saturday night. The final round of the tournament will be played starting at 9 a.m. Sunday.

Commodities distribution

Panhandle Community Services has rescheduled their commodities distribution from Aug. 21 to Aug. 7, at the Expo Building.

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Long Jump: 8. Jennifer Vick, 14-2.
Shot Put: 7. Ramiro Rosalez, 37-0.
100-meter dash: 5. (Prelim) Jennifer Vick, 14:50.

100-meter dash: 6. (Prelim) Dirkston Sherman, 14.45.

High Jump: 6. Brandon Smith, 4-8; 7. Kalem Thomas, 4-8; 7. Jennifer Vick, 4-4; 2. Billy Scroggins 6-0.

200-meter dash: 8. (Prelim) Dirkston Sherman, 27-80; 7. (Prelim) Jennifer Vick, 29.80.

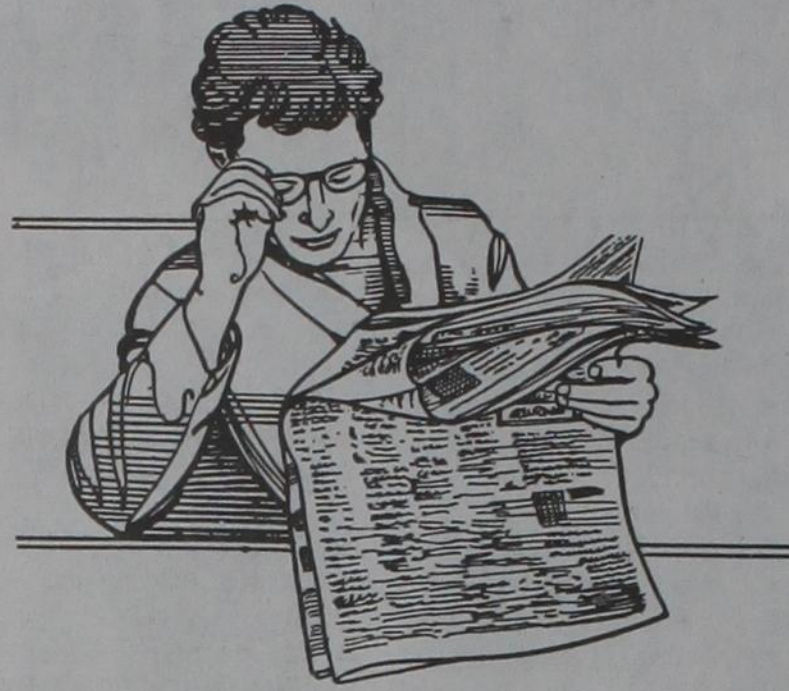
Amateur Art Club schedules meeting

The Amateur Artists Club will meet at 1 p.m., Tuesday at 1000 Oak to finalize plans for the Harvest Days Art Show.

Anyone interested in displaying artwork during the Harvest Days celebration, Aug. 14-17, is invited or should contact Frances Frazier at 647-4340.



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official commissioning of the Centennial Commission, the commissioners in their wisdom saw fit to commission Bill Sava as my co-chairman.

It was a good move. Not only does Bill run the pageant, and not only is he one of my best friends, but he's a postmaster, and accustomed to accounting for every penny. I enjoy planning and organizing and promoting, but usually I can't be bothered with tracking the till. It has been a good working partnership.

After being appointed, Bill and I, along with Delores Heller—who somehow knew she was going to be in the thick of this Centennial thing—sprung for the tuition and attended an all-day seminar in Lubbock on Project Management. (After this is over, I think I'll get that workbook back out and recount its advice. All I remember offhand is that Donald Trump renovated the Central Park ice-skating rink for several hundred thousand dollars after the City of New York had poured millions into it to no avail.)

I'd like to say the gazebo was my idea. But it wasn't. It was Judge Polly Simpson's.

I'd like to say the Centennial Plaza was my idea. But it wasn't. We stole the concept from Swisher County.

(Also, I learned later that our county's Texas Sesquicentennial Committee had had the idea for a gazebo and plaza back in '86. And the Mayor's Council on City Beautification had also toyed with the idea.)

I'd like to say the sale of engraved granite tiles to finance the Centennial was my idea. But it wasn't. We filched that one, too—from Potter and Swisher Counties.

After agreeing to try to build a gazebo as our "centerpiece" project, the Centennial Commission voted to build the plaza around it—partly because Polly didn't want me ripping up the main entrance walkway to her courthouse and laying a bunch of red-granite tiles there.

So you can see how democracy sometimes works. You steal an idea here and an idea there, and you counter a left-field proposition with another proposal. I was in on the whole magilla.

I really did not want to straggle the construction of the Centennial Plaza. And most others on the commission really didn't want to. Then Robbie Hawkins came forward. Thank goodness.

One of the best things we did was to give him the project and get

out of his way. The Lord, you know, designed the horse and a committee designed the camel.

All that the rest of us did was to scout the countryside and shoot pictures of granite tiles and plazas, figure the costs and options, and send off for the gazebo design book which I don't think ever came.

(The gazebo design? Yeah, we stole that, too. If you're ever in Old Town, Albuquerque, and get the feeling that it's *deja vu* all over again, well...)

Robbie has scaled and drawn, and measured, and re-measured, and agonized over, and lived with the plaza all summer. He has pushed, and argued, and driven workmen up the wall, and done the dirty job none of the rest of us wanted to do, until now it's almost finished.

And what we have is the prettiest, most usable little plaza anywhere—a fitting tribute to what we were, what we are, and what we aspire to be.

Something has been on my conscience that I need to share with you. I treated some folks on the Dimmitt School Board unfairly in my column a couple of weeks ago.

I seldom tee off on local governing boards, because during the years I spent covering their meetings, I learned to appreciate those people who are willing to take on the responsibility of serving.

When I teed off on the school board, I was tired and mad.

I was tired physically and mentally (you can check the size of this edition, if you need to know why). And I was tired of having heard from reliable sources over a period of years that this school administrator or that coach or teacher were under the gun—on a "hit list," if you will.

I was mad because still another good friend in the schools had just resigned.

But I fired with a scattergun and spattered some innocent people.

For one thing, my column may have given the impression that Army Salinas resigned under pressure. He didn't. He told me that he was resigning because the offer—a better salary and an athletic directorship—was too good to turn down.

And for another thing, that "hit list" isn't the work of the school board. It's the work of a faction of disgruntled people who have their own gripes about this or that—you'll find them in any school district—and who have been active and vocal about it.

So I want to apologize to Army

and Ann, and to the school board, for the harm that my heat-of-the-moment remarks may have caused them.

But I don't apologize to those who write the anonymous letters or draw the cartoons.

All of us on the *News* staff hope you enjoy reading our Centennial Edition as much as we have enjoyed creating it.

When we started planning the project months ago, we set as our sales goal enough advertising to make 100 pages feasible, not knowing whether our county could actually support a special edition of this size—more than twice as many pages as our previous largest edition.

More about Tractors . . .

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time had been put on the machines.

Rhynes noted that the local two victims will reimburse J & H Equipment Co. of Dimmitt for transporting the vehicles back home, and are also asked to pay a \$1,200 "recovery fee" per tractor to the commandant of the Mexican police who aided in getting the tractors returned.

"It's still cheaper than replacing such an expensive piece of equipment," Rhynes said.

Rhynes noted that John Deere tractors were favored by the thieves, because there is a John Deere factory in Mexico and replacement parts would be readily available.

Presidio Sheriff Thompson told Rhynes that it is unusual for stolen property to be recovered from inside Mexico, particularly anything as large as a tractor. He commented that he had not seen anything that

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But thank goodness, we got the support—from our county's businesses, industries, governmental bodies, churches. . . .

If you like what you see and read in this edition, it was those advertisers who made it possible. Their support enabled us to do everything with this issue that we had hoped to do.

Also, we bugged a lot of people over the past several months for old pictures, information, details and histories. And we got complete support there, too.

Thanks to all of you.



ALMOST FINISHED—Although some bricks and mortar remain in the high school's foyer, Assistant Principal Lyman Schroeder said the remaining construction won't affect classes, which begin Aug. 26. All exterior work is completed, and the construction crews are now detailing the interior, he said. Schroeder said every teacher should have a classroom by the first class day.

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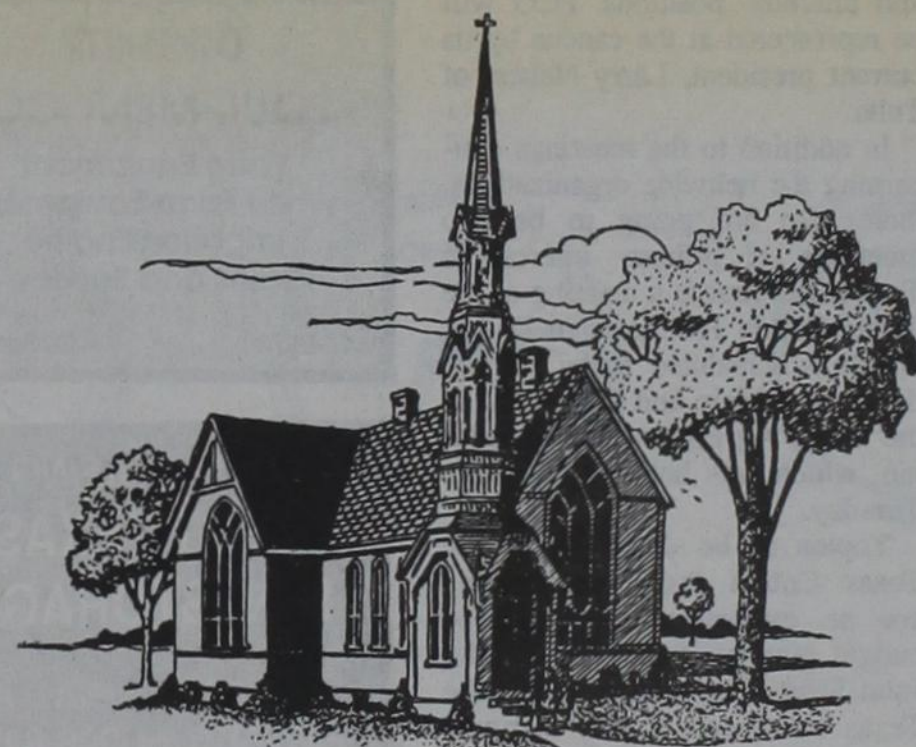
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And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth to you; and you shall eat the plants of the field."
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Absentee voting . . .

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district is strictly a taxing entity and authority to manage the public schools is retained by each local school district's board of trustees, according to the Texas Research League.

The maximum tax rate the County Education District can charge is 72 cents per \$100 of assessed evaluation. That figure is based upon state property tax values. If a school district's normal tax rate is set at \$1 per \$100 of assessed value, then the school district will have to tax 28 cents per \$100 to make up the difference. The actual dollar amount taxpayers owe won't change that much, it will just be divided and paid to two different taxing entities.

According to information published by the Texas Research League, property taxes levied by the county education district will be combined with state aid to fund the total cost of the foundation school program (Tier 1). The Commissioner of Education will calculate the amount of property taxes which each county education district must raise as its share of foundation program costs. The county education district then will be required to adopt the tax rate necessary to raise

this local fund assignment.

The Tier 1 taxes collected are to be distributed to component school districts on the basis of each district's share of the county education district's taxable property, with the provision that no district may receive funds in excess of its foundation program costs.

The exemptions voted on will help determine at what the County Education District's tax rate will be set.

These exemptions are:

* 1. Exemption of 20% of the market value of a resident's homestead.

* 2. Exemption of \$10,000 of the market value of a resident's homestead for individuals who are disabled or who are 65 years of age or older.

* 3. Taxation of tangible personal property other than manufactured homes that is not held or used for production of income.

Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day, Aug. 10. Dimmitt voters may cast their ballots at the Dimmitt City Hall, Hart voters may vote at the Hart school cafeteria, and Nazareth voters may cast their ballots at the Nazareth High School Home Economics Room.



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David Spain (7), Steve Louder (15), Dan Higgins (13), Larry McNutt (4), Mike Bridges (12), Steve Horrell (2), Dean Reinart (8), Ed Vaught (5), Lorn Nixon (16), Tommie Weemes (29), Dick Montgomery (19), and Sam Garrison (20). Not shown are: Gene George (4), Don Rieves (17), Mike Veazey (11), Paula Welty (10), and Seve Landers (2).

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Cotton Talks

Topics ranging from boll weevils to budgets will be discussed this week as a veritable onslaught of cotton industry officials descend on Dallas and San Antonio for a number of different meetings.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., there actually will be four separate meetings held during the week of July 29—three in Dallas and one in San Antonio.

The full week of meetings is indicative of the numerous important items scheduled for discussion.

Perhaps the most complicated of these meetings will be the Cotton Incorporated meeting in Dallas. The purpose of the meeting is to develop a budget for Cotton Incorporated's upcoming fiscal year. The Cotton Board will ratify the final budget at a separate meeting. The challenge facing the CI Board will be to develop two separate budgets in order to have an appropriate one ready to be submitted to the Cotton Board after the Cotton Research and Promotion Referendum results have been announced. The fact that the referendums outcome will not be announced until around Aug. 23, makes formulating the two budgets necessary.

"The work we do in Dallas will be important to the entire cotton industry," explained PCG president Larry Nelson. "In addition to the

Field day scheduled

Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center, in conjunction with the North Plains Groundwater District will present its annual field day, Wednesday, Aug. 14 at the North Plains Research Field Station near Etter.

Morning activities begin at 8:15 a.m. with registration followed by the program designed to qualify people for three continuing education units needed for renewal of commercial, non-commercial and private pesticide applicator licenses.

Texas A&M Agricultural scientists from Amarillo, Lubbock and College Station will report on a variety of topics ranging from control techniques for crop diseases and weeds to insecticide resistance in greenbugs.

Beginning at 1 p.m., Dr. John Sweeten, Extension Agricultural Engineer, will discuss water quality implications of manure utilization as a fertilizer for crops.

Reports on wheat grazing studies and wheat genetics research will be provided by Dr. Steve Winter, Agronomist and Dr. Mark Lazar, Molecular Geneticist.

Dr. Michael Hickey, Soil Chemist, will discuss aspects of corn phosphorus research.

Implications of the 1991 Farm Bill will be addressed for North Plains producers by Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension Economist. Research displays, chemical storage and disposal demonstrations and a field tour completes the afternoon schedule, according to Mr. Cecil Regier, Research Scientist in charge at Etter.

The field day will be sponsored by Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the North Plains Ground Water District No. 2.

proposed Cotton Incorporated budget, the Texas Caucus will be held Friday to select new representatives and alternates to the National Cotton Council, Cotton Incorporated and the Cotton Board."

The caucus will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday and voting representatives of certified producer organizations from Texas will find several positions up for reappointment. Besides the regular representatives and alternates that are due for reappointment this year, Texas will see the addition of several new positions. The new positions will increase Texas' level of representation in two of the three organizations. Texas gains two delegate positions to the National Cotton Council and one director position on the Cotton Incorporated Board.

Overall, Texas will be selecting representatives to fill a total of six National Cotton Council delegate and alternate positions and nominations for two Cotton Board member and alternate positions. PCG will be represented at the caucus by its current president, Larry Nelson of Tulia.

In addition to the meetings concerning the beltwide organizations, there also are going to be two meetings of primary interest to Texas. The first is a meeting of the Texas Cotton Producers in Dallas, which is scheduled today (Thursday) and Friday; and the second is the Texas Ag Forum in San Antonio, which was held Monday and Tuesday.

Topics to be discussed at the Texas Cotton Producers meeting are an evaluation of proposed budget cuts by State Comptroller John Sharp, that would abolish the Texas Food and Fibers Commission and move all pesticide regulation authority out of the Texas

Dept. of Agriculture. Also to be discussed are bollweevil eradication and a review of the Cotton Incorporated state support committee's activities to date.

The Texas Cotton Producers is made up of representatives from the nine producer organizations that represent Texas cotton farmers.

The Texas Agricultural Forum was held in San Antonio Monday, and it was held in conjunction with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's Specialists Association meeting. The discussion dealt with the economic situation which currently exists in Texas. The impact of alternative taxing policies on Texas commercial agriculture, a budget update from a representative of the State Comptroller's office, and a discussion of the Extension Service's direction and responsibilities to the Citizens of Texas were included.

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Wool referendum is set Aug. 19-30

The US Dept. of Agriculture has scheduled a referendum for wool producers to decide whether to continue a market promotion and improvement program.

The referendum has been scheduled for Aug. 19 through 30.

Keith Bjerke, administrator for the US Dept. of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) said the proposed program, similar to one approved in 1986, would continue to authorize deductions from producer price support payments.

If the referendum is approved by a majority of either the producers voting or the producers who own a majority of the sheep represented in the referendum, deductions from wool price support payments would be established at a rate not to exceed 35 cents per hundredweight of unshorn lambs for calendar year 1991.

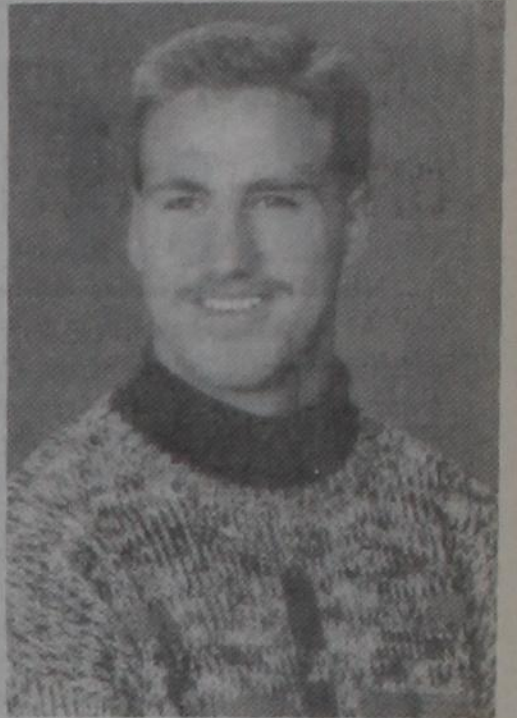
For calendar years 1992 through 1995, the deductions may increase up to an additional one cent per pound of wool marketed and up to an additional five cents per hundredweight of unshorn lambs per year.

The amounts deducted will be

used by the American Sheep Industry Association to finance advertising and sales promotion programs for wool in domestic and foreign markets, and for information programs for producers on production management and market development and improvement.

ASCS offices will distribute ballots in early August. Completed ballots must be returned, in person, to the county office, or be post-marked by Aug. 30.

To be eligible to vote, a person must have owned sheep or lambs six months old or older for at least 30 consecutive days in 1990. A cooperative may vote on behalf of its members, but if it does so, its members are then ineligible to vote in their own capacity.



KENNY KERN, who graduated from Texas Tech University in May with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture engineering, recently accepted a position as a loss prevention consultant for Factory Mutual in Dallas. Kern will travel to Boston, Mass., in a few weeks, where he will undergo further schooling. The son of Walter and Rita Kern of Nazareth, Kern is a 1987 graduate of Nazareth High School.

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ASSETS	Dollar Amounts in Thousands			1.a.	
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1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions:					
a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin		5	151	1.a.	
b. Interest-bearing balances		1	198	1.b.	
2. Securities		36	108	2.	
3. Federal funds sold & securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank & of its Edge & Agreement subsidiaries, & in IBFs:					
a. Federal funds sold		2	150	3.a.	
b. Securities purchased under agreements to resell			0	3.b.	
4. Loans and lease financing receivables:					
a. Loans and leases, net of unearned income	54	711		4.a.	
b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	1	515		4.b.	
c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve		0		4.c.	
d. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4.a minus 4.b and 4.c)			53	196	4.d.
5. Assets held in trading accounts			0	5.	
6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)			1	134	6.
7. Other real estate owned			6	94	7.
8. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies			0	8.	
9. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding			0	9.	
10. Intangible assets			11	3	10.
11. Other assets			2	893	11.
12. a. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)			101	637	12.a.
b. Loans deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j)			0	0	12.b.
c. Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) (sum of items 12.a and 12.b)			0	0	12.c.
LIABILITIES					
13. Deposits:					
a. In domestic offices:					
(1) Noninterest-bearing		18	373	13.a.(1)	
(2) Interest-bearing		74	310	13.a.(2)	
b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs			0	13.b.	
(1) Noninterest-bearing			0	13.b.(1)	
(2) Interest-bearing			0	13.b.(2)	
14. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank & of its Edge & Agreement subsidiaries, & in IBFs:					
a. Federal funds purchased			4	00	14.a.
b. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase			0	0	14.b.
15. Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury			0	15.	
16. Other borrowed money			0	16.	
17. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases			0	17.	
18. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding			0	18.	
19. Subordinated notes and debentures			7	77	19.
20. Other liabilities			93	860	20.
21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)			101	637	21.
22. Limited-life preferred stock and related surplus			0	0	22.
EQUITY CAPITAL					
23. Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus (No. of shares outstanding 0)			0	23.	
24. Common stock (No. of shares a. Authorized 150,000 b. Outstanding 150,000)			1	500	24.
25. Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock)			3	300	25.
26. a. Undivided profits and capital reserves			2	998	26.a.
b. LESS: Net unrealized loss on marketable equity securities			0	21	26.b.
27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments			7	77	27.
28. a. Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27)			0	0	28.a.
b. Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j)			0	0	28.b.
c. Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j) (sum of items 28.a. & 28.b)			0	0	28.c.
29. Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, equity capital, and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j) (sum of items 21, 22, and 28.c)			101	637	29.
MEMORANDA: Amounts outstanding as of Report of Condition date:					
1. a. Standby letters of credit. Total			1	08	1.a.
b. Amount of Standby letters of credit in memo 1.a. conveyed to others through participations			0	0	1.b.
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USDA requests comments on new feed grain program

Keith Bjerke, executive vice president of the US Dept. of Agriculture's (USDA) Commodity Credit Corporation is asking for public comment on the 1992 feed grain acreage reduction program (ARP). Bjerke said the Commodity Credit Corporation is seeking public comment on whether the corn ARP should be 5%, 7.5%, 10% or 12.5%, and whether the ARP for sorghum and barley should be 0%, 5%, 7.5% or some other percentage within those ranges. For oats, the law requires the 1992 ARP to be 0%.

Details will appear in the July 15 *Federal Register*. Comments may be mailed to Director, Commodity Analysis Division, USDA/ASCS, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013. Comments must be received by Aug. 28 to be assured consideration.

All comments will be available for public inspection in Room 3744-S in the South Building of the US Dept. of Agriculture, 14th and Independence Avenues, SW, Washington, D.C. during regular business hours.



WINDOWS TO THE PAST—The reason this sturdy old barn east of Nazareth has so many windows is that it was built before electricity was available, and lots of windows were needed for light. George Schacher Sr. built the barn in 1928 for his horses, and later used it to house sheep. Still later, it was used as a milking barn, according to Johnny Schacher, who now lives on the place. Photo by Deana McLain

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not changing to the GTE name is the former Contel Western Region headquarters in Bakersfield, Calif. GTE Telephone Operations, the largest of GTE Corporation's three business groups, provides local phone service through 18.4 million access lines in portions of 40 states and two foreign countries. In addition, GTE Telephone Operations markets telecommunication products and services internationally, and supplies computer software and data processing nationwide. Revenues in 1990 totaled \$15.4 billion. GTE Telephone Operations has approximately 114,000 employees.

State Capital



By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION
AUSTIN — Lawmakers in special session took giant steps to reorganize certain state agencies, okayed bonds for new prisons, and found a way to pay themselves an extra \$85 a day. Meanwhile, more than 400 anti-tax citizens threw tea bags on the Capitol steps at a "Texas Tea Party" to protest growing plans for a small sales tax increase this summer. Senators in committee passed about 30 percent of Comptroller John Sharp's plan to cut spending and raise fees. The House approved the sale of \$394 million in state bonds to build 11,300 prison beds and merged 12 health and human services boards under the oversight of a single, governor-appointed commissioner. House members also created a super state environmental protection agency, a merger of several smaller agencies, to be run by a commission-appointed chairman. The Senate version lets the governor name the chairman.

End-Run for Dollars
House Administration chairman Edmund Kuempel, R-Seguin, sent House members a memo advising they could file for an additional \$85 per day in expenses. The Constitution provides for lawmaker salaries and per diem, but a recent opinion by Attorney General Dan Morales, a former state representative himself, holds it does not bar legislators from paying themselves an allowance for living in Austin. Some lawmakers said it's an end-run around the Constitution and they won't take it; others said they desperately need the additional expense money.

Lawmaker Confusion
Without doubt, there is a certain sense of confusion among rank-and-file lawmakers as the leadership pushes its program at emergency speed. Several lawmakers and other players have voiced concerns about creating problems in the future. Rep. Gary Watkins D-Odessa: "What did we do?" after winning a vote on a higher education issue. • Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-

Houston: "If the leadership is going to write the proposals and the committees are there to pass them, then what are the rest of us doing here?"
• Rep. Dan Kubiak, D-Rockdale: "Too much is presented too fast. Over \$2 billion is camouflaged in new fees and taxes."
• Sen. Cyndi Krier, R-San Antonio: "It's a terrible way to run a Legislature."
• Rep. Troy Fraser, R-Big Spring: "Democrats are trying to ram things down our throats."

Budget Talks Legal
A Calhoun County grand jury Wednesday found no wrongdoing on the part of the governor and legislative leaders who met privately last month on Matagorda Island to discuss the state budget. The late June meeting, which included Gov. Ann Richards, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Gib Lewis, might have violated provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Common Cause complained.

Sens. John Montford and Bob Glasgow and Reps. James Hury and Jim Rudd also attended the meeting. The lawmakers present, all Democrats, constituted a quorum of the Legislative Budget Board. Calhoun County Attorney Jack Whitlow presented the complaint to a 12-member grand jury. The case was no-billed by the panel, meaning no action will be taken. "The decision was up to the grand jury, and they chose not to proceed," Whitlow said. "I wasn't real surprised after researching the legal background of the situation."

Meanwhile, Whitlow said the Open Meetings Act is vague and difficult to enforce, and he plans to seek the governor's help in clarifying the law.

Other Highlights
• The Associated Republicans of Texas has asked Attorney General Dan Morales to issue an opinion interpreting a 1978 constitutional amendment that requires an estimate of state economic growth before the budget is written. The group said the all-Democrat Legislative Budget Board has ignored the provision, which ensures that

Highlights

state spending does not outpace personal income growth.
• Gov. Richards has enlisted her two Texas Racing Commission appointees to try to persuade horse and greyhound track owners that the panel regulates to stay out of the lottery debate. *The Dallas Morning News* reported last week. The governor has agreed to support a tax cut for greyhound racing tracks in the current special session, her staff said.
• Comptroller Sharp, a Democrat, spurned an invitation from Texas Republicans to switch parties, claiming the GOP has only offered "years of bull" to voters.

• Rep. Sue Schechter, D-Houston, wrote an editorial on behalf of the New Texas Reform Group, a group of legislators she said will battle until rules of the Texas House are changed. Schechter said the Legislature lacks integrity and the process must be changed.
• The Texas Highway Commission voted to add "The Lone Star State" slogan to license plates starting in 1992. Many Texans requested "The Friendship State," but Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, who sponsored the resolution, said "Friendship" was "too wimpy."

Armed Forces Hometown News

Scott Andrew Acker, son of Francis and Beatrice Acker of Dimmitt, recently enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program. Acker, a 1991 graduate of Dimmitt High School, is scheduled to attend Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio on Dec. 10. According to Sgt. Tex Roberts, the local Air Force recruiter, Acker will earn credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force upon completion of basic training and technical training school.

County 4-Hers seek oldest club member

The Dimmitt/Bethel 4-H Club is looking for the oldest Castro County 4-Her. To qualify as the oldest member, the individual must have been born in Castro County and participated in the county's 4-H activities. The 4-H organization started the first county club in 1936. Anyone who might qualify as the oldest 4-Her, may call Mac Annen at 945-2258, or Niccola Furr at 647-2520 or 647-4257.

Wheat shortcourse scheduled for today

A wheat shortcourse will be held in Friona today (Thursday) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The course will be held at the Friona Community Center and it will include programs on variety performances in 1990-91, wheat herbicides, management of insects and mites, wheat disease management, marketing opportunities for 1991-92, Texas Wheat Producers Association update and stocker cattle opportunities.

Those attending will qualify for continuing education credits for Certified Private Applicators Licenses. There will be a lunch provided, which will be sponsored by the Texas Wheat Producers Association and Sherley-Anderson Elevators. Anyone interested in attending should call J.D. Ragland at the County Extension Office.

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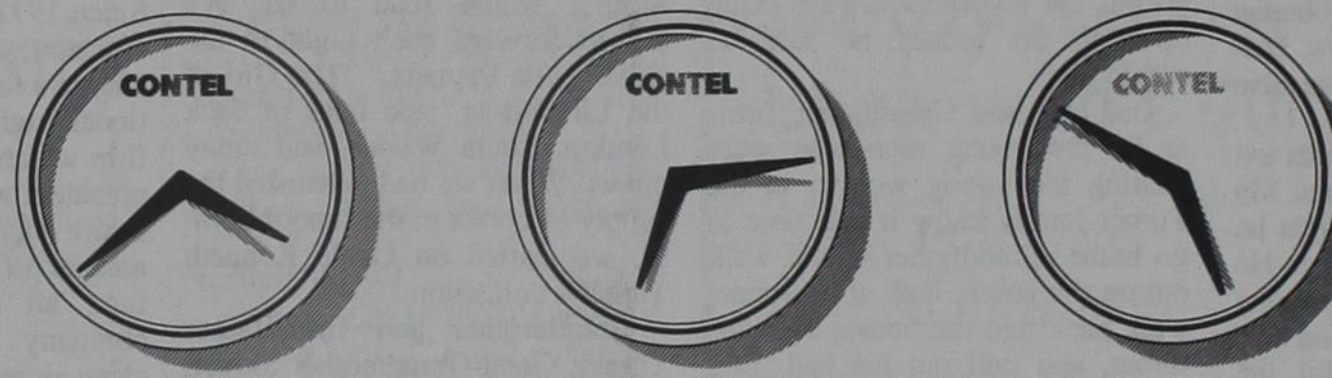
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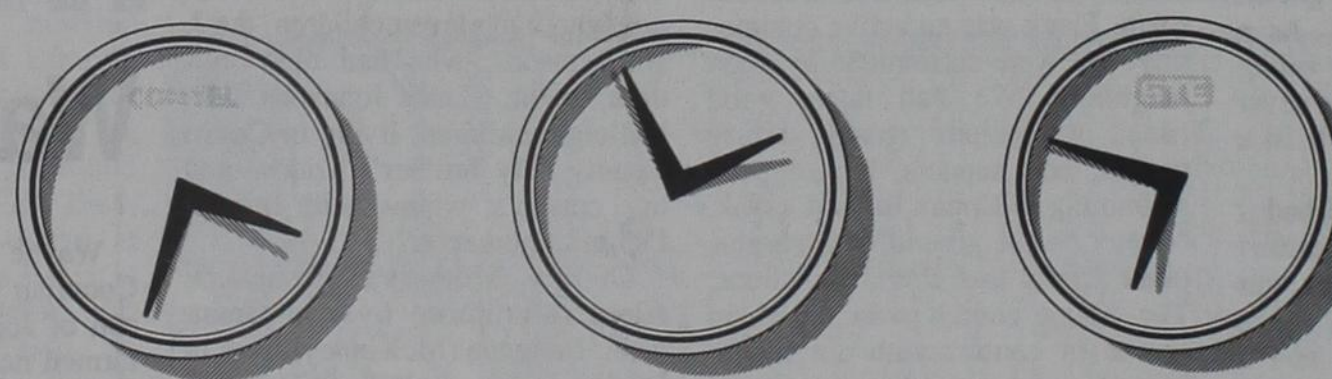
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THE GRAND BAND OF DIMMITT—The Hyatt family performs after a parade on Jan. 23, 1916. Music was the center of entertainment for the

family, which included Mable Hyatt (Kimbell), Oscar Hyatt, Frank Hyatt, George Miller and Walter Hyatt.

Courtesy Photo

The Turner Family

My maternal grandfather and grandmother, John E. and Rosa Ely Turner, came to Castro County in 1890. My paternal great-grandfather and great-grandmother, William Slover and Paralee Shadle Slover, came to Castro County in 1898. My grandfather and grandmother, J.A. Johnson and May Slover Johnson, had just married in Montague County and they moved to Castro County shortly after her parents moved there. My dad, Claude Johnson, was born in Tulia, because that was the nearest doctor. My mother, Dora Turner, was born in Dimmitt, and Dad and Mother lived in Dimmitt all of their lives, except for a few months when they lived in Canyon.

Both the Turner and Johnson families played an active role in settling Castro County. The Turners were charter members of the First Baptist Church, and my Grandfather Johnson was an early sheriff. Members of both families served in many other positions and offices, such as county clerk, commissioner, judge, school board member and teacher, and postmaster.

My dad's sister, Myrtle Johnson Beards, played on the first basketball team in Dimmitt. She also played two years in Canyon.

I love to listen to my parents tell stories about their early years. My dad was a cowboy, and thought he could ride any horse around. He could ride most of them. One day he was rounding up cattle and one of the steers turned and hit the horse, knocking both the horse and Dad down. Dad just laid there, not moving. Aunt Myrtle and Aunt Minnie (Johnson Hyatt) ran out thinking Dad was dead. When they got near him, he jumped up, got on another horse and rode off. As a child I remember my Dad riding horses, and to this day, I have never seen another man sit so well in a saddle as my Dad did.

Aunt Myrtle said that Dad had it made. He was the oldest and had five sisters before another boy was born. (There subsequently were two more children, a boy and a girl.) He would con the girls into doing his work, and, because they all pampered him, he did just what he wanted to do.

Dad and Mother told about riding to school when snow was so deep you could not see the fence posts. When Aunt Myrtle was five, she and the school teacher were stranded at the school during a snowstorm for a whole day. She recalls that the teacher permitted her to write on the blackboard, and do whatever she wished. Dad rode a horse several miles through the snow, guiding himself by feeling for the fence posts, to rescue her and the teacher.

Dad and Mother told about the snow blowing for days and days where you could not see anything. Men would cut their fences so the cattle could try to find shelter. Many cattle were lost during these times.

My parents told of the many pranks that were pulled at school, and how the boys would have to sit at the front of the room with dunce caps on. There was a Mr. Woodley who lived in Dimmitt who was blessed with an oversized nose. The kids taunted him by saying, "God knows all, and Mr. Woodley is all nose."

Dad and some of his young buddies (one of whom was the late Sid Sheffy, I believe) "batched" on a ranch north of town. They came in late one night and thought they saw a man in a white shirt standing in the corral. Thinking he was going to steal the horses, they challenged him, then threatened to shoot if he didn't answer them. When he didn't respond, they shot, and heard Willie the Mule bray out in pain. Only then did they realize that the "man in the white shirt" was Willie.

Entertainment took many different forms, and Halloween offered ample opportunity for boys to be boys. One year a group of young men took a buggy apart and reassembled it on top of a building. Getting it down was a real challenge. Family lore has it that Dad participated in this shenanigan. Also, many people awoke on Nov. 1 to find their outdoor privies had been overturned or moved from the premises entirely.

My mother told of the many times the church needed money and Grandfather Turner would volunteer to give more than they could afford, but somehow always came up with the money he said he would give.

Dad told how Grandfather Turner let the young men who were visiting the young women in the Turner family know it was time to go home. Grandfather would walk out on the porch, look at everyone, walk back into the house, clear his throat, and pull out his bed. Dad said that when Mr. Turner did that, they knew they were to leave RIGHT THEN.

We lived at Flagg as I was growing up. We had a lake to play on, horses to ride, and miles to roam. Flagg was an active community. We were surrounded by good neighbors. We had many good times at weiner roasts, house parties, box suppers, pie suppers, swimming in Conan Ballard's tank, "dinner on the ground" and various other school and church functions. The Flagg church was the main source of contact with our neighbors. I was baptized in the Conan Ballard tank, as were many young, and not-so-young neighbors. I am told that in earlier times, Elmer Dixon's tank was used for that purpose.

All of the Claude Johnson children except the youngest, Jimmie, went to the Flagg school. The Flagg school was consolidated with Dimmitt in 1945. I started the third grade at Dimmitt, and Jimmie went

all 12 years there.

There remains an unsolved mystery concerning the Flagg school. In 1943, on a normal school day, something fell from the attic. We were all convinced that someone was hiding up there. We were herded out of the building and onto the playground, where we spent the afternoon. When the bus from Dimmitt came, some of the high school boys crawled into the attic to investigate. They reportedly found chicken bones and orange peels, but no intruders. I don't think anyone ever knew if, indeed, someone had been hiding there.

Our favorite time when I was growing up was when we all gathered around the kitchen table, with the old lamps and lanterns, and our parents helped us with our homework. We all feel sure that Mother taught us more at night than we learned at school. Mother's favorite subject was algebra. She helped all eight of us pass algebra. Dad could always come up with the correct answer first, but he could not explain how he arrived at it. So Mother would do the explaining.

After we did our homework, Mother would read to us. We looked forward each night to the "Five Little Peppers," "The Girl of the Limberlost," the tales of Jack London, Laura Wilder, and many others. When we had exhausted the supply of books in the school library, we started on Uncle Kenneth Turner's collection.

Grandmother and Grandfather Turner, Great-Grandmother Slover, Grandmother and Grandfather Johnson, my parents, my eldest sister, Rosa Mae Shepard, and brother, C.J., are all buried in Castro Memorial Cemetery. There are no direct descendants of the Turners, who had eleven children, the J. A. Johnsons, who had nine children, or the Claude Johnsons, who had eight children, living in Castro County. My brother's widow and my cousin's widow still live in Dimmitt, however.

Of my brothers and sisters, Alene (Martinson) lives in Grant, Neb.; Imogene (McKinney) lives in Bridge City; Laquita (Thacker) lives in Lawton, Okla.; and Melba (Smith) Jimmie and I live in Lubbock. We are a close family, and get together often. We have all prospered in our chosen fields, and are grateful for the love and encouragement of two fine old Castro County families.

(As told by Beverly Johnson Russell of Lubbock).



OUT FOR A RIDE on Jan. 23, 1916, was this group of people in an old-time car. Pictured are Claude Johnson, Mable Hyatt (Kimbell), Jessie Walker, Dora Hyatt, George Miller, Frank Hyatt, Oscar Hyatt and Minnie Johnson.

Courtesy Photo

The Hobratschk Family

Martin Gerhardt Hobratschk was born Sept. 15, 1907, in The Grove, one of 12 children born to Andrew and Selma Hohle Hobratschk. The Hobratschk name is of German-Slavic origin, tracing its roots to East Germany.

Martin married Ida Marie Woythe Sept. 15, 1935, in Vernon. In September, 1947, the Hobratschks moved to Dimmitt.

Ida Woythe Hobratschk was born Aug. 4, 1911, in Lexington. She moved to Vernon in 1927 with her parents, Ben and Lydia Woythe, her two sisters and three brothers.

When the Hobratschks first arrived in Dimmitt in 1947, there were very few paved streets, and the sidewalks on Main Street were "board" walks, rather than cement.

The two-story, red brick school house was still in use, dust storms seemed to be an every day occurrence, and the land south of the old high school was cow pasture as far as the eye could see.

Martin and Ida had three children, Betty, Glenn and Larry. Betty was born April 15, 1940, in Vernon, graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1958, attended Texas Tech, and married Lee Jones in Dimmitt Feb. 11, 1961. They had three children, Kirk, Tanya and Craig, and resided in Dimmitt until 1970, when they moved to Hereford. Lee died March 27, 1987.

Glenn was born July 5, 1944, in Vernon, and graduated from DHS in 1962. He graduated from Tech in 1966, received his CPA license, and married Marsha Mullins that same year. They have two sons, Martin Glenn II, and Monty Garth. Since 1972, the family has lived in Houston, where Glenn worked for 15 years for CRSS, Inc., an international engineering and construction firm which he served as senior vice president and treasurer. He is now senior vice president and chief financial officer of NaTec Resources, Inc., an environmental services company dealing primarily with clean air technology in Houston.

Larry was born June 26, 1948, in Dimmitt. "Hobie," as he was nicknamed in school, graduated from DHS in 1967 and played football for the Dimmitt Bobcats. He at-

tended Texas Tech and Lubbock Business College. He married Beverly Clark in 1969, and they have two daughters, Rachael and Mabelle. They have resided for several years in Edna, where he is engaged in welding and rice farming.

Martin Hobratschk was a construction welder for years in and around Dimmitt. He welded the irrigation pipe for many of the first irrigation wells in Castro and surrounding counties. He died Jan. 23, 1960, and is buried at The Grove.

Ida was employed by the Dimmitt School Cafeteria for 15 years, and has been a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hereford for 44 years.



Ida Hobratschk



STOP FOR A BITE—The Dixon family takes a break from wheat harvest to eat lunch. Photo courtesy of Irene Bradley

N.B. Stokes Family

N. B. ("Stacks") and Ioma Stokes moved to Dimmitt with their brood, Jim, Ronny, Donny, Sue and Lee, in August, 1957. Stacks opened the Gulf station on East Bedford, and Ioma stayed home with the children, Lee only having been born the preceding April, and Sue being only 4 years old.

Stacks had a major heart attack that winter, and even though Ioma and Ronny tried to run the station, they were unable to, and had to shut down in April, 1958. Ioma went to work for her brother, Dr. Carl Page, and Ronny went to work after school at Bladman Drug Store, later known as Parsons Rex-all Drug, where he worked until graduation from high school.

Upon his recovery, Stacks went to work at White's Auto, and eventually became a custom farmer before a stroke in 1977 left him

disabled. Stacks was active in the Masonic Lodge, the Eastern Star, Scottish Rite and Khiva Temple Shriners. He served as Worthy Patron two years.

Ioma served as Worthy Matron in the Eastern Star. She has worked at the Plains Memorial Hospital, most recently as home care provider. She is retired and lives in Dimmitt.

Of the children, Jim joined the Army in October, 1957, and was never around Dimmitt to any great extent. He married the former Gwen Dunn in 1960, and they had two sons, James Eric, who now lives in Reno, Nev., and Jason.

Ronny graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1961 and attended school in Weatherford, Okla. After living in southern California for a year, he returned to Dimmitt and married Brooka York, a home economics teacher at DHS. They have two sons, Carl and Glenn, and live in Opelika, Ala., where Ronny is a court reporter.

In civic endeavors Ronny has been a Jaycee, and was awarded Jaycee International Senator status in 1977. He is a past president of his local Lions Club; he is a 25-year member of the Masonic Lodge, a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner; and is an active member of the local Elks Lodge, serving as an officer for the past four years.

Four of the Stokes children graduated from DHS and worked at different places of business in Dimmitt.

Don joined the Navy after a year at Texas Tech and served in Vietnam. He stayed on the West Coast until the death of his father in October, 1983, then came home to help his mother. He worked for the food services company at West Texas State, then was transferred to Pasadena City College in 1987. He died May 26, after an illness.

Sue finished high school in 1971 and attended South Plains College in Levelland. She married Quincy Hawkins of Hart in 1972, and they have two sons, Jeremy and Justin. She has worked for H & S Produce for 16 years. Quincy is part owner of Hi-Way Garage at Hart.

Lee finished high school in 1975. He worked in Amarillo and married Lisa Burrows in 1980. They have a daughter, Apryl Mae Stokes, and live in Albuquerque, N.M., where he works for a grocery chain.

The family says they have all enjoyed living in Dimmitt, and there are "no better people anywhere."

Wayne Collins Family

Wayne is the original Castro Countian in our family. He is the son of Joe and Katy Collins, who farmed near Flagg for many years. He grew up with his two brothers, Jim and Ted, in the Flagg community and was graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1956 and from Texas Tech in 1965.

Wayne and Darlene Fox were married in Lubbock in 1959, while he was a student at Tech. Their three children, Joe, Suzan and John, were born there.

After working at NASA in Houston and farming in Kansas, the family moved to a farm in Castro County, west of Flagg, in 1974. The family moved into Dimmitt in 1978, and Darlene began teaching in the Dimmitt schools.

Many activities have filled the years! Joe was involved in basketball, track, band, DHS Student Council (president), and graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1978.

Suzan was involved in basketball, track, band (drum major), and graduated in 1981.

After his eighth grade year, John was killed by a fall from his horse in August, 1979. A memorial scholarship continues in his memory.

Joe graduated from Texas Tech and later married another Tech graduate, Laura Shelton. They have two children—Amber Nicole, born March 11, 1989, and John Joseph, born Feb. 6, 1991. They currently

reside in Quantico, Va., where she is a flight attendant for American Airlines and he is a captain (select) in the Marine Corps. He recently returned from Saudi Arabia, where he served as an aide to Gen. Chuck Krulac.

Suzan graduated from McMurry College, where she was Homecoming Queen her senior year, and from West Texas State University. She is a registered nurse in a critical care unit in Phoenix, Ariz., where she and her husband, Jeff, live. Jeff is a graduate of the US Naval Academy and the Texas Tech School of Medicine, and is an orthopedic surgery resident.

Wayne was elected to the Dimmitt Board of Aldermen in 1979, and was elected mayor of Dimmitt in 1983, the position he still holds. He also is serving this year as president of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

The family has owned and operated radio station KDHN since 1984.

The family was greatly honored this past year when Wayne was named Citizen of the Year at the annual Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce banquet.

We have all been influenced by the presence of the Methodist Church and by our family and friends in the area. Now, we're all proud to be Castro Countians!



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THE BOB MURDOCK FAMILY gathers for a family picture after the wedding of Debbie Murdock and Doug Smith. Family members, pictured from left, are Pam Murdock, Bob Murdock, Debbie and Doug Smith, Wanda Murdock and Brad Murdock.

Courtesy Photo

The Bob Murdock Family

Bobby, Wanda, Debbie and Brad Murdock moved to Dimmitt in May, 1966, from Littlefield, where they had lived for four years. They had previously lived in Plainview, where they were married Oct. 20, 1956.

They bought a nearly new three-bedroom home, and were thrilled to start their life together in a home of their own. Bob was employed with Eaton Stationary Company and Wanda was employed with the Credit Bureau. Bob later worked for Cloverlake Dairy, and Wanda, for the City National Bank. Bob started to work for Southwestern Public Service Co. in January, 1961, and is still employed there.

Deborah Jo ("Debbie") was born July 18, 1958, and Bradley Dale ("Brad") was born June 13, 1964.

Bobby is the son of R. L. "Bob" and Zona Murdock, both deceased. He was born in Sudan and moved to Littlefield at an early age. Among his good friends and neighbors was Waylon Jennings, the country and western singer. Bobby graduated from Littlefield High School and attended Lipperts Business College in Plainview, where he met and married Wanda.

Wanda moved to Hart in 1946 from Lockney, where she was born to W.H. "Herschell" and Nellie Felder. Her two brothers and sister are Dub, Barbara (now Mrs. Jack Godfry) and Jerry, who died in March, 1988.

After moving to Dimmitt, Bobby joined the Jaycees, Volunteer Fire Department and coached Little League baseball and basketball. He has been Kids, Inc., president and Fire Chief. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and has served as president. He was selected Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year" in 1983.

Debbie graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1976. She was a twirler for the Bobcat Band for two years, and was active in basketball, track and tennis. She was a regional qualifier in track in the 80-yard hurdles.

She attended West Texas State University, graduating in 1982. She played on the Fast Pitch Softball Team for WTSU and was an R.A. for McCaslin Hall, and an active member of the Buffalo Belles. She is employed by Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, Inc., brokers in Amarillo. She married Doug Smith on Nov. 4, 1989, in Amarillo.

Brad graduated from DHS in 1982. He was a drummer for the Bobcat Band, making all-Region drummer from the seventh through twelfth grades. He was a Lyre Club officer, played tennis and was on the junior varsity football team. He was active in FFA, raising lambs and pigs, and made the national FFA band which played for the national convention in Kansas City. He also was a drummer for the "Rough Riders" of Nazareth.

Brad attended South Plains College and West Texas State University. He joined the U. S. Air Force in November, 1986. He married Pam Kilmer, who was also in the USAF, June 6, 1987, at Alconbury AFB in England, where they lived for three years. They returned to the States in January, 1988, to Homestead AFB, Fla., where they now live.

Now a sergeant, and a munitions specialist and inspector, Brad has just returned from a four-month tour of duty in Operation Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf.

Bob and Wanda are very suppor-

tive of the DHS Bobbies and Bobcats basketball teams, attending most of the games at home and out of town. They also enjoy watching softball in the summer months, as Debbie is an active player in Amarillo. Her team plays in tournaments in Amarillo, Lubbock, San Angelo, Steam Boat Springs, Colo., and Abilene, to name a few. The Murdocks feel that the girls cannot play without their support and attendance, and Wanda is even on their roster for all tournaments.

Bob and Wanda attend the Church of Christ.

The Smothermon Family

Delbert Bailey Smothermon was born April 11, 1936, in Olustee, Okla., the youngest of four sons and five daughters born to Thomas Samuel and Vassie Exlina Smothermon. One sister, Dorothy Smothermon Sheffy (Rex), also resides in Dimmitt.

Delbert attended school in Prairie Hill and Victory, Okla. In November, 1961, Delbert came to Dimmitt and was employed by Kenneth Jackson Ditching Co. In 1963 he met Jackie Arlene Winkles and they were married Jan. 3, 1964, in Dimmitt.

Jackie was born Aug. 29, 1945 in Lubbock. After attending schools in Ralls and Daingerfield, she came to Dimmitt in September, 1963, with her parents, Joseph Henry and Frances Alvena Comer, and four brothers.

Delbert and Jackie had four sons. Terry Dewayne was born Dec. 10, 1961, in Lone Star. He graduated from Dimmitt High School and joined the U. S. Army, serving in Germany. On Aug. 22, 1985 he married Cynthia Ann Mixson of Dimmitt. They have three children: Christopher James, born March 24, 1982; Andrea Nicole, born Dec. 31, 1985; and Baylei Diane, born March 20, 1989.

He is currently back in Hanua, Germany, after a five-month deployment to Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm. Cindy and the children are living in Bronte, near her parents, J. R. and Ricki Mixson, formerly of Dimmitt. Terry made sergeant while serving in the Gulf war.

Michael Del Smothermon was born June 28, 1965, in Dimmitt. He graduated from DHS in May, 1983.

After one semester at Sul Ross University, he served in the U. S. Navy for five years, then entered the Sheriff's Academy in San Diego, Calif. He married Norma Lee Robbins on Feb. 10, 1990, and they live in Indio, Calif., where he is a deputy with the Riverside Sheriff's Dept.

Mark Joel was born Sept. 18, 1967, in Hereford, and graduated from DHS in May 1986. Known to his friends as "Smo," he was active in all sports. He attended McMurry University in Abilene and Texas Tech. He and was recently engaged to Tracy McLean, formerly of Dimmitt, and is employed with Affiliated Warehouses in Amarillo.

Jason Kyle was born Aug. 11, 1970, in Plainview and attended Dimmitt Schools. He married Michelle Leigh Hucks of Dimmitt June 28, 1987, and they have three sons: Zjhon Tyler, born Oct. 16, 1987; and twins Joshua Kyle and Skyler Dane, born June 28, 1989. Jason is in the U. S. Navy at Millington, Tenn., where he is in advanced training in aviation ordnance. Following graduation, he will be stationed at Long Beach, Calif., where Michelle and the boys will soon join him.

Jackie, an LVN, worked at Plains Memorial Hospital in years past, and was a bookkeeper with Easter Farms Gin for 10 years. She is currently a bookkeeper for Frye Farms during the summer months, and Hereford Gin in the fall. She is a member of First Baptist Church in Dimmitt and teaches Sunday School.

Delbert was employed by Kenneth Jackson Ditching for 21 years, had Dimmitt Radiator Shop for two years, and worked several years for E. M. Jones Ditching. In January, 1989, Delbert began a family business, Smotherman Ditching, in the Easter community one-fourth mile from their home.



The C.J. Johnson Family

C.J. Johnson was born in Dimmitt on July 4, 1921 to Claude and Dora Johnson. He was their second child, having a sister Rosa Mae, who was 11 months older than he. He was delivered by Dr. Mayes Miller.

C.J. was a second generation Dimmittite, since his mother Dora Turner was also born in Dimmitt. Claude also would have been born here, but there was no doctor here at that time and so his mother was taken to Tulia, where he was born.

C.J. is the grandson of Arch and Mae Johnson who came to Castro County in 1897 and John and Rosa Turner who came here in 1890.

C.J. started school in Canyon, where his dad was the highway supervisor. They moved back to Dimmitt and he went to school at Flagg until he started high school. Then he rode the bus to Dimmitt and graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1940.

Omega Moore was born in Gould, Okla. and moved to Castro County in 1939. She went to school at Springlake until March of 1940, when her family moved into the Dimmitt school district. She is the daughter of the late Porter and Charity Moore.

Omega and C.J. met at school in 1940 and he worked for his dad on the farm in the Flagg community for the next year.

They married the next year, Aug. 30, 1941 in Clovis, N.M. and lived in Flagg with C.J.'s parents until after harvest that year. Then, they moved to Dimmitt and he went to work for Russell Buckmaster.

Sept. 18, 1942 was a banner day for the Johnson family — their first son, Kenneth Eugene (Gene) was born in the old hospital above the bank on the corner of Broadway and Bedford.

Pearl Harbor had already been bombed and the family feared C.J. would be drafted any day.

In May 1943, the Johnsons moved to Wiggins, Colo. to work for a potato farmer. They lived with C.J.'s sister and her husband, Alene and Manfred Martinson until Dec. 23, 1943 when they moved back to Dimmitt to help C.J.'s grandfather, J.A. Johnson on his farm.

They moved into Dimmitt with Omega's mother and father just before their second son was born on April 3, 1944.

He was born in the old hospital above the bank. C.J. had gotten his draft card and was given an extension until June 1, 1944 when he left for Fort Sill, Okla., the induction center. He trained in Little Rock, Ark. at Camp Joseph T. Robertson Army Base and on Nov. 4, left

Dimmitt for the west coast, then on to Europe. He landed in Italy.

He suffered a leg injury in training and was sent to the hospital in Mercede, France. The next day his platoon moved to the front lines. He was transferred from Mercedes to Nice, France and served as a registered mail clerk there until Feb. 1946 when he came home.

He saw several county boys, as well as Panhandle boys in Nice since it was an rest and relaxation base.

C.J. went to work for Choc Lay at the service station when he came back and on March 5, 1947, the Johnson family was blessed with a daughter, Carol Lynn, who was also born in the old hospital above the bank.

In June 1950, another son was added to the Johnson family. Russell was born in the barracks hospital not long after it was moved in. It was a pretty neat place after having to go upstairs for so long to the hospital. We lived in Dimmitt until 1923 when we moved to Sunnyside and worked for Roy Axtell until the Fall of 1958.

The Johnson children went to school in Springlake and although the two oldest boys started school in Dimmitt in the two-story red brick school (where the city park is now).

Gene started in 1948 and Keith in 1950. Both their dad and their

grandmother and granddad Johnson had gone there before them. In 1958, the family moved to the Bridges place, east of Sunnyside and lived there until 1960 when they moved to Five Point.

About six weeks after they moved, the tornado hit Sunnyside.

In February 1963, the Johnsons moved to Dimmitt. Omega started working at the hospital the year before — on Dec. 4, 1964.

C.J. farmed for two more years after the family moved into town, then he started working for Western Amonia, which later sold to Goodpasture. C.J. began a new job for Consumers at that time and later worked for Castro Co. Grain. He worked there until it sold to Dimmitt Agri Industries.

He died Dec. 25, 1989. Omega worked full-time for Plains Memorial Hospital until Dec. 25, 1989 and still does occasionally.

Four generations of the Johnson family was born in Castro County: Dora Turner Johnson, Sept. 6, 1901; C.J. Johnson, July 4, 1921; and the Johnson children, Gene, Sept. 18, 1942; Keith, April 3, 1944; Carol Johnson, March 5, 1947 and Russell, June 27, 1950.

The last generation includes two grandchildren: David Dennis born June 11, 1966 and Chrene Johnson, Sept. 4, 1970.

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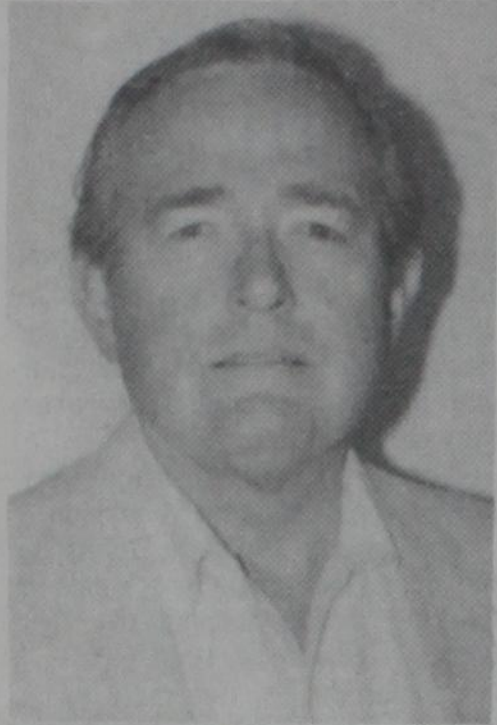
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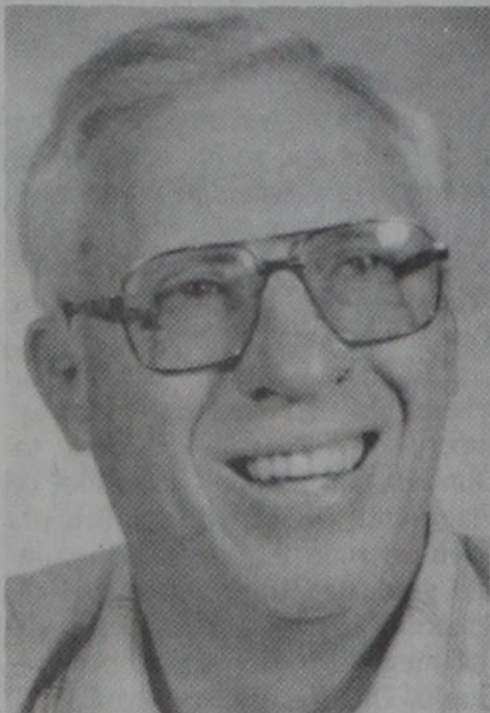
Castro Countians have made, and are making, significant contributions to society at all levels and in many fields. Here are some of them.



Dr. Gerald P. Alldredge, Albuquerque. Physicist. Principal staff member, Albuquerque Technology Center of BDM International, Inc. Currently chief engineer in designing security system for the train in the Rail Garrison Basing System for the Peacekeeper ballistic missile, San Bernardino, Calif. Former physics professor and researcher at Southern Illinois University, the University of Texas at Austin, University of Missouri and Northeast Missouri State University. Has held appointments as visiting researcher at Argonne National Laboratory, the Technical University of Denmark, the British Atomic Energy Research Establishment and the University of California. Has published approximately 60 articles and has presented more than 40 papers at national and international conferences.



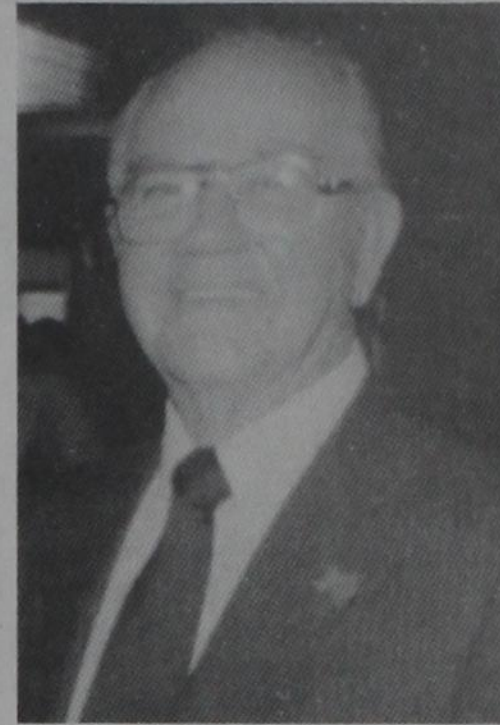
Charles Lee Heck, Forest Hills, Pa. Nuclear physicist with Westinghouse Electric Corp. Principal engineer and technical leader for development of advanced mathematical techniques and software used in building full-sized nuclear power plant control-room simulators. Formerly associated with the General Electric Nuclear Energy Business Group in San Jose, Calif., working in fields of nuclear methods and transient methods development.



Kenneth Cleveland, Dimmitt. High school boys' basketball coach and athletic director. Inducted into Texas High School Coaches Balfour Hall of Fame, 1988. All-state basketball player, Coleman High School, 1951. Co-captain and all-Southwest Conference guard, University of Texas. Has guided 10 Dimmitt High School teams to state UIL tournament since 1966, including three state champions and three state finalists. Chosen by Texas Association of Basketball Coaches to coach the North All-Stars in the annual North-South All-Star Game, 1976. Named Class AAA Texas Basketball Coach of the Year, 1983. Has produced 26 all-staters in last 28 years, including several who are now coaching.



Teeny Bowden, Sunnyside. Historian, author and genealogist. Author of *This Land We Hold*, 1971, a history of Castro County, and *Louder & Louder & Louder*, 1990, genealogical research book. Co-editor of *Castro County, Texas, 1891-1981*, and *Castro County, Texas, 1891-1991*. Longtime Sunnyside community correspondent for *Castro County News*.



Joe Cowen, Dimmitt. Retired insurance and real estate agent. One of Dimmitt's most tireless civic workers since 1947. Served as third president of the Castro County Chamber of Commerce, and has headed the PTA, Lions Club and other civic organizations through the years. Revived the annual Castro County Old Settlers' Reunion after World War II. State Democratic Committeeman, 1952. Texas delegate to National Democratic Convention, Chicago, 1956.



Jack Copeland, Washington and Houston. International investment banker, specializing in energy industry. Chairman of Copeland Consulting International. Consultant to Administration, Congress, foreign governments and 150 US and foreign corporations on energy policy and financial restructuring. Active in Republican Party fundraising. Vice-chairman of Republican Convention Gala in New Orleans, 1988. Co-chairman of Victory '88 in Texas and California. Member of National Republican Party's Team 100. Former executive board member, Republican Congressional Leadership Council. Former trainer of Dimmitt Bobcats, Hardin-Simmons Cowboys, Ohio State Buckeyes and New York Titans before beginning investment banking career. Founder of Bear Creek Recovery Center, Dallas. Member of governing boards of oil and oil service companies, educational institutions and public service organizations.



Ray Robertson, Dimmitt. Farmer, businessman, inventor, conservationist. Co-inventor with his brother Jack of the augur-equipped grain trailer now known as the Grain Kart, 1956. Co-owner with his son Jeff of Robertson Dirt Co., conservation service. Director of Texas Farm Credit Bank, 1977-86; vice-chairman two terms.



Mauriene Smithson Matthews, Plainview. Reading teacher in Resource Program, College Hill Elementary School. All-state post guard at Dimmitt High School, 1950 and 1951. All-time all-state post guard, Texas Girls Basketball League. Member of national championship women's basketball teams at Wayland Baptist University, 1954 and 1955. Honorable mention All-American, 1954 and 1955. Member of Pan-American Team, 1955.



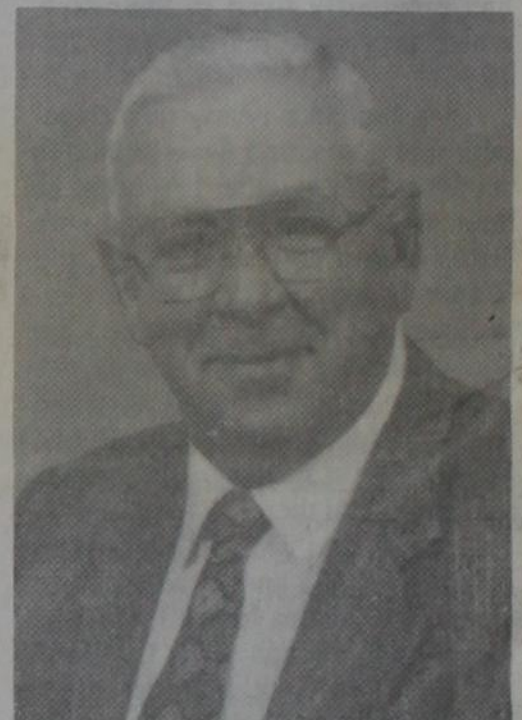
Lois Cleavinger Wales, Dimmitt. Environmental activist and advocate for agriculture at state and national levels. Former state president of Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE). First woman member of Texas Corn Producers Board.



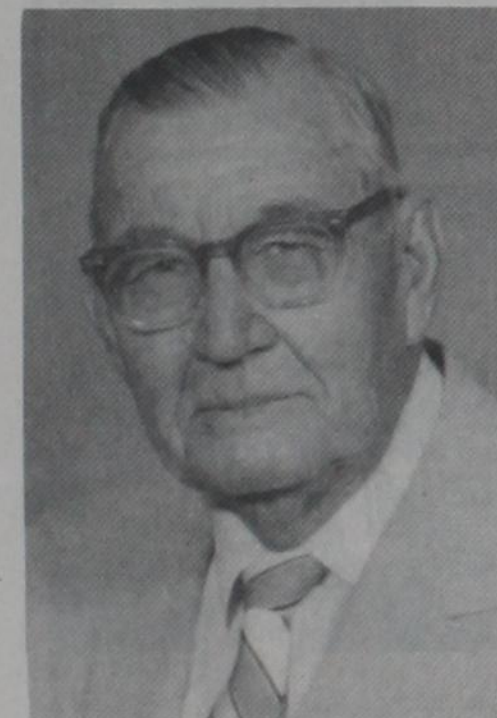
Pat Tate Truelove, Amarillo. Member of Dimmitt High School's state championship girls' basketball team, 1950. All-American at Wayland Baptist University, 1951. Selected to 10-member US team to play and tour South America to promote women's basketball on Olympic card, 1952. Most Valuable Player, Atlanta Peaches professional women's basketball team, 1953. Member of NBC professional team, Nashville, Tenn., 1954. As chairman of the Women's Sports Committee of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, helped found the National Women's Invitational Tournament, 1968. Installed as 34th member of the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame, 1974.



Ray Joe Riley, Sunnyside. Registered plant breeder, farmer, stockman, inventor. Developer of first sorghum sedan grass hybrid, 1955. Developer of Rilcot cotton variety, 1959. Co-founder of Estacado Industries, Inc., 1972. Co-inventor and patentee, with Don Ethington, of synthetic irrigation fuel process and nitrogen fertilizer manufacturing process. President, Plains Cotton Growers, 1973-74. National chairman, US Cotton Producers & Ginners Delegation to International Universal Cotton Standards Conferences, 1974. Member, Texas Education Agency Board of School District Evaluation Appeals, 1975-77. Member, Legislative Interim Advisory Committee on Taxes, 1979-81. Vice-chairman, US Cotton Board, 1989.



Howard Smithson, Dimmitt. Farmer and agribusinessman. President of Texas Young Farmers, 1975. Secretary of National Young Farmers Association, 1976. Served as finance chairman for National Institute of Young Farmers when Texas hosted national convention in San Antonio.



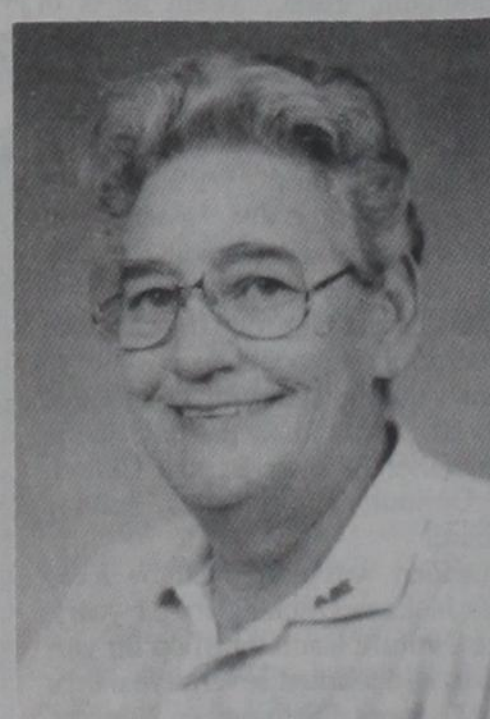
B. M. Nelson, Dimmitt. Retired newspaper publisher. Advocate for progressive growth of Dimmitt and Castro County since 1943. Co-founder of Castro Co-op Hospital (now Plains Memorial), 1946. As part-time manager of Castro County Chamber of Commerce in 1956-57, conducted the necessary survey work and made industrial contacts to launch vegetable industry here. Co-founder of Castro County Vegetable Growers Association and Dimmitt Produce Co. Served numerous terms as County Democratic Party chairman and delegate to State Democratic Convention. Advocate through the years of civic projects, bond elections and governmental action to provide street paving, public swimming pool, county recreation center, baseball parks, expansion of school facilities, sugarbeet allotments for county, establishment of corn milling plant, retail business development.



Lillamae Hunter, teacher, author, historian. Author of *The Moving Finger*, 1957, a history of Castro County.



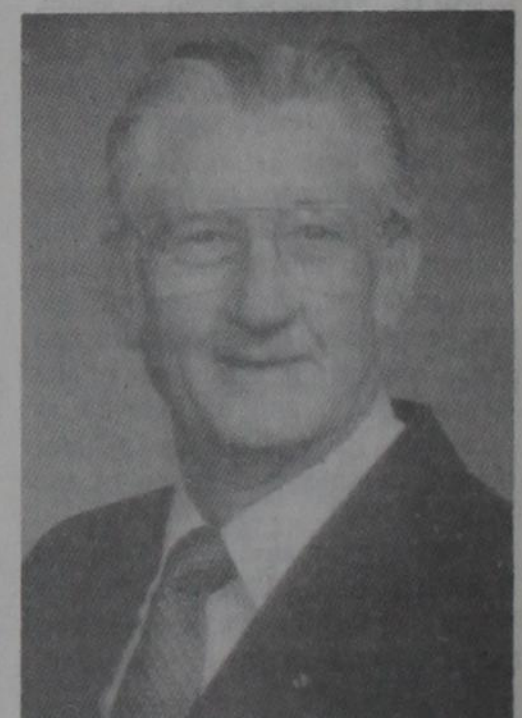
Margaret Axtell, educator, author, benefactor. Author of *Will Rogers Rode the Range*, 1972. A former teacher at Springlake and Olton and school superintendent in Fallon County, Mont., she married Dwight Axtell of Sunnyside in 1931. In 1948, she and her husband donated their 1,415-acre irrigated farm and all equipment to Boys Ranch. After retiring to Arizona in 1952, she worked through her church and various charities to benefit children in need, taught illiterate adults to read and write, and conducted research for her writings.



Lometa Odom, Plainview. Junior high school science teacher. All-state post forward on Dimmitt High School state championship girls' basketball teams, 1950, '51, '52. Named to All-Time All-State Team, Texas Girls Basketball League. All-American at Wayland Baptist University, 1953, '54, '55, '56. Inducted into Helms National Hall of Fame, 1967. Inducted into Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame, 1970. Inducted into Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame, 1982.



Carl King, Dimmitt. Farmer, agriculture spokesman, political activist. Organizer of Texas Corn Growers Association, 1970; Texas Corn Producers Board, 1980; American Corn Growers Association and American Corn Growers Foundation, 1987. Former Democratic state committeeman for 31st Senatorial District. Originator of the USDA's Payment in Kind (PIK) program for subsidized production control. Starting with a seven-county commodity association headquartered in Dimmitt, has built a statewide organization to finance research, development, marketing, disease control and new uses for Texas corn. His American Corn Growers Association is the fastest-growing commodity group in the US, with increasing influence on federal legislation and import-export policies.



Ralph Smith, Dimmitt. Retired bandmaster, Dimmitt Public Schools. Inducted this year into Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame. President, Texas Bandmasters Association, 1969. President and national board member of Phi Beta Mu, bandmasters' fraternity. Author of nine books on marching bands and designer of marching grid layout sheets now published and widely used. Twenty-year member of University Interscholastic League State Music Advisory Committee; state chairman in 1977 and 1978. In his 31 years at Dimmitt High School, his bands garnered 28 sweepstakes trophies, appeared on national TV and in more than two dozen festivals in several states.



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Edwin (Goose) and Edgar (Unk) Ramey, Dimmitt's most celebrated twins. Raised on a farm east of Dimmitt, they, their father and brothers planted first wheat crop, brought first wheat header and later first combine to county. Unk was a pioneer implement dealer, local historian and folklorist. Goose was a farmer, rancher, historian, naturalist, beekeeper, weather recorder and folklorist. Both were Masons and Shriners; Goose served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Goose gained regional reputation as an authority on Canada geese, US coinage system, beekeeping, Panhandle history and weather, and was much in demand as a public speaker. His nickname was so widely recognized that he once received a letter addressed only with the drawing of a goose above the words, "Dimmitt, Texas." Goose was cited by National Weather Service for having kept the official day-to-day rainfall records for Dimmitt for more than 50 years. He could recite from memory the exact dimensions of a windmill tower or the components for an accurate homemade rain gauge. The Ramey twins shared a distinctive accent and embodied the folklore of this region.



Junior Coffey, Seattle, Wash. Professional horse trainer. All-state running back and all-state basketball player for Dimmitt High School, 1961. All-American running back, University of Washington. Fullback, Green Bay Packers and Atlanta Falcons, National Football League.



John Blaine, coach, teacher, school administrator. Inducted into Texas High School Coaches Hall of Fame, 1970. Coached three state championship girls' basketball teams, one state championship boys' team and eight all-staters in seven seasons at Dimmitt High School. In 1951-52, his boys' and girls' basketball teams both won state championships with identical 36-0 records and his football team compiled a 10-1 record while advancing to the regional finals, making him the winningest coach in team sports in the nation that year. In 1950-51, his boys' track team finished as state runners-up, with the mile relay team setting a new state Class B record.



Jack and Mary Flynt, Dimmitt. Flynt, retired insurance underwriter, served as state commander of the American Legion in 1966-67 and as national American Legion commander in 1981-82. Mrs. Flynt served as president of the Texas American Legion Auxiliary in 1966-67.

ALSO:



Mary Behrends Reeves, Lubbock. University administrator, teacher and student advisor. Director for external relations, College of Home Economics, Texas Tech University since 1988. Assistant dean of students, Texas Tech, 1979-88; served as administrative advisor to Student Association, honor societies, student and university committees. Winner of Top Tech Staff Award, 1984. Vice-president and publications chairperson, Texas Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators, 1979-88.



Bascom Nelson, Jr., Beeville. Builder and inventor. Founder of Universal Fabricators, custom steel-building company. Inventor of concrete home construction system, Lock Shield padlock protector and other products. Designer and builder of lunar habitat frame prototype for NASA.



Donald Wright, Dimmitt. Farmer. Outstanding Young Farmer of Texas, 1969.



Helen Estes Richardson, Dimmitt. Teacher, school administrator. Born and raised in Castro County, she was the oldest child of Percy Estes, pioneer farmer, and Lenna Greer Estes, one of the county's first school teachers. Both her father and her youngest brother, Robert, served as county judge. Her other brother, Army Capt. Greer H. Estes, was the first Dimmitt man killed in action in World War II (July 8, 1944, at St. Lo, France); the American Legion post in Dimmitt is named after him. Supporting herself by teaching while attending college, she earned bachelor's and master's degrees; later served as principal of Dimmitt's South Elementary School 17 years. Upon her retirement, the school was named after her. Named an Outstanding Woman of the Texas Panhandle.

T. A. Singer, Dimmitt. Businessman, civic worker. City's leading booster in 1940s and '50s. Owner of West Texas Telephone Co. and City Drug; onetime co-owner of *Castro County News*. Founder of the International Parks Highway Association, he led the movement to have a series of state and federal highways from the Mexico border to Saskatchewan, Canada, designated as US Highway 385.

Cleophus Shellabarger, Sunnyside. Farmed with his brother-in-law, Dwight Axtell. Believed to be the inventor of the irrigation tube.

Cliff Cooper, entrepreneur. Raised on a dryland farm near Hart. As a young businessman in California, he put together the engineering team that devised the Wintroath irrigation pump to tap the Ogallala underground aquifer. Co-founder of Big T Pump Co., with Leroy Aven of Hart and Hilary Aven of Hereford. Later became a pioneer entrepreneur in the rocketry and space industry. Named one of the 10 Outstanding Young Men of America by the United States Jaycees. Served as president of the US Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Hilma Carrell, Dimmitt. Educator. Former outreach representative of West Texas State University and Amarillo College.

J. W. (Jim) Carter, Flagg. Pioneer rancher. Drove a herd of cattle here from Buffalo Gap, near Abilene, in 1884 to become the first permanent settler in Castro County, along with his wife and their three small children. Established the 7-Up Ranch on 75 acres of land, making his headquarters on the northern slope of the Running Water Draw in what is now the Flagg area. For six years the Carter family and their employees were the only residents of the county. Helped organize the county in 1891. Folklore has it that when local residents and passing cowboys couldn't provide enough signatures for the organization petition to the state, Carter gave first names to several of his horses and put their names on the petition, enabling the county's official establishment.

Percy Parsons, Dimmitt. Funeral director. Member of Texas Funeral Commission. State committeeman, Texas Funeral Directors Association.

Rev. Stanley Crocchiola, Canadian. Catholic priest, historian, author, artist. A native New Yorker and former professor at St. John's College, Father Stanley served Nazareth's Holy Family Parish from 1967 to 1982. Author of biographies and histories on New Mexico towns, Panhandle railroads, Texas churches and other subjects. Founder and first instructor of Nazareth Art Club. Originator of the Holy Family Parish Christmas Pageant, 1972.



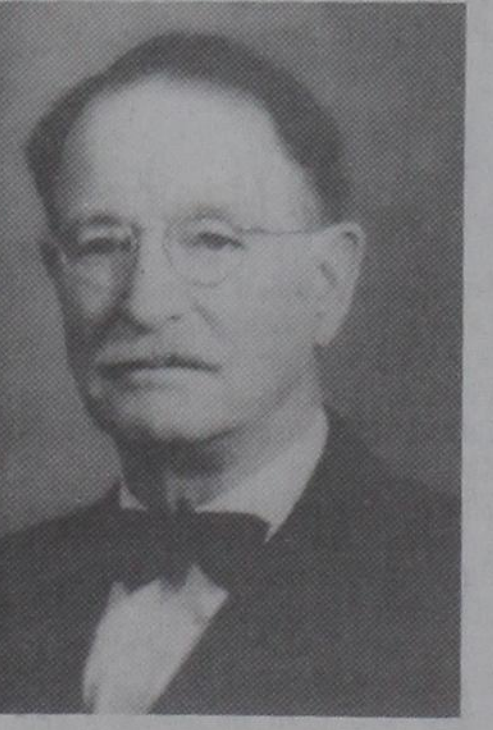
Fawayne Murphy, New York, New York. Tenor in Metropolitan Opera Co. since 1965.



Fred Bruegel, Jr. Dimmitt. Grain and feed dealer, civic worker. Past president, Texas Grain & Feed Dealers Association. Lifetime senator, Junior Chamber International.



Kent Hance, Austin. Attorney, educator, public servant. Appointed to WTSU Board of Regents, 1972. Named Outstanding Professor at Texas Tech University, 1973 (business law). State senator, 1975-79. Congressman, Texas 19th District, 1979-85. Elected chairman of Congressional Freshman Caucus; named Best Freshman Congressman by *Texas Business* magazine. Author of largest federal tax-cut bill in nation's history, 1981. Democratic candidate for US Senate, 1984. Twice a Republican candidate for governor. First Republican ever to serve on Texas Railroad Commission (appointed by Gov. Bill Clements in 1987; elected to full term in 1988). Railroad Commission chairman, 1989-90. First American ever to attend a meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) by invitation. Co-founder of Texas Boys' Ranch, Lubbock. Former member of Governor's Energy Council, Governor's Oil Spill Advisory Committee, Texas High Speed Rail Commission, Wayland Baptist University Board of Trustees. Currently a member of Interstate Oil Impact Commission and Texas Mining Council.



Mark Cowser, the county's first attorney. Founder of Cowser Abstract & Title Co. Moved here in 1909, less than a year after passing his bar exam, when Dimmitt's population was about 40. First county attorney, at a salary of \$25 per month, working in what he termed "the finest court house I have ever been in, outside of San Antonio." Castro County at that time included the area which would later be organized into Bailey County; Mr. Cowser traveled by motorcycle to cover the territory and attend to his official duties. Was instrumental in the orderly definition, sales and transfer of much of the county's original property.

Ivan Sinclair, Washington, D.C. Appointments secretary and later itinerary planner for President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Rayphard Smithson, Dimmitt. Farmer. Outstanding Young Farmer of Texas, 1964. Lifetime senator, Junior Chamber International.



Jack R. Miller, Dimmitt. Attorney. State district judge, 64th Judicial District.



Don Ethington, Dimmitt. Inventor and retired executive of Goodpasture, Inc. Holds two US patents for electrothermal reforming and several foreign patents for chemical waste abatement. Co-author of numerous scientific papers.

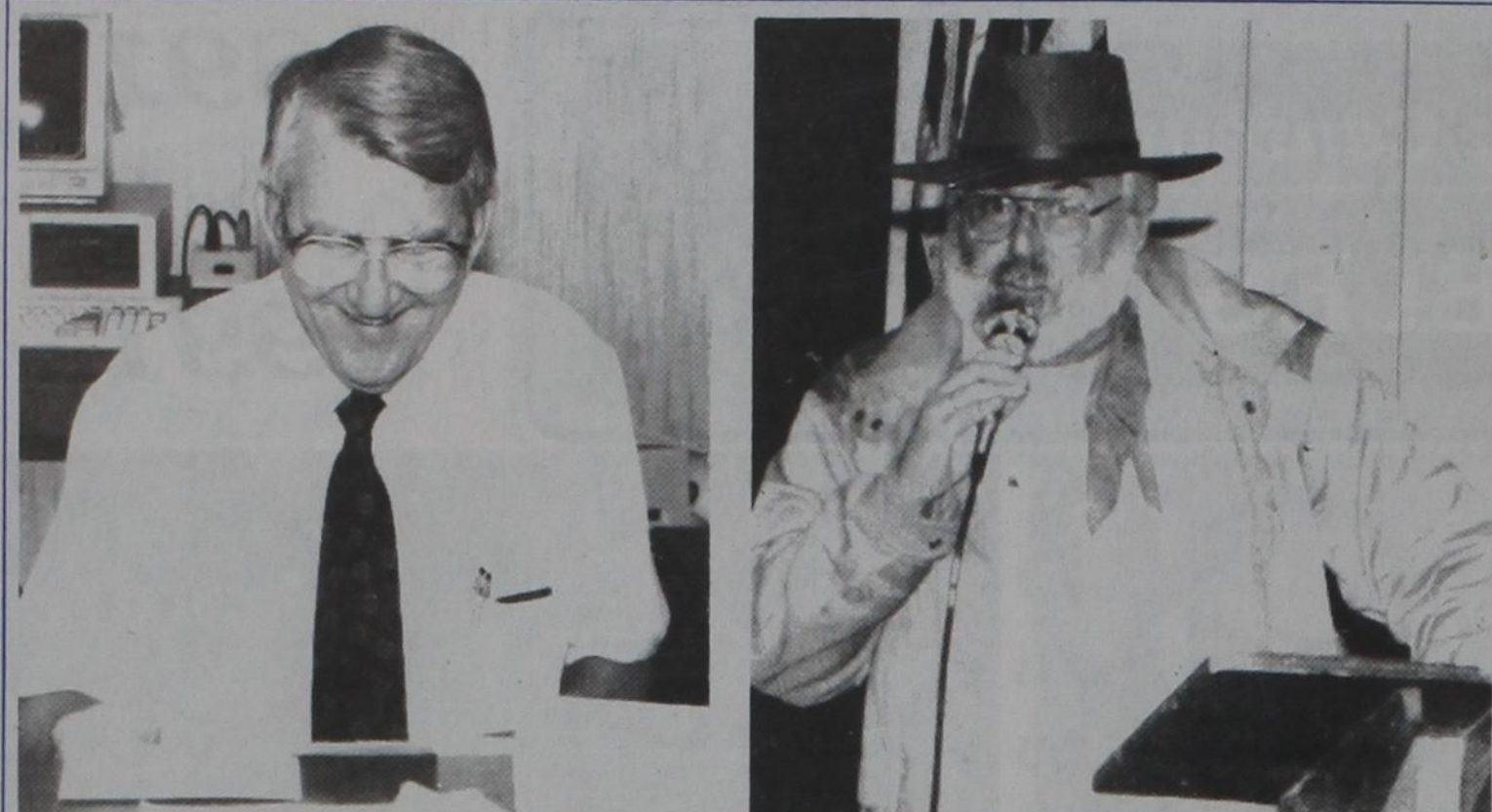


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CENTENNIAL ORGANIZERS — Don Nelson (left) and Bill Sava, drew the honor of serving as co-chairmen of the Centennial Commission, which has been responsible for planning and organizing events and financing for this year's Centennial activities and projects. In addition to their work with the Centennial Commission, both are members of the Centennial Singers and both will perform in the Centennial Pageant Aug. 11 and 12. Sava directs the pageant, which is being dedicated this year to the county's 100th birthday celebration.

More about

Hart Days '91 . . .

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 tournament will be held behind Butch Martinez' service station in Hart. Sheets will be hung over the net to prevent teams from seeing each other, and water balloons are used instead of a volleyball.
 Points are scored when the balloon is burst by one of the teams. The first team to get 15 points, or the team with the most points after 20 minutes, will be the winner. Teams must have both male and female players.
 The number of teams will be limited to eight, with six players minimum and eight maximum per team. Entry fee is \$2.50 per team member. Winners will receive "Hart Days Champion" T-shirts.
 Aurelia Perez at Hart Bank will take entries through Friday. She said businesses are encouraged to get teams together.

Hart Days will begin Monday when the E&B Funtime Rides carnival rolls into town and sets up for a five-day run. The pageant is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, and the annual sing-along will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the football field.
 Thursday's activities include the Little Dinner Theater at 7 p.m. Several Friday activities will include the Fun Pet Show beginning at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 9 at the bank parking lot. Also scheduled for that Friday will be the annual Kids Games, sponsored by Xi Mu Iota at 6:30 p.m. at the football field.
 Honored pioneers Everett and Bea Cole will be featured in the Saturday morning parade, and the

Good Neighbor Club will have a bake sale and hospitality room beginning at 9 a.m. in City Hall.
 After the parade, the Zealot Club will sell homemade ice cream at the announcer's stand, and the Lions Club will continue to sell its famous Lionsburgers Friday and Saturday. The United Methodist Church Women will be selling homemade pie to go along with the Lionsburgers.
 The Lions are also sponsoring a horseshoe tournament after the parade, and the Hart Fire Department will have Bingo both Friday and Saturday. Chi Psi's Cow Patty Bingo is scheduled for the east bank parking lot following the parade.

More about

Hawkins dubs gazebo . . .

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 the summer, especially in the laying of the bricks and tiles.
 After Hawkins built the poles that hold the top of the gazebo, Ed Harris Lumber Co. built the top. Dimmitt Ready Mix poured the concrete for the plaza, and Danny Newton did the electrical work. Percy Parsons obtained the granite and engraving on the tiles.

But lately, Hawkins' "second wife" has been getting all the attention. The plaza has 13,000 bricks in 2,888 square feet of brick surface, and approximately 500 square feet of tile area, with 577 tiles sold.
 One of those tiles was purchased by the designer himself, and has special significance. It reads, "Plaza

design by Our Lord & Robert Hawkins."
 In spite of his months of dedication, it doesn't take long for Hawkins to respond in the negative when he's asked if he would take on such a project again.
 "As soon as I can get divorced from this 'second wife,' I'm sure not going to marry another one!"

Parsons and Bill Birdwell have been two consistent volunteer "laborers" working with Hawkins, and the Future Farmers donated their time to work on the gazebo's rail and benches. The county commissioners are providing the materials and the FFA members are doing the labor.
 Hawkins seems to have a long history of service to the Castro County area. He was born in Tulia, but his family soon moved, first to Nazareth, then to Hart in 1941. He played basketball and tennis at Hart High School, and went to regionals in tennis in 1950.
 He married his wife, Leta, May 10, 1952, and the couple has four children, David of Irving, Theron of Bakersfield, Calif., Phillip of Dallas, and Lesa of Plainview.
 The family has been active in the First United Methodist Church of Hart, where Hawkins has been song leader since 1962. Over the years the Hawkins family has been active in Scouting, sports and other activities relating to the children when they were still at home.

CENTENNIAL NOTEBOOK

THE BIG PARADES are rapidly approaching. The Hart Days Parade will be Saturday, Aug. 10, followed a week later by the Centennial Parade in Dimmitt Aug. 17. If you plan to have an entry in the Hart Days Parade, phone 938-2143. And if you plan to enter the Centennial Parade, notify the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office at 647-2524.

THE DIMMITT YOUNG FARMERS installed the railings and bench supports on the gazebo Monday, bringing the Centennial Plaza another step closer to completion. However, project chairman Robert Hawkins said a lot of "detail work" remains to be done on the brick walkways. He has called a work party for Saturday, starting at 8:30 a.m., and said two brick saws will be in service to speed up the work. Also, the final shipment of red-granite tiles is scheduled to arrive Monday, Hawkins said, so volunteers will be needed Monday to set them in place, starting at 9:30 a.m.

THE CENTENNIAL COMMISSION needs one or two volunteers to sell Centennial souvenirs at the Hart Days celebration Saturday, Aug. 10, and at the County Fair Friday and Saturday, Aug. 16 and 17. Also, volunteers are needed to help with the hamburger lunch and registration at the Antique Car Show in Dimmitt Aug. 17 after the parade. If you can serve, please call the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office, 647-2524.

Obituaries

Norman C. Brown

Rosary for Norman C. Brown, 61, of Summerfield were recited Monday in Rix Funeral Directors.
 Mass was celebrated Tuesday in St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Monsignor Orville Blum, pastor, officiating.
 Burial was in West Park Cemetery.
 He died Saturday night in Amarillo's St. Anthony's Hospital after an illness.
 He was born in Rhineland and moved from Santa Rosa, N.M., to Hereford in 1965. He married Catherine Fetsch June 24, 1958, in Munday. He was master machinist for Holly Sugar Corp. and a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church.
 Survivors include his wife; seven daughters, Sandra Harrison and Brenda Rusher, both of Hereford, Deborah Johnson, Linda Hartman, Rebecca Brown and Barbara Brown, all of Summerfield, and Dianna Fearn of Lincoln, Kan.; two sons, Martin and Raymond, both of Summerfield; his mother, Mary Brown of Rhineland; two brothers, Robert of Forth Worth and Gene of Rhineland; three sisters, Bertha Kilpatrick of California, Margie Karpan of Washington and Lorene Brown of Rhineland; and six grandchildren.

Ethe S. Cryer

Services for Ethe S. Cryer, 95, of Topeka, Kan. were held last Thursday in Lowman United Methodist Church Chapel. Burial was in Me-

morial Park Cemetery by Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home.
 Mrs. Cryer, born in Indian Territory, ran a boarding house with her parents in Borger. She graduated from Clarendon College and received a lifelong teaching certificate. She taught school in Kirkland, Clarendon, McLean, Borger and Amarillo. She had lived in Borger since 1941 and moved to Amarillo in 1955. She moved to Artesia, N.M. in 1962 from Amarillo. She moved to Topeka in 1966 from Artesia.
 She married Curtis A. Cryer in 1917 in Kirkland. He died in 1962. Cryer was the superintendent of Dimmitt schools in the late 1920s and early 30s.
 She was a member of Lowman United Methodist Church, a lifelong member of Society of Christian Service and a delegate to the Methodist General Conference each June.
 Survivors include a daughter, Jane Logan of Topeka; two grandsons; and two great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be made to Courtyard Terrace, 1821 S.E. 21st St., Topeka, Kan. 66607 or to Lowman United Methodist Church, 4000 Drury Lane, Topeka, Kan. 66604.

James Ernest Ford

James Ernest Ford, 65, of Thomasville, Ga. died July 20.
 Graveside services were July 23 at Laurel Hill Cemetery with the Rev. Tedd Bass, officiating. Arrangements were by Kirkland Croy Hughes Funeral Home.

Mr. Ford, born in Hereford, moved to Thomasville 24 years ago from Amarillo. He retired from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in Thomasville. He married Virginia Hatcher in 1961 in Amarillo. He was a past president of the Thomasville Lions Club and a member of Dawson Street United Methodist Church. He received a master's degree from West Texas State University in Canyon. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.
 Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Shari Kaye Ford of Charlotte, N.C., and Shelly Ann Ford of Atlanta; three brothers, George Ford of Pampa, Joe Ford of Houston and Lee Ford of Amarillo; and four sisters, Rosa Lueb and Margie Ford, both of Amarillo, Patsy D'Herde of Beeville and Betty Richert of Dimmitt.
 The family requests memorials to the American Heart Association or the Cancer Society.

Zonell Maples

Services for Zonell Maples, 75, of Dimmitt were held Sunday in the First Baptist Church with the Revs. Vernon O'Kelly, pastor of First United Methodist Church, and Paul Kenley, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.
 Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery under direction of Foskey Funeral Home.
 She died Friday in St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo.
 She was born in Lockney and had lived in Castro County since 1917. She attended school in Hart and Sunnyside and graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1937. She was county clerk for 24 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church and the Eastern Star.
 Survivors include a son, Tom of Nicoma Park, Okla.; a daughter, Judith Tate of Amarillo; a brother, J.R. Brown of Dimmitt; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.
 Pallbearers were DeWayne Brown, Blair Brown, Ware Brown, Blake Brown, Jim Blackwell, Mike Blackwell, Elmo Blackwell and Scott Bagley.
 The family suggests memorials to St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, Box 950, Amarillo 79176.

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Sheriffs once 'hung' in courthouse

By DANETTE BAKER

Along the paneled wall in the Castro County Sheriff Department once hung 16 mugshots of the county's most notorious law-abiding citizens.

With help from Helen Richardson and Edwin "Goose" Ramey, former Castro County Sheriff Jack Cartwright began a sheriff photograph collection in 1975.

"I just thought it would be all-right to have them all," Cartwright said, adding that he secured nearly all of the pictures before he resigned.

Two years later, then-sheriff Granville Martin completed the set and hung it on the sheriff's office wall.

Since 1987, the collection has hung in the barracks building at the Castro County Museum.

Although the collection is a story itself, greater still is the history that lies behind the steel grey eyes of the photographed men.

Earliest records indicate that citizens elected C.I. Bedford in 1891, when the county was organized.

However, it seems Bedford couldn't leave his job at the office, because he didn't have one. Bedford began his term before the first courthouse was built.

According to an account by George Dolan in the *Castro County History Book, Vol. 1* Bedford brought prisoners home with him and kept them overnight. Bedford handcuff himself to the prisoners if he thought they might give him trouble. Dolan was a Bedford-family relative.

Commissioners Court minutes from Dec. 23, 1891 recorded a \$300.00 salary for Bedford.

County check stubs from May 9,

1892 show Bedford was paid \$13.65, for boarding and guarding prisoners.

In addition to upholding peace, the sheriffs (Bedford through Jack Cartwright) also served as county tax accessor and collector.

A county-wide vote on Oct. 21, 1958 separated the two offices.

Perry G. Cox served next, beginning in 1893, but was dismissed about a year later because county citizens began withdrawing their support of him.

Apparently some of the people disapproved of his laziness in stopping cattle rustlers, according to an Aug. 18, 1977 *News* article.

Citizens reported that Fred and Oscar Cordel, well-known cattle rustlers, always had a quarter of beef at their camp, but there were never any hides hanging on the fence to dry, according to the history book.

The same book noted that several citizens called to Cox's attention that "every low thief that passed through the county stopped at the Cordel place."

However, one Sunday morning when most people were at church, rustlers raided the town and stole all the milk calves from the pens, the history book said.

The next morning, the citizens who had signed Cox's bond withdrew their names, saying he did not qualify. Judge L. Gough couldn't get anyone else to sign the bond so he dismissed Cox, according to the history book.

When the Commissioners Court met to appoint a new sheriff, only one name was mentioned — Ira Aten.

The former Texas Ranger served from May 1893 until November

1895, when he accepted a job as form of the Escarbada Division of the XIT Ranch.

Although his term lasted but half that of his predecessors, Aten set out to clean the county of the undesirables, the history book related.

In 1893, Aten broke the Cordel ring when he and a JA Ranch cowboy followed the group to their ranch on the Washita. Aten arrested

Bob Burkett and a man named Thacker, two cowboys who were guarding the 300-head herd that belonged to residents in Castro, Randall and Armstrong counties, according to the history book.

Despite the numerous indictments against the Cordels, they were never convicted.

However, Aten decided to try another method to rid the county of the rustlers. He arrested them for sporting a gun, although such was a common practice, the history book recounted.

A year before his resignation, Aten succeeded in his goal—the Cordels and other cattle rustlers had virtually left Castro County.

On Nov. 12, 1895, J.E. Boyce filled the position Aten vacated. Boyce served until 1900 when county residents elected Frank Vaughan.

Vaughan served until 1904.

From 1904 to 1908, Press Burnam wore the sheriff's badge. Later, his brother Bill Burnam also served in that capacity from 1922 to 1926.

Three other men served terms between the brothers: Roy F. Barber, who served from 1908 to 1914; J.H. Flanagin from 1914 to 1918;

and J.A. Johnson, from 1918 to 1922.

Flanagin also served another term from 1930 to 1934.

J.A. Johnson, who was foreman at the Flagg Ranch for a short time, experienced what law-enforcement officers today term "a scam."

Johnson investigated an unusual case called "burial of calf bones." According to the history book, a woman known as Mrs. Morgan, claimed her husband died when their house burned.

From her story, county citizens took collections for his burial, and performed a Masonic funeral for his "remains." Johnson captured Morgan; she confessed to the ordeal and was sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary, the history book said.

Later, he continued his law-enforcement duties as deputy during Flanagin's second term.

C.G. Maples served as sheriff from 1926 to 1930.

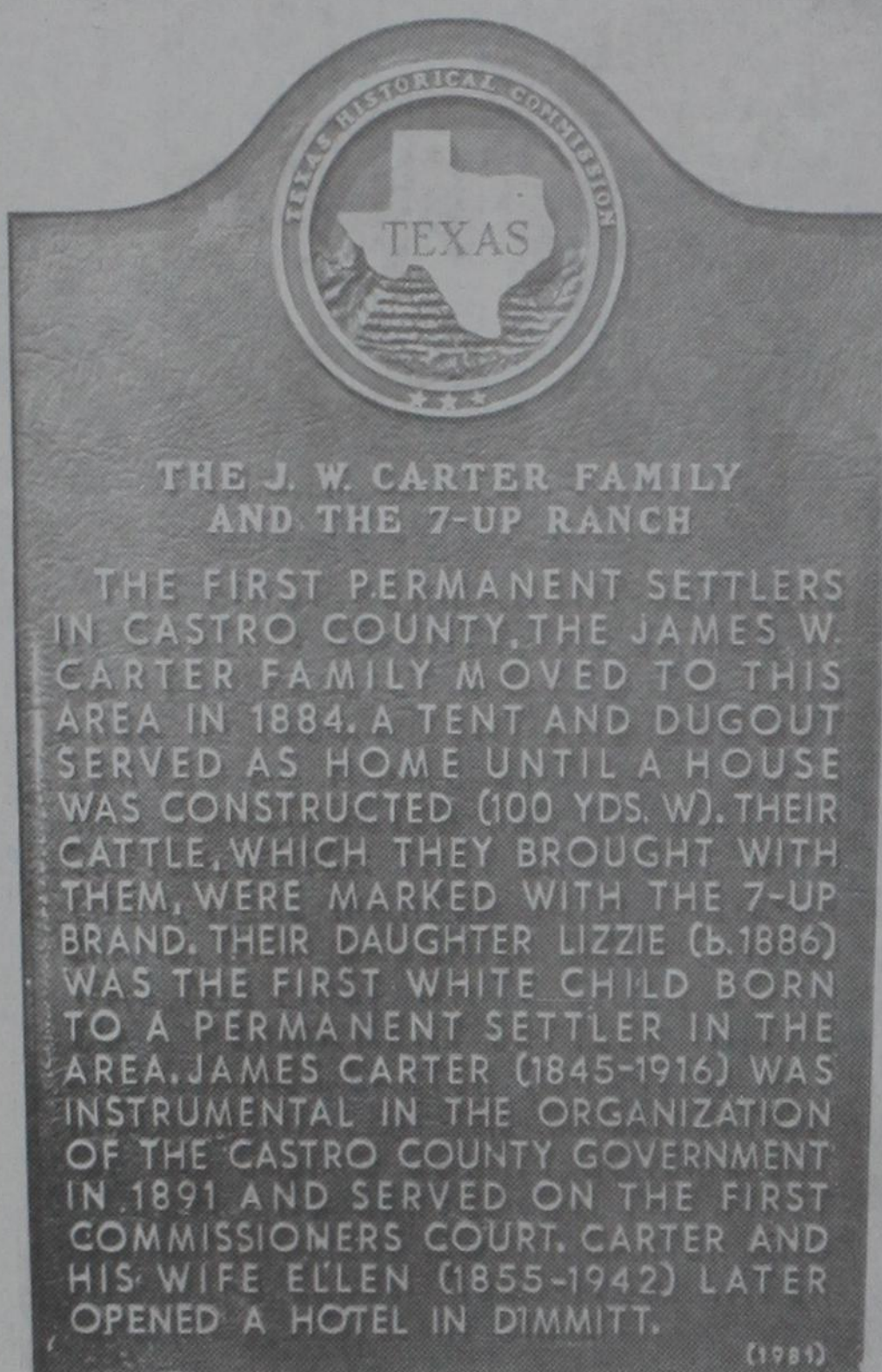
"Dad spent many long hours gone (from home)," Dorothy Elder recalled.

Although young at the time, Elder said she does remember the late-night phone calls that summoned her father. She was in the third grade when Maples took office.

"I remember he'd tell momma it was another family disturbance (when Maples left late at night)," she said "Then dad would come back home because by the time he got there the woman had changed her mind (about filing charges)."

Like his predecessor, Garland Brown, the county's next sheriff, had his share of family disturbances.

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THE FIRST OFFICIAL MARKER—This historical marker, the first official one in Castro County, was dedicated on July 4, 1981, on the north side of Running Water Draw on FM 1055; six miles west of Dimmitt on Highway 86, then 10 miles south on FM 1055. The marker commemorates the first family in Castro County, the J.W. Carters, and the 7-Up Ranch.

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Early day tornadoes wreak destruction, death on settlers

Several tornadoes have ripped through the county through the years, but two stand out in most peoples minds as being extremely "deadly" in their destruction.

In 1929, storm clouds gathered over the county and became threatening by mid-evening.

Orthel C. Sumner, a former res-

ident of the Flagg community, gives an account of the first tornado on record to strike in the county. It was two miles southwest of Flagg. He tells of how his family headed for a cellar as the clouds grew threatening, how they waited out the storm, then found the destruction after it passed.

"I recall standing with Dad at the door (to the cellar) observing more than one funnel formation with their accompanying clouds of dust. They seemed to be moving in our direction from the west. It was time to dover up, so down we went into the dark recess, thankful for the protection. My father attached a stout rope to the cellar door and hung on to it with grim determination.

"Soon the wind and rain pelted the cellar door in violent fury. The downpour began to wash away the sod on the cellar roof, and a small crack appeared at the top. Light came streaming through. It seemed that giant fingers were frantically pulling the roof apart—the noise was frightful. My father clung desperately to the door rope as outside forces seemed determined to rip it off. We huddled and prayed that the little cellar would withstand the terrible onslaught. Suddenly the storm passed and quiet returned.

"The cellar door was opened. My father came out, looked around, and reported all buildings were standing, but that the grandparents house was turned slightly on its foundations. Water stood everywhere—deep water—as the storm had dumped an enormous amount of rain."

Sumner explained about the destruction of houses in the surrounding area, and about discovering the body of Mr. Cassidy, who was killed by the violent storm. Sumner and his father searched through the destruction of the Cassedys' house and its surroundings and found a cellar in the middle of it all. Inside the cellar were Mrs. Cassidy and Lee Meeks, a young man who had been helping with the farm work.

Both were injured, but they wanted to know where Mr. Cassidy was. He was later found some distance from the cellar.

"These neighbors were believers in what is to be will be. They did not believe in the necessity of seeking refuge for personal safety. Their cellar had been built to store canned goods and other foods. When the tornadoes swept in, these people did not recognize the need to seek protection. The young man somehow managed to grab onto the lady and drag her into the cellar. He had only a fleeting glimpse of the man before the place became a whirling mess."

Tornadoes touched down in Dimmitt twice in 1929 and Mrs. Percy Hart recalls one at Hart that sucked a windmill pipe straight up out of the ground, and also claimed two lives. The Hart twister blew a house away and killed the man and his wife who were there.

In 1950, a small twister passed through Sunnyside, but it dims in comparison with the one that struck the small community on April 12, 1960.

That night, a devastating tornado ripped a mile-long path of destruction through Sunnyside, taking three lives, injuring 60 and causing an estimated \$200,000 structural damage.

One of those who died in the tornado was Nona Beth Phelan, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phelan, who died when her family home was destroyed.

Another fatality was T.R. Hogan, 51, owner of Hogan Gin at Sunnyside. Apparently, Mr. and Mrs. Hogan had been playing dominoes in the home of friends across the road when they decided to return home due to the worsening weather. If this is what happened, they must

have been caught outside when the twister hit. Mr. Hogan was found near the Baptist Church and Mrs. Hogan was found near their home. Their car was lying in a field about a quarter of a mile away.

The third fatality was J.B. Kidd, 55, of Plainview, who was attending an Associational Baptist Brotherhood meeting at the Sunnyside Baptist Church that evening. He was apparently killed when he stepped out of the church to seek shelter elsewhere.

The tornado destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lilley, smashed the Sunnyside Store and ruin the Phelan home. The offices and storeroom of Sunnyside Grain and Supply were shattered, although the elevator itself escaped serious damage. A new part of the Sunnyside Baptist Church — the concrete block auditorium — was totally demolished. The old frame-and-stucco part was left standing, but it was a shambles. The twister destroyed almost everything in Sunnyside from Powers and Blacksmith south.

From Sunnyside, the twister went on north-northwest. It reached the Sam Gilbreath farm and lifted up, passing over the home occupied by John Gilbreath, then touched down several miles further on and smashed a home on the Roy Cluck farm.

Total distance covered by the

torando where it touched the ground was about six or seven miles.

On Sunday, Oct. 17, 1971, residents along a 12 mile swath in the Hart area experienced a destructive night when eight or more twisters were sighted in the area. The Paul Armstrong farm, located southwest of Hart, suffered the greatest damage that night. One tornado would pass over, followed by another and another and the twisters struck five farms and barely missed a dozen others.

Other twisters have been sighted in recent years, including one at Nazareth on May 29, 1980, which destroyed the Kent and Teresa Birkenfeld mobile home and Lawrence Schmucker's barns, other buildings and machinery.

That night, a swirling cloud mass that produced as many as four "funnel tails" at one time slashed a two-mile path of destruction west and north of Nazareth, striking at least nine farms, homes and businesses.

No one was killed or injured in the storm, which observers say spawned as many as 14 funnels as it roared over the Dimmitt and Nazareth areas.

Many funnels have been sighted during the last decade, but luckily, no one was killed and only minor injuries were reported; although damage estimates have varied.

More About

Sheriffs . . .

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"When he first went in office, we (county) didn't have a lawyer," J.R. explained. "The couple would call dad to referee their squabble."

Garland was elected in 1934 and served 14 years. He was the second-longest office holder.

"Dad (Brown) never carried a gun," said Zonell Maples. "He was a quiet man, he just went about his business and took care of the county."

Her brother agreed. "He rarely carried one (gun)," J.R. Brown said. "He didn't like to. If he carried one, he concealed it. Dad liked to be real low-keyed."

However, J.R. remembered one of his dad's firearms.

"He had a little .22 automatic that he fashioned a little device so he could carry it inside his shirt and it would never be seen," he said.

J.R., who was 13 when his dad took office, recalled his father's term.

"We didn't have much crime," J.R. said. "Oh, occasionally some one would turn in a bootlegger and dad would have to get after them."

He recalled one instance vividly.

"One time dad had raided a still and came home with a hundred-pound sack of mash (which he had confiscated for evidence) tied to the front of his car and drove it into the garage," he recounted. "That was the sweetest smelling car and garage for about two weeks."

Occasionally the sheriff's office received a call that a fugitive was headed toward Castro County.

"Dad really liked that," J.R. said.

"He'd really perk up." When the days were slow, J.R. said his dad would climb up to the top of the courthouse and survey the county from the cupola with his binoculars.

"He probably knew everybody that was making whiskey," he said, explaining that although the stills were well concealed — usually disguised as a junk pile — Garland could spot the smoke from his lookout.

Garland died before his term ended and on April 27, 1947, E.D. "Peck" Wyer was appointed to fulfill Garland's term.

Houston Fowlkes held the office from 1948 to 1954. He was a deputy in 1935 during Brown's administration and served in that capacity for almost 14 years. He was a long-time Sunnyside farmer before his five-year term.

Bootleggers and scam artists plagued the 16th county sheriff.

About two years after Cartwright was elected, a group of men posing as cesspool cleaners worked their way into Castro County.

In an April 12, 1956 News article, Cartwright warned county dwellers about the men, who charged \$300 for a \$100 cleaning job.

"It blew over pretty quick," Cartwright said. "Fortunately not many were taken in by it."

As the years passed, bootleggers were usually just passing through the county and traded it along the way, he said.

Another News article (April 26, 1956) reported Cartwright apprehended four known bootleggers.

Between the four men, 640 quarts of beer, 173 pints of wine and approximately 88 pints of whiskey were confiscated, the article said.

"We never had much trouble arresting one (bootlegger)," Cartwright said. "I guess he knew he'd be out again soon."

Since Bedford's administration, a few crimes are much alike, said Lonny Rhynes, Castro County sheriff.

"They had cesspool scams, then lighting rods, now it's with credit cards," he said.

Rhynes served as deputy under Granville Martin from 1976 until 1980. Currently, Martin serves as Cottle County sheriff.

Other than the financial scandals, the crimes faced by the county's 18th sheriff surmount those before him.

"The majority of cases now are felonies dealing with theft," Rhynes said. "The, last eight months, child abuse has closed in on the lead."

"The day I took office, the daily population in the jail averaged one person," Rhynes said. "Right now, there are 15 in there (on July 11)."

Although the severity of crimes may have escalated from those in the past, Rhynes agrees with former-sheriff Brown's attitude on firearms.

"I don't like to carry one (gun)," Rhynes said. "But it is a tool of the trade. Like a carpenter carries a hammer, it is there if you need it, but anyone who thinks of a gun as a status symbol shouldn't be in law enforcement."

Although he describes the position as "the thrill of his life," Rhynes cautions that the challenge of law enforcement is not for everyone.

"There have been times I've wondered why I want the responsibilities," he said, the first being when five men escaped shortly after he took office.

But Rhynes said the constant challenge and day-to-day experiences keep him attracted to the position.

To date, Cartwright holds the record for 21 years in office.

When asked how long he intends on staying in office, Rhynes remarked, "As long as the people of Castro County will let me."

Jack rabbit drive was held in 1925

A "rabbit posse" was organized in early 1925 to try and rid Castro County of its jack rabbit population.

The county became overrun with jack rabbits, which fed on small grains and could damage up to 10% of a field per night.

Farmers became frustrated with the "pesty" critters and decided to do something about it, so a "jack rabbit drive" was organized.

It was a one-time event, and people from miles around came to help out.

On April 1, 1925, people gathered and constructed a huge pen of wire netting with long wings that made a V from the gate. It was built in the northeastern part of Dimmitt and was designed to trap the rabbits if they entered it.

The drive started at dawn, with men walking about 30 feet apart, along the county line. The "hunters" were manned with clubs, because guns were banned, except if they were carried in automobiles that followed the hikers.

At the given signal, the men advanced forward, but the rabbits fled in advance. The rabbits began to dart through the "hunters," and a few were clubbed to death, but most escaped to freedom.

There had been a shortage of meat in California, so the Castro County farmers had intended to trap and send the rabbits to California to be butchered. But things

didn't work out that way.


At the end of the drive, a lone jack rabbit was thrown into the pen so the day wouldn't be a complete failure.

A beef had been donated to help feed those "hunting" the rabbits and it was cooking over an open pit while the "hunt" progressed. There also was a bread truck from which fresh bread was to be served.

A "cloud" appeared on the horizon, though.

A dust storm blew in and landed dirt all over the barbecue and the "crowd started getting ugly," according to the late Edwin "Goose" Ramey's account of the event. He added that a group of people "got into the back of the truck and began opening the loaves of bread, then threw them into the crowd."

Although the day was a total loss because only one rabbit was captured, everyone had good memories of the time and laughed about it for years to come.



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Hereford P.O.W. Camp Sett. 1945

The words are engraved in a marble plaque that's imbedded in the concrete floor of the entranceway to the small prayer chapel.

*The Italian prisoners
to the comrades who will not
return.*

Hereford P.O.W. Camp September, 1945

By DON NELSON
Publisher

The Chapel

It has been vandalized for 42 years, its beautiful windows knocked out, its doors torn away, the sculptured cross above the altar ripped off the wall and carted off, the altar and walls defaced by carved initials.

But those who defaced it have failed to destroy its dignity. Like a Roman ruin, it still proclaims the nobility of its original purpose, and gives silent testimony to the skilled artisanship and loving care with which it was built.

In mid-1945, when the war was in its final throes, a group of the Italian prisoners asked for, and received, permission to build a monument in memory of the five among them who had died in this place half a world from their homeland.

The prayer chapel was erected at the prisoners' burial ground, a quarter-mile east of the camp. Three were buried on one side of the monument and two on the other. Reports vary on how they died. Local sources say that one of them had developed gangrene from a broken leg while being shipped here; that another was mistakenly shot by a guard while on a work detail; that one was murdered by a fellow prisoner, reportedly in a fight over a piece of candy; that one succumbed to pneumonia; and that one fell from a moving truck and died of a broken neck.

Working without machinery, the prisoners built the 15x15 chapel largely by hand. They used their own money to buy the sand, gravel, clay, cement, wood and glass they needed. They had workshops for some of the off-site detail work. But mainly, it was a matter of men, imagination, materials and skilled hands.

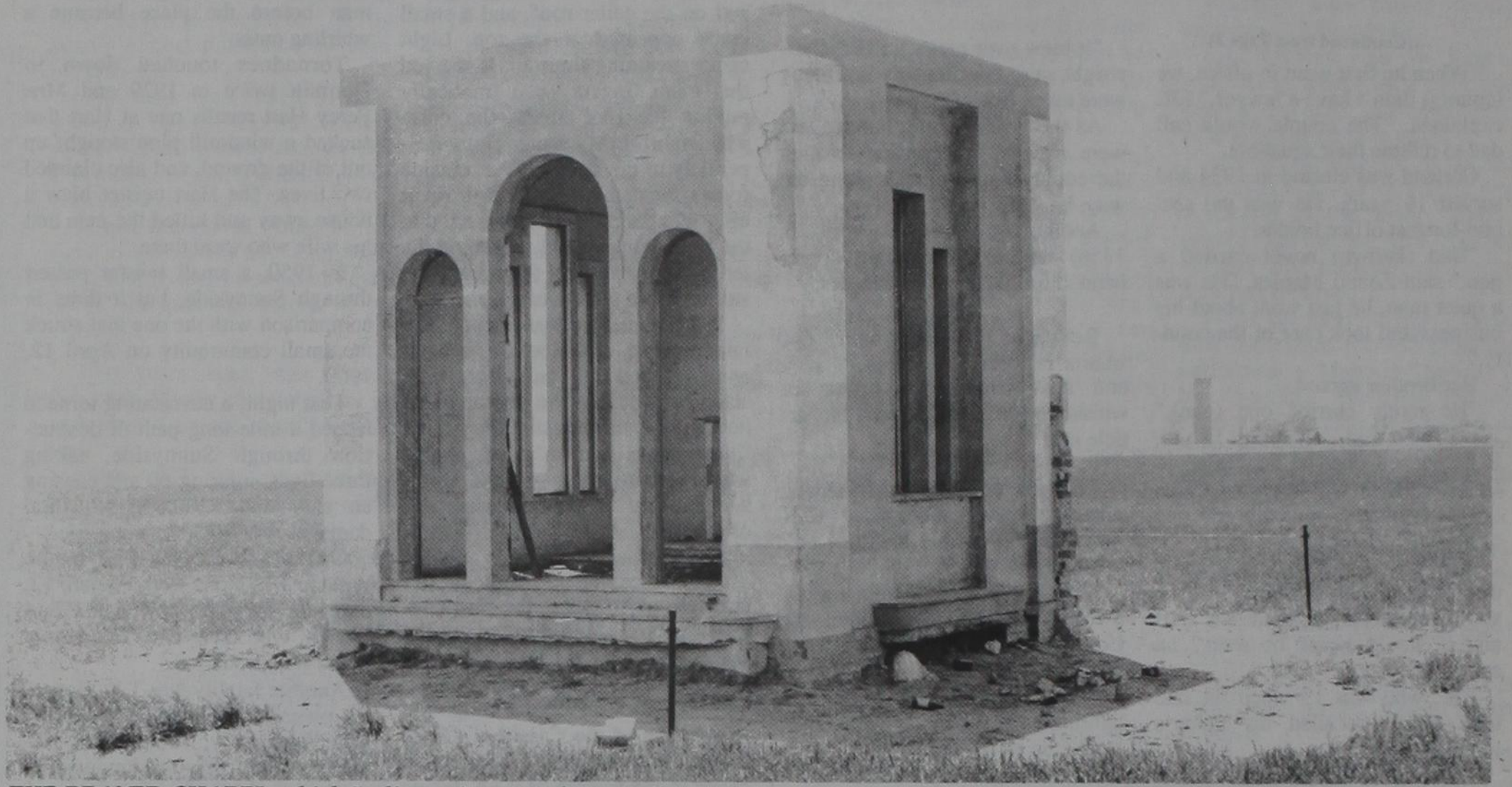
The walls, which average 18 inches in thickness, they constructed of brick and concrete, with plaster facings on both the interior and exterior. The bricks are said to have been hand-made of camp clay.

On the entry (east) side, they built an arched double-door, flanked by narrow arched windows. In both the north and south walls, they built three vertical oblong windows—a large one flanked by two smaller ones.

The wood window mouldings are still restorable. They're 1-1/2" thick and 2" wide, with the window grooves dado-troughed in, and



INSIDE THE CHAPEL, despite years of vandalism, one can see the meticulous craftsmanship that went into the construction of the memorial. The Italian prisoners worked their plaster for the walls and altar until it approached the smoothness of granite and marble. (Photo by Don Nelson)



THE PRAYER CHAPEL which Italian prisoners of war built near the end of World War II in memory of their five comrades who were buried on each side of it now stands vandalized and neglected, but is being stabilized by the Castro County Historical

Commission. The 14x14 chapel originally had a concrete apron on all four sides, and stands on a concrete foundation sunk four feet into the ground. It also had glass French doors in front and glass windows all around. (Photo by Don Nelson)

the corners and splice-joints rabbeted and fastened with wood screws. For the transom-arch of the doorway and the arches of the east windows, the wood was perfectly bent and rabbet-jointed. Evidently, the windows were framed and then set in place, then the frames were secured by interior facings of molded concrete, 1-1/2" thick.

They fine-sifted their sand for the plaster on the interior walls, then floated and troweled it until it had the smoothness of granite. Their finish work on the altar approached the smoothness of marble.

Above the altar table, they placed a sculptured cross, and a prisoner named Rinaldi (who was later to attain national acclaim as an artist in Italy) painted a beautiful mural showing Christ's body being cleansed following the crucifixion. The name "Rinaldi," engraved in the plaster behind the altar table, is still legible.

Their little prayer chapel was a work of art. The bodies were exhumed in 1957 and shipped back to Italy. But their memorial, supported by a solid concrete foundation four feet deep, remains.

That's where the returning ex-POWs will gather with local friends Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Undoubtedly, they'll be chagrined when they see what vandals have done to the chapel through the years. But they can take heart in the restoration work that already has been started by the Castro County Historical Commission.

The Camp

Its official name was "Hereford Military Reservation and Reception Center," but it was popularly known from the outset as "The Hereford Prisoner of War Camp."

Located 4-1/2 miles southwest of Hereford, the POW camp was actually inside the northern boundary of Castro County. It was the second-largest POW camp in Texas, covering 800 acres which had been owned by L. B. Holland, W. N. Hodges and H. D. Robbins. It was Holland, a Washington lobbyist, who proposed the site to the War Dept.; the government used condemnation proceedings to acquire Hodges' 331 acres for the "fair market price" of \$49.77 per acre and 75 acres of Robbins' lake-bottom land for \$18.40 per acre. Holland was paid \$43.42 per acre for his land.

The camp was authorized June 30, 1942, and construction started the following month. The camp, built at a cost of \$2 million, had 90 barracks buildings and was designed to hold 5,000 prisoners.

The 300 construction workers built the headquarters barracks and cafeteria first so they would have places to sleep and eat. Hereford had a population of 2,300 and Dimmitt 940 at the time, and neither town had enough accommodations for the large construction crew.

Most of the camp was completed by mid-November "at a speed almost unbelievable," and the first prisoners arrived in mid-April.

The barracks were divided into four compounds—one for officers and three for enlisted men—plus the separate headquarters compound. The compounds were separated by a barbed-wire fence, and a catwalk extended above the center of each compound. Around the perimeter of the camp were two 9-ft. barbed-wire fences 10 ft. apart, with a 110-volt hot wire along the outside fence. Nine guard towers were built at strategic corners, overlooking the "no man's land" between the perimeter fences, which was flood-lighted at night. Guards in the towers were equipped with 50-caliber machine guns. The prison complex took up about half of the 800-acre site.

The headquarters compound and prison area had their separate hospitals, kitchens and cafeterias. A tall concrete water tower topped by a tank, an entryway with guardhouse, paved access roads and a sewage treatment system in the nearby lake-bottom completed the camp facilities.

Except for one curious and unauthorized addition: an American officers' swimming pool on the north edge of the camp, built above ground with "surplus" cement scotched by the construction workers and officers.

The camp was "home" for approximately 7,000 prisoners of war and 1,000 American soldiers during its service from April 1942 until January 1946.

After the war, many of the buildings comprising the "American hospital" at the camp were purchased by the new Castro Co-op Hospital, moved to Dimmitt and remodeled to become the county's first public hospital—the forerunner of Plains Memorial. Other camp buildings were purchased by the Dimmitt Independent School District and converted into elementary

classrooms, music building, vo-ag shop, etc. The American mess hall—decorated with murals on the walls—became a school cafeteria at Hereford. Many of the barracks were used by the housing authority in Hereford to create the "labor camp" for farm workers. Other buildings were purchased by individuals and converted to homes, shops, barns and workers' quarters. Many of the buildings are still in use.

The War Dept. used massive amounts of concrete to secure the barracks at the camp on piers sunk four feet into the ground, and on foundations, slabs and sidewalks. As a result, much of the ground—especially on Hodges' land—was unusable after the war.

All three of the original landowners bought their land back after the war. The land which W. N. Hodges owned was farmed by his son Aubyn until two years ago, when Charles Schlabs bought it. Schlabs has set aside access space around the memorial chapel east of the compound area, which has become an official historical site and is being renovated by the Castro County Historical Society.

The chapel, the stem of the water tower, a building or two, several stretches of barbed-wire fence and tons of concrete refuse are all that remain of the camp site today.

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INTRICATE PAINTINGS by Italian prisoners of war decorate the walls of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Umberger. All nine former prisoners who worked on the church project have since returned to Umberger at least once to renew the close friendships they made there during their "labor of Christian brotherhood." (Photo by Eddie Guffey, director of Llano Estacado Museum in Plainview, courtesy of Castro County Historical Commission)

The Prisoners

No one seems to know how many Italian men were interned in the Hereford POW Camp during its three-year existence; estimates range from 5,000 to 10,000. At the time it was closed down, the prisoner population was 3,999.

Most were enlisted men, and many of these were just youngsters when they were captured. Some of them had been in battle as little as 45 minutes when they were captured in North Africa. A minority were hard-line Fascists, devoted to Mussolini and his vision of a "modern Roman Empire." But most were young men from the farms, villages and shops of Italy, devout Catholics, who had been drafted into service and really didn't have a taste for war, which they felt (correctly) would ruin their country.

Another, smaller, number of them were Italian officers who practiced the standard custom of the career military man—non-cooperation with one's captors. Although many of these officers were apolitical, they were grouped with the Fascists because of their non-cooperation. Generally, the men were separated into "Black Shirts" (Mussolini's men) and "Red Shirts" (king's men) and placed in different compounds because of their political differences, to maintain order in the camp.

The ones seen the most by the people here were the enlisted men who worked on the farms, roads, elevators, railroads and city work crews in the area. They were given the choice of working for 10 cents an hour, redeemable in PX coupons—about the same pay scale as American soldiers—and many of them jumped at it. They were carted throughout the area in truckloads of 15 or more, usually singing as they went. They quickly gained a reputation of being happy-go-lucky, and skilled, efficient workers. Many of them formed lifetime friendships with local farm families, who said they couldn't have gotten their crops in without the help of the Italian prisoners.

The officers didn't work. For most of the life of the Hereford POW Camp, the US subscribed faithfully to the POW policies spelled out by the Geneva Convention: that prisoners would be fed above subsistence level; that officers would be treated and paid in keeping with their rank; that all prisoners would be treated with dignity and not be tortured. So the main chore of the captured Italian officers, in their separate compound, was to fight daily boredom.

One of the most-remembered characteristics about the Italians was their artistic nature. The camp's carpenters would give them scrap pieces of metal or wood, and they would come up with violins, guitars, chests, furniture, carved airplanes, rings, medallions—many of which they would give to local residents as gifts. Some of them were, indeed, trained artists and artisans, and would go on to achieve fame in their country after the war.

To help maintain morale and minimize the problems that can result from boredom, camp officials provided them with several workshops and playing fields, and allowed them to build a theater which they named the *Teatro Gloria*. They staged elaborate plays and musicals, writing their own scripts and fashioning their own backdrops and costumes.

They also operated their own cafeteria, with their own cooks, and ate essentially the same food as the Americans in the headquarters compound. They turned their cafeteria into an artistic showplace, with murals between the windows, and kept it immaculately clean and scrubbed, with their table condiments (salt, pepper, sugar, vinegar, oil, apple butter) kept in perfect alignment. They grew much of the camp's food on land surrounding the compounds; their favorite foods were said to be American beef and light bread, catsup, tomatoes, spaghetti and apple butter.

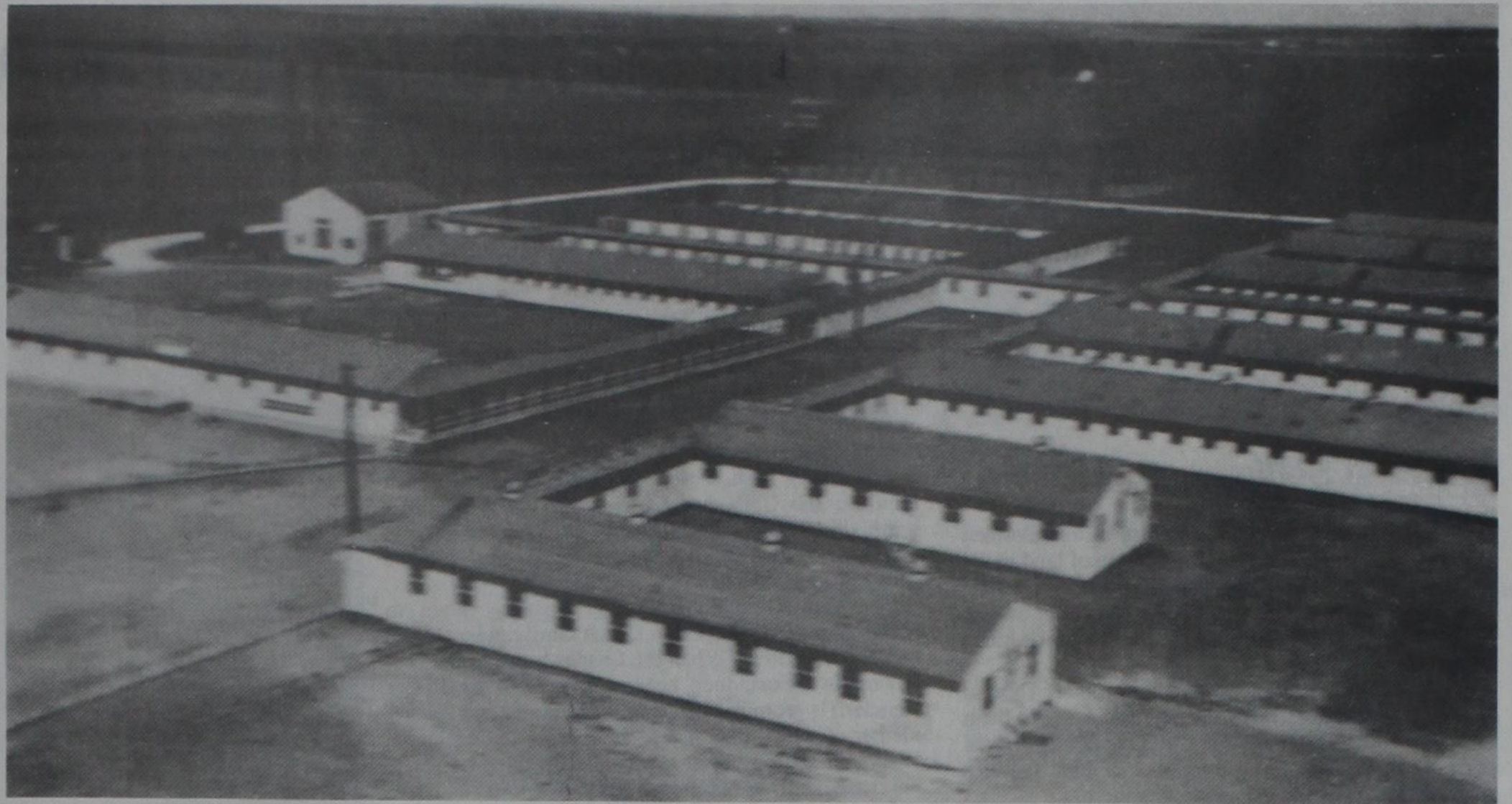
But for the officers, the camp's generous food policy came to an abrupt halt in April 1945, after Mussolini's death and Hitler's suicide, when Allied soldiers came upon the notorious German death camps. In retaliation, the US government ordered rations cut severely for Axis-power POWs. The "starvation order" wasn't as severe for the enlisted men at the local camp, since they needed a working ration, but most of the officers wouldn't see a decent meal again until the following Christmas, when they were about to be repatriated. According to Gen. Franco Di Bello, who was a first lieutenant at the time of his imprisonment here, officers' rations during their last nine months here were cut to four slices of bread and a bowl of vegetable-and-herring soup per day. Some of the officers were reduced to catching grasshoppers and rattlesnakes, and accepting jackrabbits shot by a friendly guard, and frying them in hair oil to survive. Gen. Di Bello wrote later.

One prisoner, a Fascist naval officer, escaped and made it to southern New Mexico before being recaptured 27 days later—the longest escape in the camp's history. More would have escaped if camp guards had not discovered an elaborate tunnel while retrieving a soccer ball from under an officers' barracks. The tunnel, eight feet below ground level, was equipped with an air-tube made of tin cans, and ran 500 feet into an adjoining field. While digging it, the officers would simply carry dirt out in their pockets and scatter it around the compound's garden area; no one noticed the slowly rising elevation of the garden. The tunnel reportedly was just a few feet from completion when it was discovered. A second tunneling effort was discovered and stopped later when guards checked to see why some of the prisoners refused to move an organ in the church to clean behind it.

There was only one riot in the camp's history. That occurred the day 1,000 German prisoners of war bound for a POW camp at Roswell were shipped by mistake to the local camp. Germans and Italians did not care for each other. The Germans were placed in a separate compound, but that didn't stop the prisoners from getting



THE WATER TOWER'S concrete cylinder, minus its tank, stands as a lone sentinel over the other remnants of the Hereford POW Camp. The tower's wooden ladder is still intact, although the screening for the ladder's safety tunnel is gone. The tower is now unsafe to climb. Rising out of the native grass in foreground are the concrete piers, sunk four feet into the ground, which supported many of the camp's buildings.



THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL at the Hereford POW Camp. Many of the buildings in this hospital complex were used after the war

to construct the new Castro Co-op Hospital, the forerunner of Plains Memorial Hospital. (Photo courtesy of Charles Schlabs).

at each other with whatever they could throw. They ripped wood from the catwalks and were destroying part of the camp when the Americans—guards, cooks, everyone on hand—were issued billy-clubs and sent into the compounds to quell the riot. The Germans were shipped out 48 hours after they arrived.

From the day the first 144 Italian prisoners arrived—marching and singing *Rosemunda* (*Roll Out the Barrel*) from their train stop at Summerfield up the road to the camp (not knowing their guards hadn't yet been issued any ammunition), they were allowed—even encouraged—to write postage-free cards and letters to their families. When they started getting letters back, they were devastated by the news of the destruction and widespread starvation that the war had caused back home.

Many met and visited with American relatives while interned here. A few of them returned to this area to live after the war, and many have returned through the years to visit and renew acquaintances.

St. Mary's Church

In mid-July, 1945, Rev. Achille Ferreri, an Italian-American priest from Youngstown, Ohio, who was the military chaplain at the Hereford POW camp, helped organize an exhibit of prisoners' artwork. The public exhibit for area residents was held at the camp in mid-August.

One of those attending was Father John Krukkert, priest of St. Mary's Church in Umberger. He was so impressed by the prisoners' art that he negotiated with the authorities to have them paint murals on the blank walls inside his church. It was believed to be the only cooperative project of its type in the US.

The Italian officers agreed to do the work as long as it was understood that their efforts would be considered individual acts of Christian brotherhood and not a form of cooperation with their captors. They refused any monetary pay for their project.

The project started Oct. 15, 1945. Father Ferreri drove the original three officers—Lt. Franco Di Bello, a career army officer and amateur painter; Maj. Cattanei, a painter and artist; and Capt. Gambetti, an architect with wall-painting experience—to Umberger in his car. It was the first taste of unguarded freedom they had known in years. The highlight of the day came when the officers—who had been on a starvation diet for six months—were served a "magnificent lunch" in Father Krukkert's dining room.

"It was a great day . . . the first in years that gave me the pleasant feeling of coming back to my normal status of free and dignified individual," Di Bello wrote 41 years later.

The Italians set to work, and Father Krukkert assigned different families of the parish to provide meals for them daily. The parishioners responded as if for a church dinner, preparing some of their best dishes. The prisoners were overwhelmed by the food and friendliness.

After outlining the scope of their work, the original three officers called in six others, including two specialists in wood carving and two in leaded-glass window mounting.

With the war already over and their time before repatriation growing short, the Italians worked 14 hours a day, six days a week, on the project. Meanwhile, St. Mary's Parish held services in the church basement.

What resulted was a beautiful, custom-painted set of murals and carvings that still decorate the interior of St. Mary's Church.

The sanctuary was reopened for worship and the artwork was dedicated on Dec. 8, 1945, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The nine Italian prisoners were the guests of honor and the Archbishop of Amarillo delivered the dedication address.

"The entire community was there and the atmosphere all around was of deep, unforgettable emotion," Di Bello wrote later. "It was our farewell with the wonderful people of Umberger."

Near the entranceway of the church is a bronze plaque inscribed, in Latin:

Italici Milites, in maximo novissimo Bello captivi, hoc opus perfecterunt ad Dei gloriam enarrantam et memoria remotae infelicis Patriae honorandam.

Translation: "Italian soldiers, prisoners in this total and modern war, performed this work to praise the glory of God and to honor the memory of their unhappy, far-away country."

The plaque also bears the artists' names: Gambetti, Di Bello, Cattanei, De Cristofaro, Gorlato, Mareto, Sanvito, Moretti, Zorzi.

The prisoners were repatriated to Italy less than a month after they completed their "labor of Christian brotherhood." But all nine of them returned in 1955 to revisit the church and their Umberger friends.

"We had a little fury in the back of our minds—we kinda hated them at first. But when you stopped to think that they were somebody's son, somebody's father, you realized they were human beings just like we were. Several of us had fought in foreign countries ourselves. That helped us to give in to the fact that they were caught up in a situation they had no control over and they were just doing the best they could."

—Aubyn Hodges

The Pilgrimage

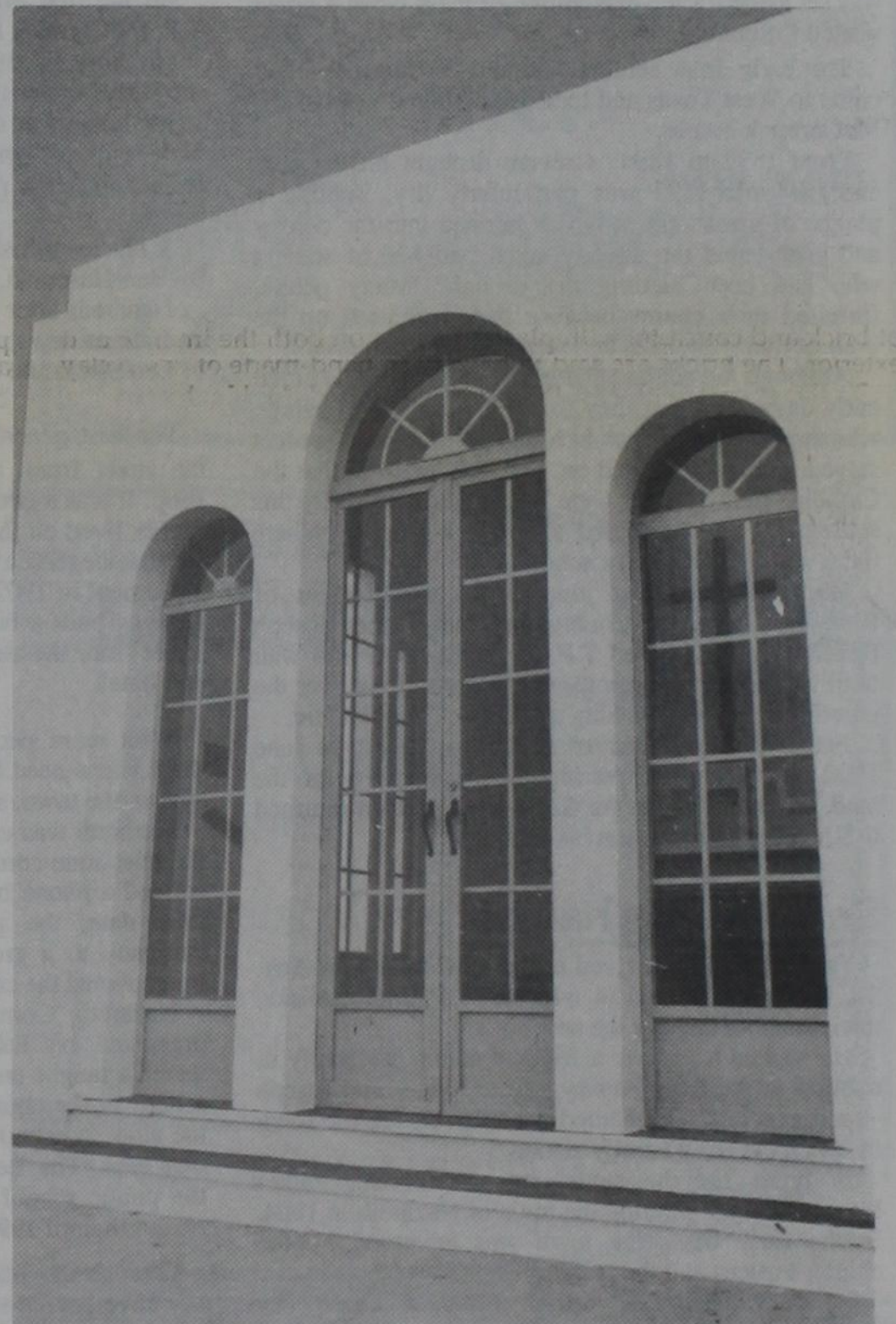
Gen. Di Bello and 15 other former Italian POWs returned to Castro County on a pilgrimage in April 1988 and at that time, Carla Vick of the Castro County Historical Commission told them of the commission's plan to restore the vandalized chapel, which is located just inside the northern Castro County line, a mile west of the 25 Mile Avenue (FM 1055). The tall, thick stem of the POW camp's water tower near the white chapel helps to identify the site.

As soon as she mentioned the word "funds," the former POWs came forward with donations—mostly \$100 bills. In all, they gave \$1,140 to the cause.

Mrs. Vick presented the men with a thick scrapbook of pictures, clippings, letters, worksheet records, etc.

They, in turn, presented a commemorative plaque, which was placed at the memorial chapel.

Mrs. Vick also presented the Italians with strands of the prison camp's barbed wire, beribboned with the red, white and blue of the US and the red, white and green of Italy.



A NEW LOOK is apparent in the graceful lines of the refurbished prayer chapel at the Hereford Prisoner of War Camp. The little chapel has been painted white, its entranceway and windows have been rebuilt, and its interior has been restored to resemble its original state, including a bas-relief "Pieta" scene behind the altar. The cross above the altar is visible through the right window. The chapel, built in 1945 by Italian prisoners of war to honor their dead comrades, was dedicated in June 1989 by 24 former POWs from Italy.

The Restoration

In November 1981, the Castro County and Deaf Smith County Historical Commissions jointly applied for two official Texas Historical markers for the Hereford Prisoner of War Chapel. The marker for Deaf Smith County was placed on US Highway 60, and the one for Castro County was placed on US Highway 385. The markers were dedicated on May 30, 1983.

At the Texas Historical Commission's annual Preservation Conference in Brownsville in April 1988, the Castro County Historical Commission was presented an award of merit for their efforts toward restoration of the POW Chapel.

The restoration project got underway in April 1988, when forms were made and a 2-1/2 foot concrete slab was run at the back and on both sides of the chapel around the original foundation.

The restoration project was completed and the chapel was formally dedicated in June 1989, with former prisoners of war from Italy taking part.

The chapel was painted white, its impressive paned windows have been rebuilt, and the interior has been restored to resemble its original appearance, complete with a bas-relief *Pieta* scene behind the altar table. A walkway from the access road to the chapel is flanked by exposed-aggregate borders. The walkway and chapel are enclosed by a high protective fence made of four-point barbed wire from the original camp.

Two flagpoles stand in front of the refurbished chapel—one for Old Glory and one for the flag of Italy.

Church was center of life for early Nazareth settlers

The small German Catholic community of Nazareth was settled in the late 1800s when the McCormick brothers, V.A. and J.A. moved to Castro County and filed on a section of land near the town's present location, and life in the small settlement soon became centered around church services.

That holds true today, almost a century later. Holy Family Catholic Church is the only church in the small community and it, along with the school, remains one of the focal points of most of the residents' lives.

The First Settlers

The McCormick brothers were traveling salesmen and V.A. was the first to file on a section of land in the new settlement. At that time, a person had to live on a section of land for three years before he could own it, so J.A. built a dug out that was the McCormick home for the next three years.

The two brothers wrote to another brother, Thomas (or T.P.) and their friends in New York and told them about the new land. In 1892 T.P. and his family arrived at the new settlement and a number of Irish families soon filed on land and began moving there.

After a very long period without a priest to say mass, the settlers were getting upset, so T.P. wrote to the Bishop of Dallas, and Father Thomas Blakney, pastor at Henrietta, responded to the letter.

Father Blakney said the first mass in Nazareth in the Lassiter home, which was located about 12 miles east of Nazareth along the present Highway 86. Then he celebrated mass several times for the little settlement in a dugout provided by the McCormicks.

The first entry for Castro County in the mission register of the Henrietta Church is dated Feb. 23, 1893, under the name of Wynne, Castro County. The reason the town name read Wynne, was because a man named Billy Wynne delivered the mail from Tulia to the McCormicks and sometimes the settlement was known by his surname.

The Lassiter house was home to T.P. and his wife, Frances because she couldn't accept a dugout for her home when she arrived in the new colony. T.P. first moved the family to a house in Tulia, 15 miles east of their dugout, and at a later date, they moved to the Lassiter house, which was eight miles east of their dugout, while their new home was being built four miles east of the present-day site of Nazareth, and one-half mile south of Highway 86.

One room in the new home of the T.P. McCormicks was set aside for the celebration of mass when a priest visited the community.

The early Irish settlers—around 30 families—had come to West Texas and located south and west of the McCormick homes.

From 1892 to 1894, a severe drought hit the area and the year 1893 was particularly dry, inviting a plague of grasshoppers which jumped into the colony and aggravated the already taxed patience of settlers who had been battling the drought. Many people forfeited their claims because they had used up the limit of their resources and were facing starvation.

Although the settlers endured many hardships in the early days, the thing they found the hardest to handle was the absence of a church and priest. Some settlers stayed, but many moved on, and T.P. realized that the Catholic Irish settlers were no longer coming to his settlement, so he decided to move his family where there was a church and a school.

He made the long journey to a settlement of Rhineland in Knox County and met Father Joseph Reisdorff, who advised T.P. to return home and wait until he had an opportunity to come and look over the possibilities of establishing a Catholic Church there.

Father Reisdorff arrived in Castro County in June 1902, and after discovering the productivity of the land, purchased a plat for \$2.50 an acre, then returned to Rhineland to close out his affairs.

Settlement is named

Father Reisdorff arrived in the new colony on Aug. 21, 1902, and moved in with the T.P. McCormicks, then set about naming the new colony.

He wanted it to have a Biblical name, preferably in relation to the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary and Joseph—and eventually he named it Nazareth, for the town in which the Holy Family settled.

In order for the settlement to flourish, Father Reisdorff began plotting the town of Nazareth in 1904. In the early days, the town was governed by the church trustees and the priest.

Father Reisdorff advertised his new colony by inserting ads in German newspapers published in various sections of the US. He appealed to German people because he found they were "diligent, hard working people who usually succeeded in their efforts."

German settlers arrive

German settlers read the article in the German "Landman" and soon flocked to the new colony from Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin, Indiana, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Oklahoma and other states. Some families even came from East Texas, where Father Reisdorff had lived before he moved to Nazareth and soon the original Irish settlement was changed to a German settlement and the German heritage is still strong today.

By the time the first German settlers started arriving, the only Irish settlers left were the McCormick families; the Gallagher family, who lived 20 miles north of the McCormicks; and the Kelishor family, who had settled at Arney, 10 miles north of the McCormicks' homes.

The first German family to actually move to Nazareth was the Wendelin Litsch family, who arrived in December 1902. When the Litschs heard of the new colony in Texas, they became interested by Father Reisdorff's promises of a Catholic church and school, neither of which they had at their home in Oklahoma. Wendelin started out in a wagon with three horses to purchase land at Nazareth. Later, his wife and five children came by train to Canyon, where he met them in the wagon, then they traveled to Nazareth, where they lived west of T.P. McCormick's land.

Also among the first German families to arrive were the Thiers, Wilhelmina and her seven children and a brother, Joseph Doerr; the Ben Husemans, the Louis and John Husemans and the Henry Lange family.

The Thiers moved into a house one-half mile from the site where a new church—the first Holy Family Church—was being built and Father Reisdorff used the home as his residence and chapel.

The original plat for the first church was five acres and was situated in the middle of the plat which was laid out for the original town of Nazareth.

By 1905, more German people were coming to Nazareth and the church was enlarged. Another addition was constructed in 1907, under the guidance of Father Bonaventure Binzegger.

A Growing Community

In order to make the settlement grow, Father Reisdorff realized things would have to be made available to the settlers—like a mail service.

So the first official post office was opened in the T.P. McCormick home, four miles east of Nazareth.

On June 11, 1903, Louise Their applied to change the site of the post office to Nazareth and a small room in her home was used for the post office. The mail was picked up at Dimmitt several times each week, either by a horseback rider or by a person in a horse and buggy.

A blacksmith shop was opened in Nazareth in 1904 by Ben Huseman, one of the very first settlers to come to Nazareth after reading Father Reisdorff's article in an Indiana newspaper. It was located on the south side of Leo Street and east of St. Mary's Ave.

The first general store was opened in 1905, across the street from, and to the north of the blacksmith shop. It was a two-story building and the Heidegerken family lived on the second floor. (The first member of the Heidegerken family had arrived at the new settlement in 1902 from Minnesota). Later, the Heidegerkens built a two-story home diagonally across the street from the store and it was used as a home, cafe and hotel.

With more people coming to the new settlement, there was a need for a windmill and a public watering tank in the town, so one was placed north of the store.

Nazareth was connected to the world in 1908 when the telephone company was formed. Each family who wanted a phone bought interest in the company. At a later date, the people sold their interests in the company to a group of men, who after a period of time, owned the company.

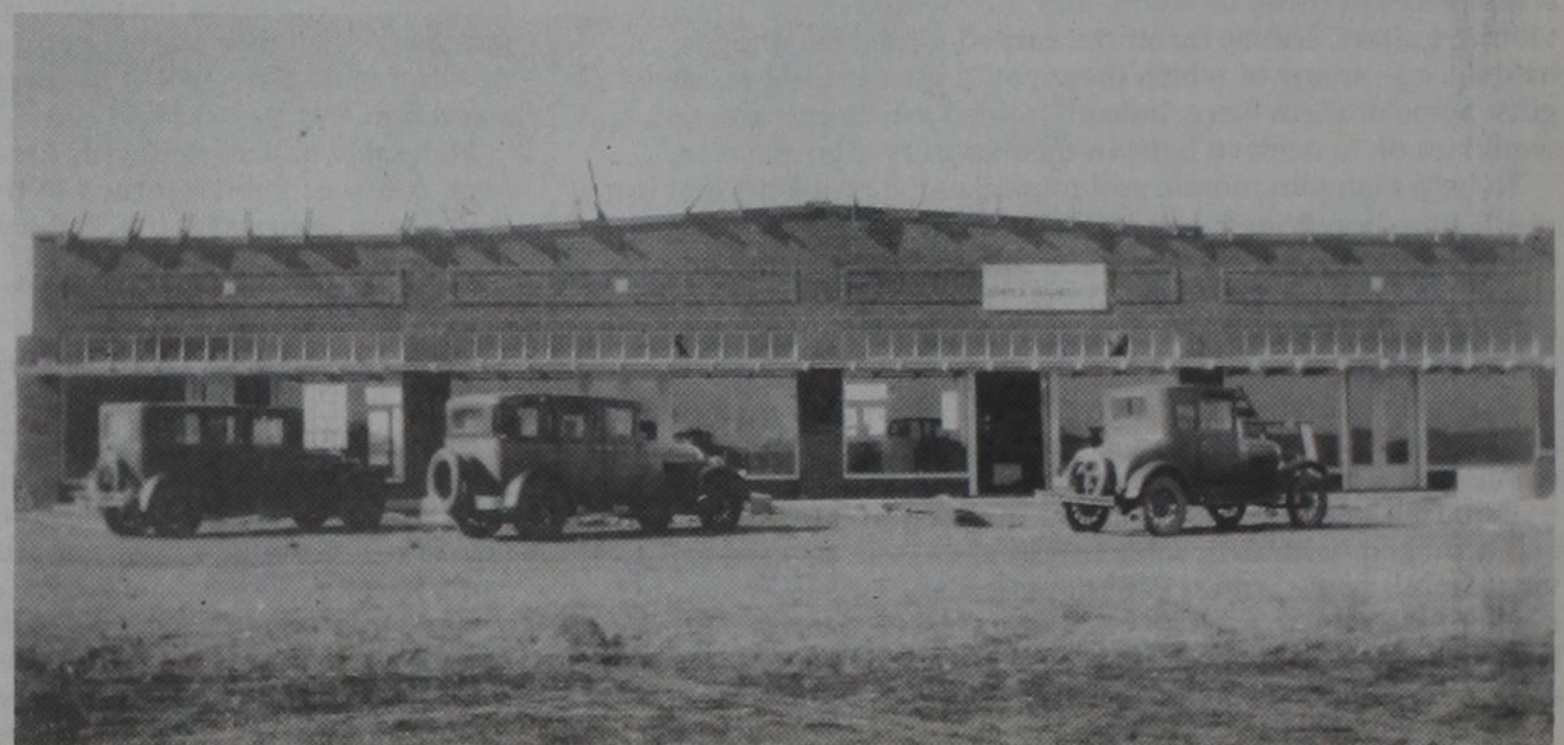
Nazareth Common School District No. 4 was organized on Feb. 10, 1902, but the first classes weren't taught until 1904, when Louise Their taught school in the church with a curtain drawn in front of the altar. A school building was under construction at that time. The Benedictine Sisters began teaching in the public school in 1917 and continued teaching in Nazareth until 1990.

Through the years, the church, school and community have pooled their resources to get the city streets paved, a new big community hall and community ball park built, and more.

Nazareth didn't become an incorporated city until 1973, and currently is governed by a mayor and two city commissioners.



THE FIRST NAZARETH HOME was built by T.P. McCormick and Father Joseph Reisdorff lived here with the McCormicks when he first arrived in Nazareth. Father Reisdorff offered mass in a room in the McCormick home until a church was built. The house was located four miles east and one-half mile south of the present-day site of Nazareth.



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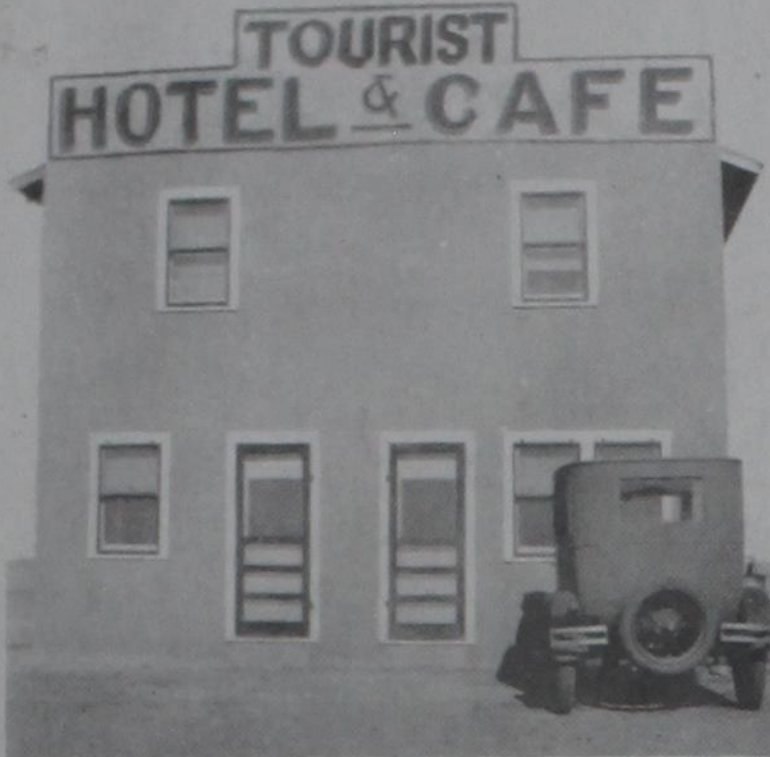
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THE HART HOTEL—This building, which is located north of today's Pay and Save Grocery in Hart, served as a tourist hotel and cafe in Hart in 1927.

First 'talkie' shown in 1929

(Editors Note: The following article appeared in the June 14, 1929 edition of the *News*. The Castro Theatre was located in the block east of the Jones-Rawlings building, according to Madge Robb. She said she remembered watching picture shows there in the 1930s.)

Announcements of the all-talking pictures in Dimmitt for next Monday and Tuesday has caused many visitors to Dimmitt to remark complimentary concerning the rapid growth and progress of the city. Manager Lawson has announced George Bancroft, a Dimmitt favorite with movie fans, in "The Wolf of Wall Street," Paramount's latest one hundred percent all-talkie. This picture recently played to capacity houses in the Paramount House, the Greater Palace, at Dallas, and press notices from that city claim it one of Paramount's best pictures of the year, as well as Bancroft's best vehicle in many months.

The Castro Theatre has been wired at a great expense, and it is hoped that every person in Castro County will take this opportunity of celebrating with Manager Lawson and Dimmitt in the inauguration of the latest thing in movies and of which probably no other town of this size in Texas can boast.

Due to a late change in dates, a slight change in the days to be shown here was necessary, but it is expected that large crowds will visit Dimmitt's first all-talkie.

In the same edition, an advertisement announced the show's cost at 25 and 50 cents for Monday and Tuesday, June 17 and 18.

Another ad from the theatre's manager also appeared in the June 14 edition.

To the Citizens of Dimmitt and Castro County

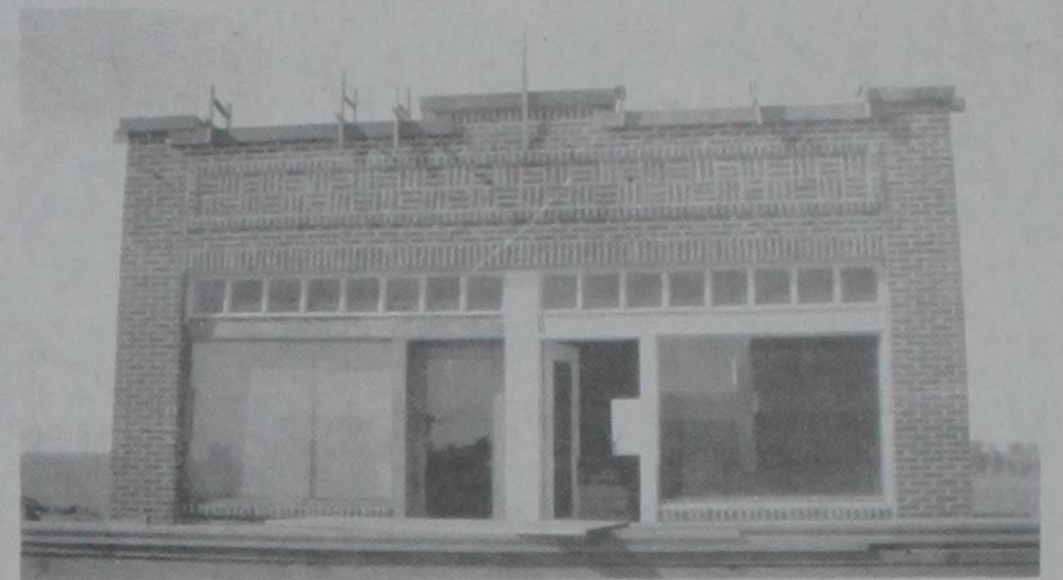
I wish to make the following statement:

On June 17 and 18, the "Wolf of Wall Street," the first all-talking picture to come to your city, is to be shown at the Castro Theatre in Dimmitt. I urge every one to see it, as it is probably the first and last one to be shown here, since complaints have been made against Sunday shows, and Sunday and Monday are the only open dates for Dimmitt in all talkies.

I most certainly regret to have to make this announcement, but as long as these conditions exist it is impossible to bring all-talking pictures to Dimmitt, as they are much more expensive than silent pictures. I would like to see everyone assist in putting the show and town over, but since Sunday shows have been prohibited, it will be necessary for Dimmitt to be content with the silent drama, and we assure you that the best pictures of this class will continue to be shown at the Castro.

Don't miss this all-talking picture, "The Wolf of Wall Street"

Johnie Lawson
Manager Castro Theatre



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Early pioneers battled destructive prairie fires

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One of the most destructive of these fires started on the George Abbott place in March 1903.

There was an unusually high southeast wind one day when a new cook at the Abbott place hurriedly started a chip fire to cook the noon meal.

A more experienced cook would have started a "chip fire" more slowly for fear of starting a prairie fire because the sparks from a chip were considered most dangerous, even on a very windy day.

After starting the fire, the cook stepped outside for a bucket of water and discovered that a spark from his fire had set the prairie on fire.

This was about 12:30 p.m., and by 4 p.m., the fire had reached the caprock near Silverton. It burned all the grassland in its path and covered an area 60 miles wide, reaching the canyons.

Percy Hart recalled seeing rolling cow chips on fire. These would cross cow trails, wagon roads and other obstacles that ordinarily would have checked the fire.

For safety, Mr. Hart placed his family on an island surrounded by water in the draw, while he fought to save his house, barns and livestock.

Because of the smoldering chips, the Harts carried water until mid-

night in an effort to save their belongings.

Many cattle, horses, antelopes, prairie chickens, quail and other wildlife were killed by the fire.

A caravan of freighters from Swisher County caught in the wake of this fire, lost their teams because of fright, while the people themselves suffered from breathing the hot, smoke-filled air.

Many other fires raced across the prairies in the early days, and all left destruction and charred remains in their wake.

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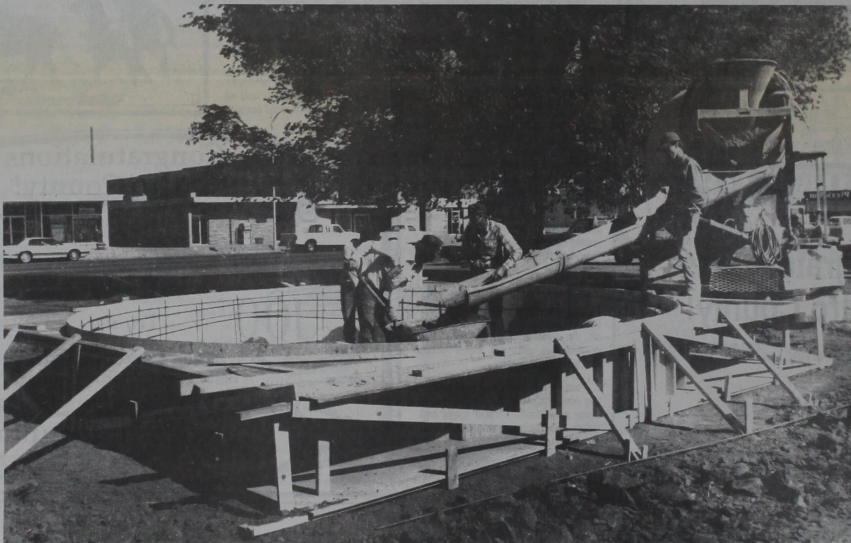
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