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Gins top 25,000-bale mark

With the ginning total past the 25,000 mark, most Castro County gins still have more cotton to process and those in the north and west parts of the county expect to be operating well into 1980.

Little cotton remains on the stalk, but many growers have harvested their crop and piled the cotton in modules on their farms, to be taken to gins when the demand for cotton trailers is eased.

The Ross Family Gin at Sunnyside, Hart Producers Co-op and the Hart Gin in the south part of the county report their run completed this week. Hailstorms in the summer caused a short crop in those areas as well as in some other spots over the county.

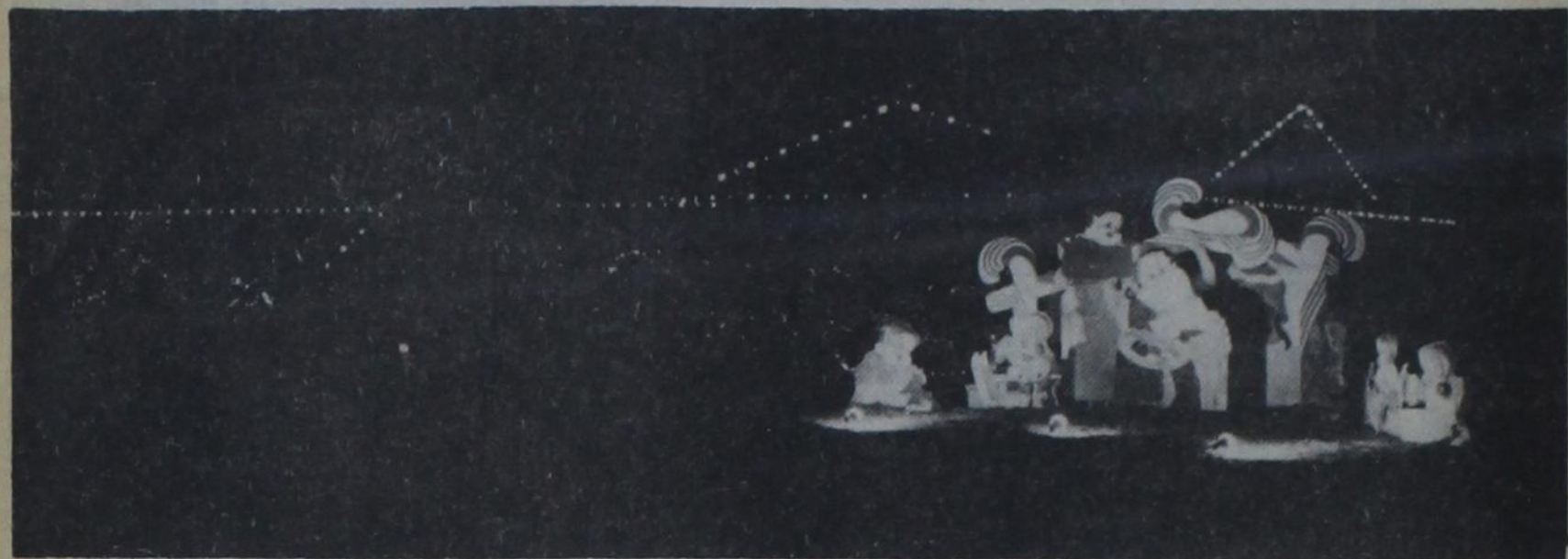
The Five Point Gin east of Dimmitt is still operating, Clark Dobbs, manager, said last Friday.

"It's slowing up, but we've still got some trailers in the yard," Earl Chaney of the Castro Co-op Gin in Dimmitt said last weekend.

The report was much the same from Bill Birdwell of North Gin, also in Dimmitt, who said virtually all cotton is out of the fields now and in modules.

At the Farmers Gin in Flagg, Clay Davis said there "may be 300 bales still in the fields and 500 bales in modules, and still some trailers on the yard" at the end of last week. "If the weather holds maybe we'll be finished by the end of December," he

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THE ROBERT McLEAN HOME at 1006 Cleveland St. is the first-place winner in the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Home Lighting Contest. Santa's colorful workshop in foreground is animated, with the elves' arms sawing and hammering, and Santa waving. The eaves of the McLean home are

lined with red-and-blue lights, and multi-colored lights adorn the trees and shrubs. The McLeans' is the only home inside the city to place in the top three. The George Sides home six miles west won second place, and the Donald Wright home five miles east was third.



THE LEROY POHLMIEER HOME two miles east of Nazareth is the first-place winner in the Catholic Youth Organization's Yule Lighting Contest. Highlights of the colorful display are a

manger scene, Christmas star, lighted evergreen and Christmas tree. Other Nazareth winners were the Dennis Heiman home, second, and the Walter Kleman home, third.



HEY—WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
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Elections coming in 1980

Castro Countians will vote in 1980 for a variety of public officials to serve them, from the city hall to the White House.

Political activity will start brewing in Castro County soon after the first of the year, with the filing period for candidates opening Jan. 5.

A Castro County sheriff, county-district attorney, tax assessor-collector and two county commissioners are to be elected in 1980.

The Dimmitt City election will be on April 5, with filing time up to March 5. Three aldermen's posts will be filled.

Terms of J. R. Brown, Chet Braafladt and Roy Lilley are expiring, then the other two aldermen's terms with those of the mayor and city judge will end in 1981.

Interest in local elections will be increased by the fact that 1980 is a presidential election year. A state senator, representative and other state officials will also be elected in the coming balloting.

Candidates for county and precinct offices must file between Jan. 5 and Feb. 4 for places on the primary ballots of either Democratic or Republican parties. The primary [See ELECTIONS, Page 6]

Mitchell to run for sheriff post

Joe Ben Mitchell, former Dimmitt police chief, announced this week that he will be a candidate for sheriff in the Democratic primary election next May 3.

In announcing his candidacy, Mitchell cited his state law-enforcement training and his experience as a state trooper, court reporter, private investigator and businessman.

"I feel that our county's chief law enforcement officer should be someone who is knowledgeable in both civil and criminal law, investigative techniques, rules of evidence and the taking of statements," Mitchell said. "Also, he should have the ability to communicate with the lawyers who are involved with a case. I have had experience in all these fields."

He added, "Cooperation between law enforcement agencies is a critical factor in a lot of cases. I pledge my full support and cooperation to all city, state and federal law enforcement agencies, as well as to our other elected officials."

Mitchell also pledged an "open-door policy" and "equal protection and law enforcement for all citizens, regardless of race, creed or any other considerations."

He said he would require all sheriff's officers to attend



Joe Ben Mitchell

the schools and courses offered by the Texas Dept. of Public Safety.

"The DPS constantly offers schooling to law officers on basic and advanced techniques, specialized fields, and new laws and developments," he said. "It's very important for a law enforcement officer to take advantage of this training. If I'm elected, I pledge to keep my schooling updated and see that all my deputies do the same."

Mitchell, 42, was raised in [See MITCHELL, Page 11]

Names omitted from greeting

Names of Rex and Virginia Cowart were inadvertently omitted from those listed on the community Christmas greeting in last week's Christmas edition of the Castro County News, due to a clerical error.

The Cowarts were among the scores of Dimmitt residents who contributed to Operation Christmas Greeting, sponsored as an annual project by Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Contributors take this means of sending holiday greetings to friends in this community, and give to the PMHA fund the amount they would have spent for individual greeting cards and postage.

Blue Moons coming

"Once in a Blue Moon" is a familiar expression about something that occurs rarely, but do you know exactly what a "Blue Moon" is?

Two of them, by the calendar, will occur in early months of the new year, according to Edwin "Goose" Ramey, who makes a hobby of tracing little-known facts to their source.

A Blue Moon, Ramey says, comes in a month which has two full moons. Those are infrequent, but the moon will be full Jan. 2 and again Jan. 31, March 1 and 31. That leaves February without a full moon because it is a short month.

The Dimmitt observer of nature says he is using a calendar-almanac issued by a medicine firm, the kind given by drugstores to their customers for many years past, for his information. It notes that "The moon's phases are given in Central Standard Time."

Some 1980 calendars may show a full moon on Feb. 1 instead of Jan. 31, but in that case they are using another time zone, Ramey explains.

He adds that one dictionary definition of the word "blue" says it indicates something rare, and that is why it is used in the "Blue Moon" phrase.

Espinoza guilty; faces new charges

After deliberating for two hours Wednesday night, a jury found Gilberto Espinoza, 21, guilty of criminal negligence in the shooting death of Pedro G. Portillo of Hart July 21. Espinoza, who was sentenced to one year probation, now faces murder charges in Abilene.

According to County Sheriff Granville Martin, a deputy from the Abilene Sheriff's Department arrived in Dimmitt Thursday afternoon to take

Espinoza to Abilene, where he will face charges stemming from a December 1976 murder.

Testimony in the murder trial ended Wednesday with the wife of the shooting victim finishing on the witness stand. After deliberating two hours on the guilt phase of the trial, jurors took only 25 minutes in deciding Espinoza's punishment, according to County Attorney Jimmy Davis.

Babson's 1980 forecast: Recession will deepen

By Babson's Reports, Inc.

Just a year ago we envisioned in our forecast for 1979 a slowing in the economic tempo sufficient to create a technical state of recession, stemming from the effects of anti-inflation monetary measures.

We did point out, however, that the intrinsic strength of the economy would forestall a deep, prolonged business dislocation.

Instead, we looked for "real" gross national product to show only enough softening in the second and third quarters of the year to constitute a recession. Visualized was a mild and brief setback, more in the nature of a spell of no growth, with the economy again on the mend by the fourth quarter of 1979.

The statistical evidence now shows that there was enough resilience to produce a sharp rebound in the third quarter, negating the spring slump. So, even though 1979's final quarter was adversely impacted by the broader, more aggressive anti-inflation program instituted by the Federal Reserve, the year as a whole did not suffer an economic recession.

This was an impressive achievement in view of the heights to which interest rates and inflation had soared.

RECESSION THREAT HEIGHTENED FOR 1980

Developments of the past three months have raised the odds that 1980 will experience the economic recession which 1979 escaped.

The Fed's credit-tightening move took an increasing toll on business as the final 1979 quarter progressed. When the results for that period are made public, "real" gross national product (GNP excluding inflation) will probably show some loss. Since we now expect this business barometer to move off further in the initial quarter of 1980, the required two consecutive quarters of lower "real" GNP readings will have been recorded to constitute a recession.

STEEPER, LONGER RECESSION THAN PREVIOUSLY EXPECTED

The staff of Babson's Reports looks, in fact, for the downward slide of "real" gross national product to extend through the second quarter of 1980. The recession, therefore, will very likely last a bit longer than we had previously anticipated.

Also, the depth of the downturn is currently expected to approximate 4% from the high of the third quarter of 1979.

The scope of the recession we now foresee is not un-

realistic since we have experienced only the early effects of the anti-inflation program started last fall. In addition, the fight has been made all the more difficult by the further climb in prices for petroleum products. And the implications of conditions in Iran and of US-Iran relations are anything but reassuring for the petroleum picture, in terms of both prices and supplies.

This does not augur well for the domestic automobile industry, which has been in a beleaguered state for many months, and the tightening of credit compounds its troubles. Extremely high borrowing costs and scarcer mortgage money are hurting residential building. Therefore, neither of these key industries will be of much help in 1980.

Fortunately, there are no massive imbalances to correct. Except for the excessive supplies of high-gasoline-consumption autos relative to retail demand, there are no appreciable inventory problems in the economy. Hence, this time around, the period of economic adjustment is not expected to be as vicious as the last recession.

The first two 1980 quarters will see the business tempo on the wane, with the first three months likely to bear the brunt of the losses. By the

time summer rolls around, the economy should stabilize and perhaps edge a bit upward.

The final three 1980 months will make additional headway, with vitality somewhat more evident. But the upturn in the second half of 1980 will not be as power-packed as the rebound from the last recession because inflation will be difficult to defuse.

While the economic recession will not be unduly painful, neither will the ensuing recovery phase be initially vigorous.

A GREAT MANY UNCERTAINTIES

Make no mistake, there are problems and uncertainties which are capable of inflicting greater damage to the economy than may now seem likely. The uncertain economic climate itself and the questions which are sure to arise in the quadrennial national elections, including those concerning anti-American violence, must be watched closely. Moreover, the course of the battle against inflation must be monitored, so that it would be ill-advised to project a more optimistic outlook right now.

SLOWER INFLATION PACE POSSIBLE

There can be little doubt that inflation has been one of the banes of 1979. While there seems little early pros-

pect of any perceptible recession in the inflation rate, the Babson Staff is of the opinion that some headway can be made against inflation in the year ahead.

As the winter progresses, recession-muted demand can help to damp its fires, and bring additional slowing in the inflationary pace further on in 1980. The task will not be easy and the problem will likely prove stubborn.

From this vantage point, we feel that inflation can be wrung down to a rate of around 10% for the year as a whole. This would still be a higher level than is good for the economy, but the decline would be welcomed.

GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT

In current dollars, the nation's gross national product (dollar value of goods and services produced) will continue to trend upward. But this will be mainly due to the impact of inflation, and the rate of increase will not be as great as that of 1979.

"Real" GNP (the constant-dollars GNP—i.e., in terms of the 1972 dollar) is now expected to fall about 2% for the year as a whole versus the 1979 average.

While the exigencies of a political year will likely bring some federal pump-priming moves by spring, neverthe-

less, as indicated earlier, we think "real" GNP will decline sharply in the first 1980 quarter and moderately in the following three months. A flat-to-uplift pattern is expected in the third quarter, even an even better showing in the final quarter.

Any substantive recovery signs prior to midyear seem unlikely because of tight credit, still onerously high levels of interest rates and inflation, and upward-moving fuel costs.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

We look for industrial production to trend lower through mid-1980.

Since a good deal of the decline will be recouped over the second half of the year, we feel the annual rate of industrial activity will average only about 1% below the 1979 average. Bear in mind that auto production and related businesses have already been working downward for the better part of 1979, as has home building. But these two sectors should lead the late-1980 recovery.

BUSINESS INVENTORIES

One of the unusual aspects of the long period of economic rise since the spring of 1975 is the orderly manner in which business inventories have been expanded—mostly in step with the upturn in sales. Disproportionate inventory

positions were quickly brought back into line by price-markdown sales efforts. Thus, with the exception of hard-to-move gasoline guzzlers in the automobile field, there is no glut of inventories to liquidate.

Despite the acceleration of inflation's pace, most inventory positions have been kept trim. This has been due to the agonizing experience of the last recession, the extremely costly rates of borrowed capital over the past two years, and the ability to monitor inventory positions closely with the help of computers.

But while the economy is not expected to be unduly disrupted by inventory liquidations under duress on a widespread basis, neither will inventory accumulation be an important factor in helping to lift business activity in most of 1980.

BUSINESS CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Business capital outlays for new plant and equipment will rise about 10% in current dollars owing to the effects of inflation, but—as in the case of the GNP—there will be a slight year-to-year slippage in constant dollars. With the ease-off in industrial activity taking the pressure from high-level capacity utilization, incentive to expand will not come until late 1980.

LABOR FRONT TO REMAIN ACTIVE

1979 was a busy year on the labor front, and it will be very active again in 1980. However, with most of the major contract expirations coming around midyear—i.e., in construction, communications, steel, aluminum, and metal containers—the early-year recession and the rise in unemployment will temper the aggressiveness of labor leaders.

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

One of the pivotal industries helping to determine the course of 1980's economic achievement will be the housing field.

After peaking out in 1978, new housing starts slowed down in the past year. The high degree of inflation-hedge purchasing of both new and existing homes proved to be a substantial bolstering factor for 1979's economy. Nevertheless, high borrowing costs and scarce mortgage credit restrained new housing starts compared with 1978's superlative effort.

The tightness in mortgage credit and the high rates for mortgage money may not relent significantly before mid-1980. Hence, we forecast a steep slide in new housing starts in the first quarter of [See BABSON'S, Page 10]

Sheffy's Chatter

Iveys spend week in Acapulco

By MYRTLE SHEFFY

Gene and Connie Ivey went to Acapulco, Mexico last week. This was an American States Insurance tour trip. They stayed at the very elegant Princess Hotel, had the yacht trip around what they say is the most beautiful harbor in the world. Saw the houses on the hills belonging to US movie stars, nice ocean-side beach to sun on, or swim in the water, still warm down there.

And last week the Iveys went to Fort Worth for the family get together at Laural's house. The other Ivey daughters and families were there for the Christmas festivities. They are Raneal and family, Wilton Graeff and family, Zetha and family and also Laural's family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Pennington spent the last weekend in Roswell visiting their daughter.

The Friday bridge get-together in the party room of the Senior Citizens building had dinner with the folks there. Myrtle (me) served pineapple upside down cake and coffee for dessert. Guests were Carolyn Copeland, Josie Bradford, Cletha George, Retta Cluck, Gladiola Shipley, Tina Rawlings and Ruth Wright.

Arnold and Sharron Acker and girl baby are here from Trinidad, West Indies for a visit with the parents Herman and Rose Acker and Jack and Mary Flynt. Alice Acker Garrison and children will be here from Huntsville for the holiday. One day last week Rose cooked a typical Italian Christmas dinner for a few friends who are Neva Hickey and daughter Betty, Gail Bruegel, Lucy Nelson, Sue Miller, Jimmie Schulte, Georgia Klemman, Tina Rawlings, Bernice Green, Oleda Schumacher, Rosetta Bellinghausen and Dorothy Mayfield.

And another day Jimmie Schulte had a party for the Village Shop girls and other friends like Oleda Schumacher, Juanita Bruegel, Neva Hickey, Betty Wardell, Florene Brockman and her daughter Shirley from California and Georgia Klemman of Nazareth.

Pat Moran flew in to Lubbock last weekend to visit her

parents Russel and Myrtle Lois. Then all went to Waco to spend Christmas with son Scott and Sharon and the grandson, Jake Moran. His first Christmas.

Kim Graham was the honoree at a shower of gifts Wednesday evening for the coming baby she and Perry are looking for. The party was in the home of Jill, or Mrs. Charles, McLean. Her helping hostesses were Susie Bradford, Teresa Parsons, Kay Wardlaw and Vicki Buckley. They served small cakes and a sandwich loaf to probably 20 guests bringing gifts and good wishes.

Myrtle Sheffy and the family, Ted and Dorothy, Bob and Mildred, Rex and Dorothy and boys, Graham and Karen and two little ones, Beth and Rick Wallace of Tulsa, Tommie and Richard Bills and Elaine and fiance Dick Brown, Kenneth and Ruth Jackson, the grands and greats went to Don and Karen Sheffys house in Canyon Sunday for the clan's Christmas get together. Bob and Mildred's family, Cyd Sheffy of Fort Worth, Robbie of San Angelo University and Joe, who is a teacher and coach at Pearland out of Houston, also came for that. As did Tommy and Donna Stafford and girls from Muskogee, Okla. They visited the Rex Sheffys and the Roy Staffords. Other company at the Staffords were their sons Travis and LaPrell and children, Kimberly, Kathy and Tim of Tulare, Calif., Troy and Kay Stafford and Christi and Cindy, Paul and Phillip from Tulsa, Okla. Tommy's girls are Deadra, Dondra and Deandra.

The Summers family went to Amarillo for the big dinner with Ola and Jack Gladman. They are dad Jack Summers, Elbert and Mary Lois, Trellis and Dot and Eloise and Harley Dodd.

Billie Wesson flew to Houston to spend the holiday with her daughter Janice and Jerry Andrew and their children, Gina, Gary, Kent and Brent.

Juanita Blaine of Plainview visited her sister Vera Webb Friday. And the grandson Kemp Copeland stopped by to visit the Webbs en route to his home in Denver. He is the son of Mary Jean and Floyd. Ginger Kemp Ward of Atlanta, Ga. and LaDawn and Tom Reichling of San Francisco will be here this week to visit their mom Louise Kemp and brother Carl Lee and Sue, all together for Christmas.

Christene and Leonard Fillman of Denver came by Saturday to visit aunt Ceal Carlie. They took her on to Big Spring to visit a niece, Birdie Stock, then on to Sweetwater for Christmas with Ceal's sister Mary Frances Davis and her children, then later they will visit kin in Abilene.

Cletha George and family had a Christmas dinner Sunday at son Jimmy and Floyce's house. All her children and all the grands and greats, at least 45 of them, were there. And Cletha says she will go to Tucumcari, N.M. for the holiday with son

Jack and Chollis and their family.

Ann and Bill Philpott of Lubbock were here for the Christmas dinner with her mother Juanita Welch and brother Frank Welch and Beth. The dad, Claudie, is still getting treatment in the nursing home.

Dr. Charles and Esta Vandiver were hosts to the couples bridge and dinner party Tuesday evening. They had a fun type gift exchange, sang the Christmas carols, then played bridge. Guests or members were Harold and Shirley Stephens, Goldman and Carolee Cyer, Ted and Dorothy Sheffy, Russel and Myrtle Lois Moran, Ralph and Avis Smith, John and Sue Merritt and Aural Davis.

Open House at the Senior Citizens was a big success. A hundred and forty people had the noon meal and probably that many at the evening meal, all bringing food, turkey and dressing, baked ham and dozens of side dishes. Punch and cookies were served in the afternoon. Myrt Loman of Hart had the lucky number on the big hand-painted bird quilt. A Christmas tree with a gift exchange was done. Special money gifts went to Ralph Lambright for his carpenter work remodeling the house, a gift to Peggy West, director. You are invited to come each Tuesday evening at 6:30 for games and refreshments. The big pot luck meal is each third Tuesday night. M. A. Pennington,

president, invites you.

Jeanie Miller, Carlee Warren, Faun Welker, Gladys Benson, Aural Davis, LaVon Reeve.

Our sympathy goes to the Killingsworth family for the death of Mrs. Katherine Fessler of Cherokee, Iowa, mother of Alyce Killingsworth. Mrs. Fessler had a heart attack and was in Plains Memorial Hospital. She had planned to spend the winter here. The family took her back to Iowa for burial.

Weldon and Irene Bradley had all their family home for Christmas, also her parents Elmer and Mary Dixon and Mrs. Bradley from Tucumcari.

The Earl Brocks spent the Christmas holiday in Phoenix, Ariz. with their son Dr. Bob and Pat Brock and children. Raymond Wilson, the other granddad, went back to Phoenix last week after a short business trip to Dimmitt.

The employees of Hays Implement Co. were treated to an appreciation Christmas dinner at the Thompson House in Hereford. Lots of good food and visiting.

David and Ann Hays had all left off Andrea Ethington, Julie Grisham, Ike Moore, Maria Fuentes and Lesa Garcia.

Many more parties were and gone to.

Ramona Annen was hostess to the Duplicate Bridge Club at the Senior Citizens Center Wednesday. Having dinner at the place were Ruth Wright, Allan Webb, Ann Carpenter, Tina Rawlings, Murna Miller,

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Sunday—
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Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday—
Bible Classes for all... 7:30 p.m.

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Secretaria Sara Salinas
Tesorero Gabriel Montiel

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Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:45 a.m.
MYF, Jr. Hi & Sr. Hi. 5:30 p.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday—
General Meeting
WSCS..... 9:30 a.m.
Choir..... 7:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
1201 Western Circle Drive
Rev. John Street, Pastor

Sunday—
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Training Union..... 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship..... 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday—
Prayer Meeting..... 7:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal..... 8:10 p.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Monte Wike, Pastor
302 S. E. 2nd

Sunday—
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Christ Ambassadors and Children's Church..... 6:00 p.m.
Evangelistic Service... 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday—
Mid-Week Service... 7:30 p.m.

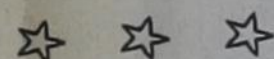
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501 S.E. 3rd
Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Carroll

Sunday—
Sunday School & Morning Worship..... 10-11:30 a.m.
Evening Service..... 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday—
Prayer Service..... 7:00 p.m.

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Mass..... 7:00 a.m.
Holy Days—
Mass in English..... 7:00 a.m.
Mass in Spanish..... 8:00 p.m.
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Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday—
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Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday—
Mid-Week Services... 7:30 p.m.

SUNNYSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Raymond Jones, Pastor

Sunday—
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Training Union..... 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship..... 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday—
Prayer Service..... 7:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Western Circle Drive
Rev. Ed Manning, Minister

Sunday—
Church School..... 10:00 a.m.
Common Worship... 11:00 a.m.

LEE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
Ronnie Travis, Pastor
Phone 647-2300

Sunday—
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Training Union..... 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship..... 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday—
Mid-Week Services... 8:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
309 N.W. Fourth
Donald Price, Pastor
Phone 647-3403

Sunday—
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service... 7:00 p.m.

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5th and Halsell
Dr. Joseph Grey, Pastor
Phone 647-2651

Sunday—
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service... 7:00 p.m.

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Wed. Night..... 7:00 p.m.

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Pastor, Gustavo Ornelas

Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Sermon..... 11:00 a.m.
Lord's Supper and Feet Washing..... 11:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Services... 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday—
Bible Study..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship and Lord's Supper..... 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday—
Bible Study..... 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday—
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Training Union..... 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship..... 7:00 p.m.
Monday W.M.U..... 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday Brotherhood. 7:55 p.m.

Wednesday—
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WELCOME TO THE 1980'S

County has place in new book

Sketches of Castro County, its towns, history, industries, crops and activities, are included in a book, "Presenting the Texas Panhandle," which was published earlier this year by Lan-Bea Publications of Canyon.

Lan-Bea Publications is a project of Lana Payne Barnett and Elizabeth Brooks Buhrkuhl, two young women who have attempted to issue a survey of the entire Panhandle with a section for each of the 26 counties.

It gives facts that are of interest to newcomers or visitors to the area, including a list of annual events and "things to See and Do" in each county. Not only strangers, but established residents of the Panhandle may find facts about the community that they had not known.

Seven pages are devoted to Castro County, illustrated with photographs of the first courthouse and the present one, the County Historical Museum, turn-of-the-century scenes of ranch and farm workers, Dimmitt business houses and a Hart Days parade float.

The county history, titled "Yesterday in Castro County," was written by Teeny Bowden, who compiled a volume of county history several years ago and is active in the County Historical Society.

Agricultural production in Castro County is featured in the introductory sketch of "Presenting the Texas Panhandle." It mentions an average income from farming of over \$135 million, making the county one of the leading agricultural producers in Texas.

Industries growing out of agriculture, including Amstar Corporation's corn wet-milling plant, the Goodpasture plant that produces chemicals used in agriculture, grain elevators, cotton gins, vegetable packing plants, commercial cattle and sheep feedlots are named as principal industries.

Major crops such as corn, cotton, wheat, milo, sugar beets, sunflowers and vegetables are named. Ranching is given attention along with feedlot operations.

Space is given to Dimmitt, the county seat; Hart, in a rich farm area and agri-business center; and Nazareth, whose residents mostly of German descent present a widely-known Christmas pageant each year and whose girls' basketball team has made a habit of winning state Class B championships.

Plains Memorial Hospital, Rhoads Memorial Library and the Municipal Airport are featured in the section on Dimmitt, along with the city's schools, churches, industries and facilities for shopping and recreation.

The outstanding agricultural program of Hart schools and the youth programs of the city's five churches are noted.

Nazareth is mentioned for its postoffice, which has received Christmas cards from all over the country each year, to be postmarked and mailed from the town with the New Testament name.

Annual events of interest are listed as:

-Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce banquet in January.

-Ninth Grade Basketball Tourney in Dimmitt, also in January.

-Heart Fund Square Dance in Dimmitt, early in February.

-Hart Stock Show, second weekend in February.

-Castro County Stock Show, third weekend in February in Dimmitt.

-German Festival at Nazareth in July.

-Dimmitt Rodeo in June.

-Hart Days, second weekend in August.

-Labor Day Festival at Nazareth.

-County Fair and Old Settlers Reunion in September at Dimmitt.

-Kiwanis Club pheasant hunt and hunters' breakfast, first day of pheasant hunting season.

-Nazareth Art Club Arts and Crafts Show and Sale in November.

-Plains Memorial Hospital Bazaar and Buffet at Dimmitt in December.

-Christmas Pageant at Nazareth the weekend before Christmas.

Listed as "Things to See and Do" are the Castro County Museum, Rhoads Memorial Library, City Park, Castro County Country Club and golf course, sheep shearing at Estacado Industries south of Sunnyside, Amstar plant tours, Rev. Stanley Crocchiola's collection of Texas historical material at Nazareth.

"Interesting Facts" about the county include:

-First Catholic settlers at Nazareth, where the residents now are mostly Catholics of German descent, were Irish.

-The new US Representative from the 31st District, Kent Hance, was born and grew up in Dimmitt.

-A mound of earth seven miles northwest of Dimmitt was made by surveyors about 1876, to mark a corner which came to be known as Summerfield's Hub and served as the starting point for later surveys of Plains counties. John Summerfield, state surveyor, headed the survey party and the town of Summerfield was named for him.

Mrs. Bowden begins her history of the county with this survey, and with the first settlers, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carter, who arrived in 1884 from Abilene and built a house,

partly below ground, on Running Water Draw.

Ranching activity in the county before 1890, when the town of Dimmitt was established, is traced, then the progress of the community after the first county officials were elected in December, 1891, with L. Gough as county judge.

In that year the first church in the county, the Baptist, was established. Dimmitt had two stores, a hotel, one doctor and its first school teacher, Lou Belsher.

Data is also briefed about establishment of other communities in the county—Bethel, Arney, Summerfield, Hart, Flagg and Nazareth.

Coach Pierce leaving Hart for new job

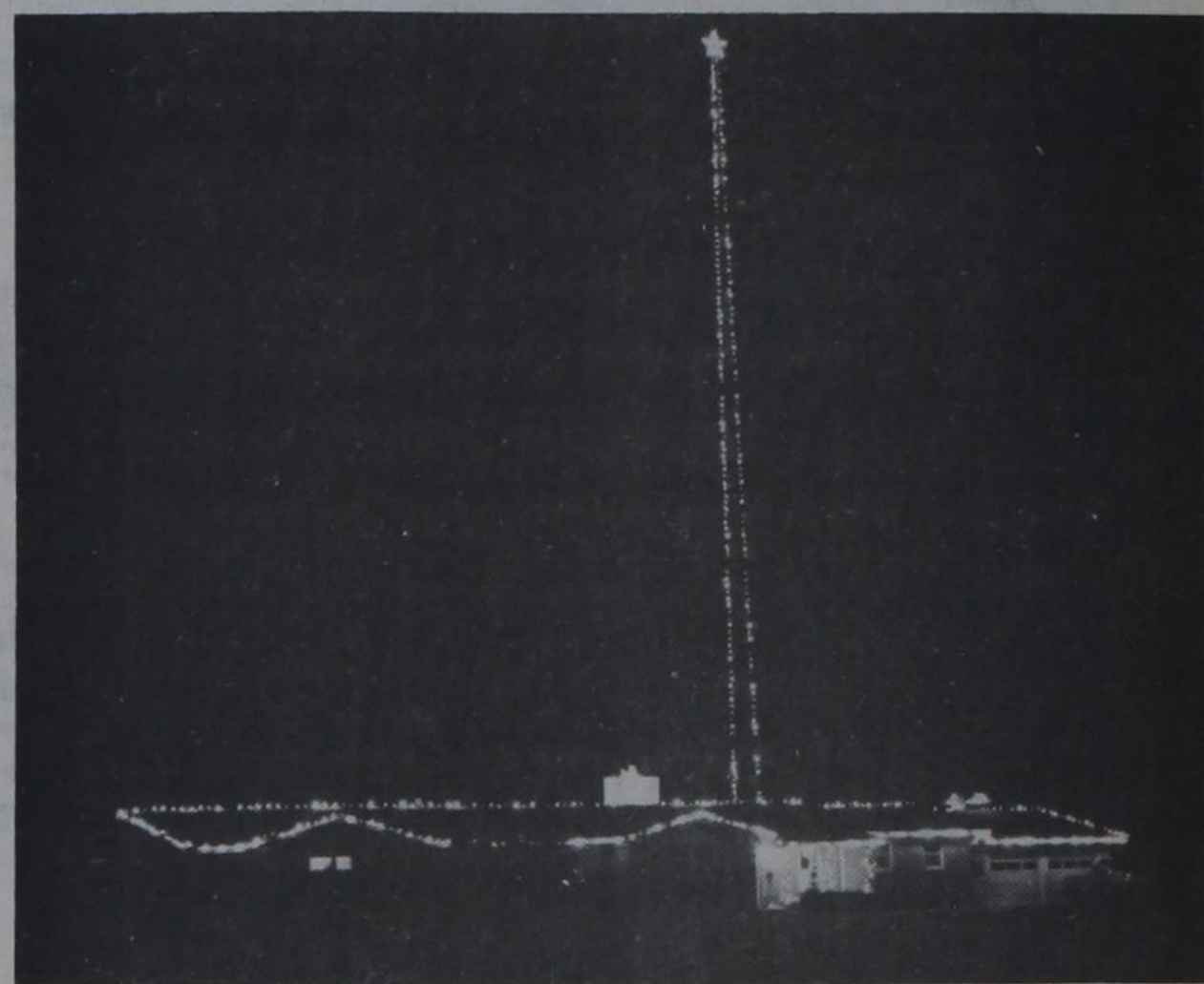
Buddy Pierce, athletic director and football coach at Hart High School the past two years, is leaving that job this week. He submitted his resignation, effective Jan. 1, so he will not return to HHS after the Christmas holidays.

Pierce will take a job as a race horse trainer with Midwest Stallion Station in Kress. The work will be new to him, Pierce said, although he has ridden horses and trained his own horses since he was a youth.

At Hart, the coach had a rebuilding job with young players and had a record of six wins, 12 losses and a tie during his two seasons.

"The kids will be better next year, and even better the next year," he said, "because the biggest nucleus is formed of sophomores. We have seven offensive and seven defensive starters from this year's squad coming back for the 1980 season."

In A lifetime the average American will consume 350 cows, 320 hogs, 227 lambs, 50 acres of fruits and vegetables and 28 acres of grain.



THIRD PLACE winner in the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Christmas Home Lighting contest is the Donal Wright home five miles east of town. The star-topped antenna is visible for miles, and multi-colored lights line the roof and porch. Up on the rooftop, Santa is going down the chimney.



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

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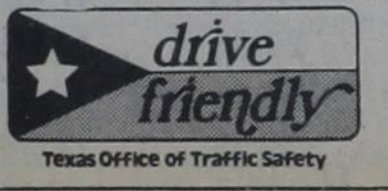
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Carry medical history when taking trips

Travelers, especially when leaving the country, should carry a one-page personal medical history with them in case of accident or other medical emergency.

A person who contracts a disease or has an accident requiring immediate medical aid can help the attending doctor by having this information available, says a health education specialist, Carla Shearer, of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Follow this advice to prepare yourself for any possible emergencies:

- (1) Prepare a short medical history on each family member, and keep it with passports or international identification cards for easy locating.
- (2) Include any drug allergies or hypersensitivities as well as any information about regular medication that you are taking.
- (3) Note if you are a diabetic, have a pacemaker, wear contact lenses or any other conditions that might influence emergency care.
- (4) Include the name and address of your personal physician along with the type of health insurance that you have.
- (5) Be sure that you are not carrying illegal drugs as you enter other countries. Very stiff jail terms or heavy fines are the rule in many countries.
- (6) Check your health policy on its applicability outside of the United States. Remember that Medicare generally does not pay out-of-country medical bills for persons 65 and over traveling or living abroad.
- (7) If you are uncertain about local medical services, contact the nearest US embassy or consulate.

14—CARD OF THANKS

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Foster homes for aged persons are considered

Laws will go into effect soon concerning nursing home care for the aged and some alternatives, according to Gary Ferguson, social worker for the Texas Department of Human Resources in the Hereford office which serves Castro County.

TDHR is attempting to expand its services to the elderly by providing alternatives to nursing home care, and one of these alternatives is foster care, Ferguson explains.

"If it sounds like TDHR is anti-nursing home, that is not the case," he added. "Our goal is simply to help as many people as possible delay going to a nursing home until they really need to, for medical reasons."

Nursing homes will continue to meet the needs of many elderly people, Ferguson said, but many who would otherwise have to go to nursing homes can remain in their own homes with a little help in personal care and household tasks, or they may find foster homes more satisfactory.

"We're trying to make foster care available in the Hereford area," he said. "It is for older people who are in pretty good health, but just need some assistance with day-to-day activities, or who perhaps just need a home."

He explained that foster homes are studied carefully and then licensed when they meet TDHR qualifications. Cost of the care is shared by the department and the individual.

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Not only does the elderly person benefit from the care and family atmosphere in a foster home, but the foster family gains from the companionship and life experiences of the elderly person, Ferguson continued.

"In these cases, everyone comes out ahead. The client does not have to go to a nursing home before he really needs nursing care, the home provider gets someone to share with, and foster care costs the state much less than nursing home care," he said.

In this area there are 35 to 50 people who need foster homes, Ferguson said, and "we just have to make people in the community aware of the needs."

"More and more today, society tends to shut off its elderly to nursing homes whether they need to be there or not. There, out of sight and out of mind, the elderly who could contribute much to the lives of others must live out the rest of their days in uselessness and futility. There are alternatives, and we want to put them into effect."

Anyone who would like to discuss making their home a foster home is invited to call Ferguson at 364-6841 in Hereford.

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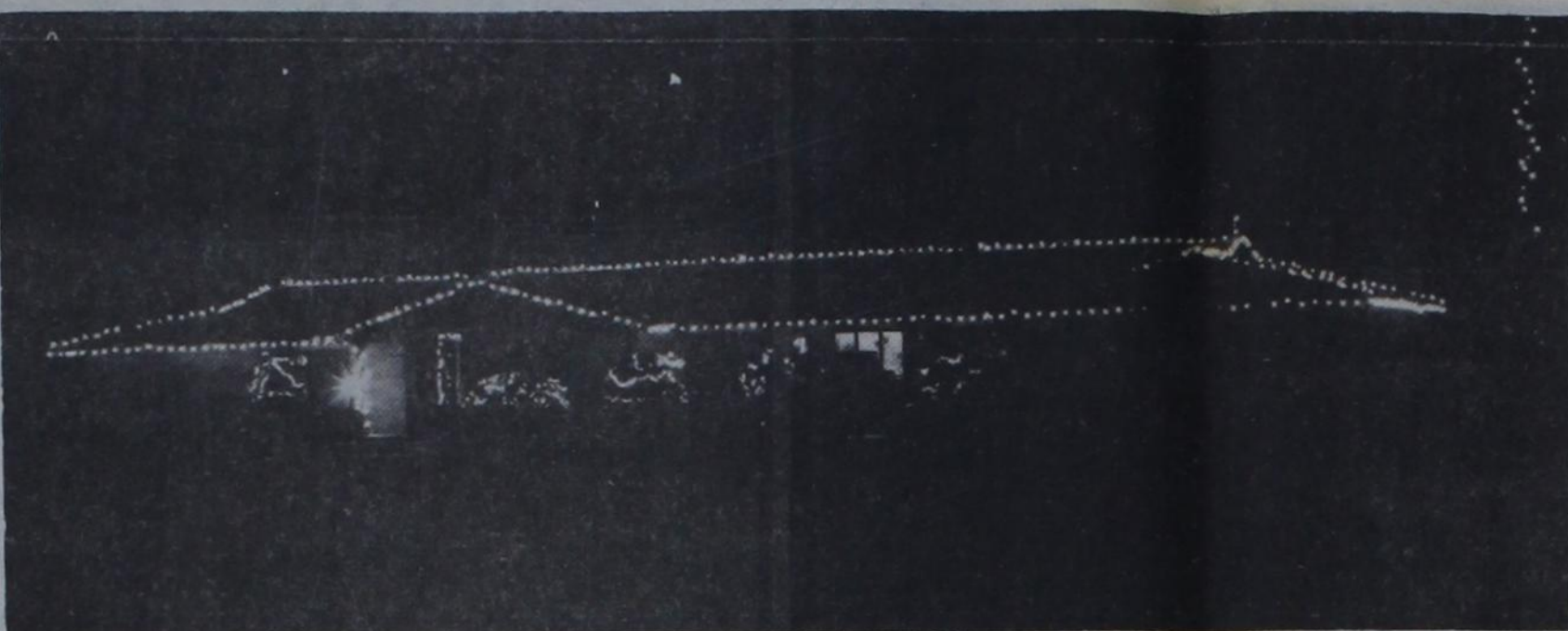
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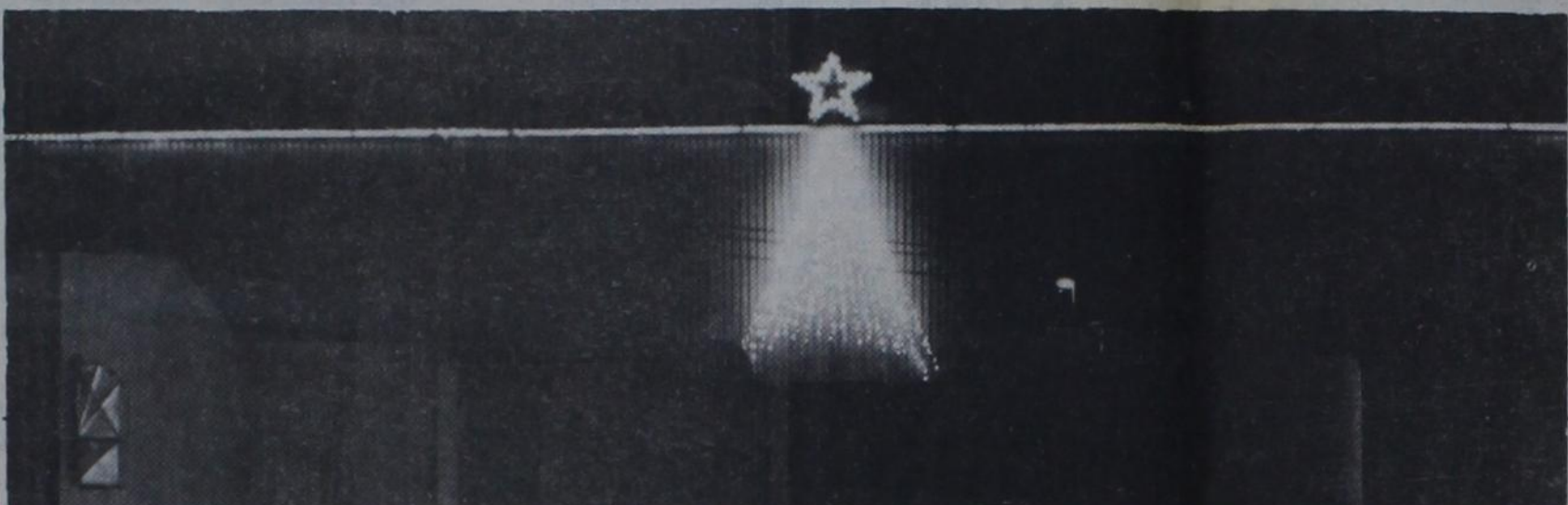
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Tourneys feature cage schedule for holidays

Bobcats and Bobbies from Dimmitt High School will go into tournament action this weekend, the boys at Lubbock in the Caprock Tourney and the girls at Slaton. Nazareth's Swifts and Swiftettes will be at home to Littlefield teams Friday night in their only holiday week games, then will play in the Abernathy Tournament Jan. 3-5. Hart Varsity teams are taking off during the holidays and will meet Sudan at Hart Jan. 3, then Lazbuddie Jan. 4. They have completed their tournament schedule, but Hart Junior Varsity teams will enter the Springlake-Earth JV tourney Jan. 10. The Slaton tourney, with 12 teams entered, began Wednesday but the Bobbies are in a bracket that has first games scheduled today (Thursday). Coach Jimmy Hoyle's team will meet Cooper at 2 p.m. Losers in that game will play losers of a Lockney-Pampa contest at 2 p.m. Friday and the two winning teams will clash at 6 p.m. Friday. The Bobcats are scheduled for the opening game of the Caprock tourney in Lubbock Memorial Coliseum, against Tahoka at 10:30 a.m. today. Tulia and Spur will play at 12:30 p.m. Winners in these games will meet in the second round at 6 p.m. Friday, after the losers' game at 10:30 a.m. ADOLF Hitler owned 9,000 acres of land in Colorado.

View from the Library



By BRICK AUTRY Librarian
Marty Welch and Paul Tamminen are not video freaks. They will tell you so. Most people do not know these two. They work at the Pocatello Public Library in Idaho. Since 1973 these two have pioneered a new library service—video programs in the library. Television in the library is becoming more commonplace every day. Amarillo Public Library now has a television and a video program. This is not the usual commercial television that we're talking about. These televisions sit on a stand and have a tape recorder looking machine which has spools of shiny black tape which all television stations use. As the video tape plays the picture appears on the television above. It can be played over and over and best of all, there are no commercials. Lots of library patrons wanted to know why these two men put television in the library. "For a very good old fashioned reason," they replied, "it brings people into the library." After doing some serious research, Paul Tamminen discovered that video in the library was feasible from the cost. It costs only ten cents per half hour to use the video in the library. The Pocatello Library Board asked a reasonable question, "It's fine about the cost, but is anybody watching?" Marty Welch organized a survey and found the video popular and capable of being even more popular if the library video was plugged into the cable TV. So Marty busied himself talking video all around Pocatello and got the library's video on the cable. Now says Marty, who now produces his own library programs, about half of Pocatello gets to benefit from the library's programming. He's still trying to get the other half to

More about Elections ...

[Continued from Page 1] ies will be held May 3. Filing must be done with the respective county party chairmen—Oscar Wylie, County Democratic Chairman, or Deanne Clark, County Republican Chairman. Either of the party chairmen will assist any prospective candidate who wishes to enter the primaries. Officials whose terms are expiring after 1980 are Sheriff Granville Martin, County-District Attorney Jimmy Davis, Tax Assessor-Collector Jerry Heller and two county com-

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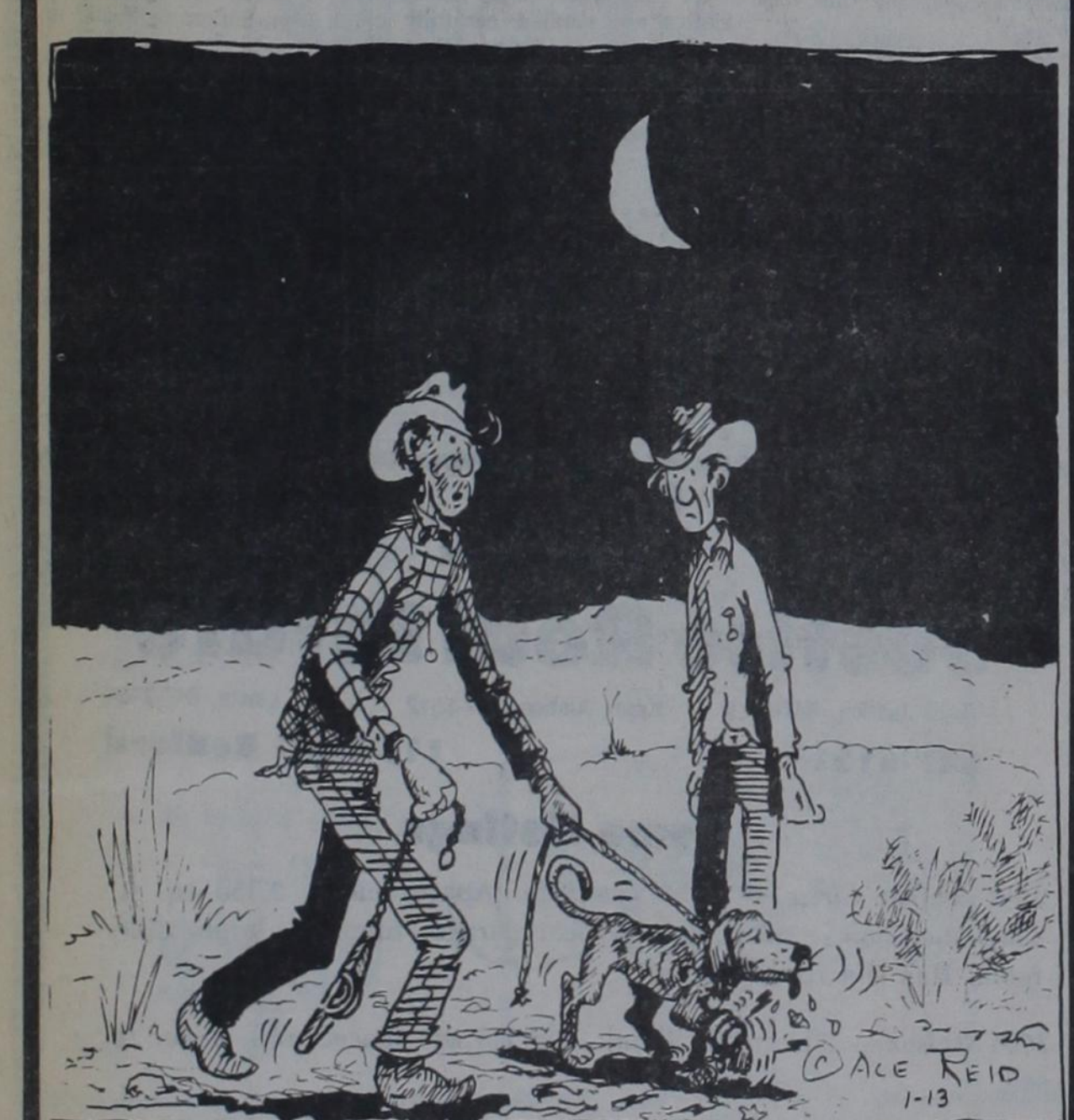
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Nazareth school board considers safety needs

Fire drills, emergency procedure in case of fire at the Nazareth school, and a clear opening reserved for a fire truck were discussed by Nazareth Independent School District trustees at their December meeting.

Carroll Gerber represented the Nazareth Volunteer Fire Department and gave a report on the school's readiness for an emergency. School Supt. Johnny Mason said the high school principal, Jim Pegram, would be in charge in case of fire at school.

The board promised further consideration of fire safety plans.

In other action at the meeting, the board:

—Accepted a bid of \$800 from Roger Williams for a 1964 Chevrolet school bus that the board had advertised for sale.

—Voted not to extend any school bus route beyond state approved routes. This followed a report that state funds might not be used for driving ineligible bus riders to a place of work.

—Approved appointment of Mason, Eddie Hooper, Pegram, Bruce Bagnall and Duane Cox to the textbook committee for 1980-81.

—Accepted the resignation of Pat Dawson and hired Jan Latham as a teacher. Also voted to replace Dawson with Bagnall as driver of a bus route.

—Voted to charge \$200 tuition for a half-year to any transfer student.

—Heard reports from Mason on lunchroom funds, collection of delinquent school taxes, the school activity fund and enrollment.



BETTY HOOVER TALKS TO FRENCH PEN PAL
... Call was a Christmas-anniversary present

Long-time pen pals united by telephone

Although they had written each other for 16 years as pen pals, Betty Hoover of Dimmitt and Christian Fontanneau of France had never seen or spoken to one another—until Wednesday night.

As a Christmas present from her husband, Doyle, Betty made a surprise phone call to Christian, who lives in the south central French town of Limoges.

After several attempts, the Hoovers finally reached a sleepy and surprised Fontanneau at 5 p.m. Wednesday—midnight French time.

Initially, they had some difficulty understanding each other and Susan Hanners translated some of Betty's questions into French for Christian. As the conversation continued they began to understand each other a little better.

The Hoovers recorded the eight-minute call on cassette tape by attaching a "telephone pickup" to the receiver and the tape recorder.

Betty and Christian first began corresponding in 1964 when she was 13 and he was 14. Through their schools, they signed up for an international pen pal program and received each other's names after three months.

The two exchanged letters

and gifts as they grew up and now exchange gifts for their children. One wall in the Hoover's home contains an arrangement including a porcelain picture from Christian's home region. There is also a collection of pictures of Fontanneau as a young boy and with his wife and children.

After inviting Christian and his family for a visit in the United States, Betty found out that his wife, Marie Annick, is expecting a new baby in two months. They have one daughter, Alexandra, who is five.

Fontanneau works in a bank in Limoges and Marie Annick is a nurse.

Farm energy survey set in January

Report forms for a farm energy survey to provide current data on agricultural energy consumption and needs will be mailed to farmers and ranchers early in January by the Bureau of the Census, US Department of Commerce.

The survey is a follow-up part of the 1978 Census of Agriculture conducted earlier this year. A sample of 30,000 farm operators was drawn from the nationwide census mail list for the survey.

Data on gasoline, diesel oil, electricity and other energy consumption by farmers will be collected. The survey is being conducted at the request of the US Departments of Agriculture and Energy. Census Bureau officials say the information requested by the Departments of Energy and Agriculture will provide the basis for timely and adequate distribution of fuel to farmers. Data for 1979 derived from the survey will be published for use by farmer and business organizations, the Congress, and federal and state agencies.

Survey questions also will be asked on energy conservation practices and expenditures; fuel sources; crop drying and curing facilities; farm building heating, air conditioning and water heating; acreage owned or leased; crops produced and sold; and sales of livestock, poultry and their products. The data will be published in early 1981, as part of Volume 5, Special Reports of the 1978 Census of Agriculture.

Response to the survey form is mandatory; however, officials stress that the same law requires that individual reports be kept confidential and that only statistical totals be released for publication.

Census Bureau officials urge a speedy response requesting that the forms be returned within 20 days of receipt noting this will facilitate early publication of data and avoid the expense of additional requests.

Farm financial survey set by Census Bureau

A survey of the financial characteristics of operators and owners of farm land to produce needed information for committees of the congress will be taken January by the Bureau of the Census, US Department of Commerce.

Survey report forms will be sent to a sample of US farmers and ranchers as a follow-up to the 1978 Census of Agriculture conducted earlier this year. The farm finance survey is the latest in a series to obtain data on land ownership, expenditures, credit used, debts, assets, income, taxes, and operator and landlord characteristics. Earlier surveys were conducted in 1960, 1965 and 1970.

Two survey forms will be mailed. One will be to 40,000 farm operators and a second to the landlords of the same farms. The first will have questions on land ownership as well as the financial status of the operators. Additional characteristics of these operators will be obtained by matching to corresponding 1978 Census of Agriculture reports.

The landlord form will provide statistics on characteristics of both farm-operating and nonfarm operating landlords and will seek in-depth data on the occupation of the owners, number of tenants, method by which the land was acquired, citizenship of owners, and type of ownership. For all farm owners, a separate tabulation will be made for those whose income is primarily from farming versus those whose main occupation is other than farming.

Bureau officials point out that, although the survey was primarily designed to provide estimates of the financial structure of the nation's agriculture, current needs for more information on ownership of agricultural lands have required its scope to be broadened.

Foreign ownership, rapidly increasing land values, increased concentrations in

ownership and in agricultural production, and loss of farmland to urban and other non-farm uses all have been recent topics of discussion by Congressional committees and policy-making groups in the agricultural community.

With the addition to the survey of a limited number of questions relating to the ownership of land, much of the benchmark data required by the policy makers can be obtained with a minimum of additional respondent burden and cost.

In the census of agriculture, the focus is on the farm operating unit rather than ownership. Data are not collected in the census for owners of agricultural land who do not operate farms. This survey will provide such statistics.

Like the census, response to the survey form is mandatory. Bureau officials stress that the same law requires that individual reports be kept confidential and that only statistical totals be released for publication. They request that the forms be returned within 20 days from receipt and emphasize that if book figures are not available, best estimates will be accepted.

Urging a speedy response, officials note this will facilitate early publication of data and avoid the expense of additional requests. Published data will be available in mid-1981 as part of Volume 5, Special Reports of the 1978 Census of Agriculture.

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The figures are taken from a survey conducted by Dowden Koeninger, DHS counselor, who sent cards by mail to the college students asking them for information. The cards were returned by 21 students, 16 of them attending four-year colleges.

Five 1979 grads are on full or partial athletic scholarships to five colleges and universities in Texas and Oklahoma. Value of the scholarships is estimated to average \$2,000 each year.

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An athletic grant is for the sum of \$200 to \$326, and another student received a \$113 grant.

A scholarship for \$800 is helping one student, others received \$200, \$150 and \$100, with the latter sum going to four persons.

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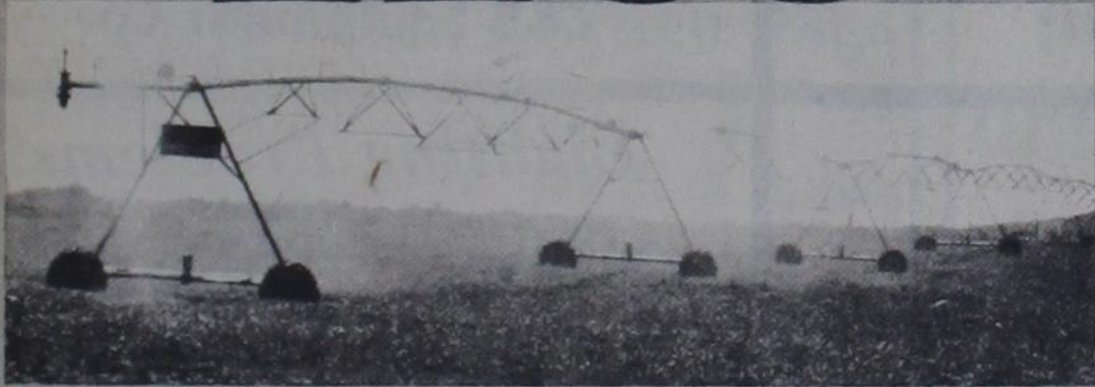
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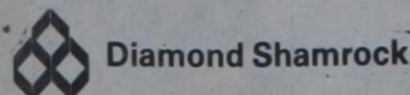
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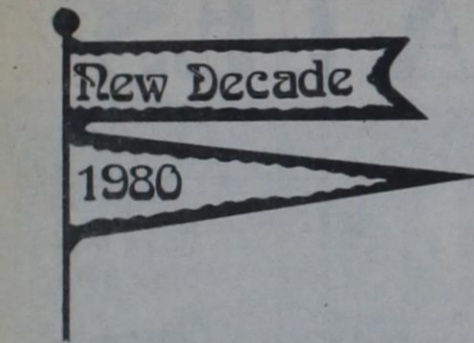
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Babson's 1980 forecast...

[Continued from Page 1] money rates will facilitate improvement in home building, but even then new housing starts will do well to better the 1.4-million mark.

the year, followed by a flat second quarter. After mid-year, loosening of the mortgage credit situation and less oppressively high mortgage rates compared with the housing

field, heavy construction has fared quite well in 1979, and we expect this relative strength to repeat in 1980. Of help to this sector will be government efforts to bolster a troubled economy and provide employment opportunities for idled workers.

CORPORATE PROFITS—DIVIDENDS

Corporate profits will dip approximately 10% below 1979 levels. The slow tempo of business will deter price markups large enough to offset cost increases. The profits pinch will ease in the second half of 1980. And with the less favorable profits picture, we do not expect a wave of dividend increases like that in 1979. However, widespread reductions in disbursements are not in the cards.

WAGES AND PRICES

As indicated earlier, we believe the business decline will have a tempering effect upon the aggressiveness of labor in 1980, and yet bargaining for new labor pacts will produce many wage hikes approximating the Administration's non-inflationary guideline. This is unavoidable, in view of the drastic shrinkage of consumers' buying power during the life of the labor contracts about to expire.

The early-year softness in business will tend to inhibit the immediate flow-through of new wage increments in their entirety. Indeed, we would not be surprised to see occasional and spotty price down-shadings. But fuel and energy costs are still heading higher, with an inevitable impact on transportation and distribution costs, and on operating costs in general.

Therefore, there will be price rises at the wholesale and retail levels, though not of the magnitude or pervasiveness of recent years.

EMPLOYMENT AND JOBLESSNESS

Because the recession we now foresee should not run dangerously deep, 1980 should not experience massive layoffs. Instead, we are confident that employment can hover in a peak range, constituting a very important source of support for consumer confidence.

We do not expect a frightening upsurge in unemployment. Still, a rise in the jobless rate is inevitable, as it will be difficult for the economy to absorb all of the new entries and re-entries into the labor force. For 1980, we expect unemployment to average around 7 1/4% of the available civilian labor force, with a high point of around 8%.

PERSONAL INCOME—CONSUMER SPENDING

A generally stable employment picture, wage hikes, heavy transfer payments, and interest and dividend incomes will all figure as favorable factors producing higher gross personal income in 1980. While the rise will not match the rate of increase established in 1979, our estimate is a jump of around 7%. However, take-home pay (disposable personal income) will manage only to edge forward.

The sustained peak level of personal income we anticipate will translate into better-maintained consumer spending than seems possible at this time. Though much of the year will be flat, retail trade should end 1980 on a strong note.

AGRICULTURAL PROSPECTS

1979 has been a good year for most farmers. Prices for farm products have been strong enough to improve financial positions, and this has been another fine crop year. The high level of farm exports should be expanded further in 1980. Shortages in Russia and certain eastern European

Senior Citizens' lunch menu

THURSDAY — Spaghetti and meat balls, green peas, glazed carrots, peanut butter cake, rolls, butter, milk.

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countries, plus lagging Canadian output, are favorable to domestic farm exports, with consequent benefits to income.

DOMESTIC POLITICAL SCENE

The campaign for the Presidency will command a good deal of attention in 1980, but it should not materially alter the course of business.

The primaries and the election may be bruising, and events such as this nation has had to endure recently could have an effect on the final outcome at the polls. Charges, counter-charges and campaign promises could influence business and consumer sentiment.

At the congressional level, the battle for control of both houses will also be tough. However, the Republican Party faces a hard uphill fight. It could make notable headway, but fall short of control.

GOVERNMENT SPENDING—TAXES

Government spending will continue upward in 1980, owing partly to inflation. Economic exigencies will spur outlays at all levels of government to fend off more serious dislocations.

Recession troubles will undoubtedly bring pressure for tax-cut legislation. Chances are favorable for tax relief, but that probably will not take effect until 1981. Enactment of a value-added tax is not likely for 1980, and attempts to pare Social Security levies are not likely to bear fruit before midyear.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

From time to time, business and investment sentiment will be shaken by unrest abroad. The recent appalling anti-American sentiment in many parts of the Moslem world may give other nations cause to doubt US assistance capabilities.

Overall, this scenario, and priorities related to next year's election, do not promise well for worthwhile progress on important matters such as the Palestinian question and attempts to improve US-Soviet relations.

Brush fires in one or more of the world's many hot spots cannot be ruled out, but direct US military involvement is not likely.

MONEY SUPPLIES—INTEREST RATES

The emphasis on anti-inflation credit tightening will restrain growth of the nation's money supply. However, economic problems and election-year considerations will very likely force some easing of the throttle on restrictive monetary policy around mid-1980.

Oppressively high interest rates are already showing signs of easing, at least for short-term borrowing. Lower longer-term interest rates, on the other hand, may not come much before the year's midpoint. Overall, we look for distinct betterment in the interest-rates situation by late 1980, but only as compared with recent peak levels.

STOCK AND BOND OUTLOOK

While the US dollar will probably be subjected to buffeting from time to time in the year ahead, the reining in of galloping inflation and betterment in the interest-rates picture will be beneficial to the bond market.

Therefore, investors who commence to tie down near-peak interest rates at this time could be well pleased by 1980's end.

The strengthening of bond portfolios should initially emphasize issues with near or intermediate maturities before going further out on the maturity scale. Bonds with generous yields are in profusion, to the benefit of fixed-income investors. These include taxable issues and tax-exempts, medium- and conservative-grade bonds, short- and long-term maturities, and high-coupon and discount bonds.

1979 proved to be another year of frustration for most investors, with the stock market showing little progress. Although some stock groups and merger-bait issues did well at various times, the rest of the market was victimized by the unnerving effects of foreign political upheavals, waves of anti-American demonstrations, and the unyielding grip of inflation and high interest rates.

But what was not accomplished in 1979 will benefit investors in 1980—or at least those with the courage, pa-

tiency, and foresight to go bargain hunting when attractive values abound. Babson's Reports feels the stock market held its own under a number of ordinarily panic-producing circumstances during much of this past year, and that the year ahead can bring a shift toward more optimism, and longer-term investment planning. There will be opportunities for all portfolio objectives.

Swifts get mention on All-SP team

Jeff Schmucker of the Nazareth Swifts was given honorable mention on both offense and defense of the Class B All-South Plains grid team announced last week.

Two other Swifts, Bryan Huseman and Dale Wilhelm, were mentioned on the offensive squad.

Schmucker, a senior who stands 6-3 and weighs 195, earned honorable mention as an end and also as a defensive back.

Huseman was listed as a running back and Wilhelm as a tackle on offense. Wilhelm is also a senior, at 6-1 and 210 pounds. Huseman will have another year with the Swifts. As a junior he measures 5-10 and weighs 175.

Bobbies fall to Lady Lopes

Abernathy's Lady Lopes earned their second victory of the season over Dimmitt's Bobbies here last Thursday night, 50-38.

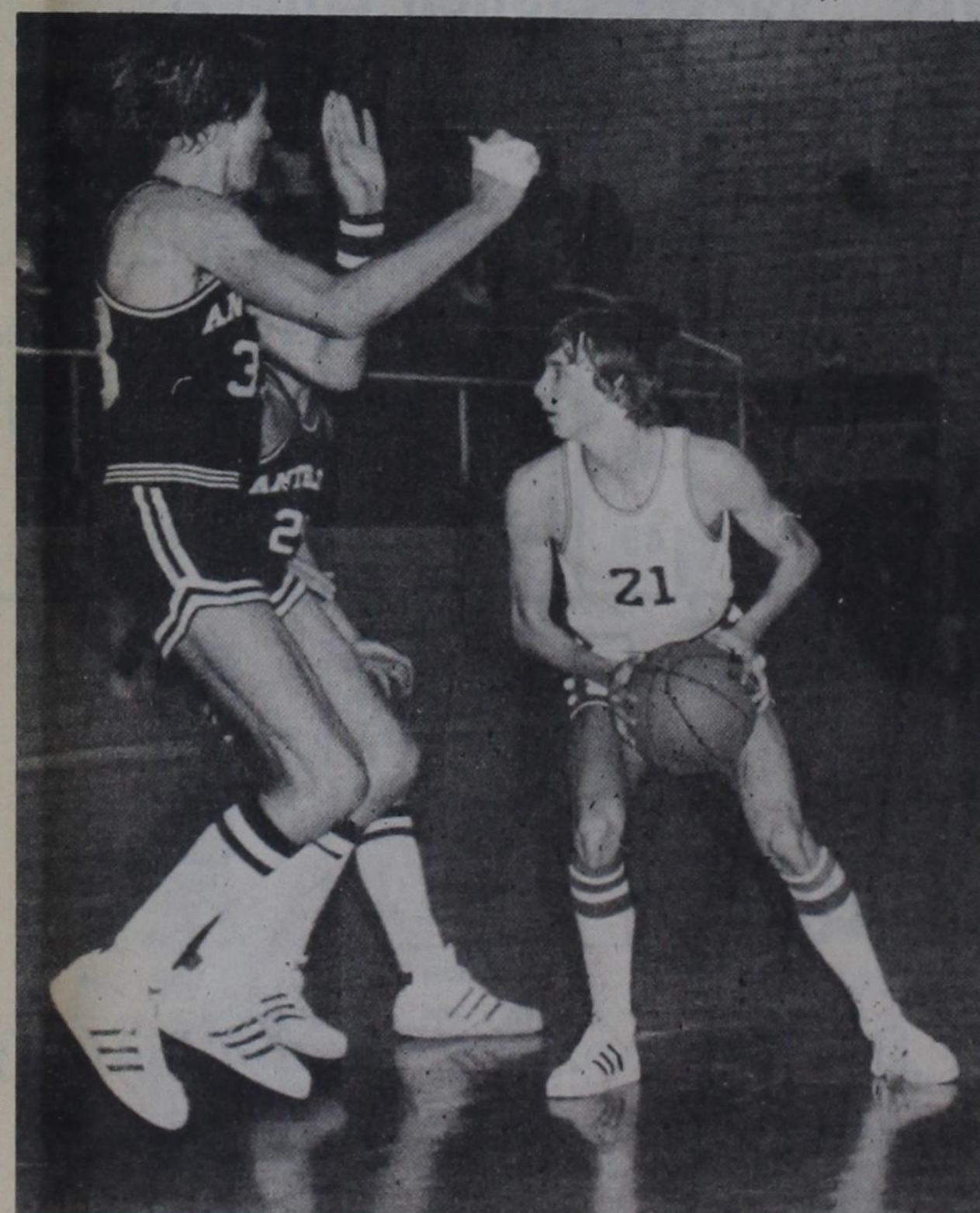
The loss left the Bobbies with a 9-6 mark going into the holidays.

In the face of Abernathy's tough defense, the Bobbies fell far below their usual shooting percentage. They connected on only 36% of their field shots (14 of 39) and 48% of their free throws (10 of 21).

The Lady Lopes jumped out to a 17-8 lead in the first quarter and stayed out front throughout the game. The Bobbies pulled to within four at halftime, 20-24, but the visitors hiked their lead to 40-30 during the third and stayed 10-12 points out front the rest of the way.

Becky Andrews with 11 points was the only Bobbie to score in double figures. Vicki Cleveland led Dimmitt in credits with 10.

Abernathy also won the junior varsity girls' game, 46-35.



STEVE STONE spins and looks for help as Abernathy's Dean McGuire (33) and an unidentified Antelope block his path at the free-throw line in the fourth quarter of last Thursday night's Bobcat-Antelope game here.

At this stage, the Bobcats were holding a three-point lead. Abernathy tied it at 58-58 with three seconds left, but the Bobcats won in overtime, 63-62.

The first black tennis player to win a tennis championship at Wimbledon was Althea Gibson, women's singles in 1957.



'HEY, YOU GUYS!'—After picking off a rebound, Abernathy's Joey Garcia looks for help as Dimmitt's Vicente Salinas (22) and Phil King bottle him up during the second quarter of last Thursday night's Antelope-Bobcat tussle here. The Bobcats won the rough-and-tumble game in overtime, 63-62.

Cats edge Lopes in overtime, 63-62

Whistles blew and bodies flew as Dimmitt's Bobcats fought their way to a 63-62 overtime victory against the highly ranked Abernathy Antelopes here last Thursday night.

After 51 called fouls and 54 free throws, a single charity toss proved to be the difference. Dimmitt sank 15 of 19 from the free-throw line (52%), while Abernathy collected 14 of 25 (56%).

"We could have put it away with free throws in the fourth quarter, but we missed eight—and most of them were one-and-ones," exhausted Coach Ken Cleveland said afterward.

It was the Bobcats' seventh victory in their last eight games, and it was a big one.

The Antelopes were ranked No. 2 in the state by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. The victory raised the Bobcats' record to 8-6.

Last Thursday night's battle—played before a big, noisy crowd—started off like a hockey game, with a lot of body checks and traps and an occasional score.

The Bobcats had three fouls before they ever took a shot.

After Vicente Salinas ante'd up, Dimmitt couldn't buy another basket until the first quarter was down to the 2:59 mark. And Abernathy was already in a bonus free-throw situation with the score still tied at 2-2.

The big Antelopes' full-court press stifled the Bobcats and enabled Abernathy to go

out to an 8-2 lead. But then the Antelopes committed a rash of fouls and pulled off their press, and the Bobcats started picking up some points.

Phil King finally broke the drought for Dimmitt with a free throw at 2:59 and a layup 25 seconds later to bring the Cats within three at 5-8.

With 30 seconds left in the opening period, Jeff Lindsey canned a corner shot to put Dimmitt in front for the first time, 11-10. The quarter ended with the Bobcats up by 13-12.

The Bobcats struck their stride with outside shots in the second and moved out to a 29-22 lead. But in the third, the Antelopes fought back to narrow Dimmitt's lead to three, 42-39.

Dimmitt surged back out to a nine-point lead during the final quarter, and appeared to have the game in hand. But King and Salinas fouled out in the final 1:45, cutting Dimmitt's rebounding strength, and the Antelopes used rebounds and steals to cut the margin to 57-54 as the clock passed the 1:00 mark.

With 41 seconds left, Abernathy's Willie Betts sank a pair of free throws to close it to 57-56, then the Antelopes went for the winning shot with 15 seconds left. But it rimmed out and Dimmitt's Gary Naylor was fouled as he rebounded.

Naylor sank a free throw to put Dimmitt up by two with 13 seconds left. But after a time-out, Abernathy's Joey Garcia sank the tying basket with three seconds remaining. With the score knotted at 58, the game went into overtime.

The Bobcats took control in the extra period when Norris Cole wrestled away a rebound and put it up for two to give Dimmitt a 60-58 advantage. Then Steve Stone sank a side jumper to give the Bobcats a little breathing room, 62-58.

The Antelopes sank a basket with 33 seconds left, but Kevin Cleveland hit the front end of a one-and-one to put Dimmitt up by 63-60. Abernathy sank another basket with nine seconds left, but missed a long desperation shot as the clock ran out.

Salinas finished as Dimmitt's high scorer with 17, while Stone sank 10.

Waterbeds offer comfort, therapy

Waterbeds today offer comfort "plus" and therapeutic advantages over conventional bedding, says Dr. Jane Berry, a housing and home furnishings specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

COMFORT 'PLUS'

For comfort, today's "streamlined" waterbeds offer the freedom-to-sleep features of the old models without the old shortcomings.

Modern flotation sleep systems weigh about half as much as the originals, since height and capacity of the mattress is reduced.

Some units even have air-filled compartments—or baffles—to avoid wave action.

With the addition of air, these units weigh 40 percent less than other models.

Freedom-to-sleep features that the waterbeds offer stem from the fact that a water mattress doesn't put stress on the many "pressure points" of the body as a conventional mattress does.

Stress at the various pressure points restricts circulation.

That causes discomfort and eventual "tossing and turning."

Because the water mattress conforms to body curves, the pressure points are relieved.

Generally, when a person sleeps soundly, fewer hours of sleep are required.

THERAPEUTIC ADVANTAGES

Health-care professionals

already recognize the therapeutic value of sleeping on a water mattress for burn victims and for long-term bed patients to prevent bedsores.

In addition, because it relieves pressure-point stress, the waterbed can reduce the discomfort of arthritis and some back ailments.

HEATER—A COMFORT 'MUST'

Heaters are usually recommended for today's waterbeds—as a comfort "must," since room-temperature water isn't comfortable or healthful.

When water temperature is lower than body temperature, heat is drained from the body.

That causes discomfort, sore muscles and increased heartbeat.

Heaters eliminate that, and they prevent the possibility of condensation—along with the growth of mildew and fungus, which can cause odors and damage the vinyl and foam.

Waterbed heaters are flat, flexible pads which must be placed UNDER the fitted liner.

Take special care to place the heater so it is NOT in direct contact with water. Make sure it bears the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) approval.

Some heaters are preset to 85 degrees and are designed primarily to prevent condensation.

Others have controls for adjusting the temperature from 70 degrees to 100 degrees.

Anti-freeze is deadly

Anti-freeze may keep the car radiator from freezing solid, but anti-freeze can also mean death to children and pets, according to the Texas Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA) and Texas Medical Association (TMA).

A chemical in anti-freeze called ethylene glycol has a sweet taste, much like a soft drink, and children and pets are attracted to it.

Before the first freeze Texans will be draining their radiators to make way for the new anti-freeze. This is where the trouble begins. Many people collect the old fluid by placing a pan underneath the car radiator. Since it usually contains old anti-freeze or coolant substance, the pan left out or in the garage offers children and animals a tasty treat—but a deadly one.

Frequently, people let the radiator drain onto the driveway and run down the street

curbing. This still leaves the old fluid for pets to lap up or kids to splash or dip their hands into—ready for a little sip of this deadly drink.

A dog need only lap up two to three cc's per pound of weight and a cat even less for anti-freeze to bring about a painful death. Dr. David Bechtol, TVMA president and former Dimmitt resident, says the hard part about helping an animal that has ingested anti-freeze is that the owner doesn't realize what the pet has gotten into. The veterinarian then has to treat the symptoms without knowing what brought it on.

The ethylene glycol in the anti-freeze combines readily with the common minerals of human and animal bodies and results in kidney failure and death due to uremia. The same dangerous chemical is found in brake fluid, windshield de-icer/cleaner and wallpaper remover.

Anti-freeze poisonings account for about 15 percent of reported animal poisonings, but most are probably never reported, Dr. Bechtol says.

Anti-freeze can be deadly for humans, too. Swallowing about an ounce can kill a child and about three ounces can kill an adult. In 1978 there were 239 human poisonings in the US and the statistics this year seem to be increasing at an alarming rate, even before the real cold weather has arrived.

A human anti-freeze poisoning victim often appears drunk, has headaches and vomits, said Dr. Mario Ramirez, TMA president. A poison control center, hospital emergency room or physician should be called immediately if poisoning is suspected.

Dr. Bechtol recommends that anti-freeze or coolant be flushed down the sewer system since it is biodegradable. Any spilled or drained onto the drive should be washed for 10 minutes toward the street drain. No puddles should be left for children or pets to get into. And no residue should be left behind, since the dried crystals contain the poison. The drain pan should be washed thoroughly.

If you see your pet getting into anti-freeze you should rush it to the veterinarian immediately; treatment for anti-freeze poisoning can't wait, says Dr. Bechtol. The best medicine is to prevent it and you should encourage your neighbors to do the same.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS—Four students representing the Dimmitt High School student body present Satellite School Teacher Norma Conard (right) with a food gift certificate for \$142.37 to be used for Satellite School students during the coming year. In left foreground is a gift box of peanut butter and drink mixes for students' snacks, donated by members of the National

Honor Society. The honor students spearheaded the project, but all school organizations contributed. Presenting the check, from left, are KaKa Bruegel, NHS vice-president; James Heard; Kevin Ginn, project chairman; and Debbie Dobbs, NHS president.

More about Cotton ...

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Easter Gin and Bruegel Bros. Gin northwest of Dimmitt both said considerable cotton is yet to be ginned, but most of the staple has been harvested and placed in modules.

Cotton growers have enjoyed a good harvest season weatherwise, with relatively few days with wind hard enough to halt harvest operations and practically no wet weather. Quality of the staple has been good in the county.



Norris Cole

Police calls Cole makes All-SP team

A brown purse containing three passports, birth certificates, a drivers license, personal papers and \$600 in cash was taken from a Dimmitt laundromat Thursday. A man in his early 20s reportedly took the purse and fled on foot.

Robert Brown told police Tuesday that someone had tried to break into the Dairy Queen. The latch on the back was bent and numerous dents were on the back door. Damage to the door is estimated at \$10.

Two traffic accidents resulted in failure to yield right-of-way charges.

Four windows were reportedly broken out at A&H Supply, owners told police Thursday. The windows were reported broken by a BB gun. The business lost windows two weeks ago in the same manner.

Two tail light lenses were broken out of a car while parked at Dimmitt High School last Tuesday. The damage was estimated at \$98.88.

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FBI probe Church slates New Years eve film showing

The FBI office in Amarillo has confirmed that it is investigating allegations of illegal wire-tapping against Chief of Police Alan Newman, made by former Police Sgt. Ronnie Ballew.

However, a spokesman said the FBI would release no other information until the investigation is completed.

Following his dismissal from the police department, Ballew told the Dimmitt Board of Aldermen Dec. 3 that Newman had tapped phones in the city hall. He requested a polygraph test to prove his charges.

Results of the polygraph test, released at the Dec. 17 meeting of the board, were inconclusive, and aldermen at that time decided not to pursue the matter further.

New officers elected for Rotary Club

Customs of Christmas over the world were presented in a talk by Bill Dannevik to Dimmitt Rotarians at their Friday noon meeting, when officers for next year were elected with Gary Moore as president.

Bill Harman was named vice-president, Danny Rice secretary and Jerry Heller treasurer.

Dannevik said feasting, caroling and visiting are customary on Christmas almost everywhere. The burning of the Yule log is symbolic of long life.

The Armenians, who celebrate Christmas on Jan. 6, eat fish, lettuce and boiled spinach, food that Mary, the mother of Christ, was supposed to have eaten the day Christ was born.

Use of the short form, Xmas, which many Christians disapprove, is actually traced back to the early Christian sign of the fish, Dannevik said. He spoke of many different customs of the season in other countries.

"RASPUTIN and the Empress" was the only film in which Ethyl Barrymore appeared with her brothers, John and Lionel.

Advanced tickets are now on sale at the VFW for New Year's Eve. Refreshments, party favors and band. \$15 per person. Limited to 150 persons.

ASCS committeemen elected for 1980

Roy Lilley was returned for a three-year term as a Castro County ASCS Committeeman at the 1979 county convention, after community committeemen were elected earlier this month by tabulation of mail votes.

The county committee for 1980 will include Melvin L. Barton, chairman; John S. Gilbreath, vice-chairman, and Lilley, regular member, according to Charley E. Hill, county executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Each community committee consists of a chairman, vice-chairman, regular member and two alternates. The positions were determined by the number of votes received, with the person receiving the most votes as chairman.

Those elected in the five communities are:

COMMUNITY A—James Wilhelm chairman, Buddy Selvidge vice-chairman, Gerald Acker regular member, Larry Burks first alternate and Arnold Huseman second alternate.

COMMUNITY B—Don Tindal chairman, Steve Olson vice-chairman, Pat Robbins regular member, Trent Downing first alternate and Arthur Clark second alternate.

COMMUNITY C—Rodger J. Schilling chairman, Clyde H. Damron vice-chairman, Bruce Fuller regular member, W. A. Baldrige first alternate and Vincent Gerber second alternate.

COMMUNITY D—Thomas S. Martin chairman, Ray Bradley vice-chairman, Alfred Sammann regular member, Jack A. Ingram first alternate and Steve Buckley second alternate.

COMMUNITY E—Ray Joe Riley chairman, Douglas Higgins vice-chairman, Harold Bob Bennett regular member, Ted Robb first alternate and H. J. (Jackie) Clark second alternate.

Applications for the emergency feed program must be filed by Dec. 31, Hill reminds eligible farmers. Those eligible must have suffered at least a 40% loss.

Persons who want to be eligible for incentive payment on wool on unshorn lambs must submit sales invoices and file an application no later than Jan. 31, Hill announced.

More about Mitchell ...

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Dimmitt and graduated from high school here in 1956. After a semester at WTSU and two years as parts manager for the Ford dealership here, he joined the Dept. of Public Safety as a highway patrolman. He is a graduate of the DPS Training Academy in Austin.

He was stationed at Dalhart as a DPS trooper two years, then attended Lippert's Business College in Plainview to study court reporting. Returning to Dalhart, he served three years as a court reporter for the 69th Judicial District.

For the next seven years he worked with private court-reporting firms in Dallas and Houston, and in 1972 he and two partners formed their own court-reporting service in Houston.

In 1973 he also established a private investigating firm, in partnership with another former DPS trooper. He closed out his court-reporting business in early 1977 to devote full time to private investigating.

He was named Dimmitt's police chief in September 1977, but resigned the post the following February. After doing private deposition work for Houston attorneys for several months, he joined Stan Byrnes Ford, Inc., as a salesman.

His wife, Carolyn, also was raised in Dimmitt, and is a bookkeeper at C&S Equipment Co. Their son, Andy, was born here in 1959, and will be attending Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos this fall. The Mitchells are Presbyterians.

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LUNCH BOX—As Dimmitt mail carrier Shorby Barlow makes his daily rounds, he doesn't stop for lunch until he arrives at this postal storage box on West Halsell Street. Then he unlocks the box, pulls his lunch-sack out of

his mail pouch, and eats his sandwich inside, out of the wind. "The people in the neighborhood are used to seeing me here, but I get a lot of double-takes from people driving by," he said.

Mental health center operated to serve Castro County needs

A family service center of Central Plains Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center is operated in Dimmitt to serve the residents of Castro County.

The center has been in Dimmitt since 1971 to help those who are in need of information or help. The MH/MR Center is located at 306 West Bedford.

A psychologist comes to Dimmitt twice a week from Plainview to help with the medical or transitional problems of county residents.

Evaluations can be done in Dimmitt and the workers at the center can work with the family doctor here or a person can be referred to Plainview for testing.

Carol Lantz, Dimmitt ISD school nurse, has been the trustee for Castro County since the center started in Dimmitt in 1971. She has served as secretary of the board. A trustee is appointed by the county judge in each of nine counties served from the Central Plains Center at Plainview.

The center is not part of social welfare or rehabilitation programs and its workers are not state employees.

People can come to the center for medical problems or transitional problems such as stress caused by job changes or moving into a new area, or for marital counseling.

The center can also work with youth through the family and teachers at school.

Serving in the Dimmitt office are J. C. Thomas, Seth Halbert and Carol Lantz.

If anyone in Dimmitt has a question about mental retardation or mental health he is welcome to go to the office and ask questions.

People who seek the professional services of the center are charged only on their ability to pay.

Clients who have been served in Castro County since 1970 total 907 and of those, 493 have been first admissions.

The MH/MR center also offers programs for clubs. These may be scheduled by calling Richard Van Hersh at 1-296-2726 in Plainview. The center urges clubs to utilize this service to better inform the area of the services offered by MH/MR centers.

The community mental health program of the center emphasizes early attention to problems, and getting involved with a client when he is first becoming depressed.

The aim is to allow clients, both adults and children, to live in the community when possible, but there are facilities at Plainview to house some who cannot. One is a halfway house for mental health clients and the other is for persons who abuse alcohol.

Children may be put into a group home. Mentally retarded persons find training in a sheltered workshop where they learn skills which may enable them to hold a regular job.

In the year that ended Aug. 31, the area served by the Plainview center assisted 1,807 clients. Of these, 1,255 were in the area of mental health, 68 mental retardation, 182 alcohol abuse and 63 drug abuse. There were 53.3 percent female and 46.7 male clients.

The statistical breakdown shows 71.3 percent of the clients in the Anglo ethnic group, 22.7 percent with Spanish surnames and 5.4 percent black. A majority, 59.9 percent, were adults in the 21-64 year age group, 16.3 adolescents, 12.7 percent children to 12 years old and

11.1 percent over 65. The largest percentage, 22.9, were in the lowest economic group with income under \$50 a week, and the lowest percentage in the highest economic group, with \$300 or more income a week.

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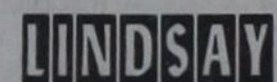


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'79 was county's wettest year since 1971, with wild weather

A year of weather extremes, 1979 was the wettest

year in Castro County since 1971, with 19.02 inches of moisture to date compared with the 1971 total of 24.07.

The year brought severe and prolonged cold in the early months, when snow and icy drizzle continued for weeks. A low temperature of six degrees below zero on Jan. 2 marked the coldest point of 1979.

June turned warm, after a late spring which delayed crops, and the June 22 temperature of 102 was highest for the year.

Seasonal summer weather continued through July, then August was unusually cool and brought devastating hailstorms which began at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 24, cutting swaths of crop destruction through almost every section of the county.

In contrast to the cool August, September and October were warmer than usual until the last day of October when the afternoon high temperature was 36 compared with the previous day's 76, the mercury dropped below freezing that night and the ground was covered with snow.

That gave October a rainfall total of 2.05 but generally fair and mild weather returned in November to complete an autumn that was nearly perfect for harvesting all area crops.

June was the wettest month of 1979, with 5.3 inches of rainfall recorded. There were 2.24 inches in July and 2.89 in August, following the normal pattern of this area where the most rain ordinarily falls in summer months.

Rainfall for other months included .67 inch in January, .18 in February, .91 in March, 1.08 in April, 1.46 in May, 1.76 in September and .35 in November.

The decade's wettest year, 1971, followed the driest, as 1970 had only 9.58 inches of moisture. That was the second lowest total in 30 years, with only 1956's 8.25 inches falling lower.

In following years of the 70's, the 1972 moisture total reached 17.75 inches, it was 17.52 in 1973, 18.10 in 1974, 14.09 in 1975, 12.37 in 1976, 12.88 in 1977 and 14.96 in 1978.

Average rainfall in the county for a 53-year period, 1920 through 1972, was 17.57 inches, according to a table compiled by Edwin "Goose" Ramey, who kept the official weather records here for many years.

The table shows June with the highest average for any month, 2.87 inches, and January with the lowest figure of .41 inch.

Only 12 years of the 53 recorded more than 20 inches of moisture, and three years had more than 30 inches.

The wettest year of all was in 1941, when 39.41 inches soaked the county. Not much drier was 1923 with 38.58 inches, while there were 30.46 inches in 1960.



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Cole's steer is champ of FFA show

Morris Cole of the Dimmitt High School Future Farmers chapter showed the champion Angus steer and the reserve champion Hereford in the recent National Steer Futurity at Lubbock.

Other FFA members here won places in the weekend events for area FFA's.

Donny Heard entered the Angus steer which won the reserve championship. In the Scott Futurity, Rodney Hunter placed fifth with his heavy-weight cross barrow.

In the Lubbock National Steer Jackpot division, Jackie Anthony took fourth place for his lightweight cross and Mike Anthony sixth for a middleweight cross. Pam Anthony, Shane Smithson and Rodney Hunter also placed.

Jerry Ka Clark's lightweight Southdown lamb placed fifth in the Lamb Jackpot. Also earning places were Kyle Bagwell and Claud Schilling.

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