

## Lightning Blamed For

Aiken Church Fire


 $=5$ half an inch of rain on the area．The fire
wa discovered and reported to the fire department shortly after 4 p．m．
Sessom said Mrs．Bob Gibson，who was driving on the road in front of the
church，saw smoke coming from the
pchney＇s Athena Junior Study Club Completes 1 7th Year

## 气The Lockney Beacon


Lockney out to see this＂spectacular When the Satellite School opened in hurch，saw smoke coming from who
building and notified Mrs．Sessom，who
waut home in the parsonage just masem $4=2$ masman mamex $x=m$ ymowis


Nursing Home To Observe Week Lockney Care Center has scheduled
$\begin{gathered}\text { activities for residents and their fami } \\ \text { lies and friends each day this week，}\end{gathered}$ $\begin{gathered}\text { program by＂The Lollipops．＂，a group of } \\ \text { junior－high girls，at } 7 \text { p．m．} \\ \text { Nellie Webb will host a．paint party }\end{gathered}$ lies and friends each day this week， $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nellie Webb will host a paint party } \\ & \text { Nursing Home Week in Texas．} \\ & \text { The public is invited to open house } \\ & \text { Thurs．．．．Wednesday．} \\ & \text { Thurs．}\end{aligned}$ ．here will be special bingo $\begin{array}{ll}\text { The public is inviteday open house } & \text { at } 2: 30 \text { p．m．and，at } 6: 30 \text { ，a＂He Haw }\end{array}$



SPS Files For Rate Increase
$\begin{array}{cl}\text { Southwestern Public Service Com－．} & \begin{array}{l}\text { customers．This would result in an } \\ \text { pany announced today that it has filed }\end{array} \\ \text { increase of about } 8.8 \text { per cent in the }\end{array}$ pany announced today that it has filied
increase of about 8.8 per cent in the
foral retail rate increase in the
company＇s total revenues from Texas cities and counties served by the $\begin{aligned} & \text { or about } \$ 22 \text { million annually．Rates to } \\ & \text { wholesale customers and for retail }\end{aligned}$
company in Texas． company in Texas．
The request was made with the cities
$\begin{aligned} & \text { wholesale customers and for retail } \\ & \text { service to municipal customers would }\end{aligned}$ and the Public Utility Commission of Texas on or about May 12,1978 and the
company is requesting that the in－ crease beome effective 35 days after
the filing date． It is expected that the proposed new
rates will result in an increase of rates expected result in an an increase of
approximately 10 percent for residen－
apr comate
tial commercial industrial not be affected．
The lase rate increase in
Southwestern＇s rates for residential commercial and industrial service was
granted in 1974 and amounted to about
10 Increased costs of building new
power plants，as well as the increased
costs of posts of labor，materials，money and
caxes wed taxes were cited by the company as the
major reasons for the proposed in ？ crease． In ．SPS made the commitment
It s witch，from gas to ooal as the
primary fuel for their generating primary fuel for their generating
plants．This decision was made due to a
longrange forecast long range forecast which indicated
increase in the cost of gas and
diminishing availability．The present diminishing availabity．The
cost of new gas is about 70 per cent
higher than the cost of coal ．Govern．
ment regulations have restricted the ment regulations have res
use of as as a boiler fuel． Southwestern＇s first coal plant，a
\＄100 million， 356.7 megawatt facility
located in the north part of $\$ 100$ million， 356.7 megawatt facility
located in the north part of the
company＇s system，went on the line in THe $\begin{aligned} & \text { almost three times more than a a } \\ & \text { gas fired plant of the same size．The } \\ & \text { second } 356.7 \text { mw coal unit is scheduled } \\ & \text { to go on the line in June of this year } \\ & \text { This new unit will }\end{aligned}$ second 356.7 mw coal unit is scheduled
to go on the line in June of this year．
This new unit will also help stabilize
fuel costs．



Persons Can Give Views On Soil, Water


Loyd Cline of Lamesa May 3 was re-elected for a second one-year term as President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. at a meeting of Directors in Lubbock. Incumbents Joe D. Unfred of
New Home, Vice President, and Gary Ivey of Ralls, Secretary-Treasurer, were 2 , The Board meeting and election followed the 25 -county cotton
producer organization's annual meeting where an estimated 400 producer organization's annual meeting where an estimated 400
farmers and cotton-related business people heard international cotton marketing specialist John McNutt and Dawson County
farmer Donnell Echols speak on the potential for increasing farmer Donnell Echols speak
exports of High Plains cotton.
McNutt, Vice President of International Marketing for Cotton McNutt, Vice President of international Marketing for Cotton
Incorporated, told the group that significantly more cotton can be sold to open-end spinning plants in Western Europe if the High Plains will produce more of the hig,
by the open-end spinning system. He said producers might do well to consider planting 20 percent
of their 1978 acreage to cotton types that normally produce lint with at least 90,000 pounds per square inch pressley strength. Echols, a PCG past president who took part in a Western
European Export Seminar in January, confirmed that open-end European Export Seminar in January, confirmed that open-end
spinners are interested in high strength cottons from the Plains and cited an example of one such mill which was highly pleased
with its first trial run of High Plains cotton this year. However he cautioned producers against planting varieties without full
knowledge of their yield potential on specific soils and under specific climatic conditions. President Cline, in his annual report, reviewed PCG activities for the past year including the continuation of open-end spinning research at the Texas Tech Textile Research Center. Concerning
this work he blamed a lack of adequate funding for " $m$ moving tom slow" to take maximum advantage of the opportunities "to
enhance both volume and profitability of our sales of cotton to be used on the open-end spinning system." He emphasized this
point by saying "PCG is your vehicle, so to speak, and it will take you where you want to go at whatever speed you and your anywhere unless you keep gas in the tank.
Executive Vice President Donald Johnson echoed Cline's the necessary tesearch; if we get the results of our research in the hands of the right people; if we prevail upon thesese people to
try our product, as you have just heard that one mill in We Germany has done, then we can exploit these new markets to the
fullest." address by Millard Townsend of Lubbock, professional lecture

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Lockney Hospital Report

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Jhn admitted $4-27$ dismissed 5-8.
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mitted $4-28$ dismissed 5.8. Marvin Hooten, Plainview
admitted 4-29 dismised $5-5$. Amanda Perez, Balls ad
mitted 5.4 . Baby boy Matt-
hew born $5-4$ dismissed $5-6$. Rebecca Truitt, Lockney
admitted $5-4$ continues care. Becky Hardin, Floydada
admitted 5 .5. Baby girl admitted $5-5$. Baby girl
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ana born 5.9 dismissed $5-11$. Mary Ida Rose, Lockney
admitted $4-27$ continues care.
Jo Ann Rogers, Lockney
admitted 5.9 continues care. admitted $5 \cdot 9$ continues care.
Georgia Adcock, Lockney admitted $5-10$ continues
care.
Maricia Maria Gand
Luckenbach Loses Bid
For Earl Campbell


## MY SINCERE THANKS

 "A Great Big Texas Thank You" to the fine people of Floyd County for your vote of confidence given me on May 6, 1978 by electing me Sheriff of Floyd County fo the two years of an unexpired term. Your overwhelming generosity is appreciated, not only by me, but by my entire family.May I never give cause for you to lose faith in me. Feel free to come by the office for a friendly visit, help, concer or to offer suggestions. The door is always open to you, the citizens of my home country - the one and only Floyd County of Texas. We feel that "our cup truly runneth over." Thank you so much for your support.

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