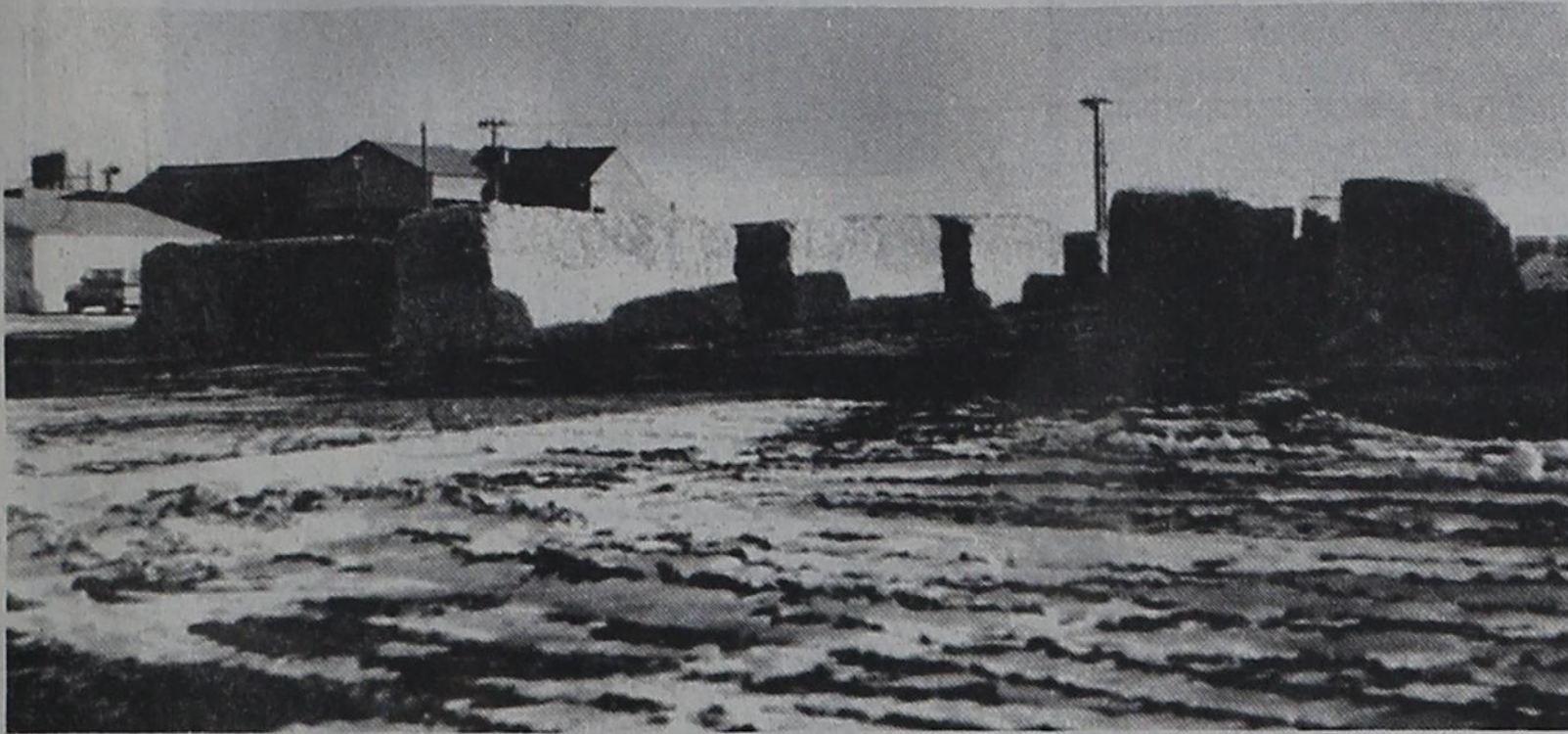


## Cotton harvest slowed by snow



**MODULES AND MUD DON'T MIX** — Area ginners have been having a tough time coping with the moisture from recent snows. Most have

been picking up modules from the field during the early morning hours while the ground is still frozen.

People involved with agriculture don't usually complain when they get moisture, but area gin operators and cotton farmers might tell you that recent snows have put a damper on cotton harvest.

Most area ginners are having to pick up modules from the field in the morning hours while the ground is still frozen.

Clay Davis, manager of Flagg Farmer's Gin, said they haven't ginned any cotton since Dec. 13 because of the weather. The fields are too wet to get to the cotton that has been pulled, Davis said, and he estimated that there were still another 400 - 500 bales still on the stalk in his area.

Davis said the moisture would probably keep farmers from stripping for about another two weeks, with good weather, and that ginning could continue until about Feb. 1.

Yields in the Flagg area were running from 1/2 to two bales per acre, Davis estimated, saying that much of the cotton in the area had been planted late or hailed on.

Davis said the quality of the cotton was pretty good, though he noted that buyers had not been interested in grade differences.

Several area ginners said that lower grades of cotton were selling faster than the higher grades, primarily to overseas buyers like Japan.

Davis attributed the movement of the lower grades of cotton in part to a short supply of the lower micronaire cotton this year.

Davis said that, if current trends continue, the cotton grading system may shift from the micronaire, fineness of the fiber, to a focus on the strength of the fiber.

Randall Small, manager of the Castro Co-op Gin, said they are picking up modules in the morning while they can run on frozen ground, but that there were still several acres still on the stalk.

Small said they still faced about three weeks worth of ginning on cotton that has already been pulled. He estimated that, with good weather, farmers could get back into the field in two weeks.

Quality in his area is good with a few lower grades, Small said, and the yields are fine.

The medium to lower grades of cotton are selling well, Small said, adding that Monday was the first day any of the higher grades of cotton had been selling.

Bill Birdwell, manager of North Gin, said the snows had stopped their ginning, but, with dry weather, they could finish up in about two weeks.

Birdwell said the fields in his area that didn't get hail were showing good yields and fair quality.

Graham Sheffy, of Easter Farmer's Gin, said most of the cotton in his area had been pulled but that there were still about 500 - 600 acres on the stalk.

Sheffy said they were ginning and should finish up the modules that are already pulled before the farmers can get back in the field to finish stripping.

Yields in the Easter area are

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## Sales tax jumps Jan. 1

As of Jan. 1, 1988, county residents will be paying a higher sales tax.

The optional half-percent sales tax increase was adopted as a method to generate money to reduce city or county property taxes.

The extra half-percent raises

the sales tax rate county-wide to 7 1/2%. Nazareth and Dimmitt approved an additional half-percent increase which will raise the sales tax rate in those cities to 8%.

County tax assessor-collector said the motor vehicle tax will stay at the straight 6%, but merchandise purchased from

stores will have the higher sales tax right.

At the end of fiscal year 1987-88, sales tax collections will be reported to the tax appraisal district, and the amount collected will be taken off the property tax rates, according to Jerry Heller of the Tax Appraisal District.

Heller estimated that the sales tax increase would reduce the city's property tax rate by about 2%.

County Auditor Shirley Brockman estimated additional revenues from the sales tax increase for Jan. 1 through Sept. 30, the end of the current fiscal year, would be about \$49,000. That added revenue could lower the effective tax rate county-wide as much as 5.8%, she said.

Brockman said the sales tax increase would have an even greater effect on the tax rate for fiscal year 1988-89 because it will have been effect for a full fiscal year rather than starting in January.

"It's a kind of windfall for county," Brockman said.

## 1:1

By Don Nelson

Oh, my gosh. Dimmitt's "Community Christmas Card" in last week's edition contained the names of 117 families and individuals who had signed up at the bank for "Operation Christmas Greeting" and donated money to help the hospital. What it *didn't* contain were the names of 111 other families and individuals who had signed up with the Hospital Auxiliary.

We knew the list we received for publication in the newspaper was shorter than usual, but a double-check turned up only one more late signer. We assumed that the economic situation and the weather had had an adverse effect on sign-ups this year.

Not so. There were almost as many signers as ever, but through an apparent misunderstanding, the Hospital Auxiliary's lists didn't get transferred to the master list.

It would do no good to assess blame. Anytime there are that many

people and organizations involved, there's usually enough of that to go around for everyone. Just bear in mind that everyone involved in the

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## Dimmitt youth shot

Victor Munoz is listed in satisfactory condition in Amarillo's Northwest Texas Hospital following a shooting incident which occurred early Sunday.

The Dimmitt Police Department charged Polo Salazar Corral, 19, of Dimmitt with aggravated assault Monday in connection with the shooting.

Munoz allegedly was shot by Corral at Munoz's mother's residence in northwest Dimmitt.

Hospital officials would not give out information on the extent of Munoz's injuries.

Corral is in custody in lieu of \$15,000 bond.

## Dobbs enters constable race

James Dobbs announced this week that he will be seeking re-election as constable for Castro County.

The constable's post was originally a precinct-level office, but was changed to a county-wide post this year. Dobbs' name will appear on the Democratic primary ballot March 8.

"I have been a resident of Castro County for the past 46 years, spending most of my time as a farmer in the northwest part of the county," Dobbs said. "I graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1953 and am currently attending Amarillo College Academy of Law Enforcement. The classes include all phases of law enforcement trainings in both criminal and civil processes."

Dobbs and his wife, Doris, reside in Summerfield and have lived there for 17 years. He is a deacon in the Summerfield Baptist Church.

"I have been a director of the High Plains Eye Bank for the Lions Club for six years. I have served in the capacity of reserved deputy for

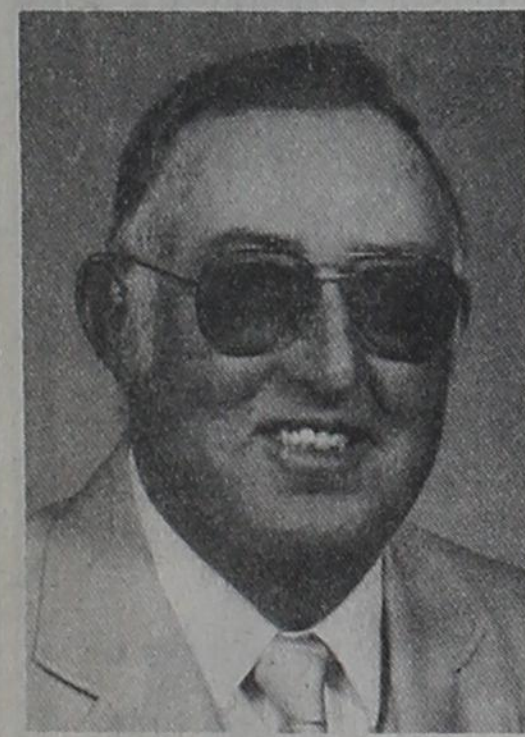
## Weather

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

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Tuesday	37	15	
Wednesday	42	15	
December Moisture			1.72
1987 Moisture			28.39

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Curtis Snitker

## Snitker to run for re-election

Precinct 1 Commissioner Curtis Snitker has announced his intention to run for re-election subject to the March 8 Democratic primary.

Snitker has served as commissioner of Precinct 1 since 1985.

"It has been my pleasure to have served as Precinct 1 county commissioner. Once again, I ask for your support, your encouragement, and your vote as I endeavor to continue as county commissioner, Precinct 1.



James Dobbs

approximately one year and I am currently serving as constable for Castro County," Dobbs said.

"I have enjoyed serving the people of Castro County and will continue with my duties as constable to the best of my ability. Your vote and support will be greatly appreciated," Dobbs said.

## Two jailed in tractor theft

Two Hereford men were arrested early last Thursday in connection with the theft and damage of two tractors taken from the Tony Gabel farm located nine miles north and five miles east of Dimmitt on SH

385. Jeffrey Allen Boldon, 20, and Arthur Loyd Sears, 18, both of Hereford, were each charged with two felony counts of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and one felony count of burglary. The two are in custody in lieu of \$30,000 bond each.

The two John Deere tractors, a model 4630 and a model 4650, were taken at about 11 p.m. on Dec. 23, according to Sheriff's Deputy Lloyd Osborn. Osborn was on duty at the time of the incident and had arrested the two men by 1:30 a.m. the next day.

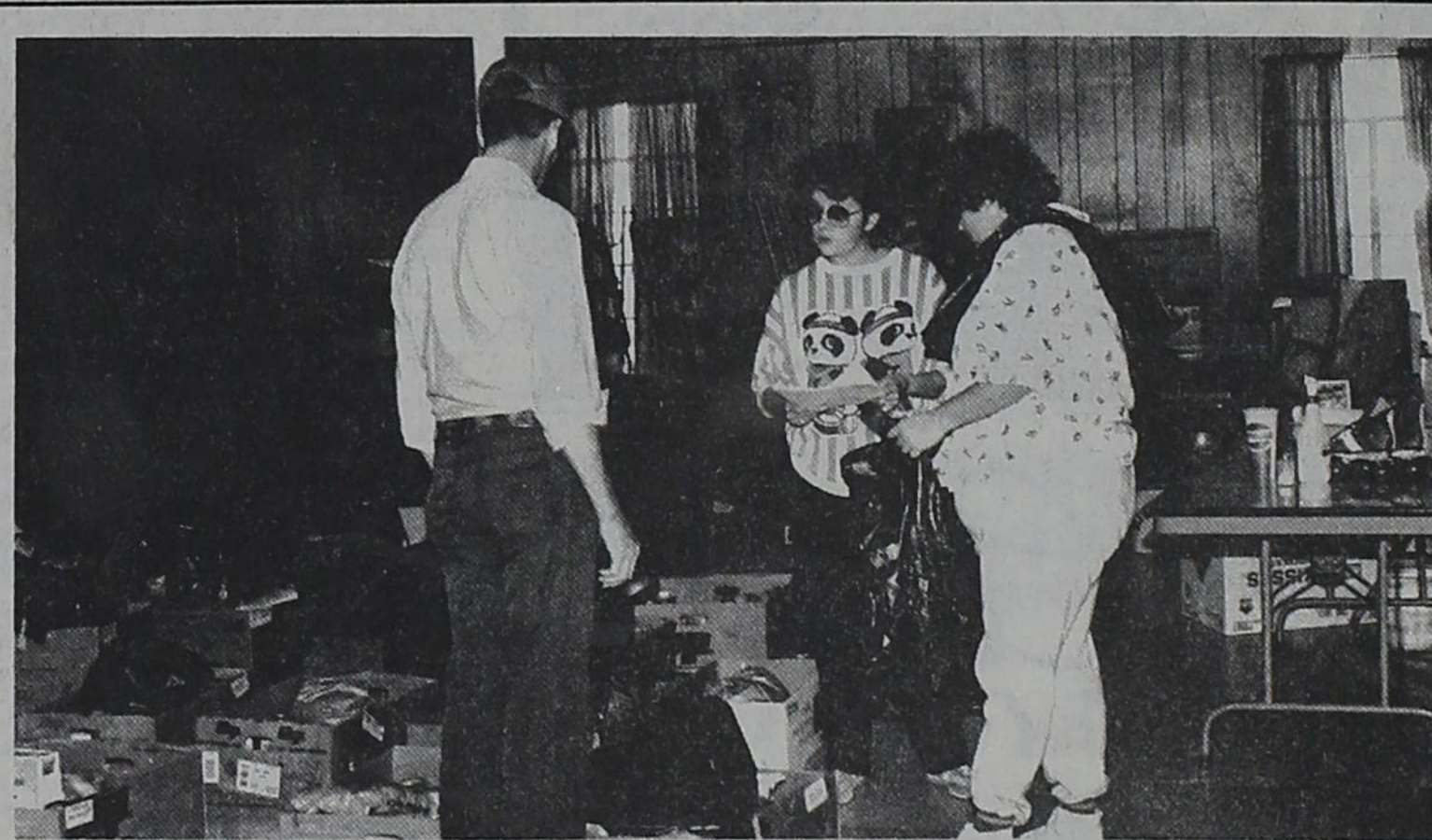
The two men allegedly wrecked the tractors causing an estimated \$10,000 to \$15,000 worth of damage.

A third man at the scene was arrested and charged with public intoxication. He was released on bond pending court action.

## Nominations due for citizen honors

Dimmitt residents have until Friday, Jan. 8 to nominate individuals for Citizen of the Year, Citizen Through the Years and Teacher of the Year awards to be given at the Chamber of Commerce banquet Jan. 21.

Nomination forms are available at the Chamber office or by calling the Chamber at 647-2524. You do not have to be a Chamber member to nominate someone for these honors.



THE GIFT OF GIVING IS THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL  
... Volunteers Ken Shannon, Linda Reyes and Ginger Roberts sort donated food for needy families.

## Volunteers learn about gift of giving

Volunteers from the Castro County Ministerial Alliance and fire departments and the Nazareth Lions Club enjoyed an extra special Christmas this year by giving and helping needy families in the county as they distributed food, money and toys before Christmas.

Many county families who were looking at a grim holiday season this year received a special "Christmas present" from county organizations that brightened their outlook and enabled them to celebrate a Merry Christmas.

In Dimmitt, approximately 115 families received hams and food, distributed by members of the Ministerial Alliance and Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Department. A spokesperson for the organizations said approximately 400 children were given toys.

The food and toys were donated by individual residents in the county and by merchants.

The number of families that received "Christmas

presents" represented a 15% increase over last year's distribution.

Rev. Perry Hunsacker from the First United Methodist Church in Hart, said that they were able to give to all the families on their list—15 in Hart.

Each of the families in Hart received a full sack of groceries and a ham. Hunsacker also said they delivered toys to about 30 children.

The Nazareth Lions' Club presented two families in its community with money and also distributed hams to approximately 11 families.

A spokesperson for the Ministerial Alliance said the Sunnyside Lions' Club also distributed food to families in Sunnyside.

The county owes thanks to the dedication and hard work of the members of the fire department and their wives who boxed and sorted food and toys and to local businesses and area people who contributed to the project. Several hundred dollars was donated to purchase hams.



# On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Happy New Year!

Debra Ball assisted by Tammy Heard, Rebecca May, Ranetta Patton, and Cheryl Pybus presented *Arch The Angel* of the 91st Airborne Division on Sunday night, Dec. 20, at the First Baptist Church with some from the First United Methodist Church participating. This is a Christmas musical with a children's choir and other characters including Mary and Joseph and the shepherds. Eric Keaton played Arch. Others were Chad Ellis, Kelley Boyd, Amy Boothe, Molly Young, Ty Annen, Brandi Rice, Joy Webb, Phoebe Sams, Mandy Annen, Janie May, Shawn Stanton, Coby Moke, David Edwards, Barry Hill, Justin Shultz, Nathan Boothe, Blake Ellis, Holly Houck, Amy Killingsworth, Asia Kirby, Alisa Littlefield, Jason May, Daniel Kimberly and Timothy Proffitt, Becky Tilley, Kodi Waggoner, Tiffany Wilcox and Holly Wise.

Judge Jack and Murna Miller, Stanley and Geneva Schaeffer and Carole Dyer hosted a Christmas Open House in the home of the Millers. The house was beautiful with all the Christmas decorations. Many friends and relatives enjoyed the fellowship and all the delicious pick-up foods.

Wayne and Faye Mohon went to Canyon recently to take Faye's father, Clell Bonifield out for dinner to celebrate his birthday.

It was good to see Bob and Jean DuLaney from Austin in Dimmitt before Christmas. They still read "On The Go" and would like to see more of their friends' names in the paper.

Butch Cates and family from Oklahoma were in Dimmitt for the Christmas holidays. They visited Dero and Lorena Cates, Rex and Darlene Wooten and other rela-

tives.

Shelia and Rick Stowell of Charleston, S.C. spent the Christmas holidays with her mother, Cora West. Don Stowell is with the Navy and is stationed in Turkey now.

Shari Willis Bradley tried to get together some of the girls from her school days after Christmas but Arlene Reed Wohlgemuth was the only one left in Dimmitt. My daughter, Sue Hendrix Vaughan left early because of the snow.

Arlene and her family of Burlington were here visiting Dr. James and Charlie Wohlgemuth.

Word was received from Nolan Froehner. He sent \$100 for the support of the Castro County Community Concerts Association. He is grateful to the people who have supported the Community Concert all through the years. Nolan was chairman for several years before moving to Dallas.

Mandy Golden from Lancaster spent her Christmas vacation with Charles and Betty Vaughan, Oleta Golden and Jerry and Delores Heller and family.

Kristin Vaughan of Dallas came out early for a visit with Charles and Betty Vaughan and Mary Edna Hendrix. Kristin and I attended the open house at the First State Bank. The serving table was loaded with many delicious pick up foods. The centerpiece held a cute teddy bear, a very popular animal this season.

Kent Kirby, son of Troy and Billie Kirby, has been in Dimmitt for several days visiting friends and relatives. Kent is in the Air Force and he is stationed in Ft. Gordon, Ga. When he returns he will be transferred to Lowrey Air Force Base in Denver, Colo.

Debbie Murdock came from Amarillo to spend Christmas with

her parents, Bobby and Wanda Murdock and Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Felder of Hart. After their Christmas dinner, Brad and Pam called from London, England to wish them a Merry Christmas. They reported it was the prettiest day they had enjoyed since it had rained a lot. It was 60 degrees and no rain was falling on Christmas day.

The Murdocks went to Hart Sunday to celebrate with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Felder. Dub Felder and his daughter, Teresa Chastain, and her son, Derrick, came from Sunray to enjoy being with the family.

Morgan and Geneva Dennis went to Waco and Goldthwaite on Dec. 17 to visit Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Dennis and Brent and Eric. They attended Brent's graduation from Baylor University and then he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marines. After the commission service a reception was held. Following the reception a dinner was held at the Elite Cafe. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Turner from Baylor University. Of course grandmother thought Brent was the most handsome of the group.

Then on Dec. 24, Morgan and Geneva Dennis, Edgar Dennis and Decimae Dennis went back to Goldthwaite to enjoy Christmas with Douglas, Mona, Brent and Eric Dennis. Mona's mother, Mrs. Burts, was there also. Geneva reported they slid on ice all the way home on Saturday.

Enjoying Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Farris were their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren including Ronnie, Carole, Flynn and Camille Farris of Dalhart; Billy Joe, Connie and Timothy Farris of Hart; Peggy Farris of Hart and her son Barry Homfeld of Amarillo; Ricky, Suzanne, Stephanie, Adrian, Alston, and John Scott of Hart; Kirk, Sandy, Zachary, Megan and Zane Farris, all of Hart; Jewell Scott, and Lloyd's sister from Dimmitt joined the group for the fun.

The wedding of Sherrie Cole, daughter of Rev. Ken and Roberta Cole, to Lee Browning, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeane Browning, was performed on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 19 in the First Baptist Church.

It was a beautiful wedding with the red and green colors of Christmas. There ceremony was very unique and impressive. The reception following the wedding was held in the Fellowship Hall with the beautiful bride's table with a white three-tiered cake, little cake squares decorated with red roses and red mints. On the groom's table was the chocolate cake with Sherrie and Lee inscribed.

Joe and Rae Casey entertained two of their children for the Christmas Holidays. Alex and Linda Catoe and family of Hamilton and Marty Catoe of Albuquerque, N.M. were there.

My family celebrated an old fashioned Christmas on a ranch near McLean in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Lankford. We all met for lunch on Thursday and the men went out and cut down a Christmas tree, brought it in and the women decorated it. On Christmas Eve we all went to a little country church for a Christmas program, a Christmas tree and the appearance of Santa Claus. Mickey Jackson was in charge of the program. Christmas carols were sung, the Christmas Story and nativity scene

were acted out by children including Adria Lankford as an angel and Matt and David Lankford as shepherds. Each person was given a candle that was lit during the singing of *Silent Night*. An offering was collected for the Methodist home. Then came Santa Claus (David Vaughan) who gave out gifts to everyone including the traditional sacks of "goodies"! Our friend, Otis Ford, was at the church Christmas program with his wife. Otis went on a bus tour with the Dimmitt Ding-A-Lings several years ago. We all went back to the Lankfords to spend the night. The kids got up early to see what Santa had brought them, then they gave out all the presents. After a delicious Christmas dinner, we started for home in seven inches of snow and ice. Those enjoying Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Lankford, Dawson and Mickey Jackson and Stacy from McLean, Bill and Mary Lynn

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### LEGAL NOTICE NO. 1888

IN THE ESTATE OF L.M. BLANTON, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF L.M. BLANTON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that the Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of L.M. Blanton, Deceased, were issued on the 21st day of December, 1987, in Cause No. 1888 in the proceedings in the Estate of L.M. BLANTON, Deceased, pending in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, to LEONA BLANTON, HCR 2, Box 46, Hart, Texas 79043. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, are required to present the same to me, at the above address, within time and within the manner prescribed by law.

LEONA BLANTON Independent Executrix of the Estate of L.M. BLANTON, Deceased 15-15-1tc

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### 15 - LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CASTRO

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 64th Judicial District Court of CASTRO County, on the 1st day of DECEMBER, 1987 by the clerk thereof, in the case of HART INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. JIM DALTON, Cause #5234 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 5th DAY OF JANUARY, 1988 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the WEST door of the Courthouse of said Castro County, in the City of DIMMITT, Texas, the following described property to wit:

All of Lots 29-32 in Block 142, in the Original Town of Hart, Castro County, Texas Levied on the 7th day of DECEMBER, 1987, a the property of JIM DALTON AND THELMA PEARL DALTON BY VIRTUE OF A WARRANTY DEED AS RECORDED IN VOL. 113, PAGE 272 OF THE CASTRO COUNTY DEED RECORDS to satisfy a judgement amounting to \$1,188.91 with interest from the 28th day of AUGUST, 1987, at per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of HART INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1987.

LONNY RHYNES SHERIFF, CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS By Jerry W. Jansa, Deputy 15-14-2tc

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THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CASTRO

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 64th Judicial District Court of CASTRO County, on the 1st day of DECEMBER, 1987, by the clerk thereof, in the case of HART INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. ANSELMO ALCOCER, Cause # 4948 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 5th Day of JANUARY 1988, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the WEST door of the courthouse of said Castro County, in the City of Dimmitt, Texas, the following described property to wit:

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On the Go

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Lankford and Lauren, Kevin and Neely Lankford, Adria, Matt and David of Amarillo, David and Sue Vaughan, Brent and Kristin of Dallas, Troy and Lynna Cloer of Tulia and Mary Edna Hendrix of Dimmitt.

On Dec. 22 the deacons and their wives from the First Baptist Church were hosts to a surprise 25th anniversary party at K-Bob's for their pastor, Bro. Ken Cole and his wife, Roberta. The Coles were married Dec. 22, 1962 at Pierce Street Baptist Church in Amarillo. The group sang *Happy Anniversary* to the Coles as they came in and then they were presented with a gift from the group. After the meal, the group sang some Christmas carols and closed the party by singing *Bless Be the Tie*. Those enjoying the fellowship were Hubert and Willie Mae Edwards, V.C. and Dorothy Hopson, Garner and Ysleta Ball, Wayne and Faye Mohon, Dan and Oma Dee Heard, Jack and Charlene Howell, Robert and J'Lyn Ryan, Jerry and Debbie Annen, Bay and Bobbie Baldrige, M.B. and Lucille Odom, E.D. and Grace Morgan, Bill and Wenona Bunch, Troy and Billie Kirby, Milton and Sandra Bagwell. Other staff members attending were Richard and Colleta Young, Walter and Wade Maynard, and Bob Stewart. The Coles' two sons, Robert and Michael, and Robert's mother, Mary Ellen Fox of Dallas.

Coming to hunt with Dan and Danny Heard over Christmas were their cousins, Dr. Larry Heard of Pampa, Max and Robby Blair of Levelland and Barry Heard of Whitharral.

Visitors in the home of Emily and Marie Ramey over Christmas were Edwin, Norma and Lenora Ramey from Chicago. Norma's dad, Norman Jones from Baytown, and her sister and husband and son, Mr. and Mrs. Raney Perry and Ryan from Pasadena.

On Christmas eve, Dan and Oma Dee Heard entertained with a supper and gift opening for all their children, Danny and family, Pam and family, Les and Kenneth and Ashley Heard. On Christmas morning, after seeing what Santa left, the group enjoyed a late breakfast along with Nell and Chas Humphrey. Spending Christmas day were Pam and family and Ashley and Kenneth Heard.

Danny Heard and family and the Bill McMillon family spent Christmas day in Plainview with Bill's mother, Nadine Roch and Bill's brother and sister.

Dan, Oma Dee and Les Heard were hosts to 50 Heard relatives Sunday for lunch for their Christmas get-together. Everyone brought their favorite Mexican food dish and dessert.

Much eating, visiting and game playing was enjoyed by the Kenny Trotter family, Bill Thompson family and Cassidy Beavers of Spade, the Floyd McElroys and Ray Thompson family, Kimberly and Billy Guthrie of Littlefield, Charles Dixon family of Las Cruces, N.M., Stanley Dixon family of Portales, N.M., Kenneth and LaNita Dixon, Duward and Patty Dixon, Hershel and Tammy Dixon, all of Elida, N.M., Danny Heard family, Emmett Heard family, Walter White family, Kenneth and Ashley Heard, Nell and Chas Humphrey, all of Dimmitt.

Beral Hance's daughter, Linda Hance Karagas of Boulder, Colo., called Sunday night to tell her they had left the Wolf Creek Lodge and managed to get to a hotel in Golden. They had been on a ski trip for several days but the snow was so deep they had to stop. With Linda on the trip were Jim Karagas, Paige Compton of Dallas, and Tracey and Duane Bunce of Plano, along with several other guests. They got back to Boulder, and Linda and Jim got the young people up at 4 o'clock the next morning to return to Dallas and Plano.



Calico

By Terri Loudder

It's that time again. Time to get out your pencils and your big block Eberhard erasers and make the old New Year's resolutions.

I know, I know. You make them every year and you never stick to them. You're starting to wonder why you ever bother to make them in the first place. But think about it. If you don't make New Year's resolutions what else are you going to do all New Year's day... watch football?

So, here's my list.

Item No. 1 — I will stick to my diet this year! I've made this resolution so many times I'm thinking of having it made into a rubber stamp. It usually lasts until I realize that the black-eyed peas I ate for lunch made me hungry for something sweet.

Item No. 2 — I will keep up with my housework. I know I could do this one with a little help from the government. If they would just resolve to legislate a couple of extra hours into each day, I'd have it made.

I could get all my housework done now if I would just give up this wasteful habit I have of sleeping every night. I tried giving up sleeping before Christmas.

I had three days worth of packing, laundry and present wrapping to do in one night a few days before Christmas, so I decided to reinstitute that time-honored college tradition — the all-nighter. (Boy, have I aged since college.)

I probably could have made it just fine, except the power went off for about two hours and I had to pack by kerosene lantern. It's a wonder any of us made it through Christmas vacation with matching socks.

I figured I could catch up on my lost hours of sleep during our four-hour drive to the mountains. I guess I'd forgotten we were taking the children along.

Small children that are confined in a van full of luggage, packages and groceries for four hours are a lot like BB's that have been fired into a small bullet-proof room. They just sort of ricochet back and forth off the walls.

So, losing a night's sleep to have clean clothes for the trip was definitely not worth it. So much for item No. 2.

Item No. 3 — I will be nicer to my husband and kids. This should be easy. I like my husband and kids — honest.

And I promise I won't yell anymore... even when he leaves his dirty clothes in the middle of the floor, even when he leaves his peanut butter and jelly sandwich face down in the carpet, even when she writes on her legs with blue magic marker, even when she plays dress up with the last un-run pair of pantyhose I own... AAAGH!

Okay, so maybe I'll yell a little, but I'll hug them afterward.

Item No. 4 — I will try to be a better person, without the benefit of a lot of senseless New Year's resolutions. Oh, I like the sound of that one.

Happy New Year!



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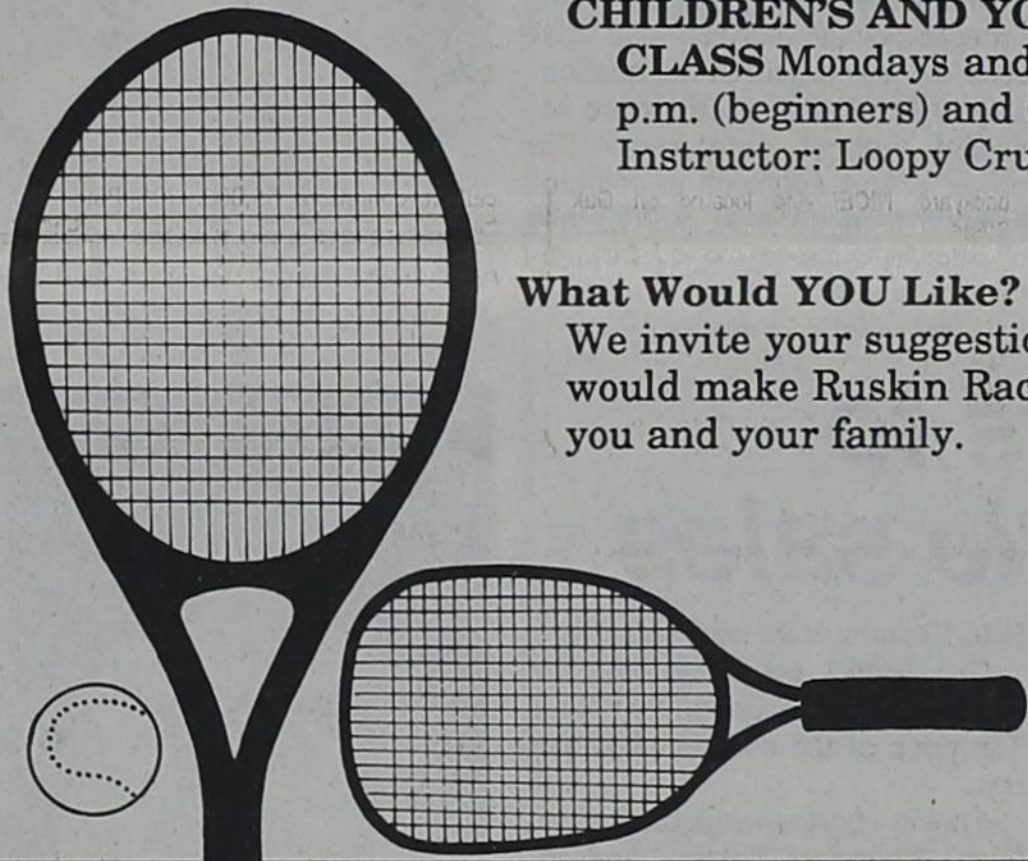
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**Hospital News**

**Patients in the Hospital:** J. C. Holbrooks, Amy Melendez, Priscilla Dones, Vadel Oldham, Gertrude Clark, Annie Faye Byrnes, Elaine Fewell, Carol Lantz, Bea Fuentes, Norma Velasquez.

**VFW convention  
to be held in Tulia**

The District 13 VFW convention will be held at the Tulia J.E. Deen Post 1798, on February 20 and 21.

District 13 is composed of 15 area towns including Dimmitt, Tulia, Lockney, Silvertown, Hereford, Childress, Paducah, Littlefield, Canyon, Matador, Floydada, Wellington, Muleshoe, Plainview and Memphis.

The Tulia Post has planned a number of events and hopes to have a big turnout of members from each town.

A tentative schedule includes a chili supper on Saturday, Feb. 20, followed by a dance. On Sunday, Feb. 21, 1988, a dinner accompanied by live music, is planned.

Registration fee will be \$20 and will include all meals and the

dance.

An 18-hole two men or two women golf scramble will be held at the Tule Lake Country Club Feb. 20 at 12 noon. Entry fee will be \$40 per team.

The scramble will be flighted after the first nine holes. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places. Anyone interested should call Donnie Du Boise at 995-3400 or Ronnie Wilfong at 995-3559.

The rifle shoot will feature 100 rounds at the Tule Lake Rifle Range at 12 noon on Feb. 20.

An open bowling tournament will be held Feb. 20 at 12 noon. Entry fee is \$12 per person. Anyone interested can call Mary Norris by Feb., 15, 1988.

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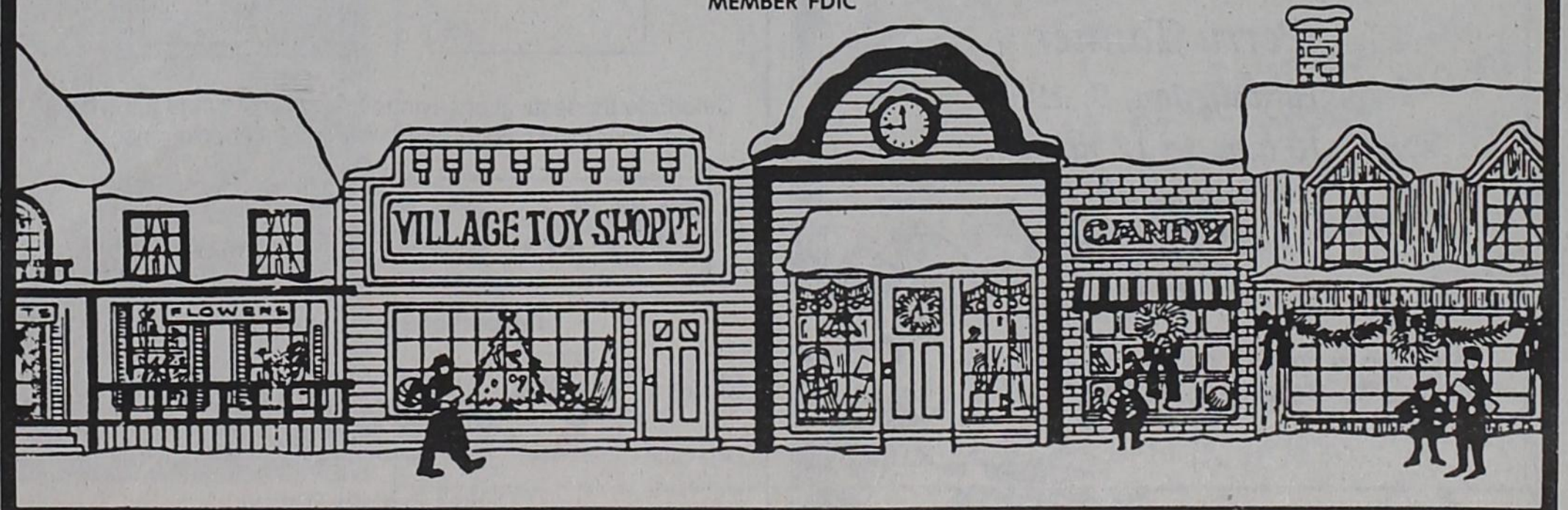
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# People

## County 4-H'ers take food show honors

Knowledge of good nutrition and skills in cooking were blended into scores of delectable dishes Saturday, Dec. 12, in Lubbock, as nearly 200 youth from 20 counties competed in the South Plains District 4-H Food Show at Texas Tech University.

Danna Ralston, with her entry in the nutritious snacks and desserts category, is one of four senior winners who will advance to state competition next year.

Local senior alternates are Lorelea Acker, main dish and Denise Schulte, fruits and vegetables. Alternates will compete at state if winners are unable to.

Other county 4-H'ers to win awards were Wesley Ralston,

4th, Junior I, main dish; Dan Matthews, Junior I, fruits and vegetables; Courtney Kendall, 1st, Junior I, bread and cereal; Heather Braddock, tie-4th, Junior I, snacks and desserts; Katrina Acker, 4th, Junior II, main dish; Lena Durbin, Junior II, fruits and vegetables; Mary Ellen Ramaekers, Junior II, bread and cereal; Nadine Schulte, tie-4th, Junior II, snacks and desserts; and Peggy Huseman, Senior, bread and cereal.

The contestants, ages 9 - 19, participated in the district show after winning their county show. Prior to the shows, they were active in foods and nutrition projects involving food science, safety, nutrition, fitness and career opportunities.



TASTE TEMPTERS — Champion snack and dessert makers in the senior division of the South Plains District 4-H Food Show are, from left, Danna Ralston, Castro County, first place; and Suzanne Cain, Lamb County, third.

## Communication is key to care for aging parents

By DEANNA SAGESER  
County Extension Agent

Adult children and aging parents often face increased interaction when health problems arise for a parent. Communication at such times can be influenced by feelings of worry, fear and "if only's."

Adult children may unintentionally express concerns in a no-choice way, "Dad, you just can't continue to live here!" That can leave a parent feeling inadequate or controlled.

Expressing concerns to aging parents in a positive way can enhance the older person's understanding of the concern while at the same time showing respect for that person as an adult. For example, "Dad, I'm really worried that the house is no longer a safe place for you to live." Such a message communicates concern while leaving the next step up to the parent.

Aging families can also use active listening to strengthen their communication. In this approach to listening, the feelings often found below the verbal message become the focus of the conversation. For example, an older has made burial arrangements but their adult children don't want to discuss this saying, "Oh—there's plenty of time to discuss this when you're sick."

The adult children may be feeling fear the their parents' dying. An aging parent can "active listen" to an adult child's concerns by saying, "I suspect it may be fearful for you to think about my death."

When difficult feelings are brought to the surface and discussed a new aspect of the relationship is developed. Feelings are accepted without judgement. The power of this approach to communication seems related to the sense of interdependence gained through the interaction.

## Girl Scouts to start cookie sales

Local Girl Scouts will be taking cookie orders Friday, Jan. 8, through Saturday, Jan. 23, and again Monday, Feb. 1, through Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Cookies will be delivered Friday,

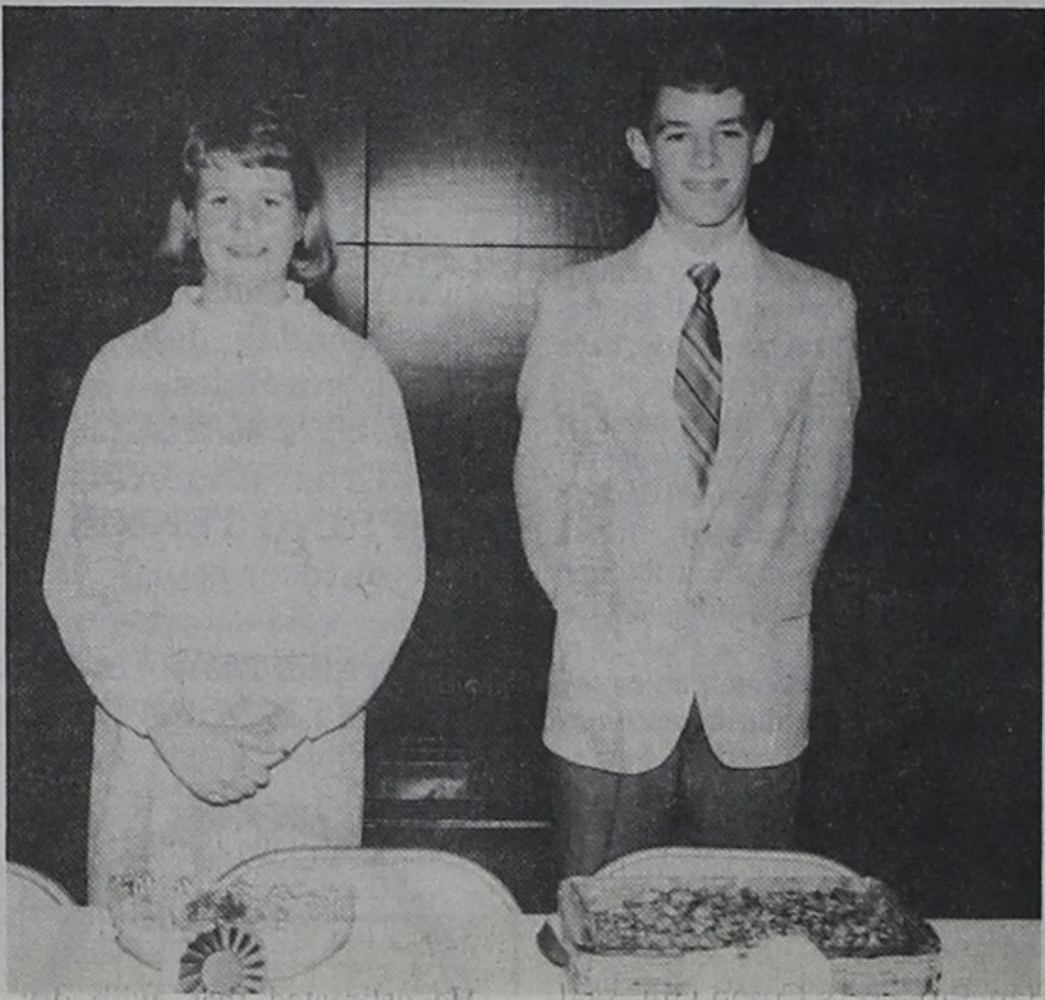
Feb. 19 through Sunday, Feb. 28.

Girl Scouts will be selling the cookies door-to-door and by phone. The price of the cookies is \$2 per box.

Cookie choices available are Jubilee - chocolate, caramel and coconut cookie bars; Classic Cremes - chocolate and vanilla sandwich cookies; Hoedowns - chocolate covered peanut butter; Golden Yangles - cheddar cheese crackers; Scot-teas - shortbread sugar cookies; Thin Mints - chocolate covered mint cookies; and Savannahs - peanut butter sandwich.

The Girl Scout cookie sale is the only council-wide fund raiser. Each troop retains 10% for each box its members sell. Council profits are used to improve and maintain Camp Rio Blanco, near Crosbyton.

If you wish to buy cookies and are not contacted by an area Girl Scout, contact Sharon Kinser at 647-3491.



TOP CHEFS — Senior division winners in the main dish category of the South Plains District 4-H Food Show are, from left, Lorelea Acker, Castro County, second place, and Trey Nance, Lynn County, third.



YOUNG BAKER — Courtney Kendall captured first place in the junior I bread and cereal category of the South Plains District 4-H Food Show held Dec. 12 at Texas Tech University.



SKILLED COOK — Denise Schulte won second place in the fruit and vegetable category in the senior division of the South Plains District 4-H Food Show Dec. 12 at Texas Tech University.

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# AFS student communicates with music

By TERRI LOUDDER

Communication has posed some barriers for Masatoma Itonaga during his visit here in Dimmitt, but put a guitar in his hands or seat him at a piano and the walls come tumbling down.

Masa is an American Field Service student who has been staying with the Doug Pybus family since August. He will be living with the Pybus family as an exchange student until mid-June.

So far, his biggest cultural adjustment in coming to Dimmitt has been the size of the town.

"Everybody knows everybody," he said.

Masa is from Tokyo, Japan, a city of seven million people. At home he attends Toin High School, an all-boys school, which has 3000 students. His school is a two hour trip from his home by train.

Masa said that after classes, which are held six days a week, and soccer practice, he gets home at about 9 p.m., not exactly the schedule of the typical American teenager.

School starts in April and runs year round with a 40 day vacation in the summer.

In Japan, Masa is actively involved in soccer. He leaves the impression that he was a key player on his high school's district champion soccer team, though he is fairly modest about his accomplishments.

In Dimmitt, Masa played football and was very successful as the kicker for the Junior Varsity team. Masa said that he misses football, but is looking forward to track season. He plans to compete in the long jump.

Very gifted in the arts, Masa paints, plays piano and electric guitar, though he seems to favor the guitar. He spends some of his time away from school playing rock music with Patrick Killingsworth and Brian Stewart.

His American sister, Carla Pybus, says he likes heavy metal music.

Masa came to the Pybuses speaking almost no English. He could understand the language when it was written down, but could not speak it.

For the first several weeks of his stay here, Cheryl Pybus said they wrote a lot of notes. But gradually he has picked up more of the

language.

Masa said it is difficult to learn because there are so many slang terms and expressions. He said the Japanese grammar is more precise.

Masa has done well in his classes, but has some trouble with government, he said. He also said the classes are set up differently here. In Japan, the teachers lecture, but in his American classes there is more discussion, he said.

Masa is in the United States on a scholarship from the Sony Corporation. His father is a technical engineer with Sony. Masa said that after graduation he hopes to attend either Tokyo University or Wasagda University to study technical engineering.

The Christmas celebration in America is quite different from what Masa was used to in Japan, he said. In Japan, Masa said the celebration is only two days, whereas, here everyone celebrates Christmas during the whole month of December. He said that the homes are not decorated in Japan as they are here, and, in Japan, they do not go caroling. Masa particularly enjoyed Christmas caroling.

One Christmas tradition he mentioned from Japan was that of the relatives giving "pocket money" to the children.

Masa called his family at Christmas, but, Cheryl said he hasn't been too homesick. Cheryl said that AFS students they have kept in the past had trouble with homesickness during the holidays, but that, so far, Masa has made it fine. He did say that his mother misses him.

The New Year's celebration in Japan is much bigger, Masa said. New Year's in Japan is a week-long celebration with lots of food and community festivities. Masa said they visit other families in their neighborhood and they go to the temple to pray to decide goals for the new year.

Masa is a Buddhist, but says the practice of praying to Budha is mostly tradition. Masa said there are much fewer Christians in Japan, but he does like attending Church with the Pybuses.

One home activity that Masa does miss is that of the school festival. He animatedly explained that each fall the schools in his country have a two or three day festival with music and many activities. Students from other schools are dismissed to attend the various



**FAMILY TIME** — When asked what activities the family enjoyed with Masatoma, Cheryl Pybus pointed to the piano. Here Carla looks on as Masa plays. Cheryl said Masa is very gifted on the piano, that you can sing something to him and he can play it back for you.

school festivals. Masa said he hoped Dimmitt could have a school festival.

Masa has had no trouble adjusting to American food. He said in Japan they have rice everyday, but his American Mom Cheryl says he's eaten everything they've served him.

Being here during pheasant season has interested Masa. "Here everyone has rifles or shotguns," he said. "In Japan, it is difficult to get a gun."

Masa hasn't been hunting yet, but said he would like to try it. He said he had practiced shooting at cans.

Masa hopes to learn to speak better English before he leaves and memorize the names of all his new friends. In June he will go on an bus tour of the United States with other AFS students before leaving for Japan.

Masa said his American family, the Pybuses, have been wonderful, and he praised his American sister Carla.

"She always takes care of me," he said.

Cheryl Pybus, whose family has played host to three AFS students now, says that this is the most interesting AFS experience they've had.

## More about

# Cotton harvest...

(Continued from Page 1)

ranging from 3/4 to 1 1/2 bales per acre, good yields considering the amount of rain and hail they had received, Sheffy said.

Sheffy said most of the cotton is mediocre quality yellow tinge cotton, because of their weather problems this year, but that it is selling well to Japanese buyers.

Scott Rice, manager of the Hart Producers Co-op Gin, said most of the cotton in his area has been pulled and they will be picking up modules to gin as the

ground dries out.

Yields in the area have been good with some fields bringing in as much as 2 3/4 bales to the acre and several yielding 2 1/2 bales per acre, Rice said.

Rice said the quality of the cotton has been pretty good, but the mic has been a little off on some.

He estimated that, with dry weather, they could wrap up this cotton season in about another 30 days.

## Police Calls

Robert James Back, 22, of Dimmitt was arrested on two separate occasions last week, each connected with incidents of domestic conflict.

Back was arrested last Wednesday on a charge of making terroristic threats. He was released on \$1500 bond and was subsequently arrested Friday on charges of disorderly conduct, criminal mischief and public intoxication.

He was brought before City Judge Clara Patton Monday and plead guilty to the charges of disorderly conduct and criminal mischief and was fined \$200 on each charge. He plead not-guilty on the

charge of public intoxication and a court date for that charge has not yet been set.

Robert Earl Henderson, 34, of Plainview was arrested last Wednesday on a charge of forgery by passing.

City and County law officers also made two arrests last week for disorderly conduct, one for public intoxication and one for driving while intoxicated.



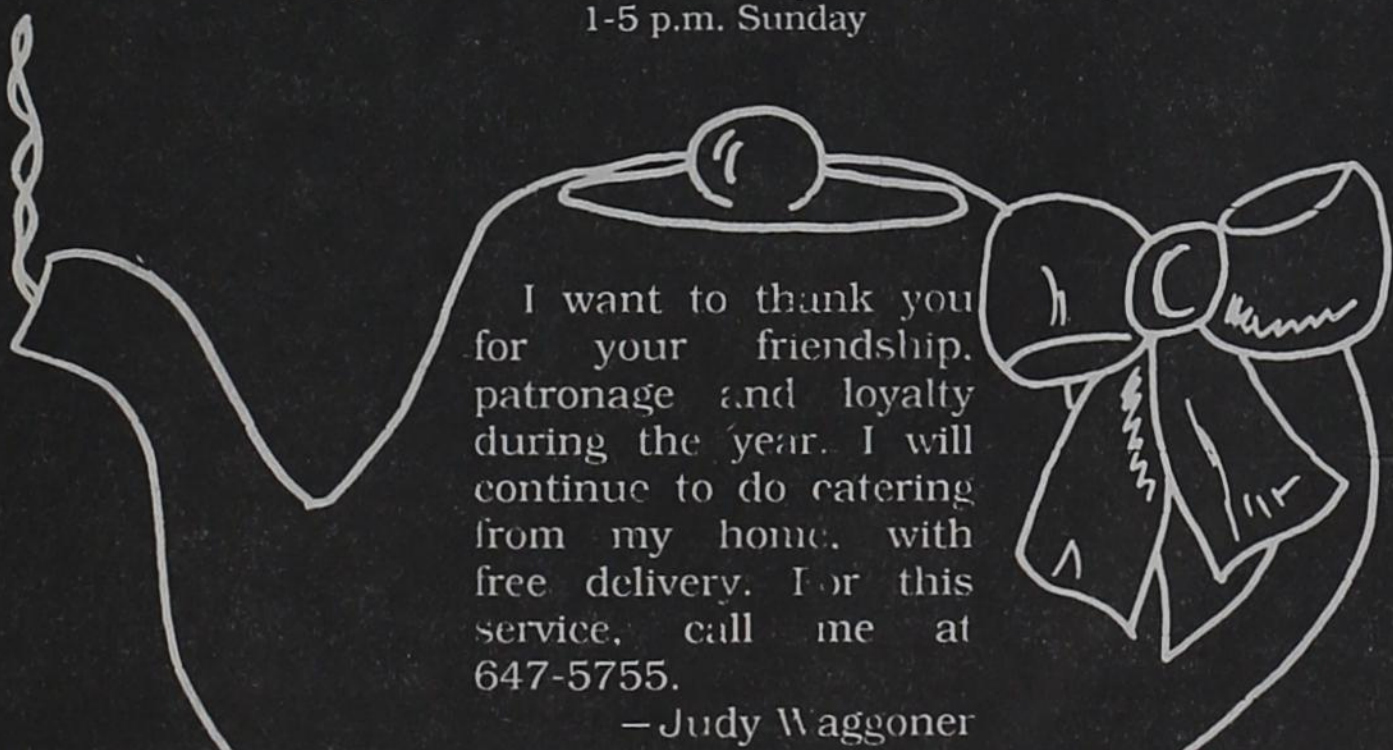
**ROCK AND ROLL** — A favorite passtime of Masa's is playing rock music with his new friends in Dimmitt. He has had to borrow guitars from friends that were willing to part with them for awhile, but may have to give up this hobby soon for lack of an instrument to play.

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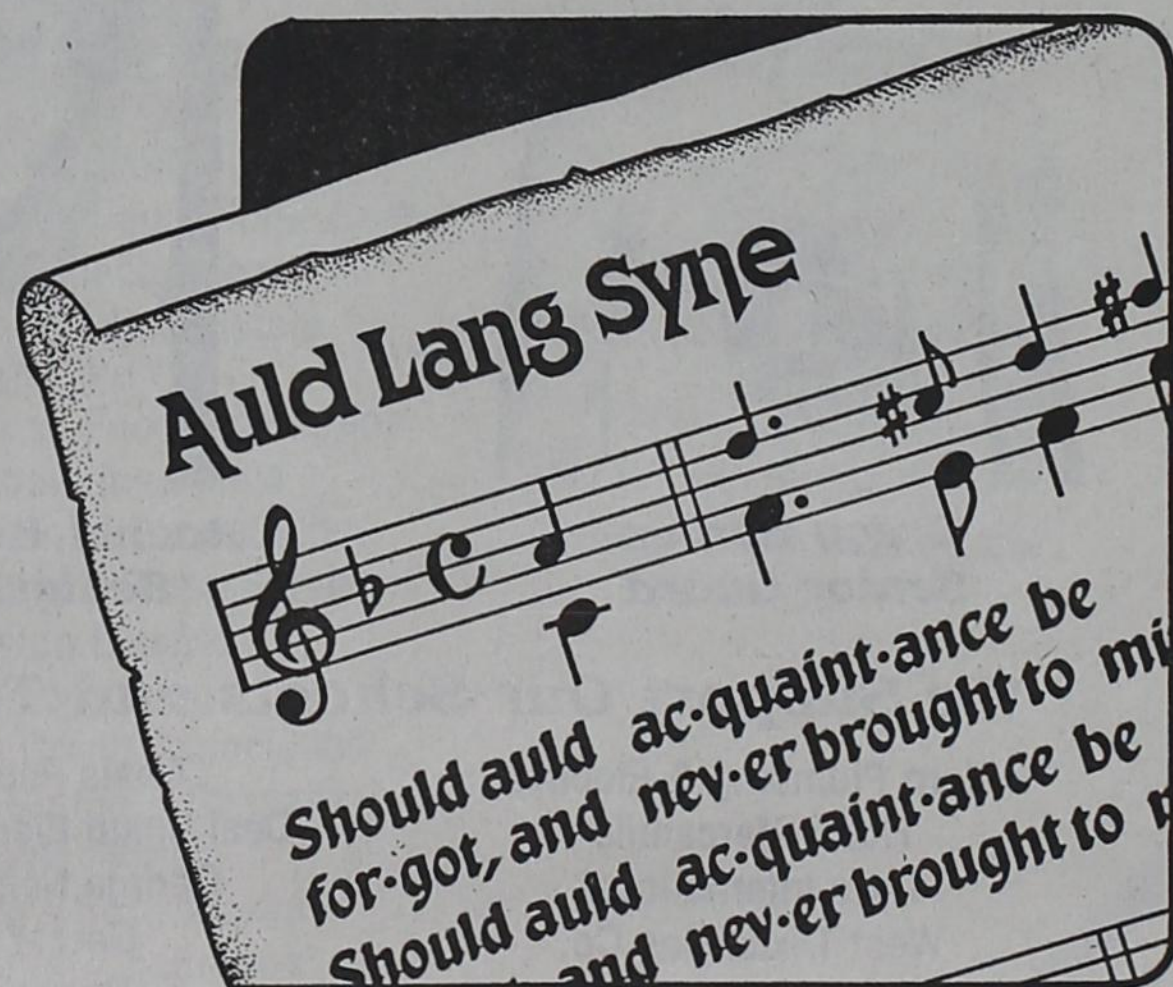
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## Scoreboard

**DEC. 18**  
**Freshman Bobcats 46**  
 Plainview Sophomores 56  
 Dimmitt 12 14 10 10 — 46  
 Plainview 9 16 18 13 — 56  
 Scoring: D—Freddie Martinez 17, Chip Thrasher 14.

**DEC. 21**  
**Freshman Bobcats 36**  
 Hale Center JV 34  
 Dimmitt 9 16 7 4 — 36  
 Hale Center 7 15 10 2 — 34  
 Scoring: D—Miguel Ontiveros 10.

**DEC. 22**  
**Lady Longhorns 43, Vega 64**  
 Hart 11 10 12 10 — 43  
 Vega 18 16 16 14 — 64  
 Scoring: H—Cindy Knox 24, Shelly Knox 12.

**JV Lady Longhorns 21, Vega 37**  
 Hart 6 4 9 2 — 21  
 Vega 8 13 8 8 — 37  
 Scoring: H—Cecilia Diaz 8, Stephanie Davis 7.

**Longhorns 51, Vega 75**  
 Hart 4 16 12 19 — 51  
 Vega 13 16 27 19 — 75  
 H — Junior Washington 15, Herman Longoria 12, Steve Lee 11.

**JV Longhorns 37, Vega 38**  
 Hart 7 13 7 10 — 37  
 Vega 12 0 12 14 — 38  
 Scoring: H—R. Ojeda 11.

**Swiftettes 52, Spearman 32**  
 Nazareth 14 5 18 13 — 52  
 Spearman 2 10 4 16 — 32  
 Scoring: D — Huseman 11, Brockman 10, Leavitt 10.

**Swifts 45, Spearman 47**  
 Nazareth 10 14 10 11 — 45  
 Spearman 10 18 12 7 — 47  
 Scoring: N—Chris Schmucker 19, Heath Schulte 12.

**JV Swiftettes 34, Spearman 28**

### SUDAN TOURNAMENT

**First Round**  
**Swiftettes 72, Muleshoe 23**  
 Nazareth 14 17 20 21 — 72  
 Muleshoe 6 8 5 4 — 23  
 Scoring: N—Rachel Huseman 17, Missy Brockman 11; M—Bean 6, Heathington 5.

**Swifts 46, Lorenzo 43**  
 Nazareth 13 7 14 12 — 46  
 Lorenzo 15 6 9 13 — 43  
 Scoring: N—Brian Schmucker 14, Heath Schulte 12; L — Villegas 12, Garcia 11.

### CAPROCK HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

**First Round**  
**Bobcats 74, Wichita Falls 82**  
 Dimmitt 14 16 12 32 — 74  
 Wichita Falls 28 9 20 25 — 82  
 Scoring: D—James Alexander 29, Warren McDonald 13, Jeremy Warren 11; WF—Bryant 36, Keiser 19, Pettigrew 10.

**Bobbies 51, Monterey 66**  
 Dimmitt 12 13 6 20 — 51  
 Monterey 13 18 10 25 — 66  
 Scoring: D — Nadine Gauna 16, Alicia Shippy 10; M — Blackwell and Kersey 16, Ince 14.

## Nazareth duo makes South Plains squad

Nazareth's Chris Schmucker and Heath Schulte have been named to the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's* All-South Plains 1A football team. Schmucker, a 5-11, 170 pound senior was named to the offensive team as quarterback. Schulte, a 5-11 160 pound senior earned wide receiver honors.

## Week's schedule

**SATURDAY** — Dimmitt vs. Levelland.  
**TUESDAY** — Longhorns and Lady Longhorns vs. Swifts and Swiftettes.

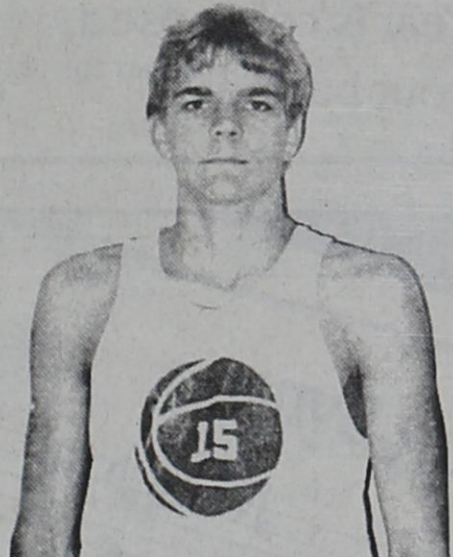


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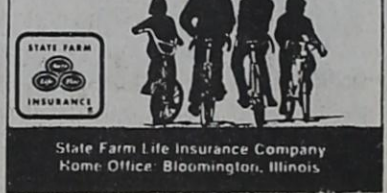
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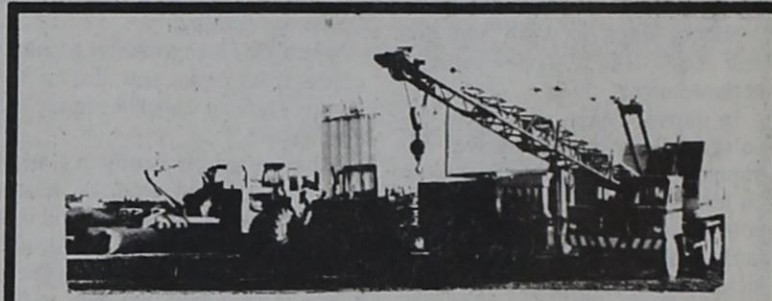
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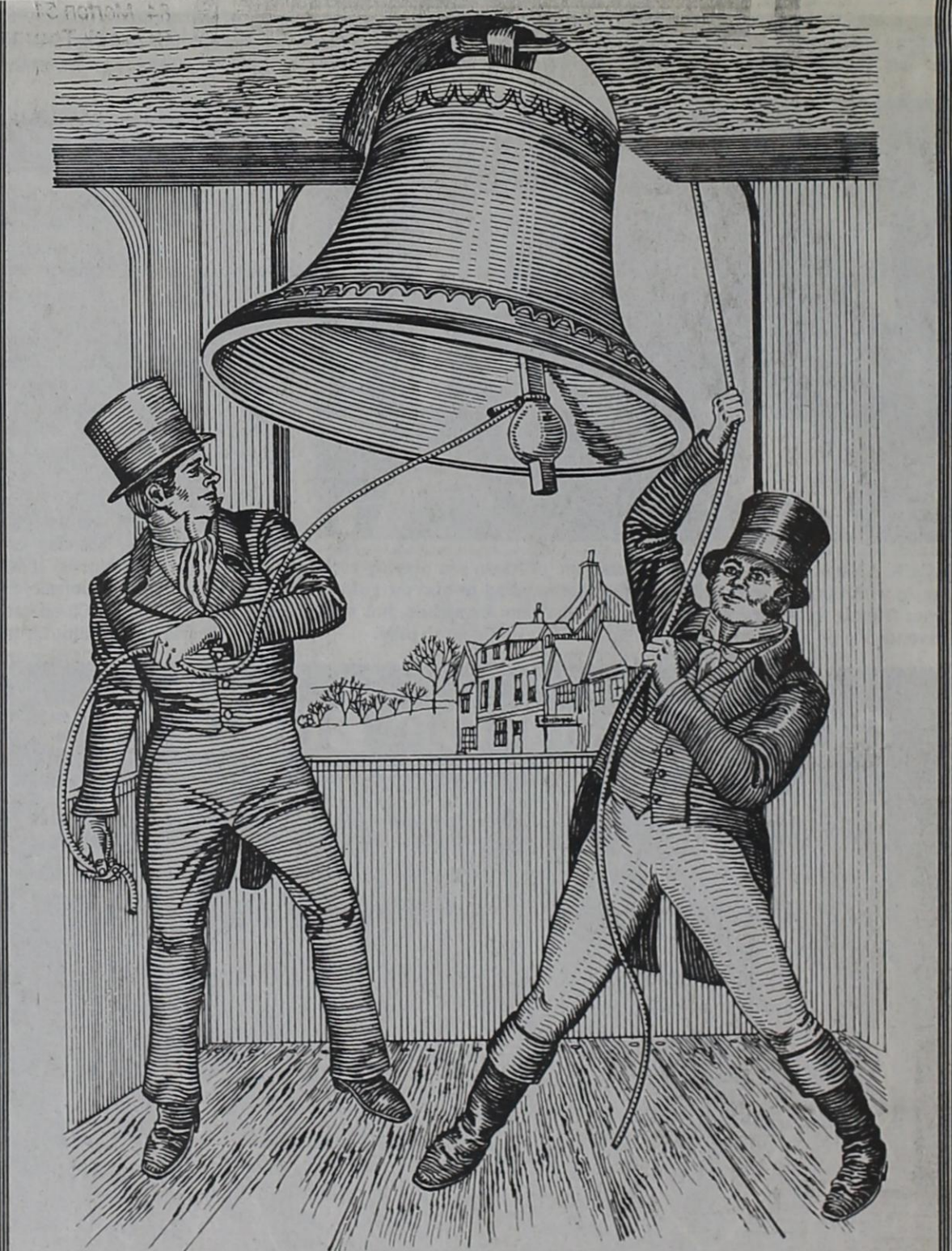
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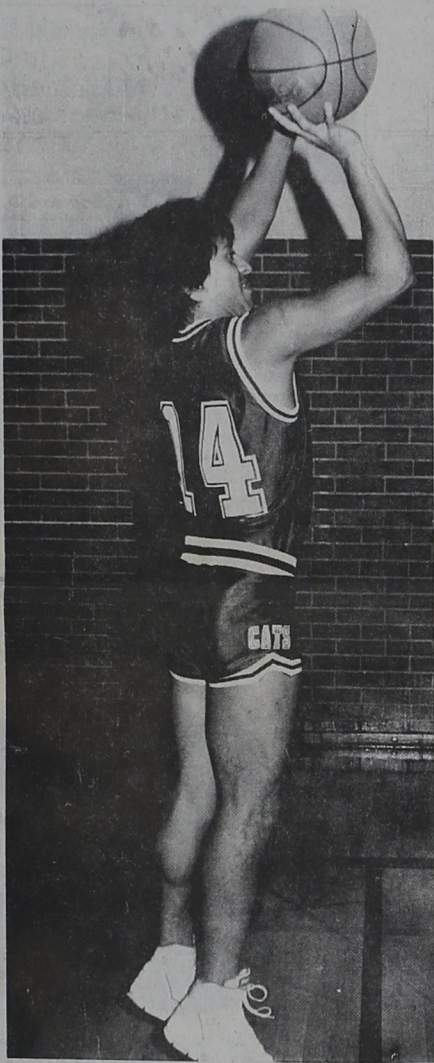
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### Bobcats:

74, River Road 36  
76, Morton 69  
66, Hereford 54

### Borger Tournament:

41, Amarillo 56  
59, Canyon 43  
84, Borger 60  
(Consolation)  
77, Canyon 42

### Pioneer Classic:

76, Estacado 64  
63, Plainview 65  
57, Nazareth 54  
(Third Place)

60, Hereford 51  
74, Midland Lee 68

60, Plainview 83

84, Morton 51

### Caprock Tournament:

74, Wichita Falls 82

### Bobbies:

69, Paducah 45  
61, Amarillo High 73  
45, Hereford 44

### Frenship Classic:

43, Coronado 34  
53, Frenship 62  
46, Happy 50  
(Fourth Place)

### Canyon Classic:

45, Tascosa 61  
31, Caprock 35  
49, Palo Duro 66  
(Eighth Place)

45, Morton 55

52, Caprock 58

44, Plainview 63

34, Morton 56

### Caprock Tournament:

51, Monterey 66

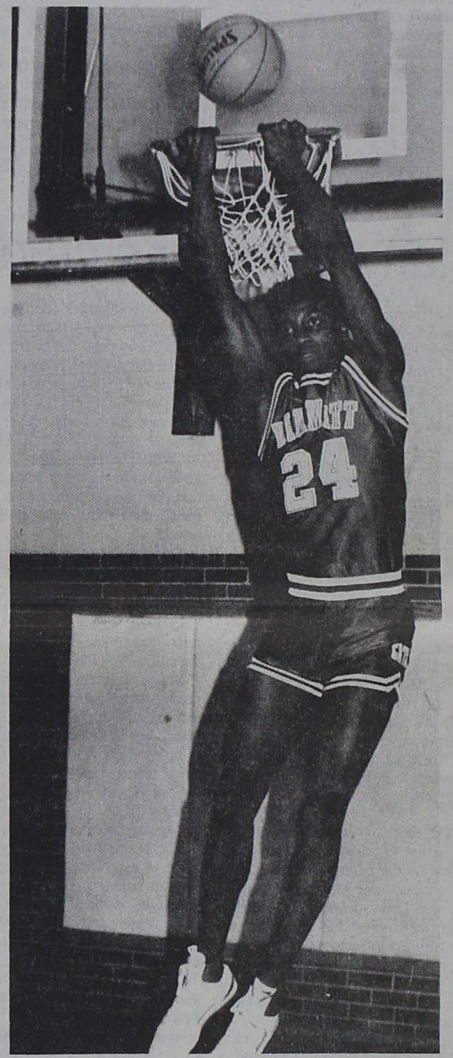
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## Remaining Schedule

Dec. 29-Dec. 31 .....@ Caprock Tourney  
Jan. 2 .....Levelland  
Jan. 8 .....@ Paducah  
\* Jan. 12 .....Bobbies host Friona  
\* Jan. 15 .....@ Floydada  
\* Jan. 19 .....Muleshoe  
\* Jan. 22 .....@ Tulia  
\* Jan. 26 .....@ Littlefield  
\* Jan. 29 .....@ Friona  
\* Feb. 2 .....Floydada  
\* Feb. 5 .....@ Muleshoe  
\* Feb. 9 .....Tulia  
\* Feb. 12 .....Littlefield  
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## Ag outlook bright for 1988

The agricultural outlook for 1988 remains fairly bright, according to an economist in marketing with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas A&M University System.

"Texas farm and ranch income will continue to be supported by strong cotton and cattle prices and sizable government payments," says Dr. Carl Anderson. He emphasizes that moderate inflation and a relatively low level of planted acreage will dampen the increase in production expenses.

"As a result, agricultural incomes in 1987 are expected to be up substantially from the depressed levels of recent years," Anderson predicts.

For 1988, the general outlook is highlighted by smaller world crop supplies, stronger demand and higher prices. Larger meat supplies will dampen livestock and poultry prices for the year ahead, however, he notes.

"Most Texas farmers and ranchers likely will experience stable income in the New Year. Lower

prices for beef cattle, pork, poultry and cotton may about offset slightly higher prices for wheat, soybeans, corn and rice," Anderson says.

In the coming year, U. S. farm exports are expected to increase moderately because of low and competitive prices. The weaker dollar also will boost sales, the economist predicts.

He notes that farm financial stress is easing somewhat with improved incomes, lower land and capital costs. In addition, the downturn in farm land prices is beginning to show signs of stabilizing.

"The structure of agriculture continues to change in the direction of fewer and larger commercial farms that are integrating with supply and processing firms to increase efficiency. The result is higher and more stable income per family," Anderson says.

Many part-time farmers remain who derive most of their income off the farm. These families are seeking a rural lifestyle rather than

farm income, in most instances. The result is fewer middle-sized farm operations, the economist adds.

Anderson adds that a modest increase in food prices of 2 to 4 percent is in prospect for 1988. Large meat supplies will probably dampen food price gains, he notes.

U.S. farmers are idling 70 million acres, and as a result, input sales have fallen sharply. Farmers are using cash flow to pay on debt, rather than purchasing inputs. Sales of manufactured inputs are down about 30 percent for the peak, due to the idled acreage, Anderson says.

Layoffs and plant closings in recent months have led to a rapid consolidation of input and processing industries. Exports of broilers, flour, soybean products, meat and

other value added products have dropped sharply because of highly subsidized sales of these products by many foreign competitors. The European Economic Community paid out about \$8.5 billion in direct export subsidies last year, Anderson reports.

"In summary, net farm income is 1988 may decline slightly from the improved level in 1987," Anderson says. The outlook is for continued gradual improvement in the global crop supply-demand situation. U. S. exports are expected to benefit from the growth in global demand and competitive U.S. prices, he adds.

"World animal-product output is expected to increase modestly in 1988, with expanded output of poultry and pork offsetting less beef and veal," Anderson says.

### Jan. 5 date set for Irrigation Conference

Fine tuning pivot or row irrigation equipment to get maximum benefit for a particular field will be explained during the annual High Plains Irrigation Conference set for Jan. 5, 1988 in Amarillo.

"For years, this annual program has been one of the most beneficial events for Castro County producers who irrigate," said Seth Ralston, county Extension agent. "Extension staff and High Plains irrigators plan it to address major concerns of the producers."

The conference will be held at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 5600 Amarillo Blvd. West, in Amarillo. Registration and an exhibit of equipment and supplies will begin at 8:30 a.m.

At 9:25 a.m., Jack Musick, agricultural engineer with USDA-Agricultural Research Service, Bushland, will report on research to find the most efficient furrow irrigation methods for this area. Leon New, irrigation specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Amarillo, will explain ways to refine existing irrigation systems.

Adaption of center pivot systems to provide effective chemigation will be explained by Dr. Allen Knutson, Extension entomologist, Dimmitt.

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## Soil test helps plan next year's crops

It's time to plan next year's crops and soil testing should be one of the first items considered, advises a soil chemist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The Extension Service soil testing program provides advice which can guide producers in maintaining a soil fertility program and furnishes information to help make management decisions, explained Dr. Michael Hickey, soil chemist who directs the Extension soil testing laboratory here.

Proper sampling tools will make the job easier, he said. Suitable tools include a soil sample probe, sharp-shooter shovel and a plastic bucket. The probe is best suited for sampling the sandy soils of the High Plains. If a probe isn't available or moisture conditions make clay loam soils stick in the probe, a sharp-shooter shovel can be used.

"The goal of field sampling is to provide a measure of the average soil fertility in the field," Hickey said.

The first step in sound soil sampling is to subdivide the field, based on the overall appearance of the land and any known differences in past crop production. Hickey said this gives the producer an opportunity to sample problem sites separately so that site-specific fertility problems can be identified and the "average" fertility of the field won't be biased.

Each sample submitted for chemical analysis should represent a composite of 10 to 15 individual samplings, randomly taken, within a given area. For each individual sample, the same amount of soil should be taken to eliminate bias.

If the past crop was bed planted, the best sample will come from halfway down the bed. If last year's fertilizer was banded, try to avoid sampling from the band, Hickey urged.

Prior to taking a sample, scrape the litter from the surface, he advised. Then push the probe into the soil to the depth of plowing, which will be six to eight inches. To use a sharp-shooter, dig a V-shaped hole and take a half-inch slice of soil from the smoothside of the hole.

"While taking samples, it is a good idea to note any soil compaction or the occurrence of plow pans," the Extension specialist cautioned.

Subsamples should be placed into a clean plastic bucket. After all subsamples have been taken for a given area, mix them thoroughly. Take about a pint of this composite mixture for chemical analysis by the soil testing laboratory.

Soil sample bags which hold the proper amount for testing soil sample information sheets which itemize details about the field and sample needed for interpretation of the chemical analysis are available at the local county Extension agent's office, or at the Extension soil testing laboratory in Lubbock.

The information sheets should be filled in as completely as possible, Hickey stressed. Each soil sample would be marked with the producer's name and sample number, which should correspond to the number on the information sheet. The analysis desired should be marked on the sample, and the proper fee included.



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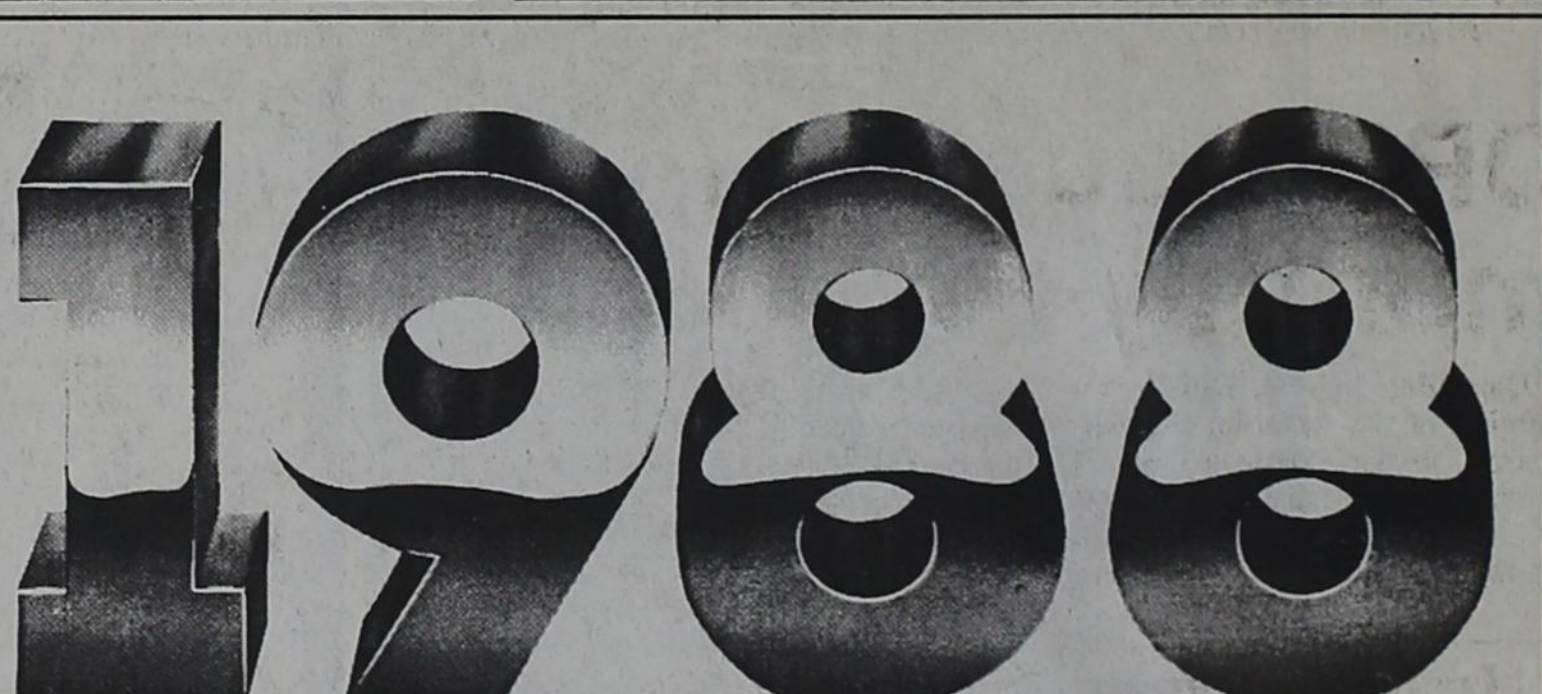
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# Texas seeking new voters

The goal is one million. That's the number of new Texas voters Secretary of State Jack Rains wants to get during his office's voter registration drive. "Leaders from the business community are here today because they believe as I do—it's time to draw the line," said Rains, the state's chief elections officer.

"With our new early primary date (March 8) Texans have a golden opportunity," Rains said. "We must force the presidential candidates to make solid commitments on energy policy, distribution of federal funds and other issues that affect our economic climate and quality of life."

"Currently, Texas receives only \$1 for every \$1.59 it sends to Washington," the secretary said. "That's a bad deal and it must change. If we can get the attention of the presidential candidates and force them to address this inequity, we can reverse the trend and begin

to receive our fair share." Rains said the first wave of his drive — dubbed Voter '88 — is underway. The first wave emphasizes registration in the workplace, and the business leaders here in Austin today—along with countless others across the state — have pledged their support for Voter '88. "I've set out to register one million new voters in 1988," Rains announced. "If we are successful, it will shatter all previous voter registration records. And I can assure you it will get the attention of the presidential candidates from both parties."

Rains said the support of the business community is essential to making Voter '88 work. "The way to register new voters is to catch them at the workplace," Rains said.

"Our population is highly mobile. People are constantly moving, and the recent economic dislocations we've seen have compounded the problem. It just makes sense to

register people where they spend the day—at work.

"We have commitments from presidents and chief executive officers from the state's major employers," the secretary said. "They are on the program and are ready to sign up a record number of new voters."

Rains said smaller businesses and traditional voter registration groups are next on the list. "We're sending our mailers to every employer we can find. We also will reach groups that have conducted voter registration drives in the past — like the League of Women Voters, the NAACP, labor unions and the major political parties—to let them know what we're doing and to enhance the program."

Voter '88 also will register Texans at airports, hotels, bus stops, restaurants, nursing homes and schools.

"Most students who are eligible to vote are not registered," Rains revealed. "I want the high school

principals and university presidents to help us register eligible students.

"When a graduating senior receives his or her diploma, they should also receive a voter registration card. Then when that student decides where to live, they turn in their card. It's a simple process, but it takes cooperation and support from the leaders in the education community."

Rains emphasized that Voter '88 is non-partisan and is not designed to help a specific candidate, party or cause. "I'm not worrying about who someone votes for, I just want to make sure they vote," Rains said. "The stakes are too high in the 1988 elections. Texans must get involved so the candidates will respond."

"Texas lags behind our fellow states like Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana in the percentage of eligible voters who are registered," Rains said. "Texans are proud. We should show our pride by registering to vote and turning out at the polls."

**THANKS**

We wish to thank the fine people here who have made our success possible.

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## Social Security in Castro County

By TERRY J. CLEMENTS

The annual earnings base—the maximum amount of earnings that count for Social Security will increase to \$45,000 for 1988, up from \$43,800 for 1987. In addition, the 1988 tax rate for employees and their employers will increase to 7.51%, up from the 1987 rate of 7.15%.

The increase in the wage base is based on the change in average earnings levels from 1986 to 1987. The tax rate increase was already a part of the Social Security law. The effective tax rate for self-employed people will rise from 12.3% to 13.02% for 1988.

The increase in the tax rate will amount to \$7.20 a month for a person earning \$2,000 a month.

Other Social Security figures are scheduled to increase in 1988 as well. The annual exempt amount used in the annual earnings test will increase. The annual earnings test is the measure used to determine whether a person who works will receive benefits during the year.

The 1988 annual exempt amount

for people 65 through 69 will be \$8,400, up from the 1987 amount of \$8,160. The 1988 exempt amount for people under 65 all of 1988 will be \$6,120, up from the 1987 amount of \$6,000.

A person whose earnings do not exceed the annual exempt amount will receive all benefits for the year. A person's benefit is reduced by \$1 for each \$2 of earnings above the exempt amount. The annual earnings test does not apply once a person reaches 70.

The amount of earnings needed to earn a quarter of coverage—the measure of Social Security work credit—will be \$470 in 1988, up from \$460 for 1987. In 1988, a worker will earn four quarters of coverage if his or her annual earnings are \$1,880 or more.

More information about Social Security taxes and benefits can be obtained at the Social Security office at 1401-B West Fifth Street, or you may call us at 293-9623. Appointments can be arranged if desired.

## DPS issues monthly reports

Capt. Bob Russell, District Supervisor of the Amarillo Highway Patrol District comprised of 31 counties reported that for the month of October, "Our troopers investigated four fatal accidents, 93 personal

injury accidents, and 102 property damage accidents. There were six persons killed and 129 persons injured in these accidents."

Sgt. Brad Parker of Tulia stated, "In Castro county, our troopers investigated no fatal accidents, one personal injury accident, and no property damage accidents in the month of October. One person was injured in these accidents, but there were no deaths."

For the month of November, District 31 troopers investigated one fatal accident, 66 personal injury accidents, and 95 property damage accidents, according to Capt. Russell.

Sgt. Parker reported that in Castro County there was only one property damage accident investigated in November. There were no deaths or injuries incurred in that accident, he added.



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# NWTF gets helping hand

The Nuclear Waste Task force received some encouragement this week in the form of donations from two separate organizations.

The United Methodist Women of Dimmitt gave \$900 and the Friona Young Homemakers gave \$500 to the NWTF.

The Task Force is faced with a \$40,000 debt incurred in successfully fighting the construction of a permanent high level nuclear waste repository in this area.

Lois Wales, president of the Task Force, said that any and all donations from civic organizations, businesses or individuals would be greatly appreciated.



**MUCH NEEDED MONIES** — Katy Wright, left, of the United Methodist Women, and Kathy Carthel, of the Friona Young Homemakers offer donations to Lois Wales for the Nuclear Waste Task Force.

## 14—CARDS OF THANKS

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The Martinez and Gonzales families deeply appreciate the people that sent food, flowers and cards in the loss of our loved one, Ester Martinez. We want to thank the nursing staff for their kindness.

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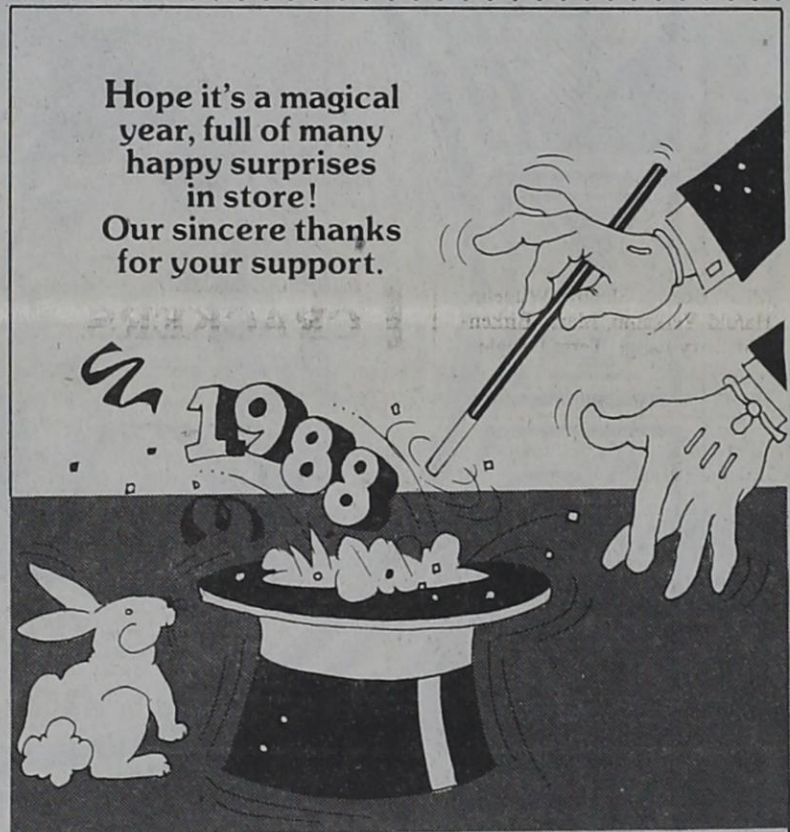
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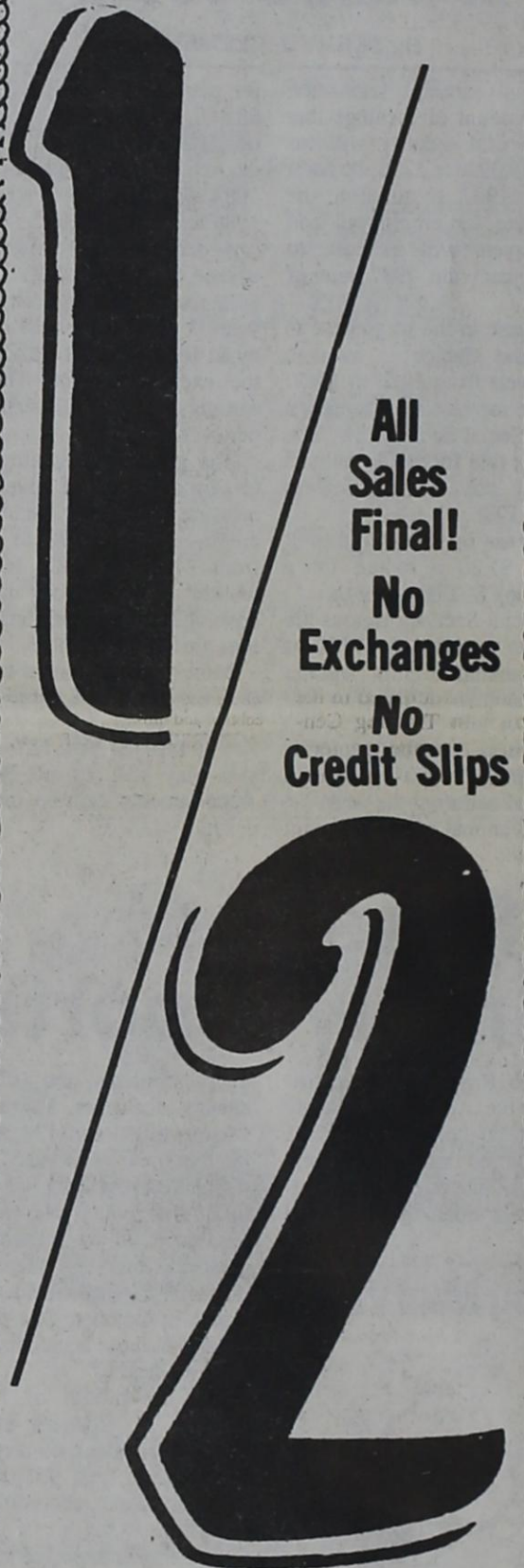
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# Immigration Service clarifies filing of I-9's

Producers of perishable crops do not need to complete I-9 forms on production and harvesting employees until December, 1988.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service recently ruled that perishable crop farmers will not be subject to penalties for I-9 record-keeping requirements until Dec. 1, 1988, said Dr. Dick Edwards, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Nor will the INS go back and retroactively check for I-9 completion for the period ending Nov. 30, 1988.

An I-9 form is the document employers complete which verifies they have inspected documents which verify that persons have the legal right to work in this country.

The latest INS ruling covers employees who are hired to work in the production and harvesting of crops that have been deemed perishable by the US Department of Agriculture, Edwards said.

Those perishable crops include all fruits, vegetables, nuts, corn, rice, peanuts, wheat, horticultural specialty products, Christmas trees, sugar beets, soybeans, cut flowers, tobacco, spices, herbs and hops.

Producers of other crops, livestock, poultry and dairy are excluded, so these employers must continue to fill out and maintain I-9 forms. Producers of perishable crops must also continue to complete I-9 forms on office employees, mechanics, packing house employees and other workers, emphasizes the economist.

Producers of perishable crops

## Washington participates in color guard

CA Darrell Washington, son of E.L. and Mildred Washington of Dimmitt recently participated in the Naval Construction Training Center Color Guard at the center's veteran's appreciation day celebration.

Washington was one of five participating in the color guard.

## SS rep to be here

A representative of the Social Security Administration will be working at the Castro County Courthouse Thursday, Jan. 7, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Under the new tax laws, children five years of age and older must have a social security number in order to be claimed as a dependent on a tax return.

Telephone services are also available. For Medicare claims phone 1-800-442-2620, and for social security questions phone 1-806-293-9623.

will not be penalized for hiring production and harvesting persons who cannot present proof that they have the legal right to work in this country. This change relates to filing out and filing an I-9 form.

According to the INS, perishable crop producers must fill out an I-9 form within three working days and ask for qualifying documents. If documents are presented, the I-9 should be completed. If acceptable documents cannot be produced, the employer simply writes SAW (Season Agricultural Worker) on the I-9 form.

When the employee obtains an employment authorization card, it must be shown to the producer, who then should complete the previously completed I-9 form.

"This process should continue until Nov. 30, 1988," said Edwards. "At that time, no person should be hired unless he or she can present employment documents."

According to Edwards, the December 1988 date does present one drawback. Present law prohibits the INS from fining employers for hiring violations before June 1, 1988, if they have not been issued a warning first. Thus, perishable crop farmers must become familiar with the law by the time they are required to keep records and hire only legal workers. When the law

applies to them, there will be no warnings issued for first-time offenders.

## ICC Happenings

Friday, Jan. 1, is New Year's day and Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - a holy day of Obligation. Mass will be at 6:45 p.m.

Special collection will be taken on the weekend of Jan. 9 - 10 for the Latin American countries.

On Wednesday, Jan. 6, CCD classes will resume with Session 3 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 10, will be Scouts Sunday. Boys and girls who have recently enrolled in the Scouting Movement will be honored. The Charter for the newly formed Cub Pack 275 will be presented to the Parish.

## Happy Birthday

[Compiled from the Community Birthday Calendars sponsored by the Castro County Extension Homemakers, and the Nazareth Swift Band.]

DECEMBER 31 — Ricky Bagwell, Randy Bagwell, Coy Dunn, Allison Moore, Andrea Smothermon, Manuel Ramirez, Sr., Dustin Aven, Krista Ehly, Dorothy Pohlmeier.

JANUARY 1—Charlie Lane, Howard Smithson, Diann Leatherwood, Gladys Deen.

JANUARY 2—Mark Lange, Tiffany Smith, Bobbie Bruegel, Ruth Cochran, Pearl Salazar, David Musick.

JANUARY 3 — Gregory Shehan, Greg Sava, Arlon Ewing, Joyce Bossett, Shannon Mason, Joyce Jordan, Shana Birkenfeld, Dennis Birkenfeld, Randy Schilling.

JANUARY 4—Adrian Farris, Tim Wilhelm, Mary Jackson, Don Curtis, Ester Washington.

JANUARY 5—Oleta Raper, Gene King, Mae Hargrove, Alford Campbell, Johnny Garza, Mike Booth, Shelby Wilhelm, Harold Verkamp, Marci Birkenfeld, Jerry Lange, Terrell Bogle.

JANUARY 6 — Jessica Carson, F.P. Schacher, Alvin Anderle, Jesseka Bermea, Nita Beavers, Jack Flynt II, Benjamin Coleman, Vicki Yokum.

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## What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of Jan. 4 through Jan. 8.

### DIMMITT

MONDAY—Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, pickles, onions, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY—Pizza, corn nuggets, pork and beans, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY—Beef tacos with cheese, whole kernel corn, shredded lettuce, peach cobbler and milk.

THURSDAY — Beef stew, cornbread, pineapple tidbits, cookies, milk.

FRIDAY—Bean chaluapas with cheese, corn on the cob, lettuce and tomato salad, banana pudding and milk.

### HART

MONDAY—Ham and cheese on wheat bun, salad, French fries, applesauce cake and milk.

TUESDAY — Enchilada casserole, tortillas, buttered corn, vegetable salad, brownies and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Sloppy Joes, pinto beans, coleslaw, peach cobbler and milk.

THURSDAY—Beef stew, tossed salad, peaches, chocolate cake and milk.

FRIDAY—Fried chicken, sliced bread, green peas, whipped potatoes, apple cobbler and milk.

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Basic for Microcomputers	6:00-8:45 p.m.	Monday
English Composition I	7:00-9:45 p.m.	Thursday
Freshman Composition II	7:00-9:45 p.m.	Monday
Literature of the Western World	7:00-9:45 p.m.	Thursday
Government of Texas and U. S.	7:00-9:45 p.m.	Tuesday
History of the U. S. II	7:00-9:45 p.m.	Monday
College Algebra	7:00-9:45 p.m.	Tuesday
General Psychology	7:00-9:45 p.m.	Monday
Real Estate Finance	7:00-9:45 p.m.	Thursday

Late Registration — Tuesday, January 19, 1988 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Hereford High School.  
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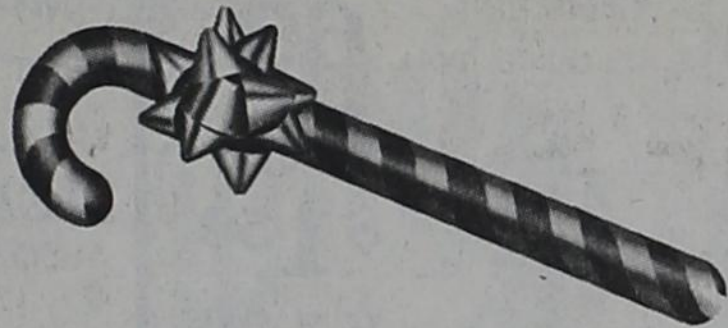


*'Twas the week after Christmas, and all through the town  
People were asking, "Hey, what's going down?  
We signed up for the Christmas Card list,  
But somehow our names from the list were miss'd."*

*"Oh, no!" cried the banker, where the names had poured in.  
"Oh, no!" groaned the editor, red with chagrin.  
"These folks were the first—they signed in a cinch,  
And we've stolen Christmas from them like a grinch!"*

*But in the true spirit, these folks understood—  
"Just print it next week, and that will be good.  
We'll wish a Merry Christmas to all our friends local,  
A little late, maybe, but still just as vocal."*

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## Sunnyside By Teeny Bowden, 647-5703

Lee Bradley was admitted to High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo Tuesday after being transferred from Veteran's Hospital, for laser surgery on the vertebra in his neck Wednesday morning. The laser removed the spurs that were effecting the nerves in his neck and

causing the uselessness of his hand and arm. The surgery was successful but he will have to take therapy on his wrist and not drive for a while. All his family was with him for surgery and Weldon and Irene Bradley took care of the children so Louise could stay with him. He was dismissed over the weekend.

Pat Elkins had a check-up Monday in Amarillo with the plastic surgeon to check on the progress of the graft on her foot. The graft was healing as expected.

J.C. Holbrooks was admitted to ICU in Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt Wednesday morning.

L.B. Bowden has made progress in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo this week, but remains in medical intensive care. He is breathing on his own, but is still a little short on breath. He is now eating a little solid food, sitting in the chair and is walking a little. He may get to move to a private room soon.

Bro. Mike Summers of Muleshoe preached for church Sunday. I'm not sure if he was supplying or coming before the church in view of a call.

Bro. Jim Tilley of Dimmitt visited with L.B. Bowden Tuesday night after Teeny had gone to the motel for the night. Weldon Bradley and Eleanor and Ellery Baker of Canyon visited with L.B. and Teeny Wednesday afternoon. David and Gay Sadler and Karla and Melody and Walter Roye all of

Hobbs visited at the motel with Teeny Bowden Friday night after not finding her at the hospital. Monarae Cummings visited with L.B. last Sunday evening while Teeny was at home.

Ezell and Verba Sadler and David and Gay Sadler and family had Christmas dinner in Hereford Christmas day with Mrs. Ruth King and her family in Hereford.

Larry and Sharon Sadler and Carrie, Stacy Norman and Jeremy, Laura and Leroy Hurtado and Matt and Tex and Norma Conard of Dimmitt left Thursday afternoon for Hubbard Creek Lake to have Christmas with Chad and Juanelle

Windsor, Cory and Kasey and Chad's parents of Kansas. Jim Norman of Allen also joined them at the lake. Ezell and Verba Sadler had Christmas dinner with them before they left.

Lance and Terri Loudder, Lacy, Jake and Katy left Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays in Ruidoso, N.M. with Dr. Bill and Lou Fleming and their family.

Larry and Sharon Sadler, Stacy Norman and Jeremy, Laura Hurtado and Matt, Karla Sadler, and Tex and Norma Conard met Carrie Sadler at the plane in Lubbock at midnight Christmas Eve.

Dr. Myles and Linda Sadler, Gregory and Amy of Lubbock had Christmas dinner with Embree Roy and Willie Mae Sadler Christmas Day. Gregory and Amy stayed for a few days with them.

### Letter

#### City police are no help during storm

Dear Editor:

I am writing you about some trouble we had during the snow storm we had (Dec. 13 and 14).

We called the (law enforcement dispatcher) to help my husband get to work about 5 o'clock in the morning because the snow was higher behind our cars than they were tall, and he could not get out. We knew our (employees) could not get into our building. So my husband went to walking to the highway where the (city policemen) were parked, to go with them. The snow was about three or four feet deep, and he can hardly walk on plain ground. He fell and tried and tried to get up, and kept falling again, and they did not get out of their car and come to help him or anything. The policemen would not even wait to let him ride with them, or help him get out there. They just drove off, and I had to get my clothes on and get him into the house.

I would like to let people know what kind of protection we'd have if we had an emergency. Thanks for listening.

A CITIZEN

(Editor's Note: Letter writer's name is on file at the News office.)

### Happy Anniversary

[Compiled from the Community Birthday Calendars sponsored by the Castro County Extension Homemakers and the Nazareth Swift Band.]

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JANUARY 1 — Greg and Mary Ann Howell.

JANUARY 3 — Delbert and Jackie Smothermon, Steve and Vicki Buckley, Rodney and Mona Schulte.

JANUARY 4 — Coby and Connie Gilbreath.

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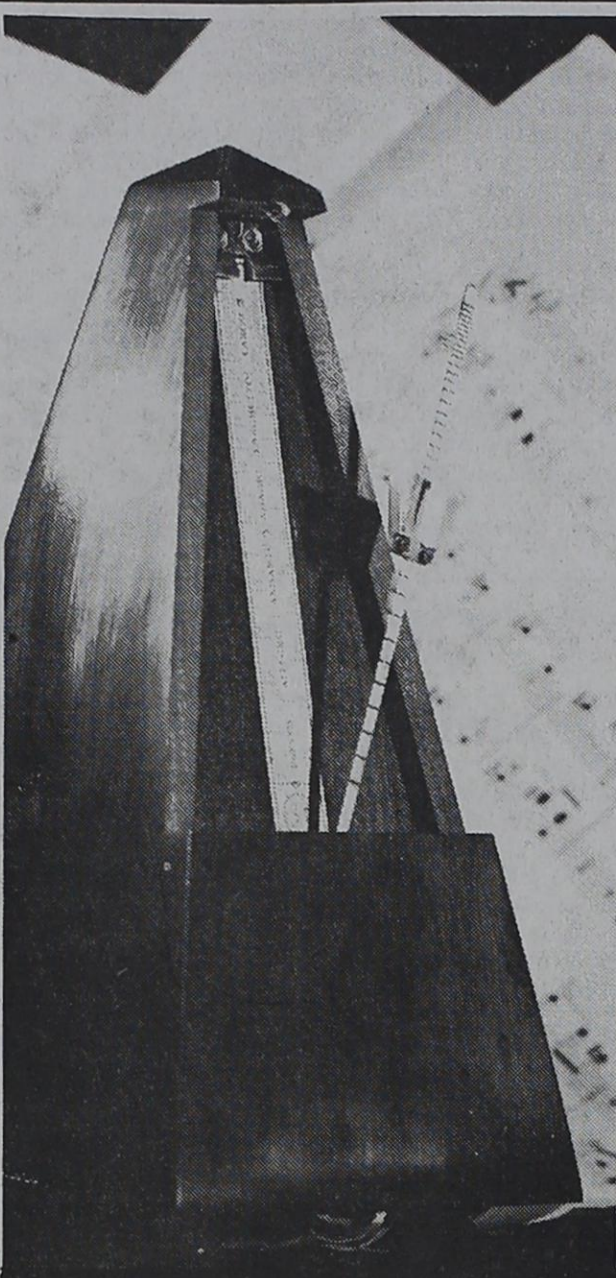
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The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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## Touchstone places third in Maid of Cotton contest

Tricia Touchstone, 21, of Dimmitt, was second runner-up in the 1988 Maid of Cotton Competition.

Touchstone is the daughter of Truman and Betty Touchstone of Dimmitt and Ann and Weldon Rodgers of Paducah.

Touchstone, a senior restaurant and hotel management major at Texas Tech University, was the South Plains Maid of Cotton, one of three regional contests whose winners automatically qualified as finalists. She will now return to Lubbock to carry out her duties as South Plains Maid of Cotton.

The 1988 Maid of Cotton, Angela Herbert, 21, of Phoenix, Ariz., was selected at the Majestic Theater in downtown Dallas Monday

night.

Contestants were judged on communication skills, poise, personality, and appearance during 2 1/2 days of structured events which included prepared speeches, question and answer sessions at several functions and the Monday night selection.

As Maid of Cotton, Herbert will receive a \$10,000 scholarship and a \$10,000 all-cotton wardrobe. She will tour the United States, the Far East and Europe over the next six months representing the cotton industry and helping to promote the sale of U. S. cotton.

Herbert will make her first public appearance at the Cotton Bowl Parade on New Year's Day.

### More about

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project — donors, Hospital Auxiliary members, bank employees, newspaper staffers—were working for the common good on a program to benefit the entire community.

The best thing to do is to apologize, on behalf of all who were entrusted with the project, and to publish the names of the "missing donors."

That's what we're doing. You'll find the "Second Community Christmas Card" on Page 14. Remember, most of the people on this list were the original donors, many of whom signed up as early as mid-November.

All the people whose names were omitted have been very understanding, and for that we're grateful.

A lot of our politicians seem to be drinking funny water again.

Congressman Beau Boulter (R-Amarillo) is thinking about running against Sen. Lloyd Bentsen. Just the mere mention of the possibility prompted a full-page ad on Bentsen's behalf in every newspaper in Boulter's district recently, funded by Sen. Bentsen's considerable campaign chest.

State Sen. Bill Sarpalius (D-Amarillo) thought better of running against State Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower, but announced Tuesday that he will run for Boulter's seat in Congress, whether Boulter decides to run for re-election or not.

And Bob Price (R-Pampa), who formerly held the seats now held by both Boulter and Sarpalius — in Congress from '67 to '75, and in the Texas Senate from '77 to '81—announced Tuesday that he will run for the congressional seat again.

Nearly every time a politician wants to jump a rung, I have the urge to say, "Hey—you're doing okay where you are. Remember George Mahon—he made a career in the US House of Representatives and became one of the most powerful men in the nation by staying put. Grow where you've been planted."

In Boulter's case, especially, it would seem that running against Sen. Bentsen would be suicidal.

But I'm not a politician. These guys didn't get elected in the first place by being dumb, and you have to assume they know something about their opponents' vulnerabilities that we don't know.

Stay tuned. It's going to get interesting.

I'm not cynical or all-knowing, but it didn't surprise me when our proposed Panhandle site for the nation's new superconducting super collider didn't make the "short list" that was announced Tuesday.

Texas had four proposed sites on the "long list"—two officially and two via the back door. Ours was by far the most economical site of the bunch.

But sooner or later it was bound to become a political decision. The proposed site near Dallas/Fort Worth is close to the nation's largest airport, a major technological-industrial-scientific center—and in the congressional district of House Speaker Jim Wright, who has considerable clout and knows how to

## AIDS test offered Jan. 5

The Panhandle Aids Support Organization (PASO) will offer anonymous testing for the AIDS virus Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1988, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

For the Amarillo testing location call 806-372-4557.

## Nazareth

By Ulrge Gerber, 945-2669

Christmas was celebrated in the beautifully decorated Holy Family Church beginning with Christmas carols at 11:30 p.m. and Christmas Vigil Mass at midnight, officiated by Rev. Brendan Sherry and Deacon Jerome Brockman. The adult choir sang for this Mass. The CYO sang for the 8 a.m. Mass on Christmas morning and the children's choir sang for the 10 a.m. Mass. The choirs and liturgy both helped to provide beautiful services.

Many families were together for Christmas as dinner but the blowing snow kept some from participating.

Fonsa Huseman had her Christmas celebration at the Gilbert Schulte home Sunday. 95 of her expected 104 family members that were expected were present. Fonsa is recuperating well from knee surgery and expects to be going to her home soon.

Gene and Susie Gerber and

family of Odessa, Rick and Robbie Gerber and daughter of Astin, Donna and Durward Hamby and sons of Hereford, Jerry and Tricia Rose and son of Tulia joined the rest of the family from Nazareth at the Albert Gerber home for Christmas Eve and breakfast.

The family of Sylvia Hoelting were all together Christmas night at the home of Jim and Sandee Hoelting.

Tom and Brenda Conrad and family of Colorado Springs, Colo., Lyn and Pam Bogle and family of Center, Colo., Bob and Linda Kendricks and family and Lisa Pohlmeier of Desoto joined the rest of the LeRoy Pohlmeier families for dinner on Christmas. Alma Conrad, Paul Pohlmeier and Meta Stork also enjoyed dinner with them.

Clyde Schulte was honored with a surprise party on his 40th birthday Saturday night at the Legion Hall. Many of his classmates, friends and family attended.

## Obituaries

### Ester Martinez

Ester Martinez, 50, of Dimmitt, died at 1:25 a.m. Friday in Plains Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Mass of Christian burial was read Monday afternoon in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Rev. Norbert Choong, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Fleming Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

She was born in Mission and moved from Tulia to Dimmitt 29 years ago. She was a housewife and

a Catholic.

Survivors include her husband, Santos; four sons, Santos Jr. of Albany, Richard, Nick and Bobby, all of Dimmitt; two daughters, Norma Velasquez and Nora Martinez, both of Dimmitt; her mother, Delores Gonzalez of Tulia; seven sisters, Lupita Casanova, Mary Lou Chapa, Oralia Huron, Edna Garza and Emma Castillo, all of Tulia, Eva Perez of Mission and Martha Isaquire of Hart; four brothers, Tino Gonzalez of Big Spring, Paz Jr., Ramiro and Ruben, all of Tulia; and five grandchildren.

### Bessie E. Teetzen

Services for Bessie E. Teetzen, 67 of Darrouzett, are pending with Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Mrs. Teetzen died Tuesday.

She was a lifelong Lipscomb County resident. She married Elmer Teetzen in 1943. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Elmer Teetzen of Columbus, Ohio; and three brothers, James Slough of Dimmitt, Leonard Slough of Dell City, Okla., and Loy Slough of Booker.

use it. For those reasons, I think that even if the Dept. of Energy and Congress had ruled out every other state and considered only the proposed sites in Texas, we still wouldn't have gotten it.

Boosters of the Panhandle SSC site haven't given up, and that's to their credit.

Our area owes a big vote of thanks to those who worked so hard and prepared for us a first-class proposal and a go-get-'em organization—especially John Chandler, head of Amarillo's SSC committee, and Larry Milner, president of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce.

Much good can still come of all the work, research and organization that went into the Panhandle's bid for the SSC.

## City to take bids on equipment

At their Dec. 22 meeting, the Dimmitt Board of Aldermen voted to accept the \$27,353 bid from Yellowhouse Machinery of Lubbock for the purchase price of a new John Deere 210C backhoe.

Yellowhouse had the low bid, undercutting Case Power and Equipment by \$22, and West Texas Equipment Co. of Amarillo by \$6,313. Spokesmen for Case and Yellowhouse were present and gave additional details about their companies' warranties.

City Manager Reeford Burrous said that all the bids met or exceeded the specifications. Mayor Wayne Collins recommended that the aldermen select the low bid, and all were in favor.

In his manager's report, Burrous told the aldermen that lightning had done considerable damage to the city water well field south of town during the electrical storm that

struck the area the night of Dec. 18.

He said that the #2 well appeared to have sustained a direct hit, blowing off the top part of the housing of the motor. The #1 well had partial damage but is still operable. Some lines, transformers and breakers were also damaged, but have been replaced.

Burrous said the damage could have been greater if not for the breakers that had been installed in the booster house which protected the big motors inside it. He noted that some of the breakers will have to be replaced.

The total amount of damages is not known yet, since the #2 motor has been inaccessible except by foot. The #1 motor has been sent for repairs.

While operating during the snowy weather, the city's four-wheel drive vehicle suffered a broken crankshaft rod, and must be repaired, Burrous reported. He also related that he had received many complaints about the city streets during the snow.

Aldermen suggested that city workers pay more attention to keeping intersections clear, and just do the best they can with the rest of the situation.

A spokesman for an area insurance firm presented to the aldermen comparative figures on an employees' health insurance plan that would reportedly save the city money over the current plan administered by the Texas Municipal League. The aldermen felt the figures were favorable enough to warrant going out for bids on the insurance program.

An ordinance will be examined at the next meeting of the aldermen concerning regulations that must be met to qualify for national flood insurance coverage. If the ordinance is not passed, those in flood control areas in the city could not obtain flood insurance nor renew current policies, according to a notice sent from the federal government.

## Senior Citizens

### Menu for Week of Jan. 4-8

MONDAY — Chicken strips, potatoes and gravy, English peas, salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

TUESDAY — Stew, salad, cornbread, dessert, tea and coffee.

WEDNESDAY — Roast and gravy, potatoes, green beans, salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

THURSDAY — Turkey casserole, corn, salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

FRIDAY — Hamburger patties in tomato sauce, macaroni and cheese, beans, salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

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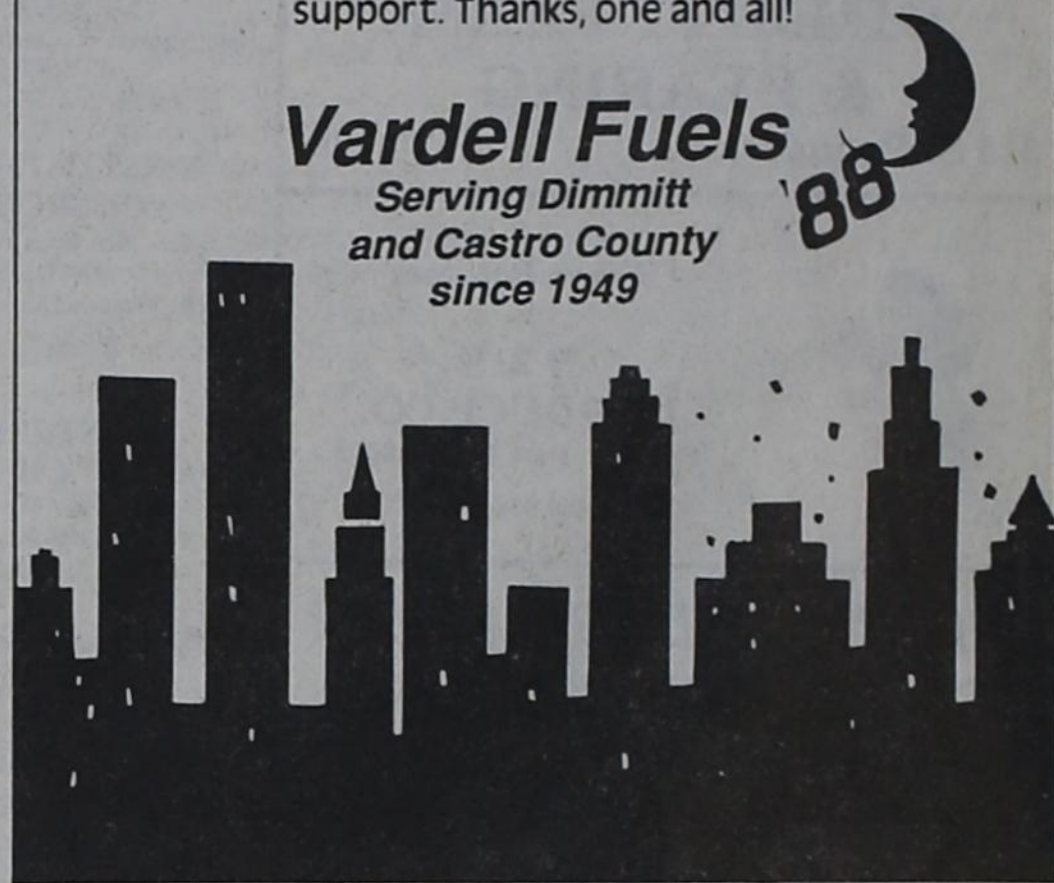
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