

Junior livestock sale brings in \$1,519,912



GRAND CHAMPION BARROW in this year's Castro County Junior Livestock Show was this 217-lb. Hampshire exhibited by Traci Peterson of the Hart FFA, which won top honors over 171 other barrows entered. At left is Barrow Division Supt. Gaines Howell of the

Dimmitt Young Farmers, and standing at right is George Lamberth of the Amstar Corp., who provided Miss Peterson with a guaranteed bid of \$7 per pound for her Grand Champion. The prize barrow will compete in the upcoming Houston Livestock Show.



GRAND CHAMPION LAMB in the Castro County Junior Livestock Show was this 130-lb. heavyweight exhibited by Kevin Bruton of the Dimmitt FFA. While Bruton holds his prize lamb steady, Lamb Division Supt. Dudley Wooten holds the banner. Backing them

up are managers of three local cooperatives who went together to buy the Grand Champion for \$10 per pound at Saturday's sale. From left are Al Gibbs of Dimmitt Consumers, Jay Isham of the Castro Co-op Gin, and Bill Clark of Dimmitt Agri Industries.

The auction sale that climaxed this year's Castro County Junior Livestock Show was one of the biggest on record. Buyers paid \$142,364.30 for the 125 lambs, 126 barrows and 21 steers that went through the sale ring in the rapid-paced five-hour sale Saturday afternoon, then kicked in another \$9,548.42 for benevolences to boost the sale's grand total to a hefty \$151,912.72 — \$8,825 more than last year. The market-plus-premium prices paid for lambs Saturday averaged \$3.95 per pound, 11 percent higher than last year. Barrow prices averaged \$1.95 per pound, up 4 percent from last year, and steer prices were up 13 percent at a \$1.23 per-pound average. Traci Peterson of the Hart FFA drove her 217-lb. Hampshire barrow to the Grand Championship, and received a guaranteed bid of \$7 per pound from the Amstar Corp. Kevin Bruton of the Dimmitt FFA exhibited the Grand Champion lamb, a 130-lb. Hampshire, and three local cooperatives — Dimmitt Consumers, Castro Co-op Gin and Dimmitt Agri Industries — paid him \$10 per pound for it. Chad Smithson of the Dimmitt FFA guided his 1,265-lb. black crossbreed steer to the Grand Championship, and received \$2.50 per pound for it from Hi-Plains Savings & Loan Association. Reserve Champions in the highly competitive show were Krystal Scott's 229-lb. crossbreed barrow, which brought a guaranteed bid of \$7.25 per pound from her grandparents, the Joe Scotts; Mark Standlee's 125-lb. lamb, which brought \$5.50 per pound from the Flagg Farmers Gin and Danny Bruton; and Pam Anthony's 1,090-lb. red crossbreed steer, which brought a guaranteed bid of \$1.75 per pound from K-Bob's Steak House of Dimmitt. Miss Scott, Standlee and Miss Anthony are all members of the Dimmitt FFA. The county's FFA and 4-H youths entered 394 animals in the show, and 272 of them (63 percent) placed high enough to qualify for the sale. Providing strong "floor" bids for the show's animals were Hill Feedlot of Hart, 70½ cents per pound for the steers; (Continued on Page 16)

Bobcats, Swifts go into playoffs

Nazareth's Swifts and Dimmitt's Bobcats go into the first round of the state basketball playoffs tonight (Thursday) and Friday in Canyon. The Swifts, ranked No. 2 in the state in Class A, meet Hedley, runner-up in Dist. 5-A, in a 7 p.m. bi-district game tonight (Thursday) at Canyon High School gym. The Bobcats, runner-up in Dist. 2-AAA, meet Spearman winner of Dist. 1-AAA, at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Canyon High School. Nazareth, 27-2, will meet a small but good shooting team in Hedley, 8-15 on the year. "They get up and down the court pretty quick and they are a good shooting club," said Nazareth Coach Joe Lombard. "We will try to be patient on offense and get the best possible shot, run when we can, and play good defense." Spearman, 22-4, has some excellent shooters according to Dimmitt Coach Kenneth Cleveland. "Shooting the basketball is definitely their strength," Cleveland said. "They're not real big height-wise, but they are big bulk-wise." Spearman has two 6-2, 220-pound posts. "They have an excellent point guard," Cleveland said. "He's as good a shooter as we have seen all year." A Dimmitt win would move the Bobcats (now 16-12) into an area game with the winner of the Idalou vs. Frenship bi-district clash. The Area game would be played Tuesday at a site and time to be determined. If the Swifts win they would meet the winner of Smyer vs. McAdoo, Tuesday probably at the Texas Dome in Levelland.

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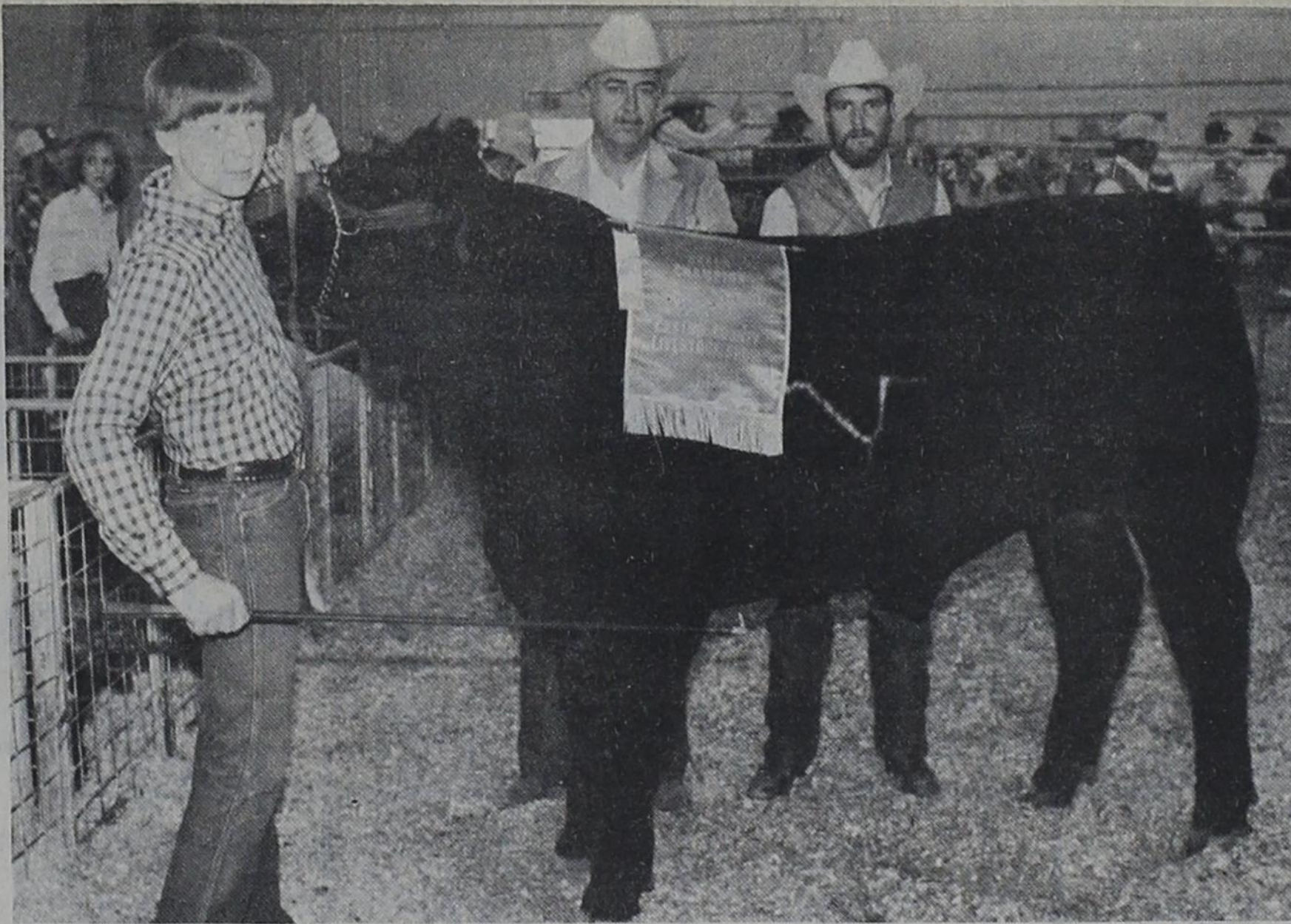
'We want to show we can win it again'

Every team in the regional tournament will be "trying to win" but for Nazareth's Swiftettes the term has a special meaning. It's special because for the last few years the pressure that came with being perennial state champions left the Swiftettes with the feeling that they were "trying to keep from losing instead of trying to win." That fear of losing became a reality in last year's Region I finals when Sudan ended Nazareth's six-year reign in Class A basketball. Nazareth and Sudan both are in the Region I tournament again this year, and almost anyone predicting would pick the state's top-ranked teams to meet again in the finals. Nazareth meets Higgins at 7 p.m. Friday, Sudan plays Claude at 2 p.m. A Nazareth win would pit them against the winner of Borden County and Forsan in the 11 a.m. semifinal game Saturday. If Sudan wins Friday the Hornets would play Greenwood or Iraan at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Nazareth's loss to Sudan last year seems to have ignited a fire in the Swiftettes, who have compiled a perfect 30-0 record this year, including three wins over Sudan. But Nazareth isn't taking anything for granted. "It's great to have a 30-0 record but it doesn't mean anything," says Senior post Renee Ramaekers. "Our most important games are ahead of us. There is a lot better feeling this year. We have more fun and we're not worried as much as last year. The pressure's not on us," she said. Nazareth Coach Joe Lombard said his Swiftettes succeed this year is because "they are just hungry from last year, the disappointment of losing to Sudan made them hungrier. Also, these kids are very unselfish and team oriented." "With the loss last year to Sudan, all we want to do is play them in the finals of the regional tournament," said Junior LaDawn Schmucker. "We can look back at all the articles written last year and think that was not us, we played terrible," Ramaekers said. "Whoever we play I think we will be more ready to play, more determined. We want to show people we can win it again."

Hance fund-raiser slated in Hereford

If you enjoyed the fund-raising reception and chili supper for Kent Hance in Dimmitt last month, you can attend a similar one in Hereford Saturday. The only difference is the cost. Admission to the Hereford reception is \$100 per person, instead of \$100 per couple. Hance supporters in Deaf Smith and Parmer Counties are working together.

The reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in the Hereford Community Center on Park Avenue. Tickets are available from Carl King at the Texas Corn Growers Association office in Dimmitt, and from Leland Gustin in Friona. The chili supper will begin at 7 p.m. at the Bull Barn, and is open to the public. Tickets to the chili supper are \$5 per person.



GRAND CHAMPION STEER in the Castro County Junior Livestock Show was this 1,265-lb. black crossbreed exhibited by Chad Smithson of the Dimmitt FFA. Behind the best-of-show steer are Paul W. Moore of Hereford (left), president of Hi-Plains Savings &

Loan Association, who had the winning bid of \$2.50 per pound on the prize steer in Saturday's sale, and Steer Division Supt. Rick Bagwell of the Dimmitt Young Farmers. Starting in the Class V (heaviest) crossbreed class, Smithson's steer beat out 27 others in the show.

In civil damages suit

PMH challenges claims

Closing arguments were expected Wednesday in the civil suit of Norma Linda Palacios of Hereford against Plains Memorial Hospital, the Castro County Hospital District, the district's board of directors, and former hospital administrator Jack Newsom. Filed in US District Court in Amarillo, the suit asks \$100,000 in damages. Palacios alleges that on Aug. 6, 1978, she was delayed admittance into the hospital for nearly one hour until a \$1,000 cash deposit was paid. Former admissions clerk Sally Saucedo, who was on duty at the time of the alleged incident, testi-

fied that she had never been told to refuse admittance to anyone, even if they were not residents of Castro County or were unable to make pre-payment. Palacios was expecting her second child by Caesarean section and believed she had started going into labor and believed herself to be in an emergency situation, testimony revealed earlier. Last Thursday Dr. B. H. Lee of Dimmitt, the woman's physician at the time, termed the delay in admitting Palacios as "unreasonable and showed indifference to the patient." However, Dr. Lee testi-

fied that labor had not started and the situation could not have been termed an emergency. He added that Palacios was not in danger at that time, although if labor had started, it could have been "a potentially dangerous situation." Testimony concerning whether the situation was an emergency was also received from the head of obstetrics and gynecology at Texas Tech University School of Medicine and from the anesthesiologist who aided in the surgery on Palacios at 3:23 p.m., after she had gained admittance at 11:05 a.m. Anesthesiologist Roxie Lee Phelps agreed that the surgery was not treated as an emergency situation.

Weather

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

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Thursday	54	18
Friday	57	28
Saturday	73	29
Sunday	48	20
Monday	43	15
Tuesday	48	16
Wednesday	65	27

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Filing deadline is Wednesday

The filing deadline is next Wednesday (March 7) for anyone wanting to run for city, school board or hospital board elections in Castro County. Positions open in the county are: three aldermen's spots in Dimmitt, two school board positions in Dimmitt, and two board of directors seats on the Plains Memorial Hospital board of directors. In Nazareth, the office of Mayor and one city commissioner will be up for election. There will be three spots open on the Nazareth School board. Two school board positions and one city commissioner's position will be up for election in Hart. Persons wishing to file for the PMH Board should go to the hospital administration office. Anyone wishing to run for school board or city offices in the three towns, should file at the school administration offices, or city offices. In the Dimmitt city elections the terms of aldermen David Behrens, Joyce Hunter and Ann Armstrong are expiring. George Lamberth has filed to run. In the Dimmitt school board elections Don Gregory has filed for re-election. His term and the term of Monty Boozer are

expiring. Ralph Albracht, J. C. Pohlmeier and Alphonse Kleman have filed to run for the Nazareth school board. The terms of Floyd Schulte, Alvin Kleman and Vincent Gerber are expiring. No one has filed for the Nazareth mayor and city commissioner positions. Mayor Tommy Hoelting's term is expiring, as is commissioner Carroll Gerber's. Anyone wishing to file to run in the Nazareth city elections should call Thelma Wethington at 938-2183. Harold Bob Bennett has filed for re-election to the Hart school board. LaWanda Wilson has filed for the other spot vacated by Neoma Wall. Hart city commissioner Ronnie Truelock has filed for re-election. The terms of Marguerite McLain and Jerome Brockman are expiring on the PMH board of directors. Both have filed for re-election. Elections will be held April 7. March 19 will be the first day for absentee voting (by personal appearance). April 3 is the last day for absentee voting or for receiving applications for mail ballots. April 5 at 10 a.m. is the deadline for receiving completed absentee ballots by mail.

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Pro Family group will meet today

The Pro Family Forum of Castro County will hold a meeting today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at the Farmers State Bank in Hart.

The program will be given by C. D. West, US Navy retired, on "Disarmament...??? Freeze...??? Detente...??? that is the question!"

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GREETING OLD FRIENDS—Father Stanley Crocchiola (right) visits with Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hoelting Sunday in Nazareth. About 450 were on hand to wish Father Stanley well. The former longtime Nazareth pastor retired recently and will be living in Canadian.

DPS is taking applications

The Texas Dept. of Public Safety is now taking applications for the position of recruit trainee.

Applicants must be 20 to 35 years of age, and in sound physical condition. Males must weigh not less than two pounds per inch of height nor more than three pounds per inch of height. Females must weigh not less than one and three-quarters pounds per inch of height nor more than two and one-half pounds per inch of height. Visual acuity must be correctable to 20-30.

Applicants must have a minimum of sixty semester college hours, or two years military, or two years law enforcement experience. Applicants must be a citizen of the

United States. They must possess a valid Texas drivers license. Each applicant must obtain a satisfactory grade on physical examinations, oral examinations, interview and other portions of the screening process. The starting pay for recruit trainee is \$1,428 per month. Major Cawthon also states that an application can be obtained from any State Trooper or at any DPS office.

Museum group meets today

The Castro County Historical Museum association will meet at 7 p.m. today (Thursday) in the museum.

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Nazareth hosts party for pastor

Several organizations in Nazareth hosted a retirement party for Father Stanley Crocchiola Sunday in the Nazareth Community Hall.

About 450 were present at the fund raising event for the former pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

Father Stanley was pastor at the Nazareth church from 1969 until 1982, when he moved to Stratford. He retired this January.

While in Nazareth, Father Stanley was a vital part of the community. He helped organize the Lions Club in Nazareth and was named Lion of the year in 1974. He attended school events regularly, and he gave free art lessons for several years.

Born Oct. 31, 1908 in

Greenwich, New York. Father Stanley attended St. John's College and Catholic University in Washington. He was ordained Feb. 10, 1939 at National Shrine in Washington, D.C.

He served as pastor in many New Mexico and Panhandle communities, including Canadian where he has decided to make his home.

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Sports

Swiftettes breeze into region tourney

Nazareth's Swiftettes bull-dozed their way into the Region 1 tournament with lopsided victories over Silverton last Thursday and Smyer Tuesday. The Bi-district and Area wins move the Swiftettes into first round action in the Class A Region 1 tourney at 7 p.m. Friday. The tournament will be played in South Plains College's Texan Dome in Levelland.

The Swiftettes, making their 10th consecutive appearance in the tourney, meet Higgins in first round action.

The Swiftettes blitzed Smyer 94-20 in an area game Tuesday. Nazareth's zone press forced 20 Silverton turnovers in the first 13:17 of the game. The Swiftettes led 48-11 when coach Joe Lombard called off the press, but the Swiftette's half-court man-to-man defense forced another 20 Silverton turnovers in the game.

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early in the game, and mounted a 32-4 first quarter lead. Smyer didn't hit double figures until late in the third quarter. Heiman led the Swiftettes with 24 points, LaDawn Schmucker added 18. Shari Schilling had 11 and Renee Ramaekers scored 10, as did Kelli Schilling.

BI-DISTRICT
FEB. 16
SWIFTETTES 85,
SILVERTON 20
Nazareth 28 54 75 85

Silverton 8 13 15 20
NAZARETH: LaDawn Schmucker, 4-1-9; CeCe Kern, 0-0-0; Shari Schilling, 7-0-14; Gail Birkenfeld, 0-0-0; Ramona Heiman, 8-8-24; Leona Gerber, 8-2-18; Renee Ramaekers, 4-0-8; Kelly Schilling, 1-0-2; Anita Huseman, 2-0-4; Debbie Schmucker, 2-2-6.
TOTALS: 36-13-85.

SILVERTON: Tammi Edwards, 0-3-3; Melissa Stone, 0-0-0; Suzann Settle, 1-0-2; Lee Ann Durhan, 1-0-2; Alesha Patton, 1-0-2; Tonnette Miller, 0-0-0; Lisa Lavy, 0-0-0; Angie Lawrey, 2-1-5; Shavonne Lawrey, 1-0-2; Kristy Fogerson, 2-0-4; TOTALS: 8-4-20.

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Cleveland featured in magazine

Bobcat Coach Kenneth Cleveland was featured recently in the Faces in The Crowd section of Sports Illustrated.

Cleveland was in the Feb. 20 issue of the magazine. His picture accompanied a summary of his coaching career at Dimmitt High School. The information pointed out his recent 600th victory at DHS, and the 17 district and three AAA state titles the Bobcats have won under his direction.

Scoreboard

BOBCATS 84, BOVINA 61
Dimmitt 22 45 61 84
Bovina 19 35 48 61
SCORING — Dimmitt: Richard Saucedo 15, Pat McDonald 15, Brad Holcomb 13.
Floor Play — Dwight McDonald 7C; Saucedo 10C; Pat McDonald 7R, 9C.
FG — Dimmitt: 38-70, 54 percent.
FT — Dimmitt: 8-13, 62 percent. Bovina 9-13, 69 percent.

BOBCATS 47, BORGER 51
Dimmitt 12 23 31 47
Borger 11 19 33 51
SCORING — Dimmitt: Brad Holcomb 15; Richard Saucedo 12.
Floor Play — Dwight McDonald 5R; Holcomb 8R; Pat McDonald 6R; Robert Nelson 7C.
FG — Dimmitt: 20-53, 38 percent.
FT — Dimmitt: 7-12, 58 percent. Borger 11-20, 55 percent.

The umbrella, historians say, was first used in China in the 11th century B.C.

Swifts topple Fritch, 'Lopes

In practice games during the week, Nazareth's Swifts knocked off Sanford Fritch and Abernathy, both ranked in the top ten in their respective classifications.

The Swifts topped Sanford Fritch 53-45 in a Feb. 14 game, then drummed Abernathy, 59-37, Monday night.

In the Fritch game, the Swifts fell behind 17-11 in the first stanza, and trailed 23-21 at the half. The Swifts pulled ahead 39-34 in the third stanza and held for the win. Fritch is ranked No. 4 in the state in Class AA.

Mark Huseman led the Swifts with 15 points, Scotty Book added 10. Nazareth led all the way in the game against Abernathy, ranked No. 7 in the state in Class AAA. They held a 14 point lead at halftime and at the end of

the third quarter, then pulled away for the 22 point margin of victory. Huseman and Johnny Schmucker had 14 points each, and Book added 10. Ed Teal had 15 for Abernathy. The Swifts, 27-2, are ranked No. 2 in the state in Class A.

"We tried to play as good teams as we could in the practice games," said Nazareth Coach Joe Lombard. "I definitely feel like these two games will help us. We played probably our two best games of the year."

"I think these wins should give us confidence, and definitely should help us later on in the playoffs."

The Swifts play Hedley at 7 p.m. tonight (Thursday) in Canyon in bi-district action.

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207 compete in Lamb Show--Bruton, Standlee are tops

In the lamb division of the 30th annual Castro County Junior Livestock Show held over the weekend, 207 lambs won placings and 125 were entered in the sale, with Grand Champion honors going to a 130-pound medium wool heavy weight shown by Kevin Bruton of the Dimmitt FFA, and Reserve Grand Champion honors going to a 125-pound medium wool, light-heavy weight lamb shown by Mark Standlee of the Dimmitt FFA.

Bruton's lamb was also named Breed Champion for the Medium Wools, with Standlee's animal taking Reserve Breed Champion honors in the same classification.

In the Finewools, Breed Champion went to a 110-pound animal shown by Woody Glass of the Dimmitt FFA, and Reserve Breed Champion was won by a 124-pound animal shown by Bruce Bryant of the Dimmitt FFA. Breed Champion for the Fine-wool Cross breed went to a 111-pound medium weight shown by Mark Standlee, and Reserve Breed Champion

honor went to Woody Glass with his 117-pound light heavy weight.

Breed Champion of the Southdowns was a 116-pound heavy weight shown by Cinnamon Cox of the Dimmitt FFA, and the Reserve Breed Champion was a 125-pound heavy weight shown by Kelly Howell of the Dimmitt FFA. Among Other Pure Breeds, Kyla Struve's 105-pound lamb was named Breed Champion and Cami Struve's 114-pound lamb was named Reserve Breed Champion. Both girls showed for the Castro County 4-H.

Showmanship honors for the lamb division went to Dimmitt FFA'er Woody Glass.

Complete listings of the winners in the lamb division are given below.

LAMBS

Finewool
LIGHT — 1. Trisha Huffhines 2. Debbie Stanton 3. Ty Kellar 4. Debbie Stanton 5. Steven Bagley 6. Craig Heller 7. Shawn Stanton 8. Ashley Heard 9. Reagan Frye 10. Shawn Stanton 11. Cindy Knox.
MEDIUM — 1. Reagan

Frye 2. Pam Anthony 3. Tammy Leatherwood 4. Shelly Knox 5. Lonny Huseman 6. Cami Struve 7. Chad Hill 8. Coby Heller 9. Ricky McKay 10. Toni Gabel 11. Kara Schulte.
HEAVY — 1. Woody Glass 2. Bruce Bryant 3. Trampas Moke 4. Roxanne Gabel 5. Zay Bradley 6. Owen Viles 7. Ben Scott Jr. 8. Randy Nutt 9. Shannon Powers 10. Greg Gentry 11. Toni Gabel 12. Cindy Nutt.
BREED CHAMPION — Woody Glass.
RESERVE BREED CHAMPION — Bruce Bryant.
Finewool Cross
LIGHT — 1. Kennen Howell 2. Scott Nelson 3. Scott Morris 4. Ty Kellar 5. Dwight McDonald 6. Anja Biester 7. Bill Patton 8. Cyndi Marsh 9. Darrel Washington 10. Garry Leatherwood 11. J. P. Spencer 12. Anessa Scott 13. Mark West.
MEDIUM — 1. Mark Standlee 2. Kimberly Spring 3. Jason Nelson 4. Ben Benton 5. Steven Bagley 6. Mike Robel 7. Curt Summers 8. Casey Summers 9. Joel Nelson 10. Sue Crozier 11. Justin Nelson 12. Shayna Leatherwood 13. Dennis Petty 14. Cinnamon Cox.
LIGHT-HEAVY — 1. Woody Glass 2. Amy Standlee 3. Mat Bradley 4. Zay Bradley 5. Randy Nutt 6. Scott Morris 7. Debbie Schmucker 8. Cindy Nutt 9. Chad Davis 10. Owen Viles 11. Robert Birkenfeld 12. Bobbi Hochstein 13. Karen Markley.
HEAVY — 1. Kevin Bruton 2. Tod Bradley 3. Case Gentry 4. Cara Odom 5. Roxanne Gabel 6. Troy Johnson 7. Ben Scott Jr. 8. Robby Hotel 9. Brant Baca 10. Mark Rogers



RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB in this year's Castro County Junior Livestock Show was this 125-lb. Hampshire exhibited by Mark Standlee of the Dimmitt FFA. At left is Danny Bruton, representing Flagg Farmers Gin, who paid \$5.50 per pound for the lamb in Saturday's sale. At right is Lamb Show Supt. Dudley Wooten of the Dimmitt Young Farmers.

Lane 13. Todd Hill 14. Sheri Lynn Hunter 15. Joel Nelson 16. Dwight McDonald 17. Ricky McKay 18. Bruce Huseman 19. Joel Birkenfeld 20. Curt Summers 21. Brian Ramaekers 22. Kelly Howell 23. Hal Gilbreath 24. Shayna Leatherwood 25. Karen Markley 26. Bobbi Hochstein.
LIGHT-HEAVY — 1. Mark Standlee 2. Brad Klemm 3. Kyla Struve 4. Wade Drerup 5. Chad Davis 6. Trisha Huffhines 7. Brandon Cox 8. Alan Birkenfeld 9. Hal Gilbreath 10. Tod Bradley 11. Britt Boozer 12. Casey Summers 13. Bruce Bryant 14. Bill Patton 15. Chad Hill 16. Deneha Hanes 17. Cyndi Marsh 18. Robby Hotel 19. Aaron Odom 20. Royce Schulte 21. Tammy Leatherwood 22. Marla Ramaekers 23. Randy

Southdowns
LIGHT — 1. Monica Kleman 2. Marla Ramaekers 3. Danna Ralston 4. Mark Rogers 5. Cody Myrick 6. Carla Summers 7. Mandy Higgs.
HEAVY — 1. Amy Standlee 2. Kelly Howell 3. Casey Gentry 4. Cinnamon Cox 5. Mandy Higgs 6. Ashley Heard 7. Danna Ralston 8. Brandon Cox.
BREED CHAMPION — Amy Standlee.
RESERVE BREED CHAMPION — Kelly Howell.
Other Pure Breeds
MIXED — 1. Kyla Struve 2. Cami Struve.
GRAND CHAMPION — Kevin Bruton.
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION — Mark Standlee.
SHOWMANSHIP — Woody Glass.

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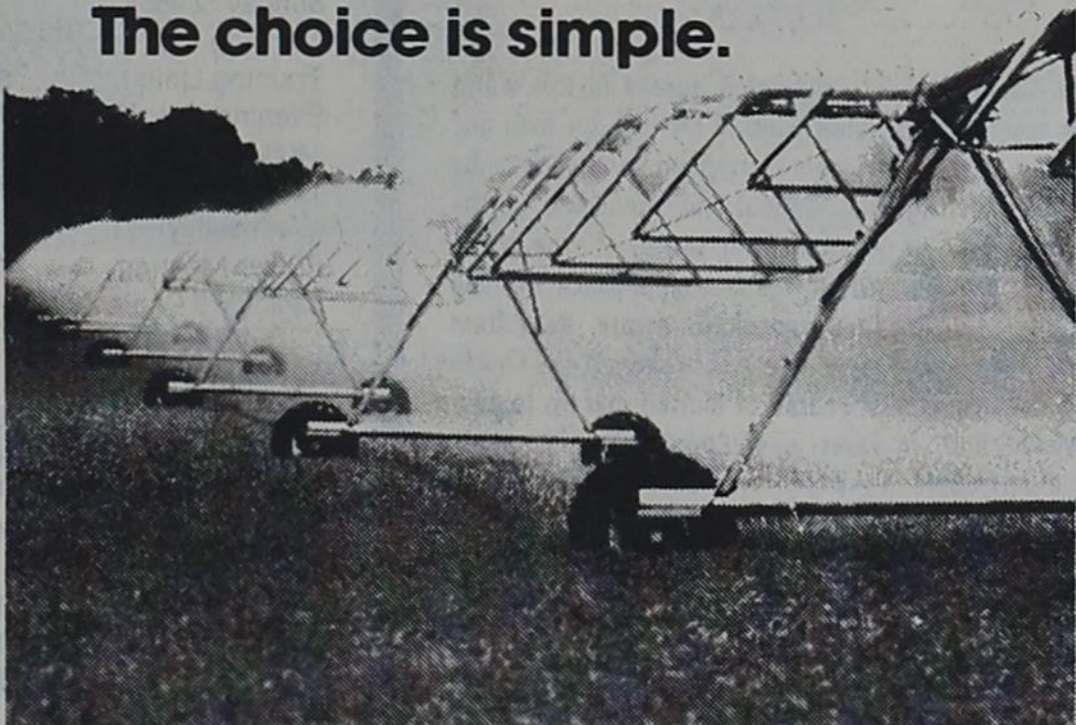
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Gleghorn 9. Denise Schulte 10. Mark West 11. Chad Smithson 12. Mark Smothermon 13. Mike Stanford 14. Kenneth Kleman 15. Lori Glidewell 16. Mike Robel 17. Lucyde Lynn 18. Jeremy Hawkins 19. Caroline Downing 20. Kevin Petty 21. Kevin Petty 22. Mona Shackelford 23. Ken Altman 24. Dezane Schacher 25. Darrel Washington.
MEDIUM — 1. Trampas Moke 2. Troy Johnson 3. Coby Moke 4. Aaron Odom 5. Jeanne Davis 6. Monica Kleman 7. Rex Acker 8. Mark Smothermon 9. Kim Howell 10. Ken Altman 11. Dennis Petty 12. Scott

TRTA dedicates convention to Paul Hilburn

The Texas Retired Teachers Association recently dedicated the 1984 state convention to the late Paul Hilburn.

Hilburn, who died Sept. 6, 1983, was a former longtime superintendent at Dimmitt Schools.

The convention will be held April 6-8 in Austin. The dedication was made in appreciation of Hilburn's contributions to education and his service in retired teacher organizations. He was former state director of the TRTA.

Prayer day set at Nazareth

A World Day of Prayer for Christian women will be held March 2 in Holy Family Church in Nazareth beginning at 10 a.m.

Brunch will be served at 9:30 a.m. in the CCD building. Members of all churches are welcome to attend.



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Cathy Nelson and Randy Shaffer



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FEBRUARY 24 — Jeff Strickland, Jimmy Cluck, Jill Gfeller, Teresa Parsons, Jami Fewell, Ruben Hernandez, Christy Hernandez, Bennett Reese, Jimmy Schulte, Karleen Hoelting.

FEBRUARY 25 — Ralph Albracht, Lonnie Ehly, Melissa Reed, Carla Franks, Robin Bowden, Judy Rhynes, Della Rhynes, Oscar Guzman, Jo Hamilton, Don Nelson, Garner Ball, Wilda Hawkins.

FEBRUARY 26 — Stacy Brac McDaniel, Randy Griffith, Fred Annen, Cory Mays, Geraldine Shaw, Ruby Brantley, Thelma Longoria, Nathan Hall, Chris Hatla, Michael Walker.

FEBRUARY 27 — Emil Ehly, Aaron Braddock, Lesa Spencer, Ernest G. Rios, Chris McLain, Jennifer Hanners, Wanda Nelson, Johnny Vick, Tara Lee Mays.

FEBRUARY 28 — Jackie Mayhew, Dorothy Musick, Beth Roberts, Sharon Bridges, B. J. Jones, George Heck, Macaria Blanco, Melvin Aven, Celina Braddock.

FEBRUARY 29 — Laura Venhaus, Carolyn Sides.

MARCH 1 — Matt Sims, Tommy Portwood, Bill Conyers, Kim Hargrove, Laura Birkenfeld, Becky Hooper, Stanley Maurer, Bill Klein.



Bert Navar and Debora Schilling

April 28 vows set

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schilling of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Debora Lynn, to Bert Navar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolberto Navar of El Paso.

The couple plan to be married April 28 in St. Elisabeth's Catholic Church in Lubbock.

The bride-elect graduated from Methodist School

of Nursing in Lubbock in 1983. She is employed as an RN at St. Luke's Lutheran Hospital in San Antonio. She graduated from Nazareth High School in 1978.

A 1983 graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock with a degree in architecture, the prospective groom is employed by Loyd Walker Jay & Associates, AIA, in San Antonio.

Six local Cubs win in derby

Six Dimmitt Cub Scouts brought home honors Saturday in the Haynes District Pinewood Derby Race in Plainview.

Forty-six cars from seven surrounding counties entered the race, and out of the top nine winners, six were from Dimmitt.

Here are the divisions and the Dimmitt winners:

8 YEAR OLD DIVISION — 2. Justin Roberts, 3. Jeremy Strickland.

9 YEAR OLD DIVISION — 1. Brady Nelson, 2. David West.

10 YEAR OLD DIVISION — 1. Johnny Rutkowski, 2. Kris Keith.

OVERALL RACE — 2. Johnny Rutkowski, 3. Kris Keith.

Presbyterian happenings

Fred Bolton and Edward Freeman will be attending a meeting of Area II Clerks and Moderators at Grace Presbyterian Church in Lubbock on Saturday to review Session minutes and to have Dr. Paul Young explain the changes in the tasks of Session clerks in the New Book of Order.

Bea Hawkins and Ruth Cochran will be attending a planning meeting for an Area II Leadership Training Conference, also on Saturday at Grace Presbyterian.

There is a Sunday Church School class for everyone every Sunday at 10 a.m. The Adult Bible class meets at the home of Mrs. Emily Cling-smith; all other classes meet at the church.

"Our Neighbors" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the 11 a.m.

church worship service on Sunday.

There will be a Prayer and Praise service on Wednesday at 7 p.m.



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FEBRUARY 24 — Guy and Diann Leatherwood, Brad and Sharon Bridges, Jim and Bobbie Schmucker, Mark and Vera Hoelting.

FEBRUARY 25 — LeRoy and Lanette Henry.

FEBRUARY 27 — Ernest and Rosie Rios.

FEBRUARY 28 — Steve and Teresa Nutt.

MARCH 1 — Wayne and Darlene Collins, Bob and Celia Simpson.



Kerry Broderson and Tom Morrison

Wedding is planned

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett E. Broderson of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kerry Ellen of Lubbock, to Tom R. Morrison, son of Reagan Morrison of Lorenzo.

The pair plan to wed April 14 at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

A 1976 graduate of Dimmitt High School, the bride-elect received her

degree in interior design from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She is employed as a commercial designer for MWM Architects in Lubbock.

Morrison graduated from Tech with a degree in animal science and is employed as a feed specialist for Supreme Feed Mill of Slaton.

The couple plan to reside in Lubbock after the wedding.

Nelson makes dean's list

Pamela Lee Nelson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Nelson of Dimmitt was one of 673 undergraduate students named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester at Abilene Christian University.

A student must earn a 3.5 grade point average, based on a four-point scale, on a minimum course load of 12 semester hours to be named to the Honor Roll.

Nelson is a sophomore physical education major from Dimmitt. She is a 1982 graduate of Dimmitt High School.



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Couple to marry

Mr. and Mrs. David Nelson of Hart announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cathy Lynn of Lubbock, to Randy

Mark Shaffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garner Shaffer of Lubbock.

The pair have set their vows for April 14 in Raintree Christian Church in Lubbock.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Amarillo College, where she obtained an associate degree of science. She also attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She is employed as a medical technologist in Lubbock.

Having attended Tech, the prospective groom is employed as a warehouse manager in Lubbock.

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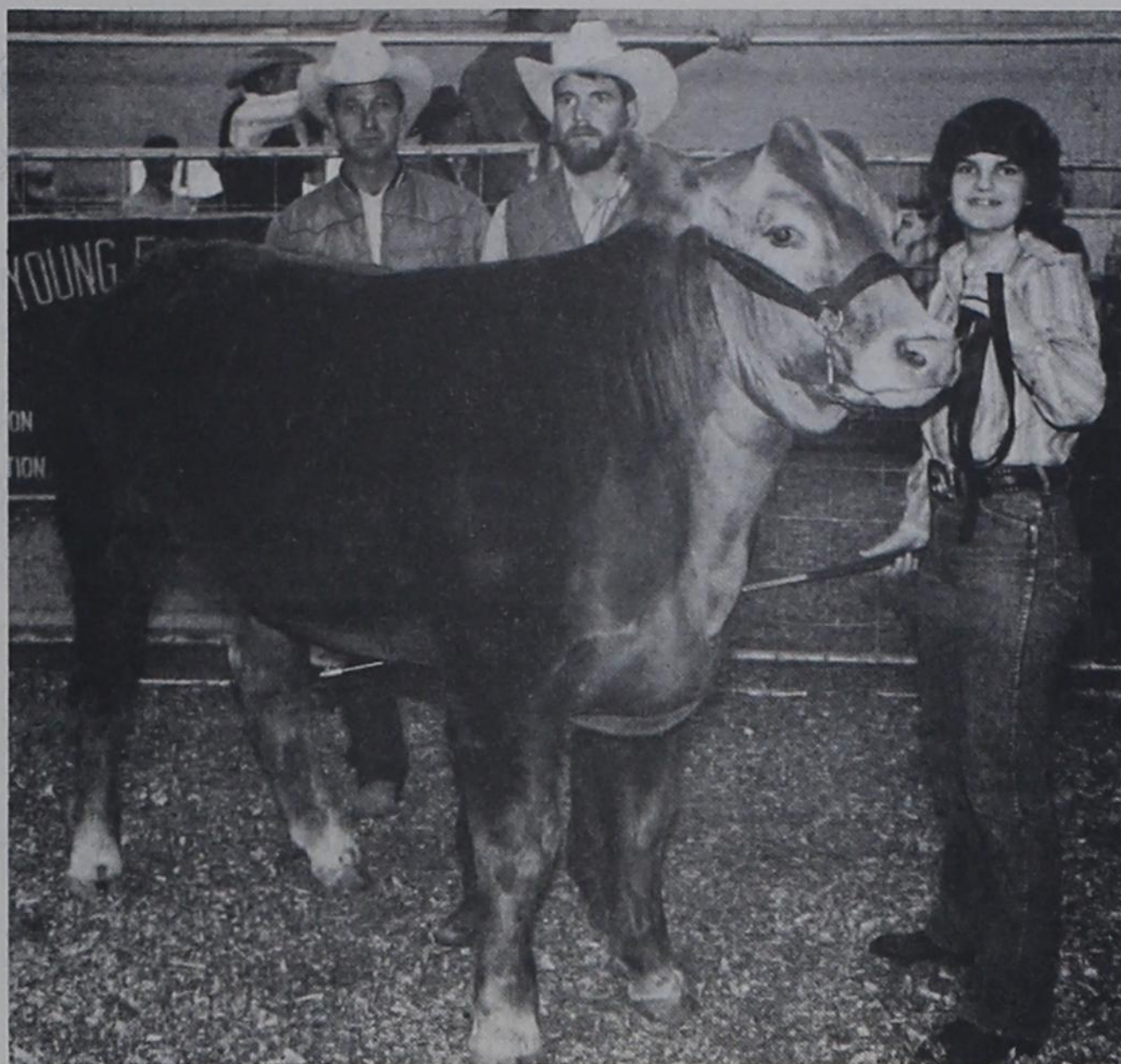
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USDA tracking soil moisture

The USDA is conducting a series of flights over Castro and Lamb counties this week, using a microwave beam to track soil moisture changes. USDA is attempting to track preplant soil moisture conditions, said Gary Rainwater of the Dimmitt Soil Conservation office. After the USDA has flown over the county they will compare the microwave data from neutron access tubes that have been placed throughout the county. The tubes were placed on many farms in Castro County by the High Plains Underground Water District and the soil conservation service. If the flyover can supply accurate soil moisture data to a depth necessary to benefit landowners-operators, it will be very beneficial to area irrigators, Rainwater said, and could ultimately result in a much faster and less expensive way to monitor soil moisture throughout the area.

Ministerial Alliance

Edward D. Freeman will lead a study of II Corinthians, chapter 5, for the Castro County Ministerial Alliance on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church of Dimmitt.



RESERVE CHAMPION STEER in the 1983 Castro County Junior Livestock Show was this 1,090-lb. crossbreed exhibited by Pam Anthony of the Dimmitt FFA. Posing with the red steer and its proud owner are Dwight Gleghorn (left) of K-Bob's Steak House,

who provided Miss Anthony with a guaranteed bid of \$1.75 per pound at Saturday's sale, and Steer Division Supt. Rick Bagwell of the Dimmitt Young Farmers. Miss Anthony's steer will compete next in the Houston Livestock Show.

Nazareth

By Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Several hundred friends from Nazareth and the surrounding area attended the retirement dinner for Father Stanley Crocchiola on Sunday at the Nazareth Community Hall. We were happy to see him looking so well and excited about visiting with everyone, young and old alike. He is spending a couple of days here visiting and will see a couple of basketball games. Friends from Canadian also attended the dinner. The Nazareth Organizations hosted the dinner. Father's new address will be P.O. Box 1378, Canadian, Texas 79014.

housewarming for Mick and Jane Gerber. Francis and Ann Hoelting of Donihan, Neb. spent a couple of days here visiting relatives. Edd and Leola Ramaekers are home after enjoying a week in Orlando, Fla. They attended a Sugar Beet Convention and did a lot of sightseeing. Meta Stork, Glenda Birkenfeld and Virgie Gerber attended the baptisms of Kevin Bradley Couch, son of Greg and Tammye Couch of Olton and Billy Joe Hill, son of Terry and Belinda Hill of Plainview, on Saturday evening at St. Alice Catholic Church in Plainview with Rev. Jack Gist, officiating. Brad Hill and Glenda Birkenfeld were sponsors for Kevin Kent Hill and Sherry Bouchart were sponsor for Billy Joe. Raymond, Cecelia and Cornelia Annen visited Mrs. Rose Annen in Hereford on Sunday.

Garcia reports to California

Marine Pfc. Ezekiel V. Garcia, son of Pablo F. and Elmina V. Garcia of Dimmitt, has reported for duty with 1st Marine Division Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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Smithson, Anthony are winners in Steer Show

A 1,265-pound cross breed steer shown by Chad Smithson of the Dimmitt FFA was named the Grand Champion of the steer division of the 30th annual Castro County Junior Livestock Show, competing against 27 other entries. Reserve Grand Champion honors went to Pam Anthony of the Dimmitt FFA and her 1,090-pound cross breed steer.

These two top animals were also named tops in their breed, with Breed Champion going to Smithson's steer and Reserve Breed Champion going to Anthony's steer.

In the English breeds, Charlynn Hunter of the Dimmitt FFA showed the Breed Champion, a 1,195-pound steer. The Reserve Breed champion was a 1,020-pound animal shown by Matt Gfeller of the 4-H.

Winner of the Showmanship award for the steer

show was Kay Lynn Gleghorn of the 4-H. Complete results of the show are listed below:

- STEERS**
English Breeds
CLASS I — 1. Matt Gfeller 2. Kim Drerup 3. Britt Boozer 4. Linda Booth.
CLASS II — 1. Charlynn Hunter 2. Wendal Huseman 3. Scott Huseman 4. Kyla Boozer.
BREED CHAMPION — Charlynn Hunter.
RESERVE BREED CHAMPION — Matt Gfeller.

- Cross Breeds**
CLASS I — 1. Kay Lynn Gleghorn 2. Mark Kleman 3. Matt Gfeller 4. Steven Bagley.
CLASS II — 1. Pam Anthony 2. Karen Nelson 3. Doug Nelson 4. Mike Huseman.
CLASS III — 1. Mark Kleman 2. Brad Kleman 3. Charlynn Hunter 4.

- Frankie Huseman.
CLASS IV — 1. Karen Nelson 2. Sherilynn Hunter 3. Kimberly Ann Springs 4. Doug Nelson.
CLASS V — 1. Chad Smithson 2. Chad Smithson 3. Bart Huseman 4. Mark Huseman.
BREED CHAMPION — Chad Smithson.
RESERVE BREED CHAMPION — Pam Anthony.
GRAND CHAMPION — Chad Smithson.
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION — Pam Anthony.
SHOWMANSHIP — Kay Lynn Gleghorn.

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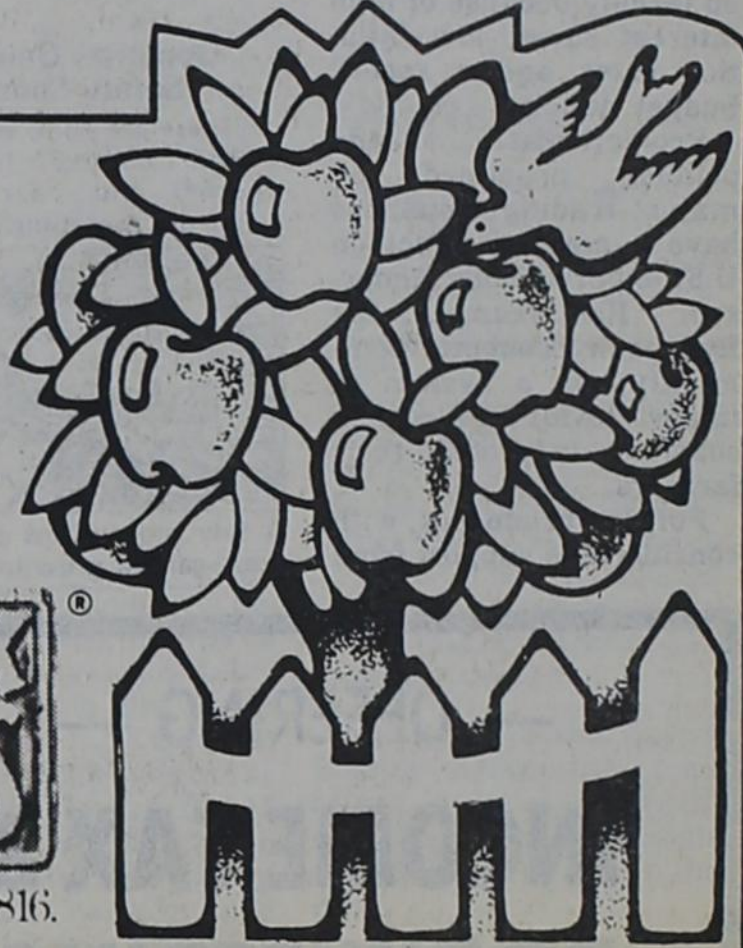
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Trade hurdles hurting Texas ag

Texas agriculture depends heavily on export markets, but prospects currently are dim.

"A good portion of all the major crops grown in Texas — cotton, grain sorghum, wheat, rice and soybeans — goes into overseas markets," points out Dr. Carl Anderson, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "That's why the climate for exports has such a big impact on this state's agricultural as well as total economy."

Unfortunately, says Anderson, export prospects are rather bleak for a number of reasons: the strong dollar abroad which makes U.S. farm commodities cost more to foreign buyers, protectionist trade policies of foreign countries, competition from foreign producers, and weak credit conditions in many countries.

The strong dollar discourages U.S. exports and encourages imports, explains the economist. The dollar's value has increased largely because of high interest rates, low inflation rates and a record budget deficit.

Protectionist trade policies practiced by major trading countries have a marked effect on U.S. exports, adds Anderson. For example, the European Economic Community has a system of import levies and export subsidies to protect their farmers.

Foreign producers, with considerable support from

their governments, are pushing to export more agricultural products. For instance, China has stepped up cotton production substantially to increase exports of cotton textiles, notes the economist.

The developing countries of Asia and South America boost the most potential customers for American farm commodities, Anderson points out. But they lack money and credit to make major purchases.

Many of these international trade hurdles can be resolved, says Anderson, but it will take a cooperative effort by farm organizations and agribusinesses and positive government action.

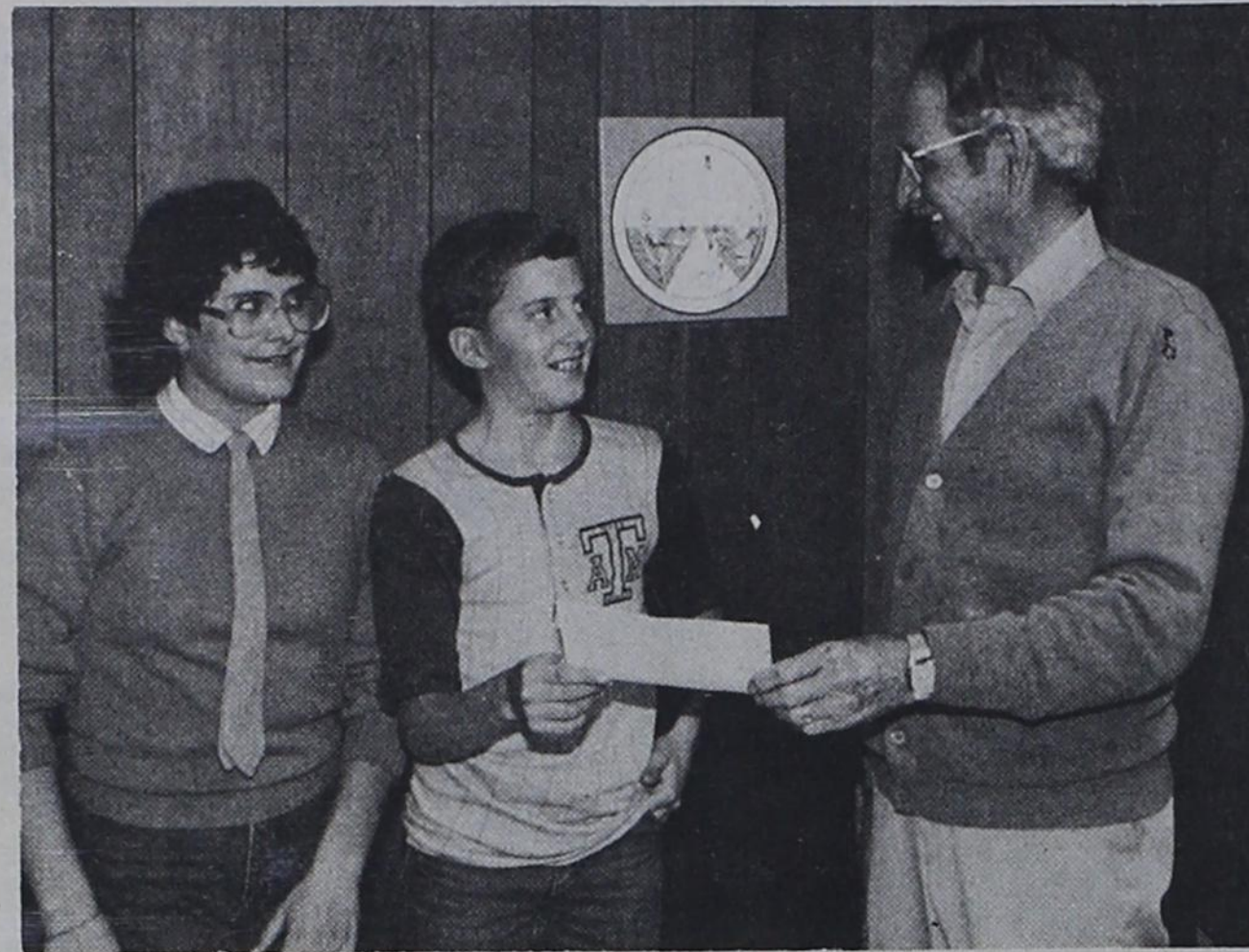
"Meanwhile, with exports decreasing, farmers must cut back on production to keep commodity supplies at reasonable levels," he contends. "This means taking acres out of production either by low prices or by mandatory production controls."

Common Garden Safety Sense

There are a few rules you should observe to keep yourself and your family safe from gardening hazards.



A few precautions can help your garden grow in safety.



AN INVITATION—Reagan Frye (center) president of Dimmitt Middle School Student Senate, and Beth Sams, vice-president, issue an invitation to Dimmitt Mayor R. L. Fleming for Public School Week set for March 5-9. The community is invited to participate in the activities planned that week at local schools.

Cold spell may deter insects

One benefit of the record-setting cold wave that blanketed Texas in late December may be a reduction in insect pests in 1984.

"We should see a reduction in the numbers of certain pests this coming spring and summer, such as boll weevils, Mexican fruit flies, greenbugs and some worms, points out Dr. John Thomas, entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

However, he cautions farmers and gardeners not to be lulled into a false sense of security, since some pests will still be around that will require monitoring and possible insecticide treatments. "Presently, we have few if any greenbugs (certain aphids) on wheat due to the recent cold weather," notes Thomas. "Of course, most of the wheat was burned back severely by the unusually cold weather, but greenbug numbers should be much lighter once the crop recovers and puts out new growth."

One insect problem has increased in wheat with the recent cold weather, Thomas notes. Grain

mites have become a problem in some wheat because the crop was weakened by the frigid conditions.

As far as the worm situation is concerned, the entomologist expects fewer cabbage loopers and armyworms this year due to the severe cold weather. "These species overwinter in the pupae stage in leaf litter and trash," says Thomas. "Thus, they are more susceptible to cold conditions."

However, the cold likely will not affect bollworms and tobacco budworms (major cotton pests), corn earworms, corn borers or white grubs to the same extent. Thomas points out that these worms spend

THE most common meat curing process used in the past was the "dry cure," in which a salt, sugar and nitrite mixture was applied directly to the meat as a dry mixture. This mixture "dried" or reduced the meat's water content and also reduced water activity in the moisture remaining in the meat. Both of these effects significantly reduced the potential for bacterial growth, thus preventing meat spoilage.

the winter several inches down in the soil and therefore are insulated from low temperatures.

"Other insect pests that will not be as adversely affected by the cold are those which diapause or "hibernate" in the egg stage — certain aphids, fleahoppers, and scale insects," adds the entomologist. Body lipids (insect antifreeze) are high and metabolism is greatly reduced in overwintering stages. This is Mother Nature's way of insuring survival. One situation which will reduce survival of certain insects (Mexican fruit flies, for example) is in the case where all host plants (or host fruits) are wiped out by the frigid weather.

Crime Line offers \$1,400

Crime Line is offering \$1,400 in reward money this week for information about three crimes.

A \$500 reward is offered for information about the theft of two historical markers from Castro County. The markers were stolen possibly during the weekend of Feb. 11. One marker was at the intersection of FM 1055 and FM 145. The other marker was in the vicinity of the old prisoner of war camp.

The two markers in Castro County were taken, and markers also were taken from Deaf Smith County. The State Historical Commission stated that the metal in the markers is of no value if melted down.

A \$500 reward is being offered for information

about damage done to stone flower holders and a head stone at Hart Cemetery. The damage was discovered the morning of Feb. 20.

A \$400 reward is offered for information about the theft of two saddles and other horse equipment Feb. 14 at the Edgar Dennis farm, 6½ miles northwest of Dimmitt.

Someone entered a barn at the Dennis farm between 6:30 p.m. and 8 a.m. Feb. 14 and took the equipment.

Both saddles were for adults. One had a tan 16 inch padded seat, and full stamped finish. It is a roughout color, and is western style with full double rigging. It was made by Joe Vega Brothers.

The other saddle was a

shopmade western saddle with dark brown 15 inch seat. It is a natural roughout color with semi-square skirts and full double rigging.

Also taken from the barn was a bridle with handmade bits made by Jerry Cates of Amarillo. The bits are marked with Cates Serial No. 515. A Navajo and a padded blanket also were taken. Value of the stolen property is approximately \$2,500.

Anyone having information about any of these three crimes is encouraged to call Crime Line at 647-4711.

The caller's identity will be kept secret, and reward money will be paid upon indictment of individuals involved in the crimes.

Hearings on absence rule to be March 1 in Amarillo

The State Board of Education has called for public hearings to be held throughout the state on a proposed rule regarding student absences for extracurricular activities.

The hearings for Region XVI, including Castro County, will be held March 1 at the Education Service Center, at 1601 Cleveland in Amarillo. The morning hearing will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and the afternoon hearing will be from 4 to 7 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the hearings to express their views on the proposal made by the Texas Education Agency.

Here is the proposed rule:

STUDENT ABSENCES FOR EXTRACURRICULAR OR OTHER ACTIVITIES
School districts shall not schedule, nor permit students to participate in, any school related activities on

or off campus that would require, permit or allow a student in grades 7-12 to be absent from class in any course more than five times during the 175-day school year (full year course) or more than three times during any one semester (full year and semester courses). Classes missed for UIL and state-approved vocational competition above the district level, as well as local district-approved participation in extension of the academic curriculum (subject related fairs, assemblies, field trips, and other subject-related activities) in English-language arts, reading, mathematics, science, social studies, fine arts, or other languages, or student organizations, shall not count as any of these absences. Each student who participates in these activities must have and maintain at least a 70

average in at least four of the courses in which the student is enrolled for that semester.

Districts shall develop a policy which implements the stipulation of this rule. Dimmitt Superintendent Robert Ryan said that band trips and a few athletic events are the only things which would be affected by this rule.

Basketball tournament games non UIL played during the day Thursday and Friday would be affected, as well as tennis tournaments which usually begin on Fridays.

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Tax rebates show decline

Retail sales in December 1983 in Castro County were down nearly 20 percent from sales made in December 1982.

The three cities in the county this month received sales tax rebate payments based on sales made in December and reported in January to State Comptroller Bob Bullock's office.

Based on the city's one percent sales tax collected along with the state's four percent, the rebate in February 1984 for Dimmitt was \$18,185.42, while in February 1983 Dimmitt received \$22,273.69. For all of 1984 so far, Dimmitt has received \$26,193.16, which is a 10.95 percent decrease from the \$29,413.05 received in the first two months of 1983.

Hart received a February 1984 rebate of \$998.94, while in February 1983 the amount of \$2,238.10 was received. In comparing the two years to date, Hart shows a whopping 64.82 percent decrease, with \$998.94 received so far in 1984, and a total of \$2,839.44 for the same period in 1983.

The February 1984 check for Nazareth was \$2,180, while in February 1983 the city received \$2,093.42. In 1984 so far, Nazareth has received a total of \$3,065.66, a 4.17 percent increase from the \$2,942.89 received in the first two months of 1983.

Statewide, the payments to cities are running 2.57 percent ahead of last year.

Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden, 647-5703

Doug and Judy Loudder became new grandparents, and Alton and Betty Loudder became great grandparents again Saturday afternoon, when an 8 pound, 3 ounce girl was born to Rex and Dara Fennell of Springlake in the Amherst hospital. Dara was admitted Saturday morning and Doug and Judy went to be with them for the birth. The baby was named Brandi.

Hal Gilbreath won Grand Champion with a Suffolk lamb in the Dimmitt show Thursday and ninth in the Castro County Livestock Show.

Brandon Cox won Breed Champion with a Berkshire pig, first place with a Yorkshire pig and seventh place with a Hampshire lamb, in the Castro County show.

Cinnamon Cox won second place with a Duroc pig, fifth place with a Poland pig and fourth place with a Southdown lamb in the Castro County show.

Lance Loudder and Coby Gilbreath helped with the 30th annual Castro County Junior Livestock Show Thursday through Saturday.

Erin Bridges placed fourth in her class with her steer at the Springlake-Earth Junior Livestock Show this week.

Cliff Brown went to Wichita Falls Monday and took the State Insurance Board test Tuesday, coming home Tuesday night.

Hershel Wilson and Bennie Villarreal came home Saturday night from the Mission Trip to Ojinaga, Mexico. They left last Sunday, with the Llanos Association Baptist

Men, to erect a building which will be used as an institute to teach pastors from all over Mexico who will then go out into the fields. It will also be used as a meeting place and fellowship hall.

Greg George, son of Louise Bradley, was recently listed on the scholastic leadership honor roll at Austin Community College with a grade point average of 3.5. As a result he was initiated into the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. He is a freshman and is employed as a page for the House of Representatives.

L. B. Bowden had a tumor removed from his mouth in Plainview Monday morning. Teeny Bowden made the annual report of the Castro County Historical Commission to the Commissioner's Court Monday morning.

Teeny Bowden as well as the E.R. Sadlers attended the meeting last Monday night and the earlier meetings regarding a new nursing home for Castro County.

Embree Roy and Willie Mae Sadler went to Lubbock Wednesday and stayed with Gregory and Amy Sadler through the weekend while their parents were skiing. Susan and Greg Harmon stayed with the kids Sunday while the Sadlers attended the 91st birthday party of her aunt, Buna Gerlich in Memphis in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Posey.

Debbie Wells and her son Alex of Lubbock visited Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Terri and Lance Loudder and

Lacy. Ezell and Verba Sadler attended a special meeting of the Blue Grass Association in Farwell Saturday night. They joined the association some time ago and have attended most of the musicals held each Thursday night. On March 10 there will be a concert in Hereford. If you are interested in going call them.

Cliff and Naomi Brown attended the three annual student directed one-act plays of the Drama Department at South Plains College in Levelland Thursday night. Lynn Brown was in two of the plays. He played the part of Peter Rutherford in the play, "Ledger, Ledger, and the Legend" and Sergeant Heimlich in "No Fading Star."

Jared and Jason Brown have had the chicken pox this week. Chris Roberson had them earlier. Samantha Wilson was honored with a birthday party in her home on Valentine's Day. She had several friends come to help her celebrate and "Sunshine" the clown was also present.

Maxine Tidwell of Dimmitt visited awhile Saturday afternoon with Teeny Bowden. Dr. Strauss Atkinson and Gerald and Pat Elkins were Sunday dinner guests of Ezell and Verba Sadler. Adis Robertson of Wayland spent Sunday night with Gale and Verna Sadler.

Bennie Villarreal gave a report on the mission trip to Ojinaga, Mexico to the church Sunday morning. They put up the building, roof, ceiling, windows, and doors got the electricity to the building, built stands for the air conditioner, taped and bedded the sheetrock and did some of the painting. They worked hard each day until 6 and then had church services each night at 7. Bennie preached each service except on Wednesday night when a neighborhood pastor preached. Six young people and two women were saved. About 75 adults attended each night.

Noah and Ruth Spencer and Milburn and Janelle Haydon attended a pastor appreciation banquet at the activity center in Hereford Saturday night. Gerald and Pat Elkins and Noah and Ruth Spencer attended the activities at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt Tuesday night.

Gene and Bennie Ross and Chanin attended the church services at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt last Sunday to see their grandson, Trinity Shane Robb, baptized. Word was received Saturday afternoon that Lacy McCloy of Lefors, the seven-year-old granddaughter of Sis and Si McCloy of Morse, was killed in a car wreck about noon near Matador. Her mother and two brothers survived the two vehicle accident at an intersection. The mother, Jan, and Lacy were thrown from the pickup she was driving, but Nan is not believed to be seriously injured. They were taken first to the hospital at Floydada and then admitted to Lubbock General Hospital where the nine-year-old boy was treated and released and the two-year-old boy underwent plastic surgery Saturday night for the repair of his chin. He also lost his upper teeth. They are the family of Monty McCloy who is the younger son of the Si McCloys. Monty and Bruce Bridges are second cousins. Sis McCloy was raised in the community as Beatrice Ferguson.

Lillian Carson recently visited in Dodge City, Kan. with Gene and Bonnie Carson and girls and in Stanton with Carl Dean and Terrie Carson and boys.

Chanin Ross and the Dimmitt eighth grade girls basketball team played their last game against Friona at Friona last Monday night. They won the game which makes them second in district.



DISCUSSING NEW DWI EXAMINATION—Representatives of the Mental Health Retardation Center in Plainview were in Dimmitt recently discussing with Castro County officials the Mortimer Filkens test required now for first and second DWI offenders. The test is supposed to determine if a person

has a drug-alcohol abuse problem. Discussing the test (from left) are MHRM Executive Director Rick Van Hersh, Castro County Judge Polly Simpson, Castro County Trustee for MHRM Carol Lantz, and MHRM Mental Health Director Dr. Steve Fitzgerald.

VOE is topic for Kiwanians

The Vocational Office Education (VOE) class of Dimmitt High School presented the program at Monday's meeting of the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club.

Members of the class, taught by J'Lynn Ryan, told about vocational education in general, the Office Education Association (OEA), and specific activities of their class.

Those who presented the program included local OEA President Cara Higgs, Vice President Kim Booker and member Juanita Velasquez. They were accompanied by Mrs. Ryan.

"Of the 60 students who have taken this class over the last five years, not counting this year, 34 have been at one time or another employed in an office occupation," Mrs. Ryan said. "That is very near the statewide average of 41 percent."

Kiwanian Jack Patton is in charge of the program for Monday's meeting. Other guests Monday included Key Club members Jay Hopper and Greg Sava. Fifteen club members and the club sweetheart were in attendance.

Four locals attend chamber workshop

Four from Dimmitt attended the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Leaders, Personnel Workshop in Canyon last Thursday.

George Sides, Gerald Hanners, Calvin Marsh and Chamber manager Delores Heller attended the meeting which focused on financing and membership of chambers.

Houston show begins Sunday

The Houston Livestock Show begins Sunday and 102 Castro County youth will be exhibiting animals.

The Castro County 4-H has 19 exhibitors who will show a steer, nine lambs and 14 barrows. Nazareth's FFA has 36 entered showing 43 animals.

Fifty members of the Dimmitt FFA will show a total of 74 animals — 13 steers, 37 lambs and 24 barrows.

Nazareth has two entered in the scramble competition. Kim Drerup is entered in the beef scramble, and John Kleman is entered in the dairy scramble.

Psoriasis—The Scaling Disease

At least one out of every 50 persons in the United States has a disease called psoriasis. Yet this skin disorder remains a "mystery disease," its cause is unknown.

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Senior Citizens

Castro County Senior Citizens Center is located at Third and Jones in Dimmitt and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Membership is open to anyone who is fifty years of age or older, without discrimination as to sex, color, race, religion, denominational preference, national origin, ethnic background, or handicap.

A nutritious meal is served each noon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Quilting, crafts, and table games are daily activities.

There is an exercise class every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10 a.m. under the direction of Oleda Schumacher. There are 16 women currently enrolled in the class. Enrollment is open.

Bridge is played at the Center on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. Duplicate bridge is played on Monday evenings.

There will be a blood pressure clinic today (Thursday) from 10 a.m. to noon, and a hearing aid representative will be here at the same times.

A Community Gospel Sing will be held at the Center on Sunday, at 2:30 p.m. under the direction of Gene and Connie Ivey.

There will be a Bible study on Monday at noon. A hearing aid representative is scheduled to visit the Center on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon.

There will be an evening of table games on Tuesday beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday will be celebrated at the Center as Clara Dollar Leap Year Day!

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698 visit museum here

More than 698 visitors toured the Castro County Historical Museum in 1983, representing 16 states and three countries.

This number was registered, but there are always several each year who tour the museum, but fail to register.

Visitors from Mexico, Canada, and West Germany as well as Washington, D.C., Georgia, Pennsylvania, California, Arizona, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Florida, New Jersey, Washington State, Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas were impressed with the contents of so small a museum.

The museum was organized January 22, 1976 when Helen Richardson, Chairman of the Castro County Historical Commission, called for all citizens in the county interested in preserving the history of the county to meet together in the City Hall.

The twenty-six persons present organized to establish a museum. The Nation's 200th Birthday Celebration with its Bicentennial enthusiasm and momentum helped make it become a reality.

It has had a steady growth through the years. Since January 27, 1977 monthly meetings have been held at the museum and since May 16, 1977, Madge Robb has kept the museum open from 1 until 5 p.m. weekdays except holidays and will open on weekends by appointment.

Egg producers must strive to improve production efficiencies to stay in business, says a poultry specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Supervisors as well as employees should keep a close check on operations to reduce egg loss, shell damage and wasted feed.

Checking feed leakage, controlling rodents and culling nonlayers can cut feed costs. Fans and evaporative cooling systems can reduce heat stress problems and improve laying performance.

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Cancer Society

Castro County Unit Board of the American Cancer Society had a luncheon meeting at K-Bobs last Thursday. Roxanne Cromartie of the District 15 office in Amarillo showed a TV film, "Cancer Update: The Colo-rectal Exemplar Program," and current cancer TV spots.

Joe Higgs, public education chairman, gave a report on the organizations for which he had furnished programs. Ed Freeman, public information officer, gave a report of newspaper articles, and radio and TV announcements. Ronda Powers gave a report on memorials that had been given, and Beth Buckley gave a report on Run-for-Life plans.

It was decided to have a spaghetti dinner and talent show some time in the summer, with Randy Holm as chairman.

Roxanne Cromartie gave a staff report. The next meeting was set for next Thursday (March 1) as a luncheon meeting at K-Bobs.

Plainview concert set

The Plainview Community Concerts Association has a reciprocal agreement with the Castro County Community Concerts Association, and Plainview will be hosting Mr. Jack Daniel's Original Silver Cornet Band March 3 at 8 p.m. in Herral Memorial Auditorium on the Wayland Baptist University campus.

Members of the Castro County Association may attend on a space-available basis by showing their membership cards at the door.

Originated in 1892, the performing group consists of costumed musicians and a conductor-narrator. Sound and lighting effects are used, along with a recreated "gazebo in the park."

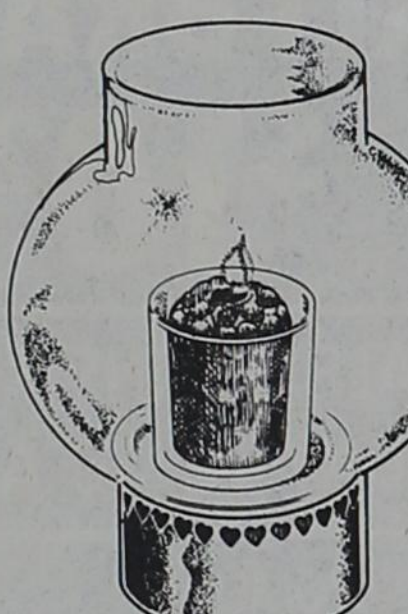
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