

Meet the Longhorns, Monday

The Quarterback Club and the coaching staff would like to invite all parents and interested fans to come to the "Meet the Longhorns" night at the fieldhouse on Monday, September 2 at 8:30 p.m.

This is the perfect opportunity for the

fans to ask questions of the coaching staff and also to meet the players who will be working hard to earn their second district title.

Make plans now to go out and show your support of these fine athletes and their coaches.

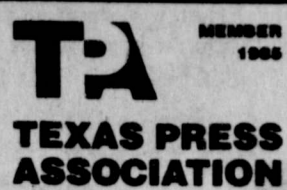
THIS WEEK

QUARTERBACK CLUB

There will be a meeting of the Quarterback Club on Tuesday, August 27 at 8:00 p.m. at the ag building. It is important that all officers and parents of football players attend this meeting.

FOOTBALL TICKETS

Reserve seating for the 1985 Longhorn football season are now on sale. Seats are \$20.00 per seat and inside parking is \$15 per space. Anyone interested in tickets should go by the superintendent's office beginning Monday, August 19.



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Two join FNB staff

In recent weeks the First National Bank of Lockney has hired two new employees. Gayle Sherman is the new receptionist and secretary and Irene Cantu is training in the bookkeeping department.

Gayle just recently came back to Lockney after living in Lubbock for some time and she said "I am very glad to be back at home."

While living in Lubbock, she was the superintendent of the incomplete records room at Lubbock General Hospital and prior to going to work for the First National Bank, she was employed as the officer manager and receptionist for Dr. Stephen L. Turner in Plainview.

Gayle said of her new position "I really like it. I'm looking forward to

working with the banks customers and other employees. I am looking forward to learning new things."

Irene Cantu was a 1985 graduate of Lockney High School and has worked at various places in Lockney before coming to the bank. She was employed by Dairy Queen during school and following her graduation went to work for Brown's Department Store. She also worked at the schools for a short time.

Of her new job Irene said "I really like it. It is giving me a chance to learn lots of new things."

FNB president Kim King said, "We are extremely pleased to have the opportunity to have Gayle and Irene working for the First National Bank. We are excited about having them with us."



GAYLE SHERMAN



IRENE CANTU

Water should clear

Late last week Mr. Bill McMorries, Consulting Engineer of the firm of McMorries and Associates, was commissioned by the Authority to conduct a full battery of tests and analysis of Lake Mackenzie water, in an effort to determine what has caused the odor and taste in the water. Working in concert with Mr. McMorries is Mr. C.H. Scherer, a noted water consultant of Water and Environmental Technology

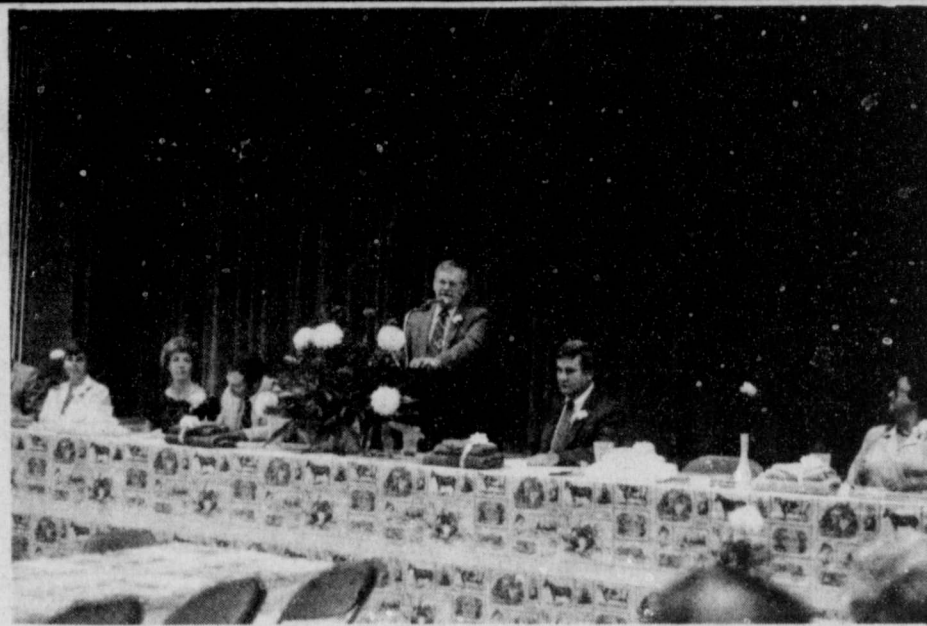
of Amarillo. Both raw and treated water samples are being analyzed by this team to more clearly identify the cause. Final test results are expected by late this week. In the interim, McMorries advises the Authority that the current treatment process is the best course for now.

Authority officials, as well as Health Department officials, continue to assure users the water is perfectly safe.

People At Work...



MAX SMITH has spent the past 25 years as a butcher. With the exception of a short time working at Keeters Grocery just east of town, he has worked at the present Pay-N-Save location. He is the manager of the Pay-N-Save meat department. Max takes the time to please all his customers at the store and is the man at work this week.



COOP MANAGER—Delton Stone, manager of the Lockney Cooperatives addressed the assembled stockholders in last Saturday's 28th annual meeting of the group.

Lockney Cooperative shows profit of over \$450,000

The 28th annual stockholders meeting of the Lockney Cooperatives posted a net profit of \$450,289.50 for 1984 which is up considerably from the net loss of \$86,927.09 for the 1983 year.

Hal Sandefur of Sandefur and Swindle, CPA's of Lubbock presented the financial report to those present. "The Coop is in a very strong financial position with no outstanding debts," said Sandefur, "and with the sale of the feedlot operation to Mexia Corporation the Coop will have notes payable on that sale for the next eight years."

Manager Delton Stone presented his report to the stockholders present. He said, "A few of the departments had some losses last year due in part to the weather. The wet cotton took longer to gin and there was also less cotton to be ginned this year."

Stone reported that due to the stockholders and farmers, the fertilizer department is making a turn around. "The use of the Big Wheels was good this year and we did a large volume of business with it," said Stone.

Stone then discussed the current year and the expectations. He said, "70 percent of the wheat brought in was in storage and on loan. We are also expecting good corn, milo, soybean, and cotton harvests this year."

Cotton customers and stockholders who did cotton ginning at the Coop this past year received an added bonus in their dividend checks. A seed adjustment check from Plains Coop Oil Mill, in Lubbock totaling 102,244.00, was divided among the cotton customers.

Stone, in closing said that Cooperatives have problems when there is little or no communication between the manager and the customers of the Coop. "To help eliminate this problem

we are planning to have informal breakfast 'growers meetings' at Strickland's Restaurant once a month. We hope by doing this there will be more communication between the farmers and the Coop. By meeting the needs of our customers will can have a more effective Coop," said Stone.

Stone also recognized all the employees of the Coop and presented each with certificates of appreciation for their years of service to the Coop.

Also during the meeting, stockholders were asked to vote on a new member for the board of directors. The seat being vacated on the board was held by Ray Gant who decided not to run for re-election this year.

The nominating committee had selected John Lee Carthel and Warren Mitchell to run for the seat on the board. Carthel was elected to the post.

A total of 19 door prizes were drawn for during the meeting and winning those were Mrs. Weldon Cumbie, Jimmy Cecil, Annabelle Bramlett, Ira Henderson, Mr. Cox, Anita Bigham, Marie Henderson, Gene Belt, Nelda Morris, Macon Ulmer, Charlotte Mitchell, Zach Cummings, Ruth Mitchell, Mrs. Lloyd Lee Widner, and Nancy Henderson who all received 100 percent cotton bath towel sets.

Other door prizes included a lined windbreaker won by Bert Elam, a set of wooden T.V. trays won by E.J. Kinslow, and a bug light won by Buck Kellison. At this point all the numbers were put back in the box and a grand prize was drawn. Ruth Mitchell won a billfold with four \$100 bills in it.

This year's meeting was attended by 251 stockholders, their families, employees, and guests. All enjoyed a catered steak finger dinner by Danny's Fins and Hens.

One vehicle accident kills Lockney man

Lockney man, Willard Dee McPherson, age 23, died in a one vehicle accident on Sunday, August 25.

McPherson was apparently traveling north on highway 378 and about one and a half miles from the city of Lockney, apparently became distracted at the wheel of the Ford pickup he was driving. The vehicle rolled over and it appears he was thrown out of the truck since the body was recovered about 100 feet from the vehicle. Justice of the Peace C.L. Mooney pronounced McPherson dead at the scene at 11:58 p.m. Dee McPherson was born August 7, 1962 to Gale and Gay McPherson of the

Providence Community north of Lockney. He attended Lockney schools, and graduated in 1981.

Services for McPherson were Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at the Primitive Baptist Church in Floydada with elders Joe Jackson and Jim Jackson officiating.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a brother, Steve of Plainview; a sister, Dar Lee Pool of Amarillo; grandmothers, Mrs. Vivian Merrell of Quitaque and Mrs. H.H. McPherson of Floydada; and one nephew Matt McPherson of Plainview.

Longhorn Inn opens Sept. 3 with new owner

During this summer the Longhorn Inn was purchased by David and Betty Jackson and will open on September 3 under the management of Betty. The Jacksons purchased the business from Richard Brown.

When asked why she had purchased the business Betty commented "I have always wanted my own business and I would have purchased the Longhorn Inn last year if I had known it was up for sale."

Betty will be handling the day to day operation of the business, and for the first week or so husband David will be on hand to assist. Working with Betty will be Mildred Reagan, who will be running the grill. "The kids all seem to like Mildred's cooking and we are glad to have her back to cook for the kids," said Betty. They will also be assisted by two other people.

This year the Longhorn Inn will be having a wide variety of food on its menu which will include burritos, tacos, hamburgers, nachos, ham and cheese sandwiches, and added new this year are chicken nuggets. They will also have french fries, potato chips, fritto pies, hot dogs, corn dogs, chef salads, and soft drinks. Diet Coke will be served instead of diet Dr. Pepper.



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH—Nick and Elvira Munz are the special guests of the Lockney Rotary Club for the month of August. They are representing Pay-N-Save Grocery of which Nick is the manager. Nick is a member of the Rotary Club and Elvira has been employed at Lockney General Hospital for the past 20 years.

THIS WEEK

EARLY DEADLINE

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the Lockney Beacon deadline will be Friday, August 30 at 3:00 p.m. The Beacon office will be closed Monday.

SCOUT UNIFORMS

Anyone having old Cub Scout uniforms that they would like to donate to the Lockney Cub Scouts program should take them by the J and K Insurance office or contact Ed Marks after 5:00 p.m.

ICE CREAM SUPPER

The Lockney Band Boosters will have an ice cream supper at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, August 29 at the band hall. Come by and see the new band uniforms and meet the new band director John Lewis.

FAIR BOARD MEETING

The final fair board meeting before the 1985 Floyd County Fair is set for September 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the homemaking building at Lockney High School.

It is very important that all chairmen and department heads be at this meeting.

FAIR TICKETS

Fair tickets are now in at a cost of \$7.50, which allows the bearer to ride as many rides from 6 to 10 p.m. one night.

Tickets are available from Highway 70 Texaco, Cindy Cotham, Lisa Mosley, Don Vernon, Rowell Variety, Eddie Teeter, Whites Auto Store, Reeda Cay Smith, Kay Martin, Brown's Department Store, Dairy Queen, Allsup's and Frankie Graves.

QUARTERBACK CLUB

The regular meeting of the Lockney Quarterback Club will be Tuesday, September 3 at 8:30 p.m. at the ag building. All members are urged to attend. Your support is needed for a successful program this year.

Members of the club are now selling chances to win a shotgun at the September 20 game against Floydada.



In times like these... By Mary Jo Fielding

The summit meeting between President Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev is still 3 1/2 months away but Moscow and Washington alike stepped up moves to gain a propaganda advantage.

A basic agenda for the November summit in Geneva emerged from a 3 hour session on July 31 in Helsinki at which Secretary of State George Shultz and the Soviet Foreign Minister Edward Shevardnadze sized up each other. Yet both super powers were using words and deeds to try to outdo each other in a contest for European opinion.

Shultz hit hard at Soviet violations of the human rights provisions of the

Helsinki Accords as 35 nations gathered to mark the accords' 10th anniversary. Shevardnadze responded by blaming western economic policies for unemployment and social unrest.

In a bid to dramatize Soviet resistance to on site verification of treaties, Reagan invited Soviet technicians to attend an underground nuclear test in Nevada. Gorbachev quickly announced a voluntary moratorium on Soviet nuclear testing between August 6 and Jan. 1, 1986.

Each gesture was roundly rejected by the other side.

Care Center Capers

by Helen Pigg

Hello to all of our friends. Last week was a very busy week for the residents. On Monday we enjoyed our bus ride to Plainview. While there we were treated to coke and ice cream by Wendy's. Thanks a lot. It sure hit the spot with the weather being so hot!

When we got back from Plainview we all got busy in the kitchen shelling peas. Then on Tuesday we enjoyed our labor of love. The cooks did a real good job.

This Friday, August 30, at 12:00 we are having dinner on the grounds for the residents, friends, and families. BRING A COVERED DISH and come join us for lunch. Lunch will be furnished for the residents.

After lunch, Rev. Gene Hawkins will have an old fashioned gospel meeting. His sermon will begin at 1:30. I understand that he is a wonderful speaker and several have called and said that they will be here. So get out the covered dish and come spend a wonderful day with us. See you at lunch.

NEWS FLASH! Just this morning I received a call from Herman! He was furious! He had seen where he was dead and buried, and he said, "How can that be, I just wanted to visit some friends over at Edmonson." So he had Dana Griffin get on the phone and verify

that he was here. He had a fight with a rattler but was recovering fine. Dana told me that Herman missed everyone so much and he just wanted to come home. But under one condition, that he could bring his new girlfriend Carla Rose Fallabella with him. He has decided that it is time for him to settle down and raise a second family. However, we had to agree that we would have them a wedding in November and furnish them a home for the rest of their lives. Like all families we agreed, because we wanted Herman back. So watch for the date of the wedding to be announced shortly. It will be a large wedding followed by a reception for the lovely couple.

I am very glad to be a part of the Lockney Care Center. Even though I've only been here a week I have found that there is never a dull moment. We have a lot of excitement going on all the time. I would like to thank the staff, residents, friends and families for the warm reception I have received.

Now I've got to close and get busy. We are planning our float for the Lockney fair and now it looks like a wedding too.

So until next week, God bless. Gino's quote: "When you feel down, look around and you will see someone worse off than you."

PTA prepares for new year

With the beginning of a new school year, other related organizations are also reorganizing and preparing for the year. One of these organizations is the Lockney Parent-Teacher Association. Parents may join PTA at the time they bring their children to school Tuesday morning. A booth will be set up at the elementary school. For parents of secondary students, time will be available for joining at the first meeting Tuesday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m. The \$2.00 membership fee is a small price to be able to know what is going on in the schools and being involved.

The objectives of the PTA are to promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community and place of worship; to raise the standards of home life; to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth; to develop between educators and the general public a united effort that will secure for all children and youth, the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education.

PTA promotes a coordination and cooperation between parents and teachers, allowing the teachers, in turn, to better communicate and understand their students. It is important for parents to make themselves known to teachers, to let them know they are interested and concerned and that they

want to help where they can to benefit all students-this is a major function of the PTA.

The Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers makes its voice known to Austin on legislation of interest to the schools and school children including curriculum, seat belts, drinking age, day care, discipline, no-pass, no play, and teacher testing. Special programs this year include a discussion on the exit test all juniors will be required to pass; speakers will be Mr. James Poole, high school principal and Dr. Paul Dunn, the district representative on the State Board of Education. This meeting will be held September 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lockney cafeteria. Another program, November 12, will be an open house at the elementary school, junior high and high school to recognize American Education Week.

Many adults in Lockney care about what is going on in and outside of the school system and also what their children are doing. To promote higher education standards in Lockney and throughout Texas parents and teachers will need to work together to achieve this common goal. Involvement is the key; the PTA needs everyone to become involved to help our children. Join PTA and help us to live up to this year's slogan: "In Tune with PTA."



THE SINGING FARMER'S QUARTET—This group of singers will be one of the two featured groups performing at the gospel singing at the Floyd County Fair, Friday, September 13. Pictured are (left to right) Freddy Upshaw, Leslie Davis, Preston Upshaw, and Weldon Davis (seated).

Gospel singers night slated

The gospel singing at this year's Floyd County Fair will be Friday, September 13 at the entertainment building on the fair grounds from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Two groups, The Singing Farmers of Hart, Texas and the Praise Makers of Lubbock will be featured.

The Singers Farmers are a quartet of men who have been singing together for the past two years. All four of the men are engaged in farming in the Hart area and are active members of the First Baptist Church in Hart. Preston Upshaw is the lead tenor with his nephew Freddy Upshaw singing high tenor. Weldon Davis sings baritone and his son Leslie Davis sings bass. The group

is accompanied by Mrs. Weldon (Gaylia) Davis.

The Praise Makers of Lubbock are comprised of five women, Yvonne Hilton, Margaret Huff, Sue Sides, Peggy Walter, and Mary Ann Washington.

The program, beginning at 7:00 p.m. will feature a 30 minute program by The Singing Farmers, 30 minutes by the Praise Makers, and another 30 minutes by The Singing Farmers.

The gospel singing programs are put together by Ethelyn Vernon and both of the groups have been praised for their fine singing ability so make plans to attend.

Lockney School Menu

September 3-6

Tuesday:
Lunch—Fried chicken, gravy, cream potatoes, buttered carrots, biscuits, honey, milk

Wednesday:
Breakfast—Peaches, biscuits, sausage, milk
Lunch—Steak fingers, baked apples, corn, spinach, biscuits, gravy, milk

Thursday:
Breakfast—Pears, rice, milk
Lunch—Roast beef, tomatoes and spaghetti, fried okra, white cake with cherries, milk

Friday:
Breakfast—Bacon, biscuit, fruit cocktail, milk
Lunch—Chili cheese burger, pinto beans, onion rings, apricot cobbler, milk

Lockney Hospital Report

August 19-26

Kenneth Hooten, Lockney, adm. 8-6, dis. 8-20.
Pilar Hernandez, Lockney, adm. 8-15, dis. 8-23.
Birta Foster, Lockney, adm. 8-15, dis. 8-23.
Maria Cuevas, Plainview, adm. 8-16, dis. 8-20.
Elton Cantwell, Silvertown, adm. 8-16, dis. 8-23.
Glen Ramsey, Quitaque, adm. 8-17, dis. 8-19.
Mable Perkins, Lockney, adm. 8-17, dis. 8-23.
W.M. Hambright, Floydada, adm. 8-17, continues care.
San Juanita Espinosa, Lockney, adm. 8-18, baby girl Anaïs born 8-18, dis. 8-20.

Doris Jones, Floydada, adm. 8-20, dis. 8-23.
Tammy Ballejo, Lockney, adm. 8-21, baby boy Isaac born 8-21, dis. 8-23.
Martin Garza, Floydada, adm. 8-20, dis. 8-24.
Robin King, Lockney, adm. 8-22, dis. 8-26.
Leonor Ramas, Lockney, adm. 8-22, continues care.
Russell Simpson, Silvertown, adm. 8-23, dis. 8-23.
Carolyn Jordon, Plainview, adm. 8-22, baby boy Jonathan born 8-22, dis. 8-24.
Lillie Savage, Lockney, adm. 8-22, continues care.
J.C. Willis, Lockney, adm. 8-24, continues care.

Kindergarten Supply List

Two Big Husky pencils
Jumbo crayons (small ones for later)
Tablet-Hytone 48-2110 or Nifty 2047
Scissors (plastic)
200 count box of Kleenex
Elmers school glue-4 ounce
School box
Small quilt or blanket and small pillow
Please put child's name on ALL supplies

First Grade Supply List

Scissors (sharp pointed)
Crayons
Glue
School Box
Large Kleenex (250 count)
Coloring book
Eraser
Big Chief tablet-large size (or Son-of-Big Chief)
No. 2 pencil (2 or more)
Pocket folder
Butter bowl
Please put name on each item.

Second Grade Supply List

Spiral notebook
Aladdin #2225 tablet
Pencil #2
Small Elmer's Glue
Crayolas (16 count)
Scissors
Large box Kleenex
School box

Third Grade Supply List

Ringbinder notebook
Notebook paper
#2 pencils
Plastic zipper pencil case
Ruler with both centimeter and inch markings
Pointed scissors
One spiral notebook
250 count box of Kleenex

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THREE-FACED CLOCK ...
The Ursuline Academy and Convent, in San Antonio, was built in 1868. Its tower has a three-faced clock. The north side has no dial. The reason for this omission? At the time the tower was being built, Union soldiers were camped on the north side of town; and the people of San Antonio didn't want those Yankees to know what time it was.

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Free meals available

The Lockney School serves nutritious meals every school day. Students may buy lunch for 65 cents and breakfast for 30 cents.

Children from families whose income falls within the level shown on the attached scale are eligible for either free meals or reduced-price meals at 35 cents per lunch and 25 cents for breakfast.

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, please pick up an application at the school or superintendent's office. Please answer all questions on the form. An application which does not contain the following information cannot be processed by the school: (1) the total household income must be listed by the amount received by each household member receiving income and the type of income it is (such as wages, child support, etc.) OR your food stamp case number if your household is on food stamps, (2) names of all household members, (3) social security numbers of all household members 21 years old or older or the word "NONE" for any household member who does not have a social security number, and (4) the signature of an adult household member.

Verification: The information on the application may be checked by the school or other officials at any time during the school year.

Reporting changes: If your child is approved for meal benefits, you must tell the school when your household income increases by more than \$50 per month (\$600 per year) or when your household size decreases.

Reapplication: You may apply for benefits at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a decrease in household income, become unemployed, or have an increase in family size, fill out an application at that time.

Foster children: If you have foster children living with you, they may be eligible for these benefits. If you wish to apply for these benefits for them, please contact the school and they will help you complete the application.

Nondiscrimination: Children who receive free or reduced-price meal benefits are treated the same as children who pay for meals. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or handicap. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Fair Hearing: If you do not agree with the school's decision on your application or the result of verification, you may wish to discuss it with the school. You also have the right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing the following official: W.H. Hallmark, box 428-Lockney, Texas, 806-652-2104.

Confidentiality: The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will be used only for eligibility determinations and verification of data.

Help with application: If you have any questions or need help in filling out the application form, please contact W.H. Hallmark at the Superintendent's office. You will be notified when the application is approved or denied.



JACK BISCO

Jack Bisco to address Rotary Club

Jack Bisco, District Governor of the Rotary Club will be in Lockney on August 29 and 30 to meet with the local club.

On Thursday, August 29 Bisco will be meeting with the officers and committee chairmen of the Lockney Rotary Club to discuss the future plans and ideas with them.

On Friday, August 30 Bisco will be meeting with the entire club at their regular noon meeting.

Bisco, a native of Fredericksburg, Virginia, studied pre-law at the University of Virginia. He received his LLB

from National University in Washington D.C. and later passed the bar there.

After graduation from law school Bisco became an investigator for the government, prior to being called into military service. He served during World War II and was a special agent in Counter Intelligence Corps of Military Intelligence. He served in both the army and air force during his military career.

During the war he married wife Maxine, a Texas native and they decided to make Texas their home after the war. Bisco entered the oil business and in time was named vice president of an abstract company that specialized in oil company abstracts. Later he formed his own company that made reproductions of materials and information used in the oil industry. For the past 25 years he has owned his own real estate

company selling mostly commercial properties and land.

Work with civic organizations and activities for the youth in his community, is exhibited in his service with the Midland West Rotary Club of which he has been a member for the past 13 years. He has served on several committees in the club and was elected president for the 1982-83 year.

Bisco also worked with the Midland Junior League Baseball Program for eleven years and served as president of the Eastern Sophomore League for seven years.

All Lockney Rotary Club members are urged to be at the meeting on August 30.

Support those who are trying to build a better home town.

"God's Country" presented

"God's Country," the musical prairie drama depicting early Crosby County history, will be revealed to the public in three sampler episodes Saturday, August 31, and Monday, September 2, at 8 p.m. in the Pioneer Memorial building in Crosbyton.

Tickets are \$2.50 and may be purchased at the door.

The performance is being touted as a "dress rehearsal" because the complete production of six episodes will not be ready until the 1986 Labor Day

weekend in celebration of the Texas Sesquicentennial and the Crosby County Centennial.

The current sampler scenes deal with Postmistress Elizabeth (Aunt Hank) Smith's run-in with the U.S. Postal Inspector in the 1880s; four cowboys and their troubles getting ready for a dance; and the coming of the Quakers to found Estacado, the first settlement on the South Plains.

All events in the musical are taken from real happenings to real people.

Energas files rate appeal

Energas Company (OTC) filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas an appeal of its Amarillo rate case. The Energas appeal asks the Railroad Commission to approve rates to recover \$2.1 million more than was granted by the Amarillo City Commission.

On August 6, 1985, the Amarillo City Commission, on a 5-0 vote, approved an ordinance granting Energas an increase of approximately \$2.0 million based on the recommendation of their consultant, R.W. Beck & Associates of Austin. The approved increase affects only those Energas customers served by the Amarillo City Plant system.

According to Robert F. Stephens, Vice President of Energas, "We stated clearly after the first reading of the ordinance that the \$2 million level was

not acceptable and that we would appeal such a decision if it became final. Discussions with city officials failed to produce a compromise agreement. After the final reading of the ordinance we began preparing the appeal which was filed today."

The Texas regulatory process allows a company to put in place any rate increase approved by a municipal authority while the appeal process is followed.

Energas Company expects to implement the city approved rates in mid-September. For the average customer using 10 MCF per month, this would mean a monthly increase of about \$1.87. The Railroad Commission of Texas has 120 days from the appeal date in which to reach its decision.

Energas is an independent natural gas distribution company serving over 280,000 customers in West Texas.

Family Size	Annual		Monthly		Weekly	
	Free Meals	Reduced-Price Meals	Free Meals	Reduced-Price Meals	Free Meals	Reduced-Price Meals
1	\$0 - 6,825	\$ 6,825 - 9,713	\$0 - 569	\$ 569 - 810	\$0 - 132	\$ 132 - 187
2	0 - 9,165	9,165 - 13,043	0 - 764	764 - 1,087	0 - 177	177 - 251
3	0 - 11,505	11,505 - 16,373	0 - 959	959 - 1,365	0 - 222	222 - 315
4	0 - 13,845	13,845 - 19,703	0 - 1,154	1,154 - 1,642	0 - 267	267 - 379
5	0 - 16,185	16,185 - 23,033	0 - 1,349	1,349 - 1,920	0 - 312	312 - 443
6	0 - 18,525	18,525 - 26,363	0 - 1,544	1,544 - 2,197	0 - 357	357 - 507
7	0 - 20,865	20,865 - 29,693	0 - 1,739	1,739 - 2,475	0 - 402	402 - 572
8	0 - 23,205	23,205 - 33,023	0 - 1,934	1,934 - 2,752	0 - 447	447 - 636
Each Additional Family Member	\$ 2,340	\$ 3,330	\$ 195	\$ 278	\$ 45	\$ 65

Each school district may determine the price charged for reduced-price meals, but in no case may the charge for a reduced-price lunch exceed 40¢ or a reduced-price breakfast exceed 30¢.

Income Eligibility Guidelines for free and reduced-price meals must be provided to the media for the public release.

Westar increases rate changes

Westar Transmission Company filed at the Railroad Commission of Texas for an increase in its city gate rate changes. The proposed rate is 75 cents per MCF. This is an increase of 46.42 cents per MCF over the current rate. This

proposed rate increase will affect sales to Energas Company, Andrews Gas Company, Inc. and the City of White Deer.

This is the first time since 1978 that Westar has had to seek such an increase. This increase is necessitated by a combination of reduced volumes of gas being taken by city gate customers and the significantly increased operating costs for the Westar system since 1978.

Westar became a part of Cabot Corporation in October 1984 when the transmission company, along with other gas gathering and processing operations was acquired from Pioneer Corporation by Cabot.

This increase will permit Westar to continue to maintain and deliver a sufficient gas supply to serve the city gate customers effectively and efficiently.

Lockney Local

Please turn in names of college students for a list to be published in several weeks. Names may be given to Gayle Jackson (296-5079) or to the Beacon office.

Susan Fitzgerald spent a recent weekend with her parents, Ruth and Audie Noland and Sarah. Ruth and Sarah then assisted Susan into moving to a dormitory at West Texas State University in Canyon. Susan is serving again this year as a resident assistant in the dorm.

Dave and Debbie Goodrich of Carrollton visited this past week with her parents, Mike and Merle Mooney.

Paul and Vida Hrbacek recently returned from visiting in Montana, with Vida's brother.

Russell and Elsie McAnally, Gayle Jackson, Wade and Boyd, recently attended a McAnally family reunion in San Diego (Coronado), California. Traveling with them were Russell's sisters, Luthene and James Landroop of Plainview, Emily and Orville Morris of Tullia; their brother, Jack and Leta McAnally of Plainview; and nieces, Sheran Childress, Tami and Brad, Orvillia Tucker and Tanya, all of Tullia.

Jessie and Jerry Johnson, Jerald and Jason, vacationed recently at Antonito, Colorado, for fishing. They also toured at Colorado Springs and Denver.

Henry Ford Sr. has moved to the Crosbyton nursing home to recuperate from a broken hip.

The home of Sarah Fitzgerald near Lockney was the scene Saturday week of a homemade crafts shower feting Miss Latona Belt, bride-elect of Joey Davis.

Other hostesses were Shandra Bybee, Nicki Race, and Heather Holt. Their gift to Miss Belt was a fabric-covered photograph album.

Special guests were the mothers of Miss Belt and Davis: Betonia Belt and Dovie Davis.

Other guests were Stephanie Bybee, Rachelle Ford, Julie Davis, Christy Coffman, Lisa Terrell, Sherre Kinard, Susan Fitzgerald of Canyon, and the hostesses mothers: Ruth Noland, Sheryl Bybee, Sherry Race and Jackie Lou Holt.

Refreshments were dips and chips, cookies, and soft drinks.

Case presents new products

Bud Crump, of Brown Implement agriculture equipment sales outlet in Floydada, has just attended a briefing about the new Case International products to be released by J I case this fall.

Presented by Case agricultural product specialists, the training program included slide presentations, equipment displays and walk-around studies of product features.

Leading the new product line-up are Models 3394 and 3594 Constant Traction mechanical front drive (MFD) tractors and the entirely new 1600 series of combines and headers. There are also new or updated models of skid-steer loaders, general purpose tractors, disk harrows and chisel plows.

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Research protects fields

Conservation tillage with sweep plows on contour and graded terraces can protect dryland fields from soil erosion in the Southern High Plains. This was proven in a 27 year study at the USDA Conservation and Production Research Laboratory at Bushland, Texas. Chief investigators in the long term research were Reggie Jones and Dr. Harold Eck, USDA Soil Scientists. According to the scientists, only 2.9 tons per acre of soil was lost in 1978 when over 2 inches of runoff occurred from a single storm and a total of 6 inches of runoff occurred for the year. This is about one-half of the soil loss considered safe for the Southern Great Plains.

The research was conducted on Pullman clay loam soil representative of 5 million acres of cropland in the Southern High Plains. The soil contains about one-third each of sand, silt, and clay with 1.5 percent organic matter. There were three adjacent watersheds between graded terraces with a 2.5 foot vertical interval. Average field slope was 1.5 percent and the slope of the terrace channels was 0.05 percent. The three watersheds varied from 5.1 to 8.1 acres.

Jones said the watersheds were in a winter wheat-grain sorghum-fallow sequence producing two crops in three years. There was an 11 month fallow period between each crop. Runoff of water, soil loss and loss of nutrients were measured from each field. The same measurements were made on an adjacent field that was in native grasses, primarily buffalo grass and blue grama.

Maximum runoff of water occurred in May, June, July and August from the growing sorghum crop and during the fallow following sorghum harvest. Little or no runoff occurred from growing wheat or during the fallow period from wheat harvest to sorghum planting.

Precipitation averaged 18.1 inches during the 27 year study. Runoff averaged 4.4, 9.3, and 8.7 percent of the precipitation from wheat, sorghum, and fallow after sorghum, respectively. This is equal to 0.8, 1.7, and 1.6 inches of rain annually for the three crop or fallow situations. According to Jones, saving this water on the land would increase annual sorghum yield 600 pounds per acre and wheat yield 3 bushels per acre.

Jones said most of the runoff resulted from a small number of large, intense storms. From 1960 to 1979, precipitation was measured from 1,522 storms. Only 13 storms, or less than 1 percent, were rains over 2 inches. These few storms produced 10 percent of the precipitation and about 40 percent of the runoff. In 1978, the wettest year, there was 6 inches of runoff but only 2.9 tons of soil lost per acre. Average loss of soil for the 1978-83 period was only 0.8 ton per acre. This is far below the acceptable standard of 5 tons per acre annually for Pullman soil. By comparison only 0.2 ton per acre eroded from the range watersheds in 1978.

Loss of nitrate nitrogen averaged 1.6 pounds per acre annually, and the highest loss in a single year was 9.8 pounds per acre. Jones said, "This is less nitrogen than received with rainfall." The maximum loss of phosphate was only 3.7 pounds per acre.

The success of conservation tillage in preventing runoff of water and soil loss is related to several factors, according to the researchers. Contour stubble mulch tillage between terraces leaves crop residue on the soil surface to protect from erosion. Terraces shorten the slope length which also reduces the potential for erosion. Jones said, "Every farmer would find it profitable to adopt conservation tillage; erosion is reduced and water is retained on the land where it increases yield."

Vickers explains nutritional needs of performance horses

A horse that competes in performance activities or is used for breeding maintains its winning edge through a delicate balance of talent, conformation, training and health care. But horse owners must not overlook the role of nutrition in keeping performance horses in superior condition, according to Bob Vickers of Producer's Coop in Floydada.

"Performance horses have considerably higher nutritional requirements than active pleasure horses because of their more demanding physical activities," Vickers explains. "Hard-working horses need all essential nutrients -- carbohydrates, protein, fats, vitamins

and minerals -- and must receive them in the correct balance and right proportion."

Energy is a performance horse's greatest need, Vickers points out. Strenuous activity uses up greater amounts of energy than does body maintenance, and may require that feed intake double to supply the additional energy required. "While consuming the right amount of energy is vital to any horse, performance horses will use great quantities of energy in the short periods of time they are performing. Those energy needs require more and quicker replenishing," Vickers says.

Disease caused by fungus

Farmer's lung is a disease caused by frequent exposure to a fungus that grows in moldy hay or grain.

The Texas Medical Association says the disease attacks only those people allergic to the fungus. The allergy causes lung inflammation that narrows the air passages and thickens the walls of the lungs' air sacs.

The main symptom of farmer's lung is breathlessness, which occurs a few hours after exposure to the fungus and goes away after another few hours. A dry cough usually accompanies the breathlessness.

Other symptoms such as fever, chills, and headache may mistakenly lead the sufferer to believe he has a persistent case of the flu or even asthma.

Fortunately, only a small percentage of those in constant contact with this fungus are susceptible to farmer's lung. Those who have it, however, will probably get worse until the problem is diagnosed. Left untreated over a long period, any lung inflammation can destroy the elastic lung tissue, which is replaced by tough scar tissue.

The result is permanent, increasing

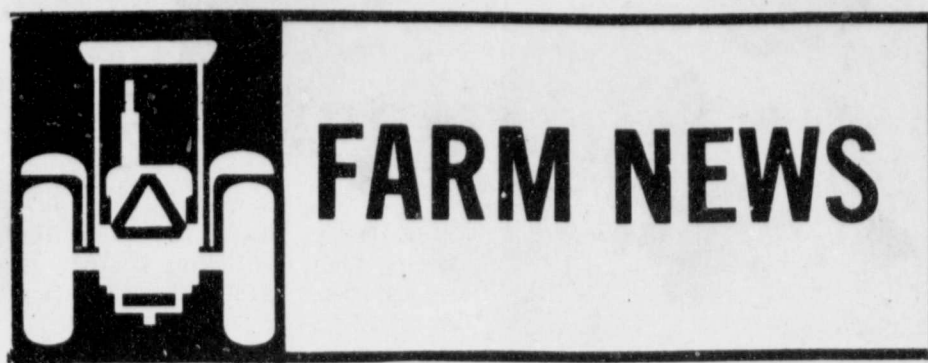
breathlessness, which can lead to respiratory failure and heart failure. Both can be fatal.

Repeated attacks of breathlessness should be checked by a physician. If you are frequently exposed to any substance that causes farmer's lung, tell the doctor. A chest X-ray probably will be needed to determine the extent of the disease.

People with farmer's lung must avoid the fungus either by changing jobs, if possible, or by wearing a filtering mask over the nose and mouth whenever exposed to the substance. In most cases, no other treatment is necessary.

In later stages, farmer's lung may be more difficult to treat. At that point, the most effective treatment may be steroid drugs taken for several months.

Farmer's lung is one of several related diseases caused by fungi connected to a person's work. Others include pigeon breeder's lung, hen worker's lung, air-conditioner lung, mushroom worker's lung, cork worker's lung, malt worker's lung, coffee worker's lung, furrier's lung, and thatched-roof worker's lung.



Pesticides cost more

"When it comes to pesticides, Texas farmers are paying more and getting less," concluded a recent study by the Texas Center for Rural Studies (TCRS) in Austin. Will Dibrell, researcher for the non-profit educational and research organization stated, "With thousands of pesticides on the market, the millions of dollars spent on pesticide research, and the billions farmers pay to use these products, you'd think we were winning the battle against agricultural pests--unfortunately that's not the case. Ever-growing pest resistance has reduced the value of much pesticide use, and skyrocketing pesticide costs aren't helping farmers cope with tight budgets."

In 1982, Texas grain, cotton, vegetable, and fruit farmers spent 122% more per acre on pesticides than in 1974, according to data from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA). Over the same period these same farmers received only 23% gain in crop sales per acre. Texans are 2nd only to California in their pesticide use and buy about 10% of all agricultural pesticides used in the U.S.

"The most dramatic difference can be seen with cash grain farms, one of the largest sectors of Texas agriculture," noted Dibrell. Over the eight year period (1974-1982) their crop sales per acre rose only 6% while pesticide costs per acre soared 119%.

"There's no question that chemical pesticides have been effective," stated Dibrell, "but some of the effects have been negative, and positive effects have been short-lived." He explained that one of the biggest problems with pesticide effectiveness is pest resistance. Massive applications of pesticides since the 1940's have bred resistance to many of these products.

While there were only 12 known species of resistant insects in 1948, today there are well over 400. The numbers of resistant weeds and plant diseases are also growing. Although farmers are now using more than ten times the amount of the pesticides than in the 1940's, estimated crop losses to insects almost doubled between the 1940's and 1970's (from 7% to 13%). In the early 1900's before organic insecticides, these losses were estimated at around 10%.

Dibrell points to the case of cotton as an example of the pesticide resistance problem. In the 1940's boll weevils grew increasingly resistant to organochlorine insecticides, eventually requiring 15 to 20 applications per crop to control them. These massive doses killed the natural predators of a relatively harmless cotton pest, the tobacco budworm. Unchecked, the budworm became a major cotton pest, and in turn developed resistance to all known insecticides. South Texas cotton was devastated.

Eventually, a new type of insecticide (synthetic pyrethroids), integrated pest management (IPM), and new cotton varieties have allowed cotton to re-establish, but the problem is not over yet. IPM specialist Tom Mueller at the Texas Department of Agriculture said, "The tobacco budworm may be showing signs of resistance to synthetic pyrethroids, and there are currently no registered insecticides waiting in the wings to replace them. This could be disastrous for cotton production in the

state. The irony is that it may take a disaster of that magnitude to really give a boost to biological (pest control) research and methods."

"There are alternatives to just using more chemicals for control of pests," Dibrell noted. "But though entomologists and the Extension Service have started to place more emphasis on these methods, this information hasn't been available to many farmers." A 1982 USDA survey of 6,000 farmers showed only 12% to have received information or to have had any knowledge of beneficial insects. "Some farmers have successfully used minimal quantities of chemical pesticides," Dibrell explained. "Their problem-solving approaches to pest control can be and are being developed into safe, effective and economical pest control for all farmers."

Tour scheduled at Halfway

Early findings of a farming systems research program, comparing low input/ maximum profitability versus conventional crop production systems designed to help farmers cut costs and increase profits, will be reported Tuesday, September 10, during the 76th annual field day of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) at Lubbock and Halfway.

This year's tour will be held at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station/High Plains Research Foundation at Halfway, 14 miles west of Plainview on U.S. Hwy. 70. The annual event alternates between the Lubbock and Halfway facilities, explained Dr. John R. Abernathy, resident director of research for the Lubbock-Halfway centers.

At one of the featured stops on this year's tours, Dr. Charles W. Wendt, professor of soil and water, and Dr. Darrell Rosemow, professor of grain sorghum, will report on the cropping systems studies. The initial research is looking at dryland and irrigated cotton, wheat and grain sorghum.

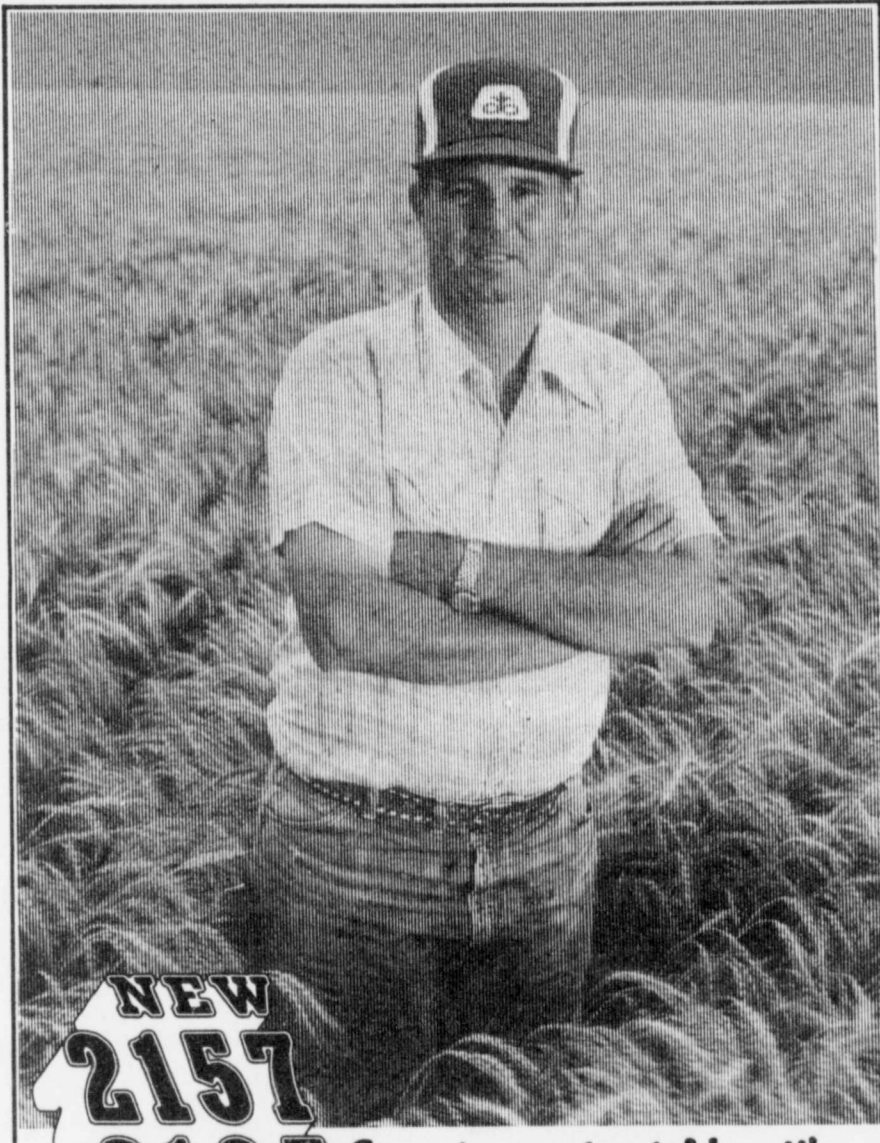
The field tours will begin at 1 p.m. and will feature five major stops, plus a walk up stop to see the latest research on grape cultivation, said Dr. Doug Owen, research scientist and field day chairman.

In addition to the cropping systems research, featured stops will highlight work on control of perennial and annual weeds; comparisons of low energy precision application (LEPA) and drip irrigation systems on numerous crops; cotton breeding and variety performance, and research on control of crop insect pests.

Other features of the field day, announced Dr. David Bender, assistant professor of vegetable crops and field day co-chairman, will be demonstrations of multifunction irrigation systems, soil fertility, and work of the Texas Forest Service in growing adaptable seedlings for windbreak and conservation plantings.

In addition, farm machinery and irrigation equipment will be displayed by area manufacturers and dealers. Specialists with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and research scientists with the Experiment Station will be present to answer questions and discuss research.

The field day is a cooperative presentation of TAES, the High Plains Research Foundation, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service, and the Texas Forest Service.



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