



**STRETCHING A POINT**  
Coffee shop discussion was hot and heavy about grain production. One fellow was proud of his yield . . . and everybody in the coffee shop knew about it.  
Unknown to the fellow talking, the man who custom combined his crop has come in and was seated back-to-back to him in the next booth.  
"We need to talk," the combiner said after hearing a few minutes of the conversation, turning around and addressing the producer who had boldly announced his grain yield. "You didn't pay me for cutting near that much!"  
This is no tall Texas tale. It occurred right here a number of years ago, although we don't remember the men involved.

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**FIRST TIME?**  
Did you hear about the fellow who was picked as a witness in a lawsuit? The judge asked him if he had ever served as a witness in a suit before.  
"No, your honor," he replied. "The last time I wore overalls."

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**FOREIGNERS GET BETTER TERMS THAN FARMERS**  
Two articles in the same issue of The Washington Post's weekly summary point out the priorities of the Reagan administration and the problems that those priorities are causing for people in places like Collingsworth County.  
On the one hand we have an article about the Mexican debt crisis.  
Mexico has \$100 billion in foreign debt, \$70 billion of which is owed to U.S. commercial banks. It was having difficulty in meeting its debt payments last year before oil prices took a plunge. Mexico is now facing an immediate credit crunch.  
To try to help straighten things out, Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker was recently dispatched to Mexico City. The idea here is to see how loans can be stretched out and how interest payments might be lowered through additional infusions of capital.  
On the other hand we have reports from farming communities such as Fulda, Minnesota, Yuma, Colorado and Charleston, Mississippi.  
These articles tell the story of an administration that wants the government to get out of the banking business by reducing dollars available to the FmHA and by tightening credit requirements.  
There are some similarities in the two cases: both are big — Latin American foreign debt now stands at \$370 billion; American farm is now estimated at \$212 billion; and both have experienced deflation in the value of the products they sell to meet loan obligations.  
But there are differences, too. Latin American loans to American commercial banks are primarily on the books of a handful of giant "money center" banks. Farm loans are on the books of banks in places like McLean, Texas, and Memphis, Texas, where banks have folded in the past couple of years.  
The farm borrowers and creditors are scattered across the American breadbasket. The farm loans are denominated in tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars rather than tens and hundreds of millions in the case of Latin America.  
A few months back Treasury Secretary James Baker announced a bold, new administration plan to help international debtors get more money and easier terms. No such announcement has come from the Treasury regarding farm debt.  
Paul Volcker has not appeared in Memphis or McLean. No champagne toasts in those towns at the conclusion of restructuring sessions.  
As far as farm debt is concerned, this administration is content to let the chips fall where they may. Mexico, and other international debtors, meanwhile, are about to be given a new stack of chips so they can stay in the game. — Henry Wells in The Wellington Leader

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"Soldier (that was before the Air Force was born, boss, and were called soldiers), he asked. "What would you do if all of a sudden you spotted a battleship cruising across the lake?"  
Without blinking an eye Old Unk shot back, "I would torpedo it, sir."  
"Where do you think you would get a torpedo, soldier?" smugly queried the

## School renovations approved

In the regular monthly meeting of the Lockney Independent School District board of directors meeting held on Thursday, July 10, board members approved a bid to complete closing in the windows in the junior high building.  
Board members approved a bid of \$12,300.00 from Jerry Miller Construction of Lockney to complete closing in the windows with bulletin boards and book shelves.  
The bid on the high school windows, submitted by B and C Construction of Plainview, was rejected by the board and the closing in of these windows will most likely be completed during next summer. The bid of B and C was in the amount of \$4,000.00.  
The board also approved laying new carpeting in the superintendent's office. The present carpet has begun to show signs of wear and has also begun to buckle in places.  
In other action the board approved hiring two more personnel. Virginia Fillingim was hired as a junior high reading teacher and Carolyn Courtney was hired as a part-time certified librarian.  
Other personnel needs were discussed during the meeting and superintendent W.H. Hallmark reported that a teacher for the elementary school special education resource room is needed since Karen Evans has been approved to transfer to the kindergarten department. Also one more aide is needed for junior high.  
Other personnel changes approved, in addition to Evans transfer, include Karen Quebe, who will be working full time as a speech therapist and will also be working part-time in the resource room.  
The board also had its first work

session on the 1986-87 school budget.  
Superintendent Hallmark reported that the budget is expected to be at least \$100,000.00 less this year due to personnel changes. "We had several teachers retire this year. Those teachers



were all on the highest end of the pay scale and they have been replaced with teachers that are at a different level in the pay scale."  
Hallmark also said that the budget is being put together on the same tax rate



as last year, if possible. He said "we lost \$8,138,000.00 in actual tax base due to the reappraisal and the lower ag production value. Our actual tax base for the next year is \$73,528,000.00."  
Hallmark reported that the budget

should be about \$2,600,000.00 for the 1986-87 school year expenditures.  
The tax rate will be set by the board sometime in August after the final budget expenditures are set by the board.



**BICYCLES, BICYCLES**—They are one of the most common sights in the summer time as boys and girls take to the streets with their own transportation. Some use their bicycles as a means of learning new tricks, others spent the summer perfecting their bicycle stunts. Mario Hernandez, Jr. has just recently learned to do wheelies on his new bike. He is thirteen years old and bought this bike with his own

money which he earned this summer. Jeremy Stapp, age 5, learned to ride bikes by riding with brother, Andy, age 11. Jeremy has his own bike now but is still seen frequently around Lockney riding on the handle bars of his brother's bike. Eric Martinez, age 9, has perfected jumping the curb on his bike. He uses the curb in front of Mrs. Elife Sherman's home to take to the air on his bike.

### Lockney FFA students will attend state convention

At least five and possibly more Lockney FFA members will be leaving about 6:00 a.m. to attend the 58th annual Texas FFA Convention in Amarillo, July 15-18 at the Amarillo Convention Center.  
Allen Stalling, Lockney chapter president, Raetta Starnes and Boyd Jackson, Lockney voting delegates, and Lori Smith and Robert Wofford, along with Lockney FFA advisor Randall Robbins will be making the trip to Amarillo.  
Aaron Alejandro, Boys Ranch, State FFA president, will preside. He will be assisted by vice presidents: Greg Bates, Clint; David Knight, Kingwood; Misty Hicks, Iowa Park; Jay Hays, Wolfe City; Brad Carlow, Maud; Scott Syamken, Canyon; Nancy Tollett, Jonesboro; Jerry Cole, Madisonville; John Steelhammer, Mathis.  
Convention registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 15th, in the Civic Center. The State FFA officers will conduct a Vesper Service at 6:30 p.m. that evening.  
Dr. Lowell B. Catlett of New Mexico University will be one of the keynote speakers bringing motivational remarks. Other speakers include, Senator Bill Sarpalus, State Senator from District 31 Amarillo; Coby Shorter, III, National FFA Executive Secretary, Western Region; Tom Anderson, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Compliance at the Texas Education Agency; Victoria Bergin, Deputy Commissioner of Curriculum and Program Development for TEA and Robert Patterson, Director Vocational Education Programs, TEA. Fun night and talent contest will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday.  
Scholarships and awards will be presented on Thursday. Stars of Texas awards program will be the highlight of the Thursday evening program. On Friday the new State FFA president will be elected and the 1985-86 State FFA Sweetheart will be crowned. The convention will adjourn at noon on Friday.

### Reunion of former Longhorn athletes scheduled Saturday

A tackle from 1952 and a quarterback from 1983 in the same huddle?  
That's exactly what will happen Saturday when former Longhorn athletes gather in the local elementary school cafeteria for their reunion. Registration opens at 10 a.m. and continues until 11:30 a.m.  
Organizers are encouraging "all" former Longhorn athletes and their families to attend the all-day function.  
Since insurance costs forced cancellation of the second annual

exes football game, the reunion has been shortened to a single day and other activities have been planned. One of the highlights will be a slow-pitch softball tournament.  
A barbecue meal and business meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria.  
During the registration period, former LHS athletes and members of their families may watch game films from yesteryear or visit with their former teammates. Registration for the softball tourney also is scheduled that

morning.  
Lunch break is planned from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.  
Bob Purser, athletic director and head football coach in the Lockney school system, will serve as director of the softball tournament, which gets underway at 1 p.m.  
Softball action continues throughout the afternoon with finals slated after the banquet about 8:30 p.m. Officials say "several classes" may be established for the tourney.

## Thomas aides in performance of 'Texas'

Brenda Jo Thomas, daughter of W.L. and Dot Thomas of Lockney is serving her eighth season with the outdoor musical drama "Texas."  
Thomas serves as the assistant box office chief this year. In the past she has worked with the Texas hospitality crew in the box office, the barbeque meal, the concession stand, and has been an usher in the theater.  
She is an early childhood teacher at Rex Reeves Elementary School in Canyon. She was graduated from W.T.S.U. with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She has taught in the River Road Schools in Amarillo



BRENDA JO THOMAS

and at Dalhart Elementary School. "Texas" comes of age this Sesqui-

centennial year, playing for the 21st season.

It tells the story of the Texas Panhandle in the 1880s revealing the

struggles and joys and excitements which shaped this country.

### Help needed to replace water lines

Anyone with a few extra hours to donate to the fair board is asked to be at the Floyd County Fairgrounds this Saturday, July 19 to help replace the water lines at the fairgrounds.  
As reported in last week's edition of the Beacon the water lines are being replaced to stop leaks which have not been found but continue to show up on

the water bills.  
Jerry and Robert Wofford will be providing the trencher and the pipe to complete the job but the fair board is asking for volunteer help to lay the new lines. The Woffords have agreed to provide the pipe and dig the trenches for the new line at a cost of 50 cents per foot and there are approximately 1200

feet of line to be installed.  
Fair board president Jim Bob Martin commented, "The fair board is paying for the cost of replacing the line and we would like to have some help from anyone with even one hour to spare on Saturday to come and help us with the installation."

Crappie fishing at Mackenzie Lake has "slowed down some, but a few are still being caught up the creek in late evening hours using jigs and minnows."  
Dick Crigter of Amarillo brought in an eight pound walleye. The fish was hooked in about eight feet of water on stinner bait.  
"A nice stringer of catfish" was caught by Freddie DeLeon of Hereford. He was using stink bait.

### Youth basketball camp to be held July 21-25

Lockney basketball coaches Phil Cotham and Nancy Ratliff will be holding a basketball camp for Lockney youngsters ages 10 through the eighth grade from July 21 through 25.  
The camp will be held in two two-hour sessions per day and will be broken down by ages. The camp is open to both girls and boys and there is a \$25.00 fee to cover the cost of T-shirts, awards and refreshments.  
The first session of the day will be for boys and girls ages 10 to 12 and will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The second session will be from 10:00 a.m.

to 12:00 noon and will be for boys and girls age 13 through the eighth grade.  
In both sessions the boys and girls will be working out together. Those who have not already pre-registered may sign up on the first day of camp, July 21. Kids will need to wear shorts, T-shirts and sneakers.  
Coach Phil Cotham said, "The kids will have lots of fun and everyone is welcome. If the kids are interested all they have to do is show up the first day. We are planning to make this a good learning experience for the kids and it will also be lots of fun."

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### This Week . . .

**WHIRLERS**  
The Whirlers will be back on schedule this week with a workshop at 8:00 p.m. at the M.A.C.  
**FAIR BOOTHS**  
All who have rented booths for the 1986 Floyd and Surrounding Counties Fair should have their booth rentals paid by August 1, 1986 or the booths will be rented to

someone else. There is a waiting list for the booths for the fair this year.  
**FAIR WORKDAYS**  
Beginning on Saturday, July 12, the Floyd County Fair board will be having workdays at the fairgrounds. Anyone interested in helping to get the buildings cleaned and other necessary cleanup work done for the August fair are asked to come out and help.



# Class will of 1961

By Jackie Frizzell

I'm getting old now — being a lawyer for 50 years gives one a right to be old I guess. Yep! Fifty years is a long time. You know, I've been thinking, thru my office have passed many people—all of them making wills. While going thru old files the other day, I ran across the last will and testament of the Class of 1961 of the Lockney High School. It's a rather strange will — not much money and material things to will. Oh well, just listen to a portion of them.

Let's see now —

Here's an interesting one. Stanley Miller wishes to leave his new book, "How to Stay Alive and Like It" in three volumes to Bobby Leach and Keith Emert. Its main points are: 1. Watch out for girls. 2. Read traffic signs accurately. 3. The attitude of anything you can do I can do better. He leaves it to them with the hope that they will use it effectively.

Charlotte Seago decided she would leave her position as money holder of the Journalism Class to Lynda Poole. She said that she thought it time for Lynda to move up from her position as distributor.

Janice Boedeker wanted to leave the beat out track she had made to the post office to Nancy Webster, with the hope that Nancy finds as much joy in using it as she has.

Bill Mangold decided that he would will reluctantly his golf clubs, tennis balls, football, basketball and ping-pong set to James Ray Wofford and with even more regret his horn to Howard.

Now here's something, by Myrtle Lilly Lewis? She states that she would like to leave her eye fluttering to Paulette Kropp on the condition that they be used in the direction of judges at Fat Stock Shows.

Mickey Mosley wishes to leave his little black Ford with all its troubles and problems to Jimmy Whitfill. He also wishes to leave his problems concerning girls and money to Billy Thomas in hopes that he can find a solution to them. He doubts that he can though.

Billy Dan Rolling wishes to leave his personal report cards to Robert Holland to be used only if Robert wants to make a career out of high school.

Charlotte Taylor would like to leave her loyal spirit and love for everything that is connected with school to Arlene Purcell. Especially the special place in her heart for basketball.

Carolyn Harris would like to will to Judy Thomas her ability to convince voters with her clever and brilliant imitation of an old woman while campaigning. Along with this she would also like to will Judy her originality and dependability in any field that it is needed.

Karen Brown wishes to leave to Dixie Ford her love for the main street of Lockney, along with her house, which has been in the past a meeting place for her friends. There have been times when her mother thought it was Grand Central Station in disguise.

Maxine Vanek leaves her love for patrons of the Dixie Dog to Tony Arterburn. She hopes Tony can keep business thriving by keeping the latest records on the juke box and by visiting with customers as she always does.

Bertha Amaya would like to leave, with pleasure, her job as librarian third period to Rose Alamendarez. With this she leaves a bottle of nervine and aspirin.

Marcia Minter wills to Jimmy Rushing all of her old papers, hoping that he has better luck in trying to convince Mrs. Applewhite on certain points than she has had.

Wayne Cooper would like to leave his many accomplishments and abilities to Johnny Belt. However he feels that he had better take a few of his abilities, like his willingness to work hard and his high ideals along with him into the future.

Nancy Schacht leaves her position as Rotary pianist to Anita Cooper. She hopes Anita learns to appreciate the fifteen minutes added to her lunch hour and the good food she gets on Fridays.

Francis Jones and Joan Smith will all their good times together in Plainview and elsewhere to Donna Sammann and whoever she wishes to share them with. They would like to advise that it is much easier if the person wears the same size clothes.

June Caldwell, Louise Bollman and Wanda Savage will to Janice Carthel their scholastic ability and June wants Janice to know that it saves worrying if she has her speech on time. With all those brains, Janice may become dictator of the world.

Doyle Freeman and Larry Boedeker will their calmness and happy go lucky natures to Audrey McCormick. They do hope that Audrey can find an easier way to get a high school diploma than by just studying. They feel that time spent in studying could easier be spent in dating or flying airplanes.

Rita Marshall, Myrna Hays, Laveta Jones and Kay Martin certainly hope that anyone in the Junior Class that would care to can find the interesting interest they have in Plainview and Floydada.

Freddie Gant would like to leave his voice to Larry Cross. With the two combined Larry could become the 8th wonder of the world.

Glenda Brasher, Ann Race, and Barbara Kitrell will to any Junior who would like it, the same happiness they have found. Joe Allard also agrees with this.

Linda Gammage, Marie Harris, Mary Lacy, and Eulalia Sanders will to Jan Brewer all the happiness and fun they have had together, hoping that theirs will not stop now.

Sandy Fewell and Jane Phillips will all their left over postage stamps and stationary to Patsy Elam in hopes that they won't need them and think she might.

Sandra and Donna Reagan will the fun and headaches of being twins to anyone in the junior class who thinks that might find a double.

Tommy Duvall leaves all his old debate speeches to Robert Carthel, Ricky Collis, and Raymond Davis in hopes that they can make it to school as early as he does every morning for debate.

Rodney Rigby and Warren Mitchell leave their sweet personalities and willingness to do for others to Eddie Stinebaugh and Herbert Smith. Here's hoping they are as big an asset to their class as Warren and Rodney are.

Johnny Willis leaves everything connected with school to Bobby Pinner and Johnny Harris.

Deral Kent leaves his police uniform and his short-wave radio set with tears in his eyes to Tommy Strickland and Teddy Bob Cooper.

Dale Tyler leaves his place in the hall with Patsy to Dicky and Coralus. He doesn't leave Patsy though.

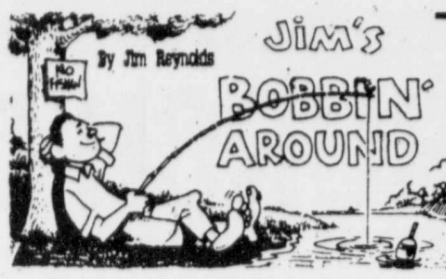
Margaret Schacht leaves to Yvonne Hayes her great sense of humor and a part of her friendship with Mrs. Adams, but she wants to keep most of it.

Gladys Matthews would like to will her interest in airlines and boys in neighboring towns to Lavonna Carthel, but she wants to keep part of 'em too.

Jackie Frizzell decided to will her nature in the morning at cheerleading school to Jo Readhimer and Kim Mickey would like to will her sympathy to all who have to put up with this nature.

Our Senior sponsors, Mrs. Applewhite, Mrs. Cope, and Mr. Brewer will the Seniors to anyone who will have them.

This will has been made in the spirit of fun. But seriously we the Senior Class would like to will to the Junior Class all the fun, joy, happiness and friendship we have found in Lockney High School. But we would like to keep the memory of them, if it is alright with you.



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colonel.  
"The same dang place you got the battleship, sir..." snapped Old Unk. — Burnis Lawrence, The Crosbyton Review

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### MEASURING WEALTH

A tax assessor came one day to a poor minister of the Gospel to determine the amount of taxes the minister would have to pay.

"What property do you possess?" asked the assessor. "I am very wealthy," replied the minister.

"List your possessions please!" the assessor instructed.

"First, I have everlasting life. (John 3:16)  
"Second, I have a mansion in Heaven. (John 14:2)  
"Third, I have peace that passeth understanding. (Phil. 4:7)

"Fourth, I have joy unspeakable (1 Peter 1:8)  
"Fifth, I have divine love that never faileth. (1 Cor. 13:8)  
"Sixth, I have a faithful pious wife. (Prov. 31:10)

"Seventh, I have healthy happy obedient children. (Exod. 20:12)  
"Eighth, I have true loyal friends. (Prov. 18:24)

"Ninth, I have songs in the night. (Psalms 42:8)  
"Tenth, I have a crown of life. (James 1:12)

"Eleventh, I have a saviour Jesus Christ who supplies all my needs." (Phil. 4:19)

The tax assessor closed his book and said, "Truly you are a rich man, but your property is not subject to taxation."

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### END OF REVENUE SHARING A CATASTROPHE FOR CITIES?

"Never allow logic to interfere with good political rhetoric."  
That's the First Commandment of

## Class prophecy

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Billy Dan Rolling was starring in "The Valiant" on Broadway. By the way, his producer, Mr. Kenny was so proud of Billy Dan that the cast as well as any special friends of Billy Dan were invited to enjoy cookouts at Mr. Kenny's quite frequently.

Dale Tyler was married and retired on his own farm.  
Doyle Freeman was minister of the Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney.

Mickey Mosley was his usual "Don Juan" self, making all the rounds and winking at all the pretty girls.

Remember that this is only a prophecy made in fun, but we, the Juniors of 1961 would like to take this opportunity to wish you, the Seniors, the very best of luck in your real future!

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### STRANGER THAN FICTION

If you drive by The Texas Spur office and notice our planter box of flowers, you might, at a glance, think there are some weeds among the Petunias.

Well, those large plants are not weeds, but tomato vines. How they came to be in our planter box therein lies a story.

Back in October, like around Halloween, our plate glass window got in the way of a wayward tomato that was probably launched from a passing car. I cleaned the window, but part of the tomato came to rest in our planter box.

This spring I loaded the planter box with Petunias and as I began to water them and watch them grow, I noted a couple of strangers. I thought they looked like tomatoes so I let them grow and now one of the vines has bloomed and has three small tomatoes on it.

Who would have thought it could happen? — Joe Harrison, The Texas Spur

### Spur

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### VAIN DEATHS

The recent deaths of two young athletes from cocaine the past few days should be enough to discourage anyone from using drugs.

According to all reports, both were healthy young men with no previous background of drug use. I can't help but wonder how many lesser known people are dying everyday from the same cause?

We hear about the people who are in the spotlight, but there must be hundreds of others you and I or the media has never heard of who are dying as well.

What greater testimony could a potential drug user need than the examples of these two? — Joe Harrison, The Texas Spur

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