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Senior citizens organizational meet today

Lockney will take the first step today (Thursday) in its attempt to organize a senior citizens group and perhaps establish its own senior center.



HOW MANY PROUD GRANDPARENTS

Crosbyton, Tulia and Spur newspapers -- all printed at Blanco Offset in Floydada -- are challenging one another to determine which will bear the greatest number of Valentine hearts in the Feb. 12 issue. These are called "Grandparents' Brag Pages."

Crosbyton, now the Crosby County News, has had the greatest number for years, with Tulia and Spur running a close second. Those three believe they will be first, second and third again in '87.

Burnis, Wendell and Joe -- publishers of the three publications -- have an abundance of proud grandparents. When, and if, they get with it, the two Floyd newspapers could challenge for the number one spot in the number of Valentine hearts.

Let's show 'em. Start getting your Valentine pictures together, grandparents, and let's surprise some folks on Feb. 12.

SUPER BOWL AND WATER SYSTEM PROBLEMS

What in the world could be the parallel between New York City's water-supply system and the Super

Plenty.

Officials of the Big Apple issued a pre-game warning for football fans to "stagger their bathroom visits during the game."

Explain that please, Harvey Schultz! Well, Schultz, commissioner of the city's Department of Environmental Protection, warned late last week that mass flushing during timeouts or at halftime of the Super Bowl (won by the New York Giants) could overtax the water-supply system in the city of more than seven million people.

"If millions of New Yorkers flush at the same time, we're not too sure what would happen." Schultz further explained in advance of the Big Game.

A viable solution prior to the '88 Super Bowl comes to mind. In order to keep New York celebrants from overflooding their system, the Cowboys could rebound to win the NFC divisional title, play in the Super Bowl and protect the New Yorkers from themselves.

PRISONER RELEASE Texans are hearing much about

"prison overcrowding," in view of prison reforms wished upon the state by Judge William Wayne Justus.

There is another side to the story about which the public hears little.

A peace officer in this county says that in its weekly information sheet, the Texas Department of Corrections lists inmates who are being released from all correctional facilities within the state. During a "typical week," according to the lawman, "225 to 300" inmates are

Texas' prison population in state facilities numbers approximately 32,000. This, of course, does not include

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duled for 3 p.m. today at the Community Center (former Legion building).

Individuals interested in forming a senior citizens group are invited to attend the meeting and to express their ideas about what they would like the organization to become.

Robert Work of Crosbyton, who retired Dec. 31 after serving for many years as Crosby County judge, will attempt - weather permitting - to attend the Thursday meeting and to offer suggestions about organizing the Lockney senior citizens.

Judge Work was involved in forming

An organizational meeting is sche- the Crosbyton senior citizens and is a member of that organization. During his tenure as judge, all three Crosby County towns formed senior citizens organizations and each has its own building or center.

In Crosbyton, a new structure was erected for this purpose. Existing buildings were transformed into centers in Ralls and Lorenzo.

At today's meeting, refreshments will be served and persons who desire are welcome to remain after the meeting for 42, bridge and other games. They are asked to bring dominos, cards and other games they wish to play.

The Lockney Beacon will provide doughnuts, and organizers are to have coffee available.

IDEAS SOUGHT

Since each senior citizens group determines its own activities, suggestions from interested persons will be welcomed at the meeting.

Programs, crafts, health aids and various other activities are planned by various senior groups. At least two in the area have organized trips for members who choose to participate.

Also, most senior centers serve noon meals, one, three or five days each week. This would not immediately be available in Lockney but could lie in the future if members desire.

Grandparents: Show photos of

The "Grandparents' Brag Pages" will highlight the Feb. 12 issue of The Beacon.

your favorites

Each heart is to bear the photo of a child or children, their names and names of parents and grandparents.

Cost of each heart is \$10, which helps defray expenses of reproduction and space.

Deadline for receipt of photos and

Frequency of meetings and a possible permanent home for the organization will be among topics discussed during the planning session today.

SECOND MEETING

If a sufficient amount of interest is indicated, another meeting is anticipated in the immediate future to begin organizing. Officers, a board of directors and a finance chairman or committee would need to be chosen.

A state charter is required. Organizers stress that input is needed at today's meeting from prospective members. "We want everybody who is

interested to attend," they emphasize. In the event of inclement weather, the organizational meeting will be postponed for possibly a week.

BUILDING POSSIBLE

Organizers know of a building which might be available as a senior citizens center. Further contacts will be necessary before complete information can be

date is 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6. made public. 'A-Z Does It' presentation

due at PTA meet tonight

The Lockney P.T.A. will meet tonight, January 29, at 7:30 at the Lockney Elementary School Cafetorium.

The results of the "Santa's Secret Shop" and the safety poster contest will be discussed. Also to be considered will be ideas to help the schools using the funds raised. Following the business meeting led by president Kay Martin, will be the program, "A-Z Does It," presented by the Lockney third grade class. "A-Z Does It" is about the alphabet and how the vowels and consonants work together to form

This entertaining musical directed by Mrs. Amy Thornton, will feature Tamarah Burson-A, Diana Lemons-E, Lee Anne Gallaway-I, Cory Harrison-O, and Carlos Peralez-U, as the vowels. Portraying the consonants will be Brady Marr-B, Lisa Perez-C, Cody Hayes-D, Frank-F, Deidra McDonald-G, Mark Arismendez-H, Michael Reynaga-J, Mary Ann Torres-K, Saundra Pyle-L, Priscilla Ramirez-M, Leigha Wood-N, Chelsea Patridge-P, Tikka Smith-Q, Bo Hayes-R, Haley Fletcher-S, Joshua Robnett-T, Aubrey Kirk-V, Romuldo Chavires-W, Randi Jo Henderson-X, Cynthia Martin-Y, and Federico Cervantes-Z.

The chorus is composed from the other third grade members, Rowdy Boggs, Rudy Jimenez, David Padilla, Ralpesh Patel, Joe Marks, Chris Mathis, George Villareal, Lorenzo Areballo, Aaron Graham, Joey Reyes, Raymond Mendez, Gilbert Luna, Mike Hernandez, Julian Jimenez, Matilda Banda, Gracie Rodriquez, Abby Blanco, Nicole Emert. Kim Cumbie, Marcy Vasquez, Lorraine Banda, Melissa Felan, Rosa Linda Felan, Angie Henderson, Frances Areballa, Shannon DeWebber, Shirley Torres, Jimmie Harris, Michelle Garza, Esmeralda Martinez, Josie Palomin, Rosa Banda, Carrie Bailey and Tereas

It is an honor for the P.T.A. to have such a program as this. Please make an effort to join us in enjoying this special

Oklahoma City consultant chosen as speaker for CofC banquet

Dr. Donna Watson - educator, speaker, author and consultant has been selected as speaker for the annual Lockney Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Dr. Watson is an Oklahoma City resident.

The banquet is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, March 6, in the elementary school cafetorium. Joe C. Zorger, CofC president, says plans call for the event to be concluded by 9 p.m.

Lockney's Man, Woman and Family of the Year are to be revealed as one of the banquet highlights. Honorees will be chosen at a March 2 Selection Committee meeting at First National

Nominations are sought from individuals, churches and clubs for all three of the coveted awards. Feb. 25 is the deadline for receipt of nominations.

Ty Williams

recuperating

Ty Williams, son of Jerry and Kay

Williams is recovering from a vehicle

accident and surgery in Northwest

Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Williams

was involved in the accident on Wed-

nesday, January 21 about 7:00 p.m., 13

The accident occurred when a semi-

truck rig pulled across the lane of

traffic in front of Williams pickup, in an

attempt to turn into a cafe parking lot.

The truck struck the pickup and stock

the pickup for about 45 minutes before

rescue vehicles arrived on the scene. He

was then trapped for another 30 minutes before the "Jaws of Life" were

brought to the scene to free him.

Wiliams was trapped in the small space

between the dash, steering wheel, and

bulls from a stock show in Denver,

Colorado. Two of the bulls belonged to

his employer from Stephanville and the

other belonged to his father. All three

bulls suffered no injuries from the

Williams employer was following him

Williams had to have a portion of his

spleen removed and "most of the ribs

on the left side of his body were broken

as a result of the accident." Williams

left lung was also bruised in the

accident and he is being observed for

possible pneumonia at the present time.

Kay Williams reported Monday that,

"Ty is doing very well and we hope to

bring him home late this week.'

and was on the scene when the accident

Williams had been transporting three

Williams was pinned inside the cab of

trailer which Williams was driving.

miles north of Amarillo.

left door of the vehicle.

President Zorger says banquet tickets, which will become available about mid-February; are to be priced at \$7.50

Chicken fried steak and trimmings, along with cobbler, will comprise the banquet meal. Food is to be prepared by the lunchroom staff and served by members of the junior high homemak-

Zorger will serve as banquet emcee. Cindy Smith is chairperson of the Decorations Committee.

Last year's honored citizens will receive a permanent plaque before recognizing their successors. They include: Clar Schacht, Man of the Year; Mary Lou Bollman, Woman of the Year; and Eddie and Cheryl Teeter and sons, Family of the Year.

NEW DIRECTORS DUE

Outgoing Chamber of Commerce directors are being asked to appoint a successor, according to Zorger. This should be completed before a Thursday, Feb. 3, meeting to reorganize the

Retiring directors are Zorger, Merle Mooney, Jack Covington, Gayle Jackson. Vera Jo Bybee, Donnie Meriwether and David Workman.

Additional CofC directors include Jim Bob Martin, Cindy Smith, Kathy Kellison and Terry Keltz.

Keltz is vice president of the board and Mrs. Mooney is secretary. J.D. Copeland serves as treasurer.

Have a good week!

Stock show February 7 The Lockney Junior Livestock Show

for 1987 has been set for February 7 in the livestock barn at the Floyd County Fair grounds. Both FFA and 4-H students will be participating in the Chamber of Commerce s p o n s o r e d

The show barns will be open beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 6 and weigh ins will begin at 5:00 p.m. Sheep and hogs will weigh in begin-

ning at 5:00 p.m. Friday and steers will weigh in at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday

Judge for the 1987 show will be John Davidson, vocational agriculture teacher from Valley. Judging in the show will begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning with the barrow classes,

followed by sheep and then steers. Superintendents for this years show will include John Quebe in charge of lambs, Herb Dudley in charge of hogs, and David Foster will be in charge of the steer division and he will be assisted by Billy Bob Sherman.

There when needed..

Volunteer firemen zestful in serving community

By Pam Armstrong

A fire breaks out in your home. You or a member of your family is hurt and needs emergency transportation to a hospital.

You place one phone call and within a matter of minutes you receive help. Who would or could the citizens

of the Lockney area depend on for emergency help if it were not for the 25 volunteer members of the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department?

If citizens of the Lockney area had to depend on Plainview or Floydada for help it could take as long as 30

minutes or more before help could arrive. With the members of the Lockney department at hand, it generally takes only a matter of minutes from the time the call goes out until the help requested is on the scene.

Having a local fire and ambulance service and volunteers to man them saves time, and for many can mean the difference in minor or major fire damage or even someone's life or death. One Lockney resident, Dorothy

Merrell, commented to the Beacon, "I don't think we appreciate the

members of the fire department until we have to call them out. They are all volunteers, and we don't realize how much they mean to us until we have to call them out for an emergency."

Members of the fire department are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, regardless of holidays or bad weather.

The public may not realize "just what these 25 men give to be at our beck and call 24 hours a day." They take time from their families for calls and classes that keep them up to date on emergency care.

Any many take time from their jobs and businesses to serve the residents of the entire Lockney area. They are available to serve the public in any emergency situation from fires, to ambulance calls, to watching the weather when threatening situations arise.

Not only are these men due recognition for their time but also the public should not forget the employers who allow these men to answer emergency calls.

Most are "free to answer calls when we need them and, thanks to very understanding employers, they do not lose salaries when we need them."

Employers who have volunteer firemen on their payrolls include Dan's Auto Service, Lockney Cooperative, Energas Company, Dick's Automotive, Kellison Spraying, Davis Lumber, Lonny's Farm Service, Johnson and Johnson Auto Parts, City of Lockney, Webster Service and Supply, McDonald Construction, Lambert Spraying Service, Consumers Fuel, Cablevision of Texas, Southwestern Public Service, and Workman Plumbing and Heating.

Members of the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department who are available and answer calls in Lockney are Jim Ansley, Robert Delgado, Johnny Dorman, Craig and Dick Ellison, Kevin Evans, John L. and Lonny Hooten, Jerry Johnson, Archie Jones, Jimmy Kemp, Arcenio

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This Week . . .

ARTS MEETING

Floyd County Arts Association membership meeting originally cancelled on January 18 has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 2, at 2:00 p.m. in the home of Dr. Gary Mangold at Lockney. The program will be a "Treasury of Quilts."

NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED

The Lockney Chamber of Commerce is now ready to accept nominations for the Man, Woman, and Family of the Year for the upcoming Chamber of Commerce banquet. Clubs, churches, civic organizations and individuals are asked to begin preparing their nominations for these awards. Complete details on the banquet and where to turn in nominations will be announced next week

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Adult education classes are now being held at Lockney Junior High School on Monday and Tuesday nights each week at 7:00 p.m. Contact Don or Ethelyn Vernon for more information.



FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT—These four vehicles are utilized by the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department to serve the Lockney area. The fleet

includes [left to right] the rural fire truck, the rescue vehicle, the ambulance and the city fire truck. | -Staff



In times like these... By Mary Jo Fielding

Ever since wells at Prudhol Bay began pumping oil into the Trans-Alaska Pipeline nearly a decade ago, fields on Alaska's North Slope along the Beaufort Sea have been the nation's most prolific, pumping 1.7 million barrels a day or some 20 percent of total domestic oil production. But mighty Prudhoe will begin to play out in 1988, and by the turn of the century the known reserves along the North Slope will be yielding less than 700,000 barrels a day unless new fields are

Recently the Interior Department proposed opening to exploration 155 million acres on the coastal plain of the

Artic National Wildlife Refuge 100 miles east of Prudhoe - exciting oil explorers and angering environmental-

Before oil companies can bid on this potential bonanza Congress must approve, and conservationists hope to block any such move. The wildlife refuge is home to musk oxen and bear, way station for hundreds of thousands of snow geese, and other waterfowl on their annual migrations and the place where 150,000 cariboce of the porcupine herd give birth to its young. Conservationists fear that drilling pads, pipelines and roads will keep the caribou out and destroy the habitat of other species.



Hello friends and neighbors. How are you all doing? We, here at the care center, are doing just great.

We are glad to have Mrs. Bonnie Julian back with us. She had been visiting with her son in Perryton. We are also sad to have a few of our folks gone, such as, Mary Jo Fielding. She is visiting with her family in Amarillo and she mentioned that she would be headed to Florida after that. She'll be back with us soon. Mr. Pena is still in join in on the fun!

the hospital in Lubbock and Mr. John Smith is in the hospital in Plainview. We would like to wish both of these gentlemen a speedy recovery.

We've been pretty busy out here getting prepared for our garage and bake sale we are planning to have on Saturday. You all be sure to come by and browse around.

We have lots of fun activities planned for February so be sure to stop by and

Albert Scheele attends governor's inauguration

Accepting an invitation from Bill Clements, the Floyd County Republican chairman flew to Austin last Tuesday to participate in Clements' inauguration as governor of Texas.

Albert Scheele witnessed the Jan. 20 "swearing-in ceremony," attended a barbecue and was among approximately 6,000 guests that evening at a "Gala Event' on the University of Texas campus.

Both the governor and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby made brief addresses at the evening function. Key state officials were introduced.

Scheele also watched the inauguration parade which was comprised of some 75 entries, including university, college and high school bands, floats, sheriffs posses and other participants. The parade passed in front of the capitol building reviewing stand for the governor and lieutenant governor.

By Mrs. Bonnie Julian

Weather has been our main focus of

attention since January 17 and 18, when

the Lockney area and surrounding

places were laden with a deep cold

blanket of white. This place has had

about nine inches in the last week-end's

snow fall here at Lockney. This is a high

measurement, but after a week the

snow is still covering some of the

their youngest son, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce

and Grace Julian and boys in Perryton.

They brought her home in the deep

snow fall that was generally from here

Mrs. M. Julian spent last week with

January 26th-

ground.

Scheele says that Gov. Clements. during his inaugural address, spoke of the state's serious financial problems, a federal judge's mandate on prison reform and the need for continued education in the state. Lt. Gov. Hobby's address also alluded to education.

This was the first inauguration attended by Scheele. He flew home Wednesday with a commemorative medal and other remembrances.

VISITS WITH SENATOR

On Jan. 15, Scheele visited in Lubbock with U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, who anticipates serious efforts to "cut back" on federal agricultural expenditures. The Providence man is a member of Gramm's Agricultural Advisory Com-

The Lubbock session was at Plains Cooperative Oil Mill.

gets along fine from now on.

Lockney Rest Home.

and make their home.

big Sunday dinner.

Mrs. Margaret Calahan of South

Plains visited here on Monday after-

noon with Mrs. Bonnie Julian at the

Mrs. Nina Upton of South Plains who

has been ill for several weeks is better

now, and we hope she can soon be

Johnny, Ann, Kim, Geoff and Shelly

Lee have bought a little place of 17 acres

and a home about 4 miles southwest of

Stephenville where they plan to move

A visiting preacher Tom Fischer,

from Wayland, his wife and two boys

were at the South Plains Baptist Church

Sunday morning and afternoon where

he preached for the gathering. After

services the whole assembly enjoyed a

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Martinez, Marlon McDonald, Donnie McLaughlin, Andy Peralez, Johnny Rodriguez, Milton Schaeffer, Robert Webb, David Workman, Steve Wright, and Zach Zachary.

Four members of the fire department are employed out of town and are primarily available for night calls. They are Barry and Kenny Hooten, who are both employed in Plainview; Rick Hayter, who works in Floydada; and James Hill, who works in Precinct #2 for the county.

Without both the firemen and employers, who sometimes have to do without one of their employees for three hours, when a transfer is necessary, what would Lockney area residents do for emergency

UPDATING THE DEPARTMENT

Not only do the 25 members of the fire department respond to emergency calls but they also regularly attend classes to update themselves on emergency care.

At the present all 25 members of the department are attending Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) classes. The classes are being held in Lockney two nights per week, four hours per night, with an instructor from Abernathy conducting them.

These classes are necessary every three years to maintain an ECA certification, which is also necessary to satisfy state requirements. The class costs \$90 per fireman and the City of Lockney is paying for the

Firemen also attend fire fighting classes at various intervals.

MODERN EQUIPMENT USED

Lockney Volunteer Fire Department had modern equipment with which to serve the area.

The department operates two fire trucks, one for city use and one for rural calls, an ambulance, and a rescue vehicle.

The fire truck used for city runs is a 1974 Ford, which according to Fire Chief Craig Ellison is in good condition and serves the needs of

The rural truck is a 1986 GMC. It was purchased for the department by the county and delivered to the department last year as a cab and chassis. Members of the fire department customized the truck to fit their needs.

Lonny Hooten, owner of Lonny's Farm Service, Johnson and Johnson Auto Parts, and Dick's Automotive spent much time in assisting with construction of the new truck.

Much of the equipment utilized on the new truck was on the old truck and was transferred to the new truck, both to save money and because the equipment was still in good shape.

After the bed was built and ready, members of the fire department painted the new truck and did all the small work that has now gained them "one of the best and most serviceable trucks in the area."

It is evident that members of the fire department are not afraid of doing work which will both save money and gain them new equipment with which to serve. Members of the department also did the finish work on the new building that the city constructed for them last year.

The ambulance in use by the department is a 1978 model. It has already had one overhaul but continues to serve needs of the community.

Ellison commented that in the next few years the department is hoping to replace this ambulance with a new one. Replacement cost is expected to run "in the neighborhood of \$21,000.00."

The department also utilizes a rescue vehicle which is a 1975 Suburban. This vehicle carries all emergency rescue equipment, including the "Jaws of Life." This, too is in "excellent shape."

Fire Chief Ellison also commented "We are hoping to add a WEPS unit to our department this year. In common terms, this is a foam machine that would be used to smother fires. It would conserve water and would also cut down on the water damage done to a home

when water is used. By smothering the fire with foam we would not have to use water on fires inside buildings."

"We are working with the Texas Forest Service to obtain this unit. They have a matching funds program and if everything can be worked out we will be able to add this unit to our fire fighting equipment later this year," said Ellison.

In addition to the new major equipment that has been added in the past year, the fire department was recently able to replace some of its boots and helmets.

Ellison pointed out that "We have not had new boots or helmets since 1969. The city agreed to purchase about \$1600.00 worth of new gear recently."

FUNDING OF THE DEPARTMENT

Lockney Volunteer Fire Department received money for operation in three different ways. It receives yearly funds from both the City of Lockney and Floyd County. It also receives funds from ambulance

The money from both the city and county has remained at the same level for several years. Ellison said "We don't feel that we need an increase at this time. We are satisfied with the funds we receive, and both the city and county are satisfied."

The department also receives funds through ambulance calls. Ellison said, "We don't charge for fire calls because there is just not as much expense. We do charge for the ambulance calls because maintenance and upkeep on the vehicle is just more expensive."

Ellison added, "We don't solicit donations but when someone makes a donation to the department it is greatly appreciated, and we do have some citizens that make donations."

A great number of Lockney area citizens have been glad that they are served by such dedicated men as members of the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department.

(In closing the staff of the Beacon and all the citizens of the Lockney area would like to extend thanks to all members of the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department, both past and present, who have given of their time to protect the community.)



RURAL FIRE TRUCK-This fire truck is used by the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department to answer rural fire calls. The truck was purchased by the county and arrived in Lockney as a cab and chassis. Members of the fire department built the truck to fit their needs and then painted the finished vehicle. -Staff photo

Lockney High School Honor Roll

A-Phillip Glasson, Shea Jackson, Wesley Teeter

B-David Brittain, Renee Brotherton, Clint Carthel, Cindy Cook, Mark Gatica, Chad Golden, Michelle Griffith, Justin Means, Susie J. Nuncio, Shana Stapp

Sophomore A-Scott Armstrong

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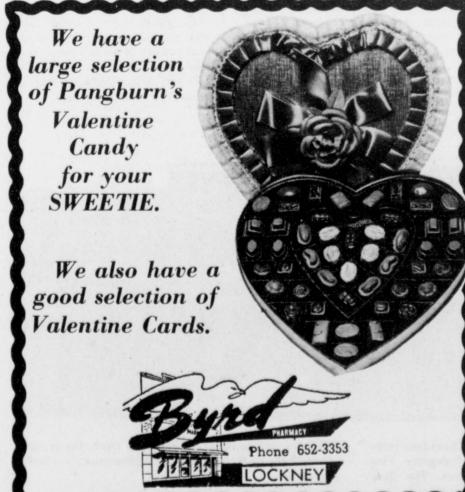
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Hornstip Abernathy

Longhorns produced an upset of major proportions Friday night when they knocked Abernathy's Antelopes from the district unbeaten ranks. A strong third quarter, during which they outscored the Antelopes 11-5, propelled the Horns to a thrilling 40-38 victory.

Abernathy owned paper-thin leads of 8-7 and 17-13 after the first two periods before the Longhorn third period surge sent them into a 24-22 advantage entering the final eight minutes.

"We played a great defensive game," says Coach Phil Cotham, whose Horns went to 2-2 in district warfare after Friday. "Abernathy really had to work for every point they got. I think our kids just wanted it worse than they did.

"Rusty Teeter hit an 18 foot shot with four seconds left on the clock. Abernathy was 3-0 in district coming into this game."

Lockney's boys are 8-11 for the season (after Friday).

Jimmy Ballejo was the point leader with 10, Todd Hallmark netted 7, Teeter and Ron Cates each put in 6, Chad

Frizzell added 4, Javier Bernal had 3 and David Lemons and Steve Cates each

DOWNED BY OLTON

Olton, the long league squad unbeaten after Friday, notched a 66-52 decision over the Horns on Jan. 13. The Mustangs owned quarter advantages of 14-7, 36-22 and 45-36.

"We placed a decent game against Olton," Coach Cotham says, "but we missed some scoring opportunities that could have made a difference. Olton is picked to win our district in most polls. I hope playing them at home next time will give us an advantage."

Producing points for Lockney were: Teeter 12, Hallmark 11, Joe Torrez 10, Frizzell 9, S. Cates 4, and Ron Cates, Glenn Hardin and Joel Mitchell, 2 each.

NARROW SETBACK

An eight point quarter edge insured a 59-48 victory by Hart over the Horns on Jan. 20. The score was deadlocked 9-all after eight minutes before the Horns moved into a 20-18 halftime edge. Hart went in front 32-30 after three stanzas.

"We played well until the fourth quarter," according to Coach Cotham. "Our defense seemed to let down, and we became impatient on offense."

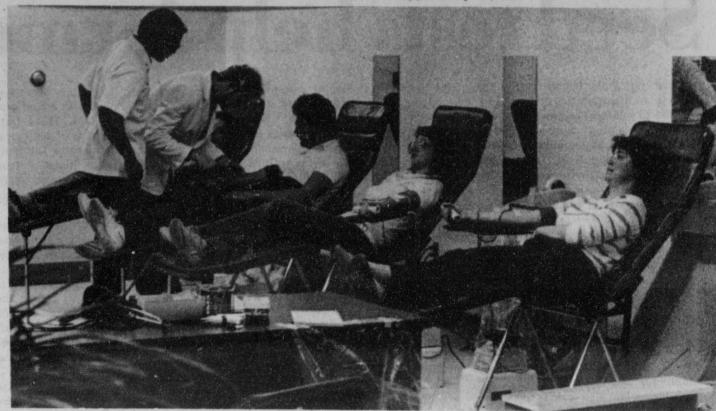
Hallmark, 16, and Torrez, 14, were top scorers. Others lending to the scoring parade were: Ballejo 6, Teeter 5, Frizzell 4, R. Cates 2 and Hardin 1.

DISTRICT WIN

Following an 0-2 district start, the Longhorns claimed their initial league win, 66-54 over Springlake-Earth on Jan. 22. Lockney led after each quarter: 22-11, 34-21 and 43-39.

Frizzell burned the nets for 20 points, Teeter produced 18 and Hallmark scored 15. Ron Cates added 6, Ballejo put in 5 and Lemons scored 2.

"Some of the players had a good offensive showing," Cotham emphasizes, "which is what it takes to beat Springlake-Earth. They have some good



BLOOD DONORS-Brenda Mangold, Mary Herrell and Chris Rodriguez were just three of the 13 donors who participated in the first of five blood drives scheduled in Lockney for 1987. The next blood drive will be held March 27, "so mark your calendars." Other participants included Frankie Armstrong,

John Hotchkiss, Dominga Sustaita, Margaret Schacht, Myrtie Gibson, Mary Reves, Rebecca Amador, Rhonda McCain, Dorothy Milindon and Amelia Rodriguez. Thanks also to Austin Beedy for trying to donate. -Staff photo

Connie O'Briens mark golden anniversary



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dinner at the Red Lobster Restaurant in Lubbock. The event was hosted by the honorees' children, Pat O'Brien of Pueblo, Colorado, Kelly and Loy Harrison of Springfield, Virginia. All of the O'Briens' grandchildren were present: Kristi, Misty and Scott

Mr. and Mrs. Connie O'Brien of

Plainview, former Lockney community

residents, celebrated their 50th wed-

ding anniversary on Dec. 23 with a

Harrison of Springfield, Virginia, and Kim and Lyall Vanetta of Annandale,

The anniversary was observed during He is a retired farmer.

the Christmas holidays while family members were visiting in this area.

The former Thelma Gibson and Connie O'Brien were married Jan. 8 1937, in Lamesa.

They moved to Lockney in 1943 from Lamesa and continued to reside in this community until moving in 1959 to Bovina. They went from Bovina to Stratford in 1964 and to Plainview in

Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien presently make their home at 1303 Ennis in Plainview.

December accidents reported

Capt. L.A. Reinhart, District Supervisor of the Lubbock Highway Patrol District comprising of 21 counties said, "For the month of December, our troopers investigated 4 fatal accidents, 11 personal injury accidents, and 22 property damage accidents. There were five persons killed and 11 persons injured in these accidents."

Sgt. Glenn Fant of Crosbyton stated 'In Floyd county, our troopers investigated no fatal accidents, one personal injury accident, and no property damage accidents in the month of December. No one was killed and only one

person was injured in these accidents."

Two vice presidents named by SPS

Board of Directors of Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) has elected Henry H. Hamilton and Albert A. "Pete" Smith as vice presidents of

Hamilton, 48, was named vice president of production. Smith, 42, was named vice president of generation plant design and construction.

Lockney Jr. High Honor Roll

3rd Six Weeks -- 6th Grade

A - Kori Kellison, Sarah Silva - Linda DeLeon, Ryan Ford, Orlando Garza, Heather Henderson, Jeri Lambert, Lance Patridge, Renee Salas, Carolyn Turner, Tami Vernon

Semester - 6th Grade A - Kori Kellison

B — Linda DeLeon, Ryan Ford, Orlando Garza, Jeri Lambert, Nicole McDonald, Lance Patridge, Renee Salas, Sarah Silva

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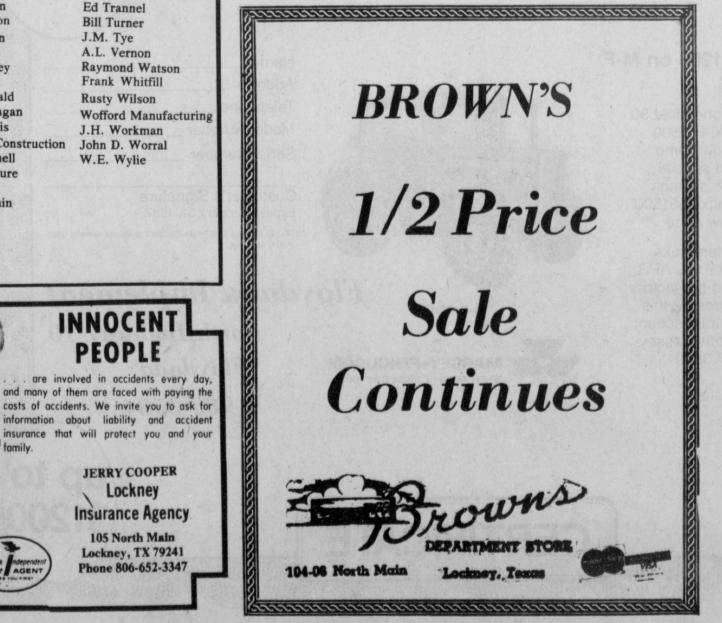
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Aimee Green B — Ruben Ascencio, Armando Banda, Kima Blanco, Lalo Elias, Abelino Luna, Robin Marks, Orlando Mondragon, Angie Moya, David Perez, Gilbert Ruiz, Gracie Sauceda, Jennifer Turbeville, Amy Turner, Steven Vasquez. Robert Vernon

Semester -- 8th Grade

A - Jerry Don Evans, Tandi Gant, Aimee Green, Orlando Mondragon

B — Erin Adrian, Ruben Ascencio, Armando Banda, Kima Blanco, Lalo Elias, Lori Gonzales, Kip Holt, Robin Marks, Angie Moya, Neela Patel, David Perez, Gilbert Ruiz, Gracie Sauceda, Jeffrey Sutterfield, Jennifer Turbeville, Amy Turner, Steven Vasquez, Robert Vernon





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those in county and city jails. In addition, "over 200,000" Texans

remain under court mandated supervision, either on parole or probation.

DARNED TAX REFORM

"Pears to me that this darned new tax "reform" bill, which was supposed to be helpful to the middle income taxpayer, is going to be the straw that broke the camel's back!"

I reckon it seems like all we do is gripe, but I'll be danged if I can see how we are going to benefit from having (1) our sales tax deductions (2) our gifts and charitable donations, (3) fortyseven (or thereabouts) other things that we have up to now been able to count as deductions off our Income Tax at the first of the year...how having all those things taken away from us is going to HELP!!

Looks to me like they've gone and thrown the "Baby out with the bathwater" and I (in my great wisdom) see our churches hurting, less sales of cars, and other things, and an economical slump among the so-called "middle income" --middle being higher-poor-and-justabove-poverty level, in this area.

I just don't see it!

Some folks tell me that the people who live on the west coast and the east coast think times have never been better; they're making money and living in high cotton--so to speak; they don't seem to realize that all through the central part of the country, we are looking at the bottom of the barrel, and trying to figure out some way to climb

We're sliding down the back side of nowhere, and at the moment, nobody seems to give a hoot! -Jimmye Taylor,

HAVE A GOOD WEEK!



SWBT plans for emergencies to ensure public safety

No one likes to think about the unthinkable. However, to protect public safety, Southwestern Bell Telephone employees not only think about disasters, they plan for them.

Under the direction of the company's National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) group, employees of Southwestern Bell Telephone stand ready to provide telecommunications services in the event of natural or man-made disasters, national emergencies or critical government requests.

The NSEP group was created in 1984 as a result of divestiture and works closely with other Regional Bell Operating Companies to provide comprehensive emergency services formerly directed

In Texas — a state known for its unpredictable and violent weather — Southwestern Bell Telephone employees make every possible effort to maintain telephone services during floods, tornadoes, hurricanes or ice storms. Likewise, they do all in their power to restore service after man-made calamities such as large-scale accidents.

Because thousands of lives may depend on Southwestern Bell Telephone's quick response in an emergency, employees participate in annual full-scale exercises designed to test the company's ability to recover from disaster.

Drill tests employees, emergency procedures

The most recent drill, held last month, challenged Texas employees to restore telephone service after fictional tornadoes and floods knocked out telephone service in several communities

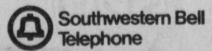
For eight hours, employees charted strategies that quickly reestablished service to the affected locations. As the day-long exercise progressed, the situation changed - just as it would in a real disaster - requiring employees to adapt their plans and methods of operation in response.

As a result of the exercise, the company now has a better idea of how its employees and procedures might fare in a real crisis and is adapting its plans accordingly.

When not preparing for disaster, Southwestern Bell Telephone employees may also be involved in filling special requests from the federal government. In the past, this has included providing telecommunications services for the president, NASA and visiting dignitaries.

For its outstanding service to the government, the company has earned five official commendations, including one from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Although accolades are welcome, the company will never become complacent about emergency procedures and will continue to look for ways to improve crisis response time. The men and women of Southwestern Bell Telephone believe that when it comes to public safety, nothing should be left to chance.



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Jim West

Seed tests help farmers to make decisions

Texas High Plains cotton farmers are winding up their harvest, prolonged by vagaries of weather, and looking ahead to the 1987 planting season. Last year's erratic growing season makes it urgent that producers take a close look at the quality of the seed they intend to plant, cautions a cotton specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

A key factor in obtaining a healthy, uniform stand of early cotton--which contributes to successful production--is the use of good quality planting seed of varieties with established production records in this area, said Dr. James R. Supak, Extension cotton agronomist at Lubbock.

Last season's erratic weather patterns not only created problems with disease, stand, maturity, harvesting and fiber quality in various parts of the High Plains, but also serious questions regarding quality of "farmer caught" seed for planting, Supak noted.

Whenever possible, the use of certified seed is recommended, he said. But he noted that a large percentage of the Texas High Plains cotton acreage is planted with "caught" seed.

"By taking into account the conditions under which seed were produced and stored in the field and processed, and by using available test procedures, producers can obtain a reasonably good assessment of their planting seed quality," Supak said.

Certified seed provides the producer genetically pure seed of varieties with proven yielding ability, needed levels of disease resistance, desired fiber properties and other traits essential to successful production. Certified seed producers specify on the seed tags such information as standard germination rates and purity, and can usually provide buyers additional information

about the quality of a given seed lot. Quality testing of "farmer caught" select seed, however, is usually limited to the determination of the standard germination rate, to establish what percent of the seed in a given lot are alive. Occasionally the free fatty acid content is tested to determine if the seed are undergoing accelerated deterioration. Typically, seed with free fatty

acid levels in excess of one percent should not be used for planting seed.

"These are important tests," Supak said, "but they provide growers little information about how these seed are likely to germinate and emerge under actual field conditions. To date, there is no laboratory test available that is absolutely reliable in predicting planting seed performance in the field." However, a relatively simple technique for establishing a cotton seed vigor index has been developed by Dr. Norman Hopper of Texas Tech University, Supak said. Hopper is a professor of plant and soil sciences.

The Extension cotton agronomist said Hopper's Cool-Warm Vigor Index Test sorts seed lots into poor, fair, good and excellent categories. It provides an indication of how each seed lot is apt to graminate and emerge under typical High Plains conditions.

Using Hopper's system, seed are subjected to two tests: The standard germination test 4- day reading (SGT4), and the cool germination test (CGT). The percentage values obtained are then added together and the "Vigor Index" is determined from the chart in Figure 1.

For example, if a given seed lot has an SGT4 value of 80 percent and a CGT of 60 percent, the vigor index would be 140, or "Fair."

What does the "Vigor Index" value or category represent? Based on Hopper's studies, the index provides indications of germination rates, emergence rates, and final stand establishment. "This relationship is important because it tends to predict the percentage of seed planted that are likely to develop

able hazards such as hail," Supak said. "Emergence percentages will vary somewhat with seasonal conditions but in general, the seed with the higher index value will produce the better stands," The Extension cotton agron-

into viable plants, barring uncontroll-

How well does the test work? In 1986, four seed lots of the same variety but variable quality were used in the establishment of cottonseed quality tests in seven counties. These tests were conducted by county extension agents in cooperation with cotton producers in these counties. These tests represented a wide range of soil types, planing dates, planting rates and early season growing conditions. Stand counts at each location were made approximately 7, 21 and 42 days after

The germination percentages and vigor indices of the planting seed used in these tests are summarized in Table 1. The results of the stand counts made at the nine test locations are shown in Figure 2. At the end of six weeks, the final stand counts averaged 58,000 plants per acre for the "good" seed, 41,000 for the "fair" seed and 36,000 for the "poor" seed and 24,000 for the 'very poor' seed.

"As with all qualitative tests, the seed testing procedure described here cannot precisely predict the performance of a given lot of cotton planting seed for all planting conditions," Supak said. "Its main attributes are simplicity, affordability, and the ability to better predict seed performance than other commonly used seed tests.

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Most seed testing laboratories are already set up to run both the SGT4 and CGT and both are performed at reasonable cost.

The test can serve as an important management tool in selecting seed lots for use as planting seed, adjusting seeding rates and selecting seed for planting at different time periods, Supak said.

For example, three viable cotton plants per foot of 40-inch row represent a fairly ideal plant population. to achieve this stand, a producer should consider planting only five seeds per foot (about 16 pounds per acre) if the lot has a Vigor Index of 170 or more. On the other hand, seven to eight seed per foot (about 25 pounds per acre) would be required to obtain a similar stand from a seed lot with a Vigor Index of 110 or

Even seed with a poor vigor index can produce acceptable stands under ideal conditions. However, planting with such seed should be delayed until 10-day average soil temperatures are at or above the 60 degree Fahrenheit minimum threshold. Increasing seeding rates will compensate for low quality up to a point. It is recommended that

seeding rate not exceed 25 pounds per acre to reduce the risk of serious seedling disease outbreaks, Supak said.

Cotton's 9-month market share up dramatically

home fabrics surged to 45 percent at the retail counter for the first nine months of 1986. The figures, compiled from consumer purchases monitored by the Market Research Corporation of America (MRCA), represent a gain of two percentage points over the same period during 1985 (43 percent).

Cotton's performance in the home fabrics market (excluding carpets) was particularly impressive with a 51 percent market share-up from 48 percent during the first nine months of 1985. In the apparel market, cotton's share was 44 percent-up one percentage point.

'These are dramatic, across-theboard increases for cotton's market share in nearly every category," points out Marvin Grant, senior director of market development for Cotton Incorporated. "What's particularly significant about this nine-month period is that there was a substantial volume gain in consumer purchases. In other words, retail stores sold more textile products by weight. So a market share increase for cotton means that consumers are buying substantially more cotton products.'

In the home fabrics category (excluding carpets), Grant says the 51 percent market share represents a significant breakthrough for cotton.

"During the first nine months of 1985, cotton had a 48 percent market share in home fabrics," he explains. "Much of that increase to 51 percent can be attributed to cotton's performance in the bedsheets market which grew from 43 percent to 48 percent of total retail purchases, a gain of five percentage points.

In the apparel category, cotton registered impressive gains in men's slacks with a market share of 32 percent during the first nine months of 1986, up by four percentage points. Volume of men's slacks increased by 11 percent.

"These two categories--slacks and bedsheets--are areas where Cotton Incornorated has concentrated its re-

Cotton's market share of apparel and search and promotional efforts," points out Grant. "Because of work conducted by Cotton Incorporated at the Raleigh Research Center, consumers can now buy 100 percent cotton, durable-press slacks with a permanent crease.

"In bedsheets, Cotton Incorporated helped textile mills react to increased consumer demand for cotton by offering technical help on manufacturing 100 percent cotton, no-iron sheets, as well as cotton-rich blended sheets," he adds. "During the first nine months of 1986, nearly 30 brands of all-cotton and cotton-rich sheets were introduced to the market, and we expect more cotton sheets to be introduced in 1987."

Other areas of the home fabrics market where cotton is showing strong gains include mattress pads, comforters and additional products for the bed-

"These latest market share figures show consistent, steady gains for cotton in the apparel and home fabrics markets," says Grant. "In the twelve years that I've been here, I have never seen such broad increases in cotton's market share."

Farm News



Have a good week!



With far western cotton selling at 83 to 84 cents per pound, industry observers are predicting that a member of growers in that area will increase planted acreage in 1987 by going outside the government cotton program.

In contrast, more and more cotton producers on the Texas High Plains, especially on high-cost irrigated farms. are looking with favor at reducing planted acreage to the bare minimum required for program participation.

Maximum permitted acreage this year, as last, is 75 percent of base acres. The minimum planted acreage for program participation, under the law's 50-92 provision, is 37.5 percent of base. Growers planting between 50 and 92 percent of permitted acres qualify for 92 percent of total deficiency payments.

The loan rate for 1987 has been announced at 52.25 cents per pound and the target price at 79.4 cents. The deficiency payment will equal the difference between these two figures or the difference between the target price and the average price paid to farmers for all U.S. cotton in calendar 1987, whichever is smaller. Thus the maximum payment, assuming an average farm price below the loan, would be 27.15 cents per pound.

That maximum payment rate, note officials of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., is the rate assumed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in sample farm program participation worksheets for High Plains farms. The price of lint on the Plains used in the worksheet projection is 40 cents per

Under those payment and price assumptions many farms with medium to high production costs show a dual advantage from the 50-92 option, increased net income and reduced financial risk.

However PCG officials, carefully avoiding outright predictions, say producers should at least consider the possibility that either or both the payment-price assumptions could prove

On the payment rate they point to the 52.9-cent average price paid to farmers reported by USDA for November, the mid-December average of 55.4 cents and the fact that these levels were reached by a steady upward trend from the 47.2-cent average price reported for August.

The average farm prices for November and December aren't expected to reduce the 26-cent per pound maximum deficiency payment on the 1986 crop, says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson, but both figures are above the lower 1987 loan rate, and a continuation of the trend into 1987 could significantly affect 1987 deficiency payments, he adds.

It's also noteworthy, PCG says, that the average price paid to farmers last year dropped from 58.6 cents in July to 47.2 cents in August, the first month of the new farm program. That was because in August prices were figured at the 44-cent loan repayment rate plus equities paid to the farmer, whereas in July the price was figured at the full

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55-cent formula loan plus equities. Beginning in August of this year, if the adjusted world price stays above 52.25 cents, average farm prices again will be figured at the formula loan plus equity, and the 1986 July to August

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when Bobby Smith of Springtown and Clint McPherson of Lubbock planted

changes in varieties, areas, systems and concepts, Texas wine is for real. Two Texas wines, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon, won gold metals at the 1986 San Francisco Fair and Exposition Wine Competition, points

out Dr. George Ray McEachern with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Since this is one of the most prestigious competitions in the nation, Texas wine grape growers and retailers realize the

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VIGOR INDEX

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STAND ESTABLISHMENT AND COOL WARM

VIGOR INDEX. SIX-14, 16-24, AND 29-47 DAYS AFTER PLANTING. AVERAGE

South and East Texas have had a history of disease problems while the Amarillo area appears to be too cold, the horticulturist points out. The absence of cool weather in the fall has slowed planting in the San Angelo-Abilene area. The Davis Mountains area is an excellent location but water is

Currently, Texas is producing \$20 million worth of wine annually and this figure should grow, says McEachern. More importantly, Texas wineries have shown that their quality can be as good as any in the United States.

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real potential for quality wine.

Today Texas boasts about 3,000 acres of grapes and 150 commercial growers, notes McEachern, a horticulturist. There are 17 wineries in production and several new ones are on line for 1987. Establishment costs are \$6,000 to \$10,000 per acre, not including land or management, making wine grapes one of the most expensive agricultural crops to develop in Texas.

Wine grape production should be restricted to the best soil, water and climatic locations, says McEachern. The main development areas have been near Lubbock, Fort Stockton, Fort Worth and

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