

**GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER** — Matt Williams is at the halter of his helper, which was chosen as grand champion heifer of the Floyd County Junior Livestock Show. It was a homebred. A complete list of winners appears inside.

— Staff photo

## School board extends contracts of three principals, athletic director

In the regular monthly meeting of the Lockney school board, trustees voted to extend the contracts of all three principals and the athletic director.

Contracts for James Poole, high school principal; Terry Ellison, junior high principal; and Joyce Evans, elementary school principal, and Bob Purser, athletic director were extended

through 1989 as a result of the board's unanimous vote. Each contract was extended one year by the board.

### HONEYWELL PRESENTATION

During the meeting the board met with representatives of Honeywell Incorporated to discuss the problems with the elementary school heating and

cooling system.

The presentation included discussion of the problems which exist in the system, what it will take to correct them and then a maintenance agreement.

Honeywell representatives cited the major problem being that the system is overheating the building in some places and not heating properly in others. This is due in part to motors which were dirty and not functioning, no fresh air was being circulated through the system, and inoperative valves and damper controls were out of order.

Honeywell reps said that the system is a good system which needs to be restored to its original working order for optimum performance.

Honeywell proposed a first year maintenance agreement that would cost the school approximately \$25,882.00. This would include \$12,000.00 in parts and labor to restore the entire system to working order.

The board did not make a decision on the presentation at the board meeting but it is considering all options in restoring the system as it should be for the comfort of the students and teachers in the elementary school building.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent W.H. Hallmark presented the board with a "rough estimate" of the cost of major repairs to the ag farm stock pens. During the cold weather many leaks were discovered and they have caused major flooding problems on the ag farm.

A rough estimate of the cost of repairs would be \$3800.00, according to Wofford Pipeline and Supply. The board discussed the needs and various ways to improve the watering and drainage problems on the ag farm and agreed to wait until the weather is better before making a final decision on what steps to take.

After discussion of a letter from Treena Aston, asking for use of the new elementary school gym by Sherry Fogerson of Lubbock to teach gymnastics, tap and ballet classes on Saturdays from 9 to 2 for the summer, the board approved the request.

The board also approved paying for the tickets for the senior English class of Kay Williams to attend the Shakespearean Theatre in Odessa on February 19 and 20. Students have worked in concession stands and have earned money for their room and board. The school has in the past always provided transportation and purchased the tickets for the field trip.

Hallmark also discussed with the board the Floyd County Stock Show situation and the letter to the editor which appeared in last week's Beacon. He presented board members with a

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## Rotary will man pledge center

The community of Lockney has shown its support and concern for the handicapped children and adults in this area by volunteering to run the Lockney Easter Seal Telethon Pledge Center. The pledge center allows Lockney residents to call in pledges locally. The Rotary Club will be manning the phones at the pledge center and reporting the local pledge totals during the local segments of the telethon.

The Easter Seal Telethon is a star-studded television spectacular to be aired on Channel 11 from 10:30 p.m., Saturday, March 7th to 6:00 p.m., Sunday, March 8th. National segments will originate in Hollywood, with Pat Boone and Donna Mills.

The Easter Seal Telethon was first produced in 1972, with 13 markets participating. Nationwide, this year's Easter Seal Telethon will reach more than 70 million viewers in 140 markets. The Texas Easter Seal Society welcomes the opportunity to make the general public available to disabled individuals and to publicly thank the donors in this part of Texas who make this work possible. The Texas Easter Seal Society has observed its 54th year of operation.

Using tax-free contributions, the Society carries on its extensive direct-service program. Funds generated locally as a result of the telethon will be used to support these services.



### WHAT? A DOUBLE T AT NORTH TEXAS STATE?

Back when Chuck and Joyce Wilson were members of the "Goin' Band from Raiderland" at Texas Tech, the band during its halftime performance traditionally formed a Double T which spanned from sideline-to-sideline and from 20-yard-line to 20-yard-line.

The giant Double T was on the agenda for a halftime show at North Texas State University's homecoming. But there was a new wrinkle added that week...by the bandmen themselves: each had wheat seed in his/her pocket.

As the band was taking a bow at the conclusion of its performance, each musician deposited wheat seed onto the turf.

"Heavy rains" hit the Denton area next week, remembers Chuck, who was drum major the following year.

That winter a fellow whose plane flew over the North Texas football stadium spotted a perfectly formed, green Double T on the winter-brown field!

Drum major of the "Goin' Band from Raiderland" that season was Lockney High graduate Hardy P. Clemens, whose father was, in memory serves, a principal in the local school system. Rev. Clemens currently pastors Second Baptist Church in Lubbock.

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### WE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED GRANDPARENTS BRAG PAGES

A special THANKS to all the Floyd County grandparents and former grandparents who shared their pride-and-joy with us in Grandparents' Brag Pages for the Valentine edition of both The Beacon and The Hesperian.

This issue is without doubt one of our favorites each year. In fact, Valentine and Christmas editions are likely THE editions we most enjoy. We read each heart twice last Wednesday night.

One thing for sure, we're not about to pick the cutest of the bunch.

Although we didn't come close to winning the contest — among the 15 or so newspapers which print at Blanco Offset in Floydada — to say that we are pleased at the number of hearts in the two Floyd County newspapers would be an understatement. Crosby County News easily took top laurels with approximately 150 hearts, and The Tulia Herald was next with 107.

But Floyd County newspapers did come in third with 95, just nosing out

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## Senior citizens will sponsor chili supper-bake sale tonight at center

The Community Center (former Legion Hall) will be hopping with activity tonight (Thursday, Feb. 19) as Lockney Senior Citizens sponsor their first project, a chili supper and bake sale. Serving begins at 6 p.m.

Cost is \$3 per person, payable at the door. Donations to the senior citizens organization also will be "appreciated."

Dub Dipprey is cooking the chili and beans for the organization at no cost for his services.

Interested persons are invited to join senior citizens in preparing pies, cakes, cookies and candy for the bake sale. Each item will be individually priced. All proceeds will help establish a fund for the newly organized group.

Members invite the public to "come

and join us for some good food and fellowship."

### OFFICERS ELECTED

O.C. Allison was named president of Lockney Senior Citizens in an election last week.

Laverne Carthel is the vice president, Virginia Sissney-Dottie Stansell serve as secretary and Hazel Johnson is the

treasurer.

Next meeting of the senior citizens is scheduled for 3 p.m. next Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Community Center.

Activities are to be discussed.

The Building Committee is "looking into several possibilities" for a permanent home for the organization.

The senior citizens anticipate having another project "right away."

## Terry Keltz chosen as president of chamber

Terry Keltz has been elected to head Lockney Chamber of Commerce for the ensuing year.

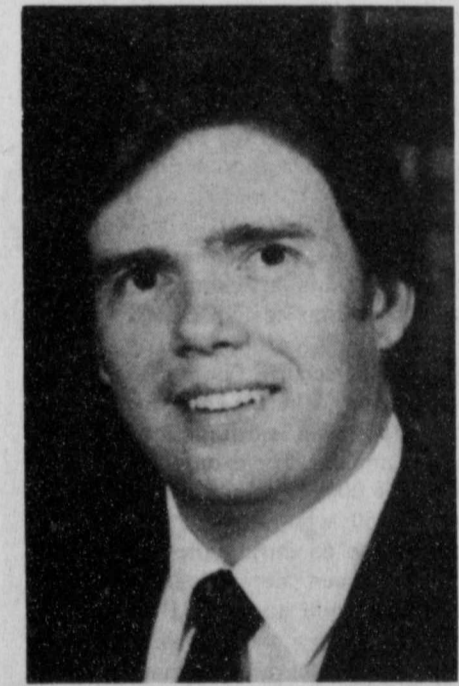
Named to serve with the new president as CofC leaders are: David Foster, vice president; Merle Mooney, secretary; and J.D. Copeland, treasurer.

This is Copeland's 28th year as treasurer of the organization. Keltz was vice president last year before being promoted to succeed Joe Zorger as

president, and Mrs. Mooney was re-elected as secretary.

Five new directors have been chosen to three-year terms: Jerry Burleson, Robert Delgado, Buddie Robnett, Margaret Schacht and George Schuster.

In addition, five individuals have been appointed as directors: Jack Covington, Gary Marr, Merle and Mike Mooney and Zorger. Appointees serve one-year terms.



TERRY KELTZ

Holdover Chamber directors are: Copeland, Johnny Dorman, Foster, Nelda Howard, Kathy Kellison, Keltz, Jim Bob Martin, Gayle Sherman and Cindy Smith.

Vera Jo Bybee, Covington, Gayle Jackson, Donnie Meriwether, Merle Mooney, David Workman and Zorger are completing terms as directors.

### BANQUET TICKETS

Advance tickets to the Friday, March 6, Lockney Chamber of Commerce Banquet are available from any CofC director. They are priced at \$7.50, the same as last year.

The community's Man of the Year, Woman of the Year and Family of the Year will be revealed during the banquet. Last year's recipients are to make the presentations.

Nominations are still being accepted from churches, clubs and individuals for the three honors.

Joe C. Zorger, outgoing CofC president, is to serve as master of ceremonies for the event in the elementary school cafeteria.

## City hires new patrolman

In the regular monthly meeting of the Lockney City Council held on Thursday, February 5, members of the Lockney City Council voted unanimously to hire Jerry Edwards, of Lubbock, as the new officer on the city police force.

Edwards will replace David Hollis who resigned as of January 31. Hollis cited relocation of his family as his reason for leaving Lockney.

In other action the councilmen accepted a bid from Wilson Culverts, in the amount of \$7,521.00, for all the culverts to begin the drainage correction work in southwest Lockney.

Other bids on the culverts included West Texas Culverts in the amount of \$9,308.60, Contech Construction Products bid of \$8,611.00, and Bee Equipment Sales for \$8,288.80.

City engineer A.C. Bowden was on hand for the bid opening and recommended the bid from Wilson Culverts. This bid is almost half what the expected cost of the culverts were. In the meeting held with Lockney residents who live in the area to be

reworked, Bowden had told the group that the culverts could cost as much as \$12.30 per foot. The bid accepted by the council puts the cost at about \$6.91 for approximately 1088 feet of culvert.

Residents living in southwest Lockney who have agreed to pay for the cost of the culverts will be billed on their monthly water bills in monthly payments. The city will be paying for the culverts initially and will reimburse the city. The residents will not be charged service fees or interest by the city for the culverts.

In other action the city council voted to call the election for city council on April 4, 1987 to elect a mayor and two aldermen for full terms of two years and one alderman for a one year term to fill the vacancy left when Kim King resigned.

Fire Chief Craig Ellison met with the council to discuss the new fire fighting foam machine that the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department is hoping to acquire.

Ellison explained that the fire department has made an application with the Texas Forest Service to acquire the machine on a cost sharing basis. If the application is accepted the cost to the Lockney Fire Department would be approximately \$3,000.00. He also explained that if the grant for the unit is received, the fire department would

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## Mayoral race develops here

### Aldermen uncontested at press time

Two-thirds of Lockney's municipal governing body will be determined in balloting on Saturday, April 4.

Terms of Mayor J.D. Copeland and Aldermen Jerry Johnson and Kenneth Wofford expire this year. Also to be filled will be the remaining one-year on the alderman's term to which Kim King was elected in 1986.

Copeland and Alderman Dan Smith have filed as candidates for mayor. At press time, the only race to develop is for mayor.

Johnson and Wofford both are seeking re-election. Gary Marr has filed to have his named placed on the ballot as a candidate for the unexpired term.

Wednesday, Feb. 18, was the filing deadline. Ronnie Aston and Smith are holdover aldermen. Full terms on the city governing body are for two years.

### THREE TRUSTEES DUE

A trio of places on the school board are to be filled in an April 4 election, scheduled at Lockney High School.

Terms of D.K. Jackson and Kelton Shaw expire this year, and two individuals are to be elected to these seats for full, three-year terms.

Also, two years remain on the term to which Clar Schacht was elected last year. Schacht resigned after moving to Floydada, and Eddie Foster was appointed to serve until the '87 election.

No candidates had filed early this week. School officials report that the deadline for candidates to have their names placed on the ballot is March 4 in the superintendent's office.

G.B. Johnston has been appointed as election judge. He will be assisted by Maria Arellano, Molly Huffman and Kenneth Wofford. Jackie Holt is absentee ballot clerk.

## This Week . . .

### BAND BOOSTERS

There will be a meeting of the Lockney Band Boosters Club at 7:00

p.m. Thursday night, February 19 (tonight). All parents are encouraged to attend.





## In times like these... By Mary Jo Fielding

Oliver Stone, who earned a bronze star and a Mash unit's worth of physical and emotional wounds in the jungles of Vietnam, has transformed his war experience into a film called Platoon. Actors often grumble about the rigors of filming in remote locations, but few have faced half the hardships inflicted on the cast of Platoon. Fresh from the fleshpots of New York and Los Angeles, the film's young stars found themselves deep in the Philippine jungle, which stood in nicely for Vietnam. Clad in sweat-stained fatigues and stooped beneath 60-lb. backpacks and rifles, they marched day and night through leeches, infested streams and swarms of insects.

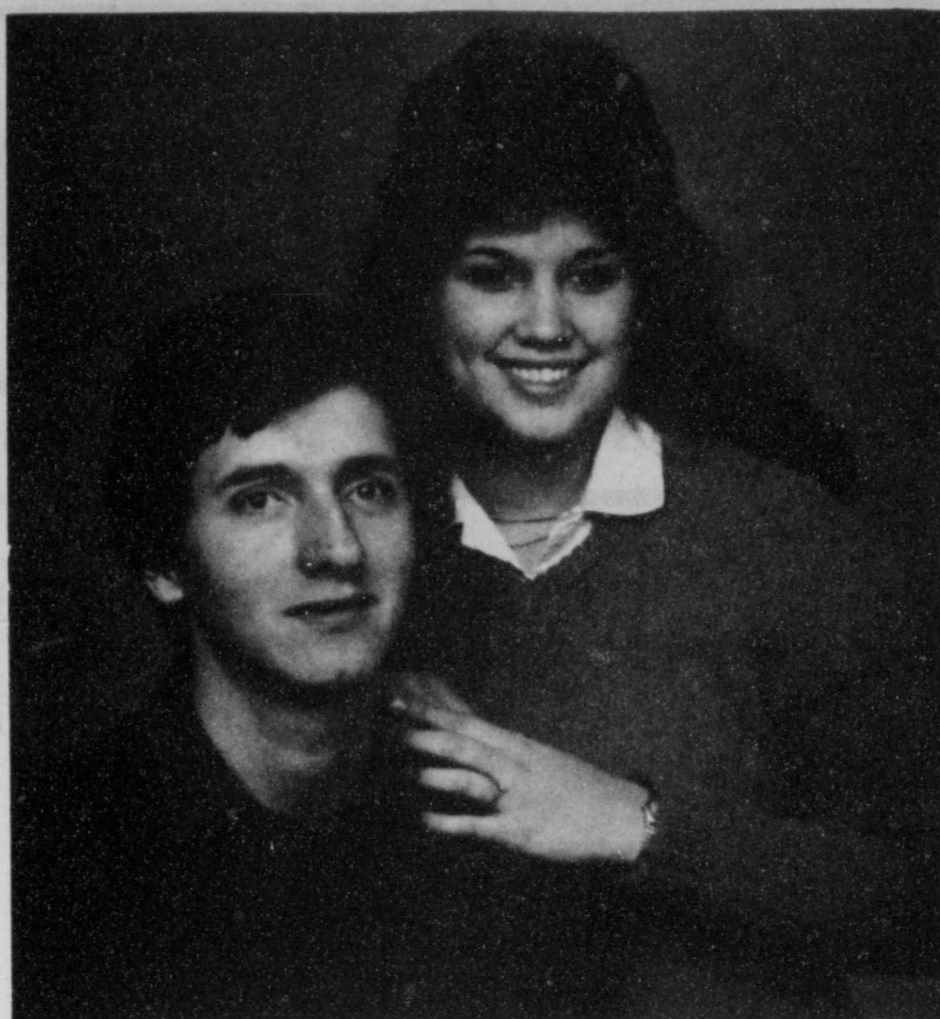
The architect of this unique cinematic boot camp, the military method acting class was Captain Dals Dye, 42, a retired Marine Corps lifer who served as the film's technical adviser. Dye appears on-screen in Platoon as the captain who calls in an air strike on his own defeated position.

Like Oliver Stone, Dye is a decorated Vietnam veteran. His was among the

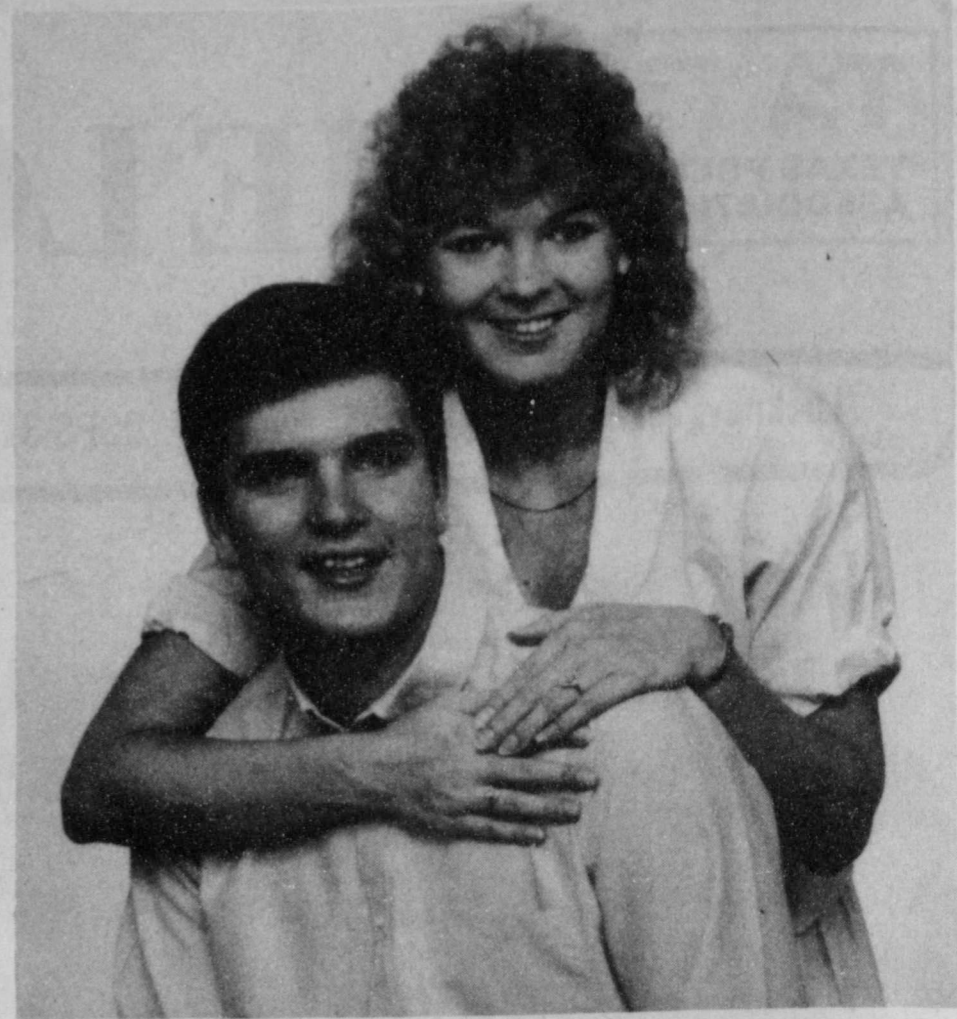
first units to splash ashore there in 1965. Over the next decade he saw buddies die at such hot spots as Hue and Foxtrox Ridge, and he was wounded three times by rockets and mortar fire. "We fought a hell of a war," he declares, "and until now Hollywood didn't give a damn about getting it right."

In Stone, Dye found a kindred spirit who wanted Platoon's actors to experience the fatigue, frayed nerves and fear that preyed on the Vietnam infantry man and to understand the casual brutality that often emerged. Once Dye had the cast thoroughly sore-footed and stinking, Stone began filming without a break and continued for nine straight weeks. "They looked mean," Stone says, "and they stayed that way."

Dye's politics, not surprisingly, are fervently anti-Communist between his retirement from the Marines in 1984 and his move to Hollywood a year later he edited Soldier of Fortune magazine and unofficially trained Nicaraguan contras.



**CARTEL AND SMITH MARRY**—Kim Carthel, daughter of Robert Carthel of Clovis, N.M. and Nancy Carthel of Wolfforth and John Smith, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Lubbock, were married in Lubbock January 5, 1987. Kim is a 1984 graduate of Lockney High School and is currently a nursing student at South Plains College. John is employed at St. Mary of the Plains Hospital. A bridal shower will be held at the fellowship hall of the Third and College Street Church of Christ, Saturday, February 21, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.



**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED**—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coffman of Lockney announce the engagement of their daughter, Connie, to Tyke Dipprey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dub Dipprey of Lockney. Miss Coffman, a graduate of Lockney High School, is a student at Texas Tech University where she will graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in home economics. She is a student teacher at Kress High School. Dipprey is also a graduate of Lockney High School and attended Texas Tech. He is employed at United Parcel Service in Lubbock. The couple will be married July 18 in First Baptist Church in Lockney.

## Dianne's Diary By Dianne Galvan

Monday, February 9th:

We went to McDonald's in Plainview today. They served us delicious ice cream cones that hit the spot just right. Afterwards we went to visit our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Esker Pyle at Heritage Home. We sure have missed those folks. On Tuesday we made "love bugs" for our staff. They certainly were cute, little creatures. The rest of the week was spent decorating the doors and the lobby in pretty pinks, reds and whites. On Friday we had our big Bingo game, with lots of winners. Our prizes were apples, bananas, oranges and raisins, so now we have a real fruity bunch of players.

We spend our mornings doing daily exercise and ball playing. This is always lots of fun because we laugh, tell jokes

and act silly.

We had a door decorating contest. Our big winners were Cinde Clark and Janie Cazares. Congratulations ladies. Thanks goes out to all of the staff members that participated.

A big thank you also out to Mr. Bill Glasscock for playing the role of Cupid on Friday. He gave valentines to everyone.

Mr. Andres Pena is back home from the hospital and we are delighted to have him.

See you all next week! P.S. Thank you Gladys Ragle, from

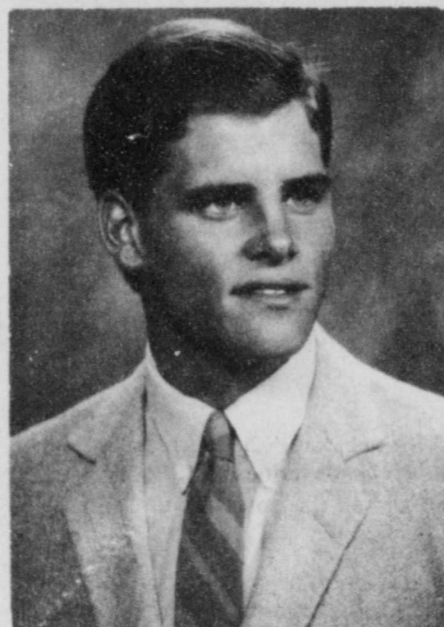
Brown's Department Store, and Yolanda Tambunga, from Mize Pharmacy for being the judges in our door contest.

## Rusty Teeter recipient of McMurry scholarship

Rusty Lynn Teeter of Lockney has been named to receive a presidential scholarship at McMurry College for the coming school year, according to Dr. Thomas Kim, McMurry president.

To be eligible for a presidential scholarship at McMurry, a student must graduate in the top quarter of his high school class. A score of 21 or better on the ACT qualifies a recipient for additional presidential scholarship funds.

Rusty is a 1987 graduate of Lockney High School. He is the son of Edwin and Cheryl Teeter of Lockney.



RUSTY TEETER

## Have a good week

## How the CRP program effects Social Security

By Terry J. Clements

Today I would like to discuss a late development that concerns the effect that Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) payments have on social security benefits. The decision was recently made that CRP payments will not count as earnings in applying the annual earnings test.

In other words, CRP income will not prevent a beneficiary from receiving social security benefits. This latest interpretation is drastically different than previous policy that considered these payments as countable for the annual earnings test in most cases.

The annual earnings test requires that social security benefits will be reduced one dollar for every two dollars that a person's earnings exceed the exempt amount. The exempt amount for 1987 is \$6,000 for persons under age 65 and \$8,160 who are age 65 or will become age 65 during the year.

It has been determined that the payments made under CRP are based solely on a person's participation in a conservation program and that there are no significant services rendered by the participant. Therefore, these payments are not considered earned income for

the annual earnings test and are treated like rental income, annuities, interest and other "non-earned" income.

Social Security tax still must be paid on income received under the CRP program.

Individuals who are receiving social security benefits or are approaching retirement age and are deciding whether to participate in the CRP program should note this change. They may wish to recontact the social security office for clarification even if they have already received an explanation that the CRP payments will affect social security checks.

Persons who have additional questions in these or other social security matters should call 293-9623. The Plainview office is located at 1401 B. West Fifth, Plainview, Texas, 79072. Appointments can be arranged if desired.

## Birthday party for Wilma Payne held in Lockney

Wilma Payne of Floydada was honored with a birthday party Sunday, February 8th at the Odd Fellows Lodge in Lockney. It was hosted by Ruby Smith an aunt of the honoree. A luncheon was served with everyone bringing a dish.

Later in the afternoon, birthday cake which was baked and decorated by Melva Richardson of Wolfforth was served to the guests.

Those attending were: Wilma's husband, Winfred Payne; and all her children: Ronnie and Betty Payne of Wolfforth; Randy Payne, Floydada; Judy Emert, Floydada; Wayne and

Lynette Crump, Ralls and two grandchildren: Michelle and Tamra Crump, Ralls. Also attending was Ruby Smith of Lockney; Tommy and Freda, Judy, Kathy and Coy Davis of Lockney; Wayne and Melva Richardson, Wolfforth; Wayne and Janie Smith, Floydada;

Jack and Dixie McNeely, Lubbock; Wiley and Helen Griggs, Floydada; Jewel Hopper, Floydada; Cerita Harris, Lubbock; Lottie Stewart, Eula Bramlet, Inez Johnson, Mildred Hilton of Lockney; and Lucille Lobban of Floydada. Everyone enjoyed the occasion and all had a good time.

## Ground beef may be safe after color change

You may not need to throw out that raw ground beef that turned brown after a day or two in the refrigerator. According to Mary Kinney Sweeten, a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service nutritionist, the color of ground meat is determined by the amount of oxygen with which it has

come into contact. So brown hamburger may be as safe as pink hamburger. However, she says it's a good idea to keep raw ground beef in the refrigerator

no longer than two days. Don't use the meat if it has an off odor or was left unrefrigerated for a time.

## Boulter to seek repeal of congressional raise

Congressman Beau Boulter (R-13) pledged recently to pursue all avenues toward repealing the recently enacted Congressional pay raise. Boulter specifically said that he has become a party to a suit filed in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia challenging the constitutionality of the process employed to increase the salaries of high-level Federal officials.

Boulter's suit, which is being joint-filed with Congressman Bob Smith (R-NH), Senator Gordon Humphrey (R-NH), and the National Taxpayer's Union, questions the constitutional legitimacy of a process enacted into law in 1967 which allows the President to recommend Congressional, Executive, and Judicial salaries to Congress. The suit specifically challenges the law's requirement of Congressional action to disapprove the salary increases within 30 days as an unconstitutional delegation of authority from the Congress to the President.

"The fact that the House leadership prevented a vote on increasing government salaries is proof positive that the politicians in Washington want to avoid accountability to the people by hiding behind a law passed in 1967," Boulter said. "This procedure is an abuse of the democratic process of the worst kind."

The Senate adopted a resolution disapproving the pay raise last week, and attached it to a House-passed measure to provide \$50 million in emergency aid to the homeless. Despite assurances from the House leadership that the pay raise issue would come up

for a vote before the Midnight, February 4 deadline, the House adjourned on February 3 without working on the resolution.

Boulter said that he will also be active in legislative attempts to rescind the pay raise retroactively, but pointed out that such a bill would be killed in House committees by the House leadership. The best chance for such a bill would be for the Senate to attach it to legislation that the House must act on. A number of Senators have indicated that they will pursue this option.

"I predict that this issue will not go away," Boulter added. "I won't let it go away, and the American people won't let it go away. Until Congress starts displaying some true accountability, rather than parliamentary gimmickry, we will not have faced up to our responsibilities."



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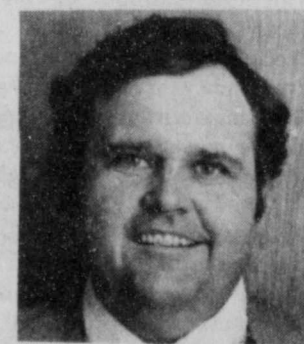


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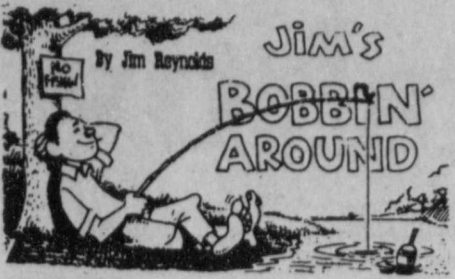
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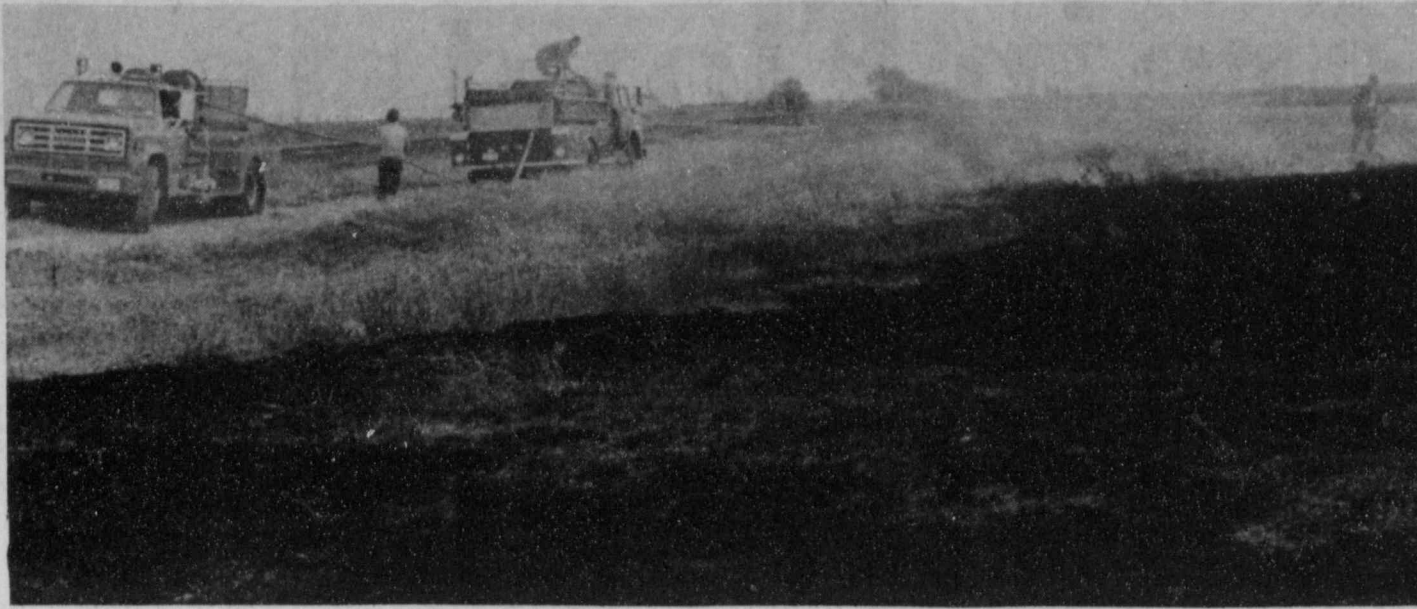
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The Texas Spur. This is the first time Floyd County has been in the top three. Floyd newspapers did have the largest increase. The two publications went from 41 hearts in '86 to 95 this year, a 232 per cent increase. We're proud that Floyd County has so many proud grandparents. Next year let's shoot for an eight-page section of hearts like Crosby County had this year!



**GRASS FIRE**—Last Thursday at noon the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department was called to the scene of a large grass fire on Northeast Third Street. The fire began when burning trash from a nearby barrel blew out and started the fire. The blaze burned most of the grass in a pasture on the north end of the street.

**WHY NEWSPAPERS ARE LIKE WOMEN**

Because they are thinner than they used to be.  
Because they are well worth looking over.  
Because they are easy to read.  
Because they carry the news where ever they go.  
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Because if they know anything they usually tell it.  
Because they always have the last word.  
Because back numbers are not in demand.  
Because every man should have one of his own and not run after his neighbor's. —Burnis Lawrence, Crosby County News

**DIFFERENT APPROACH**

According to the magazine Bits & Pieces, a millionaire named Elmer Kelen once commissioned a young Hungarian artist, Arpad Sebesy, to do a portrait of him, but when the picture was finished, Kelen didn't like it. "That's a rotten portrait and I refuse to pay for it," Kelen said, turning to leave the studio. Sebesy thought of the wasted weeks of effort and the money he would not be getting for the painting. Bitterly he recalled that the millionaire had only posed three times, so the painting had been mostly from memory. Still, he thought, it was not a bad likeness. "One minute!" he called out. "Will you give me a letter saying you refused the portrait because it didn't resemble you?" Glad to get off so easily, Kelen complied. A few months later the Society of



Hungarian Artists opened an exhibition in Budapest, and Kelen's phone started to ring. He quickly went to the gallery and headed for the section where a Sebesy painting was on display. It was the one he had rejected.

He glanced at the title and turned purple. Storming into the office of the gallery manager, he demanded that the portrait be removed at once. The manager said all the paintings were under contract to be on display for six weeks.

"But it will make me the laughing stock of Budapest," Kelen raged. "It's libelous, and I'll sue!"

But the manager pulled out the letter Kelen had given the artist. "Since you yourself have said that the portrait does not look like you," he said coldly, "you have no jurisdiction over its fate."

In desperation Kelen offered to buy the painting, only to find its price 10 times what it had been originally. But with his reputation at stake, he wrote out a check.

Not only did the artist sell the rejected portrait to the man who had commissioned it, but he also achieved his revenge simply by showing it with the title "Portrait of a Thief."

—Dalton Wood, Lynn County News

**SMALL TOWN DECLINE — DRAWING MORE CONCERN**

The following was brought to our attention by a local person obviously interested in the town of Groom. It is turning up in a number of small town newspapers where folks are becoming increasingly concerned over the future of the small town.

Decline of a Small Town

By Marg Calder

The men were quite cocky as they stood in the sun  
"Let's go to the city, stock up and have fun.  
We'll buy by the case all under one roof  
And save lots too, of that we have proof."

So they did just that for many a year  
And from the results never took any fear  
Until one day they met once again  
Standing uptown just out of the rain  
"What's happening here!" cried one in dismay.

Their faces were ashen, they had much to say,  
The one scratched his head. The other said loud

"There's no beer and no coffee, not even a crowd;  
My wife is real sick and right off her feet  
I came for some drugs, some milk and some meat  
The hospital is closed, the grocery stores, too.

My furnace is shot and the plumbing all broken.  
What in the world are we going to do?"  
"My furnace is shot and the plumbing all broken."

The other one gasped, I thought he was chokin'  
"My car's a near wreck and my tires are low  
I need nails and lumber, and there's no place to go."  
His friend had his head right down to his chest

"We're to blame," he murmured,  
"On our heads it does rest,  
"We passed this town for the glimmer of lights  
Bought stuff by the car load and took in the sights.  
The city is busting and bursting with pride.  
While all our own merchants just up and died.  
The houses are empty, the bank's repossessed.  
I'll tell you old boy we're in for a test."  
"We should have been smarter and wiser," they said.  
"Then the town would be busting, not half so dead."  
It's never too late, we've learned, someone did say.  
But for the foolishness of many they'd all have to pay.  
They parted at last as the wind turned cold,  
And muttered, "Buy locally as this story is told."

— The Groom News

**EDITOR'S LAMENT**

The typographical error is a slippery thing and sly;  
You can hunt til you're dizzy, but this somehow will get by.  
Till the forms are off the presses, it is

**Contracts of principals, AD extended by trustees**

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copy of the rules from the Houston Livestock Show which state that no student who is failing nor his animal will be allowed to show in the Houston show.

The only exception is that an animal may show IF there is a document from the student's school which states that a substitute exhibitor may show the animal. Hallmark stated that no animals from Lockney would receive such approval from the Lockney school system since it is in violation of Lockney school policy.

the judges and election clerks for the April 4 election. Judge will be G.B. Johnston, assistants will be Maria Arellano, Molly Huffman, and Kenneth Wofford.

The board also voted to leave the drivers education fee at \$75.00, voted to purchase a food slicer for the lunchroom at a cost of \$800.00.

They also approved the payment of current bills, the making of investments and tax report #6.

Present for the meeting were board members Kelton Shaw, Jim Bob Martin, Dickie Lambert, Paul Glasson, Eddie Foster, Superintendent Hallmark and the school principals.

**OTHER ACTION**

In other action the board approved

**Rotary will man pledge center**

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purchase a trailer to mount the unit on out of their funds. The general consensus of the council is that the unit would benefit Lockney and this would be the

best way to acquire one.

Present for the February meeting were Mayor J.D. Copeland, aldermen Kenneth Wofford, Ronnie Aston, Dan Smith, Jerry Johnson and city secretary Erma Lee Duckworth.

You're startled the first time you are addressed as "old timer."

You just can't stand people who are intolerant.

The best part of your day is over when the alarm clock goes off.

You burn the midnight oil after 9:00 p.m.

Your back goes out more than you do. A fortune teller offers to read your face.

Your pacemaker makes the garage door go up when you watch a pretty girl go by.

The little gray haired lady you help across the street is your wife.

You get your exercise acting as a pallbearer for your friends who exercise.

You get too much room in the house and not enough in the medicine cabinet.

You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there.

—By David Cristol, M.D.

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**HIJACKING**

Hijackings are not quite the fad they once were, but they're still around. Speaking of which, did you hear about the fellow whose elevator was stuck on the ground floor who commandeered a train in Miami and ordered: "Take me to Cuba!"?

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**NOT GOING BACK**

Kids going to school are always good stories and I suppose my cousin usually came up with about the best in the area when he first started his "learning process."

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**THERE'S A CHOICE**

My next door neighbor says a man is free to choose his own form of government—either a blond, a brunette or a redhead!

—The Tulia Herald

Have a good week.

VISITING NURSE SERVICE of Lubbock will be providing a BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC the FIRST TUESDAY of every month from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the FIRST NATIONAL BANK in LOCKNEY.

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**Consumers Fuel Association, Lockney**

**Thursday, March 12, 1987**

**at the Grade School Cafetorium**

Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. followed by a business session

**Two Directors will be elected DOOR PRIZES**



# Winners galore in Floyd stock show

## Swine . . .

Lightweight Berkshire — 1. Shane Orman, 2. Shayla Barbee  
 Heavyweight Berkshire — 1. Scott Howard, 2. Rex Mathis, 3. Kelli LaBaume, 4. Bryan Thomas, 5. Troy Bigham  
**Champion Berkshire: Scott Howard, Lockney**  
 Reserve champion Berkshire: Rex Mathis, Lockney

Lightweight Chester — 1. Loretta Turner, 2. Chad Quisenberry, 3. Kristi Bennett, 4. Derrick Martinez, 5. Angie Bertrand, 6. Sharon Smith, 7. Greg Lawson  
 Heavyweight Chester — 1. Neal Nelson, 2. David Turner, 3. Wyman Rexrode, 4. Robert Delgado Jr., 5. Clay Harrison, 6. Michelle Delgado  
**Champion Chester: Neal Nelson, Floydada**  
 Reserve champion Chester: Loretta Turner, Lockney

Lightweight Duroc: 1. Ty Stovall, 2. Chad Williams, 3. Tiffany Bennett, 4. Cody Hayes, 5. Clay Lowrance, 6. Richard Porter, 7. Mark Thompson, 8. Boyd Jackson  
 Medium weight Duroc — 1. Amy Turner, 2. Darin Martinez, 3. Steve Emert, 4. Jesse Vela III, 5. Jerod Glasson, 6. Clay Adrian, 7. Andy McDowell, 8. Brady Anderson, 9. Erin Adrian  
 Heavyweight Duroc — 1. Misty Bertrand, 2. Carrie Emert, 3. Troy Bigham, 4. Dedra Hardy, 5. Loretta Turner, 6. David Turner, 7. Tim Julian  
**Champion Duroc: Misty Bertrand, Floydada**  
 Reserve champion Duroc: Amy Turner, Lockney

Lightweight Hampshire — 1. Misty Bertrand, 2. Neal Nelson, 3. Bo Hayes, 4. Shayla Barbee, 5. Troy Faulkenberry, 6. Zacha Harris, 7. Boyd Jackson, 8. Heath Rexrode, 9. Donald Hardy, 10. Justin Means, 11. Steve Emert, 12. O. Bryan Barker, 13. Lupe Basaldua, 14. Phillip Glasson, 15. Cody Hayes, 16. Brady Anderson, 17. Tiffany Bennett, 18. Max Green, 19. Allen Stallings, 20. Tim Ruff  
 Medium weight Hampshire — 1. Brady Anderson, 2. Robert Delgado Jr., 3. Michelle Delgado, 4. Kelli LaBaume, 5. Erin Adrian, 6. Chad Williams, 7. Kristi Bennett, 8. Kristi Bennett, 9.

Richard Porter, 10. Clay Lowrance, 11. Ricky Basaldua, 12. Amy Turner, 13. Chad Williams, 14. Wyman Rexrode, 15. Greg Lawson, 16. Carrie Emert, 17. Clint Bigham  
 Heavyweight Hampshire — 1. Chad Quisenberry, 2. Raetta Starnes, 3. Tim Julian, 4. Wyman Rexrode, 5. Tate Harris, 6. Andy McDowell, 7. Troy Bigham, 8. Tim Julian, 9. Max Green, 10. Boyd Jackson, 11. Julio Cortez, 12. Justin Graham, 13. Cory Mulder  
**Champion Hampshire: Chad Quisenberry, Floydada**  
 Reserve champion Hampshire: Raetta Starnes, Lockney

Lightweight spot — 1. Phillip Glasson, 2. Shannon Barbee, 3. Grant Stovall, 4. Jerod Glasson, 5. Derrick Martinez, 6. Raetta Starnes, 7. David Turner, 8. Cody Hayes, 9. Rex Mathis, 10. Bo Hayes, 11. Carolyn Turner  
 Heavyweight spots — 1. Bryan Thomas, 2. Tiffany Bennett, 3. Brad Emert, 4. Ty Stovall  
**Champion spot: Phillip Glasson, Lockney**  
 Reserve champion spot: Shannon Barbee, Floydada

Lightweight York — 1. Neal Nelson, 2. Kimber Williams, 3. Tim Ruff, 4. Kimber Williams  
 Heavyweight York — 1. Brad Emert, 2. Amy Nance, 3. Kip Holt, 4. Kelli LaBaume, 5. Robby Green, 6. Dickie Hernandez, 7. Heath Rexrode  
**Champion York: Neal Nelson, Floydada**  
 Reserve champion York: Brad Emert, Floydada

Lightweight cross — 1. Kelli LaBaume, 2. Daralyn Williams, 3. Angie Bertrand, 4. Monte Quisenberry, 5. Grant Stovall, 6. Phillip Glasson, 7. Justin Graham, 8. Jerod Glasson, 9. Kip Holt, 10. Robie Williams, 11. Amy Turner, 12. Darin Martinez, 13. O. Bryan Barker, 14. Christopher Mathis, 15. Cory Mulder, 16. Michelle Delgado, 17. Lanny McMurrin, 18. Ricky Basaldua, 19. Lupe Basaldua, 20. Daralyn Williams, 21. Zacha Harris, 22. Jim Thrasher, 23. Greg Lawson, 24. Allen Stallings  
 Medium weight cross — 1. Shannon Barbee, 2. James Fannon, 3. Carolyn Turner, 4. Robert Delgado, 5. Wyman Rexrode, 6. Rex Mathis, 7. Melissa Faulkenberry, 8. Heath Rexrode, 9. Clay Harrison, 10. Leonard King, 11. Clint Bigham, 12. Dickie Hernandez

Heavyweight cross — 1. Justin Adams, 2. Christopher Mathis, 3. Boyd Jackson, 4. Ricky Basaldua, 5. Shane Orman, 6. Tiffany Bennett, 7. Lori Smith, 8. Derrick Martinez, 9. Clay Lowrance, 10. Brady Anderson, 11. Chad Williams, 12. Justin Means, 13. Justin Adams, 14. Robby Green, 15. Clint Bigham  
**Champion cross: Shannon Barbee, Floydada**  
 Reserve champion cross: James Fannon, Floydada

**GRAND CHAMPION BARROW: CHAD QUISENBERRY, FLOYDADA, HAMPSHIRE**  
**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BARROW: SHANNON BARBEE, FLOYDADA, CROSS**

## Lambs . . .

Lightweight fine wool — 1. Jamie Crow, 2. Pam Woody, 3. Joel Mitchell, 4. Cynthia Martin, 5. Jared Mosley, 6. Rusty Purser  
 Heavyweight fine wool — 1. Matt Mitchell, 2. J.J. Perez, 3. Joel Mitchell, 4. Andy McHam  
**Champion fine wool: Matt Mitchell, Lockney**  
 Reserve champion fine wool: Jamie Crow, Floydada

Lightweight fine wool cross — 1. Kori Kellison, 2. Michael Mercado, 3. Allen Martin, 4. Wesley Teeter, 5. Jared Mosley, 6. Rusty Purser, 7. Jared Mosley  
 Heavyweight fine wool cross — 1. Matt Mitchell, 2. Gwen Lane, 3. Christie Rowan, 4. Grant Cage  
**Champion fine wool cross: Matt Mitchell, Lockney**  
 Reserve champion fine wool cross: Kori Kellison, Lockney

Lightweight Southdown — 1. Jamie Crow, 2. Andy McHam, 3. Charla Yeary, 4. Lisa Terrell, 5. Glenn Hardin, 6. Tali Cage  
 Heavyweight Southdown — 1. Gwen Lane, 2. Gwen Lane, 3. Kevin Staples, 4. Zora Woody  
**Champion Southdown: Gwen Lane, Lockney**  
 Reserve champion Southdown: Gwen Lane, Lockney

Shropshire — 1. Tali Cage

**Champion Shropshire: Tali Cage, Floydada**

Lightweight Hampshire — 1. Scotty Battey, 2. Grant Cage, 3. Lori Smith, 4. Lori Smith, 5. Lori Smith, 6. Carolyn Turner, 7. Jennifer Crow  
 Medium weight Hampshire — 1. Jamie Crow, 2. Dean Smith, 3. Hunter Smith, 4. Rain McCandless, 5. Becky Reeves, 6. Kori Kellison, 7. Scotty Battey  
 Heavyweight Hampshire — 1. Hunter Smith, 2. Hunter Smith, 3. Dean Smith, 4. Jennifer Fortenberry, 5. Aric Hendricks, 6. Rhealene Brown, 7. Tanner Johnson  
**Champion Hampshire: Hunter Smith, Floydada**  
 Reserve champion Hampshire: Hunter Smith, Floydada

Lightweight Suffolk — 1. Kori Kellison, 2. Charla Yeary, 3. Aric Hendricks, 4. Scotty Battey, 5. Rain McCandless, 6. Christie Rowan, 7. Lisa Terrell, 8. Mark Todd Terrell, 9. Becky Reeves, 10. Allen Martin, 11. Travis Rowan, 12. David Turner  
 Medium weight Suffolk — 1. Michael Mercado, 2. Todd Cage, 3. Zora Woody, 4. Jason Brown, 5. Aric Hendricks, 6. Gracie Saucedo, 7. Rain McCandless, 8. Carolyn Turner, 9. Mark Todd Terrell, 10. Roxene Brown, 11. Donna Campbell, 12. Loretta Turner  
 Heavyweight Suffolk — 1. Matt Mitchell, 2. Pam Woody, 3. Joel Mitchell, 4. Pam Woody, 5. Wesley Campbell, 6. Wesley Teeter, 7. Joel Mitchell, 8. Jennifer Crow, 9. Sonya Campbell, 10. Gracie Saucedo, 11. Amy Turner, 12. Wesley Campbell  
**Champion Suffolk: Michael Mercado, Floydada**  
 Reserve champion Suffolk: Kori Kellison, Lockney

Other breeds — 1. Roxene Brown, 2. Jennifer Fortenberry, 3. Sonya Campbell, 4. Todd Cage, 5. Tanner Johnson, 6. Stacey Staples  
**Champion other breeds: Roxene Brown, Floydada**  
 Reserve champion other breeds: Jennifer Fortenberry, Lockney

**GRAND CHAMPION LAMB: HUNTER SMITH, FLOYDADA, HAMPSHIRE**  
**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION LAMB: MICHAEL MERCADO, FLOYDADA, SUFFOLK**

## Heifers . . .

Class 1 — 1. Matt Williams, 2. Billy Zane Colston  
 Class 2 — 1. Ross Lee Colston  
**GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER: MATT WILLIAMS, LOCKNEY, ANGUS**  
**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER: BILLY ZANE COLSTON, FLOYDADA**

## Steers . . .

Lightweight Angus — 1. Angie Hinsley, 2. Ross Lee Colston  
 Heavyweight Angus — 1. Matt Williams, 2. Troy Bigham  
**Champion Angus: Matt Williams, Lockney**  
 Reserve champion Angus: Angie Hinsley, Floydada

Lightweight Hereford — 1. Jennifer Crow, 2. Rain McCandless, 3. Scott Howard  
 Heavyweight Hereford — 1. Troy

**Champion cross: Chad Edwards, Floydada**  
 Reserve champion cross: Zach Nutt, Floydada

**GRAND CHAMPION STEER: CHAD EDWARDS, FLOYDADA, CROSS**  
**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER: ZACH NUTT, FLOYDADA, CROSS**

Faulkenberry, 2. Chad Hinsley, 3. Kristy Hinsley, 4. Tali Cage  
**Champion Hereford: Troy Faulkenberry, Floydada**  
 Reserve champion Hereford: Jennifer Crow, Floydada

Lightweight cross — 1. Matthew Redding, 2. Troy Faulkenberry, 3. Billy Zane Colston, 4. Melissa Faulkenberry  
 Medium lightweight cross — 1. Zach Nutt, 2. Tracy Johnson, 3. Billy Zane Colston, 4. Grant Cage, 5. Ross Lee Colston  
 Medium heavyweight cross — 1. Chad Edwards, 2. Stacy Hinsley, 3. Chad Golden, 4. Amy Hinsley, 5. Clay Golden  
 Heavyweight cross — 1. Chad Edwards, 2. Todd Cage, 3. Stacy Hinsley, 4. Colt Golden, 5. Clint Bigham

## Soil insect control in vegetable gardens

By C. Mark Brown  
 Extension Agent-Entomology [PM]

As vegetable gardeners prepare for spring planting, they should consider control for soil-borne pests. Soil insects can reduce vegetable quality and yields if left uncontrolled.

Among destructive soil pests are wireworms, white grubs, sowbugs, slugs, snails and cutworms. Some destroy plant seeds, roots, tubers and underground stem parts while others cut off young plants at or near the soil surface.

For effective control, mix insecticides into the soil at a depth of 4-6 inches at least two weeks before the garden plot is planted.

Most soil insects can be controlled with diazinon 25 percent liquid concentration or Spectracide 6000 applied as a 5 percent granule. Granules usually give the best control. If cutworms or

sowbugs become a problem after the garden has been planted, broadcast 5 percent Sevin bait over the soil surface.

Garden sites planted for the first time or those previously in grass or weeds are more likely to harbor damaging numbers of soil pests. Before treating with an insecticide, inspect the garden site by taking soil samples at several locations to a depth of 5 to 6 inches.

Remove one square foot section of soil from each location and record the number of soil insect pests present. As a general rule, an average of one or more soil insects per sample suggests the need for insecticide treatment.

References made to trade names is for educational purposes only, and is made with the understanding that no discrimination is intended and no endorsement is implied. For further information contact your local Extension Service office.

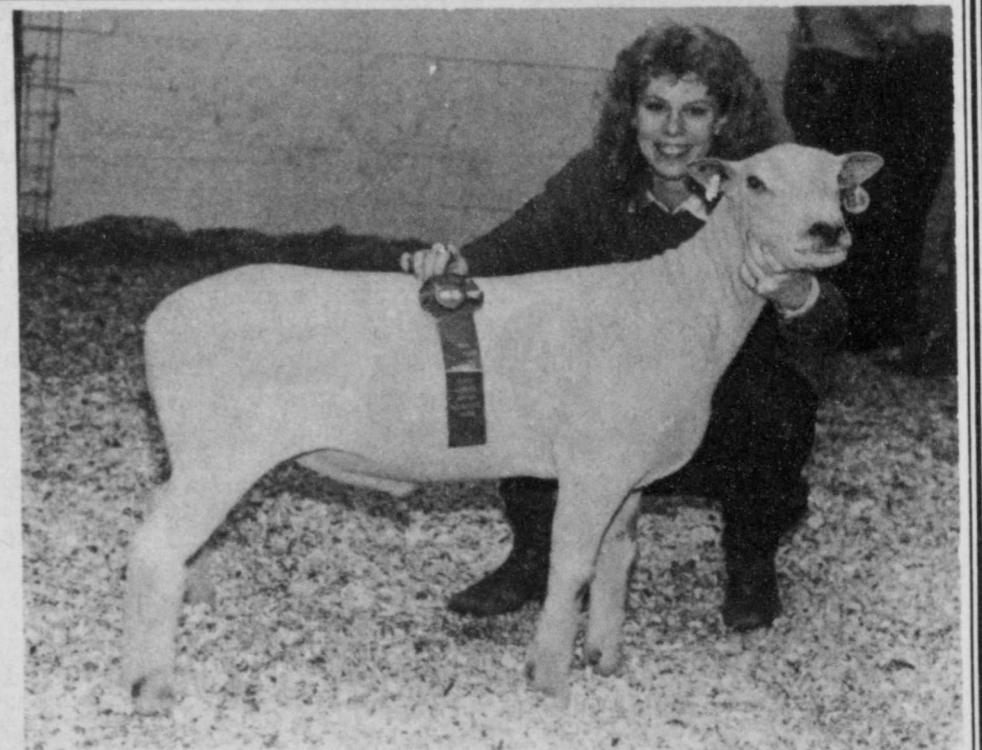
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## Basketball Reports

A strong fourth quarter rally carried the eighth grade boys into overtime in a Feb. 9 game against Hale Center, but the junior Owls outscored the Short-horns 4-0 to capture a 40-36 victory.

"We came back in the fourth quarter and played real well," the coach reports. "I am very proud of this team

and the way they keep improving all year."

The box score:  
 Lockney 14 20 23 36 36  
 H. Center 13 26 34 36 40  
 Kip Holt 11, Jerry Don Evans 10,  
 Steve Vasquez 7, Gilbert Ruiz 4, Carlos  
 Rendon 2, Jeffrey Sutterfield 2.

## Aufill, Jackson receive degrees

Two Lockneyites were among more than 1,000 students at Texas Tech

University who received degrees at the conclusion of the 1986 fall semester.

Steven Craig Aufill received a bachelor of architecture degree.

Earning a bachelor of science in home economics was Sidney Stewart Jackson of Route 2.

## 3rd annual powerlifting meet set for this Saturday

The third annual Lockney powerlifting meet will be held February 21, 1987 in the Lockney High school gym. This will be one of only four meets held in West Texas, so a large number of teams are expected.

The meet will get underway at 8:00 a.m. with weigh-ins. Lifting will begin at 9:30 a.m. Schools from all across West Texas will attend with as many as

200 lifters expected to compete.

The public is invited to come out and support these lifters.

### SILVA COMPETES

Johnny Silva, a member of the Lockney powerlifting team competed in Friona at a bench press contest recently and won first place in the 181 pound class, with a lift of 265 pounds. He received a medal for his efforts.

## Comptroller mails rebates totaling 125.1 million

State Comptroller Bob Bullock sent checks Friday, February 6, totaling 125.1 million in local tax payments to the 1,038 cities that levy the one-percent local sales tax. Bullock said that payments to date were down 5 percent as compared to payments made in the same period last year.

February checks represent taxes collected on sales made in December and reported to the Comptroller by January

Following are the payments for towns in surrounding areas:

Surrounding areas:	Net payment this period	1987 payment to date	Change to date
Crosbyton	\$ 7,820.26	8,723.79	-14.31%
Lorenzo	2,168.94	3,250.90	-24.03%
Ralls	6,377.21	8,766.58	-18.34%
Petersburg	3,717.31	4,670.87	-8.44%
Plainview	170,383.85	232,263.09	-5.71%
Quitaque	2,364.89	2,364.89	-22.04%
Silverton	2,968.38	3,533.17	-7.88%
Lubbock	1,802,258.93	2,535,113.33	-7.19%
Amarillo	1,611,242.69	2,351,986.47	-4.32%

Floydada received a check for \$13,341.58 which brought its 1987 payments total to \$18,037.74, down 10.22% from last year.

Lockney's check for this period was \$7,224.95, up 8.03%. Lockney's total for 1987 is \$9,743.95 bringing the total for the county to \$27,781.69, down 4.56%.

## Consumer alert

### This airplane is bound to crash

There is a new game going around our economically depressed state. The players hope to win a lot of money and are actively recruiting others willing to put up the required cash.

Some of the players are going to jail. The name of the game? It's called Airplane. And it's illegal.

**HOW IT WORKS**  
 The players are asked to buy a "ticket" on an imaginary airplane. The price of the ticket varies depending upon the particular game, but usually they go for as little as \$150 or as much as \$1500.

When eight "passengers" have been recruited, all become "crew members" and are divided between two new airplanes. When those planes are full, the crew members become co-pilots divided among four new airplanes. When all the tickets are sold, each co-pilot becomes a pilot of a new imaginary airplane. And when all the tickets are sold on the new airplane, the pilot takes the money and leaves the game.

Each player's goal, obviously, is to become a pilot.

### AIRPLANE IS A PYRAMID SCHEME

This type of scam, usually called a pyramid scheme or an endless chain, always fail. It fails because it is selling nothing but air—no goods or services are offered, just the chance to try to round up enough suckers so you can get your money back before the bubble bursts.

The bubble always bursts. Always. And the last people to invest lose their

money.

### WHAT THE LAW SAYS

Not only is Airplane a sham, a castle made of cards, it is also illegal under the Texas Consumer Protection Act and is a violation of the Texas Penal Code.

A number of law enforcement agencies in Texas have already arrested Airplane participants for engaging in an endless chain scheme.

The law defines an endless chain as: "any scheme for the disposal or distribution of property whereby a participant pays a valuable consideration for the chance to receive compensation for introducing one or more additional persons into participation in the scheme OR for the chance to receive compensation when a person introduced by the participant introduces a new participant."

The key element in defining an endless chain or pyramid scheme is that payment is tied to recruiting new people not for selling goods or services.

Anyone who sets up, operates, promotes, prepares or participates in such a scheme may be fined up to \$1000 and imprisoned for up to 6 months in the county jail.

And, of course, participants will lose money if they can't recruit enough people to get up to the payout level.

### FOR MORE HELP

If you have been approached with Airplane or any other pyramid scheme, or have any other consumer problem, contact the Consumer Protection Office nearest you. Offices are located in Austin, Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, McAllen, Lubbock and El Paso.



MATT WILLIAMS, Lockney, led 6 Bar D Duchess 36 to the grand champion Angus female spot in the Junior Show at the 1987 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, Fort Worth, Texas. She earlier was named the calf champion of the 126-head show by Judge Larry Cotton, Howell, Michigan. —Photo by American Angus Association

## HERE'S THE BEEF!!

### Texas Consumers Look For Specific Information

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Clothing	66.3%	17.3%	83.6%

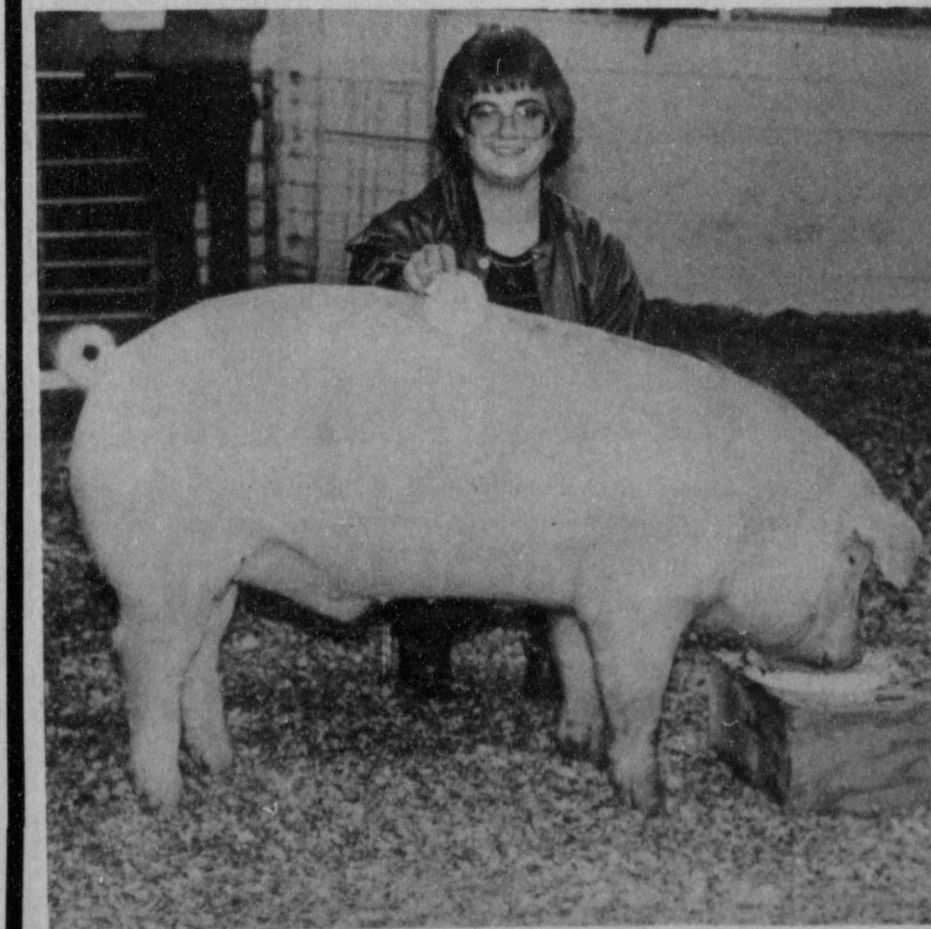
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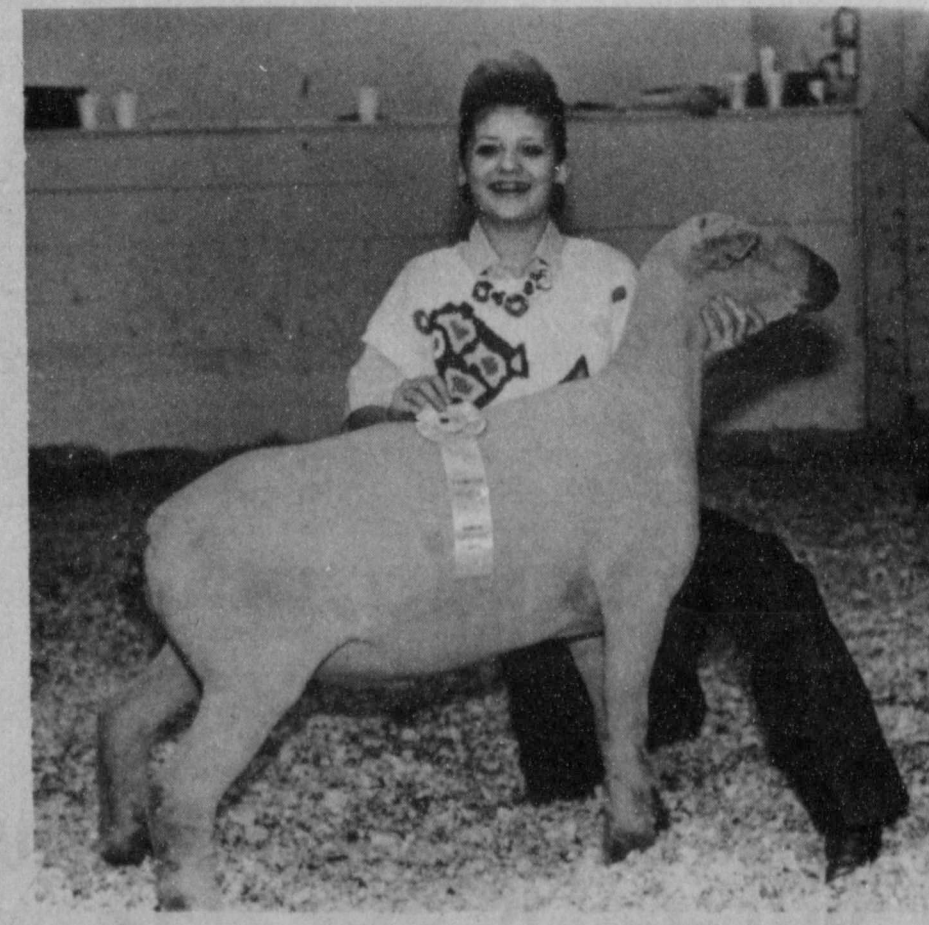
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MARY LINDSEY POOLE

## Fortenberry, Poole compete in pageant

Jennifer Diane Fortenberry, age 12, and Mary Lindsey Poole, age 10, competed in the "Our Diamond Miss" pageant held February 7 in Lamesa, Texas.

Jennifer, the daughter of Sam and Kelly Fortenberry, won the overall beauty and talent contest in the age 3 to

18 division. She received a crown, trophy, banner and diamond necklace. She also won the photogenic division in the 10 to 12 age group and received a banner and trophy.

Mary Lindsey, the daughter of James and Shelia Poole, was double crowned in the beauty and talent division for the 7 to 9 year old age division and received

two banners, two crowns and two trophies for her efforts.

This was the first "Our Diamond Miss" pageant preliminary to be held in this area. Both of the girls will now advance to the state finals, with their entry fees paid. The finals will be held at the Flagship Inn in Arlington, Texas in June.

## Dormant oils control insect problems

By C. Mark Brown  
Extension Agent-Entomology (PM)  
Crosby-Floyd County

Application of dormant oils is one of the oldest means of pest control still being used today. If your fruit or nut trees have had a scale insect problem, now is the time to control them with a dormant oil.

Dormant oils are the heaviest of all petroleum oils. They kill insects by suffocation, and should only be used on dormant plants. Dormant oils are one of the most effective means of control for scale insects. They will also control aphids, mites, mealybugs, whiteflies, and lacebugs to some extent.

These oils kill insects in the egg, immature and adult stages. However;

since they kill by suffocation, good coverage is a must. The oil must penetrate into the cracks and crevices of the bark where the insects overwinter.

Petroleum oils have several advantages over other insecticides. They are safe to the user because they are non-toxic to the nervous system. Also, they do not kill beneficial insects.

On the other hand, if used improperly, dormant oils can damage sensitive or non-dormant plants. To avoid plant damage, homeowners should observe the following precautions. Never mix oils with sulfur compounds or Sevin or use sulfur compounds within 30 days of application of oils.

Most labels recommend use of oils at temperatures between 40° and 70° F. Do not apply oils if a freeze is likely

within 48 hours after application. Since we are in an area of low humidity, care must also be taken not to apply dormant oils when temperatures are high.

Because of their high sensitivity to oil sprays, some plants should not be treated with oils. These include: sugar and Japanese maple, beech hickory, walnut, palms, ferns, certain conifers such as blue spruce, cacti and other succulent plants.

For maximum effectiveness, dormant oil sprays should be applied as late in winter as possible before buds begin to swell. With the recent warm weather we have had, many trees may not be far away from this stage. Do not apply dormant oils after the tree has budded out. As always, read and follow label directions when using any pesticide.

## SPS sponsors economic summit

Area communities will learn the results of an extensive economic development study at a second gathering of government and business leaders in an "economic summit" sponsored by Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS).

Leaders active in economic development from throughout the four-state area served by SPS will meet Feb. 24 in Lubbock.

The meeting is a follow-up to a similar gathering Oct. 14 at SPS's Tol-

Station power plant near Muleshoe. About 200 mayors, chamber of commerce presidents and others attended the October meeting.

Since the October meeting, a task force of 13 prominent area civic and business leaders and a professional demographics firm have established a target price list of industries suited to the characteristics of this region.

"Our meeting on Feb. 24 will give communities the results of the target-industry study, which has been under way the past several months," said Bert

Ballengue, SPS chairman of the board and chief executive officer. "In addition, they will be helped by preliminary results of a survey of existing industry designed to encourage the growth of firms already here.

"Economic development is never an easy or quick job," Ballengee noted. "But after our meeting on Feb. 24, many of us will be able to better focus our efforts. Obtaining this information is an important step on the road to economic diversification."

## Social Security Report

By Terry J. Clements

Recently, there has been an upsurge of advertising from companies attempting to sell services relating to Social Security. One solicitation comes from an organization called "National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare" who, for a fee of \$10.00, offers various services. The other comes from an operation called "Social Security Protection Bureau". Both have very official names and look as though they come from the government.

We leave it to each individual as to whether he or she wishes to purchase services from these companies. However, you should know that material that looks like it has been sent from the government may not actually have been sent by the government. Furthermore, virtually all of the services we have seen advertised are available from the local Social Security office for free. Other services may be unnecessary or contrary to social security policies.

For example, the "Social Security Protection Bureau" offers a plastic social security card, a "personal" statement of earnings, and a free yearly mailing of a pamphlet. Also they will monitor legislation and put up a \$500 reward for anyone convicted of stealing and illegally using your social security card. Prizes are also offered. The cost is \$7.00.

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company promotes the plastic card as a way of making sure earnings records are correct. Social Security does encourage each person to check his or her earnings record every three years. Any Social Security office can help you do this easily, quickly and for free. As for pamphlets, each office contains a wide variety of pamphlets available for free. If your number is lost or stolen, we can get you a new one, free. Another frequently advertised service is the changing of a person's name on social security records when a person gets married. Social Security, of course, performs this service for free and is the only place that can certify the needed documentation.

It is the business of each individual to decide which services are worth buying. We just want to send a reminder that most of the social security services we have seen for sale are available at the Social Security office for free. Also, Social Security does not send out mail asking for contributions. You may wish to call us prior to sending money asked for by official looking mail.

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The fact that a person is at least 65 or blind or disabled does not automatically mean that that person will receive SSI payments. The person's income and things he or she owns are also taken into consideration in determining eligibility for payments. Also, parents' income and resources are considered when a child's eligibility is determined.

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# Letter to The Editor

[Editor's Note: Senator Roy Blake from Nacogdoches and Representative M.A. Taylor from Waco have introduced legislation to repeal the Seat Belt law passed last session. Two states, Nebraska and Massachusetts have already repealed their Seat Belt Law.]

Dear Editor:

I do not believe the people who think the Seat Belt Law is a good idea have taken the time to think it through. Wearing a seat belt is a good idea, just like having regular medical check-ups, daily walks, smoke detectors in your home, dead bolt locks on your doors, not smoking and on and on. But is it the government's responsibility to place a fine on us if we do not? I say it is not.

There is no question the cost of medical care is on the backs of all of us either through insurance premiums or taxes. So if you support the Seat Belt Law for these reasons, then the rationale follows that you want laws requiring medical check-ups, daily walks, no smoking and all other known practices that might lengthen our years and make us healthier. The cost of us not adopting these practices are also passed on to us through increased insurance premiums or taxes. But who should make us adopt such practices? The government?

A law requiring the wearing of seat belts is not different in principle from a law requiring annual medical check-ups. If we can pass the one law - on the grounds that a particular practice is good for us - on what grounds could we spurn the other law? It is presumed by our government that we have too little sense to consider our own self interest and buckle up. So the government says let us accordingly, force them to do what we know is best for them. Let us do their thinking for them.

Let me tell you how the Seat Belt Law came about. By no means was it an outcry from our citizens to protect them from hurting themselves, but instead an outcry from the automobile manufacturers' lobby. The reason the auto lobby was concerned is because the federal government a few years ago said unless two thirds of the 50 states passed laws mandating seat belt use by 1989, it would order Detroit to equip all cars with expensive air bags. Not a single person in my district or the state of Texas asked me to pass a bill requiring them to wear a seat belt.

Many people are wearing seat belts not just because of the law, but because of the national publicity pointing out the facts in case of an accident. Just as more people are having medical check-ups, more people are installing dead bolts on their doors, more are exercising and fewer people are smoking. They are doing it for their own health and safety and not because the government is saying do it or we will impose a fine. For every good cause, there is not necessarily a good law waiting to be passed.

Knowing all this makes you wonder why it will be difficult to repeal the Seat Belt Law. There are many people who feel the government should tell them what to do to keep them healthy and then make them do it. And then there are others who do not really care whether the law is on the books or not, since they are not going to abide by it anyway. They probably will never be ticketed for not complying unless they are stopped for some other reason. But there are many who are adamantly opposed to the law. I have heard from over eight thousand. They fall into two categories. One, those opposing for the reasons discussed above, and two, those who have a fear of being strapped in should a wreck occur and feel their chances of survival are better without it. Such is the case of the parents of a 31 year old son in West Texas. They were traveling in the car in front of their son's car and the last thing they saw him do was buckle up. They witnessed the accident and his last words were "get me out - get me out!". His car was on fire and they could not get him out.

Our chances for repeal would be better if the law were strictly enforced or if automobiles were manufactured so they would not start until the seat belt was buckled. Then you would hear an outcry from the people all the way to the State Capitol that would overcome the special interest groups that passed the law.

So in the meantime, obey the law and wear your seat belt. But do not be surprised if this new session of the legislature comes up with more good ideas and passes more laws to take away some more of our human liberties. As Pogo said long ago: "We have discovered the enemy, and it is us."

Sincerely,  
/s/ Roy Blake  
Roy Blake

## Maryland Club to help state in highway beautification project

The Texas highway department has a new partner in its efforts to beautify the state.

Coca-Cola Foods, makers of Maryland Club coffee, has announced a program that could mean an additional \$50,000 toward the department's beautification campaign. The money will be generated from a purchase-seal redemption program.

Cans of Maryland Club coffee will be printed with proof-of-purchase seals on the label. For each seal redeemed by the consumer, the firm will make a donation to the highway department.

The department currently has several programs aimed at keeping the state's highway system clean and attractive. One of the most visible is the "Don't Mess with Texas" antilitter campaign, now in its second year. The program has been an overwhelming success in raising the public's awareness of the litter problem in the state.

In addition to its efforts to eliminate the negative, the department has an approach to accentuate the positive — several landscaping programs that promote the use of native wild flowers, grasses and shrubs along highway right-of-way.

## Winter fish feeding guidelines explained

Winter feeding need not be a daily routine for fish farmers. Instead, they need to feed only when fish will eat, says a fisheries specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Fish will eat on warm sunny days during the winter. They will feed best in shallow water areas because that is where water will warm up most rapidly. Since fish feed more slowly in the winter, provide enough feed for about a 30-minute feeding period. Without winter feed, fish can lose up to 15 percent of their body weight.

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Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday Afternoon Worship 2:00 p.m.

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Training Union 5:00 p.m.  
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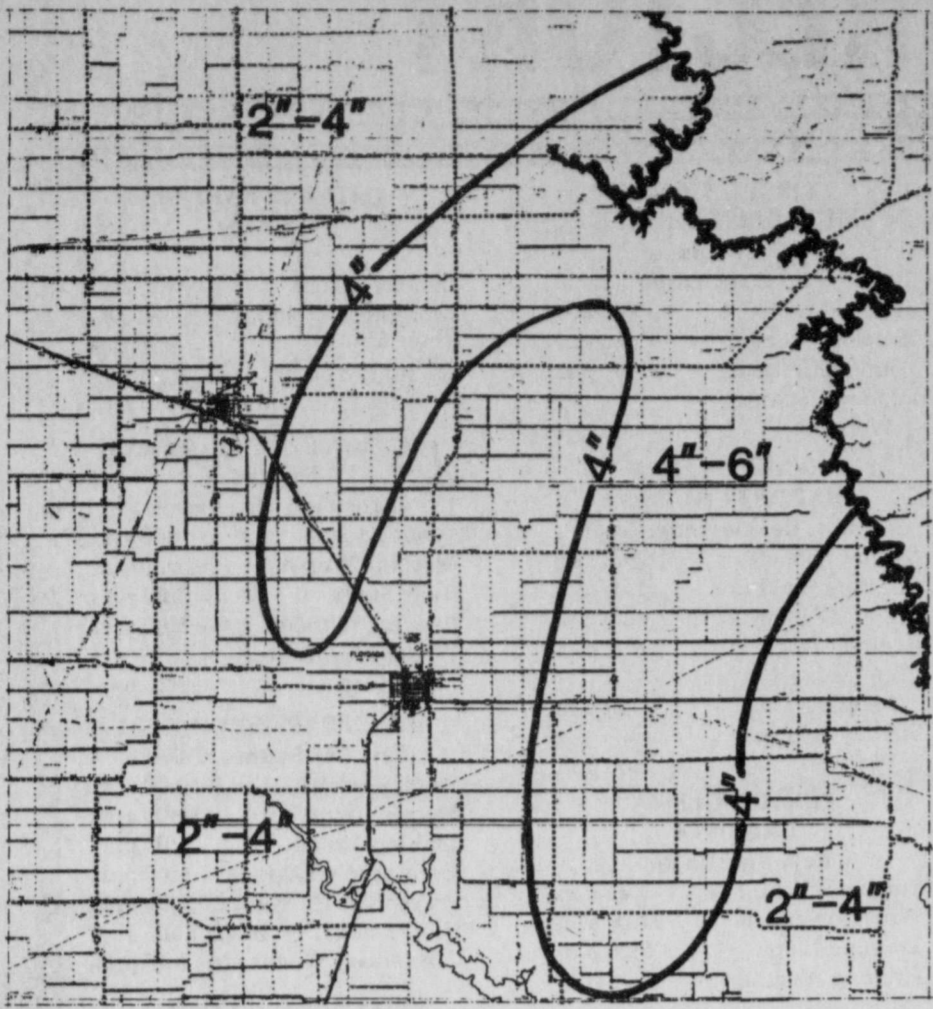
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## Passing on family farm

\$600,000 can be transferred free of estate, gift taxes

Two major changes in estate and gift tax legislation passed in 1981 were fully implemented on Jan. 1, 1987. One change increases the amount a person can transfer free of estate and gift taxes to \$600,000. The second change is that any transfers to a spouse are tax-free.

"Because of these two provisions, there doesn't have to be any estate tax paid on the death of the first spouse of a married couple," says Dr. Wayne Hayenga, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "And, because of the exemption increase to \$600,000, a simple will giving all of the property to the spouse is considered as satisfactory by many."

However, for married couples with a large operation or substantial estate, this may be a serious mistake tax-wise, emphasizes Hayenga. The reason for this is that one spouse's \$600,000 exemption will be "lost," and this tax savings could range from \$222,000 to \$300,000.

"This amount of money could be 'saved' by using a trust," notes the economist. "The first spouse to die could establish a trust to hold up to the amount he or she could pass tax-free for the benefit of the surviving spouse. Then upon the survivor's death the property could go to the children tax-free."

A more common problem is that farmers are not just farming for one year at a time. Farming is usually a lifetime occupation with other members of the family involved in the business. As such a family-oriented business, with several generations of people involved (but not all of family members), estate planning becomes a problem for many farm and ranch families, says Hayenga.

Many families have goals of keeping the "business" for family members involved in farming. But they want to find other ways of providing an inheritance for those family members that are not involved with the farming or ranching operation. One way to do this is to look for other types of assets to give to non-business interested parties, notes the economist.

Often life insurance and annuities are suggested. However, both of these solutions take cash away from the business, and in tough times, the business may need all the cash it can find.

Another way is to separate the "land" from the "operating" business, suggests Hayenga. This can be done by transferring the land to one legal entity, such as a partnership, and the operation to another entity, such as a corporation, and then have the corporation lease the land from the partnership.

By doing this, the "farmers" involved in the corporation can make most of the day-to-day decisions, and the members of the land-owning partnership make annual decisions as the lease is made.

Additional tax savings can be made by taking advantage of the annual gift tax exclusion, notes the economist. This amount was increased to \$10,000 from the \$3,000 level prior to 1982.

"Many farm and ranch families don't have cash to give away but have substantial other assets," says Hayenga. "Any property qualifies for the annual \$10,000 exemption as long as it is a 'complete' gift, a gift where the donor doesn't have any strings attached. Use of a partnership with owner-

ship certificates or a corporation can make it easier to take advantage of the annual gift tax exclusion without worrying about losing control of the business or a former in-law getting some of the operation in a divorce action."

Not that profits from farming and ranching are slimmer, estate tax planning becomes more necessary because the profits are just not there in many operations to afford estate tax payments, says Hayenga.

Helping farmers and ranchers increase the efficiency of their operations is a major goal of the Soil, Water and Forage Testing Laboratory operated by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Texas A&M University. The Extension Service also operates a Soil Testing Lab at Lubbock.

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## Farm News

### Soybeans falling on hard times

Over the past 10 years many Texas farmers have looked at soybeans as a profitable alternative crop. That's no longer the case.

After peaking in Texas with some 800,000 acres in the mid-70's, soybeans have fallen on hard times due mainly to poor prices. Only 210,000 acres were harvested in 1986, and many beans

making cotton competitive. It, combined with the outstanding research and promotion program cotton has going for it, is the direction in which all of agriculture needs to move, he said.

House Budget Chairman William H. Gray, III, (D-Pa.) told delegates the major challenge facing the 100th Congress will be forming a coalition of Democrats and Republicans to address the federal deficit so the nation will not keep building it.

He said Congress is "not favorably disposed" to the spending reductions proposed for agriculture in President Reagan's budget. Gray said these included (1) major changes in CCC price supports, (2) a 10 percent reduction each year in target prices, (3) \$50,000 limit on all payments, (4) decoupling, (5) closing loopholes in payment limits, and (6) restructuring the sugar program.

"These would have a significant effect on the cotton industry," he warned. "In five years, target prices would be 41 percent below their current level — and this would put them below current market prices and effectively terminate all deficiency payments."

graded low due to weather problems, further aggravating the price situation, points out Johnny Feagan, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Weather and plant disease problems have forced many producers along the Texas Gulf Coast out of business in recent years," says Feagan. "In other areas of the state where yields have been good, low prices have made soybean production a marginal business."

Nationally, some 59.5 million acres of soybeans were harvested in 1986, the first time since 1977 that harvested acres have been below the 60-million mark. The drought in the Southeast dealt a severe blow to last year's soybean crop.

The government loan rate for soybeans stands at \$4.77 per bushel and sets the floor for the current marketing year, Feagan explains. However, farmers without storage facilities are selling their beans on the open market at even lower prices, particularly beans of lower grades.

Many U.S. soybeans traditionally move into the export market, and that market has been clouded by recent actions of European Economic Community, adds the economist.

"Despite export problems and continuing large world supplies of soybeans, prices for soybean oil and meal could increase gradually in the next year from almost 'rock bottom' prices in 1986," says Feagan. "Domestic use of both soybean oil and meal should increase some in the coming months to reduce stocks, but the long-range market outlook is still dim."

Gray said the cotton program is working effectively, and he does not believe Congress will make reductions in programs which are proving effective.

Dewey Trogdon, president, American Textile Manufacturers Institute, told delegates the only solution to the textile import problem is legislation.

"Even if the government followed every existing trade agreement, imports would still grow too rapidly and over 80 percent of the textile/apparel market would be in the hands of imports by 1993," he stated.

The Cone Mills president said new legislation is now being drafted and will be introduced in Congress in the next week or so. Its thrust will be to limit import growth to one percent per year, the same as that averaged by U.S. market growth.

Council delegates adopted 162 policy resolutions for 1987, vigorously supporting the 1985 farm law's cotton section, urging continuation of its market loan program and target price concept, and pledging to work for program provisions and administrative policies that will minimize the inequities of payment limits.

Delegates also called for USDA to issue generic certificates instead of cotton specific certificates for cotton

program payments under future programs. To assure adequate funding to take advantage of the special marketing opportunity made possible for cotton by the new farm law, the Council pledged to work for enabling legislation to permit collection of the research and promotion assessment on all upland cotton produced or imported by the U.S. and on all cotton product imports without a refund option.

Other resolutions (1) increased efforts to meet the goal of fully covered bales — including covering sample holes — as soon as economically practical, (2) continuing the industry information network planning team and expanding its scope to include all possible computer and communication applications, (3) support of legislative proposals that promise to alleviate the excessive growth of textile imports, and (4) implementing all administrative provisions of the 1985 farm act and other laws to enable producers to earn a profit from the marketplace.

Rep. Charles W. Stenholm (D-Tex), said farm credit will be the No. 1 problem drawing immediate attention from the House Agriculture Committee. He also reported that an agriculture subcommittee will begin a thorough analysis of U.S. trade policy

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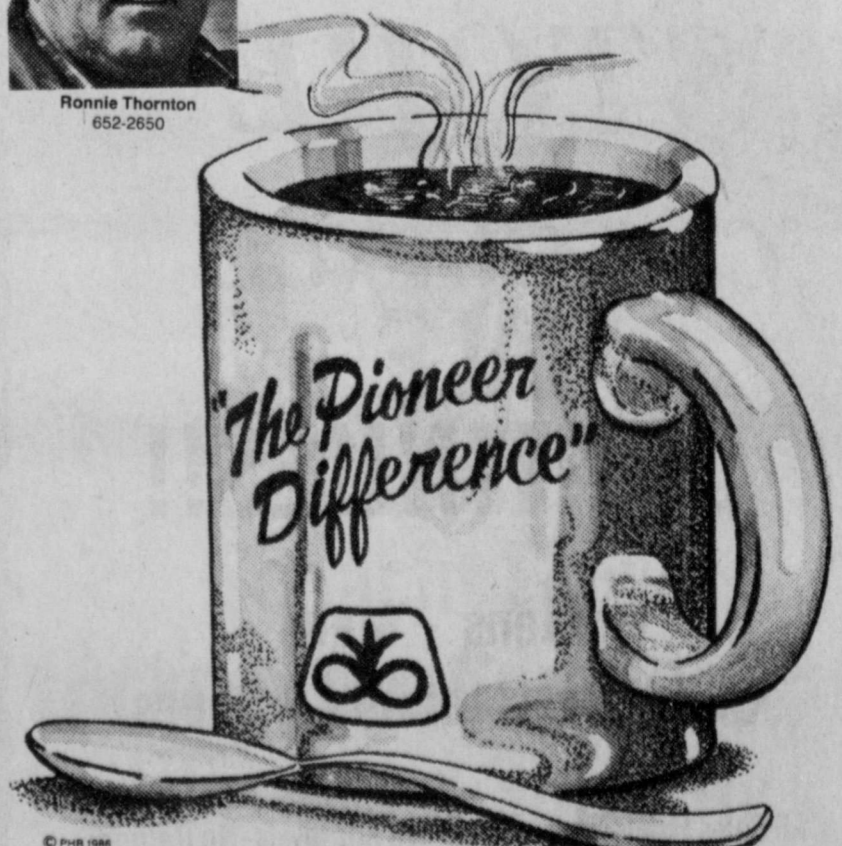
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