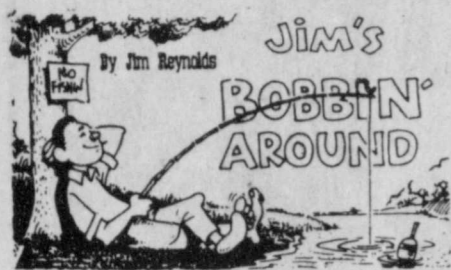


Band Boosters ask assistance

The Lockney Band Boosters organization would like to ask the help of Lockney residents.

The ice machine, which supplies ice for the concession stand and the booth at the fair each year, has burned out and needs to be replaced. Cost of replacing the machine will be "in the neighborhood of \$3700" according to Band Booster spokesman Don Vernon.

Anyone who would like to make a donation to the band booster organization to help purchase the new machine is asked to contact Vernon at 652-2255 or 652-2525, Linda Lemons at 652-2334, or John David Turner at 652-3523.



NOTHING LIKE WEST TEXAS

"This country can promise more and deliver less, and promise less and deliver more," believes an area seed company owner who has been observing South Plains crops for half a century. We've watched his observation for years, and by golly it usually works that way.

Another thought is that early planting does not necessarily spell a successful crop year.

As usual, our spring moisture has fallen later than we would have liked. This means it's only early June and we're already concerned about "what kind of fall weather we'll have" for crops.

One thing is for sure, however. We've seen a lot more crops fail due to too little moisture than too much. We'll go out on the limb real early and predict a pretty fair harvest. South Plains soils contain moisture halfway to China.

CONCERNED

The rain was falling in bucketsful as Larry and Penny Ogden prepared to pull a trailer down a muddy, rain-covered road. Daughter Mandy began to cry.

She was concerned about Larry and Penny, they thought. How moving.

Then the truth emerged. "Is Deek going to drown?" Mandy blurted out. Deek is the Ogden's "low to the ground" Bassett hound.

HASN'T MISSED MUCH

"I'm deaf and can't hear a word you say, but I come to church anyway," said the lady.

"Maybe you haven't missed much," responded the pastor.

"Yes," she replied, "that's what they all tell me."

UNDER FIVE

As the offering plates were being passed at church, a small boy seated with his father blurted out: "Don't pay for me, Daddy. I'm under five."



TOP JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS — Aimee Green and Tandi Gant were announced as the top junior high graduates during the junior high graduation Friday afternoon. Green was the salutatorian and Gant the valedictorian. — Staff photo

'Over 300' attend retirement reception for June McDonald

"Over 300 persons" visited First National Bank in Lockney last Wednesday (May 27) to pay homage to June McDonald, who was being honored with a retirement reception.

"Several" of these individuals had been FNB customers throughout Mrs. McDonald's career.

"I certainly did appreciate and enjoy all the people who came to the reception," the honoree told The Beacon. "I've enjoyed serving them all these years. I know I will miss both my co-workers and customers. Thanks to everyone for making it such a wonderful day."

"We had a great day," volunteered Mrs. McDonald, who was presented with a gold necklace adorned with diamonds and pearls by First National Bank. Flowers were received from several patrons.

Refreshments were served. Mrs. McDonald, who has had 114 co-workers during her 42½ banking career in Lockney, concluded fulltime service on Friday, May 29.

"I will probably work a couple of days a week" after entering semi-retirement. She will retain her title of vice president and is to continue serving as a director of the bank.

New hostess elected for June by Senior Citizens

Myrtle Hill has been elected hostess for the month of June for the Lockney Senior Citizens organization.

Hill reported to The Beacon on Monday of this week that the monthly birthday party for the members who had

May birthdays was well attended by "about 62 members who enjoyed delicious ice cream and a beautiful decorated sheet cake." The birthday will be held monthly and the date for the June party will be announced at a later time.

Tandi Gant, Aimee Green named top graduates of eighth grade

Tandi Gant was revealed Friday afternoon during a joint graduation-awards program in Longhorn Gymnasium as valedictorian of the Lockney Junior High School eighth grade class. She posted a 96.8 grade point average.

Margin between Miss Gant, daughter of Ray and Linda Gant, and the salutatorian, Aimee Green, was close. Miss Green, daughter of Phil and Vicki Green, owns a 96.05 average.

Grades are computed on a combined average for seventh and eighth grade years.

Other eighth graders posting above 90 averages, according to Principal Terry Ellison, were:

- *Orlando Mondragon, 93.8
- *Jerry Don Evans, 92.6
- *Jeffrey Sutterfield, 91.0
- *Gracie Saucedo, 90.5
- *Jennifer Turbeville, 90.2

Copies of the President's Award, signed by President Ronald Reagan, were handed to the seven honor students. They stated:

"I salute the winners of the Presidential ACADEMIC Fitness Award for 1987.

"You have shown once again that motivation and hard work lead to academic success. In doing this you have given others an incentive to follow your path.

"Education, we all know, is a key to success in life. But learning does not end with formal schooling. It is a lifetime occupation. You have demonstrated the dedication and the skills to continue to learn, to pursue interesting and rewarding careers, and to make a solid contribution to the national welfare. I am proud of you.

"Nancy joins me in wishing you continued success. God bless you. (Signed) "Ronald Reagan"

Other awards presented to eighth grade students are listed on an inside page.

Other graduates included: Erin Adrian, Ignacio Ascencio, Ruben Ascencio, Armando Banda, Clint Bigham, Kima Blanco, Jason Bybee, Anna Cortez, Lalo Elias, Lori Gonzales, Mario Hernandez Jr.;

Also, Shedia Hill, Kip Holt, Eric Humphreys, Mike Isom, Abelino Luna, Robin Marks, Daniel Martinez, Jose Martinez, Tina Martinez, Angie Moya, Neela Patel;

Also, Johnny Perales, Michael Rais-

sez, Roland Raisse, Martisha Ransom, Carlos Rendon, Gilbert Ruiz, Lupita Salas, Amy Turner, Steven Vasquez, Robert Vernon.

37 seniors complete high school educations Friday

Thirty-seven Lockney High School seniors completed their high school educations with graduation exercises held Friday, May 29, at the First Baptist Church of Lockney.

Both Julie Davis, valedictorian, and Steven Cates, salutatorian, addressed those gathered for the exercises and their classmates.

Davis urged her classmates to dream dreams and set goals for their futures. Davis said to her dreams mean "Dare to fantasize the impossible, reach to the realm of your mind and soul, explore new ideas and feelings, aim as high as you can possibly go, and make it a reality." She closed her address with the poem "Don't Ever" by Laine Parsons.

"Don't Ever..."

Don't ever try to understand everything - some things will just never make sense.

Don't ever be reluctant to show your feelings - when you're happy, give into it!

When you're not, live with it.

Don't ever be afraid to try to make things better - you might be surprised at the results.

Don't ever take the weight of the world on your shoulders.

Don't ever feel threatened by the future - take life one day at a time.

Don't ever feel guilty about the past - what's done is done. Learn from any mistakes you might have made.

Don't ever feel that you are alone... there is always somebody there for you to reach out to.

Don't ever forget that you can achieve so many of the things you can imagine - imagine that! It's not as hard as it seems.

Don't ever stop loving, don't ever stop believing, don't ever stop dreaming your dreams.

Cates opened his address with a thank you to all the parents, relatives, and friends for their continued support of the students of the 1987 senior class. He also thanked those community members for their support through the years.

"It is with your support of all our

class projects that we were able to enjoy several activities like our junior-senior proms."

To his classmates, Cates said, "This is a special time to look back and say 'Look what we have accomplished.'"

Now let us go farther, push harder, dream higher, and make something of ourselves. High school has been a learning experience, not just with books."

Cates closed his comments with this poem:

Each moment you live has a purpose. So strive hard in all that you do.

For with love in your heart and trust in the Lord

Every dream you have can come true! During this year's graduation the senior class elected to provide its own special music and was directed by Don Barrick and accompanied by Sharon Kinard.

Diplomas were handed to the graduates by D.K. Jackson, president of the Lockney school board and the seniors entered the church and exited the church while Mrs. C.L. Record played the professional and recessional.

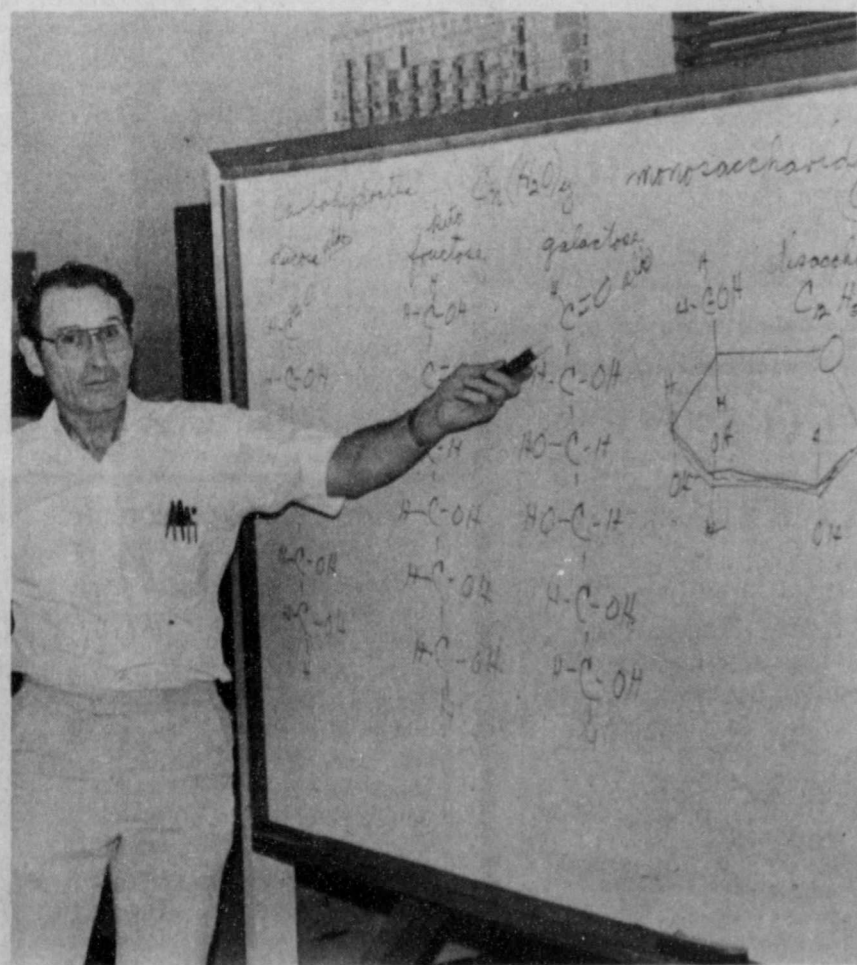
Johnny Silva worded the invocation and Steven Cates said the benediction.



Donations sought for FFA officer's trip to Washington

Raetta Starnes, member of the Lockney FFA Chapter and secretary of the Plainview District FFA has the chance to attend the National FFA Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

Three hundred and fifty dollars is needed for her to attend this conference and anyone who would like to donate funds for this trip is asked to contact Lockney FFA teacher Randall Robbins at 652-2556. The funds must be collected this week in order to reserve Raetta a spot for this trip. Starnes is the first Lockney FFA member elected to a district office since Earl Broseh graduated from LHS. Broseh also served as a district officer while attending LHS.



EQUATIONS — Douglas Degge, who retired Friday after 20 years as a public school instructor — 18 of those in the Lockney system — points to equations on his chemistry room board. — Staff photo

Educational careers completed by Degges

Who would have imagined that chlorine poisoning and asthma could be advantageous for area public school students?

That strange combination brought Douglas and Mary Glenn Degge "home" from Austin to Floyd County and a combined 49 years in the educational field.

The Degges concluded the respective instructional careers Friday, although she will help "two or three weeks" this fall during the transitional period at Caprock Education Cooperative when several new personnel assume their duties.

"I'm ready to retire," explains Mary Glenn, who has completed 29 years as a public school teacher and educator. "I haven't felt as emotional about it (retirement) as I usually do about things. We have no specific plans, but Douglas and I do have some other things we want to do while we are physically able. First, I plan to clean out my closets and do some things to my house," which is located at the west edge of Lockney.

PRIDE REFLECTED

Both Douglas and Mary Glenn have felt a deep sense of duty and pride during their years of working with youngsters. Prior to her retirement, she was special education counselor on the support staff of Caprock Education Cooperative, which serves Floydada, Lockney, Petersburg, Jayton, South Plains and Dougherty schools. Her husband was chemistry, physical science and pre-algebra instructor in Lockney High School. He also taught biology early in his career.

God, family and education are major priorities for the Lockneyites, who have teamed for almost half a century in teaching and molding young lives. All four of the couple's offspring are college graduates, as are both sons-in-law and one daughter-in-law. The other daughter-in-law lacks only one semester in completing work toward a bachelor's degree.

For 16 years, the Lockneyites had children and a son-in-law studying

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CUSTOMARY POST — Mary Glenn Degge has been stationed in this room for 14 years while serving as special education counselor on the support staff of Caprock Education Cooperative. — Staff photo

★ Degges complete educational careers ★

Continued from Page One at colleges and universities.

The Degges moved to Lockney shortly after their marriage in 1946 and she launched her teaching career. They moved in January 1951 to Lubbock to enable him to resume studies at Texas Tech University.

Following graduation in 1954, he accepted employment from the Carnation Co., working in the Ice Cream Division. The enlarging family resided in Austin, Houston and back to Austin during this four-year span.

RETURN HOME

Twice, Degge suffered chlorine poisoning on the job. His wife was experiencing increased difficulty with asthma and after Douglas' second poisoning case, the couple began to long for West Texas.

They read in The Lockney Beacon that the Floyd County Noxious Weed Control District was being founded and applications were being accepted for a supervisor. He applied for the position, and the family headed for Lockney.

Degge was chosen as the weed district supervisor and his wife again became a Lockney school faculty member.

He served 9½ years in this capacity until 1967, when he accepted a teaching position at Petersburg.

After two years of community to Petersburg, Degge became a Lockney High School faculty member. He has taught science "all the way through," as well as pre-algebra in recent years.

'IF YOU THINK YOU CAN..'

"If you think you can or if you think you can't...you are right!" A sign hanging in his chemistry room explains Degge's philosophy on education in particular and life in general.

"It seems like kids are losing interest in chemistry," says Degge while explaining that he has only six students taking the subject this year. However, a greater number of LHS students are enrolled this year in physical science.

He taught four physical science classes, one chemistry class and one pre-algebra class during his final year as an instructor.

Reviewing his years as a teacher, Degge observes that "I have seen a discipline decline. I really think its on the mend now, but it could still be improved."

Other points of concern to him are that "Parents do not show the interest in their children they ought to" and, he believes, a greater amount of respect could be shown to teachers.

CHANGES VIEWED

Mrs. Degge, who assumed her post with the Caprock Education Cooperative when it was started in 1973, has viewed some positive improvements during her 14 years in the position.

"Special education, as we used to know it in years past," she says, "left children with learning problems kept somewhat isolated. Since 1973, they have been mainstreamed as much as possible, receiving instruction in resource

rooms in areas of eligibility, according to state law, such as reading, math, spelling, written language and listening comprehension."

The counselor fears that "Many people do not take advantage of special training for their children because they don't understand the resource program. There is not as much resistance now as there once was, but it is still a problem."

She has observed instances where "some children go back to regular classes" and far better than certain "mainstream" students.

This year, the six-school (four high schools) cooperative graduated 11 pupils and is dismissing eight others "to regular classes due to their improvement."

PREPARED INSTRUCTORS

Mrs. Degge notes that "Our (cooperative) teachers are specially prepared to help children with learning disabilities. We have some of the best instruction in the entire school." A lower teacher-pupil ratio allows for greater personal attention.

Caprock Education Cooperative has support staff offices in the former Della Plains School (Floydada). The program consists of 15 teachers and 10 aides.

"Teachers are in the schools we supervise." This allows a minimum of student isolation and enables students "to develop social behavior."

One exception is a class of eight Lockney and Floydada "more severely handicapped" children who are "self contained" at Andrews Elementary School in Floydada.

The cooperative provides transportation from Lockney for those students.

Included in the cooperative program are 3-5 year-olds involved in the Early Childhood program. These children have "handicaps which might hinder them in making satisfactory progress in a regular classroom."

This includes "about 60" youngsters in respective classrooms. Also housed at the Della Plains facility are two classrooms for four-year-olds.

Mrs. Degge explains that "for the last 12 years," Della Plains has been utilized totally for public school facilities for young children, day care and vocational classes in woodwork, metalwork and home-making.

ADMIRATION

"She has the most training of any counselor I've ever seen," chimes in a counterpart of Mrs. Degge. "She has continued to study" through the years. The woman expressed a deep affection for and appreciation of the veteran counselor.

Her background is diverse. She has taught English, music and fourth and fifth grade (the latter two subjects for a short period at the old Lockney Elementary School). Her career includes 13 years as a classroom instructor and two years as counselor for the entire Lockney system prior to stepping into her present role.

"How did you get to be yearbook sponsor and Student Council sponsor at the same time?" former

Lockney Superintendent W.W. Nicholas asked her several years ago. She was yearbook sponsor at LHS for nine years and when another faculty member moved, she accepted the additional duty as Student Council sponsor.

These sponsorships "allowed me the opportunity of working with some students I didn't have in a class," she volunteers.

After 29 years of teaching for Mary Glenn and 20 years from Douglas, they will now turn their attention to another set of youngsters: their eight grandchildren, four grandsons and an equal number of granddaughters.

'TWO DAYS EITHER WAY'

With a daughter in Yuma, Ariz., and a son residing in DeKalb, Ill., "it's two days drive either way" to visit the grandchildren. Degge says the distance to Yuma is "almost 1,000 miles and it's approximately 1,100 miles to DeKalb."

The Degge offspring are: Olin, who is in the insurance business in Mesquite; Mary Leslie Wilhoit of Yuma, Ariz., whose husband serves as associate minister of Central Church of Christ; Sara Snyder of Garland, whose husband is a chemist for Honeywell (he developed Pepper Free Dr. Pepper); and Kyle, minister of the Church of Christ in DeKalb, Ill., 35 miles west of Chicago.

Herself a Lockney High graduate as valedictorian of her class, Mrs. Degge is the daughter of Mrs. Floyd Huff and the late Floyd Huff. She hails from a longtime Lockney family.

Current plans call for the Degges to maintain their Lockney home. They have resided here "30 years this time."

However, family and church activities are likely to consume a large portion of the Degges' time. They are active in the Church of Christ.

MOUNTAIN HOME

Degge serves on the board of Camp Blue Haven, a Church of Christ facility located 16 miles west of Las Vegas, N.M. Their mountain home, "Bent Nail," is one mile from camp headquarters, nestled in the edge of Santa Fe National Forest.

Materials from a pair of Floyd County houses and a granary were utilized in erecting the "home in the mountains." The name was derived from the fact that "we had to straighten most of the nails that went into the house."

Douglas and Mary Glenn Degge will not answer school bells this fall, but neither will they be sitting idly in their rocking chairs.



Junior high students recognized at awards program

The following is a complete list of the students at Lockney Junior High who were recognized for their participation in sports, UIL activities and for excelling in several subjects. The students were presented their awards during the junior high awards assembly at 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 29 and at the junior high graduation at 1:00 p.m. the same afternoon.

During the graduation Coach Phil Cotham presented the boy athletes with their awards, and Karla Josey recognized the girls. In an ironic twist, all the

eighth grade boys and all but one of the eighth grade girls participated in at least one athletic event during the 1986-87 school year.

SIXTH GRADE AWARDS

Jennifer Anderson, UIL impromptu
Frankie Ascencio, math
Priscilla Beltran, English
Linda DeLeon, UIL ready writing
Melissa Griffith, reading
Heather Henderson, UIL impromptu, UIL listening
Ricky Herrera, resource most im-

proved
Shawn Hill, UIL impromptu (third place), ready writing, math
Jay Howard, UIL poetry, reading, UIL ready writing, resource
Kori Kellison, UIL poetry, reading, English, UIL math
Jeri Lambert, UIL poetry, UIL ready writing (third place), math
Timothy Manley, UIL poetry
Lance Patridge, UIL poetry, ready writing, math, history, English
Daniel Perez, reading
Laurie Rodriguez, UIL listening

Alicia Sepulveda, math
Sarah Silva, UIL number sense, math
Samantha Salinas, history
David Turbeville, UIL number sense
Carolyn Turner, UIL ready writing
Tami Vernon, reading, UIL listening
Jason Johnson, English

SEVENTH GRADE AWARDS

Juanita Areballo, history
Tony Ascencio, reading, history, art, math, science
Almadena Basaldua, basketball, track
Angelica Bernal, basketball, Home Ec.
Lila Booker, basketball, home ec., UIL ready writing
Chad Cook, UIL impromptu (6th place), UIL ready writing
Coy Davis, math
Michelle Delgado, basketball, cross country, track
Rance Ford, history, UIL ready writing, science
Calixta Guerrero, UIL ready writing
Jennifer Fortenberry, UIL impromptu (fourth place), basketball
Freddy Felan, resource most improved
Clay Golden, UIL prose (fifth place)
Brian Griffith, history
Martha Harris, math, cross country, track, basketball
Jarrod Harrison, UIL impromptu
Cody Jackson, UIL impromptu (second place)
Jessica Lemons, UIL prose (2nd place), science, basketball
Domingo Luna, UIL number sense, art, English, science
Ignacio Luna, math, UIL number sense, reading, art, history, science

Yolanda Reyna, reading
Becky Rodriguez, basketball, home ec., UIL ready writing
Janet Sherrill, UIL ready writing
Jason Robnett, art
Monda Reyes, art
Manuel Soliz, reading, art
Joe Sustaita, English
Tammy Soliz, math, Home Ec Award
John Torres, English, history
Juan Vargas, math
Chris Villa, UIL number sense, art, history, science
Elizabeth Widener, art
Matt Workman, UIL prose (sixth place)
Daisey Blanco, cross country, basketball, track
Jenny Mangum, reading

EIGHTH GRADE AWARDS

Erin Adrian, UIL prose, speech, basketball, track
Ignacio Ascencio, track
Ruben Ascencio, read, history, math, UIL number sense, computer basketball
Aramnda Banda, basketball, track
Clint Bigham, research paper, football
Kima Blanco, history, basketball, track
Jason Bybee, UIL prose, research paper, football, basketball, track
Anna Cortez, basketball, track
Lalo Elias, research paper, football, track
Jerry Don Evans, UIL impromptu (fifth place), math, football, basketball, track, President's Honor, science
Tandi Gant, UIL impromptu (third place), reading, history, math, science,

computer, basketball, track, President's Honor Award, valedictorian
Lori Gonzales, UIL spelling (third place), basketball, track
Arturo Gonzales, football
Aimee Green, UIL number sense, research paper, math, basketball, track, President's Honor, salutatorian, science
Mario Hernandez, football
Shedia Hill, UIL ready writing, basketball, track
Kip Holt, history, football, basketball, cross country, track
Eric Humphreys, UIL impromptu (second place), UIL ready writing, speech, track
Mike Isom, football, basketball, track
Frank Jimenez, football, cross country
Abelino Luna, English, football, cross country
Robin Marks, UIL prose (sixth place), basketball, track
Daniel Martinez, football, track, cross country
Tina Martinez, UIL spelling, English/speech, basketball, track
Orlando Mondragon, math, UIL number sense, basketball, football, track, President's Honor, science
Angie Moya, UIL ready writing (5th place), math, research paper, basketball, track, UIL calculator
Neela Patel, UIL prose (fifth place), basketball, track
Johnny Perales, football, basketball, track
David Perez, UIL number sense, research paper, football
Michael Raisse, English, football
Roland Raisse, football, basketball, track, cross country
Martisha Ransom, basketball
Carlos Rendon, basketball, football, track
Gilbert Ruiz, football, basketball, track
Gracie Saucedo, UIL spelling, basketball, track, President's Honor
Jeffrey Sutterfield, UIL number sense, research paper, football, basketball, track, President's Honor
Jennifer Turbeville, UIL ready writing (third place), research paper, basketball, track, President's Honor
Amy Turner, reading, math, basketball, track
Steven Vasquez, football, basketball, track, cross country
Robert Vernon, math, football, basketball, track
Jose Martinez, English, football, track

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This Week

LOVE FUND

A Love Fund has been started for Cindy Barnes Strickland, daughter of Alton and Flo Barnes.

Donations may be mailed to the First National Bank, Lockney.

INFO NEEDED

The track coaches at Lockney High School would like to ask the help of the public in compiling a track record board at the school. They are asking for information on any past athletes that have won regional or state in any of the track and field events. Persons may contact Patti Purser at 652-3825 with information.

COMMODITIES

Caprock Community Action will distribute commodities at the Community Center in Lockney Friday, June 12, from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. Please bring identification for your address.

FAIR WORKDAYS

Members of the Floyd County Board have set the 1st and 3rd Saturdays as workdays at the fairgrounds. Everyone is asked to come and help.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Aiken Baptist Church will be holding Vacation Bible School June 8-12 from 9:00 to 11:00. Family night will be June 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Monday, June 1: Linda Kidd, Jerry Ford, Celia Torres, Alfonso Raissez, Brent Hallmark, Lucy Dean Record, Jeff Webb, Tony Williams, Bobby McCormick

Tuesday, June 2: Dan B. Smith, Aaron Kidd, Paul Teuton, Moses Blanco

Wednesday, June 3: Francisca Padilla, Pam Armstrong, Dorothy Smith, Luci Hayes

Thursday, June 4: Tommie Williams, Nancy Henderson

Friday, June 5: J.R. Belt, Meredith Burson, T.V. Copeland, Teresa Pitchford, Clint Carthel, Libby Hernandez, Joe Charles, Twyla Lemons, Rachel Vasquez, Ruben Aguilar, Nicki Race

Saturday, June 6: David McCulloch, Mildred Martin, Cecil Pinner, Curly Service, Earl Cooper, Amy Mize

Sunday, June 7: Bob Jarrett, Jimmy Kemp, Marvin Lemons

Monday, June 8: Javier Rodriguez, Brenda Mangold, Chad Jackson

Tuesday, June 9: Lupe Cortez, Erminia Duenas, Richard Wiley, Ray Gomez, Tracy Miller, Eddie Teeter, Glenn Sutterfield, Ruth Blanco, Jason Bybee, Algene Barker

Wednesday, June 10: Gracie Garcia, Warren Mitchell, Margarita Leal, Linda F. Lemons, Gleyenn Earle Cummings

Thursday, June 11: Annie Pinner, Zach Cummings, Jontha Mercer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Monday, June 1: Bill and Kathy Hunter, John T. and Ruth Carthel

Tuesday, June 2: Mr. and Mrs. Gary Marr

Wednesday, June 3: Mr. and Mrs. Warren Mathis

Saturday, June 6: Mr. and Mrs. James C. Steele, Terry and Lisa Roberts

Sunday, June 7: John and Karen Quebe, Mr. and Mrs. Kelton Shaw, Jesus and Connie Duenas

Monday, June 8: Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Carthel

Wednesday, June 10: James and Marjorie Ferguson

Thursday, June 11: Johnny and Julie Dorman, Buster and Linda Terrell

Look Who's New!

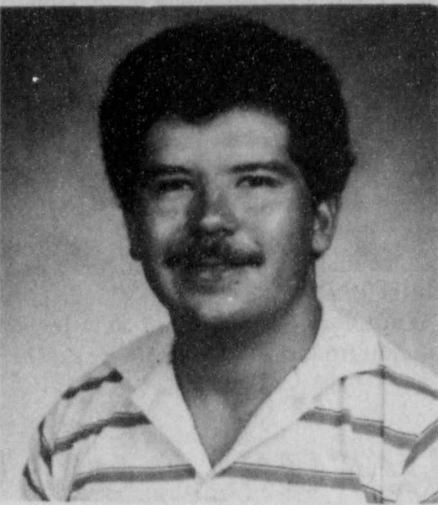
WILEY

Peggy and Richard Wiley are proud to announce the arrival of their second grandchild, Derek Dwight.

He was born May 22 at Sid Peterson Hospital in Kerrville and weighed 8 lbs. and 1 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Parents Donny and Donna Wiley and big brother Ryan live in Rocksprings, Texas.

Cooper earns degree



TIM COOPER

Tim Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen R. Cooper of Lockney graduated in May from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture.

While attending Tech Cooper worked as a research assistant in the plant and soil science department. He also worked with Dr. Henry Nguyen in plant genetics and breeding and with Dr. Dan Krieg in plant physiology.

While attending Tech, Cooper was a member of the Texas Tech Agronomy Club, where he was named outstanding member in 1986-87.

Cooper plans to return to Lockney and will be associated with Burson Crop Consulting.

Lockney Care Center

By Lanita Cantwell

Some of us here at Lockney Care Center have been praying for a good rain, and we got a BOUNTIFUL answer to our prayers. The trees, shrubs, roses and grass will respond positively, I'm sure. Unfortunately, so will the dandelions!

All the gentlemen looked real sharp after Mr. Frizzell was here to cut their hair. Thank you, Mr. Frizzell. We appreciate your dedication to serving our residents in this way. The ladies keep their hair styled with the help of Carla Miller and Wynona Allison. Some also go to their regular beauticians. The new hair dryer and chair given by Il Penserosa Study Club is appreciated by both residents and beauticians. Thank you so much for your generous gift!

Eva Cresswell had a lovely 80th birthday on the 27th. Her sister, Kathleen Thornton, came and took her out to lunch in Plainview.

The Employee of the Month for June is Marilyn Ellis. Marilyn is the Director of Nurses at Lockney Care Center and lives with her husband, Eddie, and children, Dale and Amanda, in Plainview. Marilyn is devoted to the residents and works very hard to make them comfortable. It is easy to see why they elected her for this honor.

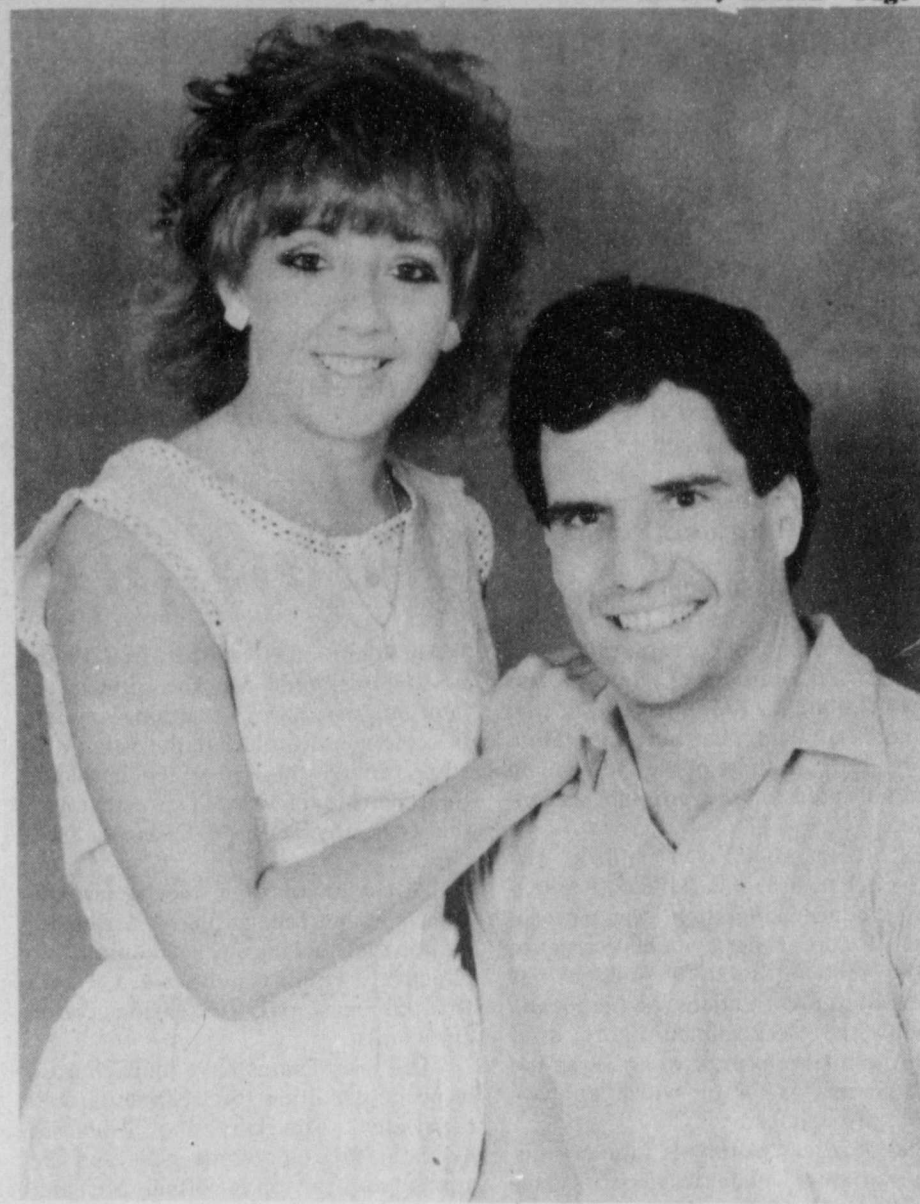
The staff chose Mr. Henry Merrell as Resident of the Month for June. Mr. Merrell was born in Flomot on October 3, 1903. He used to enjoy reading a lot and enjoyed farming and ranching. He still likes to wear his cowboy hat now and then. He is single, so has no

children, but has loving nieces, nephews and friends who visit him often.

Last week Unicore announced the appointment of Mrs. Lavona Pitchford as administrator of Lockney Care Center. She succeeds Mrs. Laverne Munoz, who recently resigned after serving about 6½ years as the administrator. Mrs. Munoz has also been associated with the care center in other capacities for a number of years. She will be missed, but we look forward to working with Mrs. Pitchford. The residents and staff wish Laverne much success in her future endeavors.

Mrs. Pitchford is no stranger to Lockney, or to the care center. She is a Lockney native—the daughter of Cecil and Charlotte Carthel, and granddaughter of Babe and Lily Carthel. Her husband, Bill, is a heavy equipment operator. Their four daughters are Becky, who is activity director and office manager at Tulia Care Center; Margaret, who recently married Bucky Adams; and Teresa and Brandy who still live at home. Lavona has recently been serving as administrator of Tulia Care Center. She was previously employed at Lockney Care Center in 1970-73 as Director of Nurses and in 1985-86 as activity director and office assistant. Lavona is a member of Westside Church of Christ. In her "spare" time she enjoys sewing and being with her family. She says she is "Glad to be home!"

Welcome to the care center family, Lavona!



WEDDING PLANS ANNOUNCED — Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Howell of Dalhart are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kay Lynn, to David Branson Brotherton, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. [Mike] Mooney of Lockney. Miss Howell is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University. She received a bachelor's degree in psychology and physical education. She is working toward a masters degree in counseling at Texas Tech. She currently is employed with Central Plains MHMR in Plainview, where she serves as a therapist and coordinator of day treatment programs. Brotherton is a graduate of Lockney High School. He was graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in agriculture economics with a specialization in agribusiness. He presently is employed by AMI Securities in Amarillo. The couple is planning an August 1 wedding at the First United Methodist Church in Plainview.

South Plains News

By Mrs. B. Julian

Saturday, May 29:

There seems to be not much let up to the rain which has fallen a good deal of the week. We asked for rain a while back, and those prayers have been answered.

All of us were frightened Friday, as seven tornadoes with heavy rain and hail were reported in our vicinity or around us, coming in from northwest Lubbock area.

School is closing for the final day on Friday, for teachers and students. This

leaves some of us happy and others sad as one school Dougherty, closes for the last time. They opened in 1929 with 47 rooms. Final graduation was last Friday at 1 p.m.

Mrs. Kathleen Thornton took her sister, Mrs. Eva Cresswell to Plainview for her birthday dinner on May 27th.

I would like to wish my only living sister, Mrs. Bernice Sandusty a beautiful, wonderful birthday on May 31. She does reside in Denver, in the Littleton area.

Lockney Hospital Report

May 22-June 1

Eunice Covington, Dougherty, adm. 5-17, dis. 5-22

Charlotte Hooten, Lockney, adm. 5-16, baby boy Davis, born 5-16, dis. 5-18

Arnold Dietrich, Lockney, adm. 5-17, transferred 5-19

Audra Butler, Plainview, adm. 5-19, baby girl Lorrie, born 5-19, dis. 5-21

G.E. Reves, Lockney, adm. 5-18, dis. 5-22

Jeffrey Perales, Lockney, adm. 5-18, dis. 5-22

Katherine Edwards, Floydada, adm. 5-18, dis. 5-27

Lenara Hernandez, Quitaque, adm. 5-21, baby girl Monica, born 5-21, dis. 5-23

Patricia Solis, Plainview, adm. 5-22, baby girl Andrea, born 5-22, dis. 5-24

Karen Miller, Floydada, adm. 5-23, dis. 5-25

Alicia Luna, Lockney, adm. 5-24, dis. 5-26

La Roe Piper, Paducah, adm. 5-25, baby girl Callie, born 5-25

Jesse Bueno Jr., Olton, adm. 5-24, dis. 5-28

Dorothy Carthel, Floydada, adm. 5-26, continues care

Mona Wheeler, Turkey, adm. 5-28, baby girl Chelsea, born 5-28, dis. 5-30

Juan Ceja, Lockney, adm. 5-27, dis. 6-1

Wynona Allison, Lockney, adm. 5-26, continues care

Mary Hernandez, Lockney, adm. 5-27, dis. 5-30

5-27, baby boy, born 5-27, dis. 5-30

Jeffrey Griffith, Lockney, adm. 5-27, dis. 5-30

Kellie Van Cleve, Dougherty, adm. 5-26, baby girl Kimberlie, born 5-26, dis. 5-29

Vicente Villalon, Plainview, adm. 5-26, dis. 5-30

Michael Rodriguez, Lockney, adm. 5-26, dis. 6-1

Joe Cunyus, Lockney, adm. 5-31, continues care

Isabell Ybarra, Floydada, adm. 5-24, baby boy David, born 5-24

Patti Whittington, Quitaque, adm. 5-25, baby boy Matthew, born 5-25, dis. 5-27

Wayland Jones, Floydada, adm. 5-25, dis. 5-30

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Mackenzie Lake Report

The lake depth was reported this week to be at 114.3 feet, and the temperature is 69 degrees.

Bass fishing has slowed down since all the rain. Creeks are muddy so the best fishing seems to be in the clear water in the main part of the lake.

Several nice stringers of channel catfish and blue catfish were brought in over the weekend.

Charlie Adkins of Tulia, brought in a stringer with a total weight of 72 pounds. He used cut shad up Tule and Cope creeks.

A new lake record flathead catfish was caught by Charles Grantham and J.E. Patton of Silverton. The big catfish weighed 45 lbs. and was caught on shad bait.

Stripers, crappie and wall-eye are still slow.

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President Reagan May 27, over the objections of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, signed legislation moving High Plains agricultural producers one step closer to receipt of another \$33 million plus under the 1986 disaster program. The final step, sought by Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., and virtually all of agriculture, is appropriation of the funds needed to make payments a reality.

Almost \$127 million in disaster relief for farmers in the 25-county area surrounding Lubbock was approved by the USDA in February of this year. But only \$93.8 million (73.9 percent) of that amount was paid, that being the High Plains' pro rata share of the \$400 million total allocated for the program nationwide.

Excluding about \$15 million disallowed because of a \$100,000 individual producer limitation, the national total of approved payments came to \$534.5 million. About \$5 million was reserved for corrections and appeals, leaving the \$395 million figure used with the total approved to arrive at the 26.1 percent factor by which all payments are reduced.

The earlier payments under the program were made in generic commodity certificates, and it is presumed any further payments would be made in the same manner.

A supplemental appropriations bill has been passed by the House and is pending in the Senate. It includes \$135 million to complete all payments approved under the 1986 program, a disaster and prevented payment program for wheat and feed grains, continued funding for the Commodity Credit Corporation and other agriculture-related programs.

If the money provided in the House bill for final disaster payments remains a part of the Senate bill, or if restored in conference committee, the President's signature again will be required before producers can expect to receive the remainder of approved compensation for 1986-crop disaster losses.

Assuming payments are completed, Gaines County, in line for \$3.10 million, would be the largest beneficiary among PCG's 25 counties, followed by Dawson (\$2.79 million) and Lubbock (\$2.71 million).

Six other PCG counties would be due at least a million dollars. They are, in millions of dollars, Hockley 1.00, Howard, 1.59, Lamb 1.17, Lynn 1.95, Martin 2.11 and Terry 1.81.

Figures, to the nearest thousand, for

the remaining counties are, Bailey 874, Borden 264, Briscoe 833, Castro 457, Cochran 517, Crosby 425, Deaf Smith 112, Dickens 279, Floyd 410, Garza 334, Hale 606, Midland 198, Motley 84, Parmer 637, Swisher 386 and Yoakum 577.

Rains prepare johnsongrass for treatment

Abundant rains on the High Plains have contributed to the growth of johnsongrass, always a serious problem for cotton growers. But the rains also have primed the grass for herbicide treatments, said a cotton specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"A combination of mechanical tillage, soil and foliar applied herbicides and hand hoeing are required to effectively eliminate the weed," said Dr. James Supak, Extension cotton agronomist.

"The recent rains have johnsongrass in prime condition for treatments with herbicides, especially the Poast or Fusilade type materials that can be applied over the top of cotton," he said.

Breaking up the rhizomes and pulling them to the soil surface during chiseling and other fall-winter tillage operations helps to set the stage for an effective herbicide control program, said Supak. Desiccation and weathering will weaken or even kill exposed rhizomes.

Breaking the rhizomes up into fragments limits the amount of food reserves available for the development of new shoots. Supak said the amount of herbicide needed to kill a short root segment is less than that needed to eliminate a large, intact rhizome.

Supak warned that over-the-top ap-

U.S. cotton's new price competitiveness, coupled with an aggressive marketing strategy, continues to increase domestic consumption and enhance overseas market development, National Cotton Council president Aven Whittington has told that organization's board of directors.

Whittington said domestic consumption has reached an annual rate of 7.5 million bales for the first quarter of 1987. The Council president, a cotton farmer from Greenwood, Miss., said

export sales may surpass 7 million bales with commitments for the 1987-88 marketing year already exceeding 1.25 million bales.

He said the new farm law, combined with Cotton Council International's expanded overseas promotion, is reaping immediate dividends for the U.S. cotton industry in the form of booming cotton export sales. CCI is the overseas arm of the National Cotton Council.

Whittington also praised new legislation introduced in Congress as the

first step toward increasing Cotton Incorporated's market development activities. When passed by Congress and approved in a farmer referendum, the new law would extend the research and promotion assessment to imports of raw cotton and the cotton content of textile imports. Whittington said this assessment could eventually double Cotton Incorporated's funding and create even stronger consumer demand for U.S. cotton.

He pointed to other areas where U.S.

cotton has taken the offensive in making the industry more competitive such as increased contributions to The Cotton Foundation for research and education, a fully operational Cotton Information Network, improved bale packaging, and acquisition of better technology for use by the industry.

Council economist Dr. Dean Ethridge said improved demand for U.S. cotton could result in a 1986-87 offtake of 14 million bales — 26 percent above the 5-year average offtake and second largest in 20 years. Expected ending stocks of 5.2 million bales will be 44 percent below stocks at the beginning of the season.

Ethridge said domestic mill consumption increased 900,000 bales this year. That is 1.6 million bales above average consumption during the last five years. Furthermore, mill consumption has increased 39 percent over the last two years. Cotton's dramatic turnaround in both domestic mill consumption and exports demonstrates how effectively the 1985 farm law's cotton program is working.

Adrian Hunnings, CCI executive director, reported on the successful U.S. cotton seminar in Europe, and announced preliminary plans to stage a similar seminar in the Far East next year. Hunnings said the European seminar attracted more than 300 textile executives, who represented nearly 75 percent of the spinning capacity of Europe.

Hunnings also gave a detailed outline of CCI's future overseas promotion campaigns for Europe and the Far East. The campaigns are made possible by a \$7 million allocation from USDA's new Targeted Export Assistance program.

Rep. Jerry Huckaby (D-La.), chairman of the House Cotton, Rice, and Sugar subcommittee, addressed the board at a breakfast meeting earlier in the day. Maid of Cotton Amy Gough gave an update on her domestic and overseas tour, and Frank Mitchener, Sumner, Miss., cotton producer, reported that industry members across the Belt will soon be given the opportunity to subscribe to the Cotton Telecommunications Network.

Dewey Trogdon, board chairman of American Textile Manufacturers Institute, gave the board an update on textile trade legislation, and Council staff directors reported on program activities in technical services, communications services, and Washington operations.

plications of DSMA and MSMA on johnsongrass may cause "burn down" and suppression of the grass.

"Such treatments can cause damage to the crop and slow its growth and development," Supak said.

Roundup applied as a spot spray, with wipe-on applicators or with recirculating sprayers provides an effective and economical means for controlling johnsongrass once the height of the weeds exceeds that of the crop, said Supak.

"Permanent control is more likely if the grass is in the boot or early flowering stages of development," he noted. Supak warned that grass in the boot or early flowering stages is often delayed in growth because of weed competition.

Supak said Poast and Fusilade 2000 were introduced as post-emergence herbicides that can be applied over-the-top of cotton to control annual and perennial grasses. These herbicides are applied as broadcast or spot spray treatments to control johnsongrass in its early developmental stages, said Supak.

"A crop oil concentrate or surfactant must be used at designated rates to insure herbicide penetration into grass tissue," said Supak.

Supak warned that in some instances a second application will be needed to

control escapes and late emerging plants.

The condition of the grass at the time of treatment with all these herbicides is extremely important in determining the level of control that will be obtained, said Supak. In all cases, the grass needs to be actively growing and not be under stress due to drought or other factors.

Dr. Allen Wiese, weed scientist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Amarillo, has shown that with Poast and Fusilade 2000, the level of johnsongrass control can vary from 0 to nearly 100 percent, depending on the condition of the grass at the time of

treatment.

Supak said, the control was poorest when treatments were applied to moisture-stressed grass during periods of high temperatures and low humidities. Similar results have been obtained in on-farm tests conducted with these herbicides by county Extension Agents and Extension specialists, he said.

"The recent rains are sure to enhance grass growth and development for the next week or two. This will provide an excellent opportunity for applying herbicides to obtain timely, effective control of grassy weeds," said Supak.

Farm Bureau comments on 1988 wheat program

The 1988 farm program should be aimed at improving net farm income and the competitiveness of American farmers through the elimination of excess stocks.

That's what Farm Bureau told USDA in comments submitted on the 1988 wheat program and common provisions of the farm programs. In the comments, AFBF President Dean Kleckner called for "a market-oriented farm policy which will allow farmers to take maximum advantage of market opportunities at home and abroad without government interference; encourage needed adjustments in resource use; and reduce the need for future government interventions."

Specifically, Kleckner said:

1988 Wheat Program

* Loan and purchase rates: Farm Bureau supports a loan rate no higher than \$2.28 and as low as \$2.17 - the minimum provided for in the farm bill.

* Marketing loans and loan deficiency payments: Farm Bureau opposes the marketing loan for wheat, as well as feed grains and soybeans, and urges the secretary not to establish such an option for the 1988 wheat crop.

* Establish target price: Farm Bureau supports the provision of the farm bill regarding the secretary's discretionary authority to set the 1988 target price for wheat at \$4.29 per bushel.

* Acreage limitation program and paid land diversion program: Farm Bureau called for an acreage reduction of over 30 percent. This would include a 27.5 percent ARP (the same as 1987) for producers to be eligible for program benefits, and a 7.5 percent PLD on a voluntary basis.

* Inventory Reduction Program (IRP): Farm Bureau must oppose such a provision if it is dependent on being offered only with a marketing loan.

* Advance payments, use of PIK/generic commodity certificates: Farm Bureau supports continuation of advance payments and the use of PIK/generic certificates.

* Farmer-owned reserve: Farm Bu-

reau opposes the farmer-owned reserve and requests that the secretary refrain from permitting entry to either 1987-crop or 1988-crop wheat. It should be replaced by loans made available without interest to wheat and feed grain producers. A nine-month extension should be available which should include a charge for interest. The secretary should phase out the farmer-owned reserve by using the grain for PIK payments, where feasible.

* Special wheat grazing and haying program: Farm Bureau opposes implementation of this program. Implementing the special wheat grazing and haying program would be providing special benefits to wheat producers at the expense of livestock and hay growers.

* Establishing county loan and purchase rate: ASCS should make a comprehensive review of the relationship of county and state loan rates to local and state average market prices, and adjust rates accordingly.

* Farm Bureau also urges the USDA to establish premiums for wheat of high quality which is put under loan or forfeited to the Commodity Credit Corporation.

* Farm Bureau is opposed to haying and grazing on underplanted permitted acreage for any program crop, except in case of emergency conditions in an area resulting in a severe shortage of forage for livestock.

* Farm Bureau opposes the production of any alternative crops on acreage required to be devoted to conservation uses under the acreage limitation and diversion programs.

* Haying and grazing on the acreage devoted to conservation uses should not be permitted during the principal months of the growing season for each program crop except in areas which have been declared as disaster.

* Farm Bureau concurs with the secretary's proposal not to impose offsetting compliance requirements for 1988. It also supports his intent to implement limited cross compliance

4-H Roundup June 9-10

More than 2,000 4-H members, adult leaders, friends of 4-H and county Extension agents will gather on the campus of Texas A&M University, June 9-10, for the annual Texas 4-H Roundup.

The 4-H'ers will be participating in 40 different contests and events, ranging from demonstrations in consumer and mechanical skills to livestock and horse judging and public speaking, says Gayle Hall, 4-H specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The Extension Service is the parent organi-

zation of 4-H, a program for youth between the ages of 9 and 19.

Roundup activities will begin with the State 4-H Food Show the first day.

An opening assembly that evening in Rudder Auditorium will officially kick off Roundup activities, Hall says.

A country and western group from Nashville, Tenn., called "The Shoppe" will provide entertainment at the assembly, which will feature a number of recognition programs. Certain individuals and businesses will be honored for their long-time support of 4-H, and more than 100 outstanding 4-H members will be awarded scholarships totaling almost \$650,000. The scholarships are being funded by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation.

Competition in various contests and method demonstrations will command attention the second day of Roundup. 4-H'ers competing in these contests must have won at the county and district levels to qualify for state competition, says Hall. Contest winners will be recognized at a special assembly in Rudder Auditorium that evening at 8 o'clock.

A special luncheon on June 10 will honor 28 outstanding 4-H adult volunteer leaders from across Texas, two from each of the 14 Extension Service districts, Hall adds.

Strengthening land values aim of new FLB program

A new long-term loan program offered by the Federal Land Bank of Texas should encourage new purchases of agricultural real estate and help strengthen declining land values in the state, says Dr. Danny Klinefelter, economist-management, with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The Land Bank has begun offering 10-year fixed interest rate real estate loans. These loans are match-funded by 10-year securities purchased by the

Land Bank at the time the loans are made, Klinefelter explains.

The loans will convert to the bank's variable rate at the end of the 10 years. The current interest rates on these loans are 8 7/8 percent for farm loans and 9 1/8 percent for farm related businesses and rural home loans, he adds.

Borrowers must qualify under the Land Bank's usual credit standards and use the money only for new land purchases, Klinefelter says.

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