

STILL GROWING

A Lockney friend recalls several years ago when R.C. Mitchell reeled in a "not too large" fish during a Lions Club outing. Mitch, who confesses that he fits into the category with many of us as being a non-too-experienced fisherman, was asked for weeks afterward whether his fish was "still growing."

According to fellow Lions, that fish grew appreciably in the ensuing weeks.

POPULAR FOOD

What is Texans' popular food item: steak, Mexican food, pizza, hamburger, hot dog, barbecue, Oriental food, Italian food, seafood, fried chicken or breakfast dishes?

If your guess is hamburgers you are 100 percent correct.

According to the Texas Restaurant Association, residents of the Lone Star state spend an average of \$113 a year on hamburgers. That figures to "18 percent of their eating out dollar."

In fact, Texans spend \$1.7 billion a year in hamburger restaurants.

Some folks might be mildly surprised to know that Mexican food is the second most popular menu item statewide, accounting for nearly 10 cents of every dollar spent dining out. Mexican food is also the most popular ethnic food, followed by Oriental and Italian foods. In Texas, each consumer spends an average of \$62.08 a year on Mexican food.

While Texans enjoy Mexican food, they are also showing greater interest in Italian and other ethnic foods. Pizza continues to be a growing favorite, accounting for 6.4 percent of restaurant sales statewide.

On a regional level, we would guess that barbecue ranks up there pretty high. And what about the all-time favorites such as steak and fried chicken?

While Texans are eating out at approximately the same frequency as two years ago, TRA research shows they are spending less per meal. Today, Texas consumers spend 36 percent of their total food dollar eating in restaurants.

According to the survey, here's how Texans spend their dining out dollars: Hamburgers, 18.0 percent; Mexican food, 9.7 percent; pizza, 6.5 percent; chicken, 6.4 percent; seafood, 5.5 percent; steak, 5.0 percent; cafeterias, 5.0 percent; 24-hour breakfast shops, 3.3 percent; cafes and diners, 3.2 percent; and upscale dinnerhouse chains, 3.1 percent.

And now, how about a hamburger... with fries!

'V' FORMATION

Ducks and geese fly south for the winter in "V" formation, according to Jack Whitfill. But why is one point on the "V" always longer than the other? "There are more birds in that line," Jack explains.

TIMESAVERS

Womenfolk may not take too kindly to the calculation, but those who have dishwashers save the equivalent of a two-week vacation each year.

So says the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) in a news release reaching this desk this week.

In one of those surveys, sponsored by

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Senior Citizens set monthly birthday party this Friday

The Board of Directors voted for the senior citizens to hold the Eastern Star booth at the county fair.

They voted to repair the old, stained ceiling tiles at the center and that project was finished Saturday.

The bake sale was a huge success and made over \$500.00.

The monthly birthday party will be held Friday, June 26, at 6:30 at the community center. Several members volunteered to furnish cake and ice cream and everyone is invited to come out and join the fun.

A representative came and measured the windows for mini-blinds and the board of directors will discuss them at the next meeting.

Work is progressing well.

'God has His hand on me,' Mary Hutton says

Business owner awakened by early Thursday morning fire

"God had His hand on me and got me up out of bed," Mary Hutton, one of Lockney's senior merchants, told the Beacon after an early Thursday fire gutted the service station segment of the Trading Post and Service Station at 205 East Locust. "I guess I thought it was time to cut weeds."

Mrs. Hutton says "I saw it" (fire) about 3 o'clock. She explains that she saw "a light" although "I never smelled any smoke."

She adds that "I went to bed between 11 and 12 and slept real good" before being awakened by the blaze.

The 82-year-old merchant was in bed in an adjoining room from where she spotted the blaze. However, further inspection indicated that "It started near the foot of my bed."

FEELS FORTUNATE

She considers herself fortunate to have escaped injury.

"There's no reason to fret over things we can't change," adds Mrs. Hutton. "It's wonderful" that the blaze did not spread to the Trading Post segment of the business, located a matter of feet to the west of the service station, or "my neighbor's house."

The fire started "from an electric extension cord," Mrs. Hutton believes, and spread to nearby curtains.

She arose early Wednesday morning to "cut weeds" and "I didn't strike a match all day long" or have any appliance operating for food preparation.

Alluding to the weed cutting, she says, "I wanted to get some things done. Now I have a lot to do."

PLANS TO REOPEN

She anticipates reopening the business, but "I have no idea when. I plan to reopen and stay as long as I'm able."

she says.

The "tire room" sustained the greatest amount of damage," explains Mrs. Hutton, who has been a Lockney resident "most all my life" and a business owner for 37 years. The service station office was badly damaged although the blaze did not ignite gasoline in nearby tanks.

In addition to the structure, merchandise, checks, charge tickets and personal items were lost. "We found most of the money," little of which was burned too badly to be redeemed.

"The tickets amount to a lot," Mrs. Hutton says. She explains that a cigar box was "just full of tickets, standing up like in a filing cabinet."

Although no dollar amount could be placed on the fire loss, the owner says "at least \$750 worth of cigarettes and tobacco and probably \$300 worth of candy" were among the destroyed items.

"I lost things no amount of money could buy," she says in explaining the loss of personal possessions. Among these were two sewing machines, one a gift from her late mother, and a microwave. Among other things destroyed were a rug "Mrs. Copeland made for me" and gifts from an Arizona pen pal, who shares the same birth date as Mrs. Hutton.



CHARRED RUINS—The Texaco service station immediately east of the Trading Post sustained extensive damage early Thursday morning. Mary Hutton, the owner, was asleep when she awakened to see a blaze in an adjacent room.

Rotary program addresses education on rural infants

Nan Smith, representing the Central Plains MH/MR in Plainview, presented a program for the Lockney Rotary Club

on the RIEP or Rural Infant Education Program which aides children who are born with any development problems.

Smith commented that any child born with a development problem can begin receiving aid from the day that they are born if they are identified. Children born with a physical or mental handicap or who is slow in developing qualify. All that is necessary is that they be identified and reported to the coordinators of the program.

Smith also said that the program is also for the parents of these special children. "Parents must learn to cope with their special children and must also learn what things to do at home to help these children develop as normally as they possibly can."

Smith, a public school teacher for 12 years, became involved with the program in 1981 after having a child with Down's Syndrome.

Smith said that the program is free to all those children who are identified as needing help.

"We work with children in the home from birth to age three. At age three they go into the school in an early childhood class. At age five the children are then mainstreamed into kindergarten or in some cases into special education programs within the school system."

Included in the RIEP service are psychological, educational, medical,

and sociological evaluations. Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy assessments are also given as needed, free of charge.

Just a few of the areas in which the program offers help to parents and children are daily living skills such as self feeding and dressing; gross motor skills such as sitting alone, crawling, walking, and jumping; and fine motor skills such as reaching and grasping objects. Language skills begin when the child starts cooing and babbling to advanced speaking skills later, and other areas such as problem solving, thinking skills and sensory training are also provided for children.

Smith did stress that the parents of these children must be willing to participate in the program for their

children to receive all the training they need.

At the present time Smith and a co-worker cover a nine county area and provide help to about 20 children. Each child in the program is visited once a week and during weekly visits both the children and parents are worked with. At this time Smith is working with five different children in Lockney.

Coordinators of the program stress that the service is free and any child with a developmental or physical handicap can qualify. The nine county area covers Floyd, Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Hale, Lamb, Motley, Parmer, and Swisher.

If you know of a child who might qualify for the RIEP program report it to the local mental health office in Floydada.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS—Lisa Terrell and Matt Mitchell, both of whom were graduated from Lockney High School last month, were two of only three recipients of \$4,000 non-agriculture scholarships during the Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station. Mitchell, who plans to major in computers at the Texas A&M University College of Engineering, was chosen for a C.J. Davidson Scholarship. A Pioneer Hybrid Seed scholarship went to Miss Terrell, who will study child development in the Texas Tech University College of Home Economics. Miss Terrell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Terrell, and Mitchell's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Warren Mitchell.



STEAMING TOWARD END—Wheat harvest is rapidly drawing to a close with this year's crop rated as "not good." A photographer for this newspaper made this photo on the Hinsley farm, southeast of Floydada. —Staff photo

Tandi Gant wins two state twirling competition titles

Tandi Gant won two state titles recently at the 1987 NBTA Texas State Championships, held near Dallas at Greenville.

Her first state title was earned in "Show Twirl." She placed first in this event. She presented her 1, 2 and 3 baton routine to the tape "Conga."

The second state title was earned in her "Intermediate Solo." She placed first in both her open competition solo and her pageant solo.

After winning these two Intermediate Solo divisions, she has been moved to Advanced Solo which is the highest ranked division in the National Baton Twirlers Association.

Miss Gant also placed second in her Intermediate "X" Strut in her age division and fifth Overall "X" Strut.

She entered "Advanced 2-Baton" and also placed second in this routine.

She entered the Advanced Solo and

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TANDRI GANT

Providence Gin struck by burglary on Sunday

Several items were stolen Sunday night during a burglary of the Providence Gin. Sheriff Fred Cardinal says doors were forced open by the burglars to gain entry.

A family who resides near the gin reportedly saw a pickup leaving about 10:30 Sunday night, but did not realize the gin had been burglarized until the following morning.

Merchandise listed as stolen were a Craftsman welder, 200 feet of both positive and ground cable with clamps, one acetylene torch and holder and one new Black and Decker bench grinder.

The investigation was continuing at press time.

Peace officers were notified of an assault with bodily injury in Lockney.



In times like these...

By Mary Jo Fielding

NATO proved this month that it refused to help America guarantee the safe passage of Kuwait tankers through the Strait of Hormuz. So consequently America will have to go it alone, again, for three reasons.

First there's the oil. Even though America gets only 5 percent of its petroleum from the Gulf, compared with Europe's 22 percent and Japan's 50 percent, there is only one world oil market. A disruption anywhere causes everyone's price to rise. Second, as Egypt's Hosni Mubarak says "America has completely lost its credibility in the region", an assessment seconded by

Richard Murphy, the State Department's top near East specialist. "Frankly," says Murphy, "in light of the Iran-Contra revelations, we found that the coherence and seriousness of U.S. policies in the Gulf were being questioned, along with our reliability." The Soviet have already rushed to fill the vacuum, and this time smartly as a protector of the status quo, rather than as an instigator. This is the third reason for action. Moscow must be countered — or else, when the gas station lines reappear, we'll be looking to the Kremlin for relief.



FATHER OF THE YEAR—Alken Baptist Church members voted last week to honor Cecil Cox as Father of the Year. Presenting Cox [right] with his award on Father's Day was the Rev. Ray Starnes, pastor, [left].

Lockney Care Center

By Lanita Cantwell

It was a special pleasure to have so many of you to attend the brunch at Lockney Care Center last Wednesday. We thank all of you who came to welcome and meet our new administrator, Lavona Pitchford. Guests served themselves from a table of delicious and beautiful refreshments. Marilyn Ellis, director of nurses, planned the brunch and prepared the refreshments with the help of Tina and Susie Nuncio. It was a special day for all the staff and residents.

We are fortunate to have so many church groups who regularly come and have gospel singing and Bible lessons for the residents. Last week Main Street Church of Christ brought some children along with them to sing. The residents

especially enjoy the children. The Bingo scores are getting closer. Mary Jo Fielding is just one mark behind Bessie Jackson and others are moving up. We had two days of Bingo last week and then closed out the week with an ice cream sundae party. Just about everyone said that it was yummy.

Mrs. Eva Cresswell was all smiles when her son and daughter-in-law, Pat and Ruth Maynard, arrived from Washington, D.C. for a visit. Mr. Maynard is employed by the U.S. Agriculture Department. We were happy to meet them.

It seems as if June just began, but we now just have a few days left of it. So we will be doing some things this week to get "decorated" for July. Can you guess what our color scheme will be?

Social Security News

By Terry J. Clements

Unlike applicants for Social Security benefits who need credit for a certain amount of work, aged, blind, and disabled individuals who have never worked may be eligible for monthly supplemental security income (SSI) payments.

SSI is a Federal program that provides monthly checks for aged, blind, and disabled people who have limited income and resources. Eligibility is based in part on need rather than on a person's work history, as is the case with Social Security beneficiaries. In fact, a person may receive both SSI and Social Security payments. In such cases, however, the SSI payment is usually reduced.

An individual or couple may have some income and resources and still receive SSI payments. Resources refer to the things a person owns, such as real estate, personal property, a savings or

checking account, stocks and bonds, and even cash.

Some resources are not counted when eligibility for SSI is determined. Depending on their value, for example, personal and household goods, insurance policies, and a car may not count. Neither is the individual's or couple's home counted if it is the principal place of residence. In addition, up to \$1,500 in burial funds an individual and his or her spouse have is not counted when eligibility is determined.

Under the law, SSI payments may begin only with the date of application or date of eligibility, whichever is later. Therefore, anyone who believes he or she may be eligible for SSI payments should not delay making application.

If you need more information about the SSI eligibility requirements you may contact us at 1401-B West 5th street, or call us at 293-9623. Appointments can be arranged if desired.

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Side effects of sunbathing discussed by specialist

The fast approach of summer is bringing sunbathers out in droves in search of the "golden tan." What these people may not know is that they may pay dearly for their now bronze skin when they get older.

Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service health education specialist Dr. Mary Ann Heussner says, "Frequent exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays may lead to skin cancer. The earlier you are exposed to the sun and the more often you are in it, the greater your chances are of getting skin cancer."

prevention," she says. "Stay out of the sun when its rays are the hottest, usually from about 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you must be outside during that time, wear enough clothing to protect your skin. Any exposed areas should be covered with a sunblock, with more sensitive skinned people and children using the highest degree of sunblock possible."

Heussner adds, "People in the Sun Belt are especially susceptible to skin cancer because they are exposed to the sun so many months of the year. They should be careful about the amount of exposure they get and be sure to take extra precautions from the sun's rays."

Sunbathers beware: "If you fry now, you may pay later."

Certain people are more predisposed to skin cancer, says Heussner. Those with fair skin and those who freckle are more likely to get the disease than those who have more pigment in their skin. The more pigment in the skin, the more natural blockage from the sun's rays the skin contains.

"Early detection is very important with any type of cancer," the specialist warns. "Lesions on the skin can be removed fairly easily if they are caught in their early stages. Look for any change of coloration or texture of your skin, or any raised surfaces. These may be the beginning of skin cancer and should be treated immediately."

According to the American Cancer Society, ninety percent of all skin cancers happen on body parts that usually aren't covered by clothing. Common places for skin cancer to occur are on the forearms, ears, face, and hands.

"The best cure for skin cancer is

Lockney Hospital Report

June 15-23

- Lois Durham, Floydada, adm. 6-13, dis. 6-18
- Jimmy Ballejo, Lockney, adm. 6-13, dis. 6-17
- Viola Mangum, Lockney, adm. 6-12, dis. 6-17
- Pam Adam, Plainview, adm. 6-14, baby girl Tiffany, born 6-14, dis. 6-17
- Katherina Pigg, Quitaque, adm. 6-15, dis. 6-18
- Nettie Williams, Lockney, adm. 6-16, dis. 6-22
- Odell Mata, Floydada, adm. 6-15, dis. 6-17
- Esperanza Alcozar, Aiken, adm. 6-16, baby girl Mary, born 6-16
- Guadalupe Rodriguez, Lockney, adm. 6-16, baby boy Jerry, born 6-16
- Judy Barrett, Quitaque, adm. 6-16, dis. 6-18
- Erminia Duenas, Lockney, adm. 6-17, dis. 6-18
- Josefina Hill, Lockney, adm. 6-17, baby girl, born 6-18, dis. 6-20
- Frances Barrera, Plainview, adm. 6-17, baby boy Jarred, born 6-18, dis. 6-20
- Gregoria Banda, Lockney, adm. 6-18, dis. 6-20
- Jack Dollar, Lockney, adm. 6-19, continues care
- Rhonda Hearn Meyer, Plainview, adm. 6-20, baby girl Kristal, born 6-20, dis. 6-22
- Dallas Cypert, Tulia, adm. 6-20, continues care
- Delores Mata, Floydada, adm. 6-20, continues care

Senior Citizens Rockin's

Raymond and Leona Watson returned last week from Dallas, Waco and Austin. They were visiting all their children.

Farrell and Helen Dollar have returned from Las Vegas, New Mexico after visiting their daughter, Rita and her family.

Ross and Kathryn Cooper and Mae Chandler were in Canyon Friday and Saturday visiting with Ross and Kathryn's children.

Harmon and Anne Handley spent the weekend in Altus, Oklahoma visiting their daughter and her family.

Visiting in the home of the Harley Workman's is their daughter, Harlene

of California.

Buck and Bobbie Kellison returned home last week after ten days in Lubbock.

W.L. and Clementine Carthel have their daughter and family, granddaughter and family from Lubbock and granddaughter and family from Corpus Christi.

Visiting in the home of James and Myrt Hill is his brother from Seattle.

George and Lorene Arterburn are gone to Amarillo this Tuesday to visit their brothers.

Be sure to call your news in to Myrt Hill or Clementine Carthel.

Mackenzie Lake Report

Water depth this week is 114 feet with a water temperature of 76 degrees.

Bass are still doing good up the creeks, off points and around structures. Several nice bass, weighing up to 3 pounds, were brought in by Jerry Matlock of Plainview. Bass seem to be hitting best in the morning on dark colored plastic worms.

Hybrid strippers are now feeding at the lake surface on shad. Several nice strippers are being caught during the late afternoon using shad type lures. Anthony Kingery of Silverton took home a nice 6 pounder this week caught on a shad colored thin fin.

OBITUARIES

WARNER GRABBE

Services for Warner Brooks Grabbe of Silverton were at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the First United Methodist Church in Silverton. Interment was made in Silverton Cemetery.

Mr. Grabbe was the brother of B.M. Grabbe of Lockney.

The 72-year-old retired farmer and rancher was claimed by death at 12:15 p.m. Monday, June 15, at his home.

A Silverton native, he married Opal Dean Chappell on Jan. 2, 1937, in Silverton. Mrs. Grabbe preceded her husband in death in 1985.

Survivors include four sons, Carson of Pasadena, Calif., Lester of Hull, England, Orin of Philadelphia, Pa., and Crocket of Iowa City, Iowa; two daughters, Susan Tehman of Amarillo and Tonda Chandler of California; a brother, B.M. Grabbe of Lockney; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL HEARING

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons as provided by law that the City Council of the City of Lockney will hold a public hearing on the 9th day of July, 1987, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the City Hall, 218 E. Locust Street, Lockney, Texas, to consider whether or not the buildings/structures identified below are vacant and dangerous as defined in the City of Lockney's Ordinance No. 213, Model Dilapidated Structure Removal Ordinance.

Properties to be considered for demolition and clearance at this public hearing are as follows:

- Lots 4, 5, Blk. 29, Original
- E 92' 1, 2, 3, Blk. 32, Original
- Lots 10, N 20' 9, Blk. 13, Original
- Lots 14, 15, 16, Blk. 24, Original
- Lot 5, Blk. C, N.B. Davis
- Lots 6, Blk. C, N.B. Davis
- Lots 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, Blk. 4, Patterson Addition
- 4, J.H. Lockney Survey, 60x120
- 4, J.H. Lockney Survey, .90 AC, Tract 3
- Lots 6, 7, Blk. 3, Byars Addition
- 16, J.C. McFarland Survey, Tr. 9, 1.00 AC (vacant house only)

The owners of these buildings/structures listed above, or their authorized representatives/agents, are invited to appear at this public hearing of the Lockney City Council to provide information as to why these buildings/structures should not at this time be declared public nuisances and why the demolition and clearance of these buildings/structures should not be ordered.

Further information on this public hearing may be obtained by contacting the City of Lockney, 218 E. Locust Street, Lockney, Texas at (806) 652-2355.

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LHS Class of 1977 holds reunion

The graduating class of 1977 from Lockney High School held its ten year class reunion this past weekend and of 59 original class members, 30 were in attendance for the reunion.

On Friday night the group gathered in the home of Dub and Doyleene Dipprey for sandwiches, chips, and dessert. They made lots of introductions of spouses and dates and were able to catch up on their adventures since high school.

On Saturday the group met at the Lockney Community Center for a family day with their children. In all the 30 classmates have 48 children. They played volleyball while the children enjoyed the park and playing in the water.

At 5:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon the group sat down to a brisket meal with all the trimmings. Following supper awards were presented to several of the class members. These included Mirtala Rodriguez who traveled the farthest, Randy Hernandez who has the most children, Tina Graves with the youngest child, Tonya Marble with the oldest child, and Arcenio Martinez who has been married the longest.

Also, Denise Cochran, who has been married the shortest time; Ricky Hrbacek, who was voted the baldest; Rosemary Ulmer, who has changed the most physically; Beverly Barker, who looks the same; and Tim Reeceer as the best looking man.

Voted best looking woman was Janis Marr, best tan went to Jessie Gonzales, Tim Reeceer has moved the most, Karla Duckworth has the grayest hair and Beverly Barker was the most eager to attend the reunion, she arrived in Lockney a week before the event.

Several visitors and parents also came to the reunion. These included teachers Lewis and Emma Fry, Mrs. (Mooseburg) Tommy Sherman, Tommy and Rolf, and Mrs. Janette Marr and Tom. Parents of classmates included Dub and Doyleene Dipprey, Rochelle Dorman, Roland and Lydia Watson, Mary Louise McCarter, Joe and Barbara Cunyus and Donald and Mavis Reeceer.

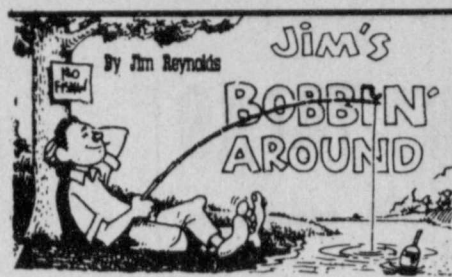
Also visiting were two men who had been in this class but moved away and did not graduate in Lockney. They were Donnie McLaughlin and Randy Hernandez.

Favors from the event were cards

inscribed with the classes motto: "We're the best, Sent from heaven, We're the champs of '77."

Attending the class of 1977 reunion were: Beverly Barker with Bill Tipton and daughter; Karla (Broussard) and Ricky Duckworth and Adam; Charla (Dipprey) Carthel and Nathan, Holli and Reed; Oralia (Amador) Charles; Elnetia (Clark) Hill; Tammy (Carthel) and Randy Mitchell; Ronnie Cunyus, Fortunato Delgado and Sharon, Joshua; Tina (Dipprey) and Glenn Graves, Ryan, Chase and Trey; Johnny Dorman, Julie and April; Kristie (Ford) Tooley, Brad, Christopher and Shana; Ricky Ford, Robin and John; Danny Fry and Lorrie; Jan (Glasscock) Weir, Mike, Jess and Shannon; Jessie Gonzales, Lisa, Eric and Michael; Rhonda (Hill) Clark; John Guerrero, Yolanda, Yara, Yesenia; Ric-

ky Hrbacek, Renee, Janee and Karah; Laura (Jaffee) Greiving, Paul, Ben, Tim, Adam; Deneen (Johnson) Marricle and Keith; Denise (Johnson) Cochran and David; Glen Lane, Kellye and Tara; Tonya (Daniels) Hagood, Brad, Justin, Micah and Hunter; Janis Marr and Richard Porter; Kevin Martin and Nancy; Arcenio Martinez, Nora, Eric and Dana; Diane (Martinez) Vasquez, Armando, Marci, Natalie and Crystal; Karen (McCarter) Hooten, Lonny, Brooke and Karlon; Ofelia Ortegón, Jacob and Jeremiah; Tim Reeceer; Mirtala Rodriguez; Kathleen (James) Bilbrey, Jennifer and Zachary; Rosemary (Ulmer) with Gary Hammac; Christy (Vincent) Meriwether, Monty and Matthew; Laura (Watson) Wilson, Rusty, Callie and Marc; and Donnie McLaughlin (honorary classmate).



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AHAM, it was disclosed that a woman will save nearly 200 hours a year. That's enough time away from hand-washing for a work-free, two-week vacation.

But, the survey reveals, women don't use the time for vacation. The story says they spend their time shopping, working in their gardens, hanging around the swimming pool, going to the library, visiting the beach and just relaxing.

So come on now, gals. Next time you stare at that big pile of dirty dishes, just be thankful for all the time you are about to save. —Wendell Faight, Haskell Free Press

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Office note — ATTENTION: ALL PERSONNEL SUBJECT: EXCESSIVE ABSENCES

Due to the excessive number of absences, the following rules and procedures will be put into effect as of this date:

SICKNESS — Absolutely no excuse. We will no longer accept your doctor's statement as proof as we believe that if you are able to go to the doctor's, you are able to come to work.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR AN OPERATION — We are no longer allowing this practice. We wish to discourage any thoughts that you may need an operation, as we believe that as long as you are an employee here, you will need all of whatever you have and you should not consider having anything removed. We hired you as you are and to have anything removed would certainly make you less than we bargained for.

ACCIDENTS — Our safety programs and company policy forecludes any lost time accidents. First aid in most instances will be treated during normal breaks, however, application of splints, hemorrhage control and artificial respiration may be done at other times, production permitting.

DEATH OTHER THAN YOUR OWN — There is no excuse. There is nothing you can do for them, and there is always someone else with a lesser position that can attend to the arrangements. However, if the funeral can be held in the

late afternoon, we will be glad to let you off ONE hour early, provided that your share of the work is ahead enough to keep the job going in your absence.

DEATH (YOUR OWN) — This will be accepted as an excuse, but a two-week notice is required, as we feel it is your duty to teach someone else your job.

Also, entirely too much time is being spent in the restroom. In the future, we will follow the practice of going in alphabetical order. For instance, those whose names begin with "A" will go from 8:00 to 8:15; "B" will go from 8:15 to 8:30; and so on. If you are unable to go at your appointed time, it will be necessary to wait until the next day when your turn comes again.

PLEASE CIRCULATE IMMEDIATELY!

OPERATION GRADUATION

Wednesday, the first on many meetings was held to help lay the ground work for "Operation Graduation."

The program is designed to give high school students an opportunity to celebrate the end of school at an alcohol-and drug-free party. The Chamber of Commerce called the Wednesday meeting, but as president Charlie Shira noted, the project must become a community-wide undertaking.

The number of young people killed on our streets and highways is growing at an alarming rate and "Operation Graduation" is intended to keep a Hamlin student from becoming the next accident victim. To say or believe that students at Hamlin High School do not drink and drive would be an "ostrich in the sand" attitude.

The young people of Hamlin do drink. There are drugs available in Hamlin. These are the cold, hard facts. But if a community effort can keep these students off of the highways for one night (and on a night that is known to have a large number of parties), maybe one life can be saved.

Last year, the people of Aspermont were not so lucky. One week before school was out for the summer a 16-year old girl, Rene Martin, was killed in an accident going to an end-of-school party. In addition, three other passengers were injured in the wreck.

The accident moved the town of Aspermont and the following week, an alcohol and drug-free graduation party was held for all high school students. The party lasted all night and from all indications was a huge success.

The neighbors to the north are now in the process of planning another party for this year.

NOTICE TO RECEIVE BIDS

PLAINVIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
July 9, 1987

The Plainview Independent School District will receive bids for the following:

- (1) Purchase of Band Instruments
- (2) Food Products for Cafeterias
- (3) Bank Depository
- (4) Library Books - High School
- (5) Library Books - Elementary & Jr. High
- (6) A-V Software
- (7) Magazine Subscriptions
- (8) Library Supplies
- (9) Patching & Sealing of Asphalt Paving at Various Campuses
- (10) Replacement of Seating on East Side of Bulldog Stadium and at 7 Hilburn Field
- (11) Lighting at Bulldog Stadium
- (12) Carpet & Floor Tile for Various Schools
- (13) Heating/Air Conditioning Units for Summer Maintenance Projects
- (14) Materials for Sprinkler Systems at Various Campuses
- (15) Roof at Thunderbird Elementary
- (16) Bases for Portable Classrooms

Sealed bids should be returned to Mr. Vernon L. Norris, Plainview I.S.D., P.O. Box 1540, Plainview, Texas 79073-1540 or delivered to Mr. Norris at the Administration Building, 912 Portland, Plainview, Texas. The bids will be received until 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 9, 1987, when they will be opened and tabulated. Bids received after the above deadline will be returned unopened. Bids mailed will be deemed as delivered only when they are received by Mr. Norris. The bids will be presented to the Board at their regular meeting to be held in the Administration Building at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, July 9, 1987. At this time the contract will be let. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. This is a solicitation for bids and is not an offer. All bids and information received in response to this solicitation will become the property of the Plainview I.S.D.

Information concerning bid forms and specifications may be obtained by contacting Mr. Norris at the Administration Building, or by calling (806) 296-6392.

Vernon L. Norris
Plainview Independent School District
6-25, 7-2c



LONGHORN BAND—The Longhorn Band added zest to the Old Settlers parade.

Staff Photo

Tandi Gant

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earned third place even though at the time she was still an intermediate.

She placed sixth in the Intermediate Miss Majorette of Texas Pageant which consisted of modeling a formal and interview, solo routine and "X" Strut routine.

The Lockney girl was one of over 200 competitors in the NBTA Texas State Championships. She is the daughter of Ray and Lynda Gant of Lockney. She will be "feature twirler" for the Lockney Longhorn Band next fall.

Everyone must become involved in order to make Hamlin's "Operation Graduation" a success. We cannot look to the merchants to carry the entire load. The entire city must contribute. This includes parents, civic groups and concerned individuals.

These programs take money, but who can put a price on a human life that might be saved by the program. Get involved. Rick Craig-Hamlin Herald

THINNING RANKS

The entertainment world is being thinned out. No wonder, with all the entertainers dying or being elected to public office.

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A taxpayer says you are getting educated when you learn that the Great Divide was invented by the tax collector and not the geography teacher.

Sechrists surprised with 51st anniversary dinner

On Sunday, June 14, Dave and Alice Sechrist of Lockney were honored with a surprise "pot luck dinner" celebrating their 51st wedding anniversary. The party was held in the Sechrist home in Lockney and was given by their children, grandchildren and brothers and sisters from both sides of their family.

The former Alice Sparkman and David Sechrist were married in Lorenzo by Rev. W.L. Porterfield on June 14, 1936. They have three children: Margie Green of Garden City Kansas, Linda

Shugart of Lubbock, and James David Sechrist of Mineral Wells.

They have lived in Lockney for the past 41 years.

Attending the celebration were Linda and Debra Shugart, Thelma (Sechrist) Candle, Alma (Sechrist) McElroy, Lloyd and Mary Sechrist, and Lynn Ray and Nell (Sparkman) Courtney, all of Lubbock. Also Guy Sechrist, Martha (Sechrist) Wilmet, Francis (Sechrist) Davis, and Charles and Janie Sechrist, all of Ralls, and Mary Mildred Sechrist and S.E. O'Rear of Lorenzo.

Vacation Bible School at First Baptist next week

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, June 29, through Friday, July 3, at First Baptist Church, 401 South Main in Lockney. Theme for this year's school is "The Bible Tells of Jesus."

Bible study, mission study, crafts and games have been planned for each age group, organizers say. The classes will begin each morning at 8:45 and continue until 11:30.

Classes are scheduled for ages three through children who have completed the sixth grade. Directors for each age group are: Three year olds, Glenda Jones; Four and Five year olds, Sandra Cummings; Kindergarten, Debbie Gallaway

First grade, Rise Ford; Second grade, Linda Marr; Third grade, Zelda Ellison; Fourth grade, Ethelyn Vernon; Fifth and sixth grades, Brenda Deweber

Church Music Director Don Barrick will be helping with the music and leading the recreation, Kathryn Cooper is kitchen director and the Rev. Murle Rogers, pastor, will be bringing a mission story each morning in opening assembly.

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Selling method major decision for farmers

**From Richle Crow
County Extension Agent**

Price variability is a major source of risk facing cotton producers, says an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The producer cannot control the price, but he can control when he prices and how," says Dr. Jackie Smith, Extension economist and management specialist.

Knowing when to "price" his crop is one of the most difficult decisions farmers make all year, says Smith.

South Plains cotton farmers are currently having to make such decisions. They can price their cotton now, at some time before harvest or wait and sell after harvest.

Typically, farmers are in a better position to manipulate the factors that determine yields than the factors that determine prices, noted Smith.

For the first time in two years, area cotton farmers have the opportunity to sell new crop cotton above loan. To utilize this opportunity, Smith suggests that the farmers use the futures market

to place a hedge, utilize options or take advantage of available forward cash contracts.

The most often-used method on the South Plains is the cash sale at harvest, says Smith. This method is likely to require only limited storage and other selling costs but the price received is dictated by the market at the time of the exchange and selling at harvest is not likely to result in the season's high price.

He notes this is the easiest way to market and may be considered safe by some farmers but it is actually a high risk strategy. If the producer is able to delay sales until after harvest, he has the alternative of using the "hold and hope" method. This enables him to speculate on price and hopefully receive payment which will more than offset storage and handling fees.

The decision South Plains cotton farmers are not faced with is whether or not to use one of the methods of forward pricing currently available to them, says Smith. These methods include: 1) cash forward contracts, 2) hedging in the futures market, and 3) hedging with commodity options.

"For farmers to understand how they

can reduce their price risk, they must understand the alternative marketing strategies available to them," says Smith.

Cash forward contracts are currently being offered, and can be used to lock in a price, adds Smith. The forward cash contract makes sense if the producer expects prices to fall before harvest or if he is not willing or able to take much risk. Cash forward contracts are usually based on the futures market. He says many farmers like this method of pricing their cotton because it normally shifts the basis risk to the buyer.

Hedging in the futures market allows the farmer to forward price his cotton through futures market transactions. The economist notes that hedging is not

speculation, but a strategy to reduce the price risk. He says farmers should be able to "lock" in a slightly higher price with this method but they need to have an understanding of the mechanics of hedging and realize they are still subject to basis risk.

Hedging in the future market reduces the risk of a price decline but, like cash contracting, it also eliminates any possible gains from a price increase says Smith.

To manage price risks, the farmer should consider the full range of marketing alternatives, notes the economist. This includes the newest pricing tool available—commodity options. Options offer a type of insurance against adverse price turns that require

no margin deposits and allows buyers to participate in favorable price moves.

Because of the premiums to be paid for the options, the cotton farmer will not likely be able to "lock" in as high a price as he might with a regular hedge, but he does not give up the opportunity to benefit from a favorable price change, says Smith.

Smith notes that there are several marketing strategies to consider. One that might be attractive to some is using a cash forward contract to sell cotton and call option to protect the deficiency payment. Some producers that have not yet priced their cotton have already used call options to protect their deficiency payment.

Smith stresses that producers should at least contact a cotton buyer or commodity broker to find out what is being offered. Cotton farmers can currently price their cotton above loan, but if they think cotton prices will hold through harvest, there is no reason to be out the additional costs involved in forward contracting.

L. B. Brandes candidate for FmHA county committee member

Election of one Farmers Home Administration county committee member will take place on June 30th, County Supervisor Becky D. Via announces.

The FmHA county committee assists the county office determining the eligibility of applicants for certain types of FmHA loans.

Farmers who live in Floyd County, have their principal farming operation

within the county or area for which the election is being held, and derive the principal part of their income from farming are eligible to vote.

The nominee for the Floyd County Committee is L.B. Brandes.

Voting ballots are available from the FmHA office at 107 W. California in Floydada. Marked ballots must be received at the FmHA office by June 30.

Stocker-feeder sales results aired

Sorting calves into special groups for sale can pay dividends, according to five such sales that were part of the South Central Texas Beef Herd Improvement Program during 1986.

In sorted cattle sales the following findings emerged:

--Lighter calves brought a higher price. A calf 100 pounds lighter than another calf brought \$3.50 per hundredweight more at Brenham and \$4.30 more at Milano. In weight categories, calves in the 301-350-pound range brought \$4.06 per hundredweight more than those in the 350-401-pound category. However, the difference was only 54 cents per hundredweight in favor of the lighter grouping for the 451-500-pound and 501-550-pound categories.

--Steers brought \$8.50 more per hundredweight than heifers at Brenham and \$6.34 more at Milano.

--At the Milano sale, cattle with 3/4, 7/8 and full Brahman blood all brought the same price. Cattle with less Brahman blood, however, brought a premium price over 7/8 Brahman cattle, with the highest price going to cattle

with 1/4 Brahman—an advantage of \$12.24 per hundredweight. Price premiums for 3/8 and 1/2 Brahms over 7/8 Brahms were \$10.91 and \$10.36 per hundredweight, respectively. The price differential between non-Brahms and 1/8 Brahms was only 12 cents per hundredweight. On the average, calves with more than 1/2 Brahman blood sold for much less; the price difference of 5/8 Brahman calves over 7/8 Brahman was less than half the price premium for cattle of 1/2 or less Brahman blood.

--At the Milano sale, cattle were graded and price differences noted. Prices were highest for large framed calves with a yield grade potential of number one, with medium framed number ones averaging \$2.45 less per hundredweight. Large framed and medium framed number twos brought \$3.76 and \$4.36 less per hundredweight, respectively, while small framed twos and threes had large price discounts of \$10.40 and \$28.47 per hundredweight, respectively. There were no small framed ones, medium framed threes or large framed threes

--Data collected did not show any price difference in lot sizes; no lots were of semi-trailer load size. Also, such factors as horns, color, number of crosses, fill, flesh condition and preconditioning did not reflect price differences.

The four sales at Brenham were held on regular sale days, points out Dr. Gerald Cornforth, Extension Service economist.

Cattle were co-mingled into sorted lots of two or more head. Singles were sold during the regular sale. Lots were preweighed and sold with a predetermined 2 percent shrink. The four sales involved 147 lots totaling 1,047 head.

At Milano, cattle were not co-mingled but were shaped and sorted into lots of one head or more. The sale was on a regular sale day, but singles were sorted out and sold in a jackpot during the special sale. Cattle meeting predetermined preconditioning requirements were sold first. The sale included 492 preconditioned cattle and 542 head in the rest of the special sale for a total of 1,034 head.



Official figures just released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service (TASS) in Austin show 1986 cotton production from the 25 High Plains counties represented by Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., at 1,184,200 bales of 480 pounds net weight.

A triple whammy of spring drought, summer flooding and an early freeze dropped production to the lowest level since 1950, 709,650 bales below 1985, over 1.1 million short of 1984, and even 162,000 below the PIK, drought and hail shortened crop of 1983.

It compares to the respective five and ten-year averages for the Plains through 1985 of 2,074,430 and 2,242,695 bales. Record production for the 25-county area remains at 3,522,000 bales, produced in 1981.

TASS reported 2,982,700 planted acres for the Plains, only 1,878,800 of which survived for harvest, a whopping 37 percent abandonment. That's the highest percentage abandonment since

county planted and harvested acreage figures were first recorded in 1941.

Ten-year average loss from planting to harvest on the Plains through 1985 was 12.2 percent, including the former record 35.4 percent loss of 1.3 million acres, mostly to a single hailstorm, in 1982.

Average yield in 1986 was 302.5 pounds per harvested acre, down from 326.8 pounds in 1985. All-time record yield was set over 20 years ago in 1965 at 513 pounds per acre. The ten-year average yield for the 25 PCG counties peaked in 1968 at 466.3 pounds and has steadily declined to a 322.5-pound average through 1986.

Floyd production ranked second to Hale County in total bales.

The chart below shows 1986 planted and harvested acres, yields per harvested acre and total production in 480 pound net weight bales for each of the 25 PCG counties.

1986 UPLAND COTTON, TEXAS HIGH PLAINS

Source: Texas Agricultural Statistics Service

| COUNTY | ACRES PLANTED | ACRES HARVESTED | YIELD PER ACRE | 480# NT WT BALES |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Bailey | 80,300 | 42,000 | 286 | 25,000 |
| Borden | 24,000 | 14,700 | 163 | 5,000 |
| Briscoe | 34,100 | 26,300 | 338 | 18,500 |
| Castro | 47,400 | 29,800 | 430 | 26,700 |
| Cochran | 94,100 | 72,000 | 281 | 42,100 |
| Crosby | 159,000 | 144,000 | 337 | 101,000 |
| Dawson | 220,700 | 98,000 | 191 | 39,000 |
| Deaf Smith | 6,200 | 2,600 | 277 | 1,500 |
| Dickens | 41,700 | 28,400 | 194 | 11,500 |
| Floyd | 143,100 | 120,700 | 469 | 118,000 |
| Gaines | 287,800 | 150,000 | 277 | 86,700 |
| Garza | 39,900 | 27,000 | 151 | 8,500 |
| Hale | 165,300 | 129,400 | 545 | 147,000 |
| Hockley | 216,700 | 170,000 | 291 | 103,000 |
| Howard | 85,000 | 20,100 | 203 | 8,500 |
| Lamb | 194,200 | 130,000 | 332 | 90,000 |
| Lubbock | 253,300 | 140,000 | 257 | 75,000 |
| Lynn | 233,100 | 150,000 | 166 | 52,000 |
| Martin | 125,000 | 41,000 | 173 | 14,800 |
| Midland | 31,000 | 24,900 | 268 | 13,900 |
| Motley | 38,400 | 32,000 | 218 | 14,500 |
| Parmer | 41,500 | 23,600 | 549 | 27,000 |
| Swisher | 54,000 | 40,300 | 476 | 40,000 |
| Terry | 254,800 | 152,000 | 221 | 70,000 |
| Yoakum | 112,100 | 70,000 | 309 | 45,000 |
| TOTALS/ AVERAGE | 2,982,700 | 1,878,800 | 302.5 | 1,184,200 |

PCCA votes to buy denim mill

Board of Directors of Plains Cotton Cooperative Association (PCCA) announces it has signed a contract with American Cotton Growers (ACG) to purchase the ACG Denim Mill at Littlefield at a price of approximately \$100 million. This purchase will expand the 34-year-old marketing cooperative's base of operations and keep the mill within the cooperative family, according to C.L. Boggs, PCCA's president and chief executive officer.

"This is a historic milestone in the life of our coop," Jackie Mull, chairman of the PCCA Board of Directors from Idalou, said. "The purchase of this denim mill and the offering of a marketing pool will open the door to new opportunities for us to serve the cotton farmers who own our co-op." Mull continued.

"The decision to purchase the 11-year-old denim manufacturing facility was made by PCCA following authorization by ACG members at a called membership meeting held April 21 for the ACG Board of Directors to sell the mill and the cooperative's assets," Boggs said. The action by ACG members was initiated by an offer from Avondale Mills of Sylacauga, Alabama, to purchase the denim mill. However, a letter of intent negotiated by ACG and Avondale contained an option for PCCA to have first opportunity to purchase the mill.

In addition to the denim manufacturing facility, PCCA announced plans to offer a cotton marketing pool beginning

with the 1987 crop to all members in Texas and Oklahoma, similar to that operated by ACG, and to continue the popular Premium-for-Strength program initiated by ACG in the early 1980s. In addition, PCCA member may continue to use TELCOT, the electronic cotton marketing system introduced in 1975, which now markets over 90 percent of its members' cotton.

"PCCA's entry into textiles and pool marketing further expands its diversified operations and enables it to better serve its 20,000 cotton growing members in Texas and Oklahoma," Boggs said. The addition of the Littlefield denim operation and its 515 employees brings PCCA's total permanent employees to slightly over 700. Including its seasonal employees, PCCA now will employ over 1,200 personnel annually. Gross annual sales now will total \$350 million to \$500 million.

PCCA has warehouse operations in Altus, Okla.; Sweetwater and Galveston, as well as area field offices in Corpus Christi and Harlingen. It shares domestic sales offices with three other cooperative marketing organizations in Atlanta, GA; Greenville, S.C.; and Charlotte, N.C.

In addition, PCCA has overseas sales offices in London; Osaka, Japan; Taipei, Taiwan; Seoul, Korea; and Hong Kong. Its international operations sell cotton into the other major cotton-consuming countries of the world through commissioned agents.

Farm News

WATER CONSERVATION AT HOME

As summer approaches, Texas' water conservation problems become more evident. Consumers can help in the conservation effort by using common sense and following some easy water and energy saving ideas. Dr. Susan Quiring, a housing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, says, "There are many ways to conserve water in the home. Taking short showers instead of baths, running dishwashers and washing machines only when they're full, and turning off the water while shaving or brushing your teeth are just a few easy things to do to save water." There are many conservation devices available for faucets, toilets, showers, water heaters, and other parts of the home. Conserving water outside by not watering in the hot part of the day, or on windy days also helps. Water conservation is everyone's problem, and some solutions are easy, inexpensive and energy saving.

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