



RECOVERY COMPLETE — Members of Lockney and Floydada fire departments, two peace officers and others ease Gene Watts of Floydada through a hole in the side of a Muncy Elevator structure after he suffered a fall — believed to have been

about seven feet — and sustained a broken leg last Wednesday. He underwent surgery that night at a Lubbock hospital.

— Staff photo

City calls for demolition of dilapidated building

Lockney City Council met on December 3 and called for the demolition of the structure located on lots 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15 of Block 4 of the Patterson Addition. This structure belongs to L.V. Harris and his wife.

This is one of the original structures that the city requested be cleared in July. Harris had asked the council for four months to clear the property.

That has not been completed and the city has given Harris until December 31 to clear the lots at his expense. If they are not clear by that time the city will take bids and have the property cleared.

In other action, the council members passed an ordinance requiring a seller of natural gas to obtain a city permit to transport gas through pipelines constructed on public ways. This was done at the request of Percy Edwards representing Energas. Simply put, this ordinance allows Energas to provide natural gas service to Lockney customers.

FIRST GAIN OF FISCAL YEAR NOTED

In reviewing the financial statement for the month of December, council members were pleased to note the first gain of the 1987-88 fiscal year. This is the first time in a long while that the city has noted a gain, rather than a loss in its monthly financial report.

CALLED MEETING

The city council met in a special called meeting on December 11. Paul Mangum had requested that the city increase his salary for operating the dumpgrounds, due to increased insurance costs. After reviewing the proposal, council members decided that they will need more information before making a decision and no action was taken.

Also on the agenda was a proposal to tax recreational vehicles. Council members approved levying a tax on recreational vehicles which include travel trailers, boats, and motor homes. These will be added to the 1988 City of Lockney ad valorem tax roll.

Police begin strict enforcement on driver's license registrations

Due to numerous complaints of kids driving without a driver's license the Lockney Police Department will begin strict enforcement of these laws, said Tim Thompson, Lockney Police Chief.

Because of the complaints already received by the police department names have already been gathered of violators.

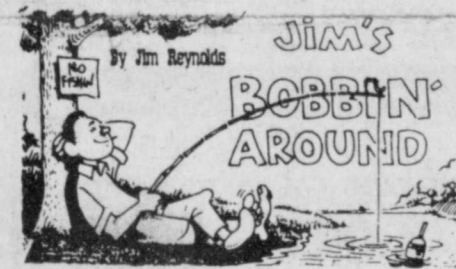
"A complaint is probable cause enough to stop someone to see if they have a driver's license.

"If you are found to be driving without a license a citation will be issued. The person who allows an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle is also in violation of the law and can be cited. The owner will have to come pick up the vehicle," said Thompson.

The police department will appreciate everyone's cooperation in stopping unlicensed drivers from operating motor vehicles.

Rescue efforts successful

The rescue of Jessica McClure, a young Midland girl, from an abandoned water well, captured national attention.



GREATER USE OF SENIOR CENTER POSSIBLE

Although functions are well attended and the noon meal averaged over 40 individuals for the month of November, one person believes that Lockney Senior Citizens are not utilizing their new center enough.

"It was meant for people to use," the individual says.

Her idea is that more persons could go by for coffee, particularly in the morning, and stick around after lunch for games and visitation.

As a suggestion, why not organize a 42 and/or bridge tournament to get people in the habit of using the center during the day.

WHITE CHRISTMAS?

Could the South Plains have a repeat of this week's snow and experience a white Christmas?

Last week we asked when Floyd
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SENIOR CITIZENS BAKE SALE

In last week's Beacon, it was incorrectly reported that the senior citizens bake sale was on December 11. The bake sale will be held on Thursday, December 17, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and will continue until all items are sold. We apologize for the inconvenience this caused last week.

This Week . . .

COMMODITIES

Due to inclement weather, Caprock Community Action has changed its commodity distribution from Dec. 14 to next Monday, Dec. 21, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Recipients are asked to bring their white commodity card. Please do not arrive before 2:30, CCA officials ask. New applications will not be accepted after 4:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DISMISSAL

The three Lockney schools will dismiss at 2:45 p.m. on December 18 for the Christmas holidays. Buses will run that day and students on routes will be taken home if parents wish. School will resume on regular schedule on January 4.

Floyd County produced its own version of a rescue last Wednesday afternoon. The victim was a middle-aged man rather than a small girl and he was removed from an elevator pit "eight or nine feet" deep instead of a tiny well deep below the earth's surface.

But, the result was the same: a successful rescue.

Eugene (Gene) Watts of Floydada, a Muncy Elevator employee for eight years, suffered a broken left leg in the fall. He is described as being "in his mid-40s."

Lockney volunteer firemen — who also man the ambulance service — assisted elevator co-owner and manager Herman Graham, his son Ronnie and Dennis Ross, manager of the Sandhill Elevator, in tearing a hole in the side of the grain storage building to reach the injured man. Floydada firemen also assisted in the rescue.

RODS REMOVED

Several 5/8 inch rods were "snapped off" by the Lockney Volunteer Fire Department's jaws-of-life "to get them out of our way" before Watts was removed from the pit and through the hole opened on the east side of the building.

He was taken to Highland Hospital in Lubbock via Lockney ambulance. Mike Reeves, a paramedic residing in Floydada, accompanied Watts.

A pin was inserted into Watts' left leg during Wednesday night surgery at the Lubbock hospital. Herman Graham said the break was "about six inches below the hip joint."

The injured man had "a pretty good size knot" and a laceration on the back of his head, but the broken leg was the only serious injury.

The accident occurred "about 2:30 p.m." Watts was removed slightly after 4 p.m. He was strapped onto a "scoop" from the Lockney ambulance.

SEVEN-FOOT FALL

Watts' fall was "about seven foot," according to information he gave his employer, Herman Graham.

Graham said he and Watts were cleaning a grain bin before stopping for lunch. When they returned, "He (Watts) went back in to sweep down a little grain." The Muncy Elevator manager estimates that "not more than 100 or 200 pounds of grain" were left in the bin.

When Graham left for Plainview about 2:30, Watts was still inside the structure.

About this same time, Ronnie Graham knocked on an outside wall — a custom to guarantee safety when men are working in this area — and thought he heard rods move.

When Watts had not come out "about 20 or 25 minutes later, Ronnie Graham again walked to the structure and knocked on the wall. He heard Watts' call for help.

The injured man was "knocked unconscious" for a period of "maybe 10

or 20 minutes."

Herman Graham believes that the rescue began no more than 30 minutes after the fall.

HELP SUMMONED

Lockney Fire Department (and ambulance)

was summoned and Graham determined that the easiest way to remove Watts was by knocking a hole in the wall.

Watts was "two rods up" — about
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Kenny Hooten 'Fireman of Year'

It runs in the Hooten family. Being a member of Lockney Volunteer Fire Department is traditional with the family. The late John L. Hooten served 28 years on the fire department, and now three of his sons are volunteer firemen.

One of the sons, Kenny, has been selected as recipient of the second annual Fireman of the Year award for LVFD.

In recent years, Lockney's firemen have also doubled as ambulance attendants. Seeking to better prepare themselves for service on the ambulance crew, Hooten and other firemen went to school to become an ECA (emergency care attendant).

Forty hours are required. Hooten began his training in January and passed his ECA test in March.

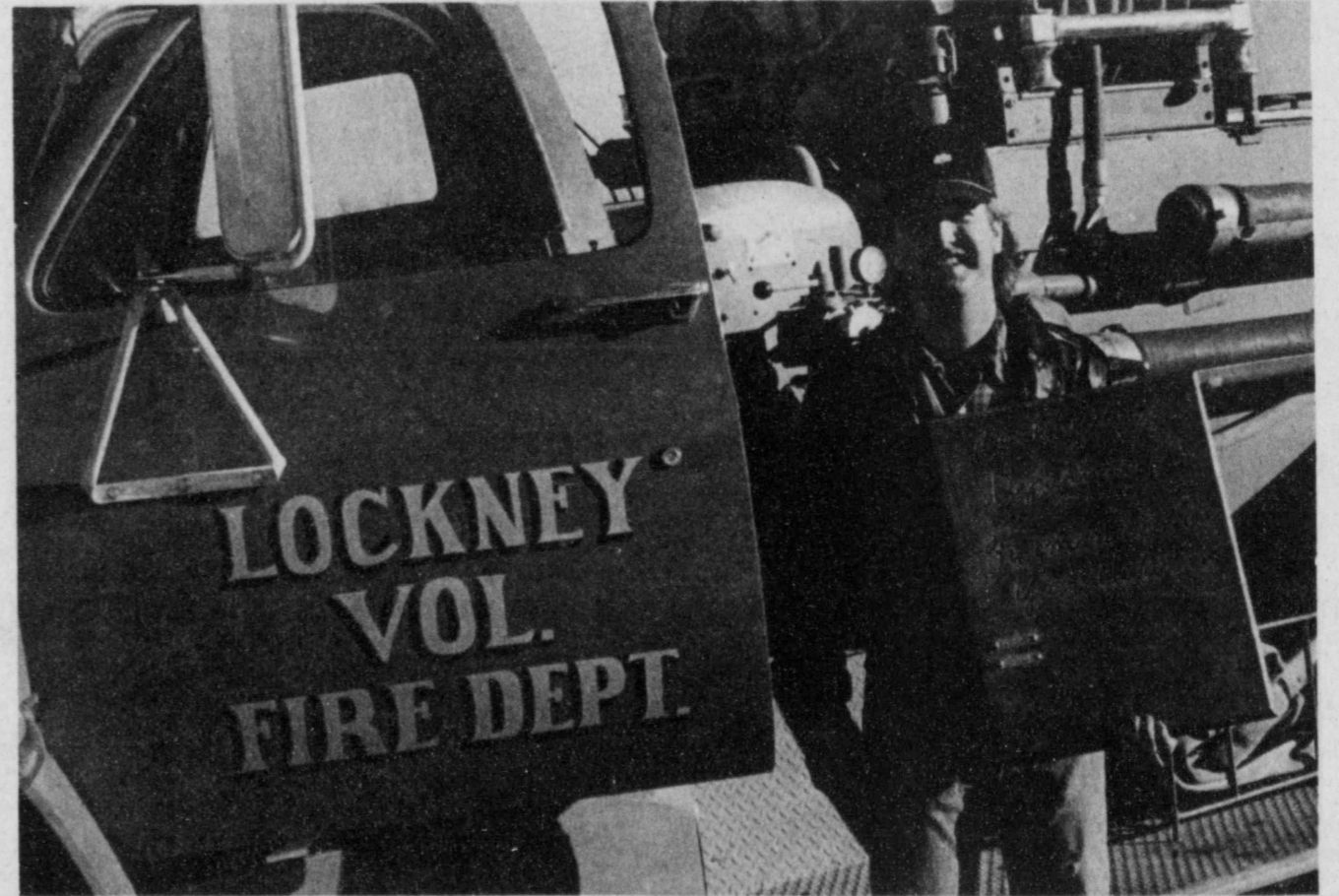
He has attended the Canyon fire school two years.

The 25-year-old has been a member of the LVFD "since 1980, off and on." He has "about five years" service on the department.

His brothers Berry and Lonny also are Lockney firemen in following the tradition started by their dad.

Kenny was born in Lockney to John L. and Dorothy Hooten. He was reared in this community.

Kenny and Bertha Hooten are parents of three children: Kimberly, 8; Kelsey, 4; and Kellen, 14



FIREMAN OF THE YEAR — Kenny Hooten holds a plaque he received after being named the second annual Lockney Fire Department Fireman of the Year. He is one of three

sons of Dorothy Hooten and the late John L. Hooten serving on the department.

— Staff photo

months. He is employed by Dick's Auto-

motive. Hooten was presented a plaque

by Arcenio Martinez Jr., the first award winner.

Eight schools entered in Lockney tournament

Three-day event opens this morning

Petersburg and Floydada JV girls have the honor of inaugurating the Lockney Basketball Tournament. Their tipoff is scheduled for 9 a.m. today (Thursday).

The three-day tournament features eight squads in both boys and girls division. First round contests are on tap Thursday, with semi-finals in both championship and consolation flights Friday and the finals on Saturday.

Each team is assured of playing all three days.

Floydada JV, Petersburg, Springlake-Earth, Tulia JV, Smyer, Patton Springs and Cotton Center join the host Lockney squads in the tourney.

Following the Floydada-Petersburg girls match this morning, other Thurs-

day matches include: 10:30 a.m. Floydada JV-Petersburg boys; 12 noon, Springlake-Earth-Tulia JV girls; 1:30 p.m., Springlake-Earth-Tulia JV boys; 3 p.m., Smyer-Patton Springs girls; 4:30 p.m., Smyer-Patton Springs boys; 6 p.m., Cotton Center-Lockney girls; 7:30 p.m., Cotton Center-Lockney boys.

Friday's agenda includes: 9 a.m., losers of first two Thursday girls games; 10:30 a.m., losers of first two Thursday boys games; 12 noon, losers of second two Thursday girls games; 1:30 p.m., losers of second two Thursday boys games; 3 p.m., winners of first two Thursday girls games; 4:30 p.m., winners of first two Thursday boys

games; 6 p.m., winners of second two Thursday girls games; 7:30 p.m., winners of second two Thursday boys games.

Final rounds begin Saturday morning. That day's schedule: 9 a.m., girls seventh place; 10:30 a.m., boys seventh place; 12 noon, girls consolation; 1:30 p.m., boys consolation; 3 p.m., girls third place; 4:30 p.m., boys third place; 6:30 p.m., girls championship; 8 p.m., boys championship.

Trophies will be given to the first, second and third place teams in each division. Individual medals go to members of the championship squads.

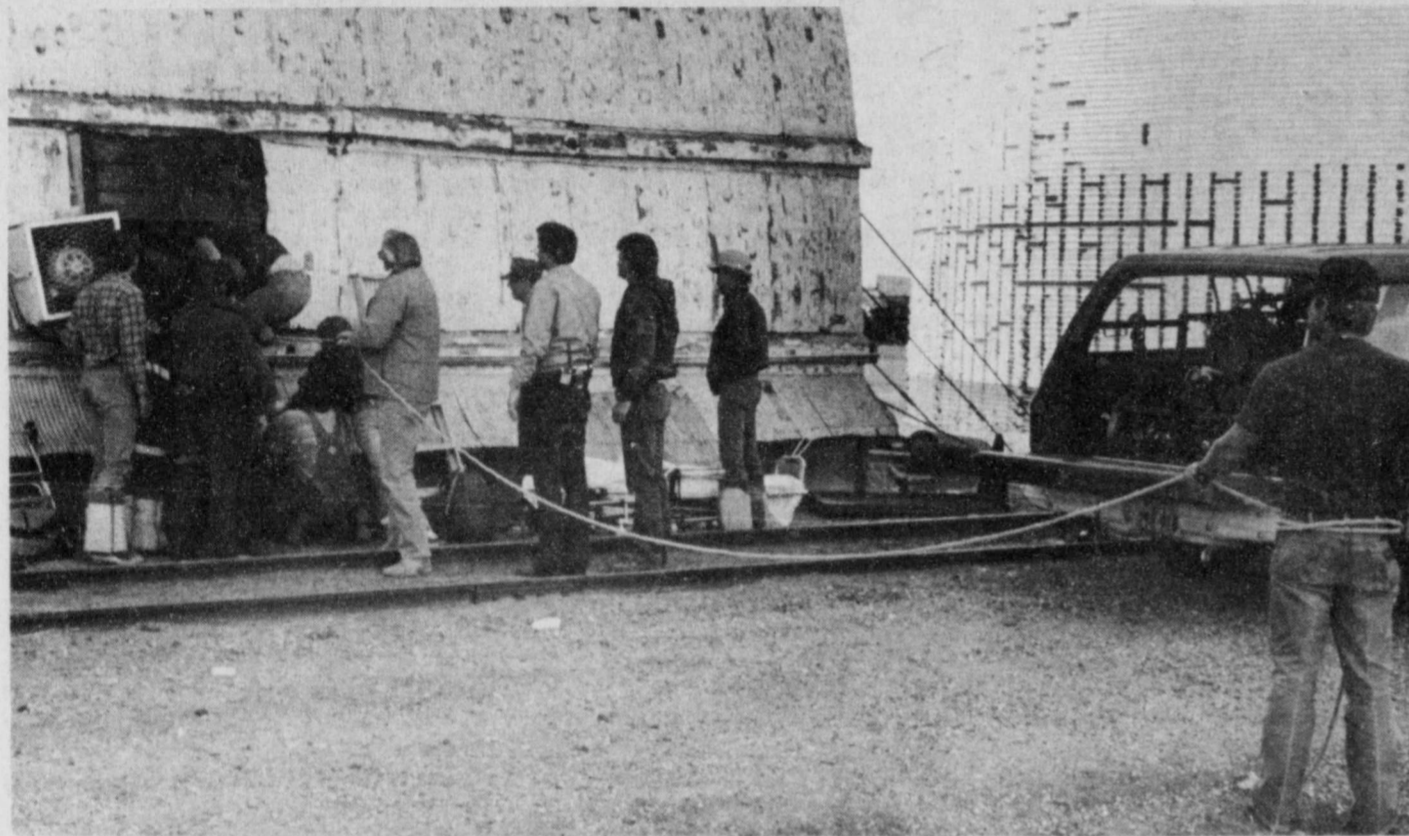
Beacon yule edition early

In order to reach readers as early as possible, The Beacon's Christmas issue will be printed early. Copies will be on the newsstands Wednesday morning, and local mail subscribers should receive their newspaper the same day. To accommodate the early printing date, deadline for the yule edition will be 5 p.m. Friday.

The Beacon is still seeking Christmas stories from yesteryear.



MAKING A HOLE — Herman Graham of Muncy Elevator (third from left) receives assistance from Lockney firemen as he rips open a hole in the east side of an elevator warehouse to allow for removal of Gene Watts, who suffered a broken leg in a fall. — Staff photo



READY TO PULL — Volunteer firemen and others prepare to hoist Gene Watts from a pit at Muncy Elevator following a fall last Wednesday. Watts suffered a broken leg. — Staff photo



INJURED MAN ATTENDED — Gene Watts is placed on an ambulance cot after being rescued last Wednesday from a Muncy Elevator pit, where he landed following a fall. — Staff photo

Rescue efforts successful

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seven feet — when he slipped into the bin. Graham believes he possibly struck an aeration pipe with his leg, causing the break.

Graham, Ross, Lockney firemen Milton Schaeffer and Zach Zachary, paramedic Reeves and possibly others entered the pit to assist Watts. Reeves supervised the strapping of Watts into the "scoop" to help safeguard against further injury.

The injured man had been "standing on his good leg" before being placed in the "scoop."

Lockney and Floydada firemen and others at the site manually pulled Watts from the pit and up to the hole knocked in the building. He was carried by the men to the Lockney ambulance.

The decision was made to carry him

to the Lubbock hospital for attention of a bone specialist.

Several persons at the site believed that Watts' fall had been from a greater distance. Graham estimated that the distance from a "catwalk" in the top of the building to the bottom of the pit is "about 25 feet," although the actual fall

was less than a third of that distance. Watts' leg was placed in traction following surgery to insert the pin.

"Eight or 10" Lockney firemen and almost that many Floydada firemen assisted with the rescue effort.

Graham expresses appreciation to everyone who assisted.

Senior Citizens Rockin's

W.L. and Clementine Carthel returned last week after spending two weeks in Corpus Christi. They also spent one night in Lubbock with Pricilla and John Yarbrough and the second night in Kerrville. They were spending time visiting with their three granddaughters.

Visiting with Martha Parrish recently was her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie Parrish of Chicago, Illinois.

Mike Nance and his son Robert, as well as a friend of Mike's, were by the Senior Citizens Center and visited with C.L. and Marie Henderson. They were going grave hunting on Friday and back to Lockney Saturday for pheasant hunting.

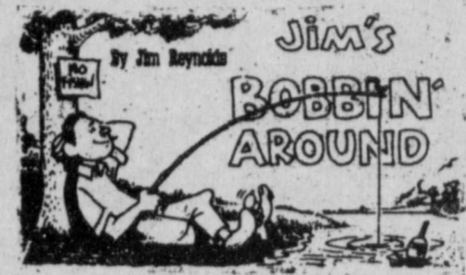
Visiting with Georgia Galloway over the weekend were Cleon, Margaret, and Kim Namkin from Pecos, Greg Smith of Grand Prairie, Kenny Howell of Hous-

ton, Myron Smith of Austin, Mike Brown of Lubbock and Elmer Swaffer, Dale and Debbie Galloway and girls of Lockney.

Gene and Katie Handley of Washington are in Lockney visiting with Katharine and Charles Ball and Harmon Handley.

Birthdays include: December 24, W.L. Carthel; December 25, Edith Cooper and Willie L. Belaska; December 28, Edna Cox.

Anniversaries: December 21, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rowell; December 23, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gloyna; December 25, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Vernon; December 27, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Martin; December 28, Mr. and Mrs. V.H. (Buck) Kellison; December 31, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Caldwell.



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County last had a white Christmas. That is still unanswered, but we did learn about last year's snows.

Vera Cox says the first snow last December came on the 17th. The initial '87 snow of any consequence came on Jan. 18, she adds.

Pam remembers that it was snowing hard as she and her family returned from a yule gathering with her parents on Christmas night.

If you remember the last white Christmas here give us a call.

STALE BAIT

A bachelor was explaining to his friend why he never got married. "There's still many good fish left in the sea," he answered.

His friend agreed and added, "But the bait, isn't it likely to become a little stale?"

PROFITABLE

Seems like the most profitable thing to raise around this country nowadays is prices!

70 attend senior yule party

About 70 people attended the first annual Christmas party and December birthday party. The group enjoyed a salad supper and gifts were drawn for. "Everyone had a real nice time and got some nice gifts," members state.

The bake sale will begin at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, December 17. Everyone come by and pick up baked goodies for the Christmas holidays.

The board of directors met on

December 8 and bills were examined and approved for payment.

Lunches are still being well attended. The food is real good and a varied assortment of foods are being served to members and guests.

The New Year's Eve party has been planned for 6:30 p.m. December 31. It will be a chili supper.

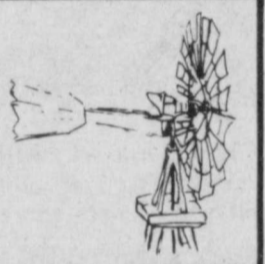
Turkey and dressing will be served for lunch on Friday, December 18. Call early for reservations.


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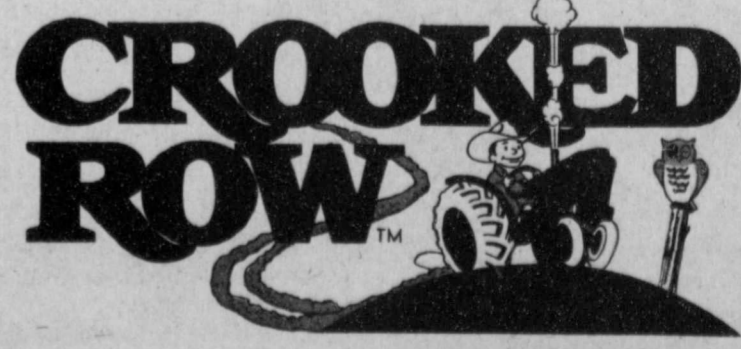
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Tuesday — Baked chicken, broccoli and rice, salad, dessert, rolls, tea and coffee

Wednesday — Stew and cornbread, salad, dessert, tea and coffee

December 24-25 — Closed for the holidays, Merry Christmas.

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School trustees approve purchases

The Lockney school board met on December 10 and approved two purchases which total about \$5,500. The first purchase is a printer for the newly installed computer lab at Lockney Elementary School. This is expected to cost about \$500.

The second purchase, not to exceed \$4,900, are desks for both students and teachers. These new desks will be distributed school-wide when they arrive.

Following the third try, board members approved the sale of two school buses, a 1968 and a 1971, for \$600 each. Leroy Burns of Floydada bought the buses.

School board members also approved a tax to be levied on recreational

vehicles which includes boats, travel trailers and motor homes. These recreational vehicles will be added to the school's tax roll for the 1988 year.

COUNSELOR INTERVIEWED

During the November board meeting, board members approved hiring a full-time counselor. During the meeting last week the board interviewed the only applicant, Charlotte Mitchell. She will be hired as soon as a replacement junior high math teacher can be found.

Officials hoped that she will take over as the counselor by the beginning of the second semester, following Christmas. If no math teacher can be found she will be hired as the counselor for the 1988-89

school year.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATED

In executive session, board members evaluated superintendent W.H. Hallmark. Upon adjourning for the session, board members found Hallmark doing his job well. "We are satisfied with his performance in all aspects," commented board members.

Also during the board meeting, trustees discussed various problems which they feel affect Lockney students. They are concerned with the use of drugs and alcohol and the threat AIDS poses to young people today. An AIDS program is planned for January and the drug and alcohol programs will continue

throughout the year.

"Drugs, alcohol and AIDS are problems which face all youngsters in today's world and the leaders in this school system are concerned that Lockney young people are unaware of their choices in all these areas. These problems are on the minds and in the thoughts of the leaders in this school system and we want to prepare Lockney young people as best we can. We also want to encourage parents to be aware and alert to their children's actions," commented Hallmark.

Present for the meeting were all board members, all the school principals, the superintendent and Maria Peralez.



HOME TOUR STOP — The home of Shelley and Byron Brock, 219 West Poplar, was one of four residences visited during the Athena Study Club's Christmas home tour on Sunday afternoon. — Staff photo

Horns win consolation in Silvertown tourney

VARSITY BOYS

On Tuesday, December 8, the Longhorn varsity boys faced off with Lorenzo and emerged victorious by a score of 37 to 32. The Horns took the lead in the first quarter and remained in the lead the entire game.

Coach Phil Cotham commented, "We played great defense the entire night. Lorenzo is averaging close to 60 points per game. It is encouraging when you win even after a poor scoring performance like this."

Scoring for the Horns were Ron Cates with 12, Javier Bernal with 11, Jorge Bernal with 6 and Jimmy Ballejo and Todd Hallmark each had 4 points.

SILVERTOWN TOURNEY

Three days last week the Horns were entered in the Silvertown tourney and came home with consolation.

In the first game they faced Petersburg and fell to the Buffs by a score of 37 to 41. Coach Cotham commented "This was a very physical contest. We could not physically match up with Petersburg inside and they outmuscled us."

Scoring in this game were Hallmark with 12, Cates with 10, Javier Bernal with 7, Ballejo with 4, and Wesley Teeter and Jorge Bernal each scored 2 points.

The second game of the tourney pitted the Horns against Cotton Center and the Horns literally horned their opponent by winning the game with a score of 81 to 26.

Cotham commented, "This was a great offensive showing by the entire Lockney squad."

Scoring in the game were Ballejo with 18, Hallmark 16, Jorge Bernal 10, Albert Martinez 8, Teeter 7, Javier Bernal, Scott Armstrong and Joe Luis Guerrero each had 6 points, and Louis Peralez had 4.

The final game of the tourney upped the Horns record to 9 and 2 for the year as they won by a score of 67 to 43 over the Hart JV.

In addition to commending the entire team for their play in the tourney, Coach Cotham also commented, "Ron

Cates had an outstanding offensive game."

Cates scored 24 points in the game. He was followed by Teeter with 10, Hallmark with 9, Javier Bernal with 8, Armstrong and Ballejo with 4 each, Guerrero and Peralez with 3 each and Jorge Bernal with 2.

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS

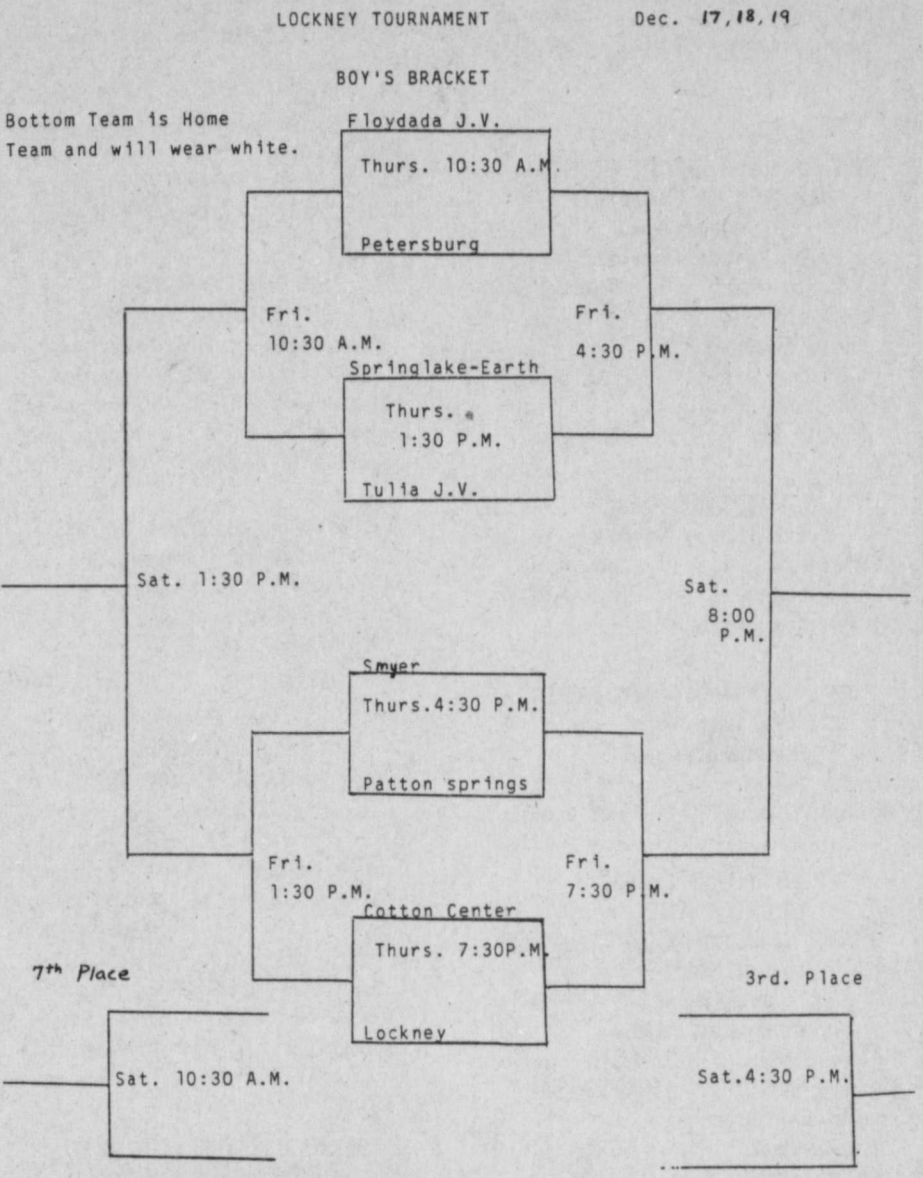
On December 1 the JV boys Long horns played Valley and won by 18 points over their opponent. Final score of the game was 48 to 30.

Coach Malcom Moerbe commented, "The team played very hard from start to finish. Our man to man press and our wishbone offense combined to give us several uncontested shots against a very good Valley ball club." This win upped the JV boys record to three and one for the year.

Scoring in the game were Michael Monroe, Scott Armstrong, Louis Luna and Justin Means with 9 points each, Clint Carthel and Mark Gatica with 5 each, and Steve Salas with 2 points.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Thursday-Saturday: Lockney varsity tournament
Tuesday: Post here, varsity and junior varsity boys, 5 p.m.



Social Security News

By Terry J. Clements

The annual earnings base—the maximum amount of earnings that counts for Social Security will increase to \$45,000 for 1988, up from \$43,800 for 1987. In addition, the 1988 tax rate for employees and their employers will increase to 7.51 percent, up from the 1987 rate of 7.15 percent.

The increase in the wage base is based on the change in average earnings levels from 1986 to 1987. The tax rate increase was already a part of the Social Security law. The effective tax rate for self-employed people will rise from 12.3 percent to 13.02 percent for 1988.

The increase in the tax rate will amount to \$7.20 a month for a person earning \$2,000 a month.

Other Social Security figures are scheduled to increase in 1988 as well. The annual exempt amount used in the annual earnings test will increase. The annual earnings test is the measure

used to determine whether a person who works will receive benefits during the year.

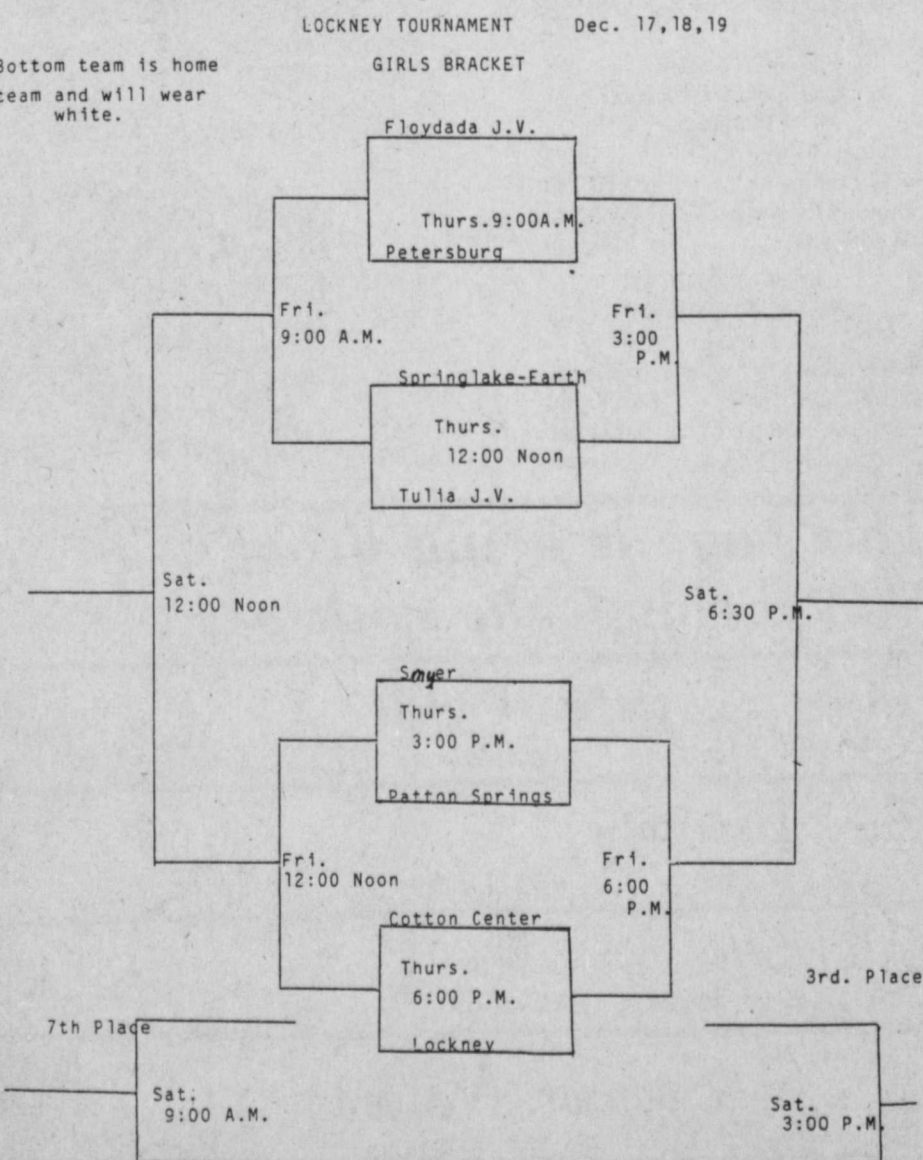
The 1988 annual exempt amount for people 65 through 69 will be \$8,400, up from the 1987 amount of \$8,160. The 1988 exempt amount for people under 65 all of 1988 will be \$6,120, up from the 1987 amount of \$6,000.

A person whose earnings do not exceed the annual exempt amount will receive all benefits for the year. A person's benefit is reduced by \$1 for each \$2 of earnings above the exempt

amount. The annual earnings test does not apply once a person reaches 70.

The amount of earnings needed to earn a quarter of coverage—the measure of Social Security work credit—will be \$470 in 1988, up from \$460 for 1987. In 1988, a worker will earn four quarters of coverage if his or her annual earnings are \$1,880 or more.

More information about Social Security taxes and benefits can be obtained at the Social Security office at 1401-B West 5th street.



Jeff Bayley selected to 'Outstanding Young Men'

Jeff Bayley, a senior at West Texas State University in Canyon, has been chosen for inclusion into the "Outstanding Young Men of America." His name will appear, along with other outstanding young men, in a periodical.

A graduate of Monahans High School, Bayley plans to enter the education field following his graduation.

He expects to begin practice teaching early in 1988.

He is the son of Dan and Janie McAnally of Lockney and the late Dann Bayley. Grandparents are Inez Rhodes and the late L.L. Rhodes and the Rev. and Mrs. Russell McAnally, all of Lockney, and Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Bayley of Plainview.

Lockney Hospital Report

December 7-14

- Dorothy Jarrett, Lockney, adm. 12-1, dis. 12-8
- Rosalva Alamanya, Plainview, adm. 12-1, baby girl Nancy born 12-1, dis. 12-8
- Avila Lujan, Kress, adm. 12-5, baby boy Martin, born 12-5, dis. 12-11
- Gracie Glasscock, Lockney, adm. 12-5, dis. 12-8
- Rosa Ysasaga, Floydada, adm. 12-5, dis. 12-8
- Melba Brittain, Quitaque, adm. 12-5, dis. 12-10
- Mary Ceja, Lockney, adm. 12-6, dis. 12-11
- Judy McHam, adm. 12-7, dis. 12-9
- Latresa Burnett, Plainview, adm. 12-7, baby girl Tauratha, born 12-7, dis. 12-9
- Maria Nova, Plainview, adm. 11-7, continues care
- Jennefer Collins, Lockney, adm. 12-8, dis. 12-10
- Mary Adamson, Lockney, adm. 12-8, dis. 12-11
- Juanita Lopez, Plainview, adm. 12-9, continues care

- baby girl Demencio, born 12-9, dis. 12-11
- Thomas Andersen, Matador, adm. 12-10, continues care
- Clayton McMurtrey, Lockney, adm. 12-10, dis. 12-11
- Jason Benefield, Plainview, adm. 12-10, dis. 12-12
- Ronnie Aston, Lockney, adm. 12-10, dis. 12-14
- Clara McCain, Lockney, adm. 12-11, continues care
- Justin Davis, Quitaque, adm. 12-12, continues care
- Maria Rodriguez, Plainview, adm. 12-12, continues care
- Maria Chapa, Plainview, adm. 12-13, continues care
- Maria Perez, Plainview, adm. 12-11, continues care
- Norma Morales, Plainview, adm. 12-11, continues care
- Martha Mojica, Plainview, adm. 12-14, continues care
- Jason Graham, Lockney, adm. 12-14, continues care
- Bill McCullar, Lockney, adm. 12-14, continues care

Shop Lockney First

PENNY GOLIGHTLY is seeking election as TAX ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR of Floyd County in the March 8th primary. She has served as Tax Assessor Collector by being appointed by the Commissioners Court to fill out Jonelle Fawver's term. Penny has worked in the Tax Assessor Collector's office for nearly 5 years.

Penny is married to Dayne Golightly. They have two children, Rance, age 12 yrs., and Lacy, age 9 yrs. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Floydada. Penny is also a member of the Floyd County Arts Assoc.

"I am continually furthering my education as County Tax Assessor Collector to further serve the people of Floyd Co. I have enjoyed serving you as your Tax Assessor Collector and ask the voters of Floyd County to let me serve you in this capacity. I truly thank the people of Floyd Co. for all the patience and words of encouragement."

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