



DOUBLE THE FUN—If the Doublemint chewing gum commercial is correct, Gay and Jeff Don Terrell are having "twice the fun" with their 3 1/2 months old twins. A Beacon photographer found the youngsters more concerned about their rest than the Country Caravan show in progress (background) on Old Settlers Day. Mrs. Terrell holds son Lance while daughter Tori rests in the arms of her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Pat (Susie) Frizzell. Staff Photo

Kersplash! Swimming pool opens

It's a sure sign of summer when the school year ends and the swimming pool opens.

Violet Cooper, manager of the city-owned Lockney swimming pool, opened the facility on Monday.

Youthful swimmers and their parents were met with a bevy of pool improvements.

"Brand new" are three signs, a diving board, an epoxy rock surface on the north one-half, a mercury vapor light at the pool and a six-foot tall cedar picket fence, donated by Caprock Industries. In addition the facility has been painted.

Mayor Dan Smith says the city governing body hopes to complete the epoxy rock surface project next year.

"The city council realizes that there

are few youth activities available in Lockney, those primarily being baseball and the swimming pool. "The Beacon was told. "We want a first-class pool facility for our youth."

City officials say that some of the repairs and improvements are "long overdue."

SCHEDULE

The summer schedule calls for the pool to be open from 1:30 until 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 2-5 p.m. Sunday. In addition, a family night is planned from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Another feature is a ladies night from 6:30 until 8:30 each Monday night.

Mrs. Cooper asks that those interested in swimming lessons please phone "to

get your names on the list." The pool number is 652-2574.

Individuals may reserve the pool for night parties and functions by contacting Mrs. Cooper at the pool.

Admission charges remain the same as last year. Daily admission is \$2 per person. A family pass may be secured for \$50, which entitles up to five family members to swim during the summer. An individual season pass is available for \$20.

Price for a two-hour private party is \$35. Twenty-five dollars of this is for the pool rental and \$10 is for a certified city lifeguard, a new requirement to insure safety. Mrs. Cooper will arrange for the lifeguard and pay that individual from the \$35 fee for parties.

Lifeguards include Eddie Fortenberry, local girls coach; Virginia Stapp; Raetta Starnes and Aaron Kidd. Each is a certified lifeguard.

DISCIPLINE ENFORCED

Mayor Smith says discipline will be strictly enforced at the pool this year. "The city council will support Mrs. Cooper 100 percent in her efforts to maintain a healthy atmosphere for swimmers of all ages," this newspaper was told.

In addition to the abovementioned pool improvements, the city has placed a new mercury vapor light at the Community Center and new signs have been erected at the Community Center and police station.

Water tower refurbishing OKed

Lockney City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 2, at 7:00

p.m. and during the meeting approved spending \$5,500 to completely refurbish the exterior of the water tower.

This matter had been tabled from the May meeting until the council had time to check out the references of bidder, D and S Tank Service Company. James Duggan met with council members during the evening session, explained his work and informed the council that he can repaint the Longhorn logo back on the tower, (this was one of the points that council members had questioned in his bid.)

During the work, the tower and the tank will be completely cleaned of rust and will be repainted. All council members voted to accept Duggan's company bid for the work.

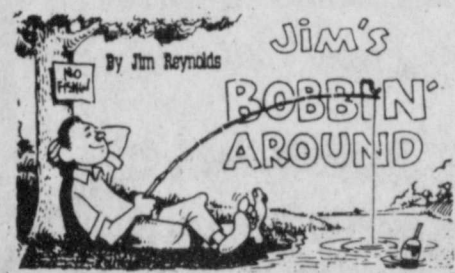
Council members approved calling for bids to curb, gutter and pave the city's half of the 900 block of First Street. The mayor informed the council that the school is intending to pave its half and council members expressed their desire to have the city engineer draw up the specifications and advertise to pave the city's half of the street.

The list of lifeguards for the Lockney Swimming Pool was also approved during the meeting. On the list were Eddie Fortenberry, Virginia Stapp, Raetta Starnes and Aaron Kidd.

Among routine business on the agenda were the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, approval of payment of the current bills and reviewing the financial statement which showed a \$4,242.48 loss for the month of May.

Present for the meeting were Mayor Dan Smith, and Aldermen Kenneth Wofford, J.D. Copeland, Jerry Johnson, Ronnie Aston, Gary Marr, City Secretary Erma Lee Duckworth, and City Attorney Paul Lyle.

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IS IT TRUE

A fellow we know says his grandmother always stated that good crop yield always follow springs with a large amount of wind.

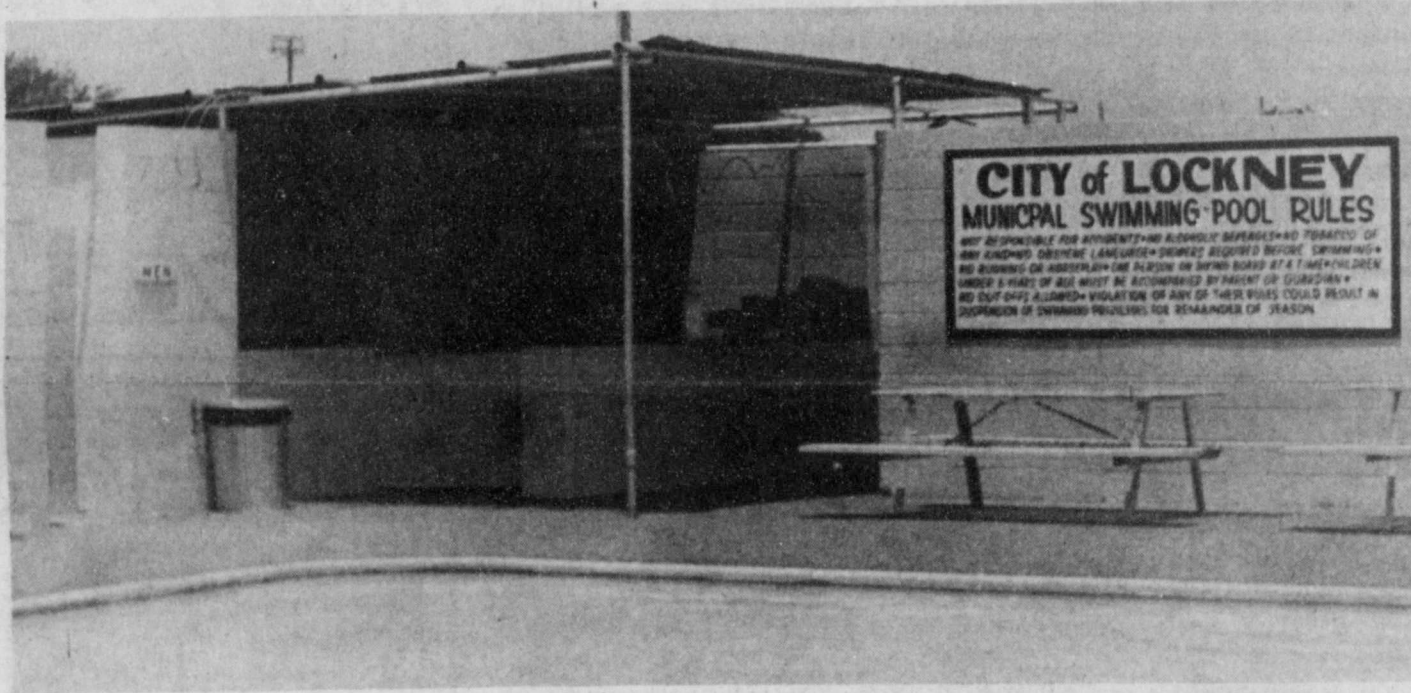
Boy, oh boy, let's hope it works this year!

REPEAT PERFORMANCE

Truck-stop customer: "I'll have a tough steak, cold eggs, undercooked hashbrowns, a stale sweet roll and weak coffee."

Waitress: "I can't serve you that, sir!"

Customer: "Why not? You did the last time I was here."



NOT SO QUITE—This photo of the Lockney Swimming Pool, showing one of the new signs and the epoxy rock surface on the north end, was taken immediately before

the pool opened Monday. The serenity has been broken as the swimming pool has become a beehive of activity. Staff Photo

Senator Gramm terms Tye Co. 'good example of free enterprise'

The Tye Company is "about as good an example of free enterprise as I know of," Sen. Phil Gramm told approximately 40 persons gathered at the local industrial firm on Saturday afternoon. The senator alluded to the ingenuity and diligence of the founder, J.M. Tye, and his son, John Tye, currently president of the company.

Sen. Gramm, who has made a series of industrial visits across the Lone Star State, emphasized that while searching for outside industry, "the people of Texas should thank the businesses we already have."

During a later interview with the Beacon-Hesperian editor, Sen. Gramm alluded to the strength of a "home-grown business," such as Tye's. He also mentioned that firms such as the Lockney manufacturing firm are "coming back" after an economically depressed period.

He told the Saturday afternoon gathering that "I'm happy to be here where the business is coming back."

REAL OPPORTUNITY

Before giving a brief overview of The Tye Company, John Tye joked that "having a U.S. senator captive for five minutes is a real opportunity."

He said that the firm primarily is involved in manufacture of planting equipment. Its history has been "seeking out and serving small market segments," frequently smaller markets than those served by major competitors such as John Deere and International Harvester.

The Lockney firm supplies equipment primarily to dealers in the United States and Canada.

Founded in 1964 by J.M. Tye, the company initially concentrated on bed-type cotton planters before producing three-point hitch-mounted drills, a new innovation in the farm equipment field.

The Tye Co. also specializes in planting equipment for native grass and planting equipment for the no-till farming system.

Ninety persons presently are employed by the firm, representing an annual payroll of "over \$1.5 million." With persons from throughout the county assembled, John Tye mentioned that approximately one-third of the employees have "Floydada addresses."

Tye mentioned that the firm had a maximum work force of 150 at one time, but scaled down to 40 during the depths of the ag economic crunch. He pointed out that there have been only two layoffs during the 24-year history of the firm.

He told Sen. Gramm and others that the firm is "growing its business back" following the farm crisis years. Never has The Tye Co. borrowed from the Small Business Administration (SBA) nor has it received loans nor grants from other government agencies, Tye added.

Sen. Gramm told of visiting Muleshoe last month for the opening of a glass-pack muffler company.

He said, "I am here today to witness the growth of a company that has been founded on a simple idea: to build a better mousetrap. The innovative, profitable work being done by The Tye family is a prototype of the free enterprise system."

"The Tye Company, by developing the soil conserving no-till drill and Paratill Equipment is helping to ensure greater productivity for the American farmer," he added.

The senator, on a 19-city economic development tour in Texas, is meeting with business and civic leaders across the state to highlight competitive examples of economic growth.

Sen. Gramm holds a Ph.D. in economics, a subject he taught at Texas A&M University, and serves as a member of the Senate Armed Services and the Senate Banking committees. He was elected to the Senate in 1984 after serving three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Following brief addresses by the senator and Tye, Gramm was given a tour of the firm's machine shop and fabrication plants and finally viewed finished products.

Other guests also viewed the plant.

The Tye Company has 180,000 square feet in its facilities. During a short reception in the "final assembly area," Sen. Gramm visited with individuals before being returned to the Floydada Airport to leave the county.

He was met at the airport about 1 p.m. by Lockney Mayor Dan Smith, Floydada Mayor Parnell Powell, County Judge Bill Hardin and Floydada Economic Development Corporation President Bill Hale. They accompanied the senator to The Tye Co., where individuals from throughout the county were awaiting his arrival.

INDUSTRIAL INTERVIEW

Sen. Gramm was interviewed about industrial development or "adding more jobs" while being returned from The Tye Co. to the Floydada Airport. That article appears on the front page of The Hesperian section.

Next distribution of commodities slated for date in August

Distribution of commodities will be once every three months rather than monthly. The Beacon has been notified by Caprock Community Action. The next distribution will be in August, although the exact date has not been set.

"Our agency has been informed this week by the state that commodity supplies are limited," CCA officials report.

CCA will attempt to keep the public informed when and if additional commodities become available.

Lockney this week...

HOMEcomings INVITATIONS

All class representatives need to pick up their homecoming invitations at Schacht Flowers and get them in the mail as soon as possible. Please get these mailed so that out of town class members can begin to make their plans for

the 1988 homecoming.

FAIR MEETING

Next meeting of the Floyd County Fair board will be held on June 13 at 8:00 p.m. at the fair grounds. Anyone who would like to help with the planning of the upcoming fair is invited to attend.



I'M IMPRESSED—Sen. Phil Gramm (center) might have been telling John Tye (right), president of The Tye Co., that he is impressed with the firm's operation. Sen.

Gramm highly praised the company during and after his tour. At left is J.M. Tye, founder of The Tye Co. Staff Photo

