

Citizens group meets with city council about tax

A group of citizens met with the Lockney City Council at their regular meeting on Thursday, December 7 to discuss the tax notices that have appeared in the newspaper.

Mayor Dan Smith recognized Jesse Garza as the first speaker.

Garza asked, "Are you going to raise taxes again?"

Mayor Smith explained that the city has taxed personal property for the last several years and that this is not a new tax. The advertising was something that was required of each taxing entity, in the county, by the state legislature and he

Hardin announces for second term

Bill Hardin has announced that he is seeking reelection to a second term as Floyd County Judge.

"I pledge to you to do my very best should you see fit to reelect me as your County Judge," said Hardin. Your support will be appreciated."

Collier seeks office once more

County Clerk Margaret Collier has announced her intention to seek the office for another term.

"It is hard for me to break an "old habit," so I am asking you to re-elect me to the office of County Clerk again," said Collier.

"You are such a pleasure to work for and to work with that I would like to continue serving you in this capacity. I am deeply grateful to you for all you have done for me through the years, and I appreciate your friendship and many kindnesses. If I am elected, I will continue to do my best to merit your support and confidence."

Voters urged to check on cards not yet received

"Anyone that is registered to vote and did not receive a new voter's card through the mail, please come into the Tax Assessor Collector's office, room 116 in the courthouse, and check on it," says Tax Assessor Collector Penny Gollighly.

"If the card is sent back to us, they are put on a strike list and removed from the list of registered voters," she adds.

The law states that to be able to vote one must submit an application to the Voter Registrar 30 days prior to an election.

Centennial history stories being prepared by students

John Ballew, English teacher at Lockney Junior High, has come upon a learning project that has motivated and created excitement among his freshman and sophomore classes. The students are already off and running, but they will now need the help of Floyd County citizens to continue their projects.

In anticipation of the Floyd County Centennial celebration next year, Ballew's classes have already started composing history stories about Lockney.

"We hope to have the stories published in book form," said Ballew. "The students have already started their stories and many immediately got to work on interviews."

"We started on the assignment by visiting the Floyd County Museum. I couldn't believe how intrigued the students were on the visit. They really stayed busy and thoroughly enjoyed the museum. The women who were there, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. Bollman and Mrs. Sherman, were very helpful. It was three profitable hours well spent."

"Now we will need the help of citizens who remember any interesting stories or antidotes. If you call the High School and leave a message we will send a

stated, "We are not increasing your taxes."

Hurl McCoy commented, "The ru-

mors around town are that you boys are trying to sneak a new tax in on us."

Mayor Smith replied, "We cannot



'TIS THE SEASON -- Winter's icy hand invaded the South Plains this week leaving traces of snow and an arctic wind in its path. The greenery around the Lockney General Hospital made an attractive background for the "white stuff."

Luncheon and band concert set for Sunday

According to band director Zane Polson there will be a luncheon in conjunction with a band concert held on Sunday, December 17.

Band Boosters will provide a ham and covered dish luncheon in the Lockney elementary school cafeteria beginning at 11:30 a.m. and continuing until 1:30 p.m. The meal will cost \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Tickets

will be on sale at the door.

Beginning at 1:45 p.m. the fifth and sixth grade bands, the junior high band and the high school band will present a concert of Christmas carols. The concert will be free to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

ONLY 11 MORE DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

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student to interview you for his story."

Story themes that have already been started by the students include: Lockney Gins, Lockney General Hospital, fun times in Lockney High School, Consumers Fuel, World War II veterans, history of the Methodist Church, history of a few businesses in Lockney, the rain in 1941;

Farming around Lockney and how it has changed over the years, Brown's Department Store, Main Street Church of Christ history, weather, Lockney Christian College, Black history in Lockney;

World War II and its effects on Lockney, Las Maracas history, Braulio Garcia Sr.'s life in Lockney, teenage activities (1965-1970), Lockney theater downtown, First National Bank of Lockney, basketball in the 60's and 70's, cotton farming and other crops around Lockney, First Baptist Church, Lockney High School, Plainview Memorial Gardens and the history of Poole's Automotive.

If you have something special you remember about any of the above topics, or you know someone that may be helpful in research, please contact the High School and leave your name and number.

sneak taxes in on the people of Lockney. We do not operate in that manner. Besides it is a jailable offense to try sneaking anything in under the table and none of us want to go to jail." He then added, "Lockney has one of the cheapest tax rates of any town our size and we are going to keep it that way."

Several of the citizens present agreed that the talk of raising the taxes was being discussed around town and the councilmen each said that no one had called them to ask if it was true so they could set the record straight.

Garza made the statement that he and many others could not afford any more taxes and added, "It costs too much to operate a car now."

Smith replied that he understood. "No one needs more taxes. Whether you drive an old car or a new car it doesn't matter, taxes are hard to pay."

The citizens group left the meeting agreeing that they would pass the word that no new taxes were being added to what the citizens are paying now.

After some discussion the council voted to demolish a house belonging to the Calloway estate. Letters have been written to the estate administrator and no response has been received. The house has been declared a hazard. Sam Fortenberry made the motion to destroy the house and it was seconded by Ronnie Aston.

Ron Coomer, owner of Triple C Trash Removal, met with the council to discuss options and regulations on the future of landfills. At present he is hauling Lockney's trash to his pit in Crosby County.

Alderman Kenneth Wofford said that he and Alderman J.D. Copeland had attended a meeting in Plainview concerning the building of a regional landfill in Hale County. Lockney was invited along with several other towns to become an initial member of this group. They heard the rules and regulations that the state health department is working on and according to Wofford and Copeland there is no way that a town the size of Lockney can continue to operate a landfill. The cost of implementing the requirements is prohibitive. The council has voted to close the Lockney Landfill in January of 1991.

Coomer gave facts and figures on

what it costs to haul the trash to Crosby County and what it would cost to haul it to Plainview. He now hauls trash for Hale Center and Petersburg to the Plainview landfill and it costs thirty dollars a load everytime he goes through the gate. He said that he expects the costs to be changed from a set fee at the gate to a pounds per load charge when the regional landfill is set up. When asked "If Lockney joins the Hale County regional landfill what is to keep them from increasing the rates." Wofford told the group that he was sure that the rates would be regulated by the state and Coomer agreed with the statement.

The opening of the Hale County regional landfill has been scheduled from January to June of 1991. Land has been purchased and details are being worked out.

The council asked Coomer if he would agree to continue to haul Lockney trash should they decide to become a part of the Hale County regional landfill and he assured them that he would.

Council members then asked Coomer if he could dump in the Lockney landfill and bring a machine over to pack and bury trash until the 1991 deadline for closing the pit.

Coomer stated that he possibly could since the landfill in Hale Center had been closed and he was hauling their trash to the Plainview landfill. He said that he would go out and look at the pit and would look into moving a machine to the local landfill.

He told the council that of the \$8.50 now paid by the citizens for trash disposal 4 to 10 percent is actual disposal cost (packing and burying). The largest expense he has is picking up the trash and hauling it to Crosbyton and his next largest outlay is workmens comp and insurance.

Several members of the council discussed the fact that recycling needs to be looked into. Too much trash is going to the landfill that could be recycled. Mayor Smith said that he would contact Tommy Lewis Industries about the possibility of setting containers somewhere in Lockney where newspapers, aluminum cans and glass bottles could be dumped for recycling.

Kenneth Wofford stated that he had

been spreading his grass clippings in the alley and that he was pleased with the results.

Discussion was held on an ordinance to allow the city of Lockney to tax goods in transit. This is a law that was passed by the recent vote on amendments and has to be approved by local taxing entities. The council discussed when the oil mill had been incorporated into the city limits and subsequently was moved so they did not have to pay taxes. The council did nothing and the ordinance died for lack of a motion.

The councilmen voted to install stop signs on the corner of 6th Street and Shurbet.

Other business attended to by the council included paying the bills, reviewing the financial statement and the reading and approving of the minutes of the November meeting.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Dan Smith, Aldermen Kenneth Wofford, Ronnie Aston, Gary Marr, J. D. Copeland, Sam Fortenberry, city attorney Paul Lyle, city secretary Erma Lee Duckworth, assistant Charlotte Hooten, and Dickie McCarty, city maintenance director. Also present were seven Lockney citizens, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Coomer of Triple C Trash Disposal and the Beacon reporter.

Mission Cable is helping fill the empty stockings

Each year Mission Cable works with local charities to fill the empty stockings of needy children in the Lockney community.

You are asked to bring a new toy valued at \$5.00 or more to the Mission Cable office on Main Street in Lockney. The toys will then be distributed to needy children in the Lockney area.

For this gift you can subscribe to Mission Cable Basic Service, add any movie channel to your existing service and receive free installation when you donate a new toy valued at \$5.00 to Mission Cable's "Empty Stocking Fund". (See advertisement in this issue).

Parker Furniture closes doors after 41 years

After 41 years of serving the Lockney community, Parker Furniture will be closing its doors. Hershel Swebston, the manager of Parker's since it opened in 1948, will be taking a long and well deserved vacation.

Hershel Fielding Swebston was born in Matador, August 22, 1911, to A.T. and Beulah Lewis Swebston. In 1917 the Swebston family moved to Floyd County to a farm in the Hillcrest community. Hershel has been a part of the Floyd County community ever since.

Graduating from Floydada High School in 1930, Swebston then attended Draughon's Business College. In 1935 he went to work as a clerk for QAP Railroad, in Floydada. "It was part of the Frisco line," said Hershel. "It ran from Quanah to Floydada. They just tore down the old depot in Floydada recently."

In 1937 Swebston then went to work for Willson and Sons, in Floydada. While employed there, Swebston married another Floydada graduate Hazel Parker, on May 31, 1941. Hazel was the daughter of Grady and Minnie (Becker) Parker.

Swebston stayed employed at Willson and Sons until June 10, 1942, when he joined the Air Force. After the war, Swebston returned home and went to work for his father-in-law, Grady Parker, at the Parker Furniture Store in Floydada.

"My father-in-law bought the F.C. Harmon Furniture Store from Mr. Harmon in 1941," said Swebston. "I went to work for him as a bookkeeper in the Floydada store. His son, Newell, also worked in the store."

"In 1948, Mr. Parker put in another Parker Furniture Store in Lockney. Mr. Parker and I managed the Lockney store together until 1952 when he turned it over to me on a partnership basis.

"I have been the owner of the store since 1970 when Grady Parker passed away. My wife inherited the store in the estate."

Parker Furniture, the only furniture store in Lockney since 1952, has a tradition of good quality furniture and appliances. "We started out with \$1,500 in inventory and we have been building the stock up since then," said Swebston, I wanted good quality merchandise in furniture. I'd buy direct from the factory and attend furniture stores.



PARKER FURNITURE CLOSES -- Hershel Swebston, manager and owner of Parker Furniture in Lockney, has announced the closing of the store. Now in the process of having a close out sale, Parker intends to remain open until the end of the year.

"I've sold General Electric appliances since 1955. They say I'm the oldest GE dealer in West Texas.

"Floor coverings have also been a mainline of business for this store. We sold the first wall-to-wall carpet that had ever been sold by a furniture store in Floyd County."

Swebston has seen a lot of changes in merchandise since 1948. Obvious changes can be seen in the appliances. "When we were getting ready for the close-out sale and going through the merchandise, we found a brand new gasoline iron," said Swebston. "It was bought in 1952 and it even has the box it came in. It was \$6.56 wholesale and now it's a collector's item."

Working hard all his life Hershel is ready for some quiet time on his ranch in Floyd and Motley county. "I have a herd of registered Herefords that are my pride and joy," said Swebston. "I really love them and plan on keeping them as long as I can drive my pickup."

"I plan on living in town, but I will keep the ranch. It is so beautiful and peaceful there. You really feel close to God when you are out walking around. There is a creek that runs through it, that I used to play in when I was a boy. There is also a private fishing pond where I plan on doing a lot of fishing. Deer, turkey and quail are also on the ranch."

"I am going to hate leaving the store. We have had some successful and very pleasant times here. There are a lot of wonderful and faithful customers that I've come to know. I am selling now to a lot of 3rd generation families. I am going to miss them."

FERC decision favorable to SPS

A recent order from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) supports a court decision upholding Southwestern Public Service Company's (SPS) treatment of investment tax credits for its wholesale customers, including rural electric cooperatives.

"This order finally brings to a conclusion a case filed back in 1980 by SPS to adjust rates charged to some of its wholesale customers," said Gary Gibson, SPS vice president of marketing. "This decision will not change rates currently being billed. It acknowledges SPS's past proper treatment of these tax credits and will be reflected in two pending wholesale cases before the FERC."

Initially involved were those wholesale customers whose rates were directly affected. In 1982, SPS's rural electric cooperative customers intervened. Later during the case, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, which now represents 11 of 16 cooperatives served by SPS, continued to challenge SPS's treatment of these tax credits, prompting a long-running legal battle and regulatory process.

In March 1988, the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, Colorado, upheld the company's treatment of the tax credits prior to 1983 and sent the case back to FERC for resolution.

Investment tax credits were created by Congress in 1971 to encourage creation of jobs and expansion by American industry and continued until the Tax Reform Act of 1986. The credits allowed companies like SPS to reduce their federal income tax payments by a percentage of their investment in new plant and equipment.

In 1983, the FERC changed the way in which SPS could record the credits to its earnings. It also ordered the company to retroactively restate its financial results as if the FERC-preferred method had

been in place since 1972. The appeals court said the retroactive portion of the FERC's order was improper.

On Nov. 22, 1989, the FERC issued its final order, in compliance with the court's ruling. SPS last week completed its analysis of the FERC's order.

The FERC's decision preserves the rate-making treatment used by SPS prior to 1983. The decision also established the guidelines for future rate-

making practices.

"Both SPS and the wholesale customers it serves have been involved in this legal entanglement for the past few years," Gibson said. "With this final decision by FERC, we hope to put this matter behind us and continue our efforts to provide competitive electric service to the cooperatives and other wholesale customers as we have for many years."

Obituary

J. DAVID MITCHELL

J. David Mitchell of San Antonio, Texas died December 4, 1989, after a lengthy illness. Following cremation, a Memorial Service was held at River City Living Metropolitan Community Church where David was an active member.

He was born December 18, 1947, to R.C. and Ruth Haney Mitchell in Lockney, Texas. David graduated from Lockney High School in 1966 and from Texas Tech University in 1970 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. In 1975 he graduated from St. Mary's University Law School in San Antonio. He was admitted to the Florida State Bar in 1976 and the Texas State Bar in 1977.

On December 23, 1975, David entered into military service and served as a judge advocate in the United States Air Force at Lackland A.F.B. in San Antonio.

After completing four years active duty, David was discharged with the rank of Captain December 18, 1979. He remained on inactive duty until March 17, 1988, at which time he was awarded an honorable discharge for faithful service.

He initially began a private practice of law on January 1, 1980 with James R. Gillespie and until his death remained active as a solo practitioner.

David was preceded in death by his mother in 1981.

His survivors include his father, R.C. Mitchell of San Angelo; his stepmother, Mrs. Ruth Elizabeth Mitchell; two step-sisters, Mrs. Jeannie Wilkes of Austin and Mrs. Charlotte Calahan of El Paso; and one stepbrother, Steven Brown of Austin; one uncle, John R. Haney of Rockwell; and one aunt, Mrs. Bobbie Ammons of Lubbock, and several cousins.

Durward and Flora Lee Jack



December 14, 1939

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and Fritz Schacht



December 14, 1989



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING--The Lockney P.T.A. has provided a shopping room at the Lockney Elementary School where students can bring their lists and do their

Christmas shopping for their families and friends. For some it was hard to make decisions while others made their choices quickly.
Staff Photo

Because you care... driving awareness

December 10-16, 1989, marks the eighth consecutive year for National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness week.

The most horrible aspect of the drunk driving tragedy is not the multi-billion dollar economic cost, but the thousands of human lives lost each year. The fact is, 49,000 people died in traffic crashes on US highways in 1988. Approximately 24,500 of them died in crashes in which alcohol was a factor.

It is true that many of us, as law-

abiding citizens, have promised ourselves, our families, and our friends that we will never drive after drinking. But too many of us are still unwilling to stick our necks out and actively prevent others from becoming potential killers on wheels.

This may be a difficult position to take. But if we don't care enough to drive - we take an even greater risk. We risk losing a friend, we risk the lives of others, and we risk living with the knowledge that we might have prevented a tragedy from occurring.

The alternatives are simple and highly publicized: call a cab, or ask guests to spend the night, or wait a few hours before driving, or drive them home yourself. And if you are the host, be a wise one. Offer non-alcoholic drinks, use a bartender who knows when to say "no", close the bar early in the evening, and always serve plenty of food along with alcohol.

It is clear that the primary solution to the drunk driving problem is self-discipline. But it is also clear that we need to care enough to look out for our friends. You may not be able to control the United States defense budget, foreign policy, or the welfare budget, but you

can stop drunk driving. This year, make a resolution. Resolve to stop our friends from driving drunk - "BECAUSE YOU CARE..."

This Week

LOCKNEY CUB SCOUTS

Pack 259 - Lockney Cub Scouts will have their monthly pack meeting, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

GAB TO GIVE AWAY RADIO CONTROL CAR

The Girls Athletic Boosters will be giving away a radio controlled car during half time at the boys championship portion of the Lockney Basketball tournament.

The Lockney tournament will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 14, 15, and 16, in the Lockney Gymnasium.

Tickets for the car can be purchased from any G.A.B. member.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO TAX PERSONAL PROPERTY

The Lockney General Hospital District will hold a public hearing on a proposal to tax the following non-business personal property: Cars, pickups, trucks, travel trailers, R.V.'s, and boats.

To tax the above property, the Board of Directors must approve the proposal by ordinary resolution or order *and* must find that the taxation of property as proposed will be in the public interest of all residents of Lockney General Hospital District.

The public hearing will be held on December 14, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hospital Annex Building at 217 N. Main Street in the City of Lockney.

All interested persons may speak at the meeting and present evidence for or against this proposal.

Lockney Hospital Report

November 27 to December 4
 Ruth Reeves, Lockney, adm. 11-23, dis. 11-28
 Rachel Vega, Plainview, adm. 11-23, dis. 11-26
 Cory Hall, Plainview, adm. 11-24, dis. 11-28
 Earl Cantwell, Silverton, adm. 11-26, dis. 12-1
 Angie Rodriguez, Silverton, adm. 11-26, baby girl born 11-26, dis.
 Ginger St. Clair, Crosbyton, adm. 11-26, baby born 11-26, "Fletcher", dis. 11-30
 Alice Garza, Floydada, adm. 11-26, baby girl born 11-26, dis. 11-30
 Lori Morales, Floydada, adm. 11-27, baby boy born 11-27, dis. 11-28
 Ida Jones, Turkey, adm. 11-28
 Edwardo Lopez, Plainview, adm. 11-30, dis. 12-6
 Bridget Cansino, Plainview, adm. 12-1, baby boy born 12-1, dis. 12-3
 Alma De LaFuente, Floydada, adm. 12-1, dis. 12-6

December 4 - 11

Christie Cornelius, Crosbyton, adm. 11-30,
 Jesusa Hinojosa, Petersburg, adm. 12-2, baby girl born 12-2, dis. 12-4
 Barbara Perez, Floydada, adm. 12-3, baby girl born 12-3, "Victoria", dis. 12-5
 Louise Shurbet, Floydada, adm. 12-3, transferred 12-6
 Hattie Snow, Flomot, adm. 12-3, continues care
 Maria Cuellar, Floydada, adm. 21-4, dis. 21-7
 Lonzo Barham, Flomot, adm. 12-5, continues care
 J.D. Mitchell, Roaring Springs, adm. 12-5, continues care
 Victoria Falcon, Floydada, adm. 12-5, baby boy born 12-5, dis. 12-6
 Elizabeth Casagres, Lockney, adm. 12-5, dis. 12-10
 Darlene Thompson, Lockney, adm. 12-5, baby girl born 12-5, "Meagan", dis. 12-7
 Herbert Dudley, Lockney, adm. 12-6, dis. 12-11
 Ben Ayers, Floydada, adm. 12-6, continues care
 Roach Perry, Lockney, adm. 12-7, dis. 12-11
 Eric Rainwater, Dougherty, adm. 12-7, dis. 12-11
 Roy Smith, Lockney, adm. 12-7, continues care
 Sandra Vasquez, Lockney, adm. 12-7, baby boy born 12-8, continues care
 Eva Mitchell, Roaring Springs, adm. 12-8, continues care
 Leon Wofford, Lockney, adm. 12-9, dis. 12-11
 Camellie Gonzales, Lockney, adm. 12-10, continues care
 Sylvia Recio, Plainview, adm. 12-10, baby boy born 12-10, continues care



TEXAS SANTA--A life size Texas santa dropped into the yard at 517 SW 8th Street in a covered wagon pulled by Texas Longhorn. He is waving to those passing by in the spirit of the Christmas season. Staff Photo

Senior Citizen Rockins

All are so busy getting ready for Christmas, no one wanted company or went anywhere.
 Sorry! Anyone that has news please call 652-3423.
 Don't forget the "Bake Sale!"

NEWS

Thursday, December 14, Melinda Holiday will be at the center to demonstrate "Festive Foods." So be at the center before 10:00 a.m.

Friday, December 15, the "Bake Sale" will start at 9:00 a.m. and go till all is sold. Ladies there will be a table set up so you can bring your goodies Thursday night when you attend the activity. Pot Luck Supper.

Thursday, December 21, will be Christmas party, sandwiches and salads. There will not be any activities December 28, all will be too tired from Christmas. "No New Year's Eve party."

There will be domino games, Tuesday, December 19.

Due to cold weather only 50 participants came out Thursday night for pot luck supper.

The center will be closed Monday, Christmas Day and Monday, New Years Day only.

BIRTHDAYS

December 14 - Clara Jeffcoat, Eva Whitfill, Boyce Mosley

December 15 - Dottie Stansell
 December 16 - F.L. Montandon
 December 17 - Irvan Caldwell
 December 18 - Art Barker
 December 19 - Annie Lou Phenis

ANNIVERSARIES

December 14 - Durward and Flora Lee Jack
 December 15 - Virgil and Ester Brasher
 December 16 - J.V. and Louise Martin
 December 17 - Elton and Marie Wylie
 December 18 - Sol and Geneva Barclay

AILING

Mildred Martin (broke left arm), Vernon Gross, Helen Dollar, Melvin Cooper, Ruth Reeves, Raymond Watson, Elvira Stewart, J.P. (Smiley) Williams, Floyd Jackson (at home), T.V. Copeland and Olga Applewhite.

MEMORIALS

Memorials for David Mitchell by: Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Handley, Bobbie Kellison, Georgia Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sissney, Mr. and Mrs. M.W. Hartman, Bro. Murle and Wanda Rogers, Veba Smith, Katherine Ball and Mr. and Mrs. Elton Wylie.

MENU

December 11 - 15
Monday:
 Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered spinach, green salad, pineapple slice, bread or roll, tea or coffee
Tuesday:
 Frosted meat loaf, pinto beans, pickle,

Bob Bullock transfers tax money to emergency fund

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Monday transferred \$18.5 million of state tax money into the state's rainy day fund, the first deposit ever made to the emergency fund.

Formally named the Economic Stabilization Fund, the rainy day fund was created by a constitutional amendment approved by voters in 1988 to set aside a surplus for emergencies.

"This is another sign of our state's continuing economic expansion," Bullock said.

"Growth in natural gas tax collections over the past two years has made it possible to put some money away in the state's savings account.

Gas production taxes during the state's 1989 fiscal year, which ended August 31, were \$24.7 million higher than 1987 collections. The law requires that three-fourths of that increase be deposited in the rainy day fund.

The fund was designed to set aside part of the oil and gas tax revenues that exceed the 1987 collections for those taxes as well as half of any surplus General Revenue Funds at the end of the state's two-year budget cycle.

Oil tax revenue declined from \$532 million in 1987 to \$500 million in 1989 and there was no General Revenue Fund surplus at the end of the fiscal year 1989 providing the only money for transfer to the rainy day fund, Bullock said.

Money in the rainy day fund can be spent by the Legislature by a two-thirds vote in each house.

onions, coleslaw, cobbler, cornbread, tea or coffee

Wednesday:

Chicken, potatoes and gravy, green peas, lettuce, cake, bread or roll, tea or coffee

Thursday:

Pork chops in sauce, new potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, jello and fruit, roll or bread, coffee or tea

Friday:

Pot roast with potatoes, carrots and onions, mixed greens, lettuce wedge, pickle sticks, cobbler, cornbread muffins, coffee or tea

Oleo and dressings are served with each meal.

Teens, Alcohol and Drugs

Part 3

Encourage healthy activities

* Help your teens have fun without drugs or alcohol by encouraging activities that make them feel good about themselves. Many teens say they drink alcohol because they're bored. Help them explore a wide range of activities so they can find the talent or interest they enjoy. Some possibilities are photography, music, art, sports, handicrafts or volunteer work.

* Teach your teens ways to cope with stress. When teens have not learned healthy ways of coping with problems, they are more likely to seek escape through alcohol or drug use. Encourage activities that are good stress relievers, such as exercise, sports, yoga or meditation. See if your community offers a stress management program for teens.

* Find help in your community. It is often easier for teens to listen to someone their own age than to parents. If available, find a teen-conducted program on alcohol or drug abuse prevention in your area. Check with your teen's school, the library or a substance abuse treatment facility.

* Talk with other parents and your PTA. Together, you can urge your school to provide alcohol and drug abuse education. Concerned parents can also encourage everyone in the community to help prevent teenage drinking and drug abuse.

* Make sure that your teens attend and host alcohol- and drug-free parties.

no parties or guests when parents are not home.

Recognize that sometimes you can't solve your teen's drug or alcohol problem. If you've tried the above and suspect that your teen still has problems, get help. Call your doctor, religious leader, local mental health center, Al-Anon or Alcoholics Anonymous. Do it immediately.

It's not easy being a teenager's parent in today's world. Although you feel powerless at times, keep in mind that you can make a difference.

Just 11 Days
Til Christmas!



IT'S NOT EASY
 To apologize
 To begin over
 To admit error
 To keep trying
 To take advice
 To be unselfish
 To be charitable
 To face a sneer
 To avoid mistakes
 To be considerate
 To endure Success
 To profit by mistakes
 To keep out of a rut
 To forgive and forget
 To think and then act
 To make the best of little
 To subdue an unruly temper
 To recognize the silver lining
 To shoulder a deserved blame
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Masonic Lodge to have Christmas program Dec. 19

The Lockney Masonic Lodge will have a Christmas program on Tuesday, December 19. The Sojourners from Yellowhouse Lodge in Lubbeck will be special guests. They will have a Masonic flag presentation. There will be a

Christmas dinner preceding the program. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. All Masons, Eastern Star members,

their families and guests are invited to attend this Christmas program.

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Teens, Alcohol and Drugs

What Parents Can Do

Be a good role model

* *Set a good example.* Your actions speak louder than words. Take a hard look at your own drinking and drug use. Don't use illegal drugs and don't give your children the idea that drugs of any sort, such as alcohol, tranquilizers or cigarettes, can solve problems.

* *Openly discuss your own use or non-use of alcohol and drugs.* Teens often see drinking and drug use as proof of being mature. Also be candid about your efforts to change habits such as smoking or drinking too much.

* *Be alert to signs of trouble.* Don't "allow" your children to get into trouble by not looking for signs of trouble or by ignoring the signs you see. Adolescent drug or alcohol abuse can happen in any home.

* *Take care of yourself.* Being a parent can be very stressful. You can set a good example by finding healthy ways of relieving your own stress. These might include regular exercise, eating healthy foods, talking with other parents in similar situations and spending time

doing things you enjoy.

Help your teen make the decision to resist drug use

Most teens don't *intend* to start drinking or using drugs. But there is a big difference between *knowing* the right thing to do and *doing* it. For teens, following through on decision is especially difficult because they feel such a strong need to fit in with peers. Parents can help teens make good choices and act on them by teaching them how to make decisions.

* *Teach your teen the steps that go into making good decisions.* Books on the subject agree that good decisions involve considering a range of choices; examining the consequences of each choice; and being alert to poor reasons for choosing alternatives (such as peer pressure or feeling rebellious).

* *Give your teens opportunities to practice making decisions.* Let them plan a family outing, divide household chores fairly, or choose a way to spend a gift of money. Trust them to make wise

decisions. In the end their decisions are theirs to make.

* *Give teens solid information about alcohol and other drugs.* Be prepared to describe how alcohol, marijuana, cocaine and other drugs affect people. Teens want to know what it feels like to get high, what can go wrong, what it's like to have a hangover. Tell them. Be specific. If you don't give your teens the information they want, they'll find out themselves. Make sure teens know the law: in all states the legal minimum age for purchase and possession of alcoholic beverages is 21. Also, teens should stay informed about other laws regarding drug use.

* *Look for opportunities to talk about alcohol and drug use in daily life.* One conversation is not enough. Discuss movie scenes where alcohol or other drugs are depicted. Suggest books written for teens about alcohol or other drug use. Ask your librarian or school counselor for suggestions.



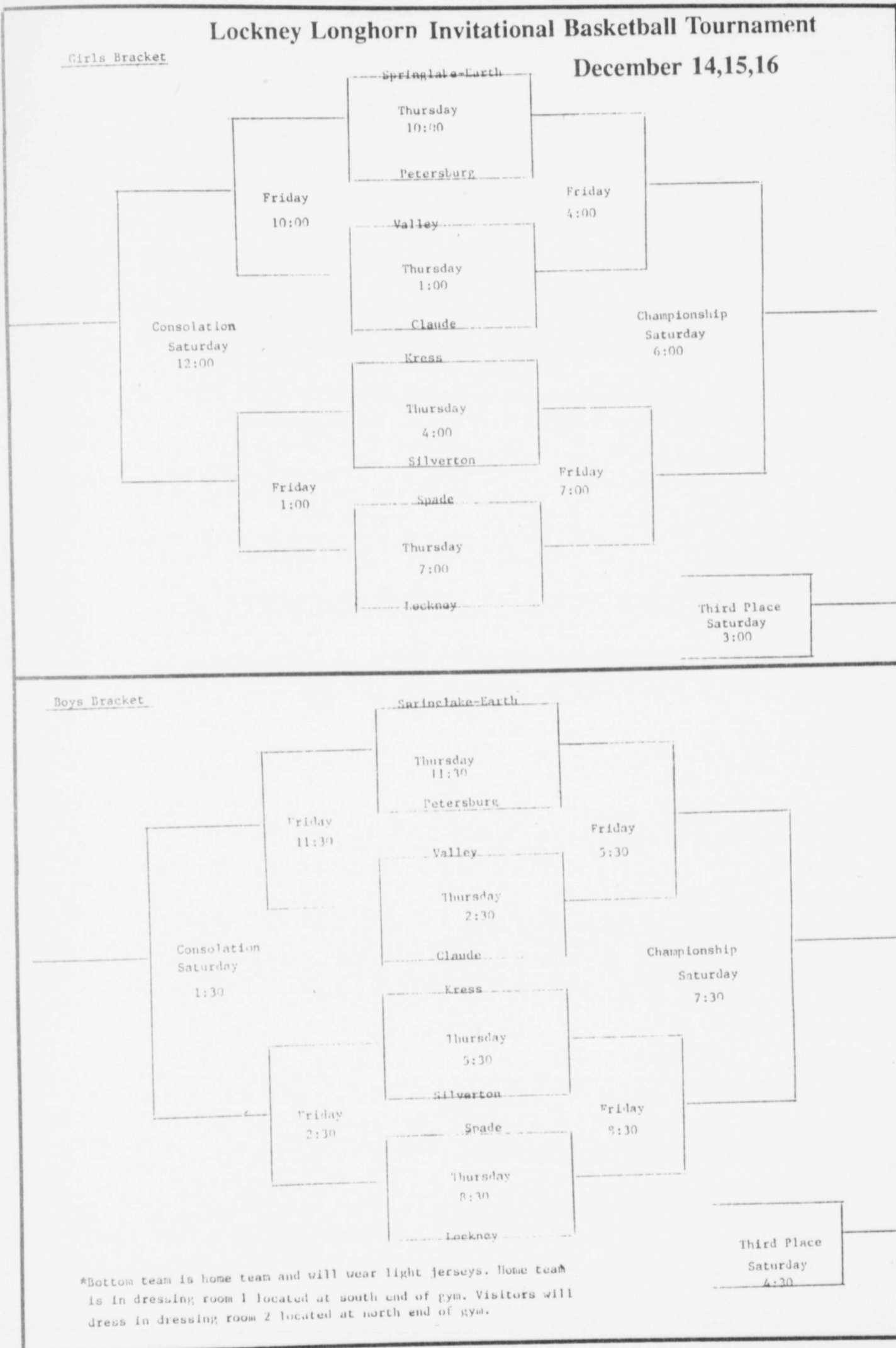
LITTLE LONGHORNS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4-8 NAMED--Named Little Longhorns of the Week at Lockney Elementary School are (L-R, Back Row) Irene Soto, Kristen Kellison, Isabel Lara, Michael Mon-dragon, Tyson McDonald, Corbin Kellison, and Ryan

Smith; (L-R, Middle Row) Magdalen Harris, Susie Tambunga, Gilbert Encizo, Noe Blanco, Tori Minnick, Desha Smith, Lacey Aston; (L-R, Front Row), Roy Molina, Steven Martin, Jamie Cuellar, Jeremy Butler, and Holly Arjona. Not pictured Vanessa Becerra. Staff Photo



LITTLE LONGHORNS OF THE WEEK FOR DECEMBER 11-15 NAMED--Named Little Longhorns of the Week at Lockney Elementary School are (L-R, Back Row) Allison Mangold, Hank Henderson, Johnny Gonzales, Scott Crawford, Anthony Gonzales, Christopher

Gonzales, and Chastidy Scott. (L-R, Middle Row) Allyson Clark, Sarah Martin, Melissa Schaffer, Andrea Lopez, Ruben Ortiz, Melissa Martinez and Cecilia Reyes; (L-R, Front Row), Freddie Gonzales, Velvet Johnson, Tamara Tayeres, Brad Durham and Eric Villereal. Staff Photo



Lockney School Menu

December 18 - 19

Monday:
Breakfast - Cereal, cheese, apple, milk
Lunch - Bar-b-q ribs, coleslaw, buttered corn, apricot cobbler, milk

Tuesday:
Breakfast - Rice, sausage, peaches, milk
Lunch - Chicken on bun, French fried potatoes, salad, fruit cocktail in gelatin, milk

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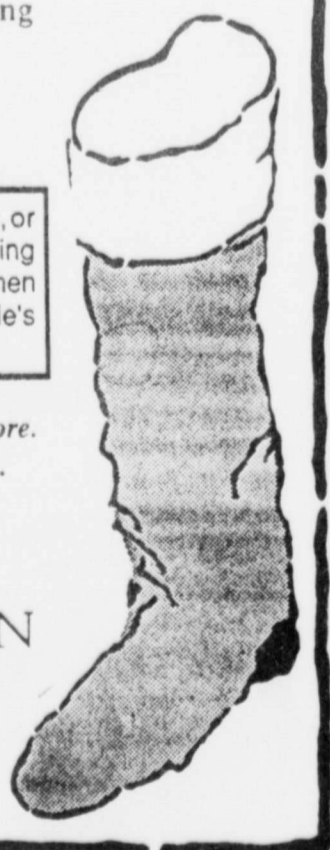
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Lady Horns defeat Petersburg 61-56

The Lockney Lady Horns varsity basketball team came home the winner from a game with the Petersburg Lady Buffalos on December 5.

Carolyn Turner was leading score maker for the Lady Horns. She made 4 field goals and 8 free throws for 16 points. For her ambitious efforts she was named player of the game by Coach Fortenberry.

Making 10 points each were La-Donna Butler, Shedia Hill and Amy Turner. Butler scored 5 field goals, Hill scored 3 field goals and hit 4 free throws, and Turner made 2 field goals, one of which was a 3 pointer, along with 5 free throws.

JV girls bring home the win

The Lockney junior varsity girls basketball team defeated the Petersburg team 32 to 28 on December 5.

Leading scorer in the game was Jennifer Fortenberry. She made 2 field goals and hit 6 free throws for 10 points.

Scoring 6 points each were Kori Kellison and Nicole McDonald. Kellison made 2 field goals and hit 2 free throws and McDonald made 3 field goals.

Jessica Lemons made 2 field goals for 4 points and Daisey Blanco, Nora Casillas, and Jeri Ann Lambert scored 2 points apiece. Each made 1 field goal.

Jennifer Fortenberry was named player of the game by Coach Bowden.

SCORE BY QUARTERS:
Lockney 10-4-2-16-32
Petersburg 4-4-14-6-28

GAB TO GIVE AWAY RADIO CONTROL CAR

The Girls Athletic Boosters will be giving away a radio controlled car during half time at the boys championship portion of the Lockney Basketball tournament.

The Lockney tournament will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 14, 15, and 16, in the Lockney Gymnasium.

Tickets for the car can be purchased from any G.A.B. member.

Almadena Basaldua shot 3 field goals and made 1 free throw for a total of 7 points.

Erin Adrian made 2 field goals for 4 points and Tandi Gant also hit 2 field goals for 4 points.

According to Coach Fortenberry "This was a tough place to play and we came away with a big win. The kids held

their composure well down the stretch. I am proud of their overall effort and win."

SCORE BY QUARTERS:
Lockney 13-16-10-22-61
Petersburg 12-11-9-24-56

The season record stands at 5 wins and 2 losses.

Varsity girls roll over Silverton

The Lockney girls varsity basketball team rolled over Silverton 73 to 48 in a game in which they were never behind. The Lady Horns played the Silverton Lady Owls on December 3.

Leading scorer of the game with 21 points was Tandi Gant. She hit 10 field goals and made 1 free throw. She also picked up 16 rebounds and for her tremendous efforts was named player of the game.

Almadena Basaldua shot for 14 points. She hit 6 field goals and 2 free throws.

Amy Turner made 2 two pointers and

3 three pointers for a total of 13 points.

Carolyn Turner turned in 5 field goal for 10 points and Erin Adrian shot 2 field goals and 4 free throws for 8 points.

Shedia Hill made 2 field goals and 2 free shots for a total of 6 points and Amy Cortez made 1 free shot for 1 point.

SCORES BY QUARTERS:
Lockney 18-28-10-17-73
Silverton 15-15-5-13-48

The season record for the Lady Horns stands at 6 wins and 2 losses. Both of the games lost were lost by a total of 3 points.

Eighth grade girls fall to Abernathy

The eighth grade girls basketball team fell to the Abernathy team on December 4 by a score of 41 to 20.

Scoring for the girls were Nancy Perales with 12 points. She made 6 field goals.

Making 8 points with 4 field goals

was Rhanda Hickerson.

Coach Bowden named Nancy Perales and Rhanda Hickerson players of the game.

SCORES BY QUARTERS:
Lockney 8-6-4-2
Abernathy 11-10-16-4

Seventh grade girls defeat Abernathy

The Lockney seventh grade girls basketball team defeated the Abernathy girls team 22 to 15 on December 4.

Lisa Vargas led the scoring with 10 points. She made 5 field goals and was named player of the game by Coach Moerbe.

Dede McCarty made 2 field goals for 4 points and Natalie Rodriguez also made 2 field goals for 4 points.

Tiffany Ellison scored 3 points. She made 1 field goal and 1 free throw.

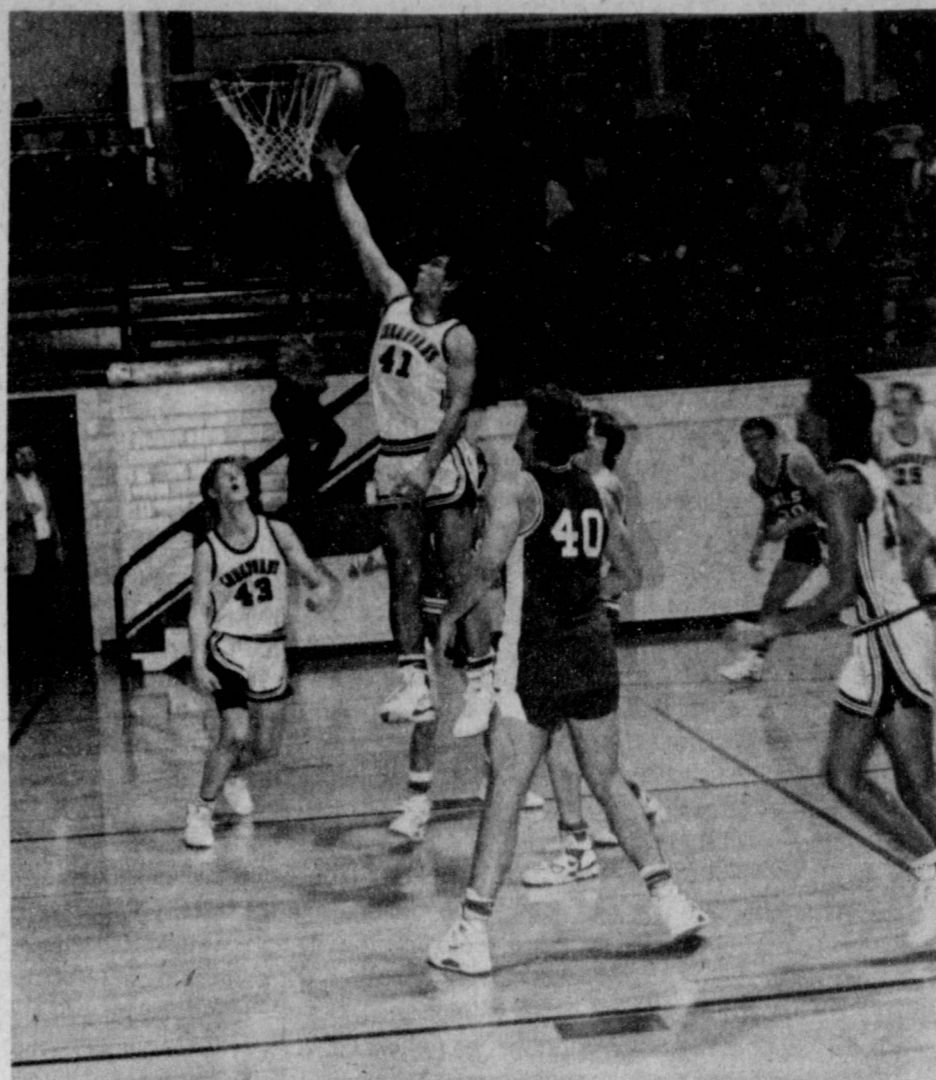
Amanda Watson got on the scoreboard with a single free throw for 1 points.

According to Coach Moerbe the team hustled well and played a good game.

SCORES BY QUARTERS:
Lockney 4-8-6-4-22
Abernathy 4-3-0-8-15

The seventh grades girls season record stands at 2 wins and 2 losses.

Good Luck to all the Lockney basketball teams!



STRETCHING FOR THE POINT -- Lockney Longhorn players competed against the Silverton Owls in a home game last Friday, December 8. This Longhorn is up in the air and stretched to the breaking point in an attempt to get a hand on the ball and put points on the board. Photo by Lennie Gilroy

Texas affiliate expands schoolsite program

The Houston Endowment, Inc., awarded the American Heart Association, Texas Affiliate \$550,000 for the continued distribution of its schoolsite programs. These funds will be used to educate students grades 4-12 about heart health and risk factor reduction. Earlier money given by the foundation supplied the Heart Treasure Chest and Heart Explorers programs for children in grades K-3.

The first program to be purchased and distributed through the grant is Getting To Know Your Heart, designed for students in grades 4-6. In services were held throughout the state in June and July to train volunteers and staff on how to implement the program.

Nell Gottlieb, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Kinesiology and Health Education, University of Texas and AHA Affiliate Program Chairman, says that

Getting To Know Your Heart is yet another continuation of the Houston Endowment's support of the Texas Affiliate's schoolsite program.

"It is terrific and wonderful that the Houston Endowment has made such a

positive investment in children. We can give every Texas student the opportunity to learn about their heart, how it works, and how to make healthy decisions to reduce their risk of heart disease in the future."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO TAX PERSONAL PROPERTY

The Lockney Independent School District will hold a public hearing on a proposal to tax the following non-business personal property: Cars, Pickups, Trucks, Travel Trailers, RV's, Boats, etc.

To tax the above property, the Board of Trustees for the Lockney Independent School District must approve the proposal by ordinary resolution or order and must find that the taxation of property as proposed will be in the public interest of all residents of the Lockney Independent School District.

The public hearing will be held December 14, 1989, at 7:15 p.m. at the Board Room in the Administration Office.

All interested persons may speak at the meeting and present evidence for or against the proposal.